

# *Woman to Woman*

Astrological Profile for Julia Roberts



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## Your Chart Data

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Planet	Sign	Position	House	House
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Pluto	Virgo	21°Vi57'	03rd	10 16°Ar45'
Midheaven	Aries	16°Ar45'		11 28°Ta42'
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Planet	Element	Mode	Elemental	Modal
Sun	Water	Fixed	3 Fire	4 Cardinal
Moon	Fire	Fixed	5 Earth	4 Fixed
Mercury	Water	Fixed	0 Air	4 Mutable
Venus	Earth	Mutable	4 Water	
Mars	Earth	Cardinal		
Jupiter	Earth	Mutable		
Saturn	Fire	Cardinal		
Uranus	Earth	Mutable		
Neptune	Water	Fixed		
Pluto	Earth	Mutable		
Midheaven	Fire	Cardinal		
Ascendant	Water	Cardinal		

## **Woman to Woman**

An Astrological Portrait

Prepared for Julia Roberts

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**

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

Another aspect of your basic nature is determined by the balance of the modes in your chart. The modes are also defined by sign, which are grouped together as either cardinal, fixed or mutable. Your chart indicates a balance between the cardinal, fixed and mutable modes. This shows that you may have a strong ability to get things going, maintain your inspiration, and 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.

When you view your chart as a whole, you'll notice that there is an emphasis of planets on the bottom half of your chart. This hemisphere emphasis signifies that you are most comfortable away from the glare of the public, and that you safeguard your privacy. Building stability and security are a strong focus in your life, and your career may be a means to an end in that regard. You can be uncomfortable in situations where you feel that you are put on display, and may need to cultivate your ability to speak or appear in front of groups, since this may not come easily for you.

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 Scorpio your ego is driven by a need to be almost enigmatic. You're more comfortable when at least a little mystery surrounds you, and you can exude a strong level of sensual charm. You're rarely halfway about anything, and your intensity can be daunting to those who are uncomfortable with confrontation. Since your Sun speaks of "who you think you are," you may think that you're more mysterious than you are in actuality! No bother - you're still a mystery to most, so you're safe!

Your Ascendant is the face you present to the world, and shows how others see you. Your Ascendant, or rising sign, is Cancer. Through this influence, you may project a motherly quality - whether or not you have children. You may draw others to you who need support and care, even in the work place you may take on the role of protector. But you can also initiate emotional responses from others, and can use this quality to your advantage in many situations. Watch for your tendency to hide behind your shell, though. Sometimes those protective barriers can be quite cumbersome. The energy associated with your Ascendant is the Moon. Your Leo Moon adds a dramatic quality to your personality projection, and you enjoy the spotlight from time to time.

With your Sun in square aspect to your Ascendant, you may sometimes feel that everyone is always on the defensive with you. You may even have learned to avoid asserting yourself just to avoid the pain of confrontation. But there are times when you do need to take a stand or when you need things to go your way. Learning to ask for assistance is quite different from demanding it, and you'll gain greater support from others if everyone feels empowered.

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.

Neptune's energy in trine aspect to your Ascendant adds an imaginative and mystical quality to your personality. Your artistic nature can be expressed in many ways, and you may become quite adept in developing your talents and sensibilities. Psychic abilities often accompany this placement. You may have a special sensitivity to your environment. You'll also find that you're more comfortable in surroundings which are serene, and may enjoy being surrounded by beautiful music.

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 Leo Moon enhances your personal presence, and you can radiate an exceptional warmth and passion. You love a life filled with rich experiences, and seek out people and situations which stimulate an opening of your heart. Driven by the desire to be recognized, you may also need some time in the spotlight, and will fare best in relationships which allow you to have your moment in the sun. Your loyalty is a matter of pride for you, and it can be difficult for you to let go when faced with change.

## **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!

Your Leo Moon radiates the kind of warmth which imparts the glow of love to everyone around you. You are a powerful woman, capable of asserting your desires in such a manner that others may find it difficult to refuse your requests. Perfectly suited to the role of family matriarch, you take a strong interest in helping to guide and develop those under your care. Although you can be quite comfortable at home surrounded by those you love and adore, you may also crave greater recognition, and definitely need your time in the spotlight. Never lacking creativity, you have many options for self-expression and need to adopt a way of life which gives you ample opportunity to develop your talents. The feeling that life is meant to be savored and enjoyed stimulates your desire to play, and you definitely need ample time for recreation. When entertaining, you pull out all the stops, and can be quite lavish with your generosity. Elaborate situations are not likely to intimidate you, but may, instead, be more like a challenge. You can be self-absorbed and self-indulgent, and need to have friends you can trust who will tell you the truth when you've gone too far. And you need to accept that truth, if it does come your way, as a sign of caring and concern. When you're hurt, your sulking can be just as dramatic as your joy when you're happy. During those times when your possessiveness raises its head, try to be aware of the part of yourself that feels threatened. Since letting go is never easy for you, you may simply be responding to a fear of losing something or someone you love. But forcing your will is not likely to make everything better. Surrendering to the love you feel might, however, make an exceptional difference!

With your Moon in trine aspect to Mars, you can be quite confident about expressing your feelings and asserting yourself in a positive manner. Your knack for dealing with people is excellent, and you can be quite effective dealing with men on your own terms. You are likely to find the male-female dance quite interesting and enjoyable, and the differences between men and women are more intriguing to you than they are perplexing. As a mother, you can be especially supportive, since you enjoy dealing with your children on their level and generate an atmosphere of safe support, creativity and fun. In relationships, you are not likely to hesitate about expressing the way you feel, and can show all your emotions, including anger, without worrying if they are "acceptable." Since you take yourself at face value, you may also have the same approach to dealing with others, which makes for a great ingredient in any relationship.

