

# Just for Women

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Venus	Water	Mutable	3 Water	
Mars	Earth	Fixed		
Jupiter	Fire	Fixed		
Saturn	Fire	Cardinal		
Uranus	Earth	Mutable		
Neptune	Water	Fixed		
Pluto	Earth	Mutable		
Midheaven	Fire	Cardinal		
Ascendant	Fire	Fixed		

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## **Just for Women**

An Astrological Portrait

Prepared for Celine Dion

Your astrological chart provides an amazing guidepost to the most important aspect of your life: an understanding of yourself. As a woman today, you face the challenge of discovering yourself within the context of many life experiences. You wear a variety of faces and play many roles, experiences which can both enhance and complicate your feeling of satisfaction with yourself and your life. Your astrological chart provides indicators which help to define who you are, strengthening an understanding of your needs on every level. Each chart is different in its make-up, and the myriad combinations of influences help to underscore the importance of each person as an individual. One thing you must remember when working with astrology: it is through your free will that you make choices. Your "chart" does not make you do anything!

We are finally acknowledging and realizing within today's world, that men and women experience life differently. The workings of your psyche, symbolized by your astrological chart, are likely to be experienced quite differently through your filter as a woman than they would be if you were born male. This report is designed for you, a woman in a world of change, a woman seeking to become whole.

Your natal, or birth, chart is made up of several factors. Drawn upon a circular wheel, your natal chart shows the positions of the planets relative to your place, date and time of birth. Everything is indicated symbolically, with each symbol having specific meanings. The planets, Sun and Moon are placed around the circle, and each is placed within a particular degree of a sign of the zodiac. The planets, Sun and Moon are energy bodies, and the astrological signs indicate how these energies work. Just as you are a complex of feelings, needs, drives and desires - your natal chart maps these qualities. You will also notice that the planetary symbols fall within particular segments of the circle. These segments, called "Houses", indicate the specific environments and relationships which are part of your life. You may find, upon reading your report, that there are a few contradictions. For example, one factor may indicate independence, while another shows strong dependency. It is not unusual to experience contradictions within yourself, and that is just what your chart illustrates about you! But when you reflect upon these qualities within the context in which they are explained, you may discover some self-illuminating facts about yourself. Self-understanding has a marvelous way of emphasizing your personal power!

### **An Overall Glimpse at Your Astrological Chart**

The astrological signs are defined by one of four elements: fire, earth, air or water. The fire

and air elements have a yang (masculine polarity) quality, and tend to be more outgoing and assertive in their nature, whereas the earth and water elements have a yin (feminine polarity) quality, and are more receptive by nature. The elemental balance in your chart is determined by the amount of energy within each elemental sign. The factors added together to find this balance of energy include the Sun, Moon, planets and the angles of the Ascendant and Midheaven.

Your chart shows a strong predominance of fiery energy, adding a special intensity to your personality and a strong level of vitality. You may be more action oriented than some of your friends, and your adventurous enthusiasm may make you the topic of conversation among your friends. Your intuition and instincts are effective allies. Watch a tendency to push yourself too hard, since it's easy to burnout once you've gone beyond your limits. In relationships with others, you prefer to be around those who love the adventure of life and who appreciate your active inspirational nature. The elemental balance in your astrological chart indicates that air is a weak factor. With little or no air in your chart, you may have little use for the purely abstract. Your preference for things you can touch, taste or feel extends even to your choices in relationships and career, and long distance relationships can be difficult. Sometimes it can be difficult for you to adjust to new ideas or new people, and you may have trouble with objectivity. Even though you may be comfortable staying inside yourself for periods of time, you do need to connect and let others know what you think and feel. In fact, once a connection is made, you may even feel enlivened by sharing and opening up. But idle chatter can get on your nerves.

Another aspect of your basic nature is determined by the balance of the modes in your chart. The modes are also defined by sign, which are grouped together as either cardinal, fixed or mutable. Your chart indicates a balance between the cardinal, fixed and mutable modes. This shows that you may have a strong ability to get things going, maintain your inspiration, carry through with your commitments and complete projects. Your ability to deal with different styles and human diversity enhances your spirit of cooperation, and makes you a good choice for leadership positions.

You may also be concerned with the areas in your chart which appear to be empty. Never fear, these houses are not really vacant! You are just not placing as much emphasis in these relationships or environments, or you may be satisfying these needs through other dimensions of your life.

## **Projection of Your Real Self**

Sometimes showing the world who you really are is not easy, and sometimes the world may not respond as you had hoped! It's helpful to take a look at the differences and similarities between the attitudes, impressions and images you project and the person who resides at the core of your being.

With the Sun in Aries your independent way of thinking and doing things may be quite

powerful. Your ego self is driven by a need for autonomy. You need plenty of room to move, and the idea of being penned in makes you feel unsettled. You simply do not like waiting, and prefer spontaneity to planned situations. You may also be more comfortable taking the lead, which can be daunting for some of the men in your life. Since your Sun indicates "who you think you are," you may realize that if you see yourself as autonomous, then situations in your life are more likely to develop which allow you to express yourself in a more self-determined manner.

Your Ascendant is the face you present to the world, and shows how others see you. Your Ascendant, or rising sign, is Leo. This signifies that you project a definite presence, a factor you can use to your advantage when you want to make a spectacular entrance. It's easy to command the attention of others (who may talk about you even when you're not around!). You can be quite comfortable in situations which call for direction or leadership and can engender loyalty from those under your influence. You may take extra care with your hair style, hats or other head adornments, since you know that they say a lot about who you are. The energy associated with your Ascendant is the Sun, which is in Aries. Your fiery independence will be hard to miss, and you may perform at your peak levels when you're dealing with challenges. Leadership looks great on you.

Your Moon is in a tense square aspect to your Ascendant, which shows friction between the way you feel and who you are. The conflict arises when you feel one way about something or someone and do something else because you're concerned about the way someone else is likely to respond. This can keep you in a ridiculous trap, since your only option seems to be to ignore your feelings and concentrate on everyone else. Consequently, you may have relationships in which nobody feels trusting or safe. You can turn it all around by becoming more honest with yourself about what you need and want, and realizing that you do not have to take care of everyone else's feelings in order to be happy. Learning not to resent yourself and your needs is an excellent beginning.

With your Sun in trine aspect to your Ascendant, you may easily win respect and cooperation from others. This can be quite helpful when you need to accomplish important tasks. Your sense of confidence may be very strong, and you have high hopes for yourself and your life. Although you may have to learn to take advantage of your personal strengths, ultimately you discover that you can accomplish the goals you set for yourself, both in a personal and professional sense.

Mars is in a square aspect to your Ascendant, indicating a strong tendency to do or say things which put others on the defensive. In a debate or an athletic event this can be useful, but in relationship with others the same energy can be devastating unless you are aware of it. You may project anger more readily than you show tenderness, although other factors in your chart may offset this somewhat. Asserting yourself in a positive manner is quite different from boisterous or crude behavior, and you've probably seen the evidence of these differences in various circumstances. Your need to be seen as powerful drives many of your actions, and finding positive ways to achieve this aim can help you redirect your desires.

Neptune's energy in trine aspect to your Ascendant adds an imaginative and mystical quality to your personality. Your artistic nature can be expressed in many ways, and you may become quite adept in developing your talents and sensibilities. Psychic abilities often accompany this placement. You may have a special sensitivity to your environment. You'll also find that you're more comfortable in surroundings which are serene, and may enjoy being surrounded by

beautiful music.

Pluto's energy in semi-square aspect to your Ascendant adds a quality of mystery and intrigue to your personality. You may wonder sometimes why trust is an issue in relationships. It could be easily tied to the fact that you are struggling with the idea of giving up your power. When you realize that you do not have to relinquish your personal power in order to be close in a relationship, it might be easier for you to let down your shields a bit. But until then, you're likely to project a barrier between yourself and the world. You may carry old shame or resentments from past trauma as part of this barrier. These feelings can also keep you from experiencing a true acceptance of yourself. You have the capacity to become whole, and to feel the transformational healing power which arises from annihilating the pain of the past and being reborn. You deserve more than mere survival, and you need to convince yourself that you can experience a full and rewarding life. Part of this may come from working with others in some healing capacity. But some of it arises from simply allowing yourself to enjoy the rewards of being alive.

There are many different facets of the Moon in your chart. But when it comes to your identity, your Moon speaks volumes about who you are at the deepest level: the soul of your being. Your Moon in Aries reflects an attitude of independent thinking and a need for autonomy. Your real self is striving to achieve a true sense of individual identity. The courage which resides deep within your soul helps you get through all sorts of dilemmas and difficulties, although you may resent anything that holds you back or ties you down. You are the Warrior Woman and have the capacity to meet life on your own terms. You will fight for what you love and enjoy a life with ample opportunities to experience true passion.

## **Understanding Your Inner Feminine Self**

Although the temptation is to think that just because you are a woman you are in touch with your inner feminine self, this is a much more complicated task than it appears to be! First of all, the model for the true power of femininity has been lost over recent history and is now becoming re-energized. Recovering this power is a personal task for each woman, and learning to use feminine power constructively on a collective level is another challenge for today's woman. This process is the cradle of self-healing, and provides the essence of your personal security.

The primary energies associated with your inner feminine self are the Moon and Venus, but Neptune and Pluto are also significant in your experience and expression of this part of your psyche. The Moon is the energy which filters through your subconscious self, and tells the story of your connection to the part of you which provides nurturing, support, care and comfort. The person who projects the model for your Moon energy is your mother, and you see her through the lens of your own emotional matrix, signified by the Moon. As you mature, you learn to send this energy into the world, but to be truly effective, you must first own this energy and know how to use it to care for yourself!

