

Professional Natal Report

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Planetary Positions

Planet		Sign	Longitude	Declination
☉ Sun	is in	♉ Taurus	15° 22' 30"	+16° 27' 00"
☾ Moon	is in	♊ Aquarius	11° 29' 39"	-16° 57' 00"
☿ Mercury	is in	♈ Aries	26° 23' 20"	+ 8° 02' 00"
♀ Venus	is in	♈ Aries	15° 01' 29"	+ 7° 44' 00"
♂ Mars	is in	♊ Gemini	3° 27' 22"	+21° 21' 00"
♃ Jupiter	is in	♉ Taurus	29° 12' 07"	+19° 20' 00"
♄ Saturn	is in	♎ Libra	22° 20' 53"	- 6° 09' 00"
♅ Uranus	is in	♋ Cancer	15° 16' 57"	+22° 59' 00"
♆ Neptune	is in	♎ Libra	21° 54' 05"	- 6° 55' 00"
♇ Pluto	is in	♌ Leo	20° 48' 01"	+23° 33' 00"
♁ N. Node	is in	♊ Aquarius	6° 53' 52"	-18° 33' 00"
♌ Ascendant	is in	♊ Gemini	4° 49' 55"	+21° 06' 00"
♍ Midheaven	is in	♑ Capricorn	26° 02' 53"	-20° 57' 00"
☿ Fortuna	is in	♓ Pisces	0° 57' 04"	-11° 08' 00"
♀ Ceres	is in	♊ Gemini	29° 49' 32"	+27° 06' 00"
♀ Pallas	is in	♉ Taurus	15° 28' 17"	- 3° 13' 00"
♃ Juno	is in	♉ Taurus	11° 31' 33"	+ 9° 02' 00"
♁ Vesta	is in	♊ Aquarius	19° 37' 24"	-16° 02' 00"

Planetary Aspects

Your	Sun	is	Square	Moon	The orb is	3° 53'
Your	Sun	is	Semisextile	Venus	The orb is	0° 21'
Your	Sun	is	Sextile	Uranus	The orb is	0° 06'
Your	Sun	is	Square	Pluto	The orb is	5° 26'
Your	Sun	is	Semisquare	Ceres	The orb is	0° 33'
Your	Sun	is	Conjunct	Pallas	The orb is	0° 06'
Your	Sun	is	Conjunct	Juno	The orb is	3° 51'
Your	Sun	is	Square	Vesta	The orb is	4° 15'
Your	Moon	is	Sextile	Venus	The orb is	3° 32'
Your	Moon	is	Conjunct	N. Node	The orb is	4° 36'
Your	Moon	is	Square	Pallas	The orb is	3° 59'
Your	Moon	is	Square	Juno	The orb is	0° 02'
Your	Moon	is	Conjunct	Vesta	The orb is	8° 08'
Your	Mercury	is	Opposite	Saturn	The orb is	4° 02'
Your	Mercury	is	Opposite	Neptune	The orb is	4° 29'
Your	Mercury	is	Trine	Pluto	The orb is	5° 35'
Your	Mercury	is	Square	Midheaven	The orb is	0° 20'
Your	Mercury	is	Sextile	Fortuna	The orb is	4° 34'
Your	Mercury	is	Sextile	Ceres	The orb is	3° 26'
Your	Venus	is	Semisquare	Jupiter	The orb is	0° 49'
Your	Venus	is	Square	Uranus	The orb is	0° 15'
Your	Venus	is	Trine	Pluto	The orb is	5° 47'
Your	Venus	is	Semisquare	Fortuna	The orb is	0° 56'
Your	Venus	is	Semisextile	Pallas	The orb is	0° 27'
Your	Venus	is	Sextile	Vesta	The orb is	4° 36'
Your	Mars	is	Conjunct	Jupiter	The orb is	4° 15'
Your	Mars	is	Trine	N. Node	The orb is	3° 26'
Your	Mars	is	Conjunct	Ascendant	The orb is	1° 23'
Your	Mars	is	Square	Fortuna	The orb is	2° 30'
Your	Jupiter	is	Semisquare	Uranus	The orb is	1° 05'
Your	Jupiter	is	Conjunct	Ascendant	The orb is	5° 38'
Your	Jupiter	is	Trine	Midheaven	The orb is	3° 09'
Your	Jupiter	is	Square	Fortuna	The orb is	1° 45'
Your	Jupiter	is	Semisextile	Ceres	The orb is	0° 37'
Your	Saturn	is	Conjunct	Neptune	The orb is	0° 27'
Your	Saturn	is	Sextile	Pluto	The orb is	1° 33'
Your	Saturn	is	Square	Midheaven	The orb is	3° 42'
Your	Saturn	is	Trine	Vesta	The orb is	2° 43'

Your	Uranus	is	Sesquiquadrate	Fortuna	The orb is	0° 40'
Your	Uranus	is	Sextile	Pallas	The orb is	0° 11'
Your	Uranus	is	Sextile	Juno	The orb is	3° 45'
Your	Neptune	is	Sextile	Pluto	The orb is	1° 06'
Your	Neptune	is	Square	Midheaven	The orb is	4° 09'
Your	Neptune	is	Trine	Vesta	The orb is	2° 17'
Your	Pluto	is	Square	Pallas	The orb is	5° 20'
Your	Pluto	is	Opposite	Vesta	The orb is	1° 11'
Your	N. Node	is	Trine	Ascendant	The orb is	2° 04'
Your	N. Node	is	Square	Juno	The orb is	4° 38'
Your	Fortuna	is	Square	Ascendant	The orb is	3° 53'
Your	Fortuna	is	Trine	Ceres	The orb is	1° 08'
Your	Ceres	is	Semisquare	Pallas	The orb is	0° 39'
Your	Pallas	is	Conjunct	Juno	The orb is	3° 57'
Your	Pallas	is	Square	Vesta	The orb is	4° 09'

Planets in Elements and Modes

Fire	: ♀ ♀ ♀	Total = 3	Weighted Score = 7
Earth	: ☉ ♃ M _C ♀ ♄	Total = 5	Weighted Score = 10
Air	: ☽ ♂ ♃ ♀ ♀ A _S ♀ ♃	Total = 8	Weighted Score = 18
Water	: ♃ ☉	Total = 2	Weighted Score = 1
Cardinal	: ♀ ♀ ♃ ♄ ♀ M _C	Total = 6	Weighted Score = 12
Fixed	: ☉ ☽ ♃ ♀ ♀ ♄ ♃ ♃	Total = 8	Weighted Score = 15
Mutable	: ♂ A _S ☉ ♀	Total = 4	Weighted Score = 9

Weights Used Above

Sun	= 6	Moon	= 6	Mercury	= 3	Venus	= 3
Mars	= 3	Jupiter	= 2	Saturn	= 2	Uranus	= 1
Neptune	= 1	Pluto	= 1	N. Node	= 0	Ascendant	= 6
Midheaven	= 2	Fortuna	= 0	Ceres	= 0	Pallas	= 0
Juno	= 0	Vesta	= 0				

Introduction

The report that you are about to read is a first step in decoding the symbolic language of your birth chart. It explains the raw materials that you have been given for building a life. It outlines how the overall shape of your chart reflects the overall shape of your personality, what your greatest challenges are likely to be, the strengths you have been given to meet these challenges, and the main arenas you are given for playing out your life's drama.

In this report you may notice certain places where the information seems to be contradictory. This is to be expected, because people are complex. For example, in some situations we are shy and in others, aggressive. When you see repeated patterns, though, take special note: these are apt to be the dominant themes in your life.

The Main Emphasis in Your Chart

The general distribution of planets around you at your birth is one of the things that shows the overall shape of your personality. Before taking a closer look at the details, let's stand back for a moment to see whether your chart contains any obvious emphasis in a sign, group of signs, or other division of the horoscope wheel.

Most planets are in the eastern half of the chart.

You prefer to be in charge of your own destiny, rather than following someone else's dreams, adventures, projects or proposals. This tends to make you an outgoing, active person, in charge of your affairs. Independent and outwardly directed, you are conscious of the direction in which you lead your life. An entrepreneurial pursuit of some type will find you at your best. You need followers to help you, so be sure that you attract those who are willing to follow your vision. Be clear, however, as to who is in charge. Joining forces with someone as strong-minded as you may cause the kind of stress that will distract you from your goals. Make all possible allowances for practicality; and then go ahead and pursue your vision.

Most planets are above the horizon.

You tend to identify who you are with what you have accomplished in the world. This may make you highly competitive in establishing yourself within a definable lifestyle or career. Your trophy case or the diplomas on your wall may be a source of great personal satisfaction. It is important to balance your need for outer-world-accomplishments with care for your inner self. Also, take great care not to lose sight of the needs of your loved ones.

There are many planets in Air signs.

With all those planets in signs such as Gemini, Libra or Aquarius, you probably love to live in your intellect, and excel at organizing, planning, and developing new techniques. Your strengths are logic, reason and impartiality. Because of your ability to remain detached and objective, you are a fair-minded judge of most situations. You can see and understand interrelationships that those who are emotionally or practically oriented find difficult to fathom. You could be a fighter for ideas and ideals, like a statesman who lives simply, has few material needs, and is held in high regard for his beliefs.

You like to connect people and ideas. Not being much interested in practical experience, you live in a world of concepts and use social interaction as your medium. Although you are a very social person, you prefer to remain detached. Emotional displays turn you off and you would rather negotiate. You may be in danger of being cold and emotionally insensitive to others. Understand that many do not operate in your rarefied atmosphere, and remember to be charitable if they lead mundane, unimaginative existences.

Unless you also have an emphasis in Earth signs or on such planets as Saturn and the Moon, your life may have a rootless quality. Although you may not notice it, others may be aware of a lack of stability in your material, external sense of being. To achieve balance, you may need consciously to stick to projects, put down roots, and cultivate your emotional life.

There are few or no planets in Water signs.

With very little emphasis in signs such as Cancer, Scorpio or Pisces, you don't carry the baggage of complicated feelings and hypersensitivity to your environment. This allows you to be forthright about your desires. Cool, detached, practical, objective and willful, you have a lack of sentimentality that can be a great asset in times of crisis and emotional stress. Your clearheadedness can lead you to great achievements.

