

Your Spiritual Path

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Venus	Virgo	06°Vi27'	05th	04 19°Ca12'
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Neptune	Scorpio	17°Sc14'	07th	09 01°Cp37'
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Your Spiritual Path

Each of us has the potential to develop along psychic, intuitive and spiritual lines into the person who best suits our natural gifts. There are essentially three possibilities for how that development may occur:

1. Along the lines dictated by our family, peers and social milieu: Most of us are taught a set of rules as children. Some of those rules prove to be very useful, and some lessons prove to be detrimental to our development, or at least not helpful.
2. Along the lines suggested by your own conscious mind: Each of us is born with the capacity to learn. The person inside us is the life and light of the mind.
3. The inevitable path is a combination of these two possibilities. No one can develop precisely the way someone else dictates. And no one can develop to suit individual desires with no connection to the outer world.

When individuals develop along the lines reflected by their astrological chart, the fullest expression of natural potential is possible. The birth chart places you at the center of your world, and shows your personal relationship to the Sun, Moon and planets. This is the astrological approach to spiritual understanding. It is not limited to one religious sect or emotional expression. The birth chart presents the possibilities that vibrate within your soul, and indicates which will be easier or more difficult to manage.

Your goal or mission is indicated by your natal chart, but you fully understand it only if you are open to the inner spiritual voice that is always present, and is truly your devoted life companion.

The best spiritual path is one that allows you to use your natural talents and skills. Sometimes your latent abilities will require training and practice to develop into spiritual tools. In this report we will consider a number of possibilities to help you get a sense of your talents, and how to develop and use them.

Your Creative Process

The Sun is the source of all physical life as we know it. As children develop, Sun sign characteristics are colored by family circumstances, cultural values, and other environmental influences. Yet we develop according to our own individual character IN SPITE of everything. The voice within us will not be denied. It cannot be eradicated and it never gives up. When we are on an appropriate path to our true spiritual destiny our inner voice is a gentle guide. When we stray into less productive territory, the voice becomes more forceful. When we attempt to stifle this inner voice of character, it waits patiently for the proper moment and speaks again. The Sun

sign reveals your conscious attitude toward the external world. The following description of the Sun explores your natural tendencies of mental style and action.

With the Sun in Leo, you are primarily the Intuitive type. Intuitive types listen to their unconscious sources of information, eschewing normal perception. In fact, they are often largely unaware of what is around them in the material world. These people are the inventors, the artists, the forward thinkers because they can see the possibilities of an idea, often before the means of developing it are apparent. Therefore they pursue what they know the world is not yet prepared for. Intuitives jump to conclusions, yes, but not necessarily without the intermediate steps. They either go through those steps at light speed by sizing up an underlying principle or they simply recognize an inevitable match of an idea's potential with their own desires. Intuitives fit into the educational system rather well, as many high school and college courses make use of the deductive skills intuitives share with the thinking type. You may respond well to the timed testing that is prevalent today. You can master the complexities of mathematics because you can grasp the results without having to ground your learning in some physical way. Intuitives contribute through their inventiveness. You are generally willing to sacrifice the pleasure of the moment in the hope of greater future achievement. You are also restless and crave inspiration. Because you thrive in situations where getting to the answer is important, you are good at problem-solving and tasks that require ingenuity. Careers in the creative arts, religious inspiration and scientific discovery all suit the intuitive type. You can become an inspired leader or promoter. For you the game is more important than winning, the chase more interesting than the end result.

How You Express Your Will

The Sun indicates your will power and its direction. One of the reasons we can identify Sun signs in other people is that they are often willful in their actions. Especially in childhood they are determined, demanding and rebellious against anything that does not conform to their will. The Children of each Sun show us the power of will. The information about your Sun sign focuses on the potential expression (and the associated undercurrents).

I will be vain (when I could be magnanimous). I will be domineering (when I could provide dignified leadership). I will be dictatorial (when I could encourage cooperation among others). I will be stubborn (when determination will suffice). I will be snobbish (when I could invite others in, and gain devoted friends in the process) .

Your Sun is in the 4th house. The mid-section of your body is where your attention goes when you are working on any creative project, and you evaluate progress by asking if things feel right. The more your conscious awareness focuses on the inner feeling barometer, the more you become aware of the feelings of others and even psychic currents around you. You assimilate data of this kind almost by osmosis. The Solar Plexus Chakra is a spiritual focus for you. This spiritual balance point can be affected by food, emotions, and mental intake. You may need a quiet period after meals or after psychic stress. You can examine and change your core beliefs by facing situations head on where they are challenged, especially by males. You find that you function best when you are not struggling in this area. Therefore you may want to do the personal work of self-discovery in the privacy of your own home.

Aspects of the Sun

You are very sensitive to the feelings of others, and may confuse your experience with their feelings. You must discriminate between what you feel and how you judge the feeling in order to expand your psychic ability. Psychic awareness then becomes a gift in your interaction with others. Associations with other people, and indeed with spirit animals and powerful plants, provide you with a comfortable stage upon which to express your developing spiritual character. You learn from others in a natural, fluid way. Who you are, and what other people see in you are very different. You undermine your self-confidence until you set your sights on spiritual values.

Core Beliefs

Much of the pain and limitation we experience is the result of being taught so-called "truths" that are incompatible with our core beliefs. Family and society train us, and sometimes little is done to nurture our individual realities. It is up to you to identify and nurture the values that are meaningful to you. When the filtering process is undertaken, you uncover a "truth" that is unique to you.