Your Aries Moon stimulates a powerful drive to establish independence and autonomy. Your

feminist attitudes result from your independent way of thinking and may forge new frontiers to advance your position as a woman in the world. Passion is your life fuel, and you need people, situations and opportunities to feel the rush of energy which arises when you are carried away by passionate desire. You can be quite headstrong when you want something, or someone, and definitely have your wiles. Even though you may have been taught to think of others and their needs first, your need to be in the lead and first on the list is there all the while, and it is definitely okay to feel that way, if you deal with that need honestly. Taking a back seat while a husband achieves his aims and you settle for just a "job" or staying home (when you don't want to) could lead to trouble if you really want to develop a strong career of your own. Yet your support of another can be quite powerful when you feel that you are also getting what you want out of the situation, and you must remember that the choice is yours. Some type of challenge keeps you alive. Whether you choose a competitive career, participate in your favorite sports or recreation, initiate all the family outings, get involved in politics or take the lead in community activities - your energy, effort and excitement can be inspirational and contagious. But if you feel penned in, ignored, abused or excessively limited - you may also be challenged internally by your own anger at not having a chance to prove yourself. This anger can undermine your strength if it is not channeled into something productive. Men may have difficulty dealing with your independence, and even though you may be tempted to prove yourself according to the masculine rules of the game, as a woman you have some attributes that a man simply cannot employ! Instead of feeling that the game of life is always about winning and losing, try to re-focus on the idea of creating or not creating. And look for some healthy outlets which allow you to win a few and lose a few. You'll always be playing, and may as well enjoy the game according to rules which allow everyone to benefit.

Your Moon and Mercury are in semisquare aspect, stimulating frustration between your thoughts and feelings. It can be difficult for you to express your deeper feelings verbally without feeling overly exposed emotionally. And you can also have trouble separating your feelings about someone or something from your need to make rational decisions. It's important to acknowledge your emotional sensibilities, but learning to distinguish your own anxieties or prejudices from the facts can be a truly anxiety-provoking situation. By maintaining deep levels of emotional stability through self-awareness, meditation or even in counseling situations you may finally be able to give each part of yourself credence when it comes time to make those major life choices.

The conflict between what you need and what you want is signified by the energy of your Moon in semisquare aspect to Venus. Creating an awareness of your deeper feelings is the only way out of this conflict, especially when it comes to relationships. In other choices like career decisions, this tension arises when you have to face something like asking for a raise, changing jobs for personal reasons, or climbing up the ladder in a manner which seems personally awkward. Although you may sometimes think that it would just be easier to let somebody else tell you what to do, you are not likely to be satisfied with the end results unless your own needs and list of preferences are carefully considered.

With your Moon conjunct Mars, you're likely to be quite direct about expressing your feelings. Assertiveness is not likely to be a problem for you, and you may sometimes seem more like one of the guys than a "lady." You can develop an excellent acceptance and understanding of men, even though you may prefer being a woman. Your concern for the way others may feel

when you take action can be a good thing, in that you may actually consider the outcome of a situation before you act. But sometimes, the impulse to express yourself is too strong to think first. When you're going for it, it's probably a good idea to send a signal so that anyone who wants to avoid getting toasted by your afterburn can get out of the way. You can also be somewhat manipulative, so try to be aware of when you're attempting to control the way another person responds to you. Passive-aggressive behaviors will usually work against you.

Through the energy of your Moon in trine aspect to Jupiter, you have exceptional emotional resilience which is supported by your sense of optimism and confidence. You are more likely to feel that being a woman is an asset, and may find it easier to flow with the emotional tides and cycles of change which are a normal part of your life. Generosity is natural for you, and you have an excellent ability to attract abundance. Nurturing others may flow quite readily. However, it is also easy for you to take things and people for granted, so it's a good idea to take stock of your good fortunes and remind yourself to show gratitude and grace. This can be an aspect of laziness, since positive changes of fortune may seem to occur quite naturally. But if you recognize and develop your strengths, this same energy can provide an endless reservoir of emotional and spiritual strength.

The quincunx aspect between your Moon and Uranus indicates an unpredictable quality and can show a tendency toward emotional instability. Your rebellious nature usually emerges when you're faced with a situation which requires you to conform to standards you find unbearable. Otherwise, you are more likely to make the necessary adjustments to get by or keep moving, just to keep things simple. When you do compromise and lose something precious, then your discontent can be overwhelming and your rebellion can be quite far-reaching. You may vacillate between enjoying your experience of life as a woman and resenting the fact that you have to deal with the issues surrounding being a woman or the physical experience of cyclical change which accompanies womanhood. If your hormonal levels seem to be inconsistent or highly variable, you might benefit from a holistic approach to your physical dilemma. Intimate relationships are important to you, but you may have little tolerance for situations which are too inhibiting. Although you may complain that you only seem to attract men who are not available, ask yourself how open you are to making a commitment. Until you're ready to settle down, you're more likely to send mixed signals yourself.

The energy of your Moon in quincunx aspect to Neptune indicates an enhanced emotional sensitivity. Sometimes you may be quite clear about the way you feel, but this influence provides a level of occasional confusion due to the difficulty you may have maintaining your emotional boundaries. You may feel that you sometimes just want to escape from it all, and during these periods can be rather distant and hard to reach. If you're uncertain or do not want to make a commitment, your vagueness can be very effective, although quite frustrating to those who would like to hear a definitive answer from you. There are also those times when you open the doors to your soul and cannot give enough of yourself. There is a corresponding cycle involving the amount of influence you experience from others, too, and you may fall victim to deceit or illusion. It is this experience which yields a feeling of mistrust of yourself, but it is counterproductive to close away or deny the truth. If you've learned denial from your early life experiences, that may seem to be the most plausible manner of dealing with personal tragedy or challenge. Yet you feel extremely uncomfortable when you fall into the trap of denial, because you can never hide from yourself. Fortunately, you have the capability of rising to the occasion

and extracting yourself from emotionally destructive situations, but you have to see them first!

Your Moon is in the first quarter of the lunar phases, indicating that you approach the fulfillment of your desires and needs in an immediate manner. Your impatience with yourself and with everyone else around you can stand in the way for true fulfillment, but it is that same immediacy which is part of your chart. Your impulsiveness can seem quite "unfeminine" at times, since the old myth of femininity had much to do with "waiting for the prince." You are here to form a new quality of relating to life: the quality of fresh expression and spontaneity. You are here to project a powerful sense of identity, and achieving a sense of wholeness between your inner and outer self is an important part of your self development. The archetypal quality of "The Mother" represented by this moon phase elicits your strong connection to the natural rhythms of conception, creation and birth. You may even enjoy a positive element of freshness and new life in your projection of yourself as a woman. You'll not appreciate others trying to shelter you too much, but may need to find a few touchstones which will allow you to rest until you venture out into your next experience with life, love and happiness. Your weakness may be a lack of objectivity, and it can be difficult to find and own your power until you have mastered some skills which add greater objectivity to your sense of self and reality.

Through the energy of Venus you express your feminine wiles, and also locate the part of yourself that needs to be emotionally expressive. Your sense of inner beauty and feelings of personal worth are also functions of Venus. Venusian energy is part of your connection to other women, and the placement of Venus in your chart can tell you a lot about your openness and acceptance of your own femininity. Although your Moon may indicate your basic emotional nature, the manner by which you express your feelings is frequently through Venusian energy.

Through the energy of Venus in Pisces you can develop a powerful sense of compassionate love. Your expression of your deeper feelings vibrates through everything you do, sometimes strongly, and sometimes in a more subtle manner. You are deeply sensitive, and unabashedly romantic. All the romance novels with the perfect love that takes you away from the cares and trouble of the world were written for you! But that sense of the romantic goes beyond man-woman relationships. It permeates your expression of yourself as a woman. Your own beauty shines brightest when you are at peace with yourself. Your energy needs to flow, and you may be most comfortable when you're dressed in loose-fitting garments in soft colors (but you can also wear striking colors when you need energy!). You need to flow through life and with life, and need to satisfy your faith in what is good and perfect. You need something which can stand up to your devotion and adoration - whether that is an artistic form of expression, a family, a spiritual path - you need to put your heart and soul into your life experience. If all this seems idealistic, well, it is! You are filled with ideals: ideals which will never be satisfied until you test them against the experience of life itself. You're a woman filled with so much compassion that if you cannot express it, you will wither away. You can also be extremely vulnerable, and may fall victim to unscrupulous individuals if you trust absolutely everyone at all times. This is the hard part of the story, and the part of life that can sometimes be discouraging and leave you feeling sad. That still will not stop you from finding the beauty in life. You can see it in the eyes of the children. Along with the despair that seems to be ever present in today's world, you see the hope and hold faith in the dream for true peace.

Through the blending of Mercury and Venus energies in conjunction with one another, your

manner of speaking and communicating is enhanced. This aspect influences your ability to develop excellent people skills, and you may be a gifted speaker, writer or lyricist. These qualities may emerge through your manner of speech, which can be quite elegant and charming. Your sensibilities toward others, and the care you take in striving to create a feeling of peace and harmony can be seen in your personal relationships as well as within the work environment.

Do you remember the line in Peter Pan, "I won't grow up!"? Well, in your heart of hearts you would prefer to remain as free, experimental and playful as you were when you were a young girl. In many respects, that independence and "catch me if you can," attitude is always a part of who you are now, as a woman. With Venus in opposition to Uranus, you have little interest in being a cookie-cutter image of anybody. You may dress in a bodacious manner, and may feel uncomfortable with "traditional" hair styles, clothing or jewelry. You can actually create your own look, which ultimately may express the truly beautiful qualities you have to offer once you've gotten beyond the need to shock everybody. You are an individualist, an experimenter, and need lots of room for self-expression. Sometimes, in creating all this room, there is a big empty space inside your heart where you want and need someone else to be close. Your friendships are a good beginning for understanding the way you need to be accepted and supported in your life. You're learning that there is a difference between unconditional acceptance and irresponsibility. You may have to give a little more of yourself, however, before you have the life situation, relationships or happiness you hope to achieve.