It is easy, however, for you to be out of touch with your own emotional nature. You may feel that an emotional response like crying or moodiness is a sign of weakness that is best avoided. You may find it difficult to deal with those who express themselves from the heart. You end up not knowing how to react, or you may be uncomfortable expressing the appropriate feeling of response. You can also misread situations that call for intuition rather than reason.

Since your coolness and detachment may cause you to neglect the feelings of others, you may need consciously to practice relating to others in a compassionate, sharing and sensitive way. It will round you out to cultivate this nourishing side of yourself. Soften up and bend your beliefs a bit so you can serve those in need, for this is where happiness lies. When you let yourself go and dive into emotional waters, you may find that the humanity that has always been in your heart is drawn out into your personal world of expression.

There are many planets in Fixed signs.

Your strong emphasis in signs like Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius gives you the persistence to bring any project to its conclusion. You are the one who can be counted on to do whatever must be done. A preserver of old traditions and customs, you know that forward progress can occur only if there is a firm foundation to begin with. You are glad to build that foundation. Be aware, however, that others may sometimes view your noble persistence as stubbornness, cussedness or pigheadedness.

Aspects: Keys to Your Inner Drama

In your birth chart, the Sun, Moon and planets play the central role. They are the actors in the drama, the moving figures on the stage, each with a character of its own. How these characters relate to each other, whether and how they clash or harmonize, whether they bring out each other's best or worst qualities, is shown by the aspects, or angles, between the planets.

Is the ongoing drama between two planets a continuing tension that periodically erupts into crises (conjunctions, oppositions and squares), a harmonious alliance where the two planets aid and abet each other (trines and sextiles), an uneasy truce full of ambiguities (certain other aspects in neither of these families), or simply indifference (no aspect at all)? Below you will see which pairs of planets are in aspect in your chart.

Each of the following sections lists the aspects in order of their general importance, with aspects involving the Sun, Moon and fast-moving planets coming first. You can get a further idea of their importance in your particular chart by going to the aspect table at the beginning of this report and finding the five or so aspects with the smallest number of degrees and minutes in the "The orb is" column.

Your Major Challenges

We start with your conjunctions, oppositions and squares because these tend to point out the challenges that you have been set in life. Most people experience these aspects as problems, at least at first. Armed with awareness, however, you can come to view these so-called "hard" aspects as the blessings that they really are. These are the forces that spur you forward. When you face the challenges that these aspects pose, you grow in strength, confidence, wisdom and maturity.

Sun square Moon

Whether the disharmony between your parents was subtle or obvious, it made its mark on you such that it colors the way you react to life as an adult. You seem to be comfortable only in situations that are full of stress and tension. Given the choice between the easy path and the tough one, you (perversely, it seems) choose the one that offers the most resistance. You love a challenge. While this can be helpful in certain business and career situations, it can cause problems in personal relationships. It's best for you to choose partners who don't mind a bit of stress now and then.

Sun square Pluto

You have enough charisma, will and ambition to become a presidential candidate or, at the very least, a leader in your chosen line of endeavor. The danger is that you tend to use and manipulate others to get what you want. Sometimes, you get away with it. At other times, you may find that you've stepped on the toes of someone even more powerful than you, and just as you're about to reach your long-sought goal, your hopes are dashed. Only then are you open to learning the lessons of tact and humility. It may be too late to save the situation this time around, but if you can learn to respect the rights of others, you will eventually be unstoppable.

Moon conjunct North Node

Your extended family is very, very important to you. You tend to treat almost everyone with whom you form any kind of non-casual relationship as if they were members of your intimate family. You delight in taking care of others, ministering to their needs, and generally making them feel comfortable. This applies to religious, political and charitable organizations and to anyone in your neighborhood. You're comfortable working behind the scenes as long as you know that you're making an impact. But be careful not to neglect the needs of those closest to you. They may tend to feel slighted if you spend a great deal of time away from home.

Mercury opposite Saturn

You have a continuing fear that whatever you decide is either incorrect or inappropriate to the situation. You are driven by such high and narrow standards of appropriate behavior that very often you are immobilized by the seemingly bewildering array of options available to you. Learn to widen your horizons and allow for alternative ways of acting, even though such ways may seem foreign to you. This will relieve your continuing sense that life is oppressive and difficult.

Mercury opposite Neptune

You feel an ongoing tension: between trying to see and communicate things clearly on the one hand, and being called by your rich inner life of the imagination on the other. Your imagination is a mysterious alternative to everyday reality where all the rules are different, and for you it has a seductive power. The resulting confusion and distortions may lead others to regard you as weak, ineffectual, lazy, impractical and even deceptive. It is up to you to concentrate on consensus reality and go along with it enough so that your actions are not regarded as out of place (or time). Then you can set about convincing others of the truth of your inner visions.

Mercury square Midheaven

Even though you spend a lot of time plotting and planning what you are going to do with your life, you only seem to be able to move ahead in fits and starts. This is because you get easily distracted and cannot always concentrate fully on the task at hand. Ideally you should be doing something that allows you to indulge your generalist interests, but since this is difficult to do, you will probably have to bite the bullet and learn a little self-discipline.

Venus square Uranus

Your relationships do not seem to last very long and that bothers you. It's not that you are incapable of caring deeply, the problem is that you have a relatively short attention span. You need to feel that you can leave a relationship at the drop of a hat in order to feel comfortable. You must realize that it is unrealistic to expect others to be able to grant you this much freedom easily. You may appear to be undependable and irresponsible, but it may just be the best thing for all concerned if you do not try to hang on to relationships that have outlived their time or usefulness.

Mars conjunct Jupiter

Generally speaking, you have an abundance of energy that makes you buoyantly optimistic. You also have an innate sense of good timing so that when you do take action, something positive and beneficial seems to occur. Others call you lucky, but it's not that — your upbeat, far-sighted attitude puts you in the right place at the right time and allows you to do whatever is necessary to seize the moment. You may have good athletic skills, but you also definitely have leadership potential.

Mars conjunct Ascendant

You are known for being self-reliant, courageous and daring. You enjoy defending your views and are unafraid to scrap with someone you think is invading your territory. Very competitive, your abundant energies are best served when you have someone or something to resist you. Sports, especially of the contact variety, would be a natural arena for you if you are so inclined. You are at your worst, however, when your natural aggressiveness degenerates into mere belligerence or when you become petty and domineering.

Jupiter conjunct Ascendant.

You are known to be generous and helpful, with a cheerful optimism that makes those around you feel good about themselves. As such, you are very popular, and you enjoy being with others. Deeply interested in the larger questions of life, you have developed a strong moral stance. Your fair-mindedness and general good sense make others seek your opinions on a variety of topics. You will be attracted to others in positions of power and authority who will be helpful in your chosen career. In turn, you enjoy assisting others who are worthy, and may be viewed by many as a mentor.

Saturn conjunct Neptune

Your self-discipline is prodigious. You have the ability to do without material resources (or whatever else you decide is unnecessary to your daily existence). This instinctive ascetic attitude can serve you well when times are tough, since your expectations are not high. Be careful, though, that your desire to withdraw from the world is part of a consciously accepted lifestyle and not merely a mask for deep-seated insecurities and fears. Understanding and dealing with such conditions may require long and patient therapy.

Saturn square Midheaven

You are such a perfectionist and are so self-critical that you rarely can measure up to the high standards you have set for yourself. This causes you to withdraw emotionally because you can never seem to please yourself. When you experience these feelings of inadequacy and alienation, it helps to seek the counsel of a respected friend or advisor. Once you examine the facts of the matter, you probably will see that you have much to be proud of. Try to lower your self-expectations a bit.

Neptune square Midheaven

You are unselfish and giving, but not very strong willed. This becomes a major problem when you are in an environment filled with negative energy. You have the ability to pick up “vibes” and will soak up the energy of those around you like a psychic sponge. Because you do not feel confident enough in yourself to take control of your life, you can succumb to the will of those who might take advantage of you, with all sorts of negative consequences. It is important for you to seek out objective advice at those times when you feel confused or when you feel that your best interests are being compromised — and follow that advice if at all possible.

Your Sustaining Strengths

Trines and sextiles tend to work with a natural harmony that calls for little effort on your part. They show the things that you just seem naturally good at. Usually they point to the more positive parts of your nature, and act as support that you can call on in difficult times.

Because these aspects are so comfortable, they are not likely to push you to expand your limits or cause you to change. It is actually helpful to have a balance of hard aspects (like oppositions and squares) to stimulate you to grow, and soft aspects (trines and sextiles) to ease your passage and provide places to rest.

If you are blessed with a predominance of trines and sextiles, your life may tend to be placid and your nature serene. If so, remember that the world around you is probably sorely in need of these qualities that are yours to bestow.

Sun sextile Uranus

Your free-spirited, innovative approach to doing things lets you shine in situations that demand creativity and new input. You despise being in stagnant situations and will be the one to stir things up if you begin to feel at all restricted or bored. Your continual search for fresh and stimulating experiences may force you into a rather unsettled lifestyle, but you probably won't mind.

Moon sextile Venus

You are known and loved for your gentle, caring and compassionate nature. You enjoy making others comfortable and go out of your way to make sure that the environment is peaceful and calm. Your grace, charm and fair-mindedness allow you to function in the role of pacifier and peacemaker. There is nothing that delights you more than reconciling two seemingly incompatible combatants.

Mercury trine Pluto

Once you have become interested in something, you dive into it with such intensity that you often lose track of things that are peripheral to your central interest. Hobbies become obsessions, and chosen careers are pursued with a totality of absorption that borders on compulsion. You have the ability to convince others of your conclusions. Just be careful not to use any underhanded tactics to assist you in converting others. No one likes to be bullied.

Venus trine Pluto

Giving and receiving affection is the way that you grow and evolve and feel alive. You tend to become totally absorbed in the concerns of your partner, so much so that at times it is difficult to separate the two of you as individuals. If this depth of commitment is reciprocal, your relationship will be transforming and positive. If the other person is not as involved as you are, there is the danger that one of you will become jealous and possessive, and that the relationship will ultimately become destructive.