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

With your Moon in square aspect to Neptune, your imagination is highly active, and your emotional responses can be especially dramatic. Your emotional sensitivity can range to extremes from ecstasy to despair, and you can respond just as powerfully to an imaginary stimulus as to something "real." Your idea of reality can be somewhat different from the norm because you feel the vibrations of everything around you. But since you are functioning on the physical plane, it is important for you to learn to distinguish physical

reality from the reality which is beyond the physical. Once you've accomplished this, you can draw more reasonable emotional boundaries, and can feel much more in control of your life. You also need these boundaries in order to avoid being used or abused by others in your life. Your compassion can be a wonderful thing, and ministering to the needs of others does, indeed, fill your soul. You may have difficulty separating your feelings from the emotions and feelings of others, and can find it difficult to walk away from the situations which you must leave behind. Your yearning for a soul mate can lead you to see only what you want to see in the man you love, instead of accepting him for what he is. In relationships, you are quite prone to high levels of co-dependency or addictive behavior patterns, and may be the one who ends up falling victim to another's emotional instability unless you learn to give yourself some psychological space. This is not as easy to do as it sounds, because when you are attached to someone, you can be very deeply attached. But sacrificing yourself to the needs of another, especially if they are self-abusive or if they are abusing you, can destroy your spirit. Developing skills in meditation, contemplation and other self-reflective techniques can help you feel more connected to the core of your inner self, and may impart the objectivity you need to determine if you are in a situation which can allow you to make your dreams come true, or if you're in a living nightmare. Spending time developing your creative or artistic interests can have a similar strengthening effect upon your psyche.

Your Moon is in the Last Quarter Moon Phase of the Lunation Cycle, symbolizing an element of conflict which is at the core of your personal growth and understanding. This cycle has often been described as a crisis in consciousness, since you may feel that you are turning away from the old and moving toward a new level of inspiration and understanding. The archetypal quality associated with this moon phase is that of the Warrior, stimulating a passion for existence which allows you to develop clarity, liberation and self-confidence. Through "The Warrior Woman," you learn about fervent sensuality, courage and sexual freedom. Your experience of this ideological conflict may arise through your need to break away from false ideals and to reorient yourself to a new way of being, thinking and living. What you learned from your mother and her generation about being a woman may not fit with what you are experiencing, although some aspects of your experience from her may ring true. The tricky part is finding your own way without totally destroying the path you've been taught. You are a revolutionary, and although revolutions can be radical and extreme in their outcome, they do not have to be entirely bloody! It is as though you have a fragile egg which needs to be moved to a different nest. First, you must create the new nest, then you must make the journey without breaking the egg, then you must settle in for a time. After that, it's up to the egg.

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

Through the energy of Venus in Virgo you love the simple things of life. Your delight in the beauty of spring flowers, a kitty's warm purr, a baby's soft skin and the wrinkled smile around your lover's eyes make life worthwhile. Little escapes your eye for detail, and you appreciate excellent workmanship and self-expression. Your own natural beauty radiates best when unencumbered by excess, and you may sparkle in soft colors and elegantly tailored attire. Comfortable, soft, flowing garments may be your preference whenever possible, but you can also look great in a silk suit. You may have little time or tolerance for excess, and although you may enjoy romance, may not go out of your way to create it. However, you do know what

you like, and once you've developed trust in a close relationship, may be quite open about your preferences. It's easy for you to be overly critical of yourself and others, partly because you notice everything and have such definitive taste and favorites. You can also be tolerant, although you have to work to develop this skill to its fullest extent. You may find it difficult to experience the love you dream about, especially if the guy who catches your eye turns out to have dirty fingernails. Give him a bar of soap and see how he cleans up before you strike him from your list entirely.

With Mercury and Venus in sextile aspect, your grace in communicating and relating can be quite effective and may endear others to you. You probably avoid crass and rude individuals, since you are not comfortable in distasteful circumstances. Ladylike behavior is much more your style. Refined mannerisms and speech may be among your trademarks - or at least, you're known to have good taste!

With Venus and Pluto in conjunction, your expression of love and desire to be loved take on a powerful intensity. This adds an amazing dimension to your feminine essence. Your charisma can be intriguing, and your aura of mystery, enticing. Your embrace of the strength of being a woman gives you a special edge, and when you are focused on giving energy and love, can be the catalyst for true miracles of transformation, including your own. Comfortable with your sexuality and sensuality, your relationships allow you an opportunity to express deep levels of love and passion. And your creative energies are just as potent.

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.

Your deep craving for power which you feel but others may not see accompanies the energy of your Sun in Scorpio. Your father may have seemed somewhat omnipotent when you were young, and he may also have been difficult to understand at times. You have a greater respect for men who can stand up to their own power, and who can respect the unique power of women, too. There is a part of you that will always be fascinated by super heroes and super heroines which stems from your fascination with alterations in energy and transformational change. Throughout your life you may be drawn into situations which need to change and in which you provide the catalyst for these transformations. In many ways you are a natural healer, and you can bring this quality of regeneration into your relationships, your work and your creativity. Embrace the fact that you are a Goddess! Live to create, and own your ability to use the magical ingredients which bring power into your own life, and which affects dynamic shifts in the world around you.

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.

The ease of expressing your will power and assertiveness is enhanced through the energetic sextile between your Sun and Mars. Your comfort with the need to make your own way may be quite apparent in the manner in which you approach everyday matters, but you can shine when you're faced with a challenge. In fact, challenges which ignite your desire for achievement or recognition can stimulate you to go the extra mile. You may not find it necessary to compete with men, since you can be quite comfortable with yourself and your abilities. And it is likely that you will feel quite capable of pursuing the fulfillment of your desires for a satisfying career and healthy personal life. In the face of competition, regardless of who or what is on the other side, you are quite capable of holding your own.

Your confident, optimistic attitude supports your ability to express your personal assertiveness. The energy of the Sun in sextile to Jupiter strengthens your ability to act with conviction and hopefulness. You may also be quite accessible - comfortable with yourself, radiating a friendly, easygoing attitude. Both men and women may find you easy to be around, although you may be more interested in some of the pursuits considered "masculine," like politics, sales or sports. You like your masculine side, and that works to your benefit.

You may underestimate yourself and your abilities, especially if you feel that you are being judged by those in superior positions. Your ego self is sensitive to being tested with your Sun in quincunx aspect to Saturn, but you know that you need to tests in order to become stronger. Allowing yourself to be noticed can be especially anxiety-provoking, and you might gain great benefit from developing your ability to be comfortable in front of other people.

You need to know what it's like to feel a sense of strength and influence. With your Sun in semisquare to Pluto, you may attract men who have major control issues, and until you learn how to be in control of yourself more positively, you may feel abused, abandoned or wounded through your relationships with men. Your inner relationship with your psychological masculine self may be stuck in old patterns which you learned from your early childhood experiences, believing that men are somehow more powerful or that you don't really deserve to live life fully and well. You can harness the power necessary to leap beyond these old messages into a brighter sense of yourself, transforming your life, and consequently healing your relationships.

