

MODERN REPORT

A Solar Writer Report for Amy Winehouse (sunrise chart)



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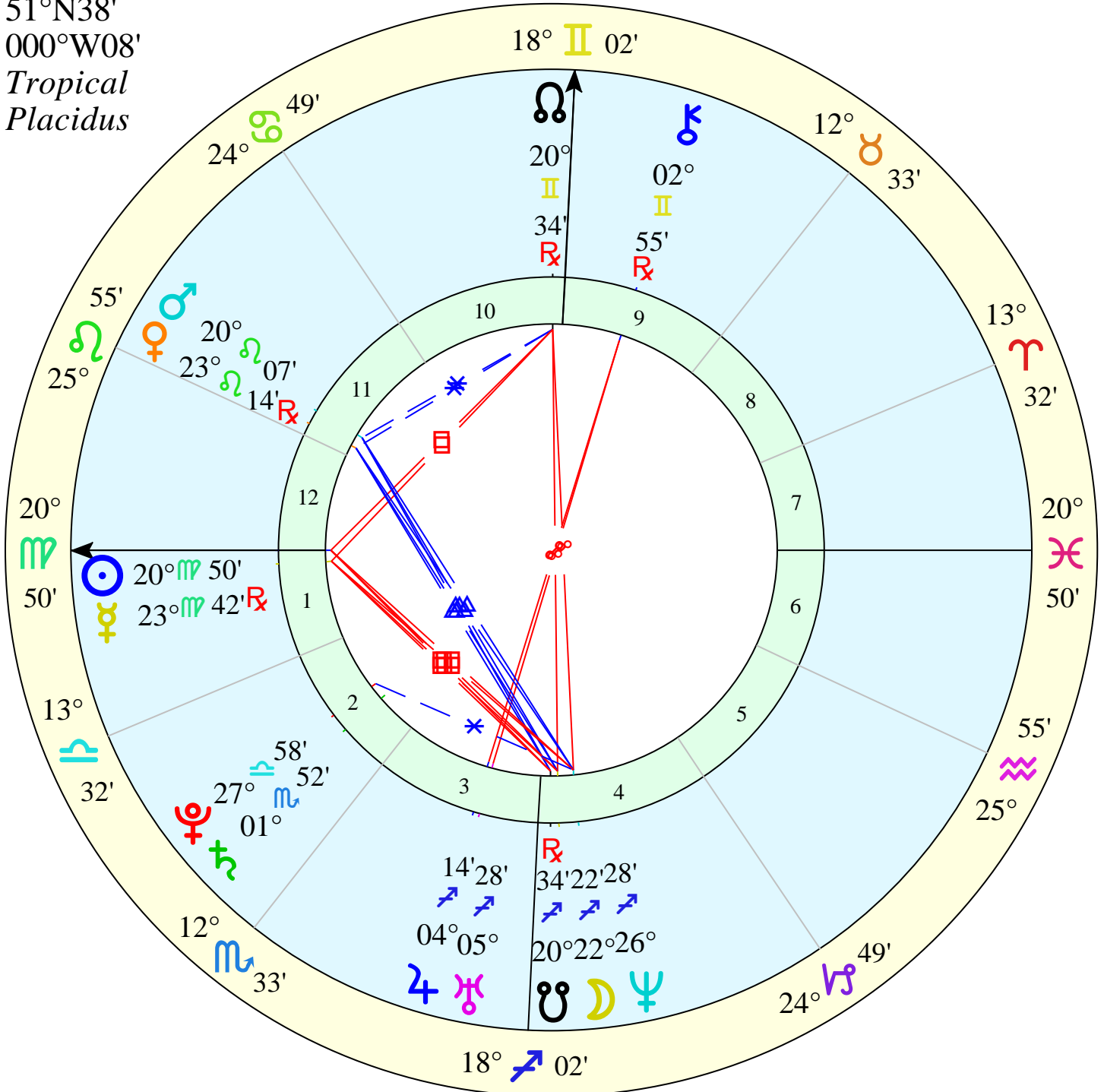
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Astrological SummaryChart Point Positions: Amy Winehouse (sunrise chart)

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Sagittarius	22°Sg22'	4th	
The Sun	Virgo	20°Vi50'	1st	
Mercury	Virgo	23°Vi42'	1st	
Venus	Leo	23°Le14'	11th	
Mars	Leo	20°Le07'	11th	
Jupiter	Sagittarius	4°Sg14'	3rd	
Saturn	Scorpio	1°Sc52'	2nd	
Uranus	Sagittarius	5°Sg28'	3rd	
Neptune	Sagittarius	26°Sg28'	4th	
Pluto	Libra	27°Li58'	2nd	
Chiron	Gemini	2°Ge55'	9th	
The North Node	Gemini	20°Ge34'	10th	
The South Node	Sagittarius	20°Sg34'	4th	
The Ascendant	Virgo	20°Vi50'	1st	
The Midheaven	Gemini	18°Ge02'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Square	The Sun	1°32'	Separating
The Moon	Square	Mercury	1°19'	Applying
The Moon	Trine	Venus	0°51'	Applying
The Moon	Trine	Mars	2°15'	Separating
The Moon	Conjunction	Neptune	4°05'	Applying
The Moon	Opposition	The North Node	1°48'	Separating
The Moon	Conjunction	The South Node	1°48'	Separating
The Moon	Square	The Ascendant	1°32'	Separating
The Moon	Opposition	The Midheaven	4°20'	Separating
The Sun	Conjunction	Mercury	2°51'	Applying
The Sun	Square	Neptune	5°37'	Applying
The Sun	Square	The North Node	0°16'	Separating
The Sun	Square	The South Node	0°16'	Separating
The Sun	Conjunction	The Ascendant	0°00'	Separating
The Sun	Square	The Midheaven	2°48'	Separating