Mars trine North Node

If a community or charitable organization has a project that needs organizing, you would be the ideal person to organize it. Your vigorous and decisive approach to problem-solving, as well as your ability to motivate large numbers of people from diverse backgrounds, will usually assure the success of any venture, as long as you're given a free hand to run it as you please. You're known as a team player, but you're also an ideal leader of others. Once they're given, your loyalty and devotion are never questioned.

Jupiter trine Midheaven

You have such high standards of honor and integrity that others will seek you out for positions of high trust. If you are so inclined, you might consider a career in politics or diplomacy or perhaps the law. Your decisions are balanced and thoughtful and will command respect. Your career may also be affected by others who are wealthy and influential or, if you are fortunate in your personal circumstances, you may be so yourself.

Saturn sextile Pluto

You have an innate toughness about you that sees you through difficult times. Indeed you are at your best when challenged by seemingly impossible circumstances. You have the discipline and tenacity to face overwhelming odds or to deal constructively with radical and sweeping changes. You are a survivor and, ultimately, a winner. As such, you have the ability to lead others, especially in times of stress.

Neptune sextile Pluto

You, and society as a whole, are witnessing a gradual spiritual transformation that affects everything that you encounter. A solid foundation for protecting the rights of individuals (and especially the underprivileged) was being laid in the era when you were born, so that those in the future will have an equal opportunity to grow, evolve and gain greater understanding.

North Node trine Ascendant

Your outgoing and charming demeanor makes you a popular and well-liked companion, either at home or at your place of work among your colleagues. You know what it means to go out of your way to make others feel at ease. You would be at your best in situations where you can play host or hostess — or anywhere that your skills at interpersonal interactions can be best utilized. You shine when you're with others, even with those whom you don't know — but you tend to get lonely and depressed when left to your own devices. Being allied to a group or cause is what gets your creative juices flowing.

Rounding Out the Picture

Two other families of so-called “minor” aspects add yet more information about the way the planets relate to each other in your chart. Semisquares and sesquares (also known as sesquiquadrates) share the dynamic, crisis-prone nature of the square but need to be quite exact in order to be felt.

Semisextiles and quincunxes connect signs that are totally unrelated to each other. They can have an odd, unsettling quality, indicating problems or issues that it’s hard to get a grip on. They are like interesting puzzles that call for a creative solution.

Sun semisextile Venus

Your physical attractiveness is an annoying issue in your life. It is very difficult for you to judge whether you are truly attractive or not, and you usually will not take the word of those who are close to you. Remember that they are attracted to you because of what you are. They accept you, and so should you. Even though you think that you should always be seeking to make improvements and will devote much time and energy to self-improvement, it is probably not really necessary.

Venus semisquare Jupiter

You have such a warm and loving nature that others are attracted to you. Your popularity assures that you are well provided for, perhaps too much so. At times, you are overly self-indulgent and lazy, thinking that everything should come to you by right and that you do not have to work for anything. Unless you are blessed with inherited wealth, you may find that this is not the case and that you will have to find the self-discipline necessary to motivate yourself to get your life moving.

Jupiter semisquare Uranus

You are both optimistic and eccentric, which makes you a very exciting person to be around. You are unafraid to follow a hunch as it occurs to you, usually just because it offers you the opportunity to do something unique and different. These things usually work out well for you because you do not mind the discomfort of uprooting a settled lifestyle. You are free to do as you like because you allow yourself to be so — and others envy you for it.

Houses: Bringing the Planets Down to Earth

The positions of the planets in the zodiac, and the aspects between the planets, are nearly the same for everyone born on a given day. But the houses reflect how the planets were arranged around you and you alone, at a given hour and minute, and at a given place on Earth. Houses therefore personalize the planets, showing how they relate to your own particular life.

The meanings of the twelve houses echo those of the twelve zodiacal signs, but are more specific and concrete. For example, the second sign, Taurus, is much concerned with the material world, whereas the second house deals with your actual possessions: how you feel about them, and how you acquire them.

The house delineations that follow show how the affairs of each house are flavored by the sign that lies on its cusp. Since houses are sometimes larger than signs, a house may also have one or more signs completely enclosed or “intercepted” within it, in which case you will find additional material about the intercepted signs in a house. Most important, you will learn below in what areas of life the planets — the main actors in your drama — are disposed to be most active, and how the way each planet operates is influenced by both its house and its sign.

House 1: Your Interface with the World

The first house focuses on the basic equipment that you have been given for interacting with the world: your body and your physical constitution, your face, your appearance, your personality, mannerisms and the way you present yourself. It may not be how you see yourself, but it is how others tend to perceive you, and you should be aware that it has an important effect on how you are accepted in social situations. Planets in the first house tend to be strong and “out-front,” especially when they are close to (that is, conjunct) your Ascendant.

Gemini on the First

Extremely active by nature, you like to get around, meet people and do varied things. Very restless, you just can't seem to stay put. To keep your mind stimulated, you need to be involved in several projects at once, and may be known as a Jack-of-all-trades. You like to read, write letters and talk — constantly. Seemingly ageless, you will always appear much younger than you really are. Adaptable and inquisitive, lively and versatile, you are always open to new ideas and experiences. Because of the high nervous tension that you always seem to have, you may find athletic activity a good way to burn off energy. To counter a tendency to experience things only superficially, it would help occasionally to make an effort to dig in and absorb things at a deeper level.

No planets in the First

You have no planets in the first house, which means that the way that others regard you is not usually a major issue for you. Look to the house position of the Sun, Mars and Saturn to learn how your sense of personal identity is integrated into your overall character.

House 2: What You Own and Value

The second house goes a step outward from your own person and has to do with resources that you possess, including money. It shows your attitude toward what you own or would like to own: what you crave and covet, what you most value, how you go about getting it, how you take care of it, and whether or not you hang on to it. By extension, it can also indicate your sense of values: not just material things but also the attitudes and ideas that you hold dear.

Gemini on the Second

More than most, you understand the value of intangibles: information, intellectual property, financial instruments and paper assets. Some of your most cherished possessions may be concepts, and when you do lust after a *thing*, it may be a toy or game. You may also revel in the excitement of the investment game, and here, also, your interests are wide-ranging. You prefer not to keep all your financial eggs in one basket. Your preference for diversity is a good thing for your financial safety, because you tend not to be a buy-and-hold type of investor. Instead, you nimbly and frequently move your money around. Your strength is flexibility, and the ability to act quickly on new information. With this agile approach to the markets, you should be able to take advantage of the most favorable investment climates. Do keep in mind, though, that your values tend to fluctuate according to the fancy of the moment, and try to avoid being swept up by the latest fad.

House 3: Your Immediate Surroundings

Going a step further out from your own body and possessions, the third house has to do with your immediate surroundings and how you interact with them. The first “social” house, it describes brothers and sisters, neighbors and anyone who just happens to be near you on a daily basis. It also describes daily communication and transportation: letters, phone calls and emails, and routine journeys such as commuting to shopping, school or work. The first “mental” house, it governs early education and basic skills training, paving the way for higher education in the ninth house which is directly opposite it in the chart.

Cancer on the Third

Your mind is very sensitive to nuances and subtleties. You have the ability to see the emotional content and meaning behind the bare raw facts that are presented to you. This intuitive “sixth” sense allows you to be aware of the true motivations and intentions and needs of others and, as such, how you can best accommodate them. You are excellent at positions which demand interface with the public for these very reasons. At times, you feel insecure and tend to withdraw and become quite moody. You delight in the activities and daily routines of your family, relatives and nearby neighbors and will devote much time and effort to make your home and neighborhood a more comfortable and safe environment in which to live.

Uranus in the Third

Your mind is very quick, innovative and original. You have the ability to quickly grasp complicated subjects and are attracted to new and unusual ideas and concepts. You love to be the first one to know about something new. Pranks and practical jokes appeal to you and you will go out of your way to shock others with your outrageous conduct or lifestyle. Extremely nervous at times, you tend to be quite undisciplined. Your attention span is quite short and you seem to need constant new stimuli in order to be effective and functional.

Uranus in Cancer

For you, and for your peers as well, the demand to be free from entangling emotional bonds is of paramount importance. You have a unique and unfettered view of family life and will be attracted to experimenting with freeform styles of relationship commitments. This may lead to a rootless, unsettled lifestyle.

House 4: Where You Come From

Being at the very bottom of the wheel, the fourth house is both where you originate and where you come to rest. As such, it describes your parents and ancestral background, and later the home or protected space into which you retreat each day for nourishment and sleep. A deeply personal house, the fourth is concerned with security and peace of mind, the safety of loved ones, and how you care for others and yourself. The place of your roots and the earth beneath your feet, the fourth house rules the house or apartment where you live and also real estate in general. In your trajectory through life, the fourth house shows your origins and where you are coming from, just as the tenth house and Midheaven describe your career and where you aim to go.

Cancer on the Fourth

You are very sentimental about your mother (or the person who played that role for you as a child), your home, your family and your cultural background. You fondly remember those times when you felt most secure and comfortable and loved. You will spend much time and effort trying to recreate those feelings — security and peace of mind are paramount for you. When you are at your best, you willingly provide warmth and comfort to all, but, at your worst, you are moody and unpredictable and very demanding that others pay attention to you.

No planets in the Fourth

You have no planets in the fourth house. This means that home and family are not likely to be major issues for you, or demand much time and energy on your part. For further information on how you handle the issues of security and peace of mind, look to the house and aspects of your Moon.

House 5: Playtime

After being nurtured and restored in the fourth house, you are refreshed and full of energy for play and creative pursuits. Replenished by dreams, you have creative ideas. Nurtured by your parents, you are ready to have your own children. Fresh from the security of home, you are ready to trust the universe and take risks. For all these reasons, the fifth house traditionally rules the child in you and the children around you, your own personal creativity and self-expression, plays and amusements of all sorts, gambling and speculation, and courtship, love affairs and romance. This is an outgoing house, but it is still beneath the horizon, in the territory of your heart's desires.