If any woman has vision, it is you. Your grasp of the essence of what is and what can be is reflected in your imaginative artistry and gift for adding a special dimension to whatever you do. With Venus in trine aspect to Neptune, your awareness can transcend the ordinary, and you feel it through your heart. You believe in love and know its power. Sometimes, others may think you're an angel, and that's okay with you! Of course you know that you are only human, but may long for the perfection you sense in the spiritual realm of reality. In your self-expression through music, the arts, drama, and even common everyday experiences, you can take your life one step closer to paradise. Your emotional sensibilities are heightened through this connection, adding a level of compassionate love to your life. Sometimes you may feel disappointed in human nature and the human condition, but by opening your heart to those around you and developing your connection to the truth of love, you can make a difference.

At first, when you were grappling with the experience of becoming a woman - during the time of hormonal rushes, physical changes and powerful urges - you may have resented yourself, your body or your lot in life. But deep within yourself, you knew that there was a power, and that it was centered in the fact that you are a woman. With Venus in opposition to Pluto, you can be the reflection of the positive, transformational and healing power of being all that is woman. However, you may have to experience a few changes within yourself before you get there. It is imperative that you face the pain or hurts you have experienced through loving, loss and disappointment. Hiding behind an impenetrable shield will only block your ability to attract what you need from life. It is crucial that you deal with any feelings of shame, guilt or hatred - especially if they are directed toward yourself. Forgiveness is not an easy task, but you deserve a chance to live your life to the fullest and to experience the true essence of love, beauty and harmony. In metaphysical teaching, there is an old concept called "harmony through conflict." You know what that means. It is the essence of your life, and the path you are following in discovering who you are as a whole woman.

Although the planets Neptune and Pluto move very slowly and are generational in nature, they do have an influence upon your psyche. These energies define much about the collective experience which shapes your inner self. You're experiencing Neptunian energy when you're in the midst of reverie, when you're deep in dreams and when you're feeling compassionate. Neptune drives your imagination, the realm of illusion and your psychic sensibilities. Because Neptune is difficult to grasp on a physical level, there is a lot about this energy that can be problematic, and when you are caught in the negative grasp of Neptune, you can give in to addictive behaviors, escapism and deception manifesting. But you do have a way of channeling this energy. It is through Neptune that you find the heart of compassionate love and understanding. This is the doorway to your inner self.

With Neptune in Scorpio, you are part of the generation of women, born from 1955 to 1970 who are forging new frontiers in the sexual revolution. This is not only in terms of human sexuality, but also extends to the roles men and women play in regenerating society. You are the generation who will grapple with issues of control and whose influence in the arenas of human rights will cover the entire spectrum from conception, to birth, to sexual lifestyles, to choices in death. As you are maturing and making these choices, you may resist the idea that some belief system or government should dictate the choices you make in these intimate situations. But you must also create a vision which goes beyond these old systems and which encompasses a true compassion for the experience of life and the pain and joy of choice on every level.

Pluto represents the primordial essence. It is from this level that all transformation occurs: birth, death, illness and healing. It is also here that the powerful kundalini force continually regenerates itself. This is the space of all creation and all power. It is the space of origin: the Great Mother.

You are part of a generation of women born from 1957 through 1972 who have Pluto in Virgo. It has been your challenge to develop a true awareness of the relationship between mind, body and environment. You've blasted through many of the mysteries of the way humans function - at physical, psychological and sociological levels. Additionally, you may be seeking a way to improve the quality of life and are likely to be dealing with repairing mistakes and fixing things as much as you are creating new options. At an individual level, this energy prompts you to determine ways to improve yourself.

## **Owning Your Inner Masculine Self**

For centuries, women were not allowed to assert themselves in the world, and carefully learned the role of supporter of their "men." Those who failed to respond in this manner were frequently shunned or punished, although there have always been women who defied convention! During this century particularly, women have broken out of their strictly "conventional" roles, and have been making their way in the world. Because of this, women have been successful at fulfilling more of their needs, and owning their own power more readily. As a result, a woman's relationship with the men in her life has also changed. Despite women's

collective knowledge about the need to be whole persons, it is still sometimes easier to allow men (fathers, brothers, lovers and husbands) to "own" certain qualities. (They, in turn, prefer that women own certain qualities - like emotions!) But to become truly whole and functional, it is necessary to find and incorporate your inner masculine self into your sense of wholeness, instead of projecting that part of yourself onto others (most usually men) in your life.

Through the process of becoming at home with your ego, you gain a true sense of personal strength and power. To own this power, you must learn to acknowledge that it is okay to be recognized for who and what you are. Your Sun energy is the primary factor in the expression of ego needs. As a young girl, you may have seen your father through the filter of your Sun. His power of getting out into the world, and the manner by which he did it, have shaped your own sense of personal identity. And today, the Sun in your chart may symbolize significant men. But this energy is, in itself, the core of your spirit.

Through your Aries Sun, you have the capacity to develop a strong level of autonomy and self-direction. You may be a self-starter and will prefer to address life on your own terms. However, you can have a little difficulty trying to figure out how to go after the things you want without alienating others. If your approach is too brash or abrasive, you'll meet with resistance and end up feeling that you're always defending yourself. Despite being a woman, you may be okay in situations with "the guys," especially if you're involved in sports or other activities in which there are more men than women present. Since you can be competitive, you may set up situations which provide a challenge, but you do not need to feel that you're always doing battle. You need some positive outlets through which you can develop your willpower, and may enjoy a career path which requires you to forge into new territory from time to time. You're an excellent leader, and whether you're working in the world, guiding your family through a crisis or seeking spiritual clarity, you can forge a path which others readily follow.

You're quite strongly influenced by a need to do things properly and correctly with your Sun in conjunction with Saturn. Your need for self-respect is quite strong, and you may also seek others who are worthy of your respect and admiration as teachers and guides. If you are ignoring your own needs to take positions of strength or control, you may attract others who will simply overwhelm you with their own power. This can be especially true in relationship with men, since you may project your own need for control onto the men in your life, and then wonder why you never have what you really want. Once you take steps which help you establish your own aims and ambitions, however, there's no stopping you! With this aspect, you can either take charge of your life or be controlled, but either way, learning about control is paramount.

Mars energy is assertive, aggressive and combative, and can be angry. These are not "feminine" qualities. In fact, women who possess and project these qualities from within themselves often get bad names, and are called "ball-busters," or other expletives, by the men who are dealing with them. But to become fully whole, you need to accept the manner in which you can utilize your Mars energy so that you are confident and strong with it, and so you can get into the world and make things happen for yourself!

You may be stubborn. When you want something, you can be relentless in your pursuit of it. Through your Mars in Taurus, your embrace of the assertive side of your masculine psyche projects a powerful steadfastness. You may not want to turn the world upside down. In fact, you may do your best to make sure that those things which are important to survival remain. You

may also be more comfortable projecting your fighting spirit onto men who seem to enjoy that type of thing. Through this part of your masculine self, you prefer to maintain the status quo.

You may wonder what you've done to deserve some of the breaks you've experienced: just when you're in hot water, you find a way to get out. With Mars trine Jupiter, you definitely get into a few circumstances which are over your head, but you can make the most of them, and somehow can come out smelling like a rose. Your confidence and enthusiasm attract many opportunities, although you may not take advantage of all of them. You can be a little lazy with this aspect, particularly if you have access to sources of support which make it easy for you to coast through life. Through applying yourself, you can go further and make an amazing difference in the lives of others who may truly need and appreciate your generosity or spirit.

## **Developing Your Mind**

Education and learning are lifelong processes. Your approach to developing your intellect is multifaceted, but there are special indicators in your astrological chart which help you understand the best ways to develop your mentality. Improving and strengthening communication skills is also part of developing your mind, since connecting to others is certainly improved if you can effectively illustrate your point of view!

Although the energy of Mercury is traditionally considered to be the main indicator of your mentality, there are also other qualities which are part of your mental and intellectual self. First, let's look at Mercury, which is the energy through which you link your thoughts and ideas with others. Your impressionable mind opens your consciousness to a high level of imagination and creativity with Mercury in Pisces. Although you may have a little trouble distinguishing the difference between what you feel and what you think about something, this is unlikely to get in the way of your learning what you need to know about life. You can be an insightful thinker, and may be able to rely on your sixth sense to help you when making decisions and judgments. It may be easier to communicate some of your ideas through art, photography, dance or music than through words, since the depth of your perceptions may seem inadequately expressed in words alone.

You may enjoy learning with Mercury conjunct Venus. However, you're likely to be a little lazy in your approach, and may not like the disciplinary side of school as much as you like the socializing. With an excellent ability to relate to people, you can be an open and effective communicator.

You can be quite abrupt with Mercury in semi-square aspect to Mars. When you're eager to say something, you may just blurt it out without thinking. Although this can add a quality of spontaneity to your personality, sometimes you may feel that you've just put your foot in your mouth! Jumping to conclusions can also interfere with your learning process, in that you may sometimes find it difficult to complete a task or finish an assignment.

Sometimes, you become obsessed with an idea or way of doing things with Mercury in

opposition to Pluto. When you're focused on something, you're focused. There's no halfway. You don't just wade in, you immerse yourself. This quality can be especially useful in research, investigation or spiritual questing. But you can also get stuck, close your mind, and lock away the possibility of change (even though transformation in your thinking is your goal). When you re-focus your mental energy toward that end, you can even change the obsession!

The energy of your Moon also has a mental component. The Moon is the realm of thought, the process of subconscious thinking, and plays a strong role in intuitive thinking. You like to learn about things that get your energy moving. Through your Aries Moon your learning filters are more stimulated by exploring ideas which are challenging and require some creative thinking. You also prefer to learn at your own pace and may not like the idea of being held back because somebody else has not quite reached your level of understanding.

