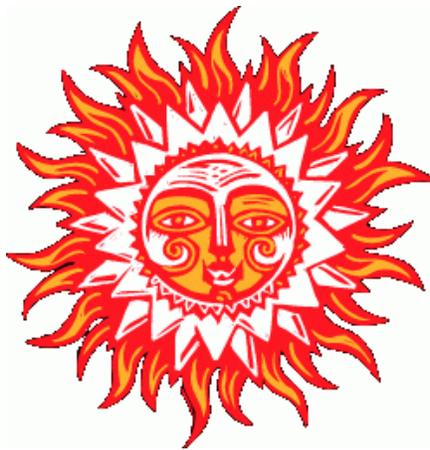


MODERN REPORT

A Solar Writer Report for Whitney Houston



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Astrological SummaryChart Point Positions: Whitney Houston

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Aries	17°Ar05'	1st	
The Sun	Leo	16°Le41'	6th	
Mercury	Virgo	10°Vi15'	7th	
Venus	Leo	11°Le12'	6th	
Mars	Libra	8°Li29'	7th	
Jupiter	Aries	19°Ar28'	1st	
Saturn	Aquarius	19°Aq59'	12th	
Uranus	Virgo	4°Vi26'	6th	
Neptune	Scorpio	12°Sc57'	8th	
Pluto	Virgo	11°Vi00'	7th	
Chiron	Pisces	13°Pi44'	1st	
The North Node	Cancer	20°Cn10'	5th	
The South Node	Capricorn	20°Cp10'	11th	
The Ascendant	Pisces	8°Pi24'	1st	
The Midheaven	Sagittarius	18°Sg22'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Trine	The Sun	0°23'	Separating
The Moon	Trine	Venus	5°53'	Separating
The Moon	Conjunction	Jupiter	2°23'	Applying
The Moon	Sextile	Saturn	2°54'	Applying
The Moon	Sesquisquare	Uranus	2°21'	Applying
The Moon	Square	The North Node	3°05'	Applying
The Moon	Square	The South Node	3°05'	Applying
The Moon	Trine	The Midheaven	1°17'	Applying
The Sun	Conjunction	Venus	5°29'	Applying
The Sun	Trine	Jupiter	2°47'	Applying
The Sun	Opposition	Saturn	3°18'	Applying
The Sun	Square	Neptune	3°44'	Separating
The Sun	Trine	The Midheaven	1°41'	Applying
Mercury	Conjunction	Uranus	5°48'	Separating
Mercury	Sextile	Neptune	2°41'	Applying

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
Mercury	Conjunction	Pluto	0°45'	Applying
Mercury	Opposition	Chiron	3°29'	Applying
Mercury	Opposition	The Ascendant	1°50'	Separating
Venus	Square	Neptune	1°44'	Applying
Mars	Quincunx	The Ascendant	0°05'	Separating
Jupiter	Sextile	Saturn	0°30'	Applying
Jupiter	Sesquisquare	Uranus	0°02'	Applying
Jupiter	Square	The North Node	0°41'	Applying
Jupiter	Square	The South Node	0°41'	Applying
Jupiter	Trine	The Midheaven	1°06'	Applying
Saturn	Quincunx	The North Node	0°10'	Separating
Saturn	Sextile	The Midheaven	1°37'	Applying
Uranus	Conjunction	Pluto	6°34'	Applying
Uranus	Semisquare	The North Node	0°43'	Applying
Uranus	Sesquisquare	The South Node	0°43'	Applying
Uranus	Opposition	The Ascendant	3°57'	Applying
Neptune	Sextile	Pluto	1°56'	Applying
Neptune	Trine	Chiron	0°47'	Applying
Neptune	Trine	The Ascendant	4°32'	Separating
Pluto	Opposition	Chiron	2°43'	Applying
Pluto	Opposition	The Ascendant	2°36'	Separating
Chiron	Trine	The North Node	6°25'	Applying
Chiron	Conjunction	The Ascendant	5°19'	Applying
Chiron	Square	The Midheaven	4°38'	Separating

