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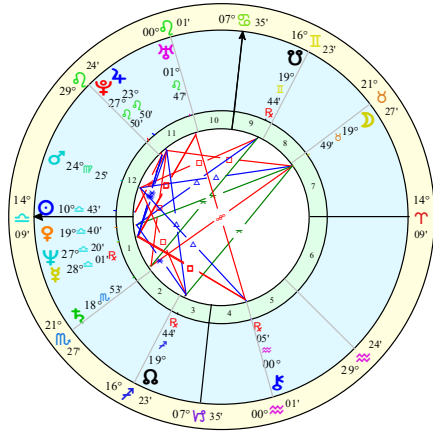
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Sample Indiv Ast Report
Female
5 Oct 1955
6:00 am NZT -12:00
Palmerston North
40°S21'
175°E37'
Tropical
Placidus



Astrological Summary

Chart Point Positions: Sample Indiv Ast Report

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Taurus	19°Ta49'	7th	read into 8th House
The Sun	Libra	10°Li43'	12th	read into 1st House
Mercury	Libra	28°Li01'	1st	
Venus	Libra	19°Li40'	1st	
Mars	Virgo	24°Vi25'	12th	
Jupiter	Leo	23°Le50'	11th	
Saturn	Scorpio	18°Sc53'	1st	read into 2nd House
Uranus	Leo	1°Le47'	11th	
Neptune	Libra	27°Li20'	1st	
Pluto	Leo	27°Le50'	11th	read into 12th House
Chiron	Aquarius	0°Aq05'	5th	
The North Node	Sagittarius	19°Sg44'	3rd	
The South Node	Gemini	19°Ge44'	9th	
The Ascendant	Libra	14°Li09'	1st	
The Midheaven	Cancer	7°Cn35'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Quincunx	Venus	0°08'	Separating
The Moon	Trine	Mars	4°35'	Applying
The Moon	Square	Jupiter	4°00'	Applying
The Moon	Opposition	Saturn	0°55'	Separating
The Moon	Quincunx	The North Node	0°05'	Separating
The Moon	Semisquare	The Midheaven	2°46'	Applying
The Sun	Semisquare	Jupiter	1°53'	Separating
The Sun	Semisquare	Pluto	2°06'	Applying
The Sun	Conjunction	The Ascendant	3°25'	Applying
The Sun	Square	The Midheaven	3°08'	Separating
Mercury	Conjunction	Venus	8°20'	Applying
Mercury	Square	Uranus	3°46'	Separating
Mercury	Conjunction	Neptune	0°41'	Applying
Mercury	Sextile	Pluto	0°11'	Applying
Mercury	Square	Chiron	2°03'	Separating
Venus	Conjunction	Neptune	7°39'	Applying
Venus	Sextile	The North Node	0°03'	Applying
Venus	Trine	The South Node	0°03'	Applying
Venus	Conjunction	The Ascendant	5°31'	Separating
Mars	Trine	Chiron	5°39'	Applying
Mars	Square	The North Node	4°41'	Separating
Mars	Square	The South Node	4°41'	Separating
Jupiter	Square	Saturn	4°56'	Separating
Jupiter	Sextile	Neptune	3°29'	Applying
Jupiter	Conjunction	Pluto	3°59'	Applying

Jupiter	Trine	The North Node	4°06'	Separating
Jupiter	Semisquare	The Midheaven	1°14'	Separating
Saturn	Quincunx	The South Node	0°50'	Applying
Uranus	Square	Neptune	4°27'	Applying
Uranus	Opposition	Chiron	1°42'	Separating
Neptune	Sextile	Pluto	0°30'	Applying
Neptune	Square	Chiron	2°45'	Applying
Pluto	Semisquare	The Ascendant	1°19'	Applying
The South Node	Trine	The Ascendant	5°34'	Applying

