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Personal Interpretation Profile

The Ascendant

The ascendant is the sign that was rising over the horizon at the time of birth. More than any other chart factor, the sign of the ascendant to be accurate is dependant on both time (it changes by 15 degrees every hour) and place of birth (someone born at the same time on the opposite side of the world will have the opposite sign on the ascendant or 'rising'). As such, it is the sign that brings us into physical incarnation, and the planet that rules that sign is said to be the ruler of the chart, or our planetary ruler for this lifetime. Hence the sign and house position of the ascendant's ruler are of particular importance. The ascending sign shows the way in which we approach life and the world in general. It can be related to what some psychologists call the persona, the mask we place between our inner selves and the world. As such it shows the way in which we are perceived by others, at least their first impressions of us. The ascendant represents the manner in which we must express ourselves in order to feel secure, and also the filter through which we perceive life and its challenges. It is the cusp of the first house, the house associated with our personal identity and self expression and represents the kind of energy and types of activities that we need to enliven us physically.

**Sagittarius Ascendant*

With the Mutable Fire sign of Sagittarius rising at the time of your birth, your immediate impression on others is of a friendly and expansive person, with a great deal of energy and faith in life's many possibilities. You will approach life with an openness to new experience and will always have an eye on what lies just over the horizon. Pursuing your goals will often be more rewarding than actually achieving them, for you it is the journey that is important, and when you have reached your destination or achieved your goal you will be looking around for another. The house position of Jupiter, the ruler of Sagittarius indicates the area where you feel that you can find fulfilment whether or not this is achieved in practice. You may have a tendency to live beyond your means or impulsively promise what you cannot deliver.

The ruler of Sagittarius is Jupiter, as the ruler of your ascendant this planet will be of particular importance in your chart.

** Ascendant Conjunct Sun*

With the Sun rising over the horizon at the time of your birth you approach life directly and openly. This aspect can be summed up by the phrase 'wearing your heart on your sleeve', your honesty and sincerity is appreciated by most, taken advantage of by some. You fervently desire to be recognised for your own worth, for people to listen to what you have to say and take your opinions seriously, being pushed into the background leaves you feeling frustrated and hurt. It may be that as a child you had to fight to establish your identity in the eyes of your family and friends and you have carried on the fight into adulthood. You want to do something with your life that you can be proud of, that is a direct expression of your innermost self.

** Ascendant Conjunct Neptune*

Neptune in conjunction with your ascendant shows some uncertainty or confusion around your self-image. You will tend to present different faces to the world, adapting your self expression to whatever company you happen to be with at the time. This is because you are acutely aware of other people's expectations of you, and you will attempt to live up to them even if they are unrealistic. You will have an elusive and dream-like quality about you, and other people will never be quite sure whether you are showing them your true self, or reflecting what you feel they want to see, this is hardly surprising since you are never quite sure yourself. The influence of Neptune ranges from unrealistic dreaming and illusion, to the highest spiritual awareness and self surrender, the trick is to find some kind of balance between these two poles.

* *Ascendant Sextile Pluto*

The sextile aspect between Pluto and your ascendant indicates that you have an intensity and power that enables you to persuade others to do your bidding. You do not take challenges to your ideas or desires lightly, and will tend to express your point of view strongly even if, deep inside, you know that you are wrong. You are aware of many of the problems that afflict our society, and have little time or sympathy for those you feel are responsible, or for their supporters. You will feel the need to be some kind of agent for social reform, but whether this need stays in the realm of an idea or desire, or whether you put it into practice in some way will depend on aspects in the rest of the chart.

The Sun

In the solar system the Sun is the centre around which all the other planets revolve, bound by its gravitational force. Similarly, in the birth chart the Sun represents the "centre" of our personality, or the core of our being, around which all the other psychological drives and needs, symbolised by the planets, revolve.

Just as, in the solar system, the Sun is the source of light and life generating energy, so the Sun represents the source of consciousness and life within us all. It is our will to be and our sense of individuality. The birth chart, however, represents the solar system as seen from the earth, not the Sun. Most of us are not centred in our Sun, but in our earthbound, or sense-bound ego. For most of us then, the Sun represents our "Higher Self" or Spirit. It is the immortal spark of the universal spirit which is uniquely ourselves, as opposed to our transient and mortal ego centred personality. The Sun is therefore what we are striving to become.