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
Mercury	Square	Neptune	2°45'	Separating
Mercury	Square	The North Node	3°07'	Applying
Mercury	Square	The South Node	3°07'	Applying
Mercury	Conjunction	The Ascendant	2°51'	Applying
Mercury	Square	The Midheaven	5°40'	Applying
Venus	Conjunction	Mars	3°06'	Applying
Venus	Trine	Neptune	3°13'	Separating
Venus	Sextile	The North Node	2°39'	Applying
Venus	Trine	The South Node	2°39'	Applying
Mars	Trine	Neptune	6°20'	Applying
Mars	Sextile	The North Node	0°26'	Applying
Mars	Trine	The South Node	0°26'	Applying
Mars	Sextile	The Midheaven	2°05'	Separating
Jupiter	Conjunction	Uranus	1°14'	Applying
Jupiter	Opposition	Chiron	1°19'	Separating
Saturn	Conjunction	Pluto	3°54'	Separating
Saturn	Sesquisquare	The Midheaven	1°09'	Applying
Uranus	Opposition	Chiron	2°33'	Separating
Neptune	Sextile	Pluto	1°29'	Separating
Neptune	Opposition	The North Node	5°53'	Separating
Neptune	Conjunction	The South Node	5°53'	Separating
The North Node	Square	The Ascendant	0°16'	Separating
The North Node	Conjunction	The Midheaven	2°32'	Applying
The South Node	Square	The Ascendant	0°16'	Separating
The South Node	Opposition	The Midheaven	2°32'	Applying
The Ascendant	Square	The Midheaven	2°48'	Applying

INTRODUCTION



This report has been written to introduce you to the concepts of astrology and how to get started with your natal chart. Astrology is a complex and meaningful science which takes years to study and apply successfully; however, we would like to whet your appetite with this report, and encourage you to deepen your understanding through other means.

Astrology is a study of the connection between planets and life on Earth. It is based on a concept that energy patterns form between other planets and Earth; and that these energies affect our lives as individuals and communities.

An astrological chart, also known as a horoscope, natal chart, or birth chart, records the relationship between the planets and the signs of the Zodiac. Charts can be calculated for the birth of a person, a community, an event or anything that seems momentous. The horoscope is as individual and unique as a fingerprint.

When using these interpretations, please bear in mind that, inevitably, every chart will contain some contradictory influences, and as a result certain interpretations of different items in the same chart may seem difficult to reconcile. However, this may still be an accurate reflection of your chart, as it is likely that you do experience conflicting desires, events and circumstances in your life. Usually it is the responsibility of an astrologer to synthesise these apparent contradictions in order to present a cohesive and meaningful interpretation of the dilemmas of the chart.

Please also be aware of the fact that each person has positive and negative influences in the chart, and therefore in their lives. The challenge is to accept and overcome the negative influences, so that we can successfully focus on the positive traits. This report outlines both influences, and therefore parts may be difficult to accept. Any advice given is meant to be an aid to a person taking responsibility for their own lives. The ultimate decision rests with each individual. The author and publisher accept no liability for any adverse effects of this report.

LIFE GOALS

*If you would hit the mark, you must aim a little above it;
Every arrow that flies feels the attraction of earth.
Longfellow, Elegiac Verse 1880.*

Just as the Sun is the centre of the Earth's Solar System, so does the Sun play a vital role in your life on earth. Your life goals are linked to your Sun - its zodiac sign and its position in your chart. Contrary to popular belief, the Sun isn't the only planet to be considered in a person's chart, but it is an important component. The Sun gives you an indication of how you can shine in your life. You will feel truly alive when you're living the traits indicated by your Sun. Therefore it's likely that you will spend much of your life on a journey to self discovery, aiming to incorporate these traits into your life. Understanding the energy of your Sun is a good starting point to understanding yourself and your purpose in life.

Your Sun is in the first house of your birth chart meaning that self-expression is an important aspect of your life, because you believe strongly in the right of the individual. This is because it's so important for you to have the freedom to explore your own personal interests and make your own way in the world. Some would call you arrogant and selfish; however, you're equally determined that others should also have the ability to express themselves. You learn most through your own experiences, rather than relying on the advice of others. You may not realise it, but you also make a strong impression on those around you. They see you as assertive and independent, whether you feel it or not. Of course this does depend on other influences in your chart. You're frank and confident, proud and independent, and can be combative if you're opposed. You like to take the initiative and have the ability to focus on your own goals and methods of doing things, rather than adhering to popular opinion. For these reasons you're likely to be thrust into leadership roles, giving you the opportunity to fully express yourself. In ancient times the Sun was considered particularly strong when in the angular first house of a chart, highlighting your ability to live a hale and hearty life with plenty of energy to ensure that you make an impact on your environment. It also means that you're likely to succeed in your ambitions, and perhaps in rising above your station in life.

Your Sun is in the zodiac sign of Virgo indicating that you're an analytical person with a keen mind, and will enjoy paying attention to detail. In fact you enjoy anything which requires close analysis ranging from pastimes such as mind-bending

puzzles to more demanding work such as cataloguing data and scientific research. You excel in areas that demand concentration, organisation and rational thought. You love order, particularly in your daily life. This can include anything from an organised household to a properly-planned social calendar. Your loved ones will often rely on your organisational abilities, and these qualities may extend into your working life where others will come to appreciate your executive abilities. Hygiene will also be of importance to you, as you've an excellent understanding of the need to take care of your body, and the importance of a healthy mind and a healthy body. "Cleanliness is next to godliness" may be a motto which rings a bell. You need to take care not to become too fussy, otherwise you may find that you become intolerant and critical of yourself and those around you. You would do well to remind yourself of the bigger picture every now and then so that you don't become too entrenched in insignificant details.

The combination of the Sun and the planet Mercury in your chart can vary depending on other influences in your chart. The planet Mercury is considered by astrologers to represent the trickster. Ancient astrologers also measured the beneficial or damaging influences of Mercury in terms of how close this planet was to the Sun's beams. The closer the planet to the Sun the more detrimental. Positively this combination can mean that you're likely to succeed in life through your quick wit and business acumen. You're studious, learning new subjects with ease, and are particularly adept in the scientific and mathematical fields. On the other hand you can be too fond of seeking stimulation, with the cost of failing to complete a task. You're the proverbial "Jack or Jill of all trades, master/mistress of none".