Jupiter also plays an important role in learning, stimulating you to look ahead into the realm of possibility, beyond the horizon of the now. Through the energy of Jupiter, you share what you know with others. As a woman, you are likely to feel most at home when you use this energy to encourage and support others, but you can also apply this to yourself! Your philosophical approach to life and learning involves experiencing the true essence self-expression with Jupiter in Leo. You may take great pride in your educational accomplishments, and may like to be noticed. Your generous spirit extends into all areas of your life, and you may feel that giving of yourself by sharing your talents and abilities is important to your personal development. You can be very attached to your beliefs and ideals, and may not appreciate others who find fault or who disagree with them. It's not likely that you will change your idealistic viewpoints unless you are personally motivated to do so.

Your enthusiasm and confidence help you tackle most any task and accomplish your aims. The influence of Mars in trine aspect to Jupiter adds a special spark to your desire to reach beyond your limitations, and can spur you to follow many pathways in your search for excellence. You may also have good luck, seeming to be in the right place at the right time. Part of this arises from your ability to trust your own sense of vision for the future: you can see the path and then you take action and follow it.

The purpose of Saturn is to provide clarity, structure, form and discipline - elements which are certainly important to learning. Saturn functions primarily as your inner teacher. Mothers are the most influential Saturnian models in western society. They provide the structure, guidance and support for their children in the realms of learning, socialization or personal growth. Once you enter society as a child, teachers play the Saturnian role. But the role of mothers and teachers in relationship to Saturn is to help you define the structure upon which you will build your life. Then, you "own" your Saturn, and know how to discipline and focus your own energy.

With Saturn in Aries, your ability to reason can be quite strong. You may have good powers of concentration, and enjoy a stimulating debate. In learning situations, you may have had trouble dealing with your teachers when you were a little girl. Your desire to be accepted can overwhelm your need to express yourself, resulting in an inner conflict. Once you determine your own direction, it is important that you follow your path with confidence and courage.

The areas of your chart which are connected most strongly to mental and intellectual development are the 3rd, 9th and 11th Houses. The 3rd House of your chart deals with

communication and the development of concepts.

Your approach to thinking, learning and communicating is quite analytical with Virgo ruling your 3rd House. You may enjoy learning, and can develop a good relationship with your teachers. However, you are quite sensitive to criticism and can be too critical of yourself or your own intellectual abilities. You're probably more intelligent than you realize! Your ability to illustrate detail is evidenced by your writing and speaking, and you may be a consummate storyteller and convincing reader (ask your children!). With Mercury ruling your 3rd House you enjoy the support and interaction created through networking with others, and may have a special interest in education or children's issues.

The energy of Uranus in your 3rd House adds a special ingenuity to your thinking. You love projecting yourself and your thoughts into the future and may be quite inventive and visionary. Although you may be a rebellious and revolutionary thinker, you are a natural scientist, always seeking the yet undiscovered truth. Maintaining your concentration can be difficult, and you need ample opportunities to work at your own pace. However, some structure will help you avoid scattering your mental energy. Leaving room for your spontaneous urges to get up and go is very important, and anyone who is in relationship with you needs to understand that you can change your mind or decide to do something at a moment's notice.

Looking beneath the surface and searching for what lies beyond the facade is stimulated by the energy of Pluto in your 3rd House. You can be an avid researcher or scientific thinker and may be quite adept at understanding many of the mysteries of life. Your interest in subjects which are somewhat taboo, like sexuality, birth and death, adds a special dimension to your personality. Your ability to concentrate can be quite good, although you can be quite obsessive in your thinking. Since you may not realize the extent of your own mental intensity, you may wonder why some people have difficulty being around you. They may be uncomfortable with your penetrating insight (especially if they have something to hide), but may also feel that you know more than you do. You rarely let on about everything you know or think, and can be quite secretive about anything which is important to you.

Your 9th House shows your approach to higher learning, which is usually accomplished through a college or professional degree program. Subjects like philosophy, religion, political science, cultural pursuits and the like are strongly associated with this facet of your development.

You are definitely an idealist with Pisces on the cusp of your 9th House. Your vision of the world as a better place with opportunities for true peace and harmony can be quite a powerful driver in your quest to improve your own life. In higher educational pursuits, you may be more inclined to study philosophy, religion, political science and the arts than you are drawn to math or science. It's tempting for you to impose your ideals or beliefs upon others who may seem less "enlightened," but you may need to show some restraint in this regard if you are to experience the peace you dream about. With Neptune ruling this house you can use your ability to visualize to aid you in your learning pursuits, and to help you create the world as you desire to experience it.

Your affinity for philosophy, religious study, teaching and higher learning is no accident. With your Sun in the 9th House, you may feel powerfully drawn to study higher truth, and to invest much of your life in pursuit of excellence. You are an eternal student and can be a

profound teacher. In many ways you may feel that your life is a journey, and whether you travel on the face of the planet, into space or simply on the inner realm, you are always seeking to understand the greater meanings of life. A sense of higher moral law pervades your identity, and you may strive in all your endeavors to strive for the path of true righteousness.

Your continual need to learn is enhanced with Mercury's placement in your 9th House. Instead of just learning facts, you can be drawn to gain a deeper understanding, and it can be quite natural for you to pursue higher education or lifelong studies. Your ability to expand your consciousness is enhanced through this influence, and you may be quite visionary and strongly intuitive. Travel, writing, teaching or publishing may be of interest and can add a sense of adventure to your experience of life.

Educational pursuits, extensive travel and exploring cultural diversity can be among your greatest pleasures with Venus in the 9th House. You may be interested in living abroad and can easily adapt to different cultural and environmental influences, especially if your sense of esthetics is heightened from the new experience. Your appreciation for the art and culture of humankind can be rather powerful, and your own growth and sense of personal artistry and creativity are strengthened through your exposure to a wide variety of options and influences.

Through the 11th House you learn from peers, and connect with your community. The 11th House involves your special interests, too. This is very much the school of life, because this is also the area which relates to developing your goals.

Your interests have a practical focus, and you may limit your community involvement to matters which affect you directly. Goals can be especially important for you, and are usually tied to stabilizing your life, especially financially. It's important that you explore your deeper motivations, and that your goals reflect and support a true sense of personal worth. Although it's tempting to think that money can answer your needs for acceptance, it's rarely enough unless you can fully embrace yourself. Your interest in investments can play an important role in your life. With Venus ruling your 11th House, you may look for an easier path to realizing your dreams. You may be able to attract the right people and situations, and may feel that the right partnership and most prestigious friends can open doors for you. In the end you really want to be the one who has the influence.

There are no planets in your 11th House, indicating that you may not find it necessary or important to develop a strict set of goals, and that you may not seek out confirmation and support from others in order to reach a sense of fulfillment. To further understand your special interests look to the sign on the cusp of this house explained in the section above, and study the placement of Uranus in your chart to determine where you find your best allies.

## **Your Special Edge**

It's true. Women are definitely the intuitive sex. The process of intuitive awareness may be more developed for you as a woman because you are more cyclically aware, thanks to your

anatomy and hormonal changes. But there is something more. As a woman, your natural affinity with the energy of the Moon increases your receptivity, an important ingredient in opening to the intuitive process. Intuitive awareness is multifaceted. You can use it when you're dealing with emotional and psychological issues, you can apply it to your creative expression, and you can take advantage of your intuition in your work as part of your decision-making. Developing your intuitive process is like developing any other sensibility - you have to concentrate some time, effort and energy in order to finely hone this element of your psyche. Although some quality of intuition may be there innately, to make the most of it, you must learn to trust, listen and incorporate it into your life.

The parts of your chart which are most strongly associated with intuitive sensibility are the water houses: the 4th House, the 8th House and the 12th House. The 4th House is connected to your soul history. It is here that you seek a sense of home, a connection to your family, and a feeling of safety and comfort. It is here that your soul remembers your past, even if your conscious mind cannot fit the pieces together.

Your soul yearns to find true peace with Libra on the cusp of the 4th House. But you are, by nature, a restless woman, and may not find that peace simply by getting everything right "in the world." Your inner harmony depends upon your ability to strengthen your real values, and these may have a very long history. The influence of Venus on this house is also powerful through its connection to the sign of Libra, indicating the importance of establishing a clear connection between the love you need and the love you express through your actions, words and creativity.

There are no planets in your 4th House indicating that you may not assert a strong level of conscious energy in building a connection to your soul. This does not mean that you cannot achieve an inner sense of recall regarding your soul's history or your deeper needs, but indicates instead that you may find the doorway through other activities or experiences beyond your connection to your family of origin or their traditions. To further understand this gateway to your soul, study the sign on the cusp of this house explained above for the influences which will help you remember your spiritual past.

The 8th House brings you into your deepest emotional attachments, and is the space where you are alchemically transformed. This is the seat of your magical power: your ability to change yourself in order to become whole. Here is the heart of healing, but here you also hide your greatest vulnerabilities. Most people shy away from dealing with 8th House issues like sex, death and taxes. After all, there can be problems with any of them, and they are not easy to explore out in the open. But there is more. For your intuitive development, this area represents the part of you which holds your power, and you must learn to accept and embrace this side of yourself to feel truly satisfied with your life.

Through the influence of Aquarius on the cusp of your 8th House you may be exceptionally curious about the experiences of birth, sexuality, death, healing and human psychology. You may love physical sensations which lead you to the experience of ecstasy, but are also fascinated with the possibilities beyond the physical. Experimenting with different ideas and techniques which are designed to heighten your awareness can enhance your life, but you may need to exercise some caution to avoid the shock of getting into something when you are inadequately prepared. You may be quite psychic and can have an amazing sense of the future. However, the influence of Uranus as ruler of this house adds a sporadic nature to your psychic sensibilities.

Since you do not have any planets in your 8th House you may not feel very strongly driven to probe into the mysteries of life. Perhaps you do not have issues in this regard, but there may also be other factors in your chart which drive you in this capacity, and do not need the additional focus in this particular area. To further understand your 8th House study the sign associated with it explained above, and look to the planet associated with that sign.