INTRODUCTION



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

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

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

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

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

LIFE GOALS



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

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

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

Your Sun is in the zodiac sign of Libra indicating that "moderation in all things" could become your motto, as you strive to live a life of peace and harmony. This need for balance can be seen in all areas of your life, but particularly in personal relationships which play such a strong part in your life. Justice and fairness in interpersonal relationships are all-important. You can always see both sides of the story and therefore often find yourself in a peace-making or mediating role. You're diplomatic, and therefore carry out these roles well. However, make sure that you don't lose sight of your own objectives in your efforts to help others feel at ease. There can be a tendency to become so embroiled in the problems of others and in your efforts to make others feel at peace, that you forget about yourself. It is important to remember that you also enjoy the simple pleasures of pleasant company and beautiful surroundings, and take time out to recharge your batteries. In fact you do enjoy creating an environment of beauty and surrounding yourself with objects which inspire beautiful thoughts. Artistic appreciation, and perhaps artistic talents, will feature in your life. In astrological terms, the Sun is said to be in its fall in Libra. This emphasises the fact that you may have some difficulty juggling your needs with the wishes of others.

The Sun is making contact with the planet Jupiter in your birth chart indicating that you've the ability to achieve your life goals, but the path isn't always easy. On the positive side you are optimistic and enthusiastic and are likely to encounter good fortune at some stage during your life. It's possible that a father or grandfather figure gives you a helping hand towards achieving your goals. However, you've a tendency to jeopardise your own success through being grandiose in your goals and plans. You've an overly-optimistic and idealistic approach to life, which prevents you from making a realistic appraisal of most situations. You can be restless, needing excitement and adventure, finding it difficult to commit to a course of action or to settle in one place. Depending on other influences in your chart you're the typical ideas person who has difficulty putting in the hard work needed to achieve a finished product. Your challenge is to find a balance between stability and adventure. "Moderation in all things" could be a good motto to remind you to curb your excesses. Once you've learned self-restraint then you're able to reach all of your goals.

The road to achieving your life goals is going to be tough because the Sun is making a difficult aspect to the planet Pluto in your birth chart. On a positive note you're a powerful and ambitious person, who enjoys rising to a challenge. You enjoy tackling difficult tasks, particularly the projects which other people have put in the too-hard basket. You're likely to succeed where others have failed, but the path will be strewn with obstacles. It could be circumstances which stand in your way. Perhaps your childhood was difficult, failing to provide you with the support needed for a successful adult life. It's possible that a dominant father figure blocked your success, perhaps even abusing himself or you in the process. As a result you're likely to experience strong emotions, possibly anger, when you reflect on your experiences. You can be explosive and unpredictable and have trouble controlling your emotions, feeling that the world is opposing your deepest wishes. Your challenge is to be powerful in the most positive sense of the word. This way you achieve your life goals without causing too much damage on the way!

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 eleventh house of your chart. There's a popular song that has a line "I'll get by with a little help from my friends", and this could be your theme song. You've many true and fortunate friends, some who hold prominent positions in society. Your friends do their best to support you emotionally, and perhaps even financially, so that you can achieve your life goals. This is fortunate because you've high hopes of achieving success in your life. You're popular amongst your friends, a real social success, and the resulting benefits are considerable. You also like to belong to groups of like-minded people, and these associations can also prove beneficial. Whether you realise it or not, your optimism and cheerfulness are an inspiration to your friends, and they too can benefit from their association with you.

You've the planet Jupiter in the zodiac sign of Leo in your birth chart indicating that you are benevolent, generous and fun loving, full of plans and schemes which you hope will make the world a better place. You've the skills and the will power to carry through these plans. You're a sincere and honest person who is attracted to a noble cause, and who isn't afraid to run the gauntlet of difficulties encountered along the way. Your enthusiasm and courage are contagious and you benefit from your associations with other people. They warm to your generous nature and obvious wisdom. You're also full of energy and vitality, generally benefiting from good health. Children also play a large role in your life, whether they be your own children or other people's. Teaching children may be a prominent part of your life. You also have a keen interest in culture, perhaps even displaying talents in the arts. Certainly your sense of grandeur could be put to good use in the theatrical or artistic world.