The Moon

The Moon reflects the soul. It governs fluids in your body and imagination in your mind. It generally represents a less conscious part of your being, and reflects the quality and flexibility of your memory. If the Sun indicates the most likely course of your spiritual path, the Moon indicates some of the qualities of the path itself.

With the Moon in Virgo, your secondary mental style is primarily the Sensation type. There is a practical side to your nature that comes from deep within. On the surface you are not focused on the material side of life, but your inner voice is always presenting some grounded argument that guides your actions. Thus, no matter what you are involved in, there is a considered quality to your actions that generally brings solid results. Your psychic senses run to the physical. You may be able to dowse for lost objects or water, for example. Or you may find that you sense oncoming illness in yourself and others. To develop this capacity further, you may want to record your psychic sensations and track them. Anytime you have communication with your less conscious side, it is important to acknowledge it in some way - to show respect for its power. You don't have to act in every instance, but you can acknowledge that you have received the information. If you don't the signal may become more distressing, or the voice may sink into silence.

You carefully consider your beliefs before you make any changes, examining the history, texture and value of each one. You understand your past and use it to achieve your practical goals.

Aspects of the Moon

Your emotional intensity can cause the ending of a relationship before you have learned all the lessons. When you are able to work through conflicts with others instead of avoiding the pain by walking away, you find profound spiritual support. You tend to place your faith in other

people and this can make you gullible about their spirituality. Optimism is fine. Idealism is fine. Learn to discriminate based on both actions and words, and then look into your own heart to evaluate what you have seen. True spiritual values uplift everyone, not just a favored few. You demand discipline from yourself, and you expect it in others. You may have had harsh teachers. Your spiritual path focuses on compassion for others, and you have to develop compassion for yourself as well. When others provoke fear in you, look also for the love they struggle to express. Strong emotional tension marks the beginnings and ending you face. Your spiritual adventures incorporate excitability and a tendency to rely upon instinct. You are willing to make sacrifices in order to progress on the path. Your sympathetic nature utilizes the close connection between other people and your spiritual self. You are open to experience the joy and pain in others, and thereby grow in understanding of your own values. Your intense emotions can forge powerful spiritual bonds with others, but they can also cause violent outbursts and result in the breaking of valued relationships. You don't give the same attention to the needs of others that you give to your own one-sided views. Relationships with women are a huge factor in your spiritual life. You sense the deep well of values within each person you meet, and seek to understand it. Pay attention to how others express their values, and be selective about which ones you adopt as your own. Your less conscious mental style suits what you know about yourself. You are more comfortable than most people with the paradox of being conscious while operating from a less conscious base of spiritual strength. Women inspire your spiritual life just as they influence you in other ways. Your soul and persona are well aligned. Thus other people are seldom surprised by your decisions and actions.

The Fourth House

The sign on the Fourth House cusp indicates the filter through which you view your core beliefs. It is the wellspring of all the best, most creative and most powerful ideas you will have throughout your lifetime. It indicates the refrain that the inner voice sings to you when you are sad or filled with joy, when you are pessimistic or optimistic, when you are afraid or when you are experiencing the power of love in your life.

You have Cancer on the Fourth House cusp. From the conscious point of view you are certain that your core beliefs are largely instinctual. You may resist the concept that those beliefs have been acquired from family and society at all. When you take a careful look, you find that some of your beliefs are grounded in the material world and the people you have known. Along with those beliefs, you find another, subtler layer of thinking. The symbolism of water is very important to your understanding of your spiritual path. You may be most comfortable when you live near water for this reason.

Life emerged from the water. An examination of the fluids of the body shows that they are like a mini-version of the ocean; replete with the nutrients the body needs to sustain life. Yet you need air to survive. This graphic portrayal of the dualism you experience every day of your life provides a metaphor for the dualism of conscious and unconscious processes. The path to understanding, for you, lies in identifying the two worlds of light and dark for what they are - part of the singularity of Mind.

You may mind that at some point in your life your beliefs system takes a radical departure from what you were taught as a child and believed was the proper path for you.

The Inner Voice

Planets in the Fourth House reflect the inner voice that accompanies you throughout your life. They indicate the kind of people and experiences that most directly connect you to your core beliefs.

Planets in the Fourth House

Sun in 4th House:

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Fourth House Aspects

You are very sensitive to the feelings of others, and may confuse your experience with their feelings. You must discriminate between what you feel and how you judge the feeling in order to expand your psychic ability. Psychic awareness then becomes a gift in your interaction with others. Who you are, and what other people see in you are very different. You undermine your self-confidence until you set your sights on spiritual values.

Communication and Mental Development

Most of us were taught a set of "truths" in childhood and we were expected to accept them. To supplement what you have been taught by your parents, teachers, and the world at large, you need to develop a spiritual learning style that works for you. If you then decide to teach others, you must develop communication skills that let you share these experiences clearly and meaningfully with your students.

Training Your Conscious Mind

Three factors contribute to your ability to train your conscious mind for spiritual development:

- * the natural direction of your thinking
- * training to take advantage of this direction
- * training your nervous system, and learning to respond to it

Element of Mercury

The angel Raphael is associated with healing in the Bible. The capacity for both companionship and healing forms the essence of Mercury's expression.