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 sixth house of your birth chart meaning that your workplace is the area of your life in which you really shine. It's here that your organisational skills and ability to serve others really come to the fore. You're likely to benefit from any job that requires you to be of service to others. In fact you've the ability to go a long way towards helping to alleviate the sufferings of humanity. The only problem is your own personal health and vitality, which can be easily drained. It's possible that you suffered ill health at a young age, realising early in life that you're prone to contagious diseases, allergies and perhaps even accidents. Ancient astrologers considered the Sun placed in the sixth house of a chart as an unfavourable position, in particular taxing the vitality of a person. Depending on other aspects in your chart you may have learnt to manage your daily life so that you can prevent becoming physically run down or ill. Perhaps you've studied both conventional and alternative preventative medicine techniques in order to boost your own resources. It's also possible that you've chosen work in a medical field. You're skilled at managing your diet, daily routine and physical exercise program. It's also possible that you've learnt much about the effect of the mind on the physical health.

Your Sun is in the zodiac sign of Leo indicating that you're good-hearted, and have a sunny personality which shines in the company of others. In fact you love an audience, basking in the attention which comes with being centre stage. Most of the time you do manage to attract the attention that you so keenly seek, as your enthusiasm and sense of fun has a contagious effect lighting a spark of fun and joy in those around you. Your generous nature also means that you're willing

to share your abundant goodwill with others. You may also find yourself surrounded by children ready to join your playful games, for you're adept at bringing out the child in everyone. You're quick to admire the achievements of others and yet also expect others to admire your feats. It is here that you need to watch your step. There is always the danger that you will go over the top in your expectations, focussing excessively on yourself to the exclusion of others. Other people may not always be so keen to step aside and let you take centre stage. This can lead to some fiery exchanges in which you're forced to learn the lesson of humility. This is an important lesson, which if avoided can result in you hiding behind your pride. "Pride comes before a fall" could be a timely reminder. However, astrologically the Sun is said to be in its own rulership in Leo, emphasising the positive aspects of this placement. So on the whole your irrepressible sunny nature is close to the surface ready to delight another audience and radiate warmth to all who come in contact with you.

When the Sun is making a positive aspect to the Moon, this means that you're likely to succeed in your life through promotion, prosperity, and help from powerful people. You're likely to gain employment easily, and earn the respect of other people. Your health and vitality is good, helping you achieve your goals. You're also likely to attract a partner who helps raise your position in society and assists you in achieving your goals.

The combination of the Sun and the planet Venus in your chart can vary depending on other influences in your chart. Ancient astrologers measured the beneficial or damaging influences of Venus in terms of how close this planet was to the Sun's beams. The closer the planet to the Sun the more detrimental. On the positive side you're fond of company and pleasure, particularly seeking the company of women friends. You take pleasure in caring for your appearance, and in attending pleasurable outings. Dancing, music, art, theatre and other artistic pursuits are also appealing. On the other hand you could be over-indulgent, spending too much time and money on your appearance, and seeking pleasure at the cost of achieving your goals in life.

The Sun is making a favourable contact with the positive planet Jupiter in your chart meaning that you're blessed with good fortune and a happy nature. You've the ability to land on your feet no matter how difficult a situation. This is partly because you're destined to be in the right place at the right time throughout your life. It's possible that a father or grandfather figure has given you a helping hand in life, teaching you to have confidence in your own abilities. Your success is also due to the fact that your positive attitude to life attracts good fortune. Your optimism and enthusiasm are infectious. You're popular and generous, and tend to shine in the company of other people. You like to embrace life and all it has to offer. As a result your life tends to read like an adventure story, possibly including travels around the globe. You're not necessarily attracted to rugged adventure, preferring to travel in style. It would be unusual for you to go without comforts. Even a camping trip may involve the latest equipment guaranteed to ensure comfort. You also get plenty of chances to expand your mind, whether this be through the experiences of your lifetime or through study in an academic institution. You're likely to shine in your studies, eventually making an inspirational teacher if you choose this path. You may be surprised by the number of people who have been impressed by your attitude, to the extent that they have felt inspired to change their own lives. You're likely to achieve your goals whatever path is followed, and perhaps to help others achieve theirs.