What an idealist you are! It's doubtful that life would ever live up to your high expectations or that you could achieve all that you dream of. This is because the planets Jupiter and Neptune are connected in your chart. Don't despair. You may be idealistic, but you're also talented and possibly inspirational in some aspect of your life. As a result you're likely to achieve many of your hopes, but not all of them, and perhaps prove to be an inspiration to other people. Possibly you've a talent for music or the arts, or perhaps you're a gifted teacher or philosopher. You're certainly compassionate. Whatever your creative talent, your active imagination needs a positive outlet, one that can inspire you and perhaps other people. You're capable of reaching for the stars, as long you acquire the self-discipline needed to develop your abilities. Your spiritual beliefs may also play a prominent role in helping you achieve your ambitions.

The planets Jupiter and Pluto are making contact in your chart indicating that you've the enthusiasm to live life to the fullest and are likely to succeed in reaching your objectives. You are inclined to think big when tackling projects, preferring the satisfaction that follows the accomplishment of large projects. Whatever project you tackle, you do it in a big way. It's likely that you've many goals in life because you're progressive and ambitious, eager to make the most of opportunities that come your way. What you lack in attention to detail you gain in enthusiasm and energy. You're a natural-born leader or teacher, inspiring others with your grand schemes. You may teach a classroom of adults or children, or on a one-to-one basis or you may simply

inspire others by example. You need only to be careful to keep your ego under control, and to make sure that you're not too grandiose. You're likely to succeed in achieving many of your hopes and wishes.

The planet Jupiter is making a difficult aspect to the Moon in your chart suggesting that you tend to be self-indulgent lacking the motivation to achieve your goals, or perhaps you've unrealistic expectations of yourself and your loved ones. You may lack faith in yourself and the fortitude needed to accomplish tasks on your own. It's possible that you put other people, particularly women, on a pedestal. You need to acquire self-discipline in order to complete tasks, which in turn boosts your confidence. Once this is achieved then you're likely to succeed in your objectives.

You can succeed in achieving your life goals, but only after you've learnt to balance the conventional and unorthodox sides of your nature. This is because the planets Jupiter and Saturn are making a difficult aspect in your birth chart. There is a dissident side to your nature, which you've difficulty keeping under control. Unrestrained enthusiasm can lead you into trouble. At other times there's an orthodox side which is overly cautious, causing you to hesitate unnecessarily when action is required. Finding the right balance is hard work. Generally speaking you're a poor judge of when to take action and when to wait patiently. As a result you're likely to suffer financial loss if speculating in the business or financial world. You would also do well, if possible, to steer clear of lawsuits. On a positive note when you can blend the two opposing forces you're capable of great things. You can enjoy success in self-employment or be a valued member of a team, particularly in the business world. Once a balance is achieved you're sure of achieving your objectives in life.

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 eighth house of your birth chart suggesting that you have a need to understand the cycles of life and the metaphysical nature of the world. What happens after death? What energies are at play in human relationships? and Why do certain events seem to be synchronised? These are all questions which could be food for thought. You're sensitive to the emotional undercurrents in many situations and want to explore this further, even if this means exploring the world of occultism. It's also possible that you suffered through the death of a loved one, possibly even the early death of your mother. Your experience opened many doors of enquiry, which can't be closed. You've the ability to develop your interest in the occult world and to use your discoveries for practical results in your own and other people's lives. Although financial gain can't make up for the traumas that you suffered earlier in life, you're likely to benefit through inheritances, particularly from your mother's side of the family. This, of course, depends on other influences in your birth chart. In some cases it's the lack of financial support during childhood which can deeply affect your adult life. If this is the case you may seek comfort through other people's resources - monetary and emotional - whether this is through joint projects or investments.