When the Sun and the Moon are combining unfavourably in your chart, it means that you're likely to have difficulty succeeding in life. You may have trouble in money matters, struggle with employment, and suffer at the hands of other people. You should be particularly wary of troublesome women, who could create obstacles to you achieving your goals. In some cases, this combination can also mean that you suffer from ill health, which further hinders your chances of success.

Your lack of confidence is likely to stand in your way in achieving your life goals. This is because the Sun is making a difficult aspect to the planet Neptune in your birth chart. You're a sympathetic and kind person, but you're apt to be overwhelmed by the injustices of the world. As a result you lose sight of your goals and become confused about your direction. It's also possible that you allow other people to tell you how to live your life. You're so eager to please others, that you find it difficult to assert your own rights and beliefs. At times like these you may benefit from moments of quiet reflection, or meditation, which enable you to develop an ability to rely on your own inner resources. It's possible that your confusion stems from childhood experience with your father, or a father figure. Perhaps this person was weak or ill and unable to support your development, or perhaps the death or absence of a father strongly influenced your life. Either way the result is that you've difficulty finding a firm footing on which to base your life as an adult. Your challenge is to learn to trust your own intuition, and to use your artistic and sensitive nature for the benefit of other people without losing yourself.

The planet Jupiter also tells you about your goals in life, in particular the areas in which you are likely to succeed. Jupiter is the planet of expansion, abundance and wisdom. Ancient astrologers believed that the planet Jupiter had a greatly beneficial effect on a person's life.

Jupiter is also in the third house of your chart signifying that ideas, particularly philosophical ones, abound in your life as you seek to expand your mind through various avenues. Reading, studying, travelling, correspondence courses, newsletters and interest groups all feature in your quest to learn more about yourself and life in general. You're surrounded by books, magazines and other publications that provide plenty of food for thought. You're a great thinker and talker, often delighting yourself and your friends with your inspirational ideas. Always optimistic you enjoy communicating with other people either through conversation or correspondence. You're a thoughtful person, and letter

writing is one of the ways that you like to keep in touch with your friends. How you manage to fit it in to your busy schedule continues to amaze your friends. Writing is such an enjoyable pastime that you may decide to extend your talents and write a novel or a professional publication. If so then you're likely to be successful in finding a publisher. While you enjoy your local neighbourhood, it's also likely that you delight in travelling abroad either to study or to teach. You take pleasure in having contact with people from different countries, sharing ideas and striking up new friendships.

You've the planet Jupiter in the zodiac sign of Sagittarius in your birth chart indicating that you've a love of life which is infectious and a blessing to all who come in contact with you. You're an open and generous person, fond of seeing the lighter side of life. Your sense of humour stands you in good stead throughout your life. Other people admire your positive outlook and enjoy spending time in your company, as well as offering you favours. You love adventure of all kinds whether it be travelling around your own country or to distant shores. You particularly enjoy exploring different cultures and religions, either through academic study or travelling abroad. Your thirst for knowledge sometimes seems insatiable. Although you're a perennial student, you also enjoy sharing your knowledge with other people through writing or teaching. In fact you can be an inspirational teacher. You may also be fond of sport, particularly adventurous sports. The planet Jupiter is considered to be particularly favoured in the sign of Sagittarius and therefore you're likely to have success in whatever avenue you undertake.

The planets Jupiter and Uranus are making a positive aspect in your birth chart suggesting that you're enthusiastic about new ideas and are always keen to learn about different subjects, whether through study or experience. At times your enthusiasm knows no bounds, leading you in to unexplored territory. This can be exciting and a little frightening! You've an enormous ability and energy to achieve your goals, which are likely to be linked to your belief in making a positive contribution to society. These goals may or may not be realistic, depending on your circumstances and other influences in your birth chart. It's possible that you can contribute to a grand-scale beneficial scheme, but you would also do well to remember that each individual's life can have a positive effect on the world. You've a tendency to be grandiose, and don't take well to being restricted by other people or circumstances. Fortunately your inventive nature means that you can adapt to most circumstances, rather than forcing conflict. Traditional or unorthodox religious beliefs could play a major role in motivating your life goals, and helping you achieve your objectives. Metaphysics, astrology, and science may also prove your forte.

HOME

*Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
 But yet in love he sought me,
 And on his shoulder gently laid,
 And home, rejoicing, brought me.*
 Hymn, *The King of love my Shepherd* is 1868.

Astrologers from different schools of thought allocate varying meanings to the Moon in a birth chart. Ancient astrologers say that the Moon changes its nature according to its phases, and merely passes on impressions from other planets rather than directly influencing a person's life. However, modern astrologers tell us that the Moon depicts a person's roots, our home and family. They say the Moon also shows our habitual nature or subconscious patterns of behaviour which stand in the way of achieving our life goals. While the Moon can show us our strengths, it can also depict our weaknesses which need to be overcome in order to be successful in life.

The Moon is placed in the fourth house of your birth chart suggesting that your place of residence is constantly undergoing change. This can be that you frequently move home, that your house is constantly in a state of renovation or that the members of your household are constantly coming and going. Whatever the scenario, it's likely that as a result your home doesn't feel secure. Perhaps this doesn't concern you, but it's more likely that it does leave you feeling somehow without roots, perhaps even reminding you of childhood insecurities. It is possible that you were separated from one or both of your parents at a young age, perhaps even fostered to live with another family or adopted at birth. As an adult you may learn to adapt positively to the constant changes in your domestic life, or you may feel a constant sense of instability. You've a strong desire to live by the water, and this may provide a sense of deep satisfaction. You could also benefit from working on the land or dealing in property. Depending on the other sections of your birth chart, you could benefit from an inheritance from women. In ancient times the Moon was considered to be in a strong position when placed in the fourth house of a chart, meaning that you're in a strong position to achieve your personal ambitions.