The Sun is making a difficult contact with the planet Saturn in your chart indicating that you have to face some hardships before achieving your life goals. It's possible that you had a difficult childhood, experiencing either emotional or financial troubles. Perhaps your father, or a father figure, was an imposing and restrictive force in your life. As a child you may have felt imprisoned, unable to communicate your innermost thoughts and feelings. You may have been frightened to venture forth in the world. As an adult you may still have difficulty expressing yourself and at times feel that external circumstances are still somewhat onerous. You're fearful, worrying about the outcome of decisions and actions. On a positive note childhood difficulties can become the basis for adult wisdom, particularly if you're able to overcome your fears. As you grow older you learn that your natural reserve stands you in good stead, giving you the ability to stand

back and assess situations. Your confidence grows enabling you to achieve your goals through attention to detail and hard work.

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 first house of your chart signifying that you've a zest for life which makes other people sit up and take notice. This is fortunate because you do like to be the centre of attention, whether in the company of a small or large gathering. You also know how to best utilise your popularity. Whether it be quietly pursuing your own interests behind the scenes, or lecturing in front of a crowd of people, other people seem only too happy to help you achieve your goals. You're a natural-born teacher. This could be tutoring on a one-to-one basis, or teaching a room full of adults or children. Your optimism and enthusiasm are contagious, and you're likely to attract prominent positions in the field of education, and in business circles. You've a philosophical approach to most things in life, preferring to leave matters in the laps of the Gods rather than worry too much. This could be because you have a tendency to fall on your feet, no matter how difficult a situation. Ancient astrologers believe that the planet Jupiter has a beneficial effect in a person's birth chart. They also believe that it's most powerfully favourable in the angular first house. This means that you're likely to be successful in achieving your goals.

You've the planet Jupiter in the zodiac sign of Aries in your birth chart indicating that you are a freedom-loving individual eager to seek your own path in life, revelling in situations that offer a challenge. Success is likely to come through your own merits, rather than through relying on other people. This doesn't concern you because you're a natural born self-starter and leader who is reluctant to follow the lead of other people. You don't need external influences to motivate you, but excel in setting your own goals and achieving them. You're a spontaneous person, who likes to be given the freedom to make your own way and learn by your own mistakes. Autonomy is a key word for you. In fact you can sometimes go overboard in your efforts to maintain your independence. You're progressive, capable of holding positions of authority and often noted for your pioneering efforts. You also have the potential to be a philosophical or religious leader. In fact religion and other high-minded subjects may particularly appeal to your progressive nature.

The planets Jupiter and Saturn are making a beneficial aspect in your birth chart indicating success in achieving your life goals. You're wise and perceptive, with a talent for creative ideas and the ability to put those ideas into action. You're blessed with a wonderful sense of timing, knowing exactly when to make the right moves to achieve a desired result, whether it be for yourself or for a group project. You've just the right blend of optimism and realism. For these reasons you can enjoy success in self-employment or be a valued member of a team. Whether you're self-employed or not, you

work well within a structured system and therefore can do well in business. It's likely that both conventional and unorthodox approaches to life appeal, as you understand the advantages in learning from tradition, as well as the benefits of trying new ideas. You've a chance to be very successful as you're neither profligate nor mean, but have a balance. This is a very fortunate aspect. If you don't take your abilities for granted but use them wisely you can gain great success in life.

The planets Jupiter and Uranus are making a difficult aspect in your chart indicating that your unusual approach to achieving your goals can sometimes land you in hot water! You're keen to change things in this world because you can see where traditional methods have failed. You see no reason to continue with out-moded traditions, preferring unconventional and new ideas. The trouble is that at times you lack tact and diplomacy. You're impatient to see results, not realising that your very impatience is jeopardising your success. Repeatedly throughout your life, experience is likely to teach you that success isn't an overnight accomplishment. Results don't always come quickly. Perhaps you could remind yourself of the motto "all good things come to those who wait". It's worth persevering with your goals and taking a positive approach to overcoming the obstacles in your life. You can achieve a great deal in the world through your innovative and unusual methods. You may also benefit by joining with like-minded individuals, perhaps in the fields of metaphysics, unorthodox religion or science.