With the Moon in the sign of Taurus, the creature comforts of life appeal to you, offering a safe haven in a busy world. At times you may have difficulty rousing yourself to face new challenges, particularly if you're feeling insecure in your life. However, it's only that routine and familiar surroundings feel so safe in an unpredictable world. Fortunately you also enjoy establishing order in your life, and this can rouse you from any temptation to overindulge. In fact you can often be found quietly sorting through files and drawers, weeding the garden bed or some such useful activity. Your down-to-earth nature usually asserts itself when needed. You also enjoy keeping up with traditions - reliable rituals that have been passed down through the generations giving you a sense of life being reliable and predictable. Astrologically speaking the Moon is exalted when in Taurus, emphasising that wonderful ability of yours to establish order.

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

The Moon is making a difficult aspect to the planet Jupiter in your birth chart indicating that you struggle with your tendency to be self-indulgent and attached to the comforts of life. You've difficulty finding a sense of equilibrium in your home life. Either your home seems so comfortable that it's difficult to rouse yourself to attend social occasions, or you're never home. This isn't necessarily a problem for you, but can cause difficulties for members of your family. Perhaps these problems stem from your childhood. As a child your mother may have been over-indulgent, showering you with affection and attention and inadvertently making life a little too comfortable. As a result you may either have had difficulty finding the motivation to leave the nest, or have fled for greener pastures far too soon. It's also possible that you've unrealistic expectations of yourself and your family members, which can occasionally cause friction. On a positive note you're warm and benevolent and enjoy spending time with your family. It's also possible that you share common religious or spiritual beliefs, and that your home is a hospitable meeting place.

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 malefic 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 have chosen at some stage in your life to live in solitude rather than risk the lack of affection and warmth that you felt as a child. As you grow older and work on your self-esteem you can build a lasting maturity. You 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.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION



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

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

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

The planet Mercury in the zodiac sign of Libra indicates that you love to talk with your friends and loved ones, particularly in peaceful and pleasant settings. You're a good communicator with an ability to put others at their ease. Your listening skills are equally as good, as you enjoy hearing what your friends have to say. For this reason, friends enjoy dropping in for a chat. Professionally, you may also find yourself in roles that require good listening skills and sound judgement. As much as you enjoy pleasant conversation, you also dislike arguments. You've an ability to see all sides of a story, and therefore often find yourself in the role of peacemaker or go-between

when arguments arise. However, disputes have a tendency to upset your equilibrium, even if you do manage to find a good resolution for all concerned. While you're gifted at solving other people's problems, there are often times when you find yourself sitting on the fence unable to make a decision for yourself. This can be quite uncomfortable as you toss different options over in your mind. At times like this you can seek the counsel of friends.

Although not a major aspect of your birth chart, the planets Mercury and Venus are making contact indicating that communication and learning are one of your joys in life. You're amiable and cheerful, and usually express yourself in a loving manner. A charming person, you tend to shy away from conflict, preferring that other people respond to you in a pleasant and polite way. When faced with unavoidable conflict, you attempt to smooth over troubled waters rather than take a confrontational approach. You're a good talker and listener, and genial conversations are a source of pleasure. It's likely that you also enjoy studying, perhaps more for fun than for achievement, although this depends on other aspects in your chart.

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 people's 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.

The planets Mercury and Uranus are making unfavourable contact in your birth chart indicating that your education and communications with other people are fraught with difficulty. Although you've an active and intelligent mind, you've so many original thoughts and ideas that you find it difficult to express them. This is true for your verbal and written communications. You also have trouble concentrating for long periods of time, needing the stimulation of constant change and new topics of interest. For these reasons you're likely to encounter problems in your early childhood education, particularly if you attend a school that has a traditional approach to education. You're more likely to shine in an education system which encourages independent and free thinking. At any age you're likely to react to authority figures, showing a defiant and audacious attitude. Perhaps you don't realise that you've a tendency to thrust your own radical thoughts and ideas onto other people, without listening to their own opinions. You wilfully defend your right to have different views and can fail to appreciate other people's points of view. You need to learn to respect all forms of communication and thinking. You don't mean to be thoughtless, it's simply that you're so often restless in your search for stimulation. One of your major struggles in life is with discontentment. In fact you may be ahead of your time in your thoughts, ideas and opinions. With a little patience and tolerance, you'll be successful in helping others understand your unique and innovative ideas. Writing, publishing, advertising, science, astrology and electrical affairs may all be of interest, although any unusual subject will catch your attention.