With Mercury in Leo, your communication style is primarily the Intuitive type. Spiritual healing and well being develop through the conflict between the present and the future. Because healing energy is directed through intellect, you benefit from mental training that focuses on listening to intuition and feelings first, and then seeks ways to confirm that information through logical means. Healing on the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual levels occurs when conflict is accepted and examined, and then resolved.

Training the conscious mind involves reasoning on the conscious level. Spiritual Education teaches how to engage your intuitive function. Intuition can be trained. Mercury reflects a specific way for you to learn about intuition. See the section on Uranus for more information on your intuitive ability.

You have a natural ability to see into the future. What is not always so easy is applying this insight to everyday life. As you apply your awareness of the future, you will develop self-confidence. Your speculations may seem reckless to others. Leadership involves the capacity to build enthusiasm for goals that remain unseen.

Your Mercury is in the 5th House. You are able to see into the future and to communicate what you see to others. A strong organizer, your contemplative practice can serve to clarify your creative direction and to provide insight in the area of leadership.

Mercury Aspects

You are able to express spiritual values in relationships, and you are able to make graceful entrances and exits. Your light-hearted exterior belies a depth of sensitivity. You tend not to push forward along the spiritual path, but instead wander a bit.

Self Esteem and the Development of Spiritual Partnerships

The power of mind is unlimited, except by our own thinking. As you proceed along the spiritual path, self-esteem grows. Relationship with another person is a powerful force for the development of self-esteem and for spiritual growth.

Venus has been called the alter ego of the Earth. Very close to the same size as the earth, Venus has an atmosphere inhospitable to human life. The inner reaches of the unconscious mind were long thought to be inhospitable as well. Modern psychology has delved into the mechanism of mind, and religious mystics have long studied the rocky terrain to be found within each of us. The consensus is that to evolve spiritually, we must first look at ourselves. One way to do this is through relationship with others.

Romantic, business and other relationships all offer us the opportunity to project our thoughts

onto other people. The evolutionary nature of a relationship allows us to explore our desires. Then we can achieve spiritual connections that transcend sexual expression.

Right relationships between people provides inner awareness that helps us to mediate between personality and soul, between physical life and higher consciousness. Only through fusion of these apparently separate facets of your being can you approach true knowledge.

The Planet Venus provides indications about your best approach to spiritual partnerships.

With Venus in Virgo, your best approach to healthy partnering is through the Sensation function. You love comfort. And you find you are most comfortable when your somewhat scientific perspective matches your inner sense of propriety. You seek love in your life, not just to satisfy physical urges, but also to create a space in which you can express your intelligence.

Your moral boundaries sometimes make it difficult to get close enough to another person to have a strong love relationship. Or you may make practical decisions that fail to give adequate consideration to your partner. The spiritual challenge is to be somewhat practical in an arena that is known for its lack of logic.

Your Venus is in the 5th House. You often experience strong physical attraction to other people, which could be mistaken for romantic love, but which may also be the result of pure magnetism. You can increase your knowledge very quickly through contact with any person who has this intense attraction for you.

Venus Aspects

Your emotional intensity can cause the ending of a relationship before you have learned all the lessons. When you are able to work through conflicts with others instead of avoiding the pain by walking away, you find profound spiritual support. You are able to express spiritual values in relationships, and you are able to make graceful entrances and exits. Your light-hearted exterior belies a depth of sensitivity. You tend not to push forward along the spiritual path, but instead wander a bit. Once you find the spiritual teaching that suits you, you are totally and forever hooked into it. Until that happens, you may start and end many times. When you are on the right path, beginnings and endings around you become cyclical milestones in the development of your personal belief system. You tend to fall in love in some way with each person you meet, seeing the spiritual light within them and acknowledging it directly. You can surround yourself with people who share your artistic and romantic sensibilities, and also learn to adapt your capacity for love to the necessities of each situation.

Doubt, Resistance, and the Development of Psychic Ability

The spiritual path has a number of potential pitfalls. Some of the most treacherous of these lie within our own minds. Our innermost thoughts become a prison, trapping us within walls of our own making. These may be the karmic result of the past, or they may be the result of recent actions. There are several ways we cause our own difficulties:

1) Secrets - Privacy and secrets are part of the picture. Children love the feeling of independence and power that comes with a secret. Problems only arise when the secrets we keep are detrimental to ourselves or to others.

2) Doubts - When a situation causes you to doubt, it is largely because it is incongruent with what you have learned in the past. You want something new, but your unconscious is in turmoil. You feel naughty, anxious, reluctant, or undeserving. Because of what you have learned from people you trust or from what you have read, you doubt your own decision-making ability.

3) Resistance - Resistance is not all bad. If change were too easy, we would have no stability. We could be talked into all sorts of things. What we need is a way to identify resistance for what it is, and then find ways to work with it.

Where your spiritual path is concerned, Neptune reveals how you handle secrets, how doubt arises for you, and also how to resolve resistance. One strategy involves your psychic ability.

Developing Your Psychic Ability

We use our psychic senses to understand the world of the present. You can train yourself to be more aware of the nuances of psychic awareness, and Neptune indicates how you can develop this ability. You will then connect with the earth and other people in new ways, and also confirm the significance of your spiritual values.

With Neptune in Scorpio, your private, psychic style is primarily the Feeling type.

There is always activity in the deepest recesses of your mind. You feel movement well before it emerges from the subconscious so you can examine it in the light of day. Your instincts have always been good, and you may occasionally want to kick yourself for ignoring them.