With the Moon in the sign of Sagittarius you've an emotional need for adventure and independence, and will feel all of the impatience of a horse being held on a tight rein if your adventurous nature is thwarted. This is despite the fact that

you may be headed in the wrong direction. The destination doesn't really matter, for you've an instinctual urge for travel and exploring - any path will do, particularly when you feel the urge to escape from the stresses of daily life. Sometimes your explorations involve travelling around the globe, while at other times you're content to explore the academic halls of knowledge. Philosophy and religion may particularly appeal. Once your quest for mind-expanding knowledge is somewhat sated, you may seek to change from the role of enthusiastic student to inspiring teacher. Fun is also important. When feeling under stress, you like nothing more than to go out and enjoy yourself. Anything which offers light relief will do. This can range from discussing the philosophical side of life over a cup of tea with a friend, to taking up a new hobby or taking flight to distant lands.

The Moon is making an aspect to Mars in your chart indicating that your home life is active and boisterous, rather than a peaceful environment. Fortunately you're an impulsive and emotional person, who prefers action to becoming bored by inactivity. You're likely to feel more comfortable when faced with a challenge. For this reason you may enjoy working around the house or working from home. It's possible that your need for an active home life stems from your childhood home environment, which was busy and boisterous. Perhaps your mother, or a strong woman in your household, was vivacious and dynamic, possibly even fiery. In some cases male members of the family can display these traits. Either way at a young age you learnt how to enjoy a spirited home life, which you've carried into your adult life. You need to be wary of a lack of sensitivity to other people's feelings. Not everyone is as feisty as you. You could also try to avoid becoming embroiled in arguments with women. This could be difficult as you're impetuous, liable to act without thinking. Mostly you enjoy the challenge of new activity, but at times your vigorous nature can land you in hot water.

The Moon and the planet Neptune are connected in your birth chart indicating that you're a soft, imaginative and sensitive person, who needs a peaceful home environment. Your home needs to be your haven from the world because at times you feel overwhelmed by the harsh realities of the world, and you need to shut away. If this isn't possible then it's likely that you'll be distressed and confused. It's true that you live in a fantasy world. Family members may have stories about your daydreaming ways as a child, which continue well into adulthood. It's also possible that your loved ones feel the need to bring you back down to earth, believing that this will help you cope with the world. Nevertheless you've learned to trust your own instincts, telling you of a need to escape somewhere to dream, even if it's only one room. In this case a room with a beautiful view would definitely appeal to your aesthetic nature. Your imagination is important in helping you to develop your artistic or spiritual gifts. It's likely that your relationship with your mother, grandmother, or an important woman has played a key role in helping you develop the imaginative side of your nature. Perhaps this woman had artistic or spiritual gifts, or encouraged your own talents. It's likely that, although you've an idealised picture in your mind of this woman, that she has had a positive effect on your life. Your house may also be a restful haven for your loved ones, because you've a flair for creating a peaceful environment. This may be your ability to listen with sensitivity to other people's problems and plans, or the ability to create beautiful environment with artistic ornaments, soothing music and indoor plants and flowers. Perhaps you also have artistic talents, which can be displayed in your home. You may find a great sense of satisfaction in living close to water.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION



*There is no such whetstone, to sharpen a good wit
and encourage a will to learning, as is praise.
Roger Ascham, *The Schoolmaster* 1570.*

Our academic schooling and learning through life experience are linked to the planet Mercury. This planet stands for the intellect, common sense, cold reason, commerce and business. It tells us about our communication and learning habits and our modes of thinking.

The planet Mercury in the first house of your chart signifies that, possessing a lively and enquiring mind, you are constantly seeking information and data about the world around you. You are curious, wanting to discover new things about the world, and this can take you to some very interesting places, both in your local neighbourhood and further abroad. "Curiosity killed the cat" is the old saying. However, you would be quick to add the often forgotten ending to the saying, "satisfaction brought him back"! You've a keen intellect and don't like to be bored, otherwise you can feel quite restless. You are fond of books, whether they be considered true literature or just a fun-filled novel. Resource books and cross-word puzzles also hold a strong appeal. You also enjoy studying new subjects, and may have literary talents. While other people may enjoy a quiet and unchanging routine, you prefer the stimulation of changing circumstances. You are resourceful and adaptable. These abilities can also stand you in good stead in the business world, where adaptability and resourcefulness can equate business acumen.

The planet Mercury in the zodiac sign of Virgo indicates that you've a discriminating mind, with an ability to appreciate the finer details of life, at times becoming obsessed with detailed knowledge. Your power of concentration is quite awesome. You can also be critical and analytical, and quite the perfectionist. All of these traits may be to your detriment in daily life, if your family and co-workers feel the brunt of your high expectations and your critical tongue. However, you shine in areas which require a sharp mind and keen intellect. You're particularly apt when doing any kind of research, whether it be delving into the finer details of an insurance policy or conducting scientific research. In fact you make an excellent scholar, perhaps leaning towards the study of hygiene or medicine. You're more than capable of completing undergraduate or post-graduated work at a college or university. Astrologically speaking the planet Mercury is considered to be dignified in the zodiac sign of Virgo. Therefore you excel in communications with others, which

require clarity and precision, and excel in any field requiring concentrated effort and intellect.

You need to take care in your communications and education because of the unfavourable combination of the Moon and the Planet Mercury. You've a sharp mind and a quick wit, but unfortunately you've a tendency to gossip and be sarcastic rather than put your skills to good use. In some cases this combination can also highlight a tendency to dishonesty and worry. Of course you're worried, because you can only judge other people by your own standards and these may not be very high! Of course much of this depends on other influences in your birth chart. On a positive note you can turn your mind to your studies and to improving your communication skills.