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!

If you've been accused of being too controlling, it was probably true! With Mars in Capricorn, you may be at your best when you're in charge of something. But trying to take charge of someone else's life will only get you into trouble! This is NOT the positive expression of your masculine psyche asserting itself. You can be a wonderful teacher and guide and will find that you prefer a life filled with people who are learning or who know how to take care of themselves. Taking control of your life is a result of accepting and fulfilling your personal responsibilities. It is this fulfillment which helps to strengthen your assertive self in the most positive manner.

You may wonder what you've done to deserve some of the breaks you've experienced: just when you're in hot water, you find a way to get out. With Mars trine Jupiter, you definitely get into a few circumstances which are over your head, but you can make the most of them, and somehow can come out smelling like a rose. Your confidence and enthusiasm attract many opportunities, although you may not take advantage of all of them. You can be a little lazy with this aspect, particularly if you have access to sources of support which make it easy for you to coast through life. Through applying yourself, you can go further and make an amazing difference in the lives of others who may truly need and appreciate your generosity or spirit.

You can hold yourself back by giving into your fears and anxieties. The influence of Mars in square aspect to Saturn prompts you to distrust your own abilities, and you may feel frustrated by your personal limitations. Getting stuck in your personal limitations can be virtually paralyzing, but you do have options. If there is something you really want, you can break the inertia and move gradually and steadily toward

achieving it. But first, you must release yourself from the fear which is blocking your path. It may be the result of feeling too limited by the men who've controlled your life, whether they were father, brother, teacher or lover. Learning to satisfy yourself is not easy, but it is a strong desire. That desire alone can blast through the wall of fear which has penned in your energy. Memories of failure are the past. You're creating the present and future!

You can be somewhat inconsistent in your assertiveness with Mars square Uranus. Your need for excitement can stimulate your pursuit of experiences which may be thrilling, but dangerous. You can also waste a lot of energy pursuing those thrills instead of creating what you really need. Freedom of expression is high on your priority list, and you may be attracted to people who also love freedom but have difficulty making commitments. For you commitments may seem more momentary than long term, but until you can focus your energy on what you truly need, you may always feel as though you are dangling in midair.

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

## **Developing Your Mind**

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

Although the energy of Mercury is traditionally considered to be the main indicator of your mentality, there are also other qualities which are part of your mental and intellectual self. First, let's look at Mercury, which is the energy through which you link your thoughts and ideas with others. Ever-curious about what lies beneath the surface, you are prompted to become a deep thinker with Mercury in Scorpio. You may enjoy studying nature, and your fascination with the mysteries of life can also prompt a keen interest in fields like medicine or metaphysics. It's not likely that you have ever been satisfied with simple explanations, and with your ability to grasp hidden meanings and to develop a broad perspective you can gain an understanding which is much more gratifying. You can also be rather stubborn and may hold to your ideas with an emotional fervor that makes it difficult for you to get out of some of your ruts! When faced with the challenge of learning something entirely new or different, your first response may be to balk. If you're given time to a learning experience, you're likely to seek out every detail.

Your enjoyment of learning and sharing ideas is stimulated by Mercury sextile Venus. You may have good writing abilities and are likely to perform best in situations which require good people and communication skills. Although you might be okay learning on your own, the social aspect of school, conferences and community gatherings has a boost all its own.

You can be quite abrupt with Mercury in semi-square aspect to Mars. When you're eager to say something, you may just blurt it out without thinking. Although this can add a quality of spontaneity to your

personality, sometimes you may feel that you've just put your foot in your mouth! Jumping to conclusions can also interfere with your learning process, in that you may sometimes find it difficult to complete a task or finish an assignment.

You've always liked to do things your own way, and your approach to problem-solving may be outside the realm of the traditional. With Mercury in semi-square to Uranus your manner of communicating is one of the expressions of your individuality. You learn best when you have a good balance between structure and freedom and in your career you'll function at the highest level when given opportunities to demonstrate your independence. Staying focused on anything for a long period of time can be difficult for you.

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 drawn to learn about the things and people you enjoy, but can be stubbornly resistant to ideas which are foreign to you with the Moon in Leo. Your preferences are quite strong, which is okay, but can get in your way when you need to make adjustments or embrace new information or experiences. You learn best in an environment which affords you a little attention, since praise and recognition for your efforts will stimulate you to go further.

Jupiter also plays an important role in learning, stimulating you to look ahead into the realm of possibility, beyond the horizon of the now. Through the energy of Jupiter, you share what you know with others. As a woman, you are likely to feel most at home when you use this energy to encourage and support others, but you can also apply this to yourself! Your philosophical approach to life has a practical leaning influenced by your Jupiter in Virgo, and you are likely to learn easily and function best in an environment which has a sense of organization or pattern. You are naturally inclined to teach others, but need to watch for a tendency to expect others to move at your pace. Learning tolerance can be quite helpful if you are to achieve the success you desire (and that includes tolerance for yourself!).

Confidence in your ability to learn is stimulated through the energy of the Sun in sextile aspect to Jupiter. This can also indicate a positive relationship with your teachers, and may stimulate your own desire to share what you know with others. You enjoy the feeling of reaching beyond your limitations through developing your understanding.

Your enthusiasm and confidence help you tackle most any task and accomplish your aims. The influence of Mars in trine aspect to Jupiter adds a special spark to your desire to reach beyond your limitations, and can spur you to follow many pathways in your search for excellence. You may also have good luck, seeming to be in the right place at the right time. Part of this arises from your ability to trust your own sense of vision for the future: you can see the path and then you take action and follow it.

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

With Saturn in Aries, your ability to reason can be quite strong. You may have good powers of concentration, and enjoy a stimulating debate. In learning situations, you may have had trouble dealing with your teachers when you were a little girl. Your desire to be accepted can overwhelm your need to express

yourself, resulting in an inner conflict. Once you determine your own direction, it is important that you follow your path with confidence and courage.