Your interest in the psychic realm can be fostered through study of different kinds of psychic work. When you find methods that resonate with you, they are easily learned and even easier to apply. Experiment with dowsing, psycho-kinesis, and telepathy. Look into astrology, Tarot, numerology or other methods of forecasting. Try several styles of meditation to see what works best for you.

The best path is to find a combination of approaches that work for you. No one teacher will be able to give you everything you need. As you develop a package of psychic skills, you find that any self-doubt recedes into the background. You will still probably question yourself from time to time, but your ability to extend your awareness into your present surroundings, as well as into the future, will serve to strengthen your self-confidence.

Neptune is in the 7th House. You are idealistic about partnership and love. Through strong relationships you are able to pursue your spiritual path. Weak relationships can lead to serious disappointment. Therefore you will want to use your head as well as your heart when you enter into what you expect to be a long-term union.

Neptune Aspects

Your sympathetic nature utilizes the close connection between other people and your spiritual self. You are open to experience the joy and pain in others, and thereby grow in understanding of your own values. You are very sensitive to the feelings of others, and may

confuse your experience with their feelings. You must discriminate between what you feel and how you judge the feeling in order to expand your psychic ability. Psychic awareness then becomes a gift in your interaction with others. You understand suffering and are well able to alleviate it for others. One spiritual outcome is that you learn to accept help when you most need it yourself, thereby helping others to develop compassion. You have natural psychic ability that can express through mediumship, conscious psychic or telepathic communication and mystical interests. This needs to be balanced with physical grounding of some kind. You are sensitive to the urgings of your inner voice, and you may even hear the voice within other people. You will experience visions and other forms of psychic awareness. Your natural psychic ability provides creative imagination and bolsters your self-esteem. It also sets up the opportunity for self-doubt that in turn tests your core beliefs and allows for creative change. You need to stick to wholesome nutrition, both physical and spiritual, as you are easily swayed by drugs and by sugary words.

The Twelfth House

The sign on the Twelfth House indicates how you color issues of doubt and resistance. It also reflects your most direct approach to your psychic insights.

You have Pisces on the Twelfth House cusp. Your natural affinity with mysticism enriches your dream life on a nightly basis. Your visionary approach to life may not seem practical, and you need to establish an anchor in the material world before you fly off to astral realms. While you are often more comfortable spending time alone, you need social interaction to complement your strong inner voice. Use your dreams to provide direction for your compassion.

Planets in the Twelfth House

Planets in the Twelfth House have just risen over the horizon. They have a quality similar to the Sun in that they are casting their influence on you in a fresh, genuine expression of their energy. You accept this energy and consider it, but you may not choose to reveal your thoughts to anyone else.

Both doubts and psychic strengths are a reflection of planets in the Twelfth House that serve as guideposts along the path of self-discovery. Your private thoughts may center on the qualities these planets represent. Your teachers may exemplify the qualities of these planets to the extent that they reach your inner psychic core and help you understand your potential. In the end these planets indicate qualities that you can bring into the world to help others, as well as the feelings of compassion surrounding all your activities.

Saturn in 12th House:

Your karmic history is available for exploration in the quiet moments of privacy we all need. Examine your past behavior, but only for the purpose of seeking more effective action in the future.

Twelfth House Aspects

You demand discipline from yourself, and you expect it in others. You may have had harsh teachers. Your spiritual path focuses on compassion for others, and you have to develop

compassion for yourself as well. When others provoke fear in you, look also for the love they struggle to express. In all your business and personal dealings you have the capacity for patience. You keep one eye on the goal and the other on the moment-to-moment activities that lead you forward. You find that while relationships are significant, periods of seclusion are needed for you to integrate the spiritual changes you are experiencing. Your interactions with the world are causes of irritation and strain, and require you to develop your will to overcome difficulties. You like to maintain a particular rhythm. When this is not possible, you tend to rebel. Your spiritual understanding is tempered by your response / reaction to pressure. You understand suffering and are well able to alleviate it for others. One spiritual outcome is that you learn to accept help when you most need it yourself, thereby helping others to develop compassion. You can bull your way to success at the expense of the people around you, or you can learn to step outside your own ego and see the larger importance of your actions. Your strength makes you a powerful practitioner of magic, and also permits profound spiritual development in seclusion or silence. You have the structure within your spirit to organize and concentrate the teachings you experience. Much of this work may take place in isolation, as it is serious personal work. You have the endurance you need for your spiritual work. You learn to take small, careful steps on any path, but you find that a steady pace results in positive outcomes. You work well with older people.

Death and Transformation as Spiritual Processes

Pluto, Scorpio and the Eighth House in the birth chart deal with issues of death and transformation. On the spiritual path a shaman must undergo a death-like initiation in order to come into his or her shamanic powers. In our own lives we continually experience the death of old ways of being and the birth of new possibilities. Transformative events can teach lessons concerning your spiritual growth:

- * They are signposts to indicate progress.
- * They allow you to modify your behavior in positive ways.
- * They remind you to be gentle and kind with yourself.
- * They remind you to accept yourself as you are, and to move forward.
- * They remind you to support and encourage the child within yourself, just as you would encourage another person.

The Eighth House in your chart defines the mechanisms for change and self-acceptance that are most appropriate for you. By understanding them you develop a sense of self and a set of behaviors that lead more directly to your goal. You discard behaviors that no longer serve you in your journey on the spiritual path.