The 12th House is the space of your dreams. Here, you surrender your conscious self and float into the beyond. This is also the place in your psyche which contains your past, and where you are one with all humanity. Your super conscious self rests in this part of your psyche: the part of yourself that transcends your everyday reality.

You are quite sensitive with Cancer on the cusp of your 12th House. Although you may protect your sensitivities with an aura of confidence, you feel everything around you. It is important that you have a comfortable and safe environment for your sleeping and resting periods, otherwise, you may not rest at all. Your dreams can be quite vivid and full of emotion, filled with images of days gone by and people from your past. But your super-conscious self may also take you into dream states which are somewhat prophetic. Your Moon is also tied to this house, adding a need to become clear about your subconscious motivations and deeper feelings. When using visualization techniques, it is important to allow your emotions to work for you to attain your desires. If you try to repress your feelings about your desires, you will only experience frustration.

Since you do not have any planets in your 12th House you may not feel a strong urge to probe into your dreams, and you may not feel extremely tied to your past. However, to fully understand the nature of this house study the meaning of the sign on the cusp, explained above, and look to the planet associated with that sign.

The energy of your Moon plays an important role in your intuitive development. Since your Moon is related to your subconscious mind, it should not surprise you that this is the part of you that contains all knowledge about yourself and your life. Occasionally it's a good idea to purge from your psyche the things you no longer need - much like an internal house cleaning. Your hormonal cycles provide an excellent opportunity to do just that, and by using this natural rhythm to release, you can feel much more open to clearer transmission of intuitive thinking!

Sometimes, you can be too busy pursuing your desires to listen to your intuitive voice with the Moon in Aries. You do have a very keen intuitive sensibility but don't like to listen to it when it means slowing down. You may also be more intuitive about things which are new to you. For example your first impressions are usually quite powerful. Just because you may lose interest in something, you may think your intuition was wrong. That's just impatience!

There are other points related to the Moon which you'll find in your chart. They are called the Moon's Nodes, and are not planets, but points in space. The influence of the Moon's Nodes is felt on an inner level. From the South Node, you learn about your past and the natural inclinations which may influence many of your subconscious choices. In some ways, the South Node suggests old habits. The North Node of the Moon suggests a spiritual and emotional challenge, and represents the directions you may feel compelled to follow in your evolutionary path.

Your North Node in Aries challenges you to develop your courage, independence and assertiveness as part of your spiritual growth and self-discovery. You may be drawn into

situations which require you to stand up for yourself or to fight for your position, and although your preference might be to just allow situations to resolve themselves, it is important to take action. Finding yourself involves finding your convictions and creating your own path. With the South Node in Libra your tendency to rely upon others to take care of you or forge the pathways for your development has to be abandoned in favor of self-confidence and free thought and action if you are to grow into wholeness. Self-determination is your key to fulfillment.

Uranian intuition is the flash of insight. Sometimes that flash is so brilliant that you change your entire life to follow its glow. This is also the part of you which defies restraint, and certainly your intuitive mind can celebrate that possibility!

You've already discovered that you're an intuitive thinker. With Uranus in the 3rd House, you probably cannot imagine trying to make decisions without taking your intuitive promptings into consideration. You can also be quite intuitive about the best ways to connect with other people, and may experience sudden changes in your life due to the influences which occur from networking with others.

Neptune's energy takes you into the world of the etheric - the place beyond the physical which is filled with mystical wonder. You surrender to this part of yourself when you meditate, when you give in to your creative muse, and when you give of yourself to others. In developing your intuitive and psychic sensibilities, Neptune provides a primary ingredient: letting go. Through this energy you surrender yourself to the greater truth. But be careful: you can also surrender your will to the power of deception and abuse through another of Neptune's doorways!

With Neptune in your 5th House it's easier for you to release and open your intuitive mind when you're in the midst of creating. Your imaginative and impressionable sensibilities work to your advantage when applied to self-expression - like music, the arts, dancing, writing - but any creative outlet allows you to open to this flow. Any situation which allows you to open your heart will enhance your psychic abilities!

Pluto's insight is on the deeper psychic level. Through Plutonian energy you can read between the lines. You see the twitch of an eye that tells the truth, you read the movement of hands, the tone of voice that betrays what words fail to say. Developing your Plutonian energy requires that you reach into the very depths of yourself and become familiar with your entire being. Yes, that includes your shadow self, your darker side - and it also encompasses your passion, your strength of survival and your ability to heal.

You may have a very penetrating mind with Pluto in the 3rd and can be a psychically gifted. Your ability to use words to create change can be amazing, and you may also be quite gifted using your voice as a tool for healing and transformation. You may be capable of probing into mysteries and finding information long after others have given up on finding anything.

## **Nurturing and Creating a Home**

Nurturing. Mothering. These experiences are associated with womanliness, but are not the

sole definers of your womanhood. Although women are the only ones who can become mothers, it is not necessary to be a mother to become an exceptional nurturer! Nurturing is a natural expression for women - but the manner in which it is done is very individualized. Whether with children, lovers, partners, friends - or even with your own parents - you have ample opportunities to nurture others. The person who needs your nurturing most, however, is YOU. Although caring for others can fill a special place in your soul, the way you care for yourself is especially important. You may derive nourishment from developing your talents and skills, or through your work. Study or travel can be nourishing. And something as simple as a long soak in the tub can refill your spirit. Part of nourishing yourself is physical, part emotional and part is definitely environmental: what you create in a home. In exploring these factors together, you can begin to see the link between these different levels of personal fulfillment.

Yet another facet of your Moon beyond what you've already explored, is what your Moon shows about your deepest needs. You can only feel whole when these needs are answered and fulfilled. Although it is tempting to look outside, your wisdom tells you that a great part of the responsibility for nourishment comes from within yourself.

Your profound need for independence and autonomy driven by your Aries Moon can sometimes lead to your feeling that you're rushing through life. Although slowing down may not be the answer all of the time, allowing ample space in your life for enjoyment can help you put the brakes on. Your playful attitude and love of challenge may encourage you to pursue sports as a favorite pastime, and staying active is one of the most nurturant things you can do for yourself. When you let your energy become stagnant, your emotional vitality sags. When nurturing others, it might be easier for you to play than it is to discipline, and consequently, your children may think of you more in the context of fun. That's okay with you, and you probably feel the same way about your intimate connections - if they're not fun, what good are they? Your passion ignites when you're smiling, and you smile a lot when you're enjoying a challenge. You also have a powerful protective streak, and if anyone you love needs a defender, you're there. You might also need to cultivate relationships which give you a sense that you, too, have somebody on your side. Standing on your own is okay, but your soul fills up when you can share your joy with those you love.

Saturn also plays a positive role in nurturance. Despite the bad rap Saturn sometimes receives, this energy is necessary to your stability and growth. Through Saturn, you learn to take responsibility for yourself and your actions. Saturn also seems to be the repository of your fears, and it's important to understand and deal with these emotions in order to be whole. Trying to repress such feelings blocks your ability to feel the positive, supportive energy that life has to offer. In many respects, the energy of Saturn is played out in your life by your experience with authority figures. Your mother and father, extended family and teachers were your primary Saturnian influences when you were a young girl, and their direction and guidance still whisper in the way you approach establishing your personal security. As an adult woman, you express Saturn through the manner in which you take responsibility for yourself and your needs for stability and security.

With Saturn in Aries you may prefer to take on the role of guide and supporter to your children and those in your care in a rather independent manner. You believe in personal autonomy, and will work to be sure that anyone you influence develops it. A competitive spirit

may drive you to try to be on the top, first or the best, and you're not likely to be afraid of starting something new. But you can lose your drive if a situation seems to grow stale, and it's important to clear barriers from your path on a regular basis. Then you'll avoid the traps of repeating the same mistakes or staying in a rut. Either of these concepts just simply does not fit with your model of who you want to become. As a result, you may be tempted to jump into something new or different just for a change of pace. But if you still have unfinished business elsewhere, you may just have jumped from the proverbial frying pan into the fire! Creating your own traditions within your family may satisfy your yearning to establish a difference between the way you're doing things and the way mom did it.

Your 4th House illuminates what you need in a home environment, where you will feel most comfortable and how you like to live. It is here that you create a feeling of safety, where you can let your hair down and be yourself.

Libra's influence on the cusp of your 4th House adds a sense of style and refinement to your home environment. You love being surrounded by beautiful things and may have a wonderful eye for color and design. Your home may feature works of art and fine decor, and you can be somewhat meticulous about making sure that everything seems to create a sense of balance. The energy of Venus is associated with this house in your chart, influencing an inviting atmosphere and friendly home environment which probably draws your friends and family. You may love entertaining and may be quite gracious to your guests, although you do appreciate them most when they observe proper rules of behavior and don't mar the furniture!

Just because you don't have planets in your 4th House don't think that you will not have a home! The sign on the cusp of this house, explained above, gives you clear information about your approach to building your nest, and the planet associated with that sign indicates the energy you use to accomplish that task.

## **Meeting the World on Your Terms**

Career and financial arenas were for many years primarily part of the "man's world." Women stayed at home, cared for children, and took care of the social needs of the family. Now that so many women are in the work place, and with the advent of more open relationships where both partners are likely to share paying bills and making financial decisions, the world is changing. You can define your identity in the world in many ways today, including developing a career. Meeting the world on your own terms involves uncovering the manner in which you might shine most effectively and the way you use your resources, and creating a pathway which allows you to realize your goals.

The Midheaven, which is usually near the top of your astrological chart, is signified by an astrological sign. This point in your chart represents your vocation, your calling in life, and the sign at the Midheaven gives you several clues about your path in the outside world. Just as importantly, the Midheaven signifies your blossoming into wholeness and the manner by which you might best accomplish this experience. Your 10th House also provides information about

your career path.