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 first house of your birth chart suggesting that changing fortunes are likely to occur during your lifetime as you seek the stimulation of different homes, professions and environments. You're adaptable and generally enjoy the changes that do occur, as long as you feel that you're moving forward in your life. You're quite ambitious and enjoy being in the limelight, particularly when you feel comfortable in a public situation. Generally you're popular and well-liked because other people respond to your open manner. You're a sensitive person who is affected by the emotions of other people, responding with warmth and genuine affection. If your Moon is in the signs of Aries, Capricorn, Libra, Cancer, Sagittarius, Virgo, Pisces or Gemini then you may be more timid and less inclined for public life. You're likely to be a flexible person who enjoys change. However, if your Moon is in the signs of Taurus, Scorpio, Leo or Aquarius then you're less likely to be flexible and may have more difficulty with the changing circumstances in your life. You enjoy public appearances, particularly in connection with your job. In ancient times the Moon was considered to be in a strong position when placed in the first house of a chart, meaning that you're in a strong position to achieve your ambitions.

With the Moon in the sign of Aries, you've the ability to thoroughly enjoy your own company. It's not that you don't like

to be with others, it's simply that you find comfort in withdrawing from the world occasionally. This is particularly true when you've personal problems which need to be resolved. Under such circumstances you would prefer to be left alone to sort out your problems and sometimes become impatient with anyone who tries to disturb your solitude. This independence can be quite an asset, especially when a situation calls for self-reliance and initiative. However, it can also mean that you've difficulty feeling close to other people, which is important when forming intimate relationships. You need to make sure that your loved ones accept your need for solitude, and make an effort to initiate shared activities. You also enjoy a challenge, often striding into new territory, relying on your own resources and thriving in any situation which requires initiative. Competitive sport may be a particularly positive way for you to let off steam.

The Moon is making a positive aspect to the beneficial planet Jupiter in your birth chart suggesting that you enjoy your home and family life. This is a favourable aspect for health, wealth and family life. Depending on other influences in your birth chart you're likely to enjoy good fortune with your home, and any property investments. It's possible that you've a large family, enjoying connections with close and extended family members. You've a generous and expansive nature and an easy-going, philosophical approach to life. This makes your home a very hospitable environment. You enjoy catering for friends and family in your home, and may live in a large home or in spacious surroundings. Your optimistic view on life means that you're usually rewarded with many visitors. Family relationships are favourable, particularly with the women. It's likely that your good fortune has been influenced by your positive relationship with your mother, or an important female member of your family. You have fond memories of a warm and loving mother and want to share your good fortune with others. Perhaps there's a benevolent matriarch in the family tree. In some cases it's possible that your childhood relationship with your mother wasn't a positive experience. In this case you may be determined, as an adult, to be everything that your mother wasn't. Either way you are likely to benefit through your relationships with family members. You may also benefit through shared religious or spiritual beliefs.

Much of your adult life has been spent trying to overcome the difficulties that you faced as a child in your home and family. Astrologically speaking this is because the planet Saturn is contacting the Moon in your birth chart. Ancient astrologers believed that the planet Saturn had a negative influence in a person's chart. In your case your early home life has been adversely affected. The extent of this effect depends largely on other influences in your chart. In some cases it can mean that your childhood home lacked spontaneity and warmth, but was well-organised and structured in a manner which helped you to feel supported and safe. However, it's more likely that circumstances in your family led to you feeling that home was a cold and unsupportive environment. This could have been one painful incident such as the loss of a family member, or it could have been the result of years of hardship. It's possible that one of your parents, perhaps your mother, was a strict and severe influence, unable to show you the affection that you felt you deserved. As a result it's likely that you're somewhat shy as an adult, lacking in self-confidence and sensitive to criticism. You may be emotionally reserved. Perhaps you decide to live in solitude rather than risk the lack of affection and warmth that you felt as a child. As you grow older, you're likely to become more confident in your personal relationships. You learn about personal relationships through life experience, and your loved ones also become more mature. As a result your relationships with other people become more stable and satisfying as you grow older. You also develop an inner self-confidence which helps you build firm foundations in your life and achieve your ambitions, as well as loving family relationships. You work solidly to build yourself a secure and firm footing, earning the respect of those around you. You can succeed in business and in your career, particularly through being noticed by your superiors. You may also benefit through investments in land and property.