The planets Mercury and Neptune are forming a difficult pattern in your chart suggesting that your mind is sometimes confused causing you to suffer setbacks and delays in your education and communication with other people. At times you're vague, lacking concentration and resolution. It's possible that you've spent many hours day-dreaming, lost in a world of thoughts and ideas which seem to have amounted to very little. This is partly because you lack the ability to make decisions, doubting your own abilities and relying too heavily on the influence of other people. It could also be a result of your lack of self-control. On a positive note other influences in your chart, or the development of self-discipline, can help you achieve your dreams. If this is the case then you're likely to express your thoughts in an artistic or creative manner. This could be through art, poetry, literature, story-telling, or music. It's possible that you possess genius in one of these fields. You're also likely to excel in medical or spiritual circles, where your heightened sensitivity to other people can be truly appreciated. You're more likely to follow an unconventional, rather than orthodox, path if you become involved in medicine. This is because you're attracted in psychic and spiritual phenomena. In fact you may possess psychic gifts. You may also enjoy reflective periods near the water, or with nature.

RELATIONSHIPS

*Let me not to the marriage of true minds
 Admit impediments. Love isn't love
 Which alters when it alteration finds.
 Shakespeare Sonnet 116.*

The planet Venus tells about love and relationships. It reveals the type of relationship we value, and what we are seeking from our most intimate relationship, as well as how we like to show our love. It answers questions such as, are we attracted to strong, sensual and intense relationships? Or do we prefer some freedom and independence? This planet also depicts how we like to relate to our environment and other people, not just our primary partner, and how much importance we place on money and resources.

When the planet Venus is placed in the eleventh house of your birth chart friendships are an important component of your life - a great source of satisfaction and pleasure. A popular person, you enjoy a wide variety of friends from all walks of life, who seem to take up a considerable amount of your time. Your friendships with women may be more prominent than those with men. At times you feel that you owe your success to your friends, and this is probably true. Your friendships are beneficial, contributing to your happiness and helping you achieve your hopes and wishes. This may even involve financial gifts or favours. It's also possible that groups and clubs feature in your life. You enjoy belonging to a group of like-minded people, feeling supported by the relationships that are formed. This could involve you taking a prominent role in a group, or simply working quietly in the background. Either way you're particularly keen on becoming a member of a group with goals that benefit humanity.

With Venus in the sign of Leo you're affectionate and passionate in your primary relationship, enjoying a sense of play and romance. You're likely to ardently pursue your partner basking in the delights and pleasures of love, particularly in the first romantic stage. Your partner is likely to benefit from your generous and thoughtful nature, enjoying being the recipient of your spontaneous gestures. However, you do like your loved one to show an appropriate amount of appreciation, and your enthusiasm for the relationship is also likely to wane if your loved one doesn't return your affections in full, also showering you with gifts and attention. With the right person you'll take great pride in the

relationship, eager to share your happiness with your friends. You enjoy attending social outings where you can take real pleasure in the company of other people. Anything that provides entertainment and fun will suffice, although you may prefer attending arts activities, such as dance, theatre and art galleries. Depending on other aspects in your birth chart, you may be extraverted or introverted in your relationships. Either way it's difficult for others to resist your joyful approach to relationships, and as a result you're likely to benefit through your relationships with other people, in particular through people holding high places in society. You need to make sure that you don't fritter away the gifts that you receive from others, as you're generous by nature, and also have a tendency to be extravagant.

You enjoy comfortable relationships with other people because of the favourable combination of the Moon and Venus in your birth chart. A charming and prudent person, you enjoy the company of other people, and they respond favourably. You're likely to enjoy success in your primary relationship, choosing someone who feels comfortable and companionable. You're also likely to benefit from your relationships with women.

The planets Venus and Mars are combining in your chart indicating that you seek a stimulating and romantic relationship. You're charming and assertive, passionate and alive, and admire these qualities in a potential intimate partner. You love to share your adventures with your partner, and it's likely that your relationship will inspire both you and your partner to explore new territory. You need only be wary of holding unrealistically high expectations of your partner, as this can lead to difficulties. This is more likely to be the case when you're young and idealistic. You're liable to disappointment, perhaps even angry feelings, when your partner fails to live up to your expectations. You could also feel angry if rejected in love. Fortunately you've an irrepressible side to your nature, on which you can rely in times of relationship trouble. You're a loyal and fun-loving partner with an ability to balance intimacy with independence.

The planets Neptune and Venus are connected in your chart indicating that you yearn for romance in your primary relationship. Whether you realise it or not, you're seeking an ideal and perfect partner, who may only exist in fairy tales. If you're not careful you'll become disillusioned with the imperfections of relationships and seek solace in a fantasy world. You need to face the realities and imperfections of yourself and your partner as much as possible. This doesn't mean that you need to completely rule out romance and idyllic love. In fact it might help if you're able to escape with your loved one to a romantic setting, away from the demands of everyday life. Coming to terms with the reality of your relationship simply helps you obtain a better understanding of your primary relationship, and helps prevent you becoming disillusioned. In other words taking off the rose-coloured glasses means that you can make a proper assessment of your primary relationship. As a result you'll experience fewer feelings of resentment and disappointment because your partner fails to be perfect, and you won't be in danger of overlooking some major flaws such as drug addiction or deceit. With the right partner you'll enjoy a sense of peace and fulfilment. You may also enjoy artistic or spiritual pursuits together. You're ardent and loving, responding quickly to your partner's need. In turn you benefit from acts of kindness, love and appreciation.

MOTIVATION

*Dimidium facti qui coepit habet: sapere aude.
To have begun is half the job: be bold and be sensible.
Horace, Epistles 65- 68BC.*

Mars is the planet that tells us about our assertion and drive. It tells us what motivates us and what desires drive us most powerfully. Are we ambitious for professional power, or do we desire a meaningful relationship? Do we pursue our desires aggressively? Or do we sit back, lacking the confidence to achieve our ambitions? These are the types of questions answered by the qualities of the planet Mars in our chart.