Scorpio is the natural sign on the Eighth House, and the associated planet is Pluto. How appropriate that Pluto, mythological ruler of the underworld, should be the planetary ruler of the Eighth House of death and transformation.

Yet Pluto attracts the living, though it cannot hold on to them for long. So it is with life. We are attracted to one way of doing things, but we know that change is the only certainty in life. As we travel the spiritual path, we find that each ending is the source of a new beginning, and that we often benefit from even the most traumatic events. By descending into the world of darkness and pain, we borrow a bit of Pluto's power, so that on the next step along the path we are stronger and more courageous.

With Pluto in Virgo, your approach to death and transformation is primarily through the Sensation function. Potentially more matter-of-fact about issues concerning death and change, you take transitions in stride for the most part. In the occasional instance when a death or change catches you off guard, you may feel that you are unable to move out of one feeling into another. When you feel stuck, you may need to gather your will to take some action. By focusing on simple practical details, you take steps, one at a time, to lift the weight of feelings that have mired you temporarily. Generally you are able to handle the details of planning that are required when death or change occurs. You grasp the practical need for one thing to die before another may be born, for example. You also may be profoundly aware of past life events or the potential of a future lifetime, and you find practical ways to bridge the apparent gaps between.

You and many of your peers have the inquiring minds that have led to advances in medicine, the computer industry, and many other fields. You manage to get great results with relatively little. Spiritual issues demand the same level of attention, and yield the same high quality results.

Pluto Aspects

Your intense emotions can forge powerful spiritual bonds with others, but they can also cause violent outbursts and result in the breaking of valued relationships. You don't give the same attention to the needs of others that you give to your own one-sided views. You seek a leadership role in all your activities, and this is not less true in your spiritual life. You first need to learn the true synthesis of love and wisdom, so that you are worthy of the faith others place in you. And you must avoid the temptation to exploit situations just because you can. You can bull your way to success at the expense of the people around you, or you can learn to step outside your own ego and see the larger importance of your actions. Your strength makes you a powerful practitioner of magic, and also permits profound spiritual development in seclusion or silence. Transformation suits you very well, and the changes that come your way are easily absorbed, as long as the other people involved are not emotionally upset. Plan your entrances and exits with other people in mind. You are sensitive to the urgings of your inner voice, and you may even hear the voice within other people. You will experience visions and other forms of psychic awareness. Your vision focuses on the common destiny of large groups of people, and not on the day-to-day details of life. When you find yourself in the public eye, you may feel that your personal efforts have a limited effect. Look for the karmic links in your associations with others. You have the capacity to reshape your life into whatever you desire. In the long run you transcend base desires by recognizing power and working with it, not by trying to own it. You can easily influence others to follow your lead, spiritual or otherwise. Be careful how you use this power.

The Eighth House

The sign on the Eighth House cusp indicates the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual

approach you take when dealing with birth, death and transformation.

You have Sagittarius on the Eighth House cusp. You are philosophical in your thinking, and you change best in a contemplative frame of mind. Sudden or unexpected events can throw you back into childhood feelings of being threatened. When you feel that way, it is hard to act like a rational, thinking person, and you may revert to what feels like a life and death struggle for independence. In comparing the two choices, you naturally desire to act the adult, meditating about the changes you need to make, and planning how to achieve them.

By experiencing both the philosophical and the threatened feelings, you develop compassion for others. When they feel threatened, you can take a philosophical position and act as an anchor for their difficult experiences. Paradoxically, when you feel threatened, you allow them the opportunity to perform up to their level of philosophical development. In both cases, by going with your own experience, you are able to help others.

The Development of Intuition

Intuition is an ability beyond logical thinking. Through it you can consider future outcomes. In the Buddhist tradition, intuition is a mental ability, equal to intellect that can provide direct insight. In mathematics intuition is the capacity to "guess" the answer to a problem, skipping the regular logical processes.

Intuition is more than your inner voice. Intuition is one of the methods by which you understand the world. It is a skill you can develop and use consciously. Intuition often surfaces during meditation. When the mind is quiet, then intuition can be heard. Once trained, you can access intuition by stopping your normal waking process and entering the calm that you have cultivated.

The planet associated with intuition is Uranus. With Uranus in Virgo, your intuition works best through the Sensation function. Your intuition comes to you in very concrete images. For example, you can see a piece of land and clearly envision a house, a road, or a bridge being built there. You actually see the finished product in your mind's eye, and then take the practical steps to achieve the result you see. You also can find multiple uses of tools, and can usually handle an emergency with whatever materials and tools you have available.

You need to apply intuition to your work in a methodical way. Given the future solution you perceive, you have to find the tools you need, even when they are designed for other tasks.

Your Uranus is in the 5th House. You begin by noticing that you have thoughts about things that may happen in the future, only to have your thoughts come true. You can develop the ability to create slightly different outcomes, until eventually you may be able to divert negative events or at least modify the negativity through your own mental effort.