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

Your approach to thinking, learning and communicating is quite analytical with Virgo ruling your 3rd House. You may enjoy learning, and can develop a good relationship with your teachers. However, you are quite sensitive to criticism and can be too critical of yourself or your own intellectual abilities. You're probably more intelligent than you realize! Your ability to illustrate detail is evidenced by your writing and speaking, and you may be a consummate storyteller and convincing reader (ask your children!). With Mercury ruling your 3rd House you enjoy the support and interaction created through networking with others, and may have a special interest in education or children's issues.

The energy of Uranus in your 3rd House adds a special ingenuity to your thinking. You love projecting yourself and your thoughts into the future and may be quite inventive and visionary. Although you may be a rebellious and revolutionary thinker, you are a natural scientist, always seeking the yet undiscovered truth. Maintaining your concentration can be difficult, and you need ample opportunities to work at your own pace. However, some structure will help you avoid scattering your mental energy. Leaving room for your spontaneous urges to get up and go is very important, and anyone who is in relationship with you needs to understand that you can change your mind or decide to do something at a moment's notice.

Looking beneath the surface and searching for what lies beyond the facade is stimulated by the energy of Pluto in your 3rd House. You can be an avid researcher or scientific thinker and may be quite adept at understanding many of the mysteries of life. Your interest in subjects which are somewhat taboo, like sexuality, birth and death, adds a special dimension to your personality. Your ability to concentrate can be quite good, although you can be quite obsessive in your thinking. Since you may not realize the extent of your own mental intensity, you may wonder why some people have difficulty being around you. They may be uncomfortable with your penetrating insight (especially if they have something to hide), but may also feel that you know more than you do. You rarely let on about everything you know or think, and can be quite secretive about anything which is important to you.

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

You are definitely an idealist with Pisces on the cusp of your 9th House. Your vision of the world as a better place with opportunities for true peace and harmony can be quite a powerful driver in your quest to improve your own life. In higher educational pursuits, you may be more inclined to study philosophy, religion, political science and the arts than you are drawn to math or science. It's tempting for you to impose your ideals or beliefs upon others who may seem less "enlightened," but you may need to show some restraint in this regard if you are to experience the peace you dream about. With Neptune ruling this house you can use your ability to visualize to aid you in your learning pursuits, and to help you create the world as you desire to experience it.

Saturn's influence in your 9th House enhances your desire to learn and strengthen your understanding. You may have followed strict religious teachings when you were a young girl and may still have powerful

beliefs. Your fears can stand in the way of moving beyond your early training, but your desire to know and understand the truths of life on your own terms is also quite powerful. As you've matured, you may also have learned ways to expand your spiritual understanding and are developing a very workable spirituality. Your philosophical outlook is based on practicality and usefulness, and you may have a powerful work ethic. You must be careful to avoid becoming a workaholic, although your precision and attention to detail are appreciated by those who utilize your talents or employ your expertise. You can be an exceptional teacher, but may be too critical when your students fail to meet your expectations. High standards accompany everything you do, and you may insist that your own children follow a high moral code. Your lessons in life may involve learning greater tolerance and acceptance of each individual for her or himself, although those who are close to you know that your desires for excellence can prompt anyone to accomplish more than they dreamed possible.

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.

Your interests have a practical focus, and you may limit your community involvement to matters which affect you directly. Goals can be especially important for you, and are usually tied to stabilizing your life, especially financially. It's important that you explore your deeper motivations, and that your goals reflect and support a true sense of personal worth. Although it's tempting to think that money can answer your needs for acceptance, it's rarely enough unless you can fully embrace yourself. Your interest in investments can play an important role in your life. With Venus ruling your 11th House, you may look for an easier path to realizing your dreams. You may be able to attract the right people and situations, and may feel that the right partnership and most prestigious friends can open doors for you. In the end you really want to be the one who has the influence.

There are no planets in your 11th House, indicating that you may not find it necessary or important to develop a strict set of goals and that you may not seek out confirmation and support from others in order to reach a sense of fulfillment. To further understand your special interests look to the sign on the cusp of this house explained in the section above, and study the placement of Uranus in your chart to determine where you find your best allies.

## **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.

Your soul yearns to find true peace with Libra on the cusp of the 4th House. But you are, by nature, a restless woman, and may not find that peace simply by getting everything right "in the world." Your inner harmony depends upon your ability to strengthen your real values, and these may have a very long history. The influence of Venus on this house is also powerful through its connection to the sign of Libra, indicating the importance of establishing a clear connection between the love you need and the love you express through your actions, words and creativity.

The Sun's placement in your 4th House stimulates a powerful need to discover your identity through your family ties and then, beyond, into the history of your soul. You have a very powerful survival urge, and may cling to the people and places you know because your identity can be very strongly tied to them. Yet, as you are maturing and growing toward becoming a whole woman, you may discover ways in which you are different from the family you knew. Your father and mother may seem to connect to a place deep within your soul, and intuitively you've always known that the flame of your soul had its individual roots. Weaving together the core of your being with the roots and history which have preceded you is one of the key factors involved in achieving the security you so deeply desire.

Mercury's position in your 4th House can stimulate a tendency to become overly concerned with family matters or to worry too much about what's happening at home. Freeing your mind from your emotional fears or anxieties can be accomplished by allowing yourself to achieve a sense of mental rest: something soothing, like bathing your consciousness in true quiet and clarity. This can be achieved through meditation, and you may discover that everyday acts like washing dishes or preparing dinner provide an excellent opportunity to be active yet contemplative.

Your soul may yearn to escape the frustrations of the physical plane. With Neptune in your 4th House you're more comfortable when you've moved beyond ordinary reality - when you're in the middle of your favorite creative pastime, listening to beautiful music, watching an enthralling movie - you need to experience transcendence. Unfortunately this is also quite close to negative forms of withdrawal, and you may push yourself away from the rest of the world in your quest to tone down the cacophony of life. Setting your personal boundaries and creating a strong, yet resilient, emotional filter is crucial if you are to develop a sense of wholeness.

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.

Through the influence of Aquarius on the cusp of your 8th House you may be exceptionally curious about the experiences of birth, sexuality, death, healing and human psychology. You may love physical sensations which lead you to the experience of ecstasy, but are also fascinated with the possibilities beyond the physical. Experimenting with different ideas and techniques which are designed to heighten your awareness can

enhance your life, but you may need to exercise some caution to avoid the shock of getting into something when you are inadequately prepared. You may be quite psychic and can have an amazing sense of the future. However, the influence of Uranus as ruler of this house adds a sporadic nature to your psychic sensibilities.