The sign position of and aspects to the Sun, as seen from the earth, show how this radiant inner self works through the medium of our ego centred personality. It is the fundamental tone of our being, and as such is the most important placement in the chart.

* *Sun In Sagittarius*

With the Sun in the mutable fire sign of Sagittarius, your basic nature is outgoing and open-minded. You have a need to explore and to find out what is just over the horizon. This need can be expressed literally through travel, or on a more mental level through the exploration of ideas and philosophical systems. You may combine both, travelling for the purpose of expanding your mind. You are adaptable and versatile, able to make the most out of any situation. You see life as a great adventure, and it is the future and future possibilities that draw you on.

You may be prone to exaggeration, and your blindly optimistic and boisterous nature may make you careless and irresponsible. You may have to learn the hard way that you need to take care of unfinished business before you can move on to your next adventure.

* *Sun In 12th House*

With the Sun in the 12th house you're aware that your conscious self is only part of your total being, and that below the surface lie a more spiritual dimension. You're very sensitive to the atmosphere and feelings that surround you, and this may manifest as some form of psychic ability. You would certainly benefit from some form of meditation that allows you to get in touch with the deeper levels of your mind.

* *Sun Conjunct Neptune*

The conjunction between the Sun and Neptune indicates that you're idealistic and imaginative. However, early in your life you may have had some difficulty in gaining a clear sense of self-identity, who you were and where you were going in life, but once this problem has been, or will be, overcome, you'll have the potential to turn dreams into reality.

An aspect between the Sun and Neptune is said to be good for dealing with the public, or for public speaking. You have an almost mystical aura about you that's able to capture the imagination of your audience, and make them aware of issues about which they may be unclear or uncertain.

Moon

In the birth chart, the Moon is second in importance only to the Sun. Unlike the other planets the Moon orbits the earth, and seen from the earth is the same size as the Sun (hence the possibility of total eclipses). The Moon gives off no light of its own, however, but reflects and polarises the light of the Sun.

The Moon represents memories, feelings and instinctive responses that lie just below the level of consciousness. As the Moon orbits the earth, it generates the movements of the tides and governs other natural cycles, such as the menstrual cycle in women. The Moon therefore symbolises the ebb and flow of feeling and emotion (symbolised by water in Astrology), and the feminine principle in nature and in the individual.

The sign position of and aspects to the Moon show how we react instinctively, and what we need to feel comfortable and secure. As children the Moon is the Mother, or at least how we experienced our mother. As we grow older this extends to our relationships with women in general (particularly for men), and our instinctive or conditioned responses to the world in general; based on the often unconscious memories of this early nurturing experience (or lack of it).

* *Moon in Capricorn*

With the Moon in the cardinal earth sign of Capricorn, your instinctive behaviour patterns may be influenced by a deep need for something that is secure and permanent in your home and emotional life, and may see the way to this as the attainment of a conventional and rather rigid home life. This may be the result of a lack of such material and emotional security in your early home life, or the result of

values inherited from your parents. Although greatly concerned with your own emotional needs, you can display a degree of coldness when it comes to the emotions of others, and can place heavy stress on their duties and responsibilities. You may need to realise that you will only feel secure and happy with yourself when what you have has been gained by your own efforts, and not something others have a duty to provide.

* *Moon in 1st House*

With the Moon in the 1st House, you'll generally be seen as kind and sympathetic, the kind of person to whom people can turn to pour out their problems. You'll also be very sensitive to the atmospheres around you, but at times with your naturally receptive nature you may have difficulty in separating your own moods and emotions from those you have picked up from your surroundings.

* *Moon Sextile Venus*

The sextile between the Moon and Venus indicates that your emotions are well balanced. You are also willing and able to give emotional support and understanding to those who are close to you, and you don't demand more than you feel you yourself are capable of giving.

You are also generally an outgoing, sociable person, and as you feel at ease with most people, they feel at ease with you. Tolerant and understanding of other people's good and bad qualities, it would be extremely hard to find the wrong side of you. When there are problems within relationships or friendships, then you are usually confident that even the most difficult situation will work out well in the end.