The Moon and the planet Uranus are connected in your chart suggesting that your home life is unusual and changeable. It could be that you've difficulty settling down in one place, or that you live in extraordinary surroundings. In some way your family life is unusual. This isn't necessarily a negative experience, although it could be upsetting. Perhaps you, or a member of your family, have an unusual hobby which has taken over the household, or necessity requires that your

family often changes residence. The erratic nature of your household probably stems from your childhood experiences. Perhaps your family was different from traditional families, or circumstances led to emotional upsets in the family home. It's possible that you suffered from a sense of insecurity as a child as a result of changing family life. Your mother, or an important mother figure, may have been an unusual or unstable influence in your early childhood. A continuing sense of a lack of security in your home and family may be a source of emotional distress, as you struggle to come to terms with conflicting emotions. However, you're a resourceful, inventive and independent person, and will eventually learn to blend your individual need for excitement and stimulation in the home environment with a need for comfort and security.

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 seventh house of your chart signifies that relationships play an important role in your educative process. As a child this could be a significant relationship with a teacher, or one of your parents playing a major role in your education. As you mature, personal and business partnerships are likely to be lively, providing you with plenty to think about. This is fortunate because you are seeking intellectual stimulation in your primary partnership. Talking and sharing ideas with your partner is important, and you are likely to choose your primary partner for his or her ability to communicate with you on an intellectual level rather than for emotional support. As a result you learn much from your intimate relationships, although life with your primary partner could be quite unsettled at times. You may meet your partner while travelling or through writing letters. It's also possible that you have to decide between two potential partners, and that you experience quite a bit of difficulty in making up your mind. You need to be wary of getting caught in the middle, and of hurting other people's feelings. Sometimes the position of Mercury in this house can mean that you are attracted to someone much younger. Business partnerships are also a highlight, with contracts and legal affairs featuring strongly in your life.

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.

The planets Mercury and Uranus are connected in your birth chart indicating that you've an incisive and ingenious mind. You enjoy progressive topics in your studies and your communications with other people. In fact you may be ahead of your time in your thoughts, ideas and opinions. You're generally successful in your studies because you're able to communicate your original ideas with ease. Creativity and intuition are second nature. You're an independent thinker, who likes to be given the freedom to express your ideas. In fact woe betide anyone who tries to keep you quiet or change your mind. You make impulsive decisions, some would say rash, but generally speaking you tend to land on your feet. Your projects tend to reflect your individual flair, and stand out from the rest of the class or society. Writing, publishing, advertising, science, astrology and electrical affairs may all be of interest, although any unusual subject will catch your attention.

The planets Mercury and Neptune are making favourable contact in your chart suggesting that you've a fertile imagination which, if encouraged, can lead to success in education, communication and any creative projects. You're receptive to new ideas and have a resourceful mind. You may also be inspired by the beauty of nature and the expanse of the ocean. Although at times you can seem a little vague, it's more likely that you're lost in a world of creative thought. If left to your reflections, 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 phenomenon. In fact you may possess psychic gifts in the form of clairvoyance, psychometry, crystal gazing, trance and inspirational speaking and writing, and prophetic dreams.