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 first house of your birth chart you've a natural inclination to express love, with a desire to make life a pleasure for yourself and other people. Whether you realise it or not you're physically attractive. This, combined with your pleasing nature, ensures that you're surrounded by loved ones seeking your company. You've a calm and harmonious demeanor, and your presence seems to bring peace to any environment. You've refined tastes and an appreciation of art, music, singing, dance and theatre. You use these gifts to bring beauty to your surroundings. Through you others discover the power of beauty and love. It's even possible that you inspire the artists and poets of the world in their creative efforts. Your attraction to romance and beauty means that daily life can sometimes seem dull. At these times you need to be wary of becoming involved in love affairs, which may enliven your life for a short time, but in the long term bring hurt and disrepute. This does largely depend on other influences in your chart. It's more likely that both you and your loved ones benefit from the strength of your love. Ancient astrologers believe that the favourable planet Venus in the angular first house brings good fortune.

With Venus in the sign of Libra you enjoy the company of other people and tend to fill your life with people from all walks of life, although you do have a preference for

people from the higher echelons of society. Your diary is filled with social occasions ranging from quiet chats with one or two friends, to larger gatherings of your loved ones. You've plenty of loved ones to choose from because human relationships are such a source of pleasure for you. You are kind and courteous and your enjoyment of people is contagious. As a result you're popular with your friends. Listening to other people's stories and offering soothing advice is almost second nature. You're particularly gifted at solving problems, because your first thought is to maintain harmony in relationships and you can always see both sides of a situation. Therefore you're able to bridge the gap between many a warring party. Your primary relationship is also important, and your first preference is for a long-lasting marriage based on fidelity and trust, rather than a series of shorter love affairs. It's important for you to keep the romance and enjoyment alive, otherwise you could feel trapped in an unrewarding relationship. You've a love of fine arts and enjoy sharing this with your friends and loved ones. You need only be wary of spending too much time and energy on your loved ones at the expense of yourself.

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

You're likely to experience problems in your relationships, particularly your relationships with women. This is because of the difficult combination of the Moon and the planet Venus in your chart. On the one hand you could tend to take your relationships for granted, spending little time or effort on improving yourself or your friendships. As a result you're likely to be somewhat unpopular and lose face. If you're looking for favours from your friends, or for a satisfactory primary relationship, then you need to take stock and improve your attitude. On the other hand it's also possible that your friends tend to take you for granted. On a more positive note you enjoy the company of other people, and may benefit through your relationships with women, but probably only with some effort on your behalf.

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 twelfth house of your birth chart at times you're uncertain of the future, with vague fears of danger or treachery. If you voice these fears, then others may feel that you are suffering from paranoia. However, it's true that you can suffer at the hands of secret enemies and that you would do well to avoid dangerous situations. This placement of the planet Mars in your birth chart does indicate that danger and treachery can feature in your life. It can also mean loss of reputation. However, these can be avoided. You need to live your life with the utmost integrity, avoiding all criminal elements of society. You also need to learn to follow your instincts, seeking seclusion when necessary and directing your energies into secret arts or meditation. You may also be called on to make sacrifices for other people at some stage during your life. This could mean directing your energies into looking after other people, in particular your spouse who could suffer from an illness.

The planet Mars in the sign of Virgo indicates that you're a shrewd person and will pursue your personal desires in a practical and methodical manner. You have a strong drive for perfection, and can often be found organising and re-arranging your environment in order that you live life more efficiently. You're keen to employ schedules and routines to help you run your daily life. It's also true that you find it difficult to cope if your routines are disrupted, and you have little patience for less-organised people. In fact you can be quite critical and judgmental, believing your methods to be the most practical and efficient, superior to other people's efforts. You

don't suffer fools gladly and need to be careful to curb the perfectionist side of your nature. In some cases your interest is likely to be sparked by scientific pursuits, in particular medicine, but generally any science or research could be pursued. You prefer to be able to pursue your own interests without interference from other people and can systematically remove anyone who stands in your way. While this may sound harsh, it's true that you possess a vengeful side of your nature if opposed.