Making your way in the world and establishing your own place is aided by the influence of Aries at your Midheaven. Your keen sense of ambition keeps you moving forward in the face of competition; you're not likely to collapse in intimidation. You need a life path and career which allow you to exercise some independence, and prefer work which is challenging and exciting. You may also forge new territory through your career or volunteer efforts, and can be the woman who makes progress where others have failed. Your key to personal fulfillment rests in your ability to initiate, and you may love a career which gives you the room and opportunity to blaze trails. The energy of Mars influences the manner in which you illuminate your path to success. You may enjoy working in a field which is physically active and may have a special affinity for working with children. The courage of your convictions provides the strength you need to realize your hopes.

Since your Mars is in Taurus, you may not be as gung-ho about getting to the top, but you can plot a sure and certain path toward getting there. Sometimes, you may need a little motivation to get you moving, and setting goals that mean something will help. You'll perform best in a career which allows you to exercise your good business sense and eye for quality.

The process of work itself is usually seen through the 6th House in your chart. Through this facet of yourself, you express your approach and attitudes about working, and your ability to cooperate with others is also indicated here. This house is related to your physical health, and it's no surprise that you might hear the complaint (or feel it yourself), "I'm sick of my job." Instead of feeling thrown off balance by the tasks required to get through life, there are ways to use this part of your time and energy to strengthen your life.

One of the reasons you make such a powerful impression on people is because you usually go into situations prepared. Capricorn's influence on your 6th House indicates that you do not mind hard work when it will get you somewhere. You may demand a great deal from yourself, and if you're in positions of management, can also demand a lot from others, too. You may look for ways to take advantage of the talents of others and may be the mistress of utilizing resources, like technology, to make your job easier. Saturn's rulership of this house adds the energy of responsibility to your work ethic, and shows that in order to achieve the success you desire you will have to put forth the necessary discipline. You might work well in hierarchical situations but will prefer to be near the top of the ladder.

You have no planets in your 6th House, but still need to do something productive with your life. This may be an indicator that you do not feel a need to focus all your attention on working. Look to the influences suggested by the sign on this house and to the planet ruling this house for more information about how to best approach fulfilling your needs for productivity and duty.

As a woman, you are innately creative. Although you may not consider yourself an artist, your creative spirit and drive are the mechanisms through which you shape your own life. Creative self-expression is seen strongly in the 5th House of your chart, and by incorporating these elements into your career, you will gain greater satisfaction from your work. If you have the time to concentrate on more recreational forms of creativity, this is the part of your chart which indicates what brings you pleasure. Life itself can certainly be a pleasurable experience - all the time, not just on holidays!

Scorpio's influence on your 5th House adds a need for passion as part of your play time. Your need for creativity is very strong, and whether you're preparing dinner for your family, working on an oil painting or delving into a research project - you put yourself into these things on a very deep level. You may prefer to keep your "personal" projects hidden from public scrutiny, although those who are closest to you can become privy to your current work of art. Since you may have a lot invested at an emotional level in your creativity, you don't enjoy the interference which sometimes arises from others. Recreational activities which are somewhat challenging may be quite inspiring, and you may enjoy spending time doing things like white water rafting, scuba diving, or going deep into the forest. You may also enjoy getting away to a secluded retreat or health spa, just to give yourself time to rejuvenate. The energy of Pluto is associated with your 5th House through its connection to the sign of Scorpio, indicating the importance of creativity and recreation as true healing elements in your life.

You're fortunate to have Neptune in your 5th House. This imaginative energy adds a special touch to your creative power and heightens your artistic sensibilities. Music and the arts may be an important part of your life, and you may love drama and the theater. You may also have an excellent eye for photography or cinematography.

One of the most powerful creative drives in your chart is your Sun. Since this is the energy which can drive you to be noticed, learning to cultivate this aspect of yourself in a positive manner can amplify your success in life.

Your drive to reach the realization of your passion can be immense with your Sun in Aries. Learning the best ways to assert yourself without becoming too brash can make a significant difference in the responses you receive, and can directly affect your success. Since your high level of mental creativity needs ample outlets, you can feel impatient about the time it takes to make things happen. But as long as you're moving and something is happening, you can keep driving toward your goals.

Your individuality is expressed through many different energies in your chart, but the energy which is most closely associated with the unique and individualistic part of yourself is Uranus. Through Uranian energy, you display your ingenuity and make the breakthroughs which allow you to move into new experiences. Uranus also prompts your rebellious nature, and the placement of this energy in your chart shows you where you are staging your own personal revolution.

Uranus is in Virgo in your chart, stirring your need for awakening in regard to issues which affect the quality of your life. Along with other women born from 1961 to 1969, you've grown up with an awareness of the importance of the connection between mind and body. You also feel the need to use your analytical mind to bring about revolutionary change. Your revolution is being staged within the context of health, science, discrimination and prejudicial attitudes and will continue in its effect upon society for quite some time to come. The insights you share with other women with Uranus in Virgo are connected to the importance of individual awareness in achieving a truly functional society. You've broken ground in your own ability to see clearly where you need to bring about revolutionary changes in your own life in the areas signified by the house in which Uranus resides in your chart.

The spark of Uranian energy in your 3rd House suggests that your unique ideas and special

communicative abilities can be utilized in your career development. You may enjoy working in high-tech or scientific fields, and you may also have plenty of interesting ideas in other areas. A career which allows you to blend your intuitive sensibilities and logical thought processes will be especially satisfying.

The energy of Chiron is also a powerful factor for your outreach into the world. Through Chiron, you discover both strength and vulnerability. The vulnerability represented by Chiron is, in many ways, like a doorway which allows you to penetrate a deeper level of personal mastery. This is the process of initiation not unlike that which a Shaman must endure in order to learn how to travel between the worlds. Through Chiron, you learn how to travel between the world of your inner self and the world outside to achieve a sense of true purpose and wisdom.

You have Chiron in Pisces, pulling you toward a need for a life purpose which revolves around developing your spirituality and strengthening your capacity for compassion. Whatever you're doing, your sensibilities about what's happening on an inner level enhances your attunement to the person or situation. If you're working in the capacity of healer, you may be most noted for your caring and gentleness. You can extend your compassionate outreach in any field, however. Those areas which require you to utilize your imagination and talents will be the most rewarding.

With Chiron in your 9th House you're searching for answers to all the ultimate questions as part of your quest to discover your life purpose. You may feel a strong urge to travel, desire to learn and yearning to find the teacher whose wisdom will inspire you to find truth. In essence, all these things are inside you, and the travel and learning you may need most to experience will happen on the inner planes. Doing it physically is okay too. It's good practice.

## **Opening Your Heart**

Ah, Love.... Songs, poems, novels, fairy-tales, movies all extol the power and pleasure of love - and for good reason: love is the food of life! There are many opportunities to love, in fact, a love affair with life is not a bad idea. But you also may need to "grow" love by sharing it, and therein is the seed of all relationships.

The planetary energies which are most usually associated with love are Venus and Neptune. Venusian energy radiates directly from your heart, from the center of yourself, where love resides deep within. Loving is an inner experience. The more you open to the love you hold within yourself, the more it grows. Your feelings of worthiness are represented by Venus, and as you grow to understand and appreciate your own value as a woman, it becomes easier to let this love energy flow through your life. Neptunian energy is Divine compassionate love - the love which does not judge and readily forgives. Neptune is the realm of romance, mysticism and heavenly perfection. Truly transcendent Neptunian love arises when you have healthy boundaries of your own, otherwise, you can become a victim of your own illusions!

Through the energy of Venus in Pisces, you are driven to find love through experiencing a

true sense of compassion. This begins by surrendering to your inner self and devoting your life to an existence which incorporates your spirituality. In matters of the heart you dream of the perfect love which will carry you away from your ordinary existence and transport you into ecstasy. But finding that love through your connection to another person may not be easy. It may seem okay for a while and then, when the sparkle fades and reality sets in, you may feel that you've fallen victim to your own impossible illusions. Don't lose heart: your aim is fine, as long as you can translate it into human terms! That transcendent love may come most easily when you're in the midst of your creative expression, and within the context of a relationship, emerges when you share your dreams and fantasies and put your energy into making some of those dreams real. You do have a huge tendency toward codependent and addictive relationships, and can be easily tempted to give up your own needs in favor of fulfilling the needs of another. But in a true loving relationship, each persons' needs are important. Sacrificing yourself may only lead you to a feeling of exhaustion.

With your Moon and Venus in semisquare aspect, you may struggle between meeting your needs and fulfilling your wants. You may be attracted to men for all the wrong reasons, which can ultimately result in feeling that your needs are not met. One safeguard which will help you create more fulfilling relationships is to maintain an awareness of your feelings when you're in a vulnerable state. Give yourself time to heal, make the effort to achieve closure when relationships end, and watch your own motivations when you are entering relationships.

Talking about your feelings can enhance your love relationships, and it's easy for you to express your feelings with Mercury conjunct Venus. You may be most attracted to someone whose sense of refinement is well-developed, and may find it much easier to open your heart to a man who appreciates your ideas and enjoys open communication.

You have some conflict between your passions and emotions with Venus in semisquare aspect to Mars. Part of the problem arises when your interest in and attraction to someone is heating up and you are not quite ready for action. Despite your efforts to appear somewhat demure, your eagerness to experience contact can override your best judgment, and you tend to jump in too quickly. This can leave you feeling unduly exposed emotionally. If you are hurt, you can become somewhat punitive in your actions and attitudes, which can undermine your ability to really resolve conflict or turmoil in your relationships. Establishing an emotional pace which allows you to feel less exposed will resolve many of the potential problems which can arise from this influence.

So, you want a relationship which offers absolute freedom. Okay. Can you give the same thing in return? With Venus in opposition to Uranus, you are very likely to resist anything that looks like commitment, especially if it is restraining. Your own rebellion can create disruption and change in your close relationships, and you may wonder why you seem to attract men who never want to grow up. You love unusual people, adore your friends (although you may not have seen them for decades!), and attract unique situations. The thrill of being in love is wonderful for you, but you may lose interest when that intensity is not retained. When you stop and think about it, maintaining such a high level of intensity might result in spontaneous combustion! That's why the course of love has its twists and turns. And it does not mean that love no longer exists when your feelings change. Love has just evolved. If you are to evolve with it, you will learn to flow within the current of change. Those relationships which allow ample room for personal

evolution, individual autonomy, and true equality can work for you and for the ones you love.