The planets Mercury and Pluto are combined in your birth chart suggesting that your education and communications are coloured with highs and lows. On the positive side you've a probing mind and the ability to assess situations rapidly, which can lead to success in your studies. You're likely to excel in any education process which requires research and intense work. It's also likely that these gifts will help you excel in any professional or personal situation which involves counselling or crisis work. Your insightful mind proves invaluable in such situations. You enjoy investigating mysteries and probing for hidden truths. Secretive by nature, you find it easy to appreciate other peoples need for privacy. Your gift for being able to keep secrets means that other people often confide in you. It's likely that you've learnt to rely on your own judgement from an early age. Perhaps a threatening environment, at home, in your neighbourhood, or at school, meant that your instincts were a vital means of survival. It could also have been a crisis, ranging from a traumatic change of school or a death, that led to your ability to see situations clearly and honestly. These gifts can be used to benefit your adult life, and other people. However, problems are likely to arise because of your inability to see the lighter side of life, and to accept that occasionally you might be wrong! You are a deep thinker with wonderful powers of concentration, but you can become obsessive, seeing only innuendos and subtleties in communications, rather than the bigger and often brighter picture. This obsessive side of your nature means that you also tend to believe that others are opposed to your thoughts and ideas, when perhaps they're not. You need to battle to overcome your tendency to create conflict and then seek revenge in such situations by finding a positive outlet for your energy. For instance you may benefit from writing down your feelings of anger and resentment, making sure that they don't reach the party involved. If you believe that you're losing sight of the plot, then seek advice from a trusted friend or colleague. You are at your most powerful when using your insights for positive purposes. In particular your honesty and insights can be useful in a counselling situation, but be careful of taking these talents out of the consulting room unless invited to do so. Friends and

loved ones may not always appreciate your ability to get straight to the point, particularly if they're feeling vulnerable or emotionally distraught. You need to learn tact and diplomacy and sensitivity to other people's pain. Your gifts, combined with compassion, make you a powerful advocate in any field.

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 sixth house of your birth chart, relationships with your co-workers are important. Usually you enjoy a peaceful daily work environment, and feel that your life is richly rewarded through your relationships with your co-workers. You appreciate the small comforts of life, anything which contributes to the smooth and pleasant running of daily life. Depending on the other influences in your chart, you enjoy good health and appreciate the freedom of being able to eat and drink what you like. Daily exercise is a source of pleasure, whether it be taking a walk in a nearby park or visiting a gymnasium. In some cases the planet Venus may be a negative influence resulting in health and diet restrictions. If this is the case in your chart, you may suffer ill-health, particularly in your childhood. As a result you may have to adhere to a strict health regime in order to overcome your health difficulties. Whether you're healthy or not, you have to be careful not to overindulge when eating and drinking. A little common sense goes a long way. Health is likely to be a general topic of interest, perhaps to the extent that you take up a job in orthodox or alternative medicine or hygiene-related professions. Your job may also be linked to your enjoyment of animals, although it's more likely that you simply delight in owning pets.

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 Neptune are combining in a manner which indicates disappointment in your primary relationship. The problem is that you're idealistic and unrealistic when it comes to personal relationships, lacking the discriminatory powers needed to form a steady and lasting partnership. This applies to both your personal and business partnerships. Consequently you often feel disillusioned and sorry for yourself, blaming others for failing to live up to your expectations. It's possible that your partner is indeed deceiving you in some manner, but it's also possible that you're not being honest. Either way it's likely that you're seeing your primary relationship through rose-coloured glasses, and as a result conflict arises because of your lack of discernment. You're caught in a web of fantasies and romantic illusions, either of your own or your partner's making. Coming to terms with the reality of your relationship helps you obtain a better understanding of your primary relationship, and prevents you from becoming disillusioned. 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, and 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 seventh house of your birth chart you're motivated through your partnerships. A successful marriage is one of your ambitions in life, and you're eager to find the right partner as quickly as possible. This means that you can marry quite early in life, rushing into a partnership which seems right at the time. However, you're destined to have a feisty marriage and need maturity to ensure that both of you can find the right balance between independence and togetherness. Otherwise quarrels and trouble are rife as the two of you struggle for the right balance. Sometimes it can result in a battle for supremacy, which lasts long after the relationship has broken down. Depending on other influences in your chart, fights with your spouse may not be a problem, rather adding spice to the relationship. After all you do have a strong sex drive and could enjoy the fun of making up after an argument. However, it's also likely that disputes are troubling, and that you could finally separate from your partner. The key to avoiding marital troubles is to find a lively and stimulating partner, who shares your ambitions of freedom and independence within a relationship. You could also experience problems in business partnerships and would do well to avoid law suits.