Uranus Aspects

Strong emotional tension marks the beginnings and ending you face. Your spiritual

adventures incorporate excitability and a tendency to rely upon instinct. You are willing to make sacrifices in order to progress on the path. Once you find the spiritual teaching that suits you, you are totally and forever hooked into it. Until that happens, you may start and end many times. When you are on the right path, beginnings and endings around you become cyclical milestones in the development of your personal belief system. Your interactions with the world are causes of irritation and strain, and require you to develop your will to overcome difficulties. You like to maintain a particular rhythm. When this is not possible, you tend to rebel. Your spiritual understanding is tempered by your response / reaction to pressure. You have natural psychic ability that can express through mediumship, conscious psychic or telepathic communication and mystical interests. This needs to be balanced with physical grounding of some kind. Transformation suits you very well, and the changes that come your way are easily absorbed, as long as the other people involved are not emotionally upset. Plan your entrances and exits with other people in mind. Your capacity to share your experience forms a large part of your spiritual involvement with others. You seek new experiences that help you to gain the broadest understanding of life. Your life is punctuated with sudden changes. Your independence of mind is both the most difficult mental obstacle to overcome and the most refined mental state you can reach. This paradox occupies your thoughts and provides rich ground for spiritual development. You are quick to respond, and intuition helps you find the right answers. You may upset others with your enthusiasm.

The Midheaven: Self-Awareness and the Use of Intuition

How can you use your self-awareness to access intuition, a presumably involuntary, less conscious capacity? To take the direct, conscious path is challenging at best. This method only works if you can consciously enter unconscious territory, and by definition, that territory is unconscious because you cannot access it directly. You can rarely dive in intentionally.

You can wait for intuition to arise naturally without doing anything. Or you can practice meditation. It is fairly easy to learn and requires no particular physical or mental skills, except the ability to focus the mind.

In addition, you have specific avenues, or points of focus, to aid you in the practice. The sign on the Midheaven indicates an area of the subconscious that you can access through meditation, thereby identifying spiritual keys to your development. By going within, you find the higher values most suited to your own path.

With the Midheaven in Capricorn, your self-awareness and your path to self-realization are primarily through the Sensation function.

Beneath the subconscious desire to be comfortable with your present belief system, you find the desire to create conditions that provide for the transformation from a being driven by instinct to a person governed by intellect. The Moon combines its energy with other planets to bring this change about, so the Moon's aspects will have an important impact on how this change is

wrought. In childhood you may simply absorb and accept the beliefs (and thereby act on the instincts) of your family. As you complete your childhood and begin adult developmental processes, you will find that not every basic belief of your family suits your individual needs. You then apply your mind to discovering what will work better for you.

You have a fluid mind and are able to retain what you have been taught while at the same time motivating yourself through new experiences. Because you are listening for the nuances of your soul, you find the proper direction for your own activities, and you do this without needing to break the mold provided by your family and social position. When the intellect has been fully engaged, you will move into the rich experience of intuition, and you will be able to foresee the results of your decisions and plan even more responsibility.

Midheaven Aspects

Your less conscious mental style suits what you know about yourself. You are more comfortable than most people with the paradox of being conscious while operating from a less conscious base of spiritual strength. Your biggest challenge may be to harness your own energy so that your self-awareness keeps pace with your actions. Otherwise you find yourself wondering what happened to your self-control. You have the structure within your spirit to organize and concentrate the teachings you experience. Much of this work may take place in isolation, as it is serious personal work. You have the endurance you need for your spiritual work. Your independence of mind is both the most difficult mental obstacle to overcome and the most refined mental state you can reach. This paradox occupies your thoughts and provides rich ground for spiritual development. Your natural psychic ability provides creative imagination and bolsters your self-esteem. It also sets up the opportunity for self-doubt that in turn tests your core beliefs and allows for creative change. You have the capacity to reshape your life into whatever you desire. In the long run you transcend base desires by recognizing power and working with it, not be trying to own it.

Karma and Dharma

Perhaps no single principle of Asian religions has fascinated us more than karma and its link to reincarnation. Karma refers to the cause and effect relationship between what we do and the results we get. Our actions bring reactions, constructive and not so constructive. However, everyday feedback often comes from individuals who are no more clear about their spiritual values than we are. So, what should you take seriously?

How does karma work in your life? Will it be played out in your next incarnation, or will you experience it in the here-and-now?

Certainly you do not have to believe in karma or reincarnation to make progress along your spiritual path. However, if you do astrology can offer insight into what factors in the past may be influencing you today. The following are suggestions concerning past influences. Think of them as relating to family and childhood experience, or you can relate them to your past lives, or both.

With Saturn in Pisces, you experience karma and dharma primarily through the Feeling function. Intelligent activity, for you, is inspired by the feeling component of your mind. You can make a plan using any of the mental strategies, but you evaluate and judge its efficacy through the feeling function. In looking back on your own past, into past lives, or even ancient human history, you judge people's actions by the results they achieved, and you also consider whether those results were worth the effort. Even if the outcome was what people wanted and needed, you evaluate the effectiveness of the action. You are able to learn from the past and to exercise good judgment in almost everything you do. You may tend toward caution in your planning, and you gather information at every step of the process. Because of sensitive positioning, you are able to make adjustments to suit the needs of the moment. You like to have the time to project your plan into the future to think through the possible outcomes. When you feel rushed into implementing a plan, you may be reluctant if you cannot see a positive outcome. For this reason, it may be difficult to have faith in someone else's plan.

You are generally retiring, and may even decide on a life of renunciation - at least for a time. Your mystical tendencies are well suited to the contemplative life, and you wish to avoid any unnecessary conflict. You are your own best source of recognition, as you are the best person to evaluate the effectiveness of your decisions and actions.