With Mars placed in the eleventh house of your birth chart groups, organisations and clubs provide an outlet for the passionate side of your nature. On a positive note this means that your leadership qualities come to the fore inspiring group projects. You have the power to rally group members, charging them with purpose and vision. Others admire your prowess. However, it's also likely to come at a cost. You have difficulty curbing your passion and can alienate other people through your lack of restraint. In other words you push too far, not knowing when to stop. You don't recognise the signs of mutiny. If any thing you have difficulty curbing your impatience with the group process, perhaps even losing your temper with individual members. While you achieve your own goals, you lose a lot of friends along the way. This hardly seems right as you believe that you're only trying to help other people, but perhaps you have difficulty seeing your own faults. It's also fair to say that you have very few true friends, which is difficult to understand when you desire to have many. You lose your friends through quarrels, which seem to erupt from nowhere and it doesn't seem possible to heal the rift. However, the few true friends can usually be counted on to fight on your behalf, and you, too, are willing to stand up and fight for them.

The planet Mars in the sign of Leo indicates that you have an honest and straightforward approach to life, meeting most of life's challenges head on. You're fearless and independent in your own life with the ability to be a strong leader for others less forthright. You're a passionate and generous individual with the ability to take other people under your wing, as long as they show some appreciation of your gifts. For these reasons you're often promoted to positions of authority and public prominence. You have a strong need to express your personal creativity, enjoying centre stage in most of

your activities. You may even literally take centre stage in a theatrical performance or on a podium, as you have natural flair for the dramatic side of life. You're a formidable friend and foe as you have strong will power and the confidence to carry through most of your adventurous objectives. You need to be wary of becoming too arrogant and taking on more than you can handle.

If anyone needed to experience quiet and reflective moments in life, then it's you. The combination of the planets Mars and Neptune is urging you to "slow down and smell the roses" on a regular basis. This could be spending time in nature, listening to inspirational music, swimming in the ocean or sitting in a quiet house of prayer; any activity which provides emotional and physical rest and soothes the soul. If you don't schedule in quiet time then you're likely to suffer from lethargy and despondency, and possibly even physical illness. Escaping to a world of fantasy and contemplation is much more rewarding than other means, such as alcohol or drugs. And your chart is saying that you do need moments of escape. It's also possible that you have either a strong artistic or spiritual side to your nature, which motivates many of your actions. Your hobbies or career may reflect your spiritual or artistic interests. Your spirituality could be either orthodox or liberal. The artistic side of your nature may benefit from activities such as art, theatre, dance, music, design, film and craft work. You may also be inspired by sports such as swimming, tai chi, karate or kung fu.

CAREER AND AMBITIONS



The road up and the road down are one and the same
Heraclitus, *Die Fragmente der Vorsokratiker* c540-480BC.

The planet Saturn represents responsibility, boundaries and structure; structure that provides a positive framework within which we can build, or structure that limits our development and forces us to reassess our liabilities and assets. This planet is also linked with our ambitions, and how we approach the practical side of life. This planet often represents the professional side of our lives.

The planet Saturn placed in the second house of your birth chart suggests that money is a serious business, with your personal finances requiring careful thought and planning. Your ability to earn money is influenced by other aspects in your chart. If you've good influences then you're able to slowly and steadily increase your personal wealth through hard work and prudent investments. However, if you've difficult influences then earning money is likely to be an uphill battle as you struggle to make ends meet, and cause you many moments of worry. Perhaps you work hard, but only seem to earn enough money to pay your bills, with little left over for luxuries. You could suffer monetary losses through loss of employment or unwise investments. Whether your finances gradually improve or continual to be a struggle, you need to plan carefully rather than make hasty decisions. Avoid impulse buying and get-rich-quick schemes. Don't let the lack of money affect your self-esteem, but learn to value other achievements and assets in your life.

The planet Saturn in the sign of Scorpio signifies that you're an acquisitive individual who likes to be able to work independently towards your own goals in life. You're a resourceful and determined worker and have an intense commitment to work and joint enterprises, in particular those which help you acquire extra resources. You're a shrewd operator and may enjoy speculating on the stock market or dabbling in property investments. Wins and losses can be experienced in speculation, no matter how clever your tactics. It's also possible that your profession may be linked to property management or brokering. You're protective of your assets and do not take easily to other people standing in your path. As a result you're often at loggerheads with other people at work and home. You can be tenacious in your efforts to achieve your ambitions. You may also have friends in high places who can lend a helping hand. When faced with ongoing problems you can be quite sudden in your resolutions, taking other people by surprise. This can also be

because you're a secretive person, often making plans without other people's advice or knowledge. Secret liaisons can add intrigue to life, but you need to be wary of secret love affairs which could land you in a lot of trouble.

The combination of the planets Saturn and Pluto in your chart suggests that you're an ambitious, insightful and powerful person. You're likely to make a powerful impact on your friends, family, colleagues and loved ones, both as a child and an adult. At times you might be surprised by the extent of other people's reactions to your presence and opinions. You may even surprise yourself by your own reactions to some circumstances. Authority is likely to be a continuing source of difficulty in your life, as you attempt to find the right balance between your own individual rights, and those of the community. Of course there are many instances when these two rights coincide, but you're more likely to find yourself involved in the clashes, perhaps as a mediator. It's possible that you could become involved in someone's power struggles, in which your role may or may not be central to the outcome. It's true that you've the ability to be a powerful leader, perhaps in the government or armed forces, or as an executive or politician. You can be a powerful leader, but first you must learn to use your unique insights for positive purposes. The 19th Century author John Stuart Mill said in his work *On Liberty* (1859) that: "Everyone who desires power, desires it most over those who are nearest to him, with whom his life is passed, with whom he has most concerns in common, and in whom any independence of his authority is oftenest likely to interfere with his individual preferences". Herein lies a key to your chart. You've the ability to succeed in your ambitions, but first you must learn how to deal with the balance of power in your life, respecting both your own and other people's rights to succeed.

The Midheaven is one of the important angles in a birth chart and is also known by astrologers as the MC or Medium Coeli. This angle tells us of our public life, our profession and social status. In other words how we are viewed by the public, how we want to be viewed by the public and what type of profession we are likely to choose. It's also important to note the house position of the ruling planet of your Midheaven for further information about your career as this can greatly influence the interpretation.

With a Midheaven in the sign of Gemini and ruled by the planet Mercury, stimulation and activity are required in your professional life. You prefer a career that is versatile, busy and yet gives you plenty of flexibility. Communication is also important, and you're likely to be drawn to writing, teaching, public relations and various types of networks, including transport. Any avenue that links you with other people will suffice. You're known in the workplace for your adaptability, and willingness to try your hand at most things. The ruling planet Mercury is known for duality and therefore it's also possible that you'll have difficulty choosing between two careers, or perhaps you'll enjoy having two careers at once, juggling your time between both. This also applies to your role as a parent. Perhaps you're juggling your parental responsibilities with your career demands. Examples of famous people with the same Midheaven include American talk show host Oprah Winfrey, actress, dancer and author Shirley MacLaine and UK comedian and actor John Cleese.

CREATIVITY AND ORIGINALITY



The artist must be in his work as God is in creation, invisible and all-powerful; one must sense him everywhere but never see him.
Gustav Flaubert, *Correspondence* 1857-64.

The planet Uranus represents originality and unconventionality. This can be both the unusual and brilliant genius or the wilful rebel without a cause. This planet tells us the areas in which we break with convention, become innovative and experiment with new and exciting ways. In some circles of astrology Uranus represents the creative genius which comes directly via our soul or higher self.

The planet Uranus is in the third house of your birth chart suggesting that you're a quick and original thinker, quick to grasp the meaning of complicated subjects and to understand the nuances of human relations. Your intuition is strong, so much so that you may have clairvoyant, clairaudient or telepathic abilities, perhaps even a gift for magnetic healing. You may be fascinated by the occult world or pursue your interest in astrology, science or metaphysics through reading, writing or studying. Other people may be drawn to your original mind, or they may be repelled by your eccentricity, because you do have a tendency to suddenly express your ideas without fully realising their impact on other people. When you focus your creative and intelligent mind on one task it's difficult to imagine you failing at your purpose, but the problem is being able to maintain your concentration. At times you're unsettled in your purpose, and your restlessness can prompt sudden changes of residence or impromptu journeys. The planet Uranus in this house can also indicate an unusual relationship with your siblings, or that your siblings are independent and unconventional.

The planet Uranus was in the sign of Sagittarius from 1981 - 1988. It's important to note that Uranus spends a long time in each sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Uranus in your chart. Uranus in the sign of Sagittarius indicates that you belong to a generation seeking and teaching new visions for humanity. Your generation will introduce new concepts of philosophy, religion and ethics based on the lessons learnt from previous generations. Your creativity soars when you're tackling these issues.

Neptune is the planet of creativity and spirituality. It represents both the bliss of spiritual attainment and the heights of creativity. This isn't personal spirituality and creativity which comes at the expense of others, but gifts which can benefit humanity. This planet also represents the confusion that can accompany the road to discovering when we are being selfish, as opposed to when we are generously thinking of how our gifts can benefit others.

The meaning of the planet Neptune placed in the fourth house of your chart varies depending on the other influences in your chart. It usually means that there are plenty of skeletons in the family closet, which family members are keen to see remain behind closed doors. Perhaps other family members are well aware of the skeletons, and it's only you who refuses to face the reality, preferring to build a fantasy picture of your childhood home and family. It's possible that there were several changes of residence in your childhood, or perhaps one major move which affected you deeply. It's also possible that a grandmother had an important influence on your early childhood and family life. There is likely to be a sense of loss associated with your family home, or with your parents. As an adult you may repeatedly attempt to recreate a home that will reflect the ideal held in your mind, or in search of the security which was absent as a child. This can lead to frustration. On the other hand you may be well aware of the peculiarities of your childhood home or family, recalling a sense of loss or disillusion. With this placement you're likely to benefit from the healing effects of living near water, or in wide open spaces. You may also enjoy living in a large apartment block, revelling in the anonymity.

The planet Neptune was in the sign of Sagittarius from 1970 - 1984. It's important to note that Neptune takes about 164 years to make a complete cycle, spending about thirteen years in each sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Neptune in your chart. Neptune in the sign of Sagittarius indicates that you belong to a generation possessing the gift of spiritual vision. You'll be able to help humanity focus on spiritual goals and become more expansive and inclusive of differing races and beliefs.

The planets Neptune and Pluto both move slowly through the zodiac, and therefore any connection between the two planets affects birth charts for a short period of time. You were born in such a time. This combination in your chart means that you're interested in opportunities to bring about fundamental change to human values. You are aware of injustices in society and, depending on other influences in your chart, may prefer to fight against them rather than sit back and accept the ills of society. Your creative urges may be linked to politics, or expressing your political views through the arts or spiritual or charitable organisations.

CHALLENGES IN LIFE



The spirit of self-help is the root of all genuine growth in the individual.
Samuel Smiles, *Self-Help* 1859.

The planet Pluto challenges us to transform our lives by clearing out our old habits to make way for the new, more rewarding ways of living. The process isn't necessarily an easy one, as most of us cling tenaciously to the comfort offered by habitual patterns, and are rather scared of new paths. Pluto shows us in which areas of our lives we need to grow, and to a certain extent whether we're likely to find the process of growing painful or joyful.

The planet Pluto is in your second house of your birth chart indicating that possessions and money are a major challenge in your life. There is a constant sense of upheaval in your finances. This could mean that you're constantly struggling to make enough money to cover your expenses. If this is the case you may adapt your attitude towards money, realising that there are more important values in life. It's also possible that your financial situation undergoes a dramatic turnaround at some stage in your life. You could be very wealthy at one stage, and yet suffer poverty at another. Perhaps you believe that someone has betrayed you, and you've suffered financially as a result. Your challenge is to organise your personal finances with the utmost integrity, otherwise you could be subject to financial investigations and loss.

The planet Pluto was in the sign of Libra from 1972 - 1984. It's important to note that Pluto takes about 248 years to make a complete cycle, spending 12 - 32 years in each sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Pluto in your chart. Pluto in the sign of Libra suggests that you belong to a generation concerned with global justice and transforming human relations. Your generation possesses the ability to see the necessity for change in personal and global relations.

PURPOSE AND JOY

*He who binds to himself a joy
Doth the winged life destroy
But he who kisses the joy as it flies
Lives in Eternity's sunrise
William Blake, MS Note-book.*

A sense of purpose can help us overcome the most onerous difficulties in our lives, by taking the focus away from our failings and problems, and shining the light on our strengths and talents. By concentrating on our purpose we can distract ourselves from our troubles, and maintain the forward momentum of our lives. A sense of purpose can also lead to feelings of happiness and joy. Ancient astrologers believed that a person could either identify with their human body and human life, or could focus on a spiritual life. A rewarding spiritual life can help ease human pain and suffering, and inject joy into every day life. A sense of purpose can assist the process of transferring our identification from our human selves to the spiritual sides of our nature, and one of the greatest gifts of astrology is to help us determine our purpose.

The North Node and South Node form an axis in astrology, which is said to represent one's destiny or spiritual quest in life. This axis is also linked with our purpose. The North Node points to a key lesson in our lives. It represents new experiences towards which we must aim during this life. We have already learnt the skills of its opposite point, the South Node, in the past. Now we must grow and stretch ourselves through the North Node.

Your North Node is in the tenth house and your South Node is in the fourth house of your birth chart indicating a quest for dignity in the eyes of the world. You need to shoulder responsibilities with understanding and compassion after which maturity will follow.

Your nodal axis has the North Node in Gemini and the South Node in the sign of Sagittarius denoting that you're destined to learn to see life from other people's point of view and to become adept in the art of communication. You've a tendency to be restless and scatty. You need to develop focus and the ability to communicate your ideas in a way that helps the many people in your life.

The North Node and the planet Venus are combining in your chart suggesting that your destiny is linked with the need to develop harmonious and balanced relationships. Relationships play an important role in your accomplishments. You are joyous when you're part of a team, working in collaboration with other people to achieve your objectives.

The North Node and the planet Mars are combining to suggest that you're being challenged to become assertive and focussed on your personal goals. Independence and self-confidence are keys to your growth in this life, and you may find yourself thrust into leadership roles.

The South Node and the Moon are combining to suggest that you're particularly aware of the importance of emotions, and are being encouraged to use your knowledge in a constructive way. However, there is a tendency for you to become stuck in negative emotional patterns of relating to other people. In other words you have difficulty expressing your emotions, and this may lead to periods of self-imposed isolation and needless worry about the future. This also creates obstacles for you achieving your purpose in life. Your challenge is to forge ahead with your life without relying too heavily on your emotions, and yet remaining responsive to other people.

The South Node and the planet Venus are combining in your chart to suggest that relationships play a key role in either helping or preventing you from achieving your purpose. Perhaps you struggle to relate intimately with other people, or perhaps you need to learn independence in order to focus on your own objectives. Either way, a major part of your life is spent learning about personal relating skills so that you can achieve your mission.

The South Node and the planet Mars are combining to suggest that you may experience difficulty being assertive and finding the drive to succeed, or alternatively you may have a tendency to misdirect your energies. Your current life lesson is to express your energy positively and assertively. Your talent for independent action needs to be developed so that you can achieve your purpose.

You've a tendency to daydream and live in a fantasy world, possibly even escaping into the world of drugs and depression. This is because of the association of the South Node and the planet Neptune in your chart. Your quest in this life is to put your creative talents to positive use.

The Ascendant, or Rising Sign as it's sometimes called, is a key to discovering our purpose. Ancient astrologers believed that the Ascendant depicted our primary motivation as individuals. Some believed that it was one of the links to discovering what makes a person happy. When we're accomplishing our primary motivation then we're happy. The more modern Esoteric astrologers believe that this sensitive chart point reveals our soul's purpose. When we're carrying out our soul's purpose then we're joyful. They believe that acceptance of our purpose, or fate, can help us achieve success and satisfaction, and that meditation on the qualities of the Ascendant can help us focus on our life's purpose.

The sign of Virgo is considered "feminine" by Ancient astrologers suggesting that you're not a risk-taker, but are more likely to wait until you feel comfortable before pursuing your purpose. You're also likely to depend on other people to take the initiative. Virgo is also a Mutable sign denoting versatility, flexibility, adaptability, sensitivity, restlessness, indecision and anxiety.

You've a quiet, reserved, retiring and receptive side to your nature. Although you're not strongly ambitious you do persevere to accomplish your goals in life. You're economical, thrifty, hygienic, tidy in body and mind. Order and precision are your preferred modes of self-expression, and you like other people to follow your lead. In fact you can be quite critical and judgmental of those less organised and efficient. Perhaps you've forgotten that not everyone has your ingenuity and ability to work hard. Other people will appreciate your practical approach, and usually do their best to

help, even if it's not quite up to your exacting standards. Your fate could largely depend on your circumstances, but is likely to be linked to your organisational ability. Your intellectual ability could also feature strongly in your life, perhaps through research.

In Esoteric astrology the sign of Virgo is linked with purity, humility and practicality. Your purpose is connected to striving for spiritual knowledge, and ensuring a practical manifestation of this knowledge.

CONCLUSION

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Stephanie's background in medieval astrology can be detected in the direct style of the report. Medieval astrologers differed from modern-day astrologers in several ways. They didn't have a psychological approach to chart interpretation, but took a much more literal approach. They were very much concerned with the fortunes of an individual, whether a person would survive or not, and whether or not the person would experience good or failing fortunes. The author's particular area of interest in Esoteric astrology can be mainly detected in the section labelled "Purpose and Joy". In Esoteric astrology the purpose of an individual is linked to the soul. In other words it is believed that our souls determine our sense of purpose in the world, motivating us to put our gifts to good purpose.

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This report is meant more of an introduction to the wonders of astrology rather than a complete course in its intricacies. Further studies, or a consultation with a professional astrologer, are encouraged to explore this most ancient scientific and philosophic tool.

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