The planet Mars in the sign of Libra indicates that you have a strong desire for diplomacy and justice, and these can be major themes in your life. You strive for harmonious relationships and justice in your own life, and yet they often seem elusive. Perhaps this is because you're so sensitive to the injustices of the world that they take on larger proportions than they need, or perhaps it's simply that it's your role to notice and fight against wrongdoings. Either way you're often asked to take on the role of mediator and diplomat even though you may prefer to be pursuing your own creative pursuits rather than solving other people's problems. There are always plenty of people surrounding you, because you

pursue friendships with many different people. On the whole you're a courteous person, but you do have a passionate side to your nature which can erupt in bursts of anger. You have a strong creative urge, which may be channelled into artistic or creative activities such as art, theatre, design, writing or dance. You have refined tastes, and seek to share these with other people. Astrologically speaking the planet Mars is considered to be in difficulty when in the sign of Libra which probably explains why you experience some problems in your relationships with others.

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 twelfth house of your birth chart suggests that you're likely to work behind the scenes of an organisation, or in solitude rather than taking the limelight. You're somewhat reserved, preferring periods of solitude during which you can contemplate your own life, and life in general. Seclusion offers moments for reflection that are to be treasured. For this reason you seek a home or workplace that gives you time away from the rest of society. Unobserved by the world, you can work happily and peacefully on your own. It's possible that an early childhood event, such as the death of or separation from a parent, has prompted this need for isolation. Therefore you need to be careful that you're not hiding from the world through an inability to face the demands of daily life. However, it's more likely that you simply enjoy your own company. In some cases you could be falsely accused of a wrong-doing, even resulting in a period in jail, but this is unlikely.

The planet Saturn in the sign of Aquarius signifies that you're a sociable and affable person, who has the ability to work well in groups and organisations. You seem to make friends effortlessly and to benefit from your contacts with other people, particularly in your chosen profession. You're thoughtful and able to communicate with people from all walks of life. In fact you're a faithful friend and co-worker with a gift for creating mutually-beneficial contacts. Your work is often original and innovative, drawing the attention of other people. Sometimes you work in fields that are a little off the beaten track, but you also have the ability to be quite profound in any situation which requires original ideas. The fields of science and metaphysics may feature strongly in your life. Astrologically speaking the planet Saturn is considered to be favourably placed in the sign of Aquarius which means that you're likely to benefit through your contacts with other people, enabling you to achieve your ambitions in life. It's also likely that you form a fortunate marriage union.

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 Sagittarius and ruled by the planet Jupiter, you've an enthusiastic approach to your chosen profession, and are likely to achieve success. It's also likely that your career reflects your personal philosophy on life, driving you to achieve certain goals. Although you'll probably succeed in any career, you could be attracted to teaching, public relations, academia, travel consultancy, philosophy, or religion. You like to be noticed publicly, and you may travel or have foreign connections in your career. Examples of famous people with the same Midheaven include USA actor and film director Robert Redford, Communist philosopher Karl Marx, USA actress Whoopi Goldberg, and Australian actor Guy Pearce.

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 sixth house of your birth chart suggesting that your daily life is full of unexpected surprises, both pleasant and unpleasant. On one hand you may be prone to unusual illnesses which disrupt your life, your employment prospects and baffle the conventional medical world. If this is the case then you may find that alternative medical treatment provides some unexpected answers. You're sensitive to the environment, and need to be wary of unusual allergies and of over-stressing your physical strength. Although you prefer a busy and stimulating schedule, you can't keep going indefinitely. If you're not careful you may suffer from nervous disorders, perhaps even neuroses. On a more positive note you may enjoy unexpected opportunities in connection with your job, or pleasant surprises that put a sparkle in an otherwise dull day. You could also enjoy unusual pets.

The planet Uranus was in the sign of Virgo from 1962 - 1968. 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 Virgo indicates that you belong to a generation which focuses on the practical details of humanity. Medical research, the balance between work and leisure, the links between mind and body come into focus. Your creativity soars when you're tackling these issues.