CAREER AND AMBITIONS



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

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

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

The planet Saturn in the sign of Scorpio signifies that you're an acquisitive individual who likes to be able to work independently towards your own goals in life. You're a resourceful and determined worker and have an intense commitment to work and joint enterprises, in particular those which help you acquire extra resources. You're a shrewd operator and may enjoy speculating on the stock market or dabbling in property investments. Wins and losses can be experienced in speculation, no matter how clever your tactics. It's also possible that your profession may be linked to property management or brokering. You're protective of your assets and do not take

easily to other people standing in your path. As a result you're often at loggerheads with other people at work and home. You can be tenacious in your efforts to achieve your ambitions. You may also have friends in high places who can lend a helping hand. When faced with ongoing problems you can be quite sudden in your resolutions, taking other people by surprise. This can also be because you're a secretive person, often making plans without other people's advice or knowledge. Secret liaisons can add intrigue to life, but you need to be wary of secret love affairs which could land you in a lot of trouble.

The 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 Cancer and ruled by the Moon, caring for others is a key component in any career choice. This can range from childcare and cooking, to union organisations, and in some cases politics. You may choose to make caring for your family your primary life direction, or to work from home, or it could be that your caring traits are best utilised in a prominent profession. Either way you need to be involved in a career in which you feel you're caring for other people individually, in the community or as a nation. The Moon, which rules Cancer, means that you're likely to experience changes in your career throughout your life. Examples of famous people with the same Midheaven include Australian leading trade union executive Jenny George, American activist Karen Silkwood, American newswoman Barbara Walters, and US President Bill Clinton.

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 eleventh house of your birth chart suggesting that you've unusual hopes and wishes, which you would like to achieve with a little help from your friends. You're attracted to unusual and eccentric friends and acquaintances. Depending on other aspects in your chart these friends may have a positive influence on your life, surprising you with their generosity. You're the recipient of unexpected gifts, which help you achieve your goals. You enjoy the company of extraordinary people, finding them stimulating and inspirational. Your friends and acquaintances may be associated with occult activities, or work in unusual fields - eccentric geniuses. However, it's also possible that your friends and acquaintances are eccentric and unreliable, wavering in their loyalty and failing in their ability to support you. Either way these friends are certainly original.

The planet Uranus was in the sign of Leo from 1956 - 1962. 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 Leo indicates that you belong to a generation which seeks freedom of individual expression. Positively this means that your generation recognises that true individual creativity is important, particularly through culture and the arts. However, negatively this can be the selfishness of a generation that is focussed on individual rights rather than communal co-operation.

The planets Uranus and Neptune are combining in your chart suggesting that you're concerned about spiritual matters and try hard to bring about social change. You've an ideal of how the world could be, and yet have difficulty living up to your own standards. Perhaps you're being too idealistic, or perhaps you lack the discipline needed to fully explore your creative talents. Either way you need to develop a more realistic approach to creative matters. This way you'll be able to enjoy explore your talents, which may lie in writing, healing, social welfare, healing or spiritual fields. You're keen to explore metaphysical matters, perhaps even belonging to a secret society or a group dedicated to global healing, charity or spirituality. Your psychic abilities and intuition are likely to be heightened, and this may help you explore your creativity.

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 first house of your chart means that you're a compassionate and loving individual, although sometimes this side of your nature can be overwhelming. In other words you're so sensitive to the responses of other people, and to external circumstances that you're easily swayed and have difficulty pursuing your own path in life. As a result you become lethargic and morose, and your own creative interests suffer. It's also possible that you possess such chameleon-like qualities that you've trouble being honest in certain situations. You deceive yourself and others. You need to be wary of allowing this to become too prominent a feature of your life, concentrating instead on developing techniques for developing creative communication with others. On a more positive note your sensitivity means that you have heightened artistic tastes. You're greatly moved by beauty in all forms, but particularly the attractions of colour and sound. The colours and sounds of the ocean have the ability to move you at a deep level, soothing your troubles and providing you with a source of inspiration. Your sensitivity may also extend to the spiritual realms, and you may possess psychic talents, in particular mediumship or clairaudience. It's also possible that a grandmother has had an important influence on your life.