Your romantic nature is enhanced through the influence of Venus in trine aspect to Neptune. When you're in love, you create an atmosphere of magical possibilities which transport you into another dimension. Love can be a purely transcendent experience for you, since you are capable of opening your heart to a true feeling of compassion. Your gentility, creativity and artistry can be especially attractive, and when you're involved in a loving relationship, you are comfortable sharing the secrets of your heart. Allowing love to flow as you follow its course is quite natural for you, and you will be happiest in relationships which support your sense of divine harmony. Forgiveness and acceptance keep the energy of love flowing freely.

With Venus in opposition to Pluto you must confront a lot of negative feelings in order to get to the essence of love. You have to get beyond mistrust, shame, disappointment, fears of abandonment, and the ghosts of the past before you are truly transformed by the experience of loving. Opening your heart is not easy. You may even think you've lost the key, until one day, you realize that it's been there in your hands all along. You've always had a deep yearning to love and be loved, fully and completely. The problem lies in finding the right partner, which is true for every woman. But for you, some of the old wounds, beliefs or fears may be buried so deeply that you feel too vulnerable. Love is not there is hurt or harm. Love exists to heal and transport you. There is a condition, though: real love harmonizes with your needs. It begins when you can confront yourself with the realization that you deserve the love you need. Once you fully integrate this feeling into your heart, the love will work like a beacon to attract that special and unusual person who can sense those needs, truly and honestly. You also may have to get beyond your own tendency to attract severely wounded individuals who do not want to be healed. But when both of you are focused upon transformation, it's a different story.

As one of the generation of women born with Neptune in Scorpio, you are seeking relationships which involve total connection. When you finally open your heart to love in an intimate relationship, you need to feel that you can create a true bond with your lover and mate. Halfway connections don't quite cut it, and if you're the one resisting, it's crucial that you discover the root of your fears or blocks. Your experience of compassionate love involves surrender to the processes of transformation, and that transformation may involve getting to the core of why you need intimacy in your life. Sexuality is certainly a part of the drive, but it is not for pure pleasure alone, nor is it for simple regeneration of the species. There is a link of energy formed during the process of intimacy which leads to the alchemy of loving, and it is that link which you are learning to understand more fully.

Since your Moon and Neptune are in quincunx aspect to one another, you sometime have trouble seeing things as they are. That includes people, and if someone appeals to your need to rescue, you may jump right in - even if your life was running on a different course. Keeping a close connection to your inner self is imperative, or you run the risk of confusing compassion with martyrdom.

Jupiter's square to Neptune indicates a frustration between your ideals or beliefs and the essence of Truth. On an inner level you may feel that a particular path is right, but the teachings you've learned may not echo those inner feelings. It's like the discovery of hypocrisy from someone who speaks about one truth but lives a life which does not reflect that truth. You are struggling to integrate the truth with your beliefs, and your relationships may act as a catalyst

which challenges you to explore those ideals further. You may also find that differences in spiritual practice are quite difficult to handle within your relationships.

You were born with Uranus in sextile aspect to Neptune, an aspect which occurs about once each century. As a generational influence, this aspect shows increased idealism and new approaches to religion, philosophy and personal ideals. You will be happiest in a relationship with a man who gives you plenty of room to find and follow your own spiritual path.

The houses in your chart which amplify love relationships are the 5th, 7th, and 11th Houses. Through the 5th House, you experience giving love. It is through this facet of yourself that you have love affairs, playful and recreational relationships and where you produce the offspring of loving. The offspring can range from artistic endeavors to children. But when dealing with relationships, this is the space which is usually occupied by loving another in an intimate sense.

The extreme passion you feel when you're in love can be absolutely addicting with Scorpio on your 5th House. You love the touch, taste and feel of being in love, and open your heart most easily when your sensuality is powerfully stimulated. You can be exceptionally attractive, and project a quality which is very enticing to the opposite sex. You love the experience of being a woman, especially when you're in the depths of passion, allowing your power and energy to pour forth. However, your profound curiosity about sexuality may also prompt you to explore the physical aspect of love affairs with the mind and heart of an investigator (I wonder what would happen if...?). Since Pluto rules this house, you can be somewhat invasive and intimidating to your lovers, and need to be aware that your own intensity may be normal for you, but overwhelming to someone who's not used to it. If you're hurt by a lover, you can become vengeful; and if you feel insecure, can be quite jealous. These feelings can destroy the truly loving elements of a relationship, and it is important to be aware of your motivations and deeper feelings if you are to avoid going too far with jealousy. When a relationship ends, you end it FOREVER. For you, there's no turning back. You're in or you're out. And that's it.

Neptune's energy in your 5th House encourages you to spend a lot of time dreaming about the perfect love. Reverie and fantasy can be healthy, and in the best situations your intimate relationships will allow plenty of time for you to indulge in playful fantasy and high-level romance. Be alert to the possibility of falling in love with love, or with the things you wish to see in others, and try to take off your rose colored glasses from time to time. Make time in your life for giving of yourself, whether through charitable ventures, in community service or through your creative or artistic self-expression. And avoid the temptation of looking for a love that will rescue you from a life that does not fit your dreams.

The 7th House of your chart illustrates what you're seeking from a partner. More importantly, this part of your chart also tells a story about the kind of partner you really want to become. This is also the realm of social contact, and provides information about your approach to socialization. Although marriage agreements are shown through the 7th House, planets here (or a lack of planets here) do not "promise" marriage or its lack. But if your 7th House is highly activated, you may be more motivated to find a partner.

With the qualities of Aquarius filtered through your 7th House you are likely to attract a partner whose needs for independence and autonomy are as strong as your own. It is imperative that you connect with a mate or husband whom you respect and who will respect you. This will

occur most readily once you have developed your own self-respect and when you know how to avoid too much self-absorption. Although you may think you want complete autonomy, you really do love the idea of attentive support from a partner. With the energy of Uranus driving your approach to partnerships, you will be most successful when you develop the experience of unconditional acceptance and learn to project that toward the person who shares your life.

The lack of planetary energy in your 7th House does NOT indicate that you will be without a partner, or that marriage is not suitable. There are millions of married women with no planets in their 7th Houses! To better understand how you approach finding a partner and the type of partner you wish to be, study the meaning of the sign on the cusp of this house and the planet associated with that sign, noted above.

It is through the 11th House that you learn about unconditional relationships, and where you open to receiving love and support from others. Here you find your friends, your supportive professional allies, and your community. Through this facet of yourself you develop your special interests. And here you set your goals for the future. It's wonderful the way friends can support your aims, provide feedback when you need objectivity, and comfort you when you're facing challenges. Your approach to friendship is also seen through this part of your chart.

You have Taurus on the cusp of your 11th House, signifying that you need friends who will be there for the long term. Your friendships form the rock of your emotional stability, and there is probably a special female friend who provides a strong support in your life. You can also be a supportive and loving friend, and enjoy being part of your friend's success. But you may not appreciate feeling that a friend is leaving you behind while she is progressing, and it's important to talk about these feelings if they arise so that you can salvage your friendship. Sometimes, you tend to hold back, just to protect yourself emotionally, and that can be a problem if you really want to clarify what's happening. Your best friendships will provide comfort and strength, and will require the same from you. It's not always easy for you to open your heart to receive love, and your friendships can provide the stability you need to learn how to let love, caring and support into your life. The energy of Venus influences this area of your life, indicating that your closest friends will probably be other women. You'll also enjoy a friendship which reflect your tastes and values, and may have a good friend who is artistically gifted.

The lack of planetary energy in your 11th House can be indicative of your ability to accomplish many of your aims on your own. There is, however, no particular meaning which is related to a lack of friends or inability to create friendships. Look to the planet which rules this house to understand the qualities you will seek in your friends and the kinds of activities you might prefer to share with them.

### **Power Issues: Sex, Money and Control**

Personal power is an individual expression, and has different meanings for each person. As a woman in the world today, your opportunity to experience and express your personal power is largely dependent upon the manner in which you develop it. Particularly in the Western World,

as times have changed and the power base has gradually evolved beyond the patriarchal control of the last centuries, women are seeking to define their place in the world: collectively and individually. Gaining influence in the world through career and financial development, you begin to understand the different levels of power. Within the family, your roles are also evolving. You are also more free to express your sexual needs and desires, and demand that you are respected as a person and not sexually abused. But everything stems from your ability to identify, embrace and assimilate the true nature of your power as an individual woman.

On a personal level, you can begin to identify much about your own power by looking deeply into the meaning of your 1st House: Your Personality Self. Early in your report you read about what you project about yourself as identified by your Ascendant. Your first House further defines that projection of the Self, and is an area where you carve out much about the way you show yourself to the world on your own terms.

Through your Leo Ascendant you can demonstrate a strong sense of presence. You may feel that you are only powerful when your presence is acknowledged by others and can even be demanding in your desire for attention when you're feeling insecure. The more demanding you become, the less powerful you are. The respect and admiration you desire arises when others show their loyalty from love, not from fear. Although you may think you always operate from a pure heart, take a careful look. Have you, in your need to establish yourself, been too self-absorbed? Self-awareness and self-absorption are very different. In the instance of self awareness, you are also sensitive to the needs and desires of others as individuals. This can be especially trying in relationship to your children. You can be such a marvelous light in their lives, and the path you've forged in the world can provide inspiration to them. If you try to force your will too strongly without honestly assessing what they may need or want for themselves, you may lose their deep trust. You demonstrate your greatest power when your actions, words and attitudes radiate from the heart of love. Then, your self-assurance is genuine and shines brilliantly through a regal personality.