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

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

You are quite sensitive with Cancer on the cusp of your 12th House. Although you may protect your sensitivities with an aura of confidence, you feel everything around you. It is important that you have a comfortable and safe environment for your sleeping and resting periods; otherwise, you may not rest at all. Your dreams can be quite vivid and full of emotion, filled with images of days gone by and people from your past. But your super-conscious self may also take you into dream states which are somewhat prophetic. Your Moon is also tied to this house, adding a need to become clear about your subconscious motivations and deeper feelings. When using visualization techniques, it is important to allow your emotions to work for you to attain your desires. If you try to repress your feelings about your desires, you will only experience frustration.

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

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

Your intuitive function operates most powerfully when you're in the midst of doing something creative. Since your need for creativity is strong with your Moon in Leo, you may spend a great deal of time pursuing and developing your talents. And while you are in the process of fine-tuning your craft - whether you're becoming a more accomplished singer, actress, educator or business leader-- your intuitive insights about when and how to do certain things will give you an added sheen. This is part of your ingenuity and adds a glow which shines from your heart and originates in the heart of divine love.

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

suggests a spiritual and emotional challenge, and represents the directions you may feel compelled to follow in your evolutionary path.

Your North Node in Aries challenges you to develop your courage, independence and assertiveness as part of your spiritual growth and self-discovery. You may be drawn into situations which require you to stand up for yourself or to fight for your position, and although your preference might be to just allow situations to resolve themselves, it is important to take action. Finding yourself involves finding your convictions and creating your own path. With the South Node in Libra your tendency to rely upon others to take care of you or forge the pathways for your development has to be abandoned in favor of self-confidence and free thought and action if you are to grow into wholeness. Self-determination is your key to fulfillment.

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

You've already discovered that you're an intuitive thinker. With Uranus in the 3rd House, you probably cannot imagine trying to make decisions without taking your intuitive promptings into consideration. You can also be quite intuitive about the best ways to connect with other people, and may experience sudden changes in your life due to the influences which occur from networking with others.

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

The influence of Neptune in your 4th House has been explored earlier in this section of your report.

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.

You may have a very penetrating mind with Pluto in the 3rd and can be a psychically gifted. Your ability to use words to create change can be amazing, and you may also be quite gifted using your voice as a tool for healing and transformation. You may be capable of probing into mysteries and finding information long after others have given up on finding anything.

## **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 love to be entertained, and when you need to reaffirm that life is worthwhile, it helps if you're doing something that fills your heart. With the Moon in Leo you hunger most for love, and need ample opportunities to create and experience the many facets of love. To some extent, this may come through your own creative expression, and when you're deeply involved in something, you do put your heart and soul into it. On a broad level, then, it's important that you make some choices which allow you to participate in a career or relationship which feels good. When nurturing others, you provide the generosity and support which encourages them to realize their own potential. As a mother, you are also quite protective and will not take it lightly if anyone or anything threatens your child. At home, you need a favorite chair and a place that is yours where you can stop and relish the pleasures of life. Getting outdoors in the sun and feeling that warm glow around you can be nourishing, too, and you may have your favorite outdoor pastimes which add a special dimension to your life. Take time to attend concerts, go to the movies, or get involved in your community theater group and get on stage yourself! You know what they say about all work and no play? Well it applies to you double-time!

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

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

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

Libra's influence on the cusp of your 4th House adds a sense of style and refinement to your home environment. You love being surrounded by beautiful things and may have a wonderful eye for color and design. Your home may feature works of art and fine decor, and you can be somewhat meticulous about making sure that everything seems to create a sense of balance. The energy of Venus is associated with this house in your chart, influencing an inviting atmosphere and friendly home environment which probably draws your friends and family. You may love entertaining and may be quite gracious to your guests, although you do appreciate them most when they observe proper rules of behavior and don't mar the furniture!

With the Sun in your 4th House you're definitely Queen of the Castle! You need a home which reflects your personality, not just a place to live. Anyone who visits will see your special touches. You may also enjoy inviting special friends into your personal space, and family gatherings at home can be quite meaningful to you. Family is important, and the creation of your own family may take a strong priority. You may become the matriarchal leader of your family, and your influence and ideas can have a powerful effect. If you feel that you are carrying on the traditions of a long line of influences, it's probably true. And if you are inclined to alter or change those traditions, you can probably accomplish your aims as long as your approach flows from love and not unresolved anger or competitiveness.

Mercury's energy in your 4th House adds liveliness to your home space. There may always seem to be ample communication happening at your house, with either friends or family sharing ideas or someone on the telephone. This placement also stimulates a need to express your feelings, and in your personal relationships, you can be quite animated in showing your emotions. When you're upset, you can even be a little high-strung. This energy is unsettling in the home environment and sometimes brings frequent moves. Your tendency to worry about family and home matters is also amplified, and if you're fretting over possibilities, may miss the opportunity to experience what is actually happening. At home, you need a place for reflection where you can write letters, make entries in your personal journal or read quietly.

Neptune's energy in your 4th House adds a need for a home space which is almost otherworldly. Your home needs to be an escape from the everyday, a place where you can exercise your fantasies and open to your dreams. As a little girl your home life may have been unsettling, particularly if there was illness or some type of family scandal. Uncovering family secrets may, in fact, be the key to freeing your soul of some of those feelings of inadequacy or insecurity. In the process you must also learn true forgiveness while avoiding tendencies to martyr or sacrifice yourself for the good of protecting the family illusion. By opening to your inner self through meditation, creative expression and spiritual development, you can finally achieve the connection to a spiritual home which has called to you since your childhood.

## **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.

Making your way in the world and establishing your own place is aided by the influence of Aries at your Midheaven. Your keen sense of ambition keeps you moving forward in the face of competition; you're not likely to collapse in intimidation. You need a life path and career which allow you to exercise some independence, and prefer work which is challenging and exciting. You may also forge new territory through your career or volunteer efforts, and can be the woman who makes progress where others have failed. Your key to personal fulfillment rests in your ability to initiate, and you may love a career which gives you the room and opportunity to blaze trails. The energy of Mars influences the manner in which you illuminate your path to success. You may enjoy working in a field which is physically active and may have a special affinity for working with children. The courage of your convictions provides the strength you need to realize your hopes.