Your Saturn is in the 12th House. Your karmic history is available for exploration in the quiet moments of privacy we all need. Examine your past behavior, but only for the purpose of seeking more effective action in the future.

Saturn Aspects

You demand discipline from yourself, and you expect it in others. You may have had harsh teachers. Your spiritual path focuses on compassion for others, and you have to develop compassion for yourself as well. When others provoke fear in you, look also for the love they struggle to express. In all your business and personal dealings you have the capacity for patience. You keep one eye on the goal and the other on the moment-to-moment activities that lead you forward. You find that while relationships are significant, periods of seclusion are needed for you to integrate the spiritual changes you are experiencing. Your interactions with the world are causes of irritation and strain, and require you to develop your will to overcome difficulties. You like to maintain a particular rhythm. When this is not possible, you tend to rebel. Your spiritual understanding is tempered by your response / reaction to pressure. You understand suffering and are well able to alleviate it for others. One spiritual outcome is that you learn to accept help when you most need it yourself, thereby helping others to develop compassion. You can bull your way to success at the expense of the people around you, or you can learn to step outside your own ego and see the larger importance of your actions. Your strength makes you a powerful practitioner of magic, and also permits profound spiritual development in seclusion or silence. Associations with individuals much older than yourself are the stuff of your spiritual education. Examine your inhibitions (you have some), and seek to break out of your natural desire to isolate yourself. You have the structure within your spirit to organize and concentrate the teachings you experience. Much of this work may take place in isolation, as it is serious personal work. You have the endurance you need for your spiritual work. You learn to take small, careful steps on any path, but you find that a steady pace results in positive outcomes. You work well with older people.

Transcendent Values

Behind what you know about yourself - behind all other considerations of spirituality, lie the transcendent values that are most important to you. These are the values you have worked to discover from among all the rules you have been taught. They are the reason you have read books, studied with teachers, privately pondered and examined the events of your life. They are the fundamental principles that you believe will help you find fulfillment as a human being. As such they are the source of energy behind your self-awareness, the motivation of your spiritual search, and the principles that you apply to your dharma, or life path.

With Jupiter in Gemini, your approach to and understanding of transcendent values is primarily through the Thinking function. Regardless of your typical mental style, indicated by the element occupied by the Sun, you tend to process best through thinking, and through the skillful use of words. You aspire to more perfect expression, both within yourself and in the social realm. Mental and spiritual training benefit you by providing rigorous reasoning skills and by opening your heart to the intuitive information that flows around you. Even when you have achieved fusion of heart and mind, you find that your mental process and expression focus on intellect and the thinking process. You may come to trust your intuition deeply, but you gain this level of confidence through testing your intuitive knowledge logically and rationally. You understand that the cycle of cause and effect begins on the mental plane, descends through the emotional realm, and manifests in the physical world.

Your versatility makes you the welcome guest at any gathering. You thrive on the many social connections that feed your self-awareness and spiritual bank account. Because you love change, you move forward on the spiritual path with relative ease, as long as you keep your own values in mind.

Aspects of the Jupiter

You tend to place your faith in other people and this can make you gullible about their spirituality. Optimism is fine. Idealism is fine. Learn to discriminate based on both actions and words, and then look into your own heart to evaluate what you have seen. True spiritual values uplift everyone, not just a favored few. You are usually able to direct your will to productive activities. You find the transcendent component in each relationship and build upon it. You exemplify joy in your daily activities. In all your business and personal dealings you have the capacity for patience. You keep one eye on the goal and the other on the moment-to-moment activities that lead you forward. You find that while relationships are significant, periods of seclusion are needed for you to integrate the spiritual changes you are experiencing. You seek a leadership role in all your activities, and this is not less true in your spiritual life. You first need to learn the true synthesis of love and wisdom, so that you are worthy of the faith others place in you. And you must avoid the temptation to exploit situations just because you can.

The Ninth House

You have Capricorn on the Ninth House cusp. The reality of concrete materialization is the first transcendent value you meet. Because you have a firm grip on physical reality, this may not

seem transcendent, but it is important to any future tasks. The second value lies in understanding completion. You seek to finish the tasks you begin - for you the outcome is perhaps more important than the means. Appreciation of the means is something you may want to develop. A third value is in the understanding of new or renewed effort. Once you achieve the pinnacle of personal expression on the physical or spiritual plane, you will recognize that yet another goal is in sight, and you re-orient your efforts to that end. What is perceived as a real struggle or strain may become a more friendly path, both for you and for those around you.

Mars: Your Spiritual Persona

Mars indicates an area of life that is vitally important to your spiritual growth. Whatever path you choose, this factor will come up again and again. Others will see how it affects you, but they are unlikely to understand the depth of its significance. You yourself may not understand the power of this influence on your life.

The Element of Mars

Mars is naturally associated with Aries, a fire sign. Traditionally Mars was also associated with Scorpio, a water sign. Thus the expression of Mars shares the nature of these two elements to some extent. The movement between water and fire involves the capacity for discriminating awareness. Mars governs the five senses-touch, taste, sight, hearing and smell. The position of Mars directly reflects your capacity to relate to the world through your senses.