The planets Uranus 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 meaning that you feel the urge to bring about revolutionary change in your life and those of your friends, colleagues and society. You've high ideals and the creative energy to implement changes. You may be curious about metaphysical matters, science and global affairs.

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 planet Neptune placed in the eighth house of your chart means that you become knowledgeable through your own experiences, rather than relying on other people's advice. You benefit most when following your own intuition. This intuition tells you that you're likely to benefit more from pursuing the spiritual, rather than the material side of life, and you would be wise to follow these feelings. You're likely to suffer financial loss through personal and business partnerships, as a result of external circumstances, fraudulent activities or carelessness on behalf of your partner. Depending on other influences in your chart, you're also unlikely to gain through inheritance. On the other hand you're gifted in psychic and metaphysical matters, and may be keen to pursue this side of life. You may experience strange dreams, or dream-like states, which urge you to explore the deeper meaning of life.

The planet Neptune was in the sign of Scorpio from 1955 - 1970. 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 Scorpio indicates that you belong to a generation which has the ability to passionately pursue spiritual values. You face a battle between your material desires and the desire for a spiritual way of life. You know the value of regeneration rather than stagnation, and may play a role in changing the world.

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 the seventh house of your birth chart indicating that marriage and business partnerships are a challenging force in your life. You need to approach these relationships with caution and integrity, otherwise you're prone to major upheavals. It's possible that your parents' relationship was somewhat traumatic, affecting you more deeply than you had previously believed. This may affect your ability to commit to a marriage. If you're not careful you may attract an abusive marriage partner, or someone who betrays you in marriage or business. On a more positive note, you prefer a challenge in marriage rather than the comfort of a predictable partner. If you and your partner are aware of potential problems, and are able to keep the communication lines open, then you learn a great deal through your most intimate relationships. This experience of deep transformation through relationships can be most rewarding.

The planet Pluto was in the sign of Virgo from 1957 - 1972. 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 Virgo suggests that you belong to a generation concerned with global health and environment. Your generation possesses the ability to transform the way the world sees health. Medical research, world-wide diseases, medical discoveries, and the links between mind and body are focuses for this generation.

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 fifth house and your South Node is in the eleventh house of your birth chart indicating a quest to create and own your destiny. You need to give up your personal dreams and develop self-discipline to build a creative life.

Your nodal axis has the North Node in Cancer and the South Node in the sign of Capricorn denoting that you're destined to overcome inner pride and to learn to tolerate your own failures. You've a tendency to make life harder than it need be. This is based on the past when you had to work hard for people's respect. You need to learn humility and to express your emotions honestly so that you can nurture others with your wealth of wisdom.

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 Pisces is considered to be "feminine" by Ancient astrologers suggesting that you're not a risk-taker, but 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. Pisces is also a Mutable sign denoting versatility, flexibility, adaptability, sensitivity, restlessness, indecision and anxiety.

You're sensitive, impressionable, romantic, sentimental, imaginative, affectionate, kind, helpful and misunderstood. Your sensitivity to other people and your environment is both physical and emotional, possibly to the extent that you possess psychic or mediumistic gifts. This sensitivity can be a blessing and a curse. On the one hand you're able to sympathise with other people, lending an understanding ear to their troubles and soothing their problems. Your purpose may be linked with physical or emotional healing work. On the other hand you're sometimes unable to detach yourself from other people's problems and reactions. This can lead to misunderstandings, and feelings of persecution and isolation. As a result you need to be wary of turning to negative methods of escaping from your own and other people's troubles. In particular you should avoid alcohol and drugs. You would do better to commune with nature, listen to inspirational music or find another positive, uplifting pastime in which to immerse yourself in order to forget your troubles. You've a vivid imagination, and could enjoy developing the artistic side of your nature through the arts, or writing. There are times when you feel that you're not the master or mistress of your own fate, but rather that some force is compelling you to act positively or negatively. Your challenge is to use your willpower to direct your energies into a positive outlet.

In Esoteric astrology the sign of Pisces is linked with compassion, spiritual responsibility, and the ability to be a saviour of others. Your purpose is connected to gaining a deep understanding of the spiritual nature of humanity and sharing this understanding with other people.

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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