With Mars in Capricorn you can be quite determined about getting to the top in your career, and need to target a career situation which will allow you to reach a position of excellence and self-control. You may be an exceptional businesswoman and can also benefit from directing your efforts toward education, politics, banking, conservation or city planning.

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.

One of the reasons you make such a powerful impression on people is because you usually go into situations prepared. Capricorn's influence on your 6th House indicates that you do not mind hard work when it will get you somewhere. You may demand a great deal from yourself, and if you're in positions of management, can also demand a lot from others, too. You may look for ways to take advantage of the talents of others and may be the mistress of utilizing resources, like technology, to make your job easier. Saturn's rulership of this house adds the energy of responsibility to your work ethic, and shows that in order to achieve the success you desire you will have to put forth the necessary discipline. You might work well in hierarchical situations but will prefer to be near the top of the ladder.

You're happiest when you're putting a lot of energy into your work. Mars in your 6th House adds a powerful stimulus to your need to be active on the job. Fields which require some type of action will be most rewarding. If you're in business, you'll do best if you're on the go or if you're dealing with some forms of competition to provide a challenge. In industry, you'll enjoy a job that keeps you busy, and may like working around metals. You might also be drawn to work as a physical therapist, gym teacher, aerobics instructor, coach, massage therapist or chiropractor. If you're a physician, you might prefer surgery to the merely diagnostic forms of medicine. As a counselor, you will be most drawn to therapies which utilize movement to

open energy. In music you would be happiest as a percussionist. Action, energy and assertiveness are ingredients which will help you feel most satisfied with your work.

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!

Scorpio's influence on your 5th House adds a need for passion as part of your play time. Your need for creativity is very strong, and whether you're preparing dinner for your family, working on an oil painting or delving into a research project - you put yourself into these things on a very deep level. You may prefer to keep your "personal" projects hidden from public scrutiny, although those who are closest to you can become privy to your current work of art. Since you may have a lot invested at an emotional level in your creativity, you don't enjoy the interference which sometimes arises from others. Recreational activities which are somewhat challenging may be quite inspiring, and you may enjoy spending time doing things like white water rafting, scuba diving, or going deep into the forest. You may also enjoy getting away to a secluded retreat or health spa, just to give yourself time to rejuvenate. The energy of Pluto is associated with your 5th House through its connection to the sign of Scorpio, indicating the importance of creativity and recreation as true healing elements in your life.

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.

Even though you can be somewhat enigmatic with the Sun in Scorpio, you are also driven to attain the realization of your desires. For anything to be successful in your life, it must be personally meaningful to you, and you must have a strong feeling about it. You simply do not care to waste your energy. But you have to know when to back off because with your intensity, you can set the world on fire. Be gentle. Just remember that after all, as long as you know how to function in a crisis, there's no problem.

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

Uranus is in Virgo in your chart, stirring your need for awakening in regard to issues which affect the quality of your life. Along with other women born from 1961 to 1969, you've grown up with an awareness of the importance of the connection between mind and body. You also feel the need to use your analytical mind to bring about revolutionary change. Your revolution is being staged within the context of health, science,

discrimination and prejudicial attitudes and will continue in its effect upon society for quite some time to come. The insights you share with other women with Uranus in Virgo are connected to the importance of individual awareness in achieving a truly functional society. You've broken ground in your own ability to see clearly where you need to bring about revolutionary changes in your own life in the areas signified by the house in which Uranus resides in your chart.

The spark of Uranian energy in your 3rd House suggests that your unique ideas and special communicative abilities can be utilized in your career development. You may enjoy working in high-tech or scientific fields, and you may also have plenty of interesting ideas in other areas. A career which allows you to blend your intuitive sensibilities and logical thought processes will be especially satisfying.

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 9th House you're searching for answers to all the ultimate questions as part of your quest to discover your life purpose. You may feel a strong urge to travel, desire to learn and yearning to find the teacher whose wisdom will inspire you to find truth. In essence, all these things are inside you, and the travel and learning you may need most to experience will happen on the inner planes. Doing it physically is okay too. It's good practice.

## **Opening Your Heart**

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

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

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

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.

Your outgoing nature can be quite attractive with Mercury in sextile aspect to Venus. You may also find that you enjoy relationships with others who share your particular talents or artistic leanings. You appreciate a man who has good taste, or at least shows respect for your own! Communication remains an important quality in your relationships throughout your life.

You love with intensity and can experience absolute transformation through loving with the energy of Venus in conjunction to Pluto. For you loving is the ultimate healer and you seek relationships which will allow you to open to your true power. Just dabbling in a relationship is rarely enough: you prefer to immerse yourself in the experience of loving, totally. Your refusal to compromise concerning your needs requires that you find a special relationship that is based upon healthy, honest interaction and support. You can become obsessive in your relationships, and need to learn to back away from your intense involvement from time to time just to get a different perspective. Enhanced sensuality is part of your expression of love, and you may find that you need a relationship which allows you to explore your sexual needs as fully as possible. Although you may not be open with just anyone about your deeper needs, your lover probably knows many of your secrets. For this reason it is crucial that you choose your relationships wisely, basing them upon mutual trust and honesty. You are seeking a love which can bond you with your partner, on as many levels as possible.

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

Setting emotional boundaries is not easy for you with your Moon in square aspect to Neptune, and you may find that you are continually giving of yourself while asking nothing in return. Oh, but you dream about it; and you need support, strength and love from the man you adore. There are different ways to express these needs, and therein is the variation in possibility of receiving. If you're whining, complaining or suffering, you may be ignored. And you don't have to be sick to gain support, either. There are healthy ways to ask, but if you're in an unhealthy situation, it's difficult to get the answer you need. If you're feeling victimized, take the first step of deciding that you no longer want or need to be the victim. A lot will change after that!

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

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

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

The extreme passion you feel when you're in love can be absolutely addicting with Scorpio on your 5th House. You love the touch, taste and feel of being in love, and open your heart most easily when your sensuality is powerfully stimulated. You can be exceptionally attractive, and project a quality which is very enticing to the opposite sex. You love the experience of being a woman, especially when you're in the depths of passion, allowing your power and energy to pour forth. However, your profound curiosity about sexuality may also prompt you to explore the physical aspect of love affairs with the mind and heart of an investigator (I wonder what would happen if...?). Since Pluto rules this house, you can be somewhat invasive and intimidating to your lovers, and need to be aware that your own intensity may be normal for you, but overwhelming to someone who's not used to it. If you're hurt by a lover, you can become vengeful; and if you feel insecure, can be quite jealous. These feelings can destroy the truly loving elements of a relationship, and it is important to be aware of your motivations and deeper feelings if you are to avoid going too far with jealousy. When a relationship ends, you end it FOREVER. For you, there's no turning back. You're in or you're out. And that's it.

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.

With the influence of Capricorn on your 7th House you may experience some frustration in finding the right partner. Your own emotionality and neediness can attract men who are also very needy themselves, and you can be caught in emotional traps which are only anxiety-producing instead of mutually supportive. If you attract men who want to be mothered, you may at first feel that you can do it, until you confront your own need for a little comfort and support. For this reason it is crucial that you share your needs and feelings with your partner and determine whether or not you can be mutually supportive to one another. Since Saturn drives your needs in partnerships, you can become entangled in relationships out of a sense of obligation or responsibility, and it can be difficult to extract yourself from a marriage even if it is not working. Realizing this, it is very important that you make an effort to understand your aims, obligations and needs before you make a commitment.

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 Taurus on the cusp of your 11th House, signifying that you need friends who will be there for the long term. Your friendships form the rock of your emotional stability, and there is probably a special female friend who provides a strong support in your life. You can also be a supportive and loving friend, and enjoy being part of your friend's success. But you may not appreciate feeling that a friend is leaving you behind while she is progressing, and it's important to talk about these feelings if they arise so that you can salvage your friendship. Sometimes, you tend to hold back, just to protect yourself emotionally, and that can be a problem if you really want to clarify what's happening. Your best friendships will provide comfort and strength, and will require the same from you. It's not always easy for you to open your heart to receive love, and your friendships can provide the stability you need to learn how to let love, caring and support into your life. The energy of Venus influences this area of your life, indicating that your closest friends will probably be other women. You'll also enjoy a friendship which reflect your tastes and values, and may have a good friend who is artistically gifted.

The lack of planetary energy in your 11th House can be indicative of your ability to accomplish many of your aims on your own. There is, however, no particular meaning which is related to a lack of friends or inability to create friendships. Look to the planet which rules this house to understand the qualities you will seek in your friends and the kinds of activities you might prefer to share with them.

## **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 freer 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 Cancer Ascendant you can appear caring and nurturant, and may seem to be open to the needs of others. This may attract all sorts of relationships, especially from people who need to be mothered. You do not enjoy having to take responsibility for everyone else when they need to learn how to carry their own burdens, and rather than face up to the challenge of telling them to pick up their bags and move along, you can take the indirect approach which leaves questions and confusion. When you're too indirect, you lose power. You may not want to get into a fight, or cause someone to be upset with you, because you just don't like the emotional fallout. You can play hide and seek forever and never get your point across. You may also feel emotionally vulnerable, and may create a kind of "shell" to protect you from possible harm. That shell can even be physical, like excess weight or layers of clothing. These things destroy your power by inhibiting it. On the other hand you have the choice of talking about your feelings, soliciting the feelings and needs of others, and creating a forum which allows those within your circle to be comfortable taking care of themselves while supporting the needs of their family - your family. Instead of creating a dysfunctional family, whether at home or at work, use your nurturant sensibilities to change the atmosphere. Become personally powerful by learning how to say good-bye when necessary, and by welcoming newcomers with a clear projection of who you are. Most of all, be aware of the manner in which you can manipulate others because you can lose a lot of ground if you're always trying to maneuver everyone into position instead of just recognizing where they stand and what they need in the first place.

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

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

Through your Aries Midheaven you are striving to experience the power which comes when you are leading the way. Your admiration for great leaders may prompt you to find a mentor whose inspiration fosters your own courage to forge your own pathways to success. Although meeting challenges can be empowering to you, disruptive outbursts or abrasive attitudes can work against your aims.

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

With Mercury in quincunx aspect to your Midheaven, you may have some trouble getting your ideas across in your career. This can be especially true if you jump into a situation unprepared, including opportunities for spontaneity. If you've developed your "data base" by continuing to learn or improve your skills, you'll be ready for the inevitable changes and challenges associated with your work in the world.

The energy of Venus in quincunx to your Midheaven has its plus and minus sides. On the plus side you may be most drawn to pursue accomplishments in areas which allow you to use your talents, artistry and value judgments. On the minus side you may not feel particularly motivated! If your self-esteem is strong, you'll be more focused on achieving your ambitions, and by working to strengthen your sense of self-worth, you can open many doors for yourself.

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.

Leo's qualities radiate through your 2nd House, adding a need to be in control of your own finances, time, and resources. You have an uncanny ability to draw on resources, even when you think you've reached the bottom of the barrel. In essence, when you are feeling strongly about yourself and are willing to put forth the effort to meet your needs, there's very little that can stop you from achieving those aims! Even if you are married and share your resources, you'll probably prefer to be in charge of the finances, or at least have control over some of your own money. Someone else telling you what to do with your time, money or energy may engender a sense of resentment, since having power in this area of your life can be a matter of personal pride. Your self worth can be strengthened through maintaining an awareness of your personal needs and allowing yourself to feel good about enjoying their fulfillment. Since your Sun's energy plays a major role in the way you develop your self esteem, you'll discover that you feel good about yourself when you've gained the recognition you need for your efforts. You can be a little selfish with your finances, and may not like the idea of giving up something you want for someone else. Sometimes this can get in your way, and achieving a balance between giving and receiving can be one of your greatest challenges.

The energy of your Moon in the 2nd House stimulates vacillating financial conditions, and material security does have a strong effect upon your emotional stability. You need to accept the cyclical nature of your finances, because there will be times when your financial outlook changes very rapidly and other times when the changes are more gradual. You may experience financial rewards in fields which relate to the domestic front, the food industry or women's needs. Since your attitudes toward money may also be

changeable, it's a good idea to operate from a budget for your usual expenses and to make sure that these expenditures are always covered. You can also be rather adept in financial matters, and have a good sense of the connection between your money and your self worth. That still may not stop you from overspending when you're feeling low, so be aware of the link between your emotional neediness and the manner in which you spend your money!