With Mars in Libra, your spiritual persona is expressed most fluently through the Thinking function. You are able to take an idea and wind it into an imaginative, yet logical picture, filled with colorful images and connections. Your spiritual discipline is likely to reflect this strong use of intellect. You find causes to which you devote time and energy, and you are best placed in jobs or activities that draw upon your mental capacity. Today's focus on the Internet and telecommunications suits your energy very well, as you are able to picture systems and to devise strategies for the future.

The sign placement of Mars is significant to developing your spiritual persona. The sign colors the message you receive concerning the direction your spiritual path will take. Here are three personality traits associated with Mars in your chart: Cooperation, Honesty, Impartiality. If you consider each trait and consciously evoke it in your daily activities, you will find that the path becomes more fulfilling, more insightful, and easier. By actively devoting energy to the development of the traits of your Mars, you spontaneously develop several traits associated with other signs.

House Placement of Mars

Your Mars is in the 6th House. The focus of your spiritual persona is on issues in the work environment. Wherever you find yourself, you seek the opportunity to provide spiritual sustenance to others, and to work out your own spiritual issues. You take a holistic view of your spirituality. No part of your life is separate from it (this is true for everyone). However, for you

the focus is on making your whole life into a consistent spiritual package. You then seek to help others achieve the same consistency.

Mars Aspects

You are usually able to direct your will to productive activities. You find the transcendent component in each relationship and build upon it. You exemplify joy in your daily activities. It is important for you to maintain a consistent rhythm, including the physical, astral and spiritual in your daily meditation. Working with others lifts you spiritually. Your biggest challenge may be to harness your own energy so that your self-awareness keeps pace with your actions. Otherwise you find yourself wondering what happened to your self-control.

The Ascendant: Expressing Spirit in the World

The Ascendant provides a personal anchor for understanding spiritual potential and process in the birth chart. It shows how you express yourself in the world. This is because the rising sign represents choice - you choose what you want to show to the world. Ultimately, however, you come back to the Sun sign on the spiritual level.

Each person learns about the Sun sign's higher spiritual values and cultivates those values by developing the positive traits of the Ascendant. Each sign as it rises brings to light different personality traits, different physical appearance, and a different sense of spiritual direction. The rising sign offers a container for your experimentation with constructive, creative personal choices about how to act in the world. Later you can take this practice back to the Sun sign and master its lessons.

Remember that the Midheaven and Ascendant depend on an accurate birth time. If you have no idea of your birth time, the material included here may help you to focus on a spiritual persona for yourself.

Your Rising Sign (Ascendant)

From the spiritual perspective you are expressing the power of desire on all levels of your being. On the subjective level you are able to communicate the intensity of your passion, whether it be in terms of your career, your relationships, or any project you undertake. You believe there is no point in doing something unless you do it well, and you strive for perfection in every area of your life. At the same time, you are constantly aware of your comfort zone, and may shy away from activities that present impossible challenge.

Throughout your life you will develop a personal style for expressing your desires, perhaps learning to moderate them, or perhaps learning more and more skillful means of satisfying them while also presenting a socially graceful face to the world. At the same time your spiritual yearnings lead you to the best expression of your being on this higher level. Finally, you learn to direct your will so that all efforts satisfy both your material desires and your spiritual aspirations. You may find from time to time that you are faced with this question: are my actions being driven by material desires, or am I following my spiritual aspirations? The answer helps to

refine your awareness of your deepest motivations.

Proper care of the physical body is important for your spiritual expression. As you emphasize the wholeness and wellness of the physical body, you metaphorically focus on the wholeness and wellness of your spiritual being.

The neck and throat become a powerful physical focus for your expression. Because proper speech is so important to you, the organs of speech and the thyroid gland are your most valuable physical attributes. Voice training or other attention to the throat and throat chakra may be important to your development of clear communication. But first you need to listen, to others and to your inner voice.

You have the capacity to understand the duality of the material world and to penetrate the paradoxes that arise in your life. You can learn to see the ebb and flow of energies in your inner experience and in the outer world, and you understand that the attraction and repulsion of these energies leads to eventual synthesis. You perceive that sexual desire is one expression of duality on the physical level. The power of this duality provides the impulse to transcend mere physical desire and to discover the mystical union of forces. As you gain in experience, your sexual expression may deepen into the ritual of Tantra. Then you will feel the blossoming of spiritual awareness on a higher vibratory level.

Perhaps the greatest challenge you face is the transmutation of knowledge into wisdom. You have to develop spiritual awareness in order to go beyond stubborn attachment to personal desires. Your temper will give way to spiritually directed effort. Blind pursuit of self-interest will give way to a spiritual focus. Self-pity will give way to a concern for all humanity.

Ascendant Aspects

Women inspire your spiritual life just as they influence you in other ways. Your soul and persona are well aligned. Thus other people are seldom surprised by your decisions and actions. Who you are, and what other people see in you are very different. You undermine your self-confidence until you set your sights on spiritual values. You learn to take small, careful steps on any path, but you find that a steady pace results in positive outcomes. You work well with older people. You are quick to respond, and intuition helps you find the right answers. You may upset others with your enthusiasm. You need to stick to wholesome nutrition, both physical and spiritual, as you are easily swayed by drugs and by sugary words. You can easily influence others to follow your lead, spiritual or otherwise. Be careful how you use this power.

Conclusion

This interpretation of your life path has provided a systematic look at astrological factors that together add up to a spiritually oriented map. As you come to understand your unique map, you can move forward through life joyously and courageously, knowing that the path is appropriate to your personal beliefs, desires and needs.