* *Moon Square Pluto*

The square between your Moon and the powerful planet Pluto will give you a rather intense and demanding emotional nature. You will occasionally tend to demand a great deal from those to whom you are emotionally attached, but may be reluctant to give much or accept too much responsibility in return.

As a result, your emotional life may be the source of conflicts and power struggles. There may be times when you may try to manipulate another through feelings of guilt, possessiveness and jealousy, or you may be the victim of such attempts at manipulation. Past emotional difficulties may have left deep-seated scars that have not completely healed, and which come to the surface from time to time.

At times you may be forced to let go of past emotional attachments, memories, or ways of being. Painful though these experiences may be, this aspect indicates that they are necessary for your personal growth.

Mercury

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun. Along with Venus it is one of the inferior planets, that is, its orbit lies within the earth's orbit.

In mythology, Mercury is the messenger of the gods. In the birth chart, Mercury represents the urge to communicate with and exchange information with others. In the mind, it represents our rational thought

processes, or the ability to analyse and reach logical conclusions. In the body, it is the nervous system, which co-ordinates and unifies all the different bodily functions into an organised whole. Mercury can be said to represent electricity in the form of information. Mercury therefore rules all forms of communication and exchange of information, and the ability to organise facts into a consistent view of the world.

The sign position of and aspects to Mercury in the chart show how one thinks and communicates, that is, the way in which our thoughts are expressed, and the way in which we receive such information from the world around us.

* *Mercury in Sagittarius*

With Mercury in the mutable fire sign of Sagittarius, your thinking is open-minded and optimistic. You prefer to think in broad philosophical terms rather than get bogged down in petty details. Although this is generally not a bad thing you may tend to overlook the fact that some details are important. You will try to live your life by what you believe and what you think is the best way to be, regardless of what other people may think, and you can be rather tactless in what you say. Your mind is restless and open to the future, refusing to be tied down by the past or present and other people may be frustrated by your refusal to be pinned down or express a definite opinion on some issue. It is not that you have no opinions, it is just that tomorrow it may suit you to change them, so it's best to keep your options open.

* *Mercury in 12th House*

Mercury, the planet of the rational mind, is in the 12th House of the unconscious. With Mercury here you may occasionally find that you're influenced by irrational or disturbing thoughts rising up from the depths of your mind, resulting in panic attacks, or the feeling that you are not always in control. However, whilst the unconscious is the dumping ground for experiences we would rather forget, and feelings we would rather not admit to, it can also be the source of creative imagination and inspiration.

With this placing you'll need to find some way of exploring your unconscious, through meditation or psychotherapy. In this way you can bring to the surface the memories of unpleasant experiences so that they can be examined and dealt with. Clearing away accumulated psychic or emotional rubbish in this way will help you to gain control of your own thought processes, and enable you to make creative use of your psychic sensitivity and powerful imagination.

* *Mercury Sextile Jupiter*

Mercury in sextile aspect to Jupiter indicates that you're generally broad-minded and well-informed on many issues. Possessing an insatiable thirst for knowledge, you'll probably end up travelling for the purpose of broadening your mind.

You're a fluent speaker and writer, able to get your message across in a way that will both inspire and motivate your audience. You don't, however, try to blind anyone with science, and no one can do the same to you. You object strongly to those people who use rhetoric or flowery language to confound others.

* *Mercury Sextile Saturn*

The sextile between Mercury and Saturn indicates that, when necessary, you're capable of deep concentration. You have confidence in your mental abilities, since you find that there's little you don't understand if you put your mind to it.

You prefer to concentrate on facts rather than imaginative theorising, and you make a determined effort to ensure that you have all the facts on any issue before stating your position. You have a constant need to learn and understand more about yourself and everything around you.

When you speak, it's usually with an air of authority in your areas of expertise, choosing to say little about things of which you have no knowledge, qualities that others trust and respect in you.

Venus

Venus, like Mercury, lies within the orbit of the earth. If Mercury can be likened to electricity in the form of information, then Venus can be likened to the magnetic field generated by the electric current. One of the meanings of Venus is therefore "personal magnetism".

In mythology Venus is the goddess of love. In the birth chart, Venus represents the social and love urge, and the need for harmony and exchange of feelings and affection with others. Venus is our need to form relationships and our power to attract such relationships. It is also our sense of values, based on what attracts or repels us.

The sign position of any aspect to Venus shows how we express these needs to others and the kind of response we need in order to feel in harmony. If Venus is adversely aspected these responses may not always be what we consciously desire but are often necessary in order to force us to recognise some unexpressed part of ourselves.

* *Venus in Scorpio*

With Venus, the planet of love and affection, in the fixed water sign of Scorpio, you approach relationships with an emotional intensity that is not always openly displayed. Your feelings go deep, and sometimes they may be difficult for you to understand or accept. You may handle this by giving the appearance of being cold and unemotional, but you are not as hard as you like people to think. You may find yourself involved in relationships that have a powerful and transforming effect on yourself and your life. You will be possessive, but that is safely hidden beneath the surface, like all the feelings that you feel could make you vulnerable if you revealed them.

You may find it difficult to give freely or to trust in a relationship, expecting all the giving and trust to come from the other person, but you can show indisputable loyalty to friends and family to whom you feel deeply attached.

* *Venus in 11th House*

Venus in the 11th House of your chart indicates that you enjoy being surrounded by friends and loved ones. This placing gives you a sense of ease and charm in social gatherings. Many of your friendships and relationships will be formed as the result of being part of a group or organisation through which

you can share your mutual interests. For you, a meaningful relationship must be based on mutual respect and genuine friendship, in which the two of you help each other to grow and become more than you already are.

* *Venus Conjunct Uranus*

With a conjunction between Venus and Uranus you need a degree of freedom in even your closest relationships. You'll be attracted to unconventional or unusual people, always needing to maintain a sense of excitement in order to keep the relationship alive, and if you ever feel taken for granted you may feel tempted to seek this excitement elsewhere.

You're a creative person and have strong hopes for success in some field, but you also have a genuine concern for others. For example, you wouldn't try to achieve your own ambitions by stepping on other people, but would rather take them along with you. You can relate well to large groups as well as individuals.

Mars

Mars is the first planet in the series out from the Sun that is outside the orbit of the earth. As the first superior planet, Mars represents energy directed outward from the self into the world. It is the energy to initiate action and the ability to meet challenges and overcome obstacles. In mythology, Mars is the god of war. In the birth chart, Mars is the self assertive and aggressive urge, the sex drive and the need to achieve our desires. Positively, Mars is expressed as courage, initiative, and the will-power to pursue our goals. Negatively expressed, Mars is impatience, violence and the use of force or threats.

The sign position of and aspects to Mars in the chart show how we assert ourselves and express our desires. Mars is traditionally a masculine planet, and therefore represents the expression of the male ego. In a women's chart, the energy of Mars is often repressed by social and family conditioning, and indicates how she will experience the male ego through the men around her, whether positively or negatively expressed. It is, however, becoming increasingly possible for women to break away from traditional passive roles, and express their own Martian drives, but this is often not completely successful until after the age of about 30.

* *Mars in Capricorn*

With the fiery planet Mars in the cardinal earth sign of Capricorn, your aggressive and self assertive drives will tend to be well controlled. This does not mean that you will not lose your temper or do anything on impulse, but you have the capacity to channel your ego drives into working for long term goals and ambitions, even if it means a certain amount of self-denial to achieve them. This element of control may also be evident in your sex life, where you may give the appearance of coolness and reserve, however, this coolness and reserve can easily be dropped when you feel that it is no longer necessary.

* *Mars in 1st House*

With Mars in the 1st House of your chart you'll have plenty of energy, and will be able to assert yourself directly and if necessary, rather forcefully. Restrictions on your personal freedom will rarely be tolerated. You're certainly not the type to sit quietly in a corner, you need to let everybody know that

you're around!

* *Mars Square Jupiter*

The placing of Mars and Jupiter in a square aspect will create abundant physical and mental energy. However, at times, this energy can be rather undisciplined and uncontrolled. But over the years, you'll learn how to channel the energy positively into productive activities.

You'll probably have a desire to achieve great things, and, indeed, you certainly have the ability and determination to do so!

However, there's also the tendency to overdo things. In your desire to get ahead you're generally prepared to work long and gruelling hours, often at the expense of the needs of your physical body, and possibly even your domestic life. You'll therefore need to learn when to rest if you wish to avoid nervous exhaustion, and to say hello to your family occasionally, if only to let them know that you are still aware of their existence!

* *Mars Square Saturn*

The square between Mars and Saturn indicates that occasionally you may have some difficulty in asserting yourself and getting what you want. You can alternate between being aggressive and submissive. At times you may refuse to assert yourself, or to stand up for yourself even when it is necessary, but at other times, you can suddenly release anger, surprising others with the ferocity of your attack. Energies must therefore be channelled toward planned objectives. If you don't do this, then the unused, frustrated energies can become dammed up, and the resulting rise in inner pressure experienced as anger.

The planets up to and including Mars have been concerned with the establishment of ourselves as individuals, and with the satisfaction of our own needs and desires. The planets beyond Mars connect us with a larger order.

Jupiter

As the largest planet in the solar system, Jupiter represents expansion and growth. It is the urge to grow beyond our individual limitations and the need to feel part of a larger order, whether this be a particular religion, philosophy or social system. Jupiter, the king of the gods, is traditionally the bestower of faith, optimism and the ability to expand and prosper. It is the planet that promotes personal growth, gives us confidence in ourselves and trust in a higher power or greater plan. Negatively, Jupiter can manifest as overconfidence, irresponsibility and the tendency to over-extend ourselves or promise too much.

The sign position of and aspects to Jupiter in the chart show what kinds of experiences and types of activity create an inner faith and optimism, and the sense of being connected to the larger scheme of things.

* *Jupiter in Libra*

With Jupiter in the cardinal air sign of Libra, opportunities will come to you as a result of your need

for a wide variety of social contacts and acquaintances. Your judgement is fair and impartial, you are aware of the injustices and prejudices of society and have a strong desire to help those who are oppressed or unfairly treated, or to do something to help make the world a better place. This desire may remain just that, however, since your diplomatic nature and your natural ability to see all sides of any issue may paralyse the urge to action. The same qualities, if you can overcome your indecisiveness, can bring you great success in any field that involves working with or negotiating on behalf of the general public. In relationships, you will seek those that in some way broaden your perspective and experience.

* *Jupiter in 9th House*

Jupiter is in the 9th House of your chart, the area of experience connected with travel and higher education, religion and philosophy. It's through these activities that you can best grow beyond your present mental and physical limitations and find faith and meaning in life.

Indeed, this is a good placing for long distance travel, but travelling will be most beneficial if undertaken as a learning experience, for the purpose of gaining greater understanding and knowledge. In these matters foreign people should be of great benefit to you.

* *Jupiter Conjunct Saturn*

The effect of Jupiter and Saturn in Conjunction can be summed up as tremendous possibilities, achieved through hard work. These two planets are, in a sense, opposite influences, Jupiter represents optimism, expansion and good luck, and Saturn is more pessimistic and restricting work.

However, with this combination each balances the excesses of the other. Therefore you're generally able to balance optimism with realism, enthusiasm with caution and extravagance with discipline. You aim to make an impact on the world, but you're also able to plan the next step before you take it.

Saturn

Saturn is the last planet in the solar system that can be seen with the naked eye from the earth. As such, together with the fact that it is bounded by a series of rings, Saturn represents the boundaries of the individual.

After the limitless expansion of Jupiter, Saturn in the birth chart represents boundaries and limitations. It is the principle of structure and form. In the body, it is the skeleton, which gives the body its structure, and the skin, which is the boundary to the outside world. In the mind, it is the structure of our ego and our sense of self which we seek to preserve from the impact of changes from within and from the outside world. Saturn gives us the ability to endure setbacks and work with discipline and patience toward well defined aims. It is the need for social approval through some kind of tangible achievement. Whereas Jupiter brings rewards and opportunities through what we might call good luck, Saturn brings rewards and opportunities through hard work, limitation and self discipline.

The sign position of and aspects to Saturn show how we seek to establish ourselves as individuals and find our place in the social system of which we are a part. Any form or structure, however, when placed in the light of the Sun tends to cast a shadow. The position of Saturn in the chart therefore, shows where we find our "shadow". It is here that we meet with our greatest sense of inadequacy, lack of faith

and inhibitions. Saturn shows where we are most fearful, and hence most rigid; but if these fears can be met and overcome it is the source of our greatest strength and a solid foundation from which to meet the world.

* *Saturn in Libra*

Saturn is in the cardinal air sign of Libra in your chart. The principle of form, structure and responsibility operates in the field of intellectual and social interaction. You have a capacity for concentrated and serious intellectual activity, Saturn in an air sign denotes what could be termed the scientific mind. At the same time, you may have a sense of mental and intellectual isolation. Libra represents the principle of balance, harmony and relationship. With Saturn here, a deep feeling of insecurity in relationships may cause you to avoid issues or conflicts that you feel will upset conditions of harmony. Ultimately you will have to learn how to handle responsibility in relationships, without giving up too much of your own individuality and sense of purpose.

* *Saturn in 9th House*

Saturn in the 9th House indicates some difficulty in seeing any meaning in life, as well as wanting to find a meaning. There may have been problems in education, possibly stemming from a fear of failure, but as the years pass you will achieve recognition for your work, driven by the motivation to prove to yourself that you can do it. Once achieved, there may also be a strong urge to leave something permanent and lasting in the area of publishing and teaching, so that your knowledge can benefit all.

Difficulties may occasionally be encountered on long journeys. These experiences, however, will often reveal insights that you would not otherwise have gained had things gone smoothly.

The Outer Planets

The planets beyond Saturn:- Uranus, Neptune and Pluto, move through the signs so slowly that the sign positions of these planets refer more to the generation of which we are a part, rather than individual characteristics. It is the House position that shows where we will meet with the principles expressed by these planets in our lives. The aspects of these planets to the personal planets indicate our degree of attunement to the principles they represent.

The trans-Saturnian planets cannot be seen without the aid of a telescope. Therefore they represent powerful forces that are beyond conscious control. These planets connect us with forces and levels of reality beyond our experience as individual human beings. They do this by breaking down the boundaries of the ego (symbolised by Saturn), to allow the inflow of higher ideals and goals into our ego-centred minds. This can often mean the total disruption or destruction of our existing lives, goals, or outer and inner structures in order to make this possible.

Uranus

Uranus is the first of the trans-Saturnian planets. It cannot be seen with the naked eye and was discovered in 1781 during the period of the American and French revolutions. It's discovery was made possible by the invention of the telescope, a development that has led to radical changes in our knowledge of the universe and our place in it.

In the birth chart then, Uranus represents the force for revolutionary change, the breaking from tradition, and inventiveness and experimentation. As one of the three planets that cannot be seen with the unaided eye, Uranus represents a force over which we have little or no conscious control. On an individual level, Uranus indicates our degree of independence and demand for personal freedom. If well aspected it gives us originality and an attunement to truth that goes beyond the logic of Mercury. If we refuse to express the energy of Uranus within us, preferring to cling to the traditions and limitations of Saturn, then Uranus may manifest as disruptions and sudden changes in our immediate environment, sometimes disrupting our lives completely and forcing us to make needed changes. If the energy of Uranus is expressed negatively, it can lead to wilfulness, impatience and needless rebellion, the rebel without a cause.

The position of Uranus in the chart shows where we most feel the need for freedom and independence and the need to experiment with new ideas and ways of living. Conversely, it is the area where we can cause the most disruption and needless change.

** Uranus in 11th House*

The eleventh House is associated with the sign of Aquarius, which is ruled by Uranus, so Uranus is at home in this House. This gives you the capacity to expand your individual identity to potentially include the whole human race, even if this is never fully achieved. You have the capacity to view the whole human race as one family struggling to resolve its problems and conflicts. You are attracted to groups who share similar views to your own, and you can serve as the presenter of challenging and radical views. If taken to extremes this can become the expression of revolutionary ideas that can be too drastic for most people to take. You can probably make friends quite easily, but you have strong feelings about the meaning of friendship, and may fall out if your expectations are not lived up to.

Neptune

After Uranus comes Neptune, the god of the sea. Whereas Uranus is the urge for individual freedom and independence, Neptune is the urge to escape from our normal sense-bound state of consciousness, and experience our unity with a different level of reality.

In the birth chart, Neptune represents our higher ideals and our attunement to realities that lie beyond that perceived by the senses. It is the realm of dreams and imagination and our sense of being part of a whole which is greater than ourselves, the awareness of a spiritual dimension to existence. Neptune represents the urge to transcend our normal state of consciousness through meditation and mystical experience, music, dreams and flights of the imagination, or through drugs (including alcohol) which afford us a temporary escape from the mundane grind of living. Neptune can be expressed as high ideals, altruism and spiritual values, or as self destructive escapism and evasion of responsibilities. For most of us it is a mixture of both.

The position of Neptune in the chart shows where and how we seek to express these needs, and in what areas of our lives we tend to seek an often impossible ideal.

** Neptune in 1st House*

With Neptune in the 1st House of your chart, you exhibit Neptunian qualities in your approach to life and self expression. Neptune dissolves boundaries and opens us up to the infinite in whatever House it

is in. You may have difficulty in establishing a sense of self identity, and in your approach to others, may tend to reflect what you think they want to see, rather than expressing your own individuality. You may appear mysterious and enigmatic to others and can easily slip into the role of a martyr, feeling resentful if anyone takes advantage of you. There is a danger of turning to hard drugs and alcohol to alleviate the harsh realities of life. At its most positive, Neptune in this House gives you the ability to give personal expression to collective visions and images. Your vision can be inspiring to those who are not so open to higher realities. This is a good placement if you are in one of the caring or helping professions, the diffuse boundaries of Neptune allowing you to empathise with the other person.

* *Neptune Sextile Pluto*

This aspect between the two outermost planets first occurred in 1942 and will remain in effect for the next hundred years, although the sign positions of the planets will change, so everyone born during this time will have it in their charts. This contact will therefore affect everyone for the next hundred years and represents changes taking place in the world's collective psyche. The keynote of this entire period will be the complete transformation of our existing scientific, religious and political belief systems.

Pluto

Pluto is the outermost planet in the solar system and therefore the slowest moving. At certain times however, due to the high eccentricity of its orbit, it comes closer to the earth than Neptune. This is the case at the present time and will be so until the end of the century. At the same time it is passing through Scorpio, the sign that it rules. This is a very critical period in world history, since Pluto represents powerful forces of death and destruction or change and transformation, which are now at their strongest. This can lead to destruction through nuclear war or our pollution and exploitation of our planet. On the other hand it can lead to the death of the present political and economical systems and the birth of new political and economic systems and a transformation in international relations and our relationship to our planet. By the time Pluto leaves Scorpio in 1999 the issue will probably be decided one way or the other.

In the individual birth chart, Pluto represents the urge for power and control either over ourselves or others. It is the need to penetrate beneath the surface of experience, to reveal hidden motivations and repressed desires. The position of Pluto in the chart indicates our capacity for self-regeneration or rebirth and our attitude towards beginnings and endings and birth and death, either actual or symbolic. Pluto can be expressed as the acceptance of our need for complete transformation in some area of our life, and the courage to face our deepest compulsions and hang-ups. Or, it can be expressed as the wilful manipulation of others, ruthlessness and an infatuation with power.

* *Pluto in 10th House*

Pluto in the 10th House of your chart indicates that you will meet with or express the transforming power of Pluto through your career or ambitions. You will seek a career that allows you to express power and authority in some way, whether this power and authority is sought for the glorification of your own ego, or to act as some transforming agent for the good of the whole, will depend on your own motivations and what you seek to achieve in your life. On the other hand, you may be deeply suspicious of anyone who does hold this kind of authority, with a desire to knock them off their pedestal if you get the opportunity.

In any event, you will pursue your goals with a great deal of power and intensity that will not be thwarted by opposition or set-backs, not for too long anyway. It could be that this energy comes from the unconscious desire to live out the unfulfilled ambitions of one or both of your parents.