Since you do not have planets in your 1st House your personality expression may not be overpowered by the drive of a particular energy. The qualities associated with the sign on this house cusp, explained above, since through as the primary manner in which you want to be seen by the world.

Another power space on your chart is your Midheaven. This point, which is usually at the top of your chart and marks the cusp of the 10th House, is like the crown and torch of the Statue of Liberty. Here too, are the indicators of the types of people you most admire, and the clues to what you need to develop within yourself to attain unshakable self-respect.

Through your Aries Midheaven you are striving to experience the power which comes when you are leading the way. Your admiration for great leaders may prompt you to find a mentor whose inspiration fosters your own courage to forge your own pathways to success. Although meeting challenges can be empowering to you, disruptive outbursts or abrasive attitudes can work against your aims.

With your Moon in the 10th House you may have a powerful need to develop a career path which allows you to express care and concern for others. Nurturant careers have a broad range - from child care, to counseling work, to teaching or even careers in the food industry. But you're

also quite adept at understanding the collective and may be drawn to a career in politics, advertising, or artistry which has a broad appeal. Your intuitive sensibilities can be a plus in your career and work which allows you to utilize and develop your intuitive self to its fullest will be most fulfilling. You're capable of enjoying a career which reflect a definite cycle and can adapt to the ebb and flow of these cycles rather nicely. Work which centers on women, their interests and the needs of family can be especially rewarding.

The dynamic energy of Mars in your 10th House stimulates a desire for a career which keeps you active. Your drive is matched by the courage to forge a path which allows you to assert your needs and abilities in a strong manner. You're the woman who can be at home with "the good ol' boys" and can match wits (and probably strength of will) with anyone. Work in physical fitness, the military or law enforcement may be good choices. But you may also be fascinated with medical fields and in any capacity can take charge or initiate. Developing positive ways to assert yourself may be necessary if you are to experience the success you deserve, since aggression may seem easier than positive self-assertion. You don't mind taking risks to get ahead.

Since you have Saturn in your 10th House you're probably serious about pursuing a career which will confer respect. A professional choice may seem most appropriate - something like a doctor, lawyer, professor or business owner. You like the idea of being in control at work (which is really an illusion, but you can get away with it). Career paths which involve governmental agencies, educational pursuits or powerful business ventures may be appealing and fulfilling. You need structure in your career, and may perform best in situations which require a series of tests or which allow you to advance in your expertise in a well-defined manner. However it is crucial that you determine what is driving your ambitions, since if you are striving to please someone other than yourself you may feel continually disappointed in their responses to your successes.

The energy of your Sun conjunct your Midheaven adds to your need for recognition, and increases your personal ambition. The manner in which you go about achieving that ambition will determine whether or not you are successful in the ultimate sense, and part of that depends upon how you handle the power you do gain in your life. If you are too dictatorial, or if you are motivated entirely by your need to be the one in the spotlight, you may end up alienating others or diminishing your influence because your ego gets in the way. You may also be tempted to live out your needs for power through the men in your life but will discover that this never quite works for you in the long run. You have to accomplish your achievements on your own.

Saturn conjunct your Midheaven focuses your ambition. You can be quite successful through a professional career path, particularly if you are following a calling which suits your individual needs. Clarifying your motivations will help you determine if you're working toward achievements which will be personally satisfying, but you will probably discover that you simply cannot put a lot of energy into something which does not fit you. Teaching, training and guiding others is an excellent direction for your need to utilize your power, as long as you allow others to grow at their own rates. You may also prefer to work in executive positions or to run your own business. The key to your success is knowing how to use your power effectively.

Someone once said that money makes the world go around, and from all evidence, it certainly seems to be a powerful force. Money, in fact, symbolizes power. With money, you can have what you want. With more money, you can have more of what you want. Without money,

you may want what you cannot have. Your relationship with money is an extremely intimate and seductive force. The way you use your resources - money, time, energy - says a lot about how you perceive your own power and personal worth. This facet of yourself is expressed through the 2nd House of your chart. Here, you express your value systems. The important special link between finances and self-esteem cannot be understated, and is especially important for you as a woman. In order to extract the real value of your talents and services from others in the world (such as what you are paid from your job), you must first value yourself.

Leo's qualities radiate through your 2nd House, adding a need to be in control of your own finances, time, and resources. You have an uncanny ability to draw on resources, even when you think you've reached the bottom of the barrel. In essence, when you are feeling strongly about yourself and are willing to put in the effort to meet your needs, there's very little that can stop you from achieving those aims! Even if you are married and share your resources, you'll probably prefer to be in charge of the finances, or at least have control over some of your own money. Someone else telling you what to do with your time, money or energy may engender a sense of resentment, since having power in this area of your life can be a matter of personal pride. Your self worth can be strengthened through maintaining an awareness of your personal needs and allowing yourself to feel good about enjoying their fulfillment. Since your Sun's energy plays a major role in the way you develop your self esteem, you'll discover that you feel good about yourself when you've gained the recognition you need for your efforts. You can be a little selfish with your finances, and may not like the idea of giving up something you want for someone else. Sometimes this can get in your way, and achieving a balance between giving and receiving can be one of your greatest challenges.

With Jupiter in your 2nd House you have a great deal of confidence in your ability to attract and use your money, time and energy. Your optimism can be contagious, and when you've found something that makes you feel good, you may want to share what you've learned with others. For this reason, you're a natural in sales, teaching, advertising or investing. Since you probably like to travel, you may either use your resources toward traveling, or may find that work which involves travel is rewarding. The downfall of this placement is your tendency toward extravagance, since setting limits is quite difficult.

Resources which you share with others are reflected in the 8th House of your chart. Whether you're considering joint property and finances, inheritance, insurance settlements or tax obligations, this area is not as free and easy as the 2nd House, which seems more like what you want for yourself alone. Another layer of this part of your life deals with your sexuality, and the manner in which you open intimately to others. This is a very personal space, and it is probably one of the most guarded aspects of any woman's psyche. It is here that much wounding has taken place over many centuries, and it is here that the mask of propriety has to be removed in order to openly accept and integrate that fact that you are a person who needs wholeness and healing, and who yearns to bond at the most alchemical level with life itself.

Here you also find your compulsions. It's no wonder that you don't display this part of yourself to just anybody. You have to feel safe to open this facet of yourself, and you realize that this vulnerability can be used against you in power plays. But what you may not always remember is that this is also where you have the power! In true tantric traditions, it is through the vessel of a woman's sexual energy that a couple can ride the wave of sexual ecstasy. This also

extends to the other power aspects of any relationship. If your transformational and magical qualities are blocked, the whole of the relationship will suffer.

You may enjoy an unusual approach to achieving real intimacy. The influence of Aquarius on your 8th House stimulates a desire to experience unconditional acceptance through exploring the intimate side of your relationship, which includes your sexuality. Allowing room for experimentation, creating an opportunity for honest and open communication and acknowledging and supporting your mutual emotional and physical needs will strengthen the bond you have with your partner. You can be aloof in this area, particularly if you are afraid of the effects of allowing another person to become this close. Just going through the motions will never give you what you need - which is to be transported into another realm through the alchemy of love. The resources you create with a partner may grow best when you have a real vision of what you want to create together. This shared vision can deepen your bond with one another, and if you're involved in doing things for others you may discover that you somehow grow closer to one another.

Since you have no planets in the 8th House you may not be obsessed with too many problems or hassles with the issues of this area in your life. But you may not get off free on this one, either. Study the sign on the cusp of this house and read everything noted about the planet associated with that sign, because this is the energy tied up with your emotional attachments!

Mars energy is about getting what you want by going after it. Mars is drive. Mars is courage. Mars is desire. Mars is unabashed sexuality. Mars is the fuel for personal power. Men do Mars quite effectively, right down to fighting and war. But you also have a warrior spirit, an Amazon Self. This is your Mars. If you fail to own and utilize your own Martian force, you lose power.

With Mars in Taurus, you may not feel comfortable in hot pursuit. You would prefer to draw your lover into your nest where you can then take charge. You do like sex; in fact, you are extremely sensual and can be a very patient lover with a strong sexual appetite. But you can also be extremely possessive, which can be your downfall. If you are feeling insecure, feelings of jealousy and possessiveness can emerge and undermine your sense of personal worth. And if there is trouble in a relationship, you can also become resentful, an emotion which drains your vitality. Once you've established a sense of personal security, these negative manifestations are diminished, and you may feel that you can build a more stable power base. But this requires trust in yourself and a desire to share your energy, time and resources.

Saturn plays the role of the big controller in your life. Sometimes that control seems to come from outside. You know - all the rules and regulations, the authority figures, the intimidating people who tell you what to do - this is the Saturn of the outside world. But you have the same traffic cop in the back of your own mind, telling you what is right and wrong, chiding you when you make a mistake, holding you back when you're about to do something stupid. Saturn control can be a good thing. This is your energy for self-discipline, clarity and focus. You need Saturn. But you need Saturn in its most productive sense. You do not need the guilt, intimidation and self-limitation that keep you from having what you require from life.

Your power is confirmed when you have joined your needs for freedom with personal responsibility for your actions. With Saturn in Aries, you may resist taking control of your own life, even though that's what you want most of all. Your resistance can stem from a fear of

growing up. After all, life is much easier when somebody else takes the fall for you, and that may be why you're subconsciously looking for a man to take on a father-role. You may just be afraid of stepping out into the world on your own, even though there are no real reasons for your fear. But when you are not taking responsibility for yourself, you run headlong into situations which inhibit your freedom and squelch your power. Learning to be more conscious of your own life force and allowing that energy to spontaneously flow through you brings exceptional power. But self centered immaturity and a lack of trust quickly diminish the stability and power you need.

With your Sun and Saturn in conjunction, you have a lot invested in controlling your own life. You may take yourself too seriously, and it's possible that your fears of losing control can actually be inhibiting to a true sense of personal power. If you're hanging onto the past with great tenacