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VOCATION REPORT

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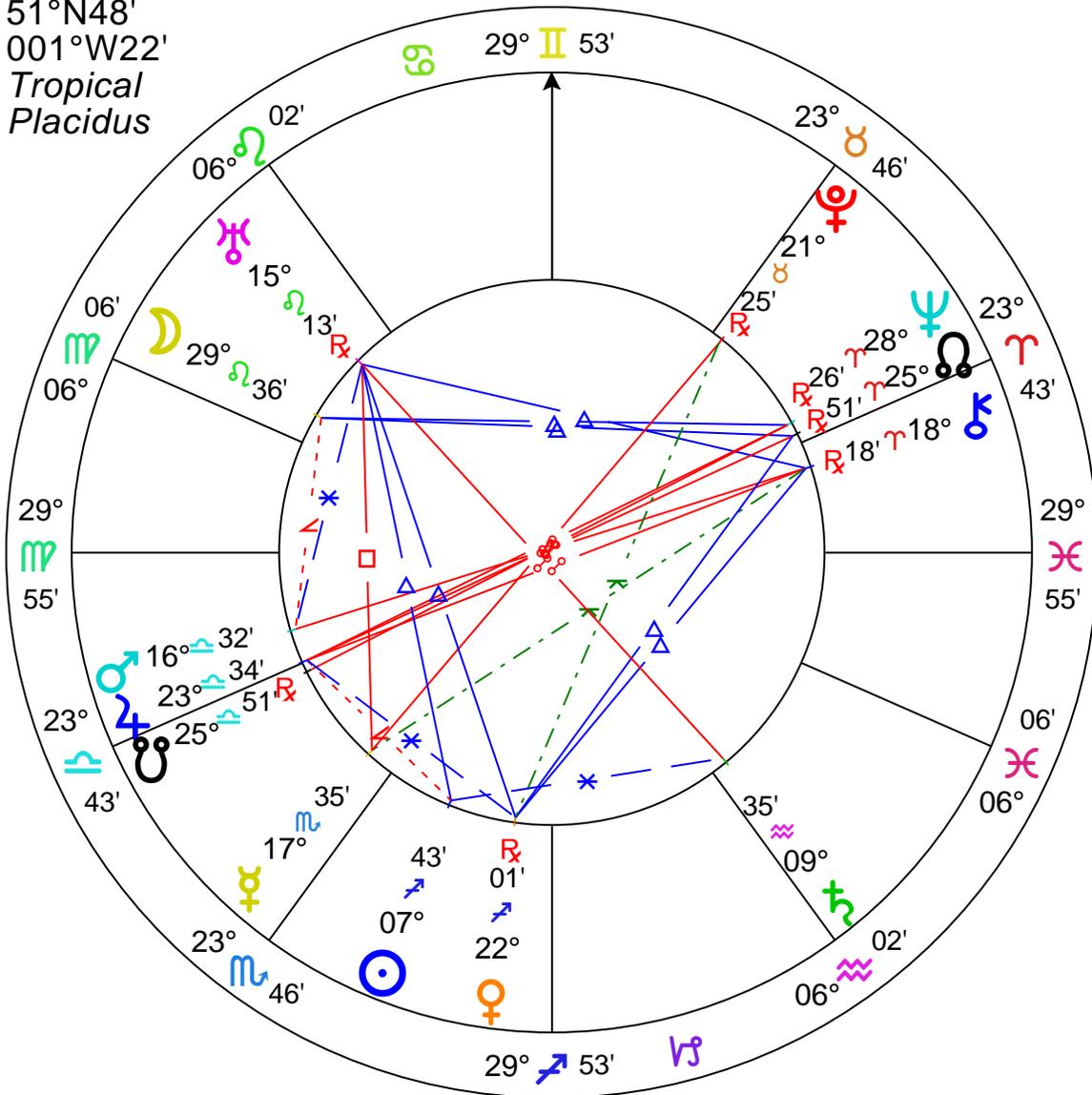
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Astrological Summary

Chart Point Positions: Churchill Winston

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Leo	29°Le36'	11th	
The Sun	Sagittarius	7°Sg43'	3rd	
Mercury	Scorpio	17°Sc35'	2nd	
Venus	Sagittarius	22°Sg01'	3rd	
Mars	Libra	16°Li32'	1st	
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Pluto	Taurus	21°Ta25'	8th	
Chiron	Aries	18°Ar18'	7th	
The North Node	Aries	25°Ar51'	8th	
The South Node	Libra	25°Li51'	2nd	
The Ascendant	Virgo	29°Vi55'	1st	
The Midheaven	Gemini	29°Ge53'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Semisquare	Mars	1°56'	Applying
The Moon	Trine	Neptune	1°10'	Separating
The Moon	Trine	The North Node	3°45'	Separating
The Moon	Sextile	The Midheaven	0°17'	Applying
The Sun	Semisquare	Jupiter	0°50'	Applying
The Sun	Sextile	Saturn	1°52'	Applying
The Sun	Trine	Uranus	7°30'	Applying
Mercury	Square	Uranus	2°21'	Separating
Mercury	Opposition	Pluto	3°49'	Applying
Mercury	Quincunx	Chiron	0°42'	Applying
Venus	Sextile	Jupiter	1°32'	Separating
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Venus	Quincunx	Pluto	0°36'	Applying
Venus	Trine	Chiron	3°43'	Applying
Venus	Trine	The North Node	3°49'	Separating
Mars	Conjunction	Jupiter	7°01'	Applying
Mars	Sextile	Uranus	1°19'	Separating
Mars	Opposition	Chiron	1°45'	Applying
Jupiter	Opposition	Neptune	4°51'	Applying

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
Jupiter	Opposition	Chiron	5°15'	Separating
Jupiter	Opposition	The North Node	2°17'	Applying
Jupiter	Conjunction	The South Node	2°17'	Applying
Jupiter	Trine	The Midheaven	6°19'	Applying
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Uranus	Trine	Chiron	3°04'	Applying
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Uranus	Semisquare	The Midheaven	0°19'	Applying
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Neptune	Opposition	The South Node	2°34'	Applying
Neptune	Sextile	The Midheaven	1°27'	Separating
The South Node	Trine	The Midheaven	4°02'	Separating
The Ascendant	Square	The Midheaven	0°01'	Applying

INTRODUCTION



You work that you may keep pace with the earth and the soul of the earth. When you work you are a flute through whose heart the whispering of the hours turns to music. Work is love made visible.

- Kahlil Gibran, *The Prophet*

A Fulfilling Vocation

In the midst of our busy lives, worn out by the endless repetition of meaningless tasks, it is difficult to appreciate Kahlil Gibran's poetic image of work as a soul-making sphere. In a technological environment work and soul seem worlds apart. The outer rewards of career - prestige, status, vacations, salary packages, job security - conceal the urge to express soul through our vocation. When we are no longer anchored by values and images that remind us of a meaningful life, emptiness permeates the working atmosphere, contributing to an epidemic of dissatisfaction, depression and insecurity in the workplace. This report is aimed at helping you reflect on your vocation or calling. It is not meant as a quick fix, but rather as an aid to self-understanding and awareness which in turn helps your vocational choices.

Vocation is from the Latin *vocare*, to call, and in early English this referred to a spiritual calling. In modern terminology we can conceive of vocation as the calling to one's authentic role in the world. As an aspect of the individuation process, our vocational path is not predetermined but forged through the interrelationship of our inner self with the outer world over time. Carl Jung suggested it was vocation, which induced an individual to follow his own soul and become conscious. He suggested vocation was 'an irrational factor that destines a man to emancipate himself from the herd and from its well-worn paths. True personality is always a vocation'. To follow the voice which summons one on their authentic path demands that the individual be spirited enough to forge their own way in the world. As Jung reminds us, 'Creative life always stands outside convention'. Vocation demands we risk being unique.

When you were a child what was your answer when adults inevitably asked 'what do you want to be when you grow up?' As children we are uninhibited in our career choices, not yet influenced by cultural standards and values that judge professions. Still unaware of what work entails, the answer springs from our imagination. How we shape these soulful images of who we may be in the world is our vocation and a large part of the individuation process. These impressions are already inherent in us and often accessible to us through the imagination, and certainly through images in the horoscope. However one of the main obstacles in our

vocational search is literality. Mistaking an internal image for a concrete career perpetuates the myth that vocation is something existing outside of us, already established in the world for us to find, not something that unfolds over the course of our lives. The illusion that the right career path, a creative job or our own business will dissolve our job dissatisfaction hinders the discovery that vocation is already present in us.

A complexity of external factors influences our career choices: familial awareness, educational opportunities, financial resources, parental support, and encouragement. Role models whom we admire as children, experiences that capture our imagination and the breadth of exposure to the world around us impress us. Another major influence on career choice is parental expectations. Whether it is overt or not, we are subjectively influenced by the unconscious expectations of the parents, the ancestors, and the culture. This pressure contributes to moulding our careers whether we yield or rebel to it. Yet instinctively we are drawn to certain courses, beliefs, and theories, experiences that are all part of the process of helping our careers unfold. Ultimately the vocation is like a large tapestry woven with the threads of all of our life experience and choices, not a well-trodden career path with guaranteed superannuation.

Unfortunately, vocations do not come with job descriptions, opportunities for promotion or a guaranteed income. No doubt work and career are an aspect of vocation, but we often confuse the longing for self-fulfillment with a literal job. Vocation, like individuation, is a job, it is a task; it is the 'opus' of one's life. Therefore the task of vocation continuously unfolds throughout our lifetime and its success depends on our ability to courageously follow its call. Vocation is an aspect of our fate, a force deep inside that pushes itself to be expressed in the world, therefore is intimately bound up with the course of our lives. Yet because work is how we 'make a living' we often identify work as something we do rather than something we are. Because some professions can bestow such prestige and status we may be drawn to a profession because of what it can offer materially, not creatively. Some careers offer the financial rewards that provide a wealthy lifestyle; however, at a critical point in our lives it becomes evident that career bonuses are never enough if vocational urges are still unmet.

A vocational analysis utilizing astrology is very beneficial in revealing an individual's calling. The astrological horoscope does not supply literal details, but it does offer suggestions as to the features necessary to make the vocational journey fulfilling. Vocation may also be found in hobbies, volunteer work, and courses of study, not always presenting in the form of a career. This report will help you to reflect on the qualities of your character that create an empowering effect on shaping a meaningful vocation. Using your horoscope as the personal guide this report will offer suggestions to help you consider a fulfilling vocation. As you read about the vocational images from your own horoscope you will find that many repeat similar themes, reminding you to be alert to these patterns. In other cases you will find that there may be contradictions. Human nature is full of paradoxes and it is of equal importance to have an insight into the nature of our own ambiguities and inconsistencies. This report will introduce you to the archetypal forces that underpin your personal search for a fulfilling vocation.

VOCATION AND DESTINY



Vocation is the spine of life
-Friedrich Nietzsche

The Lunar Nodes

In the Hindu tradition the Nodal axis is symbolised by a dragon. The North Node is the dragon's head; the South Node is the dragon's tail. This archetypal image is an aspect of many culture's myths. In western mythologies it is the hero who comes across the dragon at some point in their journey and must battle this monster to gain the sacred treasure. This encounter is a psychological story depicting our battle against the forces that keep us from following our own path. Astrologically, it is along the nodal axis where we encounter this dragon and experience the incentive to confront our own destiny.

In considering this axis we can envisage the North Node or Dragon's Head as the calling to be heroic, to develop an identity in the world, or in other words, to follow our vocation. The North Node points to what can be developed through valuing and cultivating innate faculties. The South Node, known as the Dragon's Tail, is the container of talents, skills and aptitudes gleaned from the past, lying untapped and undifferentiated. Without recognition or consciousness they remain stagnant, unable to be directed advantageously. Hence a heroic act needs to dislodge and distribute this energy so it can be of service. In circulating this energy the potentiality of the North Node is heightened. Each time this energy is liberated, destiny is petitioned and vocation is more conscious; therefore the South Node is a vital key to unlocking the treasure chest of vocational talent.

Another way we could think about the North Node is that it is an invitation to participate and cooperate in the life journey. The North Node is where effort must be exerted. This is an opportunity to learn what needs to be developed and made conscious. For vocational purposes we could view the North Node as a symbol of what demands to be anchored and directed in the world. Unlike the South Node it is not instinctive and therefore needs to be recognised before it can be applied. In striving to realise the potentiality of the North Node, satisfaction and meaning will be derived.

The South Node in the opposite sign suggests an innate quality that needs to be disseminated and used freely in pursuit of a vocation. It is providence, a gift of inherited qualities from the past that can be used as resources for the future. The South Node suggests that well developed residues need to be dispersed and shared or they may threaten to entrap you. It symbolises what must be utilised in the conscious attempt to fulfill one's destiny. The South Node acts as a dissemination point for what becomes conscious at the North Node. In a way the South Node brings to mind the need to contribute this energy to the familial and social realms, the world at large. Since this energy is instinctual it is not necessarily always consciously directed or purposefully used.

The Lunar Nodes are important to consider in a vocational analysis since this polarity in the horoscope represents an axis of destiny. The issues involved in the nodal axis seek conscious expression and reconciliation, which are often sought through vocation. The nodal axis is intimately connected to the individual's path in life and therefore the nature of this polarity is often drawn into the pursuit of a fulfilling career. The sign position of the Nodes reveals an essential aspect of the individual's destiny. The polarity of signs embraced by the North and South Nodes describe important qualities necessary to both develop and disseminate in the vocation.

The house position of the Nodes will illustrate the environmental factors that help to shape and influence an individual's destiny. The North Node's house position directs us to be aware of an important arena of our lives. It is important to consciously participate in the area of life described by the house position of the North Node. This is an area where both the inner and outer worlds collude to lead us into an encounter with our destiny. It is a part of life that beckons and invites us into its experiences. Since the North Node is often the place where we momentarily may experience the transcendent and spiritual aspect of the self, its house position maps the place where these experiences happen. The North Node does not have a cumulative effect; in other words experiences at this place are not sequential, but more arbitrary, and may seem to happen out of the ordinary. The random nature of the North Node is more to do with its subjective nature and entanglement with the spiritual world. Hence the house position of the North Node may suggest the setting where the encounter with the spiritual self occurs. The South Node is in the opposite house and may describe a familiar place, an area of safety, and a comfort zone which supplies an anchor. However it is also a place where we can become rigid, caught in the safety zone of our complacency. Therefore it suggests an area we must leave to develop and explore our life's pathway. Another metaphor we could use to define the nodal axis is that the North Node is the destination, the station where the path is headed, while the South Node is like the departure point, the station where we embark. The Nodal axis is like a track with the well-worn grooves of the path near the South Node.

Combining both factors of sign and house establish a more individual profile of the essence needing to be to recognised and developed to actualise an individual's potential pathway. Planets aspecting the Nodal axis will also demand attention especially if conjunct either pole of the axis. Planets that square the nodal axis suggest the need to incorporate this energy into the vocation. Therefore these planetary placements in reference to the nodal axis will also be analysed. Following is the description of the lunar nodes in your natal horoscope to help you reflect on your own vocational pathway.

The North Node is in Aries

You have the North Node in Aries and the South Node in Libra, which suggests that a sense of fair play and cooperation is inborn. Social skills, diplomacy, mediation expertise and competence in dealing with others are well developed and need to be used on your path; however, you need to focus on your individual goals in order to feel fulfilled at work. Being involved with others is natural for you, therefore becoming more self-focused adds to the quality and depth of every relationship. Since you have a tendency to avoid altercations or putting yourself in confrontational situations you may compromise your own desires leaving you feeling angry and unfulfilled. It is important to recognise that your difficulty in putting yourself first actually fuels the tension between yourself and others in your workplace. Therefore it is important to know that co-workers appreciate decisiveness and clarity. Ironically you are complimented and supported when you take the lead, as those around you know they can count on you to do the right thing by everyone.

At the South Node, the Libran scales remind us of the sign's propensity towards judgement. Psychologically this is the path of discovering how to value and appreciate through comparison with others. Through judgement you weigh up your options and possibilities. Vocationally this instinct to judge can be utilised in professions where arbitration, a keen perception or clarity of thought is important. Libra also has skills at conflict resolution,

negotiation, relating and communication, therefore suits professions which involve personnel recruitment, adjudication, political negotiation, counselling, consulting and judging. You are fulfilled when you can negotiate a truce, resolve an awkward situation or introduce the right person into the right situation. It is this instinctual counsellor and mediator that need to be used in your vocation in an entrepreneurial and active way. While you like people you may work best on your own; although you are other-orientated you need to consider your own opinions first. While you like to be in accord with others you are called on to be identified for your personal thoughts and ideas. This is part of the paradox of your vocational quest and to leave the herd you need to confront the displeasure of offending others.

A conscious effort needs to be applied to forge a sense of independence and entrepreneurial skills. Risk taking, adventure and initiative need to be developed to ensure success. You need to dig deep to find the inspiration and courage to support your own goals and strike out on your own to find the space where you are surrounded by like-minded colleagues and workers. Your destination is more self-governing and self-determining than you may have ever imagined, and in order to fulfill this you need to rescue your aptitude to relate to others.

The North Node is in the 8th House

Your North Node is in the 8th House with the South Node being in the polarity of the 2nd House. In your horoscope this is the polarity that brings the sharing of resources into opposition with personal assets. You tend to be self-made and independent, but sometimes feel that you cannot trust other people when it comes to the world of wealth and resources. You can trust your own judgment with investments and banking, but not so sure you can trust anyone else. Your challenge is to trust your own judgment enough to be open, intimate and trusting of some people, if not all. Trust, loyalty and integrity are challenges that await us in the 8th House and these are encountered through a deep emotional bond that confronts our vulnerability. The invitation of the North Node is to face this challenge of becoming deeply involved with another person, and not get fixed in the safety zone of your own assets. You are able to be generous, giving and resourceful; however your kindness and generosity may be your defence against being vulnerable. You might be asked to risk losing assets and resources in order to take a chance at loving.

Vocationally your assets are better invested in working with others and forging deep and trustworthy connections. You have an instinct for what is valuable and when you share this talent with others you find that you become even better off. Call it luck or fortune but providence has blessed you with an innate sense of resourcefulness for the purpose of helping others feels secure. Tyche, the goddess who spins the wheel of fortune, is your resourceful and kind-hearted spirit when you direct your energies towards others. Vocationally your path intersects with the spiritual, emotional and financial needs of others. Your ability to create wealth is a given and therefore you may be drawn to a profession in financial arenas such as stock market and futures trading, investment banking, and mortgage broking.

Jupiter is Conjunct The South Node

The largest planet in the solar system is conjunct your South Node, which is a metaphor for some of the gifts that you have inherited. Deep inside you see the big picture; you are able to understand the complexity of the human experience and find meaning and order in the chaos of life. Innately you are able to contact a deeper wisdom which informs your philosophy of life. And it is this understanding and knowledge which needs to be disseminated through your work. Without using this abundant spirit you may feel unfulfilled, seeking satisfaction in the material world where you are susceptible to excess and inflation. Acquiring more is not the answer, nor is accumulating more knowledge; both defend the innate urge to motivate and share with others your instinctual understanding of life.

Given the gift of faith in the process of life, you have a natural flair for expanding people's understanding of themselves and the world around them or administering to individual's religious and soul-needs. In this way you

are a genuine motivational teacher and coach as well as a spiritual counsellor. You have a flair for education and the dissemination of knowledge and may find you are drawn to the sphere of tertiary education, writing or publishing. Your far sightedness also brings you into contact with other cultures and ways of being and you are able to integrate this into your chosen career. You have an inborn sense of justice and will be called on to judge certain situations and bring insight and wisdom to the situation. With Jupiter resting near the South Node you are able to tap into an abundant spirit as well as a vision which must be utilized in your vocation in order to find meaning. Wherever you find yourself in life you will want to engender that place with hope, faith and meaning, seeing the greater purpose in what is being asked of you. As the chief Olympian Jupiter was the most influential of the gods and this archetype suggests you have the capacity to father other's ideas and visions through your guidance and example.

Neptune is Conjunct The North Node

With Neptune floating nearby your North Node your vocational pathway is enriched by your imaginative faculties and creative possibilities. Since youth you have heard the siren's call, drawing you into an enchanted world, not many can see, but one that has always been available to you. Upon entering this world you are engulfed with exalted feelings and transcendent thoughts that lift you up and inspire you. Therefore your invitation is to make your rich inner world a part of your vocation. In our disenchanting world this is no easy feat and it takes a heroic act to bring the sacred into the mundane. You struggle against the tide of what is the consensus reality, valuing what is often invisible to others and honouring what is subtle. Therefore it takes a great strength of spirit to pursue your artistry and vulnerability and not collapse under the sheer weight of the task.

It is not always an easy task to find the place for your Neptunian calling in the world. Vocationally there are two broad categories: one is the sphere of creativity immersing yourself in your imaginative faculties through art, music, literature while the other is to be engaged in helping whether that is as a physical healer, an emotional helper, a spiritual advisor or a psychological counsellor. Your task is to become one with what you do therefore, at times will feel lost in what you do and what you feel you should be doing. The goal is never clear and constantly shifts but more than anyone you know you want to find meaning and soul through your life work. You are ready to dedicate yourself and therefore have no choice but to go in the direction the river of life takes you. Be aware that whatever road you take you have a deep urge to be connected with your soulful essence which can be manifested through your compassion or your creativity. It is not the easiest route as the world does not provide a lot of avenues for this archetype to pursue, therefore call on Providence to assist. You need a muse to remind you of your calling to bring the other world into your everyday.

VOCATION AND DIRECTION



*Many are called, few are chosen: many have talent, few have the character that can realise the talent.
Character is the mystery, and it is individual.*
- James Hillman

The Ascendant and Angular Planets

From the moment of your first breath, your fate was sealed. The Fates that spun the thread also measured its length and then cut the cord to free the spirit. The patterns woven at birth by the Fates were embedded in the soul and it is these soulful designs that have become the template for your human journey. Your genesis is a map for your life. This map is the horoscope, a vibrant multi-layered design of character, potentialities and persuasions.

This moment of birth has defined your orientation to life through four directions known as the angles of the horoscope. Like a compass pointing you along the right path, each one of the four angles plays a major role in defining the direction of your life. Direction and vocation are entwined as along the angles we find the course of our lives.

Your four angles form two planes of experience. The first plane of experience is your individual and personal orientation to the world detailing your personality, your outlook on life and your natural inclination towards partnership. This is the angle of the ascendant, the degree of the zodiac rising at the moment of your birth. This helps describe your motivation to life and therefore what personal traits you can bring to your vocation. The polar position on this plane is known as the descendant, the degree of the zodiac setting on the horizon when the Fates cut the cord. Here the astrologer reads the patterns and potentialities of merging your personality with a soul mate. In a vocational analysis this is also important to read in terms of co-operation with others.

The second plane of experience is an inherited view of the world, shaped by ancestry and familial lines. Along this polarity of angles you experience the impact of your family or origin on your direction as well as the expectations and influences placed upon you. Embedded in this plane of experience are familial patterns and fate shaping your direction and vocation. The angle of the IC reveals the atmospheric conditions of your early familial experiences while the opposite angle suggests your destiny in the world, strongly influenced by parental and societal expectations.

Therefore to familiarise yourself with these influences will add to your understanding of vocation. The ascendant marks the birth point and is metaphoric of your natural disposition and outer image. This describes your natural outreach and personality traits that are spontaneous; in fact this is the person we first meet, the face turned out towards the world. However in the natural wheel of the horoscope the sign on the ascendant is at odds with the signs that rule the cusps of the houses that describe vocation. Therefore as a more integrated self begins to emerge we often experience what we do in the world to be in conflict with whom we feel we are. This is a human challenge to learn to adapt your personality to your vocation. Following is a description of the signs on this axis. Reflect on how these qualities might need to be utilised and adapted to your vocation. If you have a planet that was rising or setting at your birth then this energy needs to be acknowledged as a powerful guide and influence on your vocational path.

Each angular planet could be seen as a guiding force, a daimon or soul force seeking expression through you. If you have more than one angular planet they will have different needs and likely will contradict or conflict with one another. The key as always is to find the right time and venue to be able to express both as fully as possible.

1st House Cusp is in Virgo

When you were born the sign Virgo was rising across the eastern horizon, suggesting that you are ordered and controlled in your approach to life. Before you venture out it is important to have a plan, a program, a list or a map, at the very least an idea, of where you are going. You need to be prepared; once you feel you have taken all the considerations into account, you can relax and let it happen. Feeling relaxed is not spontaneous unless you are composed and surrounded by order. While others might see your attention to details as worrying, you see it as a countdown to take off. Therefore you have innate organisational and structural skills that will come in handy in your vocation. However it is likely that your vocation will involve working with others who may not be as fastidious or as ordered as you. Your work mates may not be as inclined to tidy up the mess, therefore it is important not to be drawn into the chaos of others. Vocationally you are invited to develop your social skills and can earn your living in this way through personnel work, counselling or a range of other people-orientated professions. Therefore you are called on to be more adaptable to others, be open to changing your mind and not letting routine override variety.

Pisces is setting in your horoscope, which implies that even in your personal relationships you are challenged to accept the chaos and lack of clarity of others. Your partners and close friends help you to accept that life does not run on schedule or is as ordered as you might like. No doubt you are in touch with nature's rhythms; it is others that are the challenge. No wonder you often feel more akin to the animal kingdom than the human. But this is your vocation, to work with others in a capacity that informs them of the possibilities of improving their lives. And improvement is something you know how to do with your eyes closed.

VOCATION AND CHARACTER



Character is fate.
- Heraclitus

Considering the Sun and Moon

Whatever Heraclitus meant two and a half millennia ago is a mystery. However, this phrase has captured philosophical attention ever since, as its truth is evident. We do contribute to our fate through forging our character. It is that personal mix of our habits, rituals, values, beliefs, ideals and morals that all inform our character and contribute to our deeper layers of personality. Through time these become forged into who we are; our character becoming our fate. While the world may acknowledge our achievements from work well done, our greatest success lies in self-fulfillment and the satisfaction of a life well lived

Again the astrological horoscope becomes a useful guide to understanding personality characteristics that shape character. Astrologically the three aspects of your horoscope, which are the most relevant in considering your own individual character, are the Ascendant, which we have explored in the last section of this report, and the Sun and Moon. Character is fate and expressed through our life journey. Through examining your Sun and Moon it becomes clearer what you need to identify with and need on your vocational path, and therefore what is necessary to develop and nurture in character. Your Sun sign reveals the virtues that are part of your potential character while the Moon sign suggest what needs are important for you to feel safe in the world. Each individual's character is unique and your description of the Sun and Moon sign will be personalised through other astrological factors. However this is an entrée to begin to consider the virtues and needs of your character.

THE SUN: Virtues of the Essential Self

In the final analysis, we count for something only because of the essential we embody, and if we do not embody that, life is wasted.

- C.G. Jung

The Sun is the central focus of its system and therefore represents a multi-dimensional symbol. On one level it is the essential self and the twelve signs of the zodiac, which mark its apparent path through the heavens, represent spiritual concepts and virtues. Each sign characterises qualities of the human spirit. To the ancients the path of the Sun in the sky was akin to the hero's journey and each sign designated a heroic labour. Astrologically we can present a case for each one of the twelve signs represents a soul state. Therefore when we are in touch with the virtues underpinning our Sun sign we become closer to its spiritual essence and feel

closer to the true self. Psychologically this suggests a more soulful and meaningful experience of who we are.

On the other level the Sun is symbolic of our identity, the passport of the self. Of course one of the important considerations of identity besides sex, age and nationality is profession. The Sun is essentially what we might identify as important, what helps us feel vital and good about ourselves. The Sun suggests what we may be skilled at. It might not be easy at first, but as we grow we naturally become more aware of our solar impulse. Therefore in many ways the Sun sign helps shape the vocation, as it hints at what is important to be identified with and qualities that help us excel.

The Sun is in Sagittarius

In Sagittarius we encounter the human virtue of faith that encourages each soul to know the continuity of life through its darkest moments. With your Sun in Sagittarius you are blessed with this gift of faith. Your positive spirit can soothe the troubled soul and your innate wisdom can guide the weary traveller. Your zodiacal messenger is an archer whose bow is taut, ready to release an arrow towards the heart of the galaxy. This arrow suggests your power of perception and your ability to penetrate to the heart of the matter. With your Sun in Sagittarius you are a positivist and urge to act according to the highest values and principles possible. You flee from futility by focusing your arrows on a faraway target, one that is preferably unknown. Whether this is an overseas locale or a philosophical ideal, you are on a quest to make the foreign familiar and participate in broadening your horizons of life.

Your instinct to the religious and philosophical as well as your urge to develop spiritually will lead you into many different cultures, beliefs, ideas and places. You must ascribe meaning to the world around you and in order to do this you search for the answers to metaphysical questions. You are naturally far sighted. Your inner vision extends far beyond what the naked eye can see. You are intuitively orientated, following your instinct and sensitivity, in the face of scepticism and statistics, trusting in the reality of internal perceptions. Buoyed by your faith you are confident in the power of positive thinking and spiritual insight. Conviction is your empowerment and the certainty of your beliefs allows a buoyant attitude even through the most difficult of times. Protected by an armada of affirmations you can always be optimistic, even at the darkest hour. William Wordsworth defined faith as 'a passionate imagination', as it is an act of lovingly engaging with the divine. Your ability to conceive of a more worthy life, to know the existence of something greater than just what is visible and the urge to search for a higher purpose in life requires your courageous spirit and open mind. You need to explore cross-culturally and journey beyond the safety of what is familiar. Therefore you are highly motivated by adventures into the unknown whether it is through physical travel, intellectual discoveries or educational opportunities. Vocationally you are well suited to any sphere that offers you the opportunity to educate, administer, publish or inspire others.

What is moral and right is of great importance. You live by a code of ethics that inspires you to do what is noble, non-discriminatory, honourable and just. You seek temperance, moderation and balance in order to find the middle path and discern between right and wrong. For you right action is not imposed by an external moral code but spontaneously springs from your inner respect for all of life. When you act ethically you feel closer to the divine and therefore closer to your goals in life. Your capacity to search for meaning and establish your own belief system, free from the prejudices and opinions of others, is your vocation. But one of your greatest initiations is the experience of having faith in the process of life. When you are armed with a reason you can face anything. To find your vitality and spirit and to feel soulful, you need to strive for justice and temperance and remain enthusiastic and optimistic about the world. Your ideals, ethics and positive nature need to be your constant companions.

THE MOON: Caring for Your Soul

Care of the soul asks us to observe its needs continually, to give them our wholehearted attention.
-Thomas Moore

The Moon is the archetype of care and nurture. From a general overview the Moon reveals what needs are important to satisfy in our vocation. The Moon sign can help to identify what basic requirements are necessary to care for the soul at work. In a vocational capacity the Moon corresponds with the nurturing professions and if the individual is drawn to one of these professions, the Moon sign helps to differentiate what kind of caring could suit its temperament. The planetary sign acts as a filter for the archetypal urge when it seeks expression through the vocation.

The Moon is in Leo

You were born with the Moon in Leo, the sign ruled by the Sun. Astrologically this suggests the great need to be able to reflect your own creativity and spirit through what you do. Who you are and what you do need to be intertwined in your experience bringing yourself expression and certitude to what you do. Therefore you might find yourself drawn to professions that allow you to be as expressive and creative as you need to be or careers where the products are your designs, ideas or creations. However, this also suggests an intensity and warmth of character. Innately you can light up a room and make others feel better about themselves. You are passionate and playful and you will seek to find both these characteristics in your life.

From an early age you might have recognised your urge to perform and to make the right impression. In your own mind you might have been a celebrity, as your soul is drawn to celebrating life. To care for soul your mood needs to be positive and upbeat. The identification and use of personal talents and originality is important. Having your identity a central part of your vocation is necessary, even if you are helping or serving others. Your creativity needs to be identified and demonstrated.

If you are called to the nurturing professions then your Moon in Leo is adept at helping to heal the inner child whether caring for children or in a creative capacity, like art therapy, sand play, child psychology etc. However your great capacity for nurturing comes through your playful ability to be just who you are and radiate warmth, light and laughter.

INCOME



*The worth of someone is deeply tied to images of destiny, the twists and turns of fate, and the wheels of fortune.
The same is true of money. Our relation to money is our relation to fate.*

- Russell A. Lockhart

The Rich Resources of Your Life

Traditionally the 2nd House is associated with money and the accumulation of assets. In a vocational sense the 2nd house details our earning capacity, income and resources. Psychologically this is the sphere where self esteem and personal values are shaped by our early experiences. It is where we learn what is 'mine', how to share, trade and exchange articles of value. Self worth, the impact of familial values, the substance and significance we place upon our efforts, income received or value returned are all intimately interwoven into the fabric of this house. In the modern climate of the corporate world, pay replaces satisfaction in the workplace; yet the secret of the 2nd house is that fulfilment is intimately tied to the expression of our skills and resources, not wages. Having found the wellspring of our talent, money follows. Pleasure is experienced through apprenticeship and mastery of our skills and talents, not through economic management.

The 2nd House suggests innate resources, which can be developed and valued. In a literal sense these are 'traded' for income or other rewards which support us in the world. This area suggests our innate strengths, skills and talents that must be utilized in earning our living. Psychologically these are our personal assets and resources, which sustain and support us in our career. Talent not only refers to our natural abilities and capacity for success, but also in ancient times was a weight of gold or a monetary unit. The secret of the 2nd house is to recognize that it is our innate talents and skills that bring our wealth and living. This house also describes what we value and also what gives us value. In a way it describes what we like to do. Consider what you appreciate and desire. Your 2nd house is indicative of what you desire and planets in this house reveal what you might attract because of your values and desires.

The sign on the cusp of the house symbolizes aspects of the assets you need to use in a resourceful way. The sign suggests what needs to be valued in your vocation, the natural style of earning an income, as well as your attitudes towards wages and money. 2nd house planets reveal the earning style and literally may suggest how you earn your living or your patterns and relationship to money and possessions. These are the archetypal urges needing to be expressed in a skillful and resourceful way in your career. Planets here are the forces that

shape your sense of worth and value and help you tap into your innate resources. It is important that you use these skills and resources in supporting your own sense of self-esteem. Symbolically, understanding this archetypal presence in your life can help unravel any damaging patterns that support an impoverished sense of self or a disapproving attitude towards money and possessions. Forging an alliance with this energy helps you create a supportive and positive approach to your sense of worth which in turn influences the way the world values you.

2nd House Cusp is in Libra

The sign Libra is on the cusp of your 2nd house, revealing ways to enhance your sense of self-esteem and personal worth. Qualities you need to value are your diplomacy and tact, your sophistication and refinement as well as your social ability and skills at relating. All these will come in handy on your vocational path. Even though you might find your career has many avenues, you appreciate a sense of fair play, peace and harmony in the work place. Your innate skills in dealing with others suggests that you have an ability to compromise, see all sides of the situation and negotiate a fair outcome. This know how might lead you into vocations working alongside others where negotiation, diplomacy, communication, bargaining, mediation, reconciliation or teamwork are a vital aspect of your work. Your diplomatic skills also come in handy in hospitality and creating pleasant and friendly professional atmospheres. With so many choices on your career path you might feel unable to commit to just one. No need to, as you will probably have many changes along the way. However when you find a job that allows you to earn your living beautifying the world you have found your niche. So whether you are decorating, painting, designing, you are most satisfied when you are involved in creative and artistic work.

Libra is the sign of balance. Being in the income sector of your horoscope suggests that you need to value an even-keeled approach to making money and lifestyle. You have an appreciation of art and beauty and value the refined things in life. Your tastes develop as you mature and being able to afford good quality and beautiful things is important for you. However it is not important enough to risk feeling out of control or in great debt, as you also value your independence and ability to make choices. You like order and feeling that you are seesawing back and forth by trying to keep up is unsettling and anxiety producing. Therefore balance is the key in your lifestyle choices.

The secret to success, feeling valued and in step is in developing solid relationships and friendships. You value being part of a team, the other half, or an intimate friend. Ironically this provides you with a great sense of worth. This also suggests that you may derive your income in a partnership or have investments with others. You have the knack of how to make money for others. Therefore it is necessary to be clear and contractual in your financial dealings with partners and friends. You have an innate skill at negotiation, the development of fair trade practices and contracts; therefore it is important to do this for yourself. Justice and fair play are important and you need to remember this when forging your own work agreements, mutual investments or work contracts. Once you clearly negotiate your own values and share these with others, you feel free enough to be wealthy.

Mercury is in the 2nd House

Mythologically Mercury is the divine patron of commerce, the god of the marketplace, trade and exchange of money. He was also known as the trickster god and also brought his penchant for deceit and theft into the marketplace. All archetypes have dual faces and both sides of Mercury influence your experiences with and attitudes towards money. Consider both sides of the coin in all financial dealings for what may seem to be a sound investment could turn out to be a sham or on the other hand what appears to be dodgy could really be beneficial. You have an innate capacity to tell the difference and you hone your skills at reading people and situations in the marketplace. You are at home in the world of commerce, bargaining, buying or selling, trading, importing and exporting, even communicating about financial markets. E-Bay and shopping on line are the modern manifestations. If Mercury were given a portfolio in the government he would either be the Minister for

Communication and Transportation or the Minister of Information.

Vocationally you would make a good living as a trader, salesperson, commercial investor, financial writer, and stock expert. You can thrive in areas where there is a lot of anxiety, movement and change. Whether you are on the floor of the stock exchange, behind a counter on Boxing Day sales or purchasing the latest fashion line in Milan you are at your best when there is lots of activity, challenges, and things to do. Your great skill is to think fast, be swift footed and mobile. Also as the divine patron of writers, Mercury in this sector suggests that you have a knack for earning your income by telling a story, writing, lecturing, educating. Whether you are a scriptwriter, songwriter, speechwriter, screen writer, journalist, novelist, columnist or just write in your journal for pleasure you are satisfied when you are exchanging stories and information. However you also might be the one delivering the speech, radio announcing, public speaking or teaching, as it is through communication that you find your worth and value. You certainly are capable of earning your living in the communication and transport industry.

To be realistic would be to suggest that you would have many wild ideas and great schemes about how to make money and earn your living. Why not? That's part of the fun. For you making a living is about having fun, communicating what is important and being able to be flexible and mobile. You need money to buy books, travel, pay for your courses and use the Internet. After that it is debatable. Mercury inspires you to use your intellect, your ideas and your ability to communicate in the way you earn your living. Whether you write it, think it, speak it or draw it you need to express it to feel satisfied. Your secret to success is that when you are able to express your ideas are when you attract appreciation, acknowledgement and assets.

WORK



All work is a vocation, a calling from a place that is the source of meaning and identity, the roots of which lie beyond human intention and interpretation.

- Thomas Moore

The Labours of the 6th House

Astrologically, the 6th House is an eclectic territory associated with many facets of daily life. All these components of the 6th House suggest everyday routines that are necessary to maintain order and coherence in order to contain the chaos of life. The 6th House recommends ways to remain focused and centered. When we lose touch with this thread of continuity, chaos fills the void with stress, loss of direction and purposelessness. The 6th house also indicates the areas of the body susceptible to carrying the stress when work is not nurturing or fulfilling. When we are not able to en-soul our everyday life with our work, then we are reminded of our distress by complaints of the body and the mind. Literally work makes us sick.

Vocationally the 6th house symbolizes what is compatible with our nature and what we need in our work to feel fulfilled, therefore less stressed. Traditionally the 6th house describes occupation; it illustrates the routine conditions of the job, the daily responsibilities and activities involved in performing job tasks that contribute to personal satisfaction. It also describes the atmosphere and those who share the workspace. Astrological wisdom has always suggested that work and well being are one and the same; to be well we need work that suits our soul. However, 6th house issues can become confused. In our workaday world often duty replaces satisfaction, the process of work is sacrificed for outcome, and ritual becomes obsession. The work instinct is to be productive; however when this turns to duty or perfectionism the enjoyment of work is lost. Analysing the 6th house reveals the most satisfying work environment and routines, and profiles the most rewarding way an individual can be employed. The 6th house is often referred to as a house of service. However, it is where we best serve ourselves through the quality of our employment.

Following is an analysis of your 6th house as described by the sign on the cusp and any planets that occupy this sphere. You will be able to maximize your fulfillment with work by recognizing the routines and tasks that are incompatible with your temperament and therefore create stress. Through becoming aware of daily rituals that support your natural disposition you will feel more satisfied and rewarded by your job. The sign on the cusp of the 6th house is the first clue to rewarding work. Planets in the 6th house are archetypal energies that need to be accessed daily and integrated into your lifestyle. They are life forces that you are fated to meet in the world

of work and vocation. In a perfect world we would use them productively through our daily tasks and labours, giving them an expression in the continuity of our daily rituals. Metaphorically work is the way we honour the archetypal force that underlies the planetary expression.

6th House Cusp is in Pisces

Pisces is the sign on the cusp of your 6th house and portrays images in the routine conditions of your job that could contribute to feeling gratified at work. What is important is that your work routines allow you to either be creative or of service to others. Your strong imagination could be directed in the arts, music, design, dance, photography; in fact, a host of creative endeavours might be possible. You may feel a strong urge to help others and this could lead you into working with the underprivileged, the handicapped or the disenfranchised. Care and compassion are virtues that you would like to express through your work. You are also devoted and dedicated to your work and if you are unable to feel as expressive or uplifted as you would like, then it is important to recognise that your spirituality needs to become an important feature of your lifestyle. While you may not experience the creativity or the spirituality you would like at work, it is important that you provide a space outside of work for this.

Your sensitivity in the working environment is elevated. Therefore it is important you recognise that appropriate boundaries are necessary on many levels. First it is important that you are aware of your duties and responsibilities and honour them, as you have a tendency to take on others' tasks and duties. Being helpful to workmates and colleagues can often backfire. Without adequate boundaries you may feel overwhelmed with responsibility, feeling you are in 'over your head'. Another boundary is needed emotionally, as you may become enmeshed with your workmate's or client's problems, leaving you feeling exhausted and depleted. Without containment, your urge to help could render you helpless. As a sensitive you have a tendency to take on the negative feelings that are in the environment or in those you work with or for. Being so sensitive to your working climate means you need to take care of yourself both physically and emotionally, providing a healthy and pleasing workspace. Don't underestimate the impact that other's feelings and the feelings in the atmosphere have on your well being.

You do best when the atmosphere is flexible and provides enough room to let things happen spontaneously. If there is too much structure or rigidity you may feel anxious or intimidated. It seems contradictory to suggest your work should go with the flow, yet it is best for you to find the venue where you can be more relaxed, more unforced and creative. Your sensitivity is heightened at work and therefore daily practices like meditation or silence help to refocus and realign yours sense of well being. You need retreat and time to reflect and contemplate. When you do not get enough time out to recharge yourself you may feel listless, lethargic and directionless. When you sense yourself drifting or going around in circles it is time to pause and take stock. Work needs to engage your spirituality, your creativity and your compassion.

PROFESSION



Every man has is own vocation; his talent is his call
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

The Status of the Tenth House

The cusp of the 10th house is the Midheaven, the highest point on the ecliptic at our moment of birth. Its elevation in the horoscope suggests a complex of factors: it is the most public area of the horoscope and represents our relationship to and experience of the world; this represents the goal posts which are not only set by ourselves but have been put in place by our ancestors; the MC and 10th house represent the parental expectations and values influencing our career choices. Therefore the 10th house is a very important sphere in considering a fulfilling vocation. In essence it suggests our fate in the world.

Traditionally the 10th house is associated with career. Since career suggests a course of one's life, the 10th house will play a prominent role in helping to navigate the career path. The 10th suggests where we need to find our authority and autonomy in the world and where we strive to be successful. As the peak of the horoscope the 10th house suggests what we would like to achieve in our relationship with the world. It also suggests the public sphere and how we are recognized in that sphere, either through our professional titles, our achievements or contributions. It is in this arena where we strive to contribute to the world in our own unique way

The sign on the cusp of the 10th house (the Midheaven) suggests the career paths which may be fulfilling and lead to success. The sign also indicates what we want to achieve and where we need to strive for authority. Planets in the 10th house are in the public sphere and seek to be expressed through vocational pursuits and are also heavily influenced by both parental and societal expectations. Planets in the 10th house are the archetypes encountered along your professional path. They represent both resources and challenges met in the career as well as characterize images of a fulfilling vocation.

10th House Cusp is in Gemini

With Gemini culminating in your chart, the need for variety, change and as little routine as possible in both work's nature and environment is important for you. Gemini is a mutable air sign therefore you need lots of room to breathe and move about freely in your working environment. You also need to be surrounded by a shifting landscape that inspires thoughts, ideas, and techniques. Like you, Gemini is born a communicator, so whether it is an idea, an image, an experience or an event, it is imperative that you are able to communicate this as effectively as possible. Communication underpins your vocation and you are able to creatively express yourself through a myriad of ways. Whether it is through design, writing or lecturing, body movements, laughter

or any other medium that offers a venue to express ideas, thoughts and information your calling is to exchange information and express your ideas. Flexibility and the freedom to communicate are paramount. There are many ways to express your ideas; for instance you could be as a reporter, a journalist, a writer, a teacher, a translator, and an announcer or occupied in another facet of the communications industry. Whatever you choose, you will always need space to feel unencumbered by the system.

That restlessness so visible in your vocation may be your instinctive search to find what is missing. You might be preoccupied with finding your other half, your lost twin, the final piece of the jigsaw, or solving the who-dun-it. With such a highly charged nervous system your vocation needs to offer you lots of mental, physical and emotional space. A confined space, a rigid routine or repetitive task increases your anxiety and stress levels. Therefore you are unlikely to work in a confined office unless you have plenty of variety in your job. You are more likely to be working in the field in sales, or public relations, marketing, secretarial or postal services, or perhaps as a cab, bus or courier driver. Your love of facts and information is so important in your job; therefore professions which involve telephone work, the internet, sales, specialised information, maps, atlases, books, magazines, news, reports, and statistics will all be appealing to the part of you that loves learning. At the beginning of the day you long to be involved in some lively interchanges, discussing ideas, facts, even gossip. But at the end of the day you will need to know that you have learned something new.

Agile and dextrous you are able to express yourself through the versatility of body movement or the sleight of hand. Professions involving graphics, drawing, designing, sketching, which include the dexterity of both mind and hand are well suited as well: for instance drafting, calligraphy, design and illustration. As long as information flows you are content. Perpetually youthful you are also adept at setting your career sails to take advantage of the winds of change. Duality also plays a starring role in your vocation. Whether this manifests as having two careers at once or being torn between two professions, it certainly implies change and flexibility in your professional life and the roles this brings.

Ideas are not meant to be ideologies, communication is not communion. It is satisfying enough to move with your ideas, share your thoughts, write down your experiences, and communicate your feelings. Then your Sagittarian cousins can invest your ideas and thoughts with significance. When your vocation does not offer you this wide experimentation ground or room to test all the possibilities your spirit becomes agitated and nervous, scattering its ideas on barren ground, unable to mature in the world. Heed the call of communication and grace the world with your wit and wisdom.

CONCLUSION

'Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.'

-Robert Frost

A Considered Vocation

Fulfillment in the world is more a product of who we are, not what we do. Our vocational nature implies a path of individuation, a road 'less traveled by', and in some ways, a road still under construction. Hopefully this astrological consideration of your vocational potentialities has helped you reflect on a fulfilling career path.