The planet Neptune was in the sign of Libra from 1942 - 1957. 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 Libra indicates that you belong to a generation possessing the ability to view human relationships from a more spiritual overall viewpoint, rather than the rules and regulations of the previous (Virgo) generation. It's during this time that some confusion over right human relations may reign. People of this generation will aim to achieve a balance in human relationships. You'll also be concerned with justice.

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 twelfth house of your birth chart indicating that one of your biggest challenges is to overcome your overwhelming sense of responsibility for other people's problems. This is quite a feat because you're often at the centre of conflict without really understanding why. This probably started when you were a young child, and seemed to be the focus of the rest of your family's aggression. Perhaps you couldn't seem to stop yourself getting into trouble, feeling compelled to get into mischief. It's also possible that there was no justification for the accusations. As an adult you again seem to be in the thick of conflict, even if it's now the role of mediator or spokesperson, rather than perpetrator. These situations seem to happen even if you don't want to be involved. It could be that you've the inability to say "no" to others people's problems, or that you're swept along by events. As a result you may have the urge to study psychology or another avenue that explores the unconscious realms of the human psyche. You may also be drawn to study secret arts such as magic or alchemy. Once you've gained some understanding of this pattern of behaviour, you may choose to be an advocate on other people's behalf. Making a choice is very different from being caught up seemingly against your will.

The planet Pluto was in the sign of Leo from 1939 - 1957. 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 Leo suggests that you belong to a generation of people

concerned with the lack of or acquiring of power. People of this generation have the ability to use power both positively and negatively. World power and leadership are also important issues for these people.

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 third house and your South Node is in the ninth house of your birth chart indicating a quest to understand interactions between people. You need to make sure that your belief systems aren't too judgmental, and therefore preventing you from communicating with other people. Your purpose is linked with finding a viable form of communication.

Your nodal axis has the North Node in Sagittarius and the South Node in the sign of Gemini denoting that yours is a quest for loyalty and one-pointed vision. You've a

tendency to be unstable filling your life with many people and activities. You may also experience conflict in your decisions. You need to develop a sense of direction and a higher vision.

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

The North Node and the planet Jupiter are combining to suggest that your current life challenge is to embrace adventure. This can be travelling to foreign places, or taking more risks in your daily life. Either way you may find yourself in some challenging situations! Inspiring others, possibly through preaching or teaching, may be part of your life's destiny. Benevolent groups may also play a key role.

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

The 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 Libra is considered to be "masculine" by Ancient astrologers suggesting that you're more likely to actively seek your purpose in life, taking the initiative rather than waiting until circumstances are comfortable. Libra is also a Cardinal sign denoting enterprise, enthusiasm, self-assertion and initiative.

You're courteous, affectionate, thoughtful, modest and indecisive. Much of your life's purpose is connected with your relationships, both personal and professional. Human relationships are your primary motivation in life. You spend much of your time devoted to thinking about the needs and wishes of other people, ensuring that everyone is treating each other in a fair manner. For this reason your purpose may be connected with justice, mediation or diplomatic work. Harmony is so important for your well-being. Your fate is largely in the hands of other people. Much of your happiness depends on whether or not your loved ones respond favourably to your thoughtful administrations. You may be secretly pleased to hear that your fate depends on other people because you like to lean on other people, rather than take the initiative. However, you need to be wary of becoming enslaved to your friends, lovers and associates. You would do well to learn to stand up for yourself.

In Esoteric astrology the sign of Libra is linked with universal love, advocacy and beauty which inspires spiritual joy. Your purpose is connected to helping other people understand right human relationships, or to inspiring others through your artistic gifts.

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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