Leo on the Fifth

For you, life is a stage and you are at the center of that stage. You love the grand gestures and lavish entertainments that you think life should have in abundance. With this attitude toward fun and games, it will be very helpful if you earn a six-figure salary or have inherited wealth, otherwise you will always be pining for what is out of your reach. But you are quite resourceful and can usually look like a million bucks even if you only have modest means. Very romantic when in love, you delight in treating your lover to the “good” life and will try to impress him or her with expensive gifts and favors — and you expect the same treatment in return. You are very proud of your children and love to show them off to your friends and associates.

Pluto in the Fifth

When you have fun — and you love to — you do so totally, as if your very life were at stake. Putting everything on the line gets your adrenaline stirring, and you prefer it if your leisure time is spent doing things that others might regard as foolhardy or dangerous. Winning is so important to you that fun times often degenerate into fights, arguments and disputes. If you have children, you tend to become quite obsessed with them and their concerns, so much so that you find it difficult not to interfere with their daily affairs, even well beyond the time when they should be making decisions on their own.

Pluto in Leo

Your entire generation was born at a time when the relationship of the individual to society as a whole was being thoroughly re-examined. You and your contemporaries will make major attempts to find a balance between the need to be self-sufficient and the need to honor debts of social commitment.

House 6: Taking Care of Business

After the candle-lit dinner comes the credit-card bill. Courtship is followed by the nitty-gritty of married life: babies, diapers and saving up for college. After your creative impulse comes the need to learn the technique of actually making something. And if you overexpend your energy, you get health problems. The sixth house rules taking care of business on an everyday level. This includes your job, paying bills and keeping the house clean. It also includes maintaining your body with medical checkups and a daily regimen of nutrition and exercise. In the old books it ruled servants, and it can by extension rule the way you offer service to others. It also ruled useful animals, particularly small ones like cats, dogs, chickens and pigs. Today this usually means small pets, which exist in the personal, intimate part of your life that is signified by houses that lie below the horizon.

Virgo on the Sixth

You are a diligent, careful worker — an asset to any work place because you are the one who has the patience to be sure that all the small but important details are taken care of. Your patience allows you to do tasks that others regard as drudgery. Your critical faculties are such that you are often entrusted with analyzing, cataloging and categorizing things so that order and efficiency can happen. Very prim and proper, you are fearful of doing anything that might upset your health. As such, you watch your diet very closely and are able to exert a seemingly superhuman amount of self-discipline in controlling what you eat.

Libra on the Sixth

You need harmonious working conditions in order to have peace of mind at the work place. You cannot stand tension or stress and will work long and hard to see that discordant energies are capped. You yourself will make compromises so that things can run smoothly. You are also quite diplomatic and will be able to find a middle path pleasing to all for any dispute. There is ample reason for you to extend yourself like this — your health suffers significantly when you are in a highly charged, uncontrollable situation. When things go too well for you, though, your health can also suffer as you lull yourself into thinking that you can get away with being lazy and self-indulgent.

Saturn in the Sixth

You usually have a very dutiful and responsible attitude toward your work. You can be trusted to perform the thankless minor details connected with your tasks and to do them well. Your highly disciplined approach can make you quite successful at what you do. Although you are prone to be grumpy and complaining, you really do enjoy working as hard as you do. A real perfectionist, what you do is generally careful, thorough and of very high quality.

Saturn in Libra

Although you take quite a while to make decisions, you usually consider all sides to a question, all the pros and cons, and the solution you come up with is very often the correct one. You tend to be very reserved and shy, but, once you make a commitment to someone (in either a business or personal relationship), the partnership is forever. You have a strong sense of justice and fair play and greatly respect the laws and institutions by which you are governed. As such, you are outraged when others break laws or show contempt for authority.

Neptune in the Sixth

You have to learn to build up your sense of self-confidence. Your feelings of personal inadequacy and self-doubt make you think that you always have to give in to others and to serve them. On the positive side, you are a willing worker in any project that appeals to your high standards and ideals. Physically, you are extremely sensitive to outside influences. Unresolved emotional problems can lead to illness or allergies, so try to keep your environment full of upbeat, optimistic people — avoid tension and discord if at all possible.

Neptune in Libra

You and your entire generation idealized experimental approaches to relationships such as “living together,” open marriage, and the formation of communes and collectives. While your generation has a tendency toward weakening commitments on an emotional and contractual level, on the spiritual and metaphysical level it holds heightened expectations about commitment and mutual support.

House 7: Relating One-to-One

If you courted in the fifth house and woke up in the sixth yoked to another in a daily routine, the seventh house gives you a chance to hammer out a relationship of true equals. The goal is wedded bliss and a true sense of relatedness, but along the way there may be fights as you each define your individuality and establish your own territory. Not only is the seventh the traditional house of marriage, it is also the house of open enemies, your sparring partners in life. In general, since the first house is you yourself, the seventh house, directly opposite, is the other person in a variety of situations. Besides signifying a marriage or sparring partner, the seventh house rules business partners, or those on the other side of a desk, such as consultants, lawyers, therapists or astrologers.

Sagittarius on the Seventh

You seek a partner who can help provide you with a sense of overall direction and purpose in life. Emotional considerations are not as important for you in relationships (either business or personal) as are the integrity and high-mindedness that a potential partner can bring to you and therefore allow you to focus your energies on something that is important and beyond yourself. This will help to liberate you and make you feel unencumbered. Once the ground rules of the relationship have been set, you will allow each other more individual freedom than most relationships can support — you are rarely jealous or possessive of each other.

No planets in the Seventh

You have no planets in the seventh house of your horoscope. This does not mean that you will never have any relationships or that you will never get married. What it does indicate is that you will not find your life overly dominated by working out problems associated with relationships. You will experience more or less activity in these areas occasionally, along with everyone else.

House 8: Giving It All Away

Having achieved a relationship of equals in the seventh house, you are ready to give up your separateness in the eighth, merging in sexual union and becoming one on a deep emotional level. If the second house was about grasping and possessing, the eighth is about sharing and letting go. While the second rules your own money, the eighth rules how you deal with other people's money and how you pool resources. On a mundane level the eighth rules taxes, but on a fundamental level it can rule giving up anything you value, including your ego and even your body. In relaxing your grasp on what you find most dear, you may find that you are really not as dependent on it as you thought. In relinquishing, you achieve a new level of freedom, and feel lighter, renewed and more alive. Related to all this, the eighth signifies mysteries such as death and resurrection, magic and the occult, and the deep parts of the psyche that are beyond our conscious grasp.

Sagittarius on the Eighth

You have a very honest, refreshing and open-minded approach to sexual matters. You will only proceed in any liaison if your high standards of ethics and morality are not compromised in any way. Once these conditions have been met, you are an enthusiastic participant — willing to experiment if you both desire to do so and enjoying and needing the more recreational aspects of one-to-one intimate encounters. You also have an expansive and enthusiastic attitude toward investments. You are willing to take risks if you are convinced of the moral integrity of any scheme. You enjoy the thrills and sporting fun of speculation.

No planets in the Eighth

The eighth house of your horoscope contains no planets. This definitely does not mean that you will not enjoy a rewarding sex life or that you will never have any resources to invest or to share in common with another. What it does mean is that these issues will not be as paramount in your life as they are for others. You will experience a certain amount of disequilibrium and/or joy about these matters, but no more than the average person experiences.

House 9: Expanding Your Awareness

Approaching the highest point in the sky, the ninth house wafts you up and out of your rut, giving you a broad and lofty view of the terrain beneath. Whereas the third ruled basic schooling and short trips, the ninth rules higher education and long-distance travel. It removes you from your everyday routine so you can see the overall pattern, the overlooked connections between things. It rules all-embracing concepts (such as your philosophy of life) and institutions (like religion and law) that stand over society and keep it bound together. It can also signify your teachers and mentors, your library, and all else that broadens your outlook.

Capricorn on the Ninth

You have a very practical approach to philosophical and metaphysical concerns. Basically, you are only interested in an idea or viewpoint if you can turn it to some immediate benefit. You are thus not attracted to abstractions because they are really only speculative in nature and you only like to deal with the known and reliable. You tend to accept the views of those whom you admire and will not want to deviate from a life course once you have set on it. You are thus orthodox and narrow-minded by choice. You do not enjoy surprises or distractions as you proceed on toward your life's goals.

No planets in the Ninth

Your ninth house is not activated by planetary activity. The extent and depth of your life philosophy and the intensity of your higher educational experiences are not major issues for you. Look to the house and aspects of Jupiter in your horoscope to get further information on how you deal with these issues.

House 10: Your Public Self

If the fourth house showed your roots and where you came from, the tenth shows what you are ultimately aiming at in life. Whereas the sixth shows your daily job and how you make a living, the tenth signifies your career, your personal contribution, your reputation and what you become known for. Some astrologers also believe that the fourth house signifies one parent, and the tenth signifies the other. The tenth-house parent is most likely the one who prepares you for the world. The closer a planet is to the Midheaven, the more likely that planet is to be the major significator of your life's direction.

Capricorn on the Tenth

You have an incredibly strong need to succeed at whatever life goal you have set for yourself. You feel that you absolutely must succeed, because you fear failure. You therefore organize your life with an astounding degree of thoroughness so that nothing can distract you. Your need to be thorough usually comes at the expense of speed, making you a bit of a plodder. You are the ideal person to supervise an ongoing task that must be executed with precision. Because of your persistence, you are able to make real what for others are only dreams .

Moon in the Tenth

Your mother (or the person who provided comfort and nurture for you early in life) has been very important in shaping your life goals. Your heightened awareness of the needs of others allows you to be successful in most careers that involve a great deal of interaction with the public. It will, however, be a temptation for you to merely reflect the feelings and needs of others. Try to be yourself — your opinions and wants are important, too.

Moon in Aquarius

Very freedom-oriented, you must always be able to do what you wish, no matter what. You become stubborn and recalcitrant when others try to force you into a mold. You are a true democrat — you are not a follower, but you enjoy being with those who are like-minded. You appreciate emotional self-control — you practice it yourself and you look for it in others. You solve problems, including emotional ones, with your brains and intellect, not your feelings. Try to be tolerant of those who have powerful and obvious emotional responses — not everyone is as objective, cool, dispassionate and detached as you are.

North Node in the Tenth

You tend to have a very practical approach to the way you deal with other people. You rarely, if ever, form casual relationships, and need a real and identifiable purpose for spending time with anyone. While some may regard you as cool and calculating, you're an excellent companion to those who can be of assistance to you, especially those who can help you move ahead in your chosen career. To avoid acquiring a reputation as a backslapper or social climber, in return you must offer real value to those with whom you want to associate.

North Node in Aquarius

As long as someone else (or a group or organization) appeals to your intellectual sensibilities, you'll try to ally yourself with them in some way. You may find that you always seem to get involved with many wide-ranging groups — so much so that you find it difficult to fit them all into your busy schedule. Your many friends and acquaintances provide you with needed stimulation. Loyal and fair-minded, you try to spend time equally with all your friends, never concentrating on just one or two for any length of time. Although probably quite conservative yourself, you're attracted to those who are a bit offbeat or eccentric, because you enjoy watching their minds work.

House 11: Your Circle of Acquaintances

The eleventh is the last house of relationships: not brothers, sisters and neighbors who just happen to be around you, not one-to-one partners, but the circle of friends and associates whom you actively choose. It shows the way you make and keep friendships, the organizations you join, the networking you do, and the general way you interact with groups. After you have established yourself as an individual and learned to form personal relationships with others, you are ready to think about the common good. This is why the eleventh often signifies groups dedicated to social or other sorts of collective improvement.

Aquarius on the Eleventh

You do not make friends quickly because you are wary of others getting too close to you and making demands on your time. But, once you realize that the other person shares similar interests with you, you will usually loosen up and want to spend a lot of time with him or her. As a matter of fact, you are quite comfortable with the “non-emotionally-involving” nature of friendships and you will devote a great part of your time and energy to spreading your circle of relationships. You like to function in group structures, partly because of the anonymity they afford, and also because you feel that you can be truly effective and that your efforts can actually bring results that would be impossible otherwise.

House 12: The Hidden You

The twelfth house is where planets go just after they have risen. Here planets are still wet behind the ears, blinking in the sunlight and unsteady on their feet. Feeling completely vulnerable, planets in the twelfth tend to hide. Their energies can become repressed and secretive, and sometimes they lurk as complexes in the subconscious. This is why the twelfth is associated with self-sabotage, with hidden enemies, and with prison and whatever else makes you feel confined. The traditional association with hospitals and prisons suggest that constructive ways of dealing with twelfth-house problems include helping others who are similarly repressed or confined. Also, some with a strong twelfth-house emphasis become successful as undercover workers or as the power behind the throne.

Pisces on the Twelfth

There is a part of you that you try to suppress because it gives the lie to your usual self-image. While you love to portray yourself as aggressive and self-directed and in charge of your own life, you have a sentimental, feeling and caring side that embarrasses you. You become confused and guilty when you realize that certain situations might be better handled with care and compassion rather than with your usual devil-may-care bravado. You must learn to trust in your self-composure to the extent that you know that you can wear your heart on your sleeve without giving up any of your vaunted independence. Take the time to help others — it expands and ennobles your humanity and takes nothing away from you.

Aries on the Twelfth

You have developed a habit of initiating a response to certain stimuli and then regretting that you did so. It is almost as if you were ashamed to have notice brought to yourself. Perhaps, when you were quite young, you were told or led to believe that it was not seemly to be forward or aggressive and that you should always stifle any attempts to do anything with enthusiasm and energy. Learn to trust your better instincts. You probably have built in so many defense mechanisms by now that you will not do anything foolish in anyone's eyes. When you feel strongly drawn to initiating something, go for it — you will be surprised at how effective you can be.

Many planets in the Twelfth

Whether your earliest attempts to make a mark in the world were regarded as victories or defeats (by you) will be all-important in determining the ease with which you attain later goals. If you thought they were defeats (they might not have been in others' eyes), you will tend to set yourself up for future defeats by choosing situations for action that are inherently difficult. Be more at ease with yourself — try not to let the ghosts of the past intrude on a present that has untold positive possibilities for future growth. As F.D.R. said, you “have nothing to fear but fear itself.” You are stronger than you think you are.

Sun in the Twelfth

You tend to be shy and retiring, especially when your sense of self-esteem has been threatened. You often feel that you do not deserve to make a mark in the world, perhaps because of some painful early childhood experience. This is an unnecessary fear, however. You have very good qualities and should be proud of yourself. You are a caring, sensitive and compassionate person, very helpful to others. Your awareness of your own pain and self-doubt makes you very effective in extending your sympathy to others whose problems are more likely than not much more tangible than those that you think are holding you back.

Sun in Taurus

You are known for being patient, slow moving and careful — you love to prolong and savor enjoyable times. You appreciate and need comfort, ease and warm surroundings. Be careful of a tendency to become placid and self-satisfied and to overeat (especially sweets). You require strenuous situations in order to grow and mature properly, even though you try to avoid them. Affectionate, even-tempered and slow to anger — when you do become emotionally upset, you are also slow to forgive and time must pass before your calm returns. You demand real results from any situation — abstractions are very difficult for you to comprehend. Very artistic, your hands love to mold and shape things. You portray an earthy, physical sexiness that others find quite seductive.

Mercury in the Twelfth

You tend to be secretive, not wanting others to know what you are thinking. This is probably because you are afraid that your ideas are not worthy to be heard or discussed. You tend to enjoy constructing a private fantasy world into which you can escape. The danger of this is that others may take your quietness for aloofness or snobbery and may start to distrust you. Another danger is that you may become overly dependent on your inner world and become fearful of everyday reality. Learn to trust others more. You will be surprised to learn that they are as full of self-doubt as you are.

Mercury in Aries

Very quick-witted, you are known for being an independent thinker. You love to debate and argue, and are excellent at repartee and battles of wits. At times, however, you act too fast on hastily formed opinions. Defending your rash and sometimes incorrect conclusions can waste a lot of energy. It is perfectly acceptable to defend your beliefs with your usual vigor, but try not to take the opinions of others as personal insults.

Venus in the Twelfth

Although a very loving person, you tend to be shy and reserved about expressing your true feelings. You are afraid of being rejected by others should you become too exuberant — you find aggressiveness personally offensive. You must learn to trust others and yourself, too. When you are able to relax and not feel threatened, you are very giving to others, especially those who are in distress.

Venus in Aries

You are a very affectionate person but you hate to be tied down. You are more than willing to be the aggressor in initiating new relationships. Indeed, once you have set your sights on someone, you tend to pursue him or her ardently and passionately. But you do demand your own way in a relationship. Try to give in to your partner's needs and desires once in a while.

Mars in the Twelfth

You have strong feelings and are probably naturally assertive, but a continuing defeatist attitude, which probably stems from some unfortunate early childhood experience, bogs you down. You flee from conflicts and always seem to be tired, listless and irritable. It is important that others in your environment give you support and encouragement in order for you to build up your self-confidence. You tend to prefer doing things indirectly, behind the scenes or even in secret. You have the ability (and probably the need) to work effectively on your own.

Mars in Gemini

Your energies get turned on quickly whenever anything interests you. But you have a very short attention span and it is difficult for you to complete tasks because something else more interesting always seems to be beckoning. You love to debate and argue, usually in a spirit of friendly disagreement. Watch out that you do not get overly aggressive or antagonistic, or others will be quick to take offense where none may have been intended. You need to be in constant physical motion, so that sports or daily exercise is a must for you if you are to feel fit and healthy.

Jupiter in the Twelfth

You have a gentle, unselfish demeanor about you and you are kind and generous to those who are less fortunate than you. Quiet and humble, you prefer to avoid the limelight, doing the best you can from behind the scenes. You delight in the peace, quiet and sustenance of your own inner world. At times, you have problems caused by your tendency to be extravagant in your gestures — but this is not usually the case.

Jupiter in Taurus

Growth only occurs for you after you have found a stable lifestyle and a dependable, protective and secure environment. You are at your best when those around you provide you with a great deal of affection and support. When you feel insecure or threatened, you tend to become possessive and grasping and self-indulgent. You are an inveterate collector with an expensive preference for all the good things that life has to offer.

A Mirror of Your Uniqueness

This report is based on the position of the Sun, Moon and planets at the moment of your birth, as seen from the point on Earth where you were born. Such an arrangement of planets and stars will never be repeated in exactly the same form. Like the genes that determine your body and temperament, your astrological chart is made up of the same basic parts that other humans have, but the arrangement of these parts is uniquely your own.

You could think of your birth moment as a seed that contains the potential for how you will unfold. The arrangement of the planets at your birth does not, however, cause your body structure and temperament in the way that the patterning of your DNA causes it. Instead, the planetary positions at your birth employ the language of symbols to mirror who you are. Like a mirror, your chart enables you to see yourself from outside yourself, and it therefore extends your point of view.

To use a different analogy, your chart shows the deck you've been dealt, the raw materials you are given from which to fashion a life. Nobody's perfect: we are all given our special problems to solve and our special strengths and beauties. In knowing what you have to work with, you will be better able to make use of your gifts, fill in (or at least be comfortable about) what you lack, and grow in the life directions that are right for you and you alone.

Instead of assuming that there is one norm for everyone, astrology attempts to show the special pattern that is right for you. In doing so, it can give you clues as to how you can more fully and consciously fill the unique role that you have been given in this lifetime, and enrich the world with the gifts that only you can bestow.

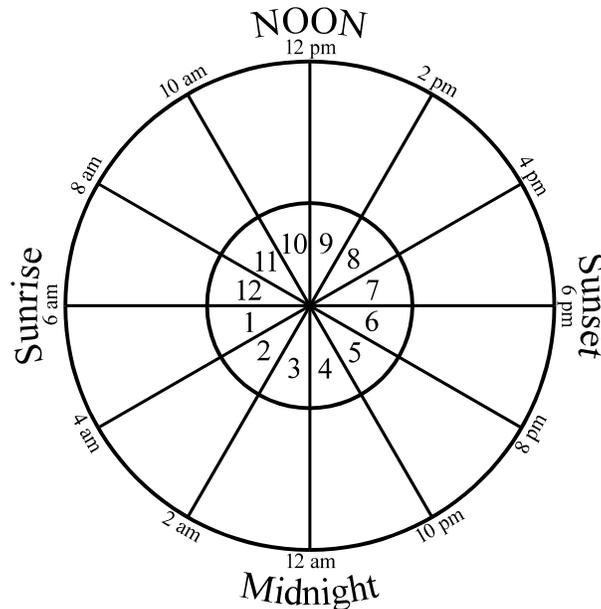
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Getting the Most from Your Professional Natal Report

If you want to know more about your report, here is a brief outline of how horoscopes work, concise meanings of each part of the horoscope and, scattered throughout, tips on how to put these parts together to get further information from your birth chart.

Deciphering Your Horoscope Wheel

The horoscope wheel in your report is a complete, accurately calculated chart such as a professional astrologer would draw up. This wheel is actually a diagram showing how the planets and signs were arranged around you at the moment of your birth.



Think of yourself, just being born, as being at the center. The two horizontal spokes are the horizon of the place where you were born. Above this line are the planets that were up in the sky. Below it are the planets that were hidden below the horizon. The sky is shown as if you were facing south. As the Earth turns on its axis each day, the Sun would rise to your left in the east, culminate or reach its highest point around noon, set to your right, and anticulminate or reach its lowest point about midnight before rising the next day.

Were you born during the day or at night? If you look at your own horoscope wheel, you should see your Sun (☉) either above or below the horizon, reflecting the time of day when you were born. The diagram above shows approximately where the Sun would be at various times during a 24-hour period. The planets, too, make this entire trip clockwise around the horoscope wheel each day, but each rises and sets at a different time.

The twelve spokes of the horoscope wheel are the borders, or cusps, of the twelve *houses*. You can think of the house cusps as partitions that are attached to the Earth and radiate out into space. Each day as the Earth turns on its axis, each of the house cusps sweeps through every degree of the zodiac. Most wheel styles available in *Professional Natal Report* show the degree, sign and minute of the zodiac that was on each house cusp at the moment you were born. Inside the houses are the *planets*, shown with the degree, sign and minute of their zodiacal position.

The Planets

The planets are the main actors in the drama. To astrologers, planets are bodies that appear from Earth to *move* through the zodiac. For this reason, they include the Sun and Moon as well as the other bodies (like Jupiter, Venus and Mars) that orbit the Sun. The Moon appears to go once around the zodiac in a month; the Sun, Venus and Mercury take about a year; Mars takes about 2 years; Jupiter about 12;

Saturn about 30; Uranus about 84; Neptune about 164; and Pluto about 245 years.

What the Planets Symbolize

Astrology recognizes that people really cannot be adequately described in simplistic terms like good or bad, energetic or lazy, loving or cold. Perhaps the richest of all languages for describing human complexity, astrology sees people as a composite of at least ten different internal characters. Like the inhabitants of a royal court, each character has an official function (king, queen, jester, minstrel, gardener, cook, etc.) that is the same for everyone. The personality of each functionary and its relationship to all the other characters, however, is unique for each individual. Therefore, though the number of actors is the same, the drama can vary hugely from person to person.

These ten characters are, of course, the *planets*. The *sign* each planet is in determines its personality. For example, is the king (the Sun) in a naturally regal sign (Leo), in a sign that is shy and retiring (Pisces), or in one that is all business (Capricorn)? The *house* a planet is associated with shows the area of life where the planet will tend to express itself. For the king, will it be mainly through pomp and celebrations (5th house), secret diplomacy (12th house), or repairing the roads and making the trains run on time (6th house)? And finally, his relations with the others in the realm are shown by the *aspects* he makes with them. Does he work smoothly with his ministers and generals (trines and sextiles), is he in open conflict with them (oppositions and squares), or is he in poor communication with them or even being secretly undermined (quincunxes and semisextiles)?

We will get to all these factors further on. Right now, the first step in understanding this complex drama is understanding each courtier's basic role. The basic functions of the planets are as follows.

☉ **The Sun** Just as its target-shaped symbol or glyph suggests, the Sun represents your center: the center from which all your energies radiate, the center from which you view the universe, and also the physical center that is your body. Its position by sign, house and aspect shows how and where you radiate your energies into the world. The Sun is the basic life-initiating or father principle. You could think of the Sun as the king.

☾ **The Moon** Whether you see this symbol as a crescent Moon, bowl, or radar dish, the idea is the same. The Moon receives, contains, and gives form to the abstract energy represented by the Sun. If the Sun is the basic you, the Moon is what gives you your particular personality – your genetic heritage, earliest training, and habit patterns. The symbol can also be seen as a cradle or enfolding arms; the Moon is the basic life-sustaining, nurturing or mother principle. Most obviously, the Moon is the queen, but she is also the land and the people.

☿ **Mercury** This glyph suggests the messenger of the gods with his winged helmet. Fittingly, this planet represents how you think, communicate and move about. Mercury appears from Earth to shuttle back and forth near the Sun – like the nerve impulses in your body or the transportation systems of our society. It is a link, a bridge, a translator, putting abstract energies into symbols so they can be manipulated within your mind or communicated to others. Mercury has many guises, including the scribe, the ambassador, the merchant, the bell cord that goes from banquet hall to pantry, and the air itself, which carries the sound waves of speech. Mercury is also the nimble juggler, and the child who skips through the hallways and plays pranks.

♀ **Venus** This glyph is traditionally the mirror of the goddess, but it is even more like a flower, whose function is to attract pollination so the plant can bear fruit. Venus symbolizes your powers of

attraction, of bringing people, objects or ideas together to create harmonious wholes. It shows how you project and appreciate beauty, how and what you love, what gives you pleasure, the areas of your creativity, your tact and social skills. Venus could be the royal mistress, the hostess, or the artisan who makes the castle beautiful.

♂ **Mars** The shield and spear of the war-god Mars are also like the Sun glyph with an arrow showing energy emerging from it. Whereas the Sun is your basic energy center, Mars, centerless but with an arrow, shows how you apply this energy to get things done. And, if the Sun is your basic self or ego, Mars is how you assert yourself and defend your ego. It is anger and aggression, but it is also the energy that enables you to fight for survival. Mars is the "muscle" of society as well as your body: the workers, the soldiers, the knights who defend the helpless, and the police who enforce Saturn's law.

♃ **Jupiter** The glyphs for Jupiter and Saturn are almost the reverse of each other, just as the planets in many ways symbolize opposite energies. Jupiter is like arms raised and flung out to take in all the goodness of the world. It signifies that part of you that wants to reach out, overcome limitations, and take in everything to make it your own. (Appropriately, Jupiter is the largest planet in the solar system.) It gives expansiveness, optimism, generosity, magnanimity and a love of freedom and new experiences, but it can also bring acquisitiveness, wastefulness, insensitivity to others' needs, and lack of attention to detail. Jupiter can be the chancellor who helps the king rule, a minister of far-reaching vision who sees the big picture and lays plans for the future prosperity and well-being of the state. He can also be the lawgiver who maps out the basic code that holds society together; or the archbishop, who calls on a higher power and unites the realm under the banner of faith.

♄ **Saturn** To make a bad pun, the glyph for "Sat-on" looks like a seat-or maybe a candle-snuffer. When carried to excess, Saturn can keep life down or even snuff it out, but when applied in moderation it is the necessary force that defines limits and keeps Jupiterian expansion from getting out of hand. It signifies obstacles and frustration, but also discipline and order. Saturn could be the minister of finance or the royal housekeeper who keeps a tight hand on the purse-strings, the conservative advisor who champions traditional values and stems the tide of change, the severe judge who puts a stop to crime (and sometimes people's lives as well), or the wise old counselor who guards against excess.

Saturn is the furthest planet in the solar system to be seen by the naked eye. Beyond lie planets not ordinarily visible; these enable you to transcend the everyday reality of Saturn and explore worlds outside ordinary common sense.

♅ **Uranus** The glyph for Uranus was made up to suggest the initial of its discoverer, Herschel, but it could also be seen as the head of a baby emerging from the birth canal. It represents the first breakthrough into the universe beyond Saturn, a sudden disruption and cracking-open of Saturn's confining shell. It brings upset, surprise and insecurity but also originality, a love of the new, creativity and freedom. Uranus is the court jester who turns reality on its head, the rebel who shakes up the status quo, or the traveler from a remote kingdom who stands out from all others at court with his outlandish manners and dress.

♆ **Neptune** The trident of the Roman sea-god suggests the oceanic quality of Neptune. Whereas Uranus cracked open the rigid shell of Saturn, Neptune furthers the process by dissolving the shell entirely. Neptune is the urge within you to go beyond all the boundaries and limitations that make you a particular human being and return into the vast and formless ocean of oneness with the universe. When people are insufficiently grounded, Neptune can bring weakness, dishonesty, illusion, addiction

and an inability to cope with everyday life. But once their egos are fully developed, Neptune can bring empathy, selfless service to others, and transcendent knowledge and bliss. Neptune is the soothsayer, who brings knowledge from the world of dreams; or the religious hermit, who bypasses the archbishop's church and is in direct contact with God.

♇ **Pluto** Pluto is often represented as "♇," but many astrologers prefer a glyph like Mercury's with the crescent in a different place. Whereas Mercury translated information from one form to another, Pluto transforms – people, situations, whatever it touches. Another way of seeing the Pluto glyph is as a dying plant releasing a seed. The disruption and dissolution begun by Uranus and Neptune is completed by Pluto in death and the rebirth that follows. Pluto shows up in everyday life as change, development, transformation, regeneration. People with a strong Pluto can lead lives with many upheavals and "rebirths" or can be forceful and persuasive in bringing about change in others. Pluto could be the magician, who works in the secret realms to bring about change. He is also the invisible tide of change itself, which brings an end to whatever is outworn, so that life can periodically be renewed.

Additional Points

Some astrologers consider additional bodies such as various asteroids and Chiron, a small comet-like object that orbits between Saturn and Uranus and goes around the zodiac in just under 51 years. Many also use the lunar Nodes, mathematical points that travel *backwards* around the zodiac in about 19 years.

♄ **Chiron** The key-like glyph that astrologers have settled upon since Chiron's discovery in 1977 suggests the opening of a door, possibly one through the wall erected by Saturn, leading to a new realm of innovation and freedom represented by Uranus. Half-horse, half-man, Chiron arose from the savage race of centaurs to teach civilized values and technologies for improving human life. Most memorably, he himself suffered a painful wound that would not heal, yet taught the healing arts to the young Aesculapius. Epitomizing the wounded healer, Chiron is thought by many astrologers to signify the hurt places within us, and the ways they can enable us to heal and improve the lives of others.

♋ **North Node** The glyph suggests the Dragon's Head, the old name for this point. Directly opposite it in the zodiac is the **South Node** or Dragon's Tail (♌), which is often omitted from the chart wheel because it is always 180 degrees from the North Node. The Nodes are the two places in the zodiac where the the Moon's orbital plane connects with the plane of the Earth's orbit around the Sun. Some astrologers read both Nodes as connections, particularly to relatives or groups. Others see the South Node as old skills, relationships and attitudes that you have thoroughly mastered and now must leave behind, and the North Node as new areas that you need to advance toward for your continuing evolution.

Which Planets Are Most Important in Your Chart?

In general, the Sun and Moon – the "luminaries" or "lights" – are the solar-system bodies to which astrologers would pay the most attention. While the other planets supply the details, these great lights in the sky symbolize the two fundamental poles of your being, the basic yang/yin, radiating-outward/enfolding-inward sides of your nature. Contemplating the aspects, signs and perhaps also the houses of the Sun and Moon can reveal volumes about the most profound parts of your self.

Next in personal significance are the inner planets, Mercury, Venus and Mars. Following this are the outer, or slow-moving, planets, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

This basic order of importance is reflected in your report, where aspects from the Sun, Moon and inner planets are always listed before aspects from the outer planets. Also, whenever planets are tallied in signs, houses or other categories, the luminaries and inner planets are given more weighting points.

Each individual chart also has its own *individual* pattern of planetary strength that distinguishes it from other people's charts. Which planet or planets happen to be speaking the loudest in *your* chart? Here are some things to look for, in order of their importance.

1. Turning back to the chart wheel or aspect listing at the beginning of this report, do you find any planets very near the Ascendant, Midheaven, Descendant or Imum Coeli of your chart? (The way charts are most often cast, these are at the beginning of the First, Tenth, Seventh or Fourth houses.) Having a planet within seven degrees of a conjunction to any of these four points is almost guaranteed to make that planet one of the most obvious and strong components in your character. The closer a planet is to one of these points, the stronger it is.
2. A close aspect to the Sun or Moon (say, within a 5-degree orb) can also confer great importance on one of the other planets.
3. A planet can also become very important if it is in some other aspect than the conjunction to the Ascendant or Midheaven. Here, you would consider aspects within an orb of about 5 degrees.

Aspects between the Planets

Since each planet travels around the zodiac at its own speed, the angles between the planets constantly change. When the angle between two planets approaches an even division of the circle (such as 1/2 or 180 degrees, 1/3 or 120 degrees, 1/4 or 90 degrees, etc.) astrologers find that the symbolism of those planets becomes linked in your personality. These significant angles are called *aspects*. Aspects come in families, each of which is based on number, and each of which has its own characteristic feeling.

The Strongest Aspect The **conjunction** (0 degrees, symbol σ) is in a family by itself. Whether it is easy or difficult depends almost completely on the two planets involved. It is usually considered along with the "hard" aspects below simply because it is so intense.

The "Hard" Aspects Aspects that arise from dividing the circle by 2 (the **opposition**, 180 degrees, symbol \wp) and 4 (the **square**, 90 degrees, symbol \square) are called "hard" because they tend to precipitate crises and usually call for effort on your part. For the same reasons, they can also be dynamic and productive. This report discusses the conjunction and hard aspects first, because these are the aspects that usually concern people the most, and which bring them to consult their astrologers.

The "Soft" Aspects These arise from dividing the circle by 3 (the **trine**, 120 degrees, symbol Δ) and 6 (the **sextile**, 60 degrees, symbol $*$). Planets linked by trines or sextiles tend to work easily together, aiding and abetting each other. Trines and sextiles show the parts of your nature that tend to run along smoothly and effortlessly.

The Minor Aspects The **semisquare** (45 degrees, symbol \angle) is 1/8 of the circle, and the **sesquiquadrate** or **sesquare** (135 degrees, symbol \square) is 3/8. Coming from a smaller subdivision of the square, the semisquare and sesquare have a similar dynamic and stressful feeling but are not quite as strong.

The **semisextile** (30 degrees, symbol ♁) is 1/12 of the circle and the **quincunx** (150 degrees, symbol ♁) is 5/12. These aspects connect signs that have no relation to each other, being neither of the same element nor of the same mode. They have a problematic quality, like two characters who have to deal with each other, but just don't seem to speak the same language.

The "Orb" of an Aspect

It's rare for the angle between two planets to be *exactly* 60 degrees or 90 degrees, or whatever. How far an aspect can be from exact and still have an effect is called the aspect's allowable *orb*. For example, for a conjunction between the Sun and Moon many astrologers would set an orb of 10 degrees. This means that if the Sun and Moon were 9 degrees, 30 minutes apart, it would be considered a conjunction; but if they were 10 degrees, 5 minutes apart, the aspect would be ignored.

Most astrologers give wider orbs to aspects that involve the Sun or Moon, and narrower orbs to aspects that do not involve these two luminaries. Also, major aspects like squares and trines usually get larger orbs than minor aspects like semisquares and semisextiles.

Which Aspects Are Most Important in Your Chart?

The aspect table at the beginning of this report summarizes the aspects that exist in your chart. In the "The orb is" column you will see the number of degrees and minutes that each of your aspects is from being exact. Aspects having an orb of less than 1 degree are likely to be main keynotes in your personality, particularly if they are a major aspect such as a conjunction, opposition, trine or square. You might want to make a list of the five closest aspects in your chart, and then pay special attention to those interpretations in your report.

The Signs of the Zodiac

As the planets orbit the Sun, they appear from Earth to travel through a narrow belt of fixed stars. This we call the *zodiac*. Most astrologers in the West use the *tropical zodiac*, which puts its starting point (0 degrees Aries) at where the Sun is on the first day of spring in the Earth's Northern Hemisphere. The tropical zodiac describes the cycle of the seasons, a cycle of beginning, growth, and preparation for new beginning. Each of the twelve signs represents a stage in that cycle, and gives its own characteristic coloration to the planets and houses that lie within it.

♈ **Aries** The pointed face and horns of the ram – or a young plant springing from seed. As befits the beginning of spring, the idea is one of arising out of nothing into life, from non-being into being. Aries gives a fresh, sharp, young, eager quality, full of starting energy not yet disciplined or refined. It is adventurous, impatient, self-expressive, open, direct, and not always sensitive to others' feelings.

♉ **Taurus** The bull's head and horns – or a pot of earth to contain the Aries seedling. Taurus gives Aries energy a material, earthy base of operations. It is symbolized by the plant taking root, and by the baby discovering the physical world: seeing, tasting, touching. It is much concerned with the body, with comfort and sensual pleasure, with good quality in material things. It is practical, steady, persistent, and tends to do things more slowly than other signs.

♊ **Gemini** The twins – or the Roman numeral two, or a swing. The idea is of shuttling back and forth. It is the young plant putting forth its feathery branches in all directions, and of the baby learning to walk and name things, to move about the world, to communicate and interact with others. This sign has a light, youthful quality. It is sociable without getting deeply involved, interested and curious,

talkative, restless and in constant motion.

♋ **Cancer** The crab – or cradling arms. This is the sign of the family unit, a protected space from which one can grow. The plant is now lush and green, pulling water up from deep levels of the soil so it can provide nourishment and shade. Cancer has to do with shelter, food, mother love, nurturing, taking care of. It gives a sensitive, emotional quality, a tie to one's heritage and the past, a concern with home and security, and a desire to foster, protect and to be attached to someone or something.

♌ **Leo** A lion's tasseled tail – or the proscenium arch of a stage. The plant is now in full flower, at the apex of its development, yet already it is showing signs of dryness. In Leo the child revels in its own energy, in pleasure, in being alive and having a self; and it proudly presents itself to the world. Leo is a star performer, radiating life energy to others and desiring in turn to be admired and appreciated. It runs the risk of egotism and bombast, but on the plus side is self-expressive, open and generous, as well as proud, dignified, fond of ceremony, and persistent.

♍ **Virgo** Coils of energy walled off and contained – or a symbol with its legs tightly crossed! This is a time of toil, when the plant bears fruit that needs picking, and the grain is ready to be gathered and stored for the lean part of the year. The energy realized in Leo is contained and put to work in Virgo. Pleasure is now deferred in order to master life's practical details, develop one's skills, learn to do and make. One learns not just to be an individual as in Leo, but to function as one, to be self-sufficient. Virgo gives a consciousness of duty, practicality, craftsmanship, pride in accomplishment, discrimination and attention to detail.

♎ **Libra** Balance-type scales, a bridge, or the setting Sun. This is a time of pause after the harvest, a point of equilibrium, of Indian summer when there is a final burst of flowering before the cold. Being self-sufficient, one is now ready to reach out for a partner and settle down. If Aries was a sign of a single being springing up vertically into life, Libra, its opposite, is one of reaching out horizontally. Aries went from stillness into motion; Libra seeks balance – in a relationship to another, in judgments and opinions, in manners and esthetic matters. In order to achieve balance, scores must sometimes be settled, so Libra may court contests and confrontations on the way to establishing a relationship of equals. Libra sees the world in terms of relationships; is sociable; is concerned with harmony, beauty, decorum and justice.

♏ **Scorpio** The scorpion with its barbed tail – or a coil accumulating and releasing energy. This is the time when the first frost congeals water, putting a decisive end to that which is green. In the old Celtic calendar it is the point of death, a break in the chain of the year, when the plant kingdom goes dormant and soul separates from body before a new cycle begins. In Scorpio, the energy harnessed for practical uses in Virgo is gathered more intensely and released to effect profound transformations. Having linked with another at a social level in Libra, one is ready for a deeper merging in Scorpio. Taurus had a simple sensuality; for its opposite sign, Scorpio, sex is the ego-death and merging of two individuals. Scorpio has a sustained emotional intensity, an interest in what is below the surface, a probing quality, an air of hidden power.

♐ **Sagittarius** The arrow and bowstring of the archer – or the Scorpio arrow of energy breaking through the surface. Deciduous plants are dormant, and so we celebrate the evergreen to remind ourselves that life continues. As the world of nature retreats, we enter the conceptual world of philosophy and religion. In Sagittarius the coiled-up energy of Scorpio is released into the air and it soars toward freedom. Sagittarius symbolizes wide-ranging energy, either physical as in travel and

sports, or mental as in far-reaching intellectual interests. In both motion and thought, it covers much more ground than Gemini, its opposite sign. Whereas Libra and Scorpio perfected personal relationships, Sagittarius now attempts to comprehend relationship to society and the world as a whole. Sagittarius is fast-moving, energetic, idealistic, philosophical, and dislikes details.

♑ Capricorn The face and curling horn of the goat – or the winding path to a mountain peak. Capricorn marks the turning point when the year reaches its darkest day, and the daylight begins to increase once more. Cold and dry, it symbolizes a maximum of separateness and solidity. Capricorn slows down the energy released in Sagittarius so it can be *used* in the world to make *things*. It puts Sagittarian insights to work, implementing the details. Its eye fixed on the peak, it plods onward and upward, aspiring toward the pinnacle of personal achievement. It is firmly embedded in the social structure, conscious of everyone's place on the ladder. It still sees itself as an individual in society; only in the next sign will a true group consciousness be attained. Capricorn is conscious of authority, practical, serious, and wants to achieve something concrete and significant in the eyes of the world.

♒ Aquarius Streams of water from the waterbearer's jug – or a row of seats in a theater. Aquarius marks the time of year when the life processes that ended in Scorpio have new, barely perceptible beginnings. Looking closely, you will see buds forming. Humans, however, are still indoors and focused on their social world. If Leo is the star performer, concerned with personal identity, Aquarius, the sign opposite, is the audience, the collective participant in the drama of life. Instead of the one-to-one relationships of Libra, Aquarius signifies one-among-many relationships. Capricorn carried the idea of personal achievement to the utmost; Aquarius begins the theme of being part of a group. Aquarius identifies with friends and organizations, wants to perfect society, wants freedom for groups of people, is detached and fair-minded though fixed in opinions, does not cling to the past, is idealistic and wants the good of all.

♓ Pisces Two fishes bound together – or an image reflected in water so you cannot tell the image from the reflection. The remains of last year's plants have reached their final dissolution, and the moisture gathers to provide a medium for new growth in Aries. In Pisces everything is dissolved in the same ocean, image and reflection are the same, and you cannot tell the player from the audience. Whereas Aries began the zodiac with the first assertion of individuality, and Aquarius transmuted this into group identity, Pisces ends the cycle with the individual's letting go of the structure that peaked in Capricorn. The most fluid of the water signs, Pisces functions by loosening up and simply allowing flow, change and living processes to take place. The Pisces dissolving of structures and blurring of boundaries can come out in ordinary life as dreaminess and vagueness, but also as selflessness, sensitivity, and a deep sense of unity and empathy with others.

Which Signs Are Most Important in Your Chart?

Obviously, the more planets you have in a sign, the more significance that sign is likely to have for you personally. Otherwise, the most important signs in your chart tend to be those of the so-called "personal points": the Sun, Moon, Ascendant and Midheaven. Next in importance will be the signs of the faster-moving planets like Mercury, Venus, and Mars. But Jupiter stays in a sign for about a year, Saturn for about two and a half years, Uranus for about seven, Neptune for about fourteen and Pluto for an average of twenty years, so that the signs of these planets usually have more to do with the generation you were born in than with your personal characteristics.

The Elements and Modes

In the above descriptions of the signs, you may sense that there is more to the signs than just seasonal symbolism, and you are right. The twelve signs also derive their meaning from each being a unique combination of one of the four *elements* and one of the three qualities, or *modes*.

Fire, Earth, Air and Water

The four elements are also called the triplicities because there are three signs formed from each element, and these signs are related by a trine aspect. Elements get their characteristics from being a unique combination of hot (high-energy and active), cold (low-energy and passive), wet (blending or making connections between things) and dry (separating things into distinct parts).

The Fire signs (Aries, Leo and Sagittarius) are hot and dry, meaning that they are high-energy and have a hard-edge, high-definition approach to life. Among the signs, they tend to be the most active and decisive. Fire signs are concerned with process and action, and with making one's personal mark on the world. A strongly placed Sun or Mars can make people seem more fiery; a strong Moon or Neptune, less so.

The Earth signs (Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn) are cold and dry, meaning that they also see things as distinct entities, but are lower in energy so that they do things more slowly. Earth signs are deeply concerned with tangible reality, with things. A strong Saturn can make people seem more earthy; a strong Mercury or Uranus, less so.

The Air signs (Gemini, Libra and Aquarius) are hot and wet, meaning that they are high-energy, active, outgoing and eager to make connections. Known for their sociability and impulse to talk, the air signs are associated with social and intellectual relationships. A strong Mercury or Uranus can make people seem more airy; a strong Saturn, Moon or Neptune, less so.

The Water signs (Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces) are cold and wet, meaning that they also like to make connections, but are more inward, passive and still. These are the signs most concerned with emotional relationships. A strong Moon or Neptune can make people seem more watery; a strong Sun, Mars or Saturn, less so.

Cardinal, Fixed and Mutable

The three modes or qualities are also called the quadruplicities because there are four signs in each mode, and signs in the same mode are related by a square or opposition aspect. The modes mark the three stages of each season.

The Cardinal signs (Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn) begin a new season and symbolize starting energy. If you have a high score in Cardinal signs, you may be specially gifted at initiating new projects. A strong Sun, Mars or Uranus could make you seem more Cardinal; a strong Moon, Venus or Neptune, less so.

The Fixed signs (Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius) are points of equilibrium in the middle of a season. With a high score in Fixed signs, you would tend to keep whatever has been started going, polishing it and bringing it to perfection. Fixed people are noted for stability, constancy, and, on occasion, stubbornness, qualities that can also be imparted by a strong Saturn. A strong Mercury or Moon can make you seem less Fixed.

The Mutable signs (Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius and Pisces) symbolize times of transition to the next

season and are noted for their adaptability. If you have a high score in Mutable signs, you tend to change, adapt and transform what has already been started and sustained. A prominent Mercury or Moon can make you seem more Mutable; a strong Saturn, less so.

To get the overall feel of your horoscope, astrologers often note which signs your planets are in and tally up the elements and modes that are occupied. The system works best if the scoring is weighted, with the Sun and Moon receiving the most points and the slow-moving planets receiving the fewest. You can see your element/mode scores at the beginning of this report.

The Houses

The signs measured the motion caused by the planets' going around in their orbits. But there is another important motion in astrology, the motion of the Earth's daily spinning on its axis. This is measured by the twelve houses of the horoscope. Because they move so fast (all around the zodiac in 24 hours, averaging one degree in every four minutes of time), the house cusps can be completely different for two people born on the same day. While the sign positions and aspects of the planets show your basic structure, the way the planets fall in the houses show the particular ways in which the planets are apt to work in your life.

The Structure of the Houses

The houses are based on the four most important points in a planet's daily cycle: when it rises, culminates, sets and anti-culminates. These points are known as the Ascendant (or rising degree); the Midheaven or M.C. (for Medium Coeli, "middle heaven" in Latin); the Descendant; and the I.C. (for Imum Coeli, "lowest heaven"). There are dozens of mathematical systems for defining the twelve houses, but most of these systems use these four points as the basic framework and differ only in the way that they subdivide the intervening space. These four points are grouped into two basic axes, as follows.

The Midheaven-I.C. Axis You can think of the Midheaven-I.C. axis in your chart as you, standing up. Your feet and roots (I.C. and fourth house) are planted at the farthest possible point below the horizon, symbolizing your past, genetic heritage, and earliest training – your foundation and all that you have to build on. The Midheaven and tenth house are the farthest possible point a planet can travel above the horizon, and so are like your head. They symbolize the highest you aspire to grow or build, what you are aiming for, and the most public and visible parts of you, such as your career and reputation. The axis as a whole describes who you perceive yourself to be.

The Ascendant-Descendant Axis The Ascendant-Descendant axis is like your arms reaching out horizontally to the world around you. Not surprisingly, it symbolizes how you relate to other people and your environment. The Ascendant (and, directly opposite it, the Descendant), mark the points where the zodiac intersects the horizon. The line of the horizon is where the inner you (what is hidden from view below the horizon) meets the outer world (what is above the horizon). Therefore it symbolizes the way you put yourself out into the world (the Ascendant and the first house) and the way you draw the world, especially other people, into your innermost being (the Descendant and seventh house).

Like the Sun and Moon, the Ascendant and Midheaven are considered "personal points" whose sign and aspects are given primary significance. Any planet within a few degrees of one of these four chart "angles" leaps to the foreground of your chart. It is as if these are points of emergence, where the energies of a planet are able to come out the strongest.

Which Houses Are Most Important in Your Chart?

Planets move quickly through the houses, with each staying in a house for an average of only two hours each day. Except for the first, fourth, seventh and tenth houses, the borders of houses are not clear-cut, so that houses tend to shade into one another. If you have a planet within five degrees of the end of a house, you may very well find that the next house affects that planet. Similarly, if a house cusp is within five degrees of the end of a sign, you may want to think about how the next sign would affect that house.

The most important houses for you will probably be those that contain your Sun and Moon and those that contain more than a single planet.

Beyond Sun Signs

Most people today know what "sign" they are, or have glanced at their horoscope as it appears in newspaper and magazine columns. However, you have most likely realized that you are a much more complex and varied person than your Sun sign, by itself, suggests. As you can see, there is much more to astrology than this. For example, when you are told you are an Aries, Leo, or any other sign, it simply means that you were born at the time of the year when the Sun was in that particular part of the zodiac. While the Sun indicates a person's essence or basic character, in each person's chart there are actually nine other planets and all twelve signs. All of these play a part in making you who you are and all you can be. Your *Professional Natal Report* report aims to correct these misconceptions and demonstrate that astrology can give you easily understood information that can enable you to obtain insight about yourself and your life.