Through the energy of Venus in your 2nd House, you can attract resources and material stability quite readily. You are very aware of the relationship between your self esteem and your finances and may have learned early that when you're feeling good about yourself, it's easier to get what you want. Although you're not likely to be extremely greedy with your finances, you can be self-indulgent. You love the best of everything and will feel empowered when your life involves at least a few of the pleasures you enjoy. Occupations which involve the arts or which cater to things women love - like fashion, jewelry, cosmetics, hair dressing - can bring rewards.

With Jupiter in your 2nd House you have a great deal of confidence in your ability to attract and use your money, time and energy. Your optimism can be contagious, and when you've found something that makes you feel good, you may want to share what you've learned with others. For this reason, you're a natural in sales, teaching, advertising or investing. Since you probably like to travel, you may either use your resources toward traveling, or may find that work which involves travel is rewarding. The downfall of this placement is your tendency toward extravagance, since setting limits is quite difficult.

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.

You may enjoy an unusual approach to achieving real intimacy. The influence of Aquarius on your 8th House stimulates a desire to experience unconditional acceptance through exploring the intimate side of your relationship, which includes your sexuality. Allowing room for experimentation, creating an opportunity for honest and open communication and acknowledging and supporting your mutual emotional and physical needs will strengthen the bond you have with your partner. You can be aloof in this area, particularly if you are afraid of the effects of allowing another person to become this close. Just going through the motions will never give you what you need - which is to be transported into another realm through the alchemy of love. The resources you create with a partner may grow best when you have a real vision of what you want to create together. This shared vision can deepen your bond with one another, and if you're involved in doing things for others you may discover that you somehow grow closer to one another.

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

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

Your earthy sensuality radiates through your Mars in Capricorn. Even though you may think you have yourself under control, you have an amazing sensual appetite. That's okay because when you indulge those needs within a safe and trusting relationship, you may actually feel better about yourself. It's when you try to repress your needs that you get yourself into trouble. Playful sexual activity may not be easy for you, especially if you're worried about whether or not you're doing everything in the proper way. Well, that's a matter of what you need at the moment, not some test of your abilities. You may actually find that sexual play which involves some type of restraints is quite appealing for you, whether you're the restrainer or restrained! You strengthen your sense of power in the world by working hard to achieve your goals, and can be strongly self-reliant. You'll probably resist outside restraints, and will always perform better when you can do things your way. Establishing the difference between self-control and excessive controlling behavior and attitudes are among your primary lessons in life.

Sometimes you just do not handle restraint very well, especially when it feels defeating. With Mars in square aspect to Saturn, you are struggling with the lessons of right use of power, and have to deal with this experience both through your own actions and those of others. Developing positive self-restraint - not total inhibition - is the key to working with this energy properly. If you've experienced limitations which seem to be beyond your control, remember that you always have control over at least one factor: your response! Learning to use the blocks, frustrations and limitations in your life as stabilizing forces can make a huge difference in your sense of personal power. But if you're continually bumping into the same old barriers, or if you're stuck in the same fear of your own desires, you will never know the power you so deeply crave. You are the perfect candidate for passive-aggressive behavior in which you project your own frustrations and insecurities onto others or blame others for your mistakes. Taking charge of yourself is your major responsibility; trying to control others can be an exercise in futility.

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

Your power is confirmed when you have joined your needs for freedom with personal responsibility for your actions. With Saturn in Aries, you may resist taking control of your own life, even though that's what you want most of all. Your resistance can stem from a fear of growing up. After all, life is much easier when somebody else takes the fall for you, and that may be why you're subconsciously looking for a man to take on a father-role. You may just be afraid of stepping out into the world on your own, even though there are no

real reasons for your fear. But when you are not taking responsibility for yourself, you run headlong into situations which inhibit your freedom and squelch your power. Learning to be more conscious of your own life force and allowing that energy to spontaneously flow through you brings exceptional power. But self centered immaturity and a lack of trust quickly diminish the stability and power you need.

You may feel uncertain about your abilities with your Sun in quincunx to Saturn, and that lack of confidence can weaken your sense of personal power. Setting goals is not particularly easy for you, since you tend to be dissatisfied when you attain them. Part of that dissatisfaction arises from your tendency to always be looking on the other side of the fence, and feeling that you would have been better off if you had made different decisions. Accepting where you are is actually the beginning of establishing a real sense of personal power, because until you are operating from the "be here now" perspective, you will never have the foundation you need to build a solid security in your life. You can benefit from programs which are designed to create self-improvement. Deciding what you want from life is step one. Step two is allowing enough flexibility to alter your objectives or the manner in which you get there without undermining your security.

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.

The power of your thoughts determines your experience of life. Pluto's energy in your 3rd House prompts you to transform your thinking. You must learn to trust your own intelligence, and to develop your mind in such a way that will allow you to experience an understanding of life at core levels. You ask questions, although many are never verbalized. They just drive you, like a relentless taskmaster, to look beneath the surface. You can be overcome by compulsive thought patterns, and when you do, you can find it difficult to release yourself from them. These compulsions can be a power drain, especially if they reach the obsessive level. Take the time to listen to your own thoughts. Do they offer self-confirming messages or destructive mutterings? Once you find a way to use your mind to heal your life, you will know the power you've been seeking.

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

## **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 a priestess living in a sacred temple. Here, you are calm, at peace with yourself, and free to express your ideas, creativity and compassion without restraint. All your gifts are considered sacred, and your awareness is clear and pure. Each day you sing with joy and feel inspired by the experience of sharing time with your sisters whose lives are as full as your own. You are happy to surrender to your creative muse, because she guides you into experiences which are always wonderful. One morning your muse sings to you and carries you into a beautiful garden. She seems to have a great sense of anticipation, and tells you that you are to be blessed today. In the center of the garden, you meet a regal woman, dressed in golden robes and fine jewels. She takes your hands and invites you to dance with her. At first you do not hear music, but then there is light all around you and music playing which seems to come from the heart of this creature. As she dances about, the light and music seem to flow around her. You playfully dance with her, and realize that somehow she seems familiar. She smiles and laughs and then says to you, "Is it not wonderful to be such a magical creature?!" And then you know. She is your alter ego. Your experience with her reminds you that you carry the light and magic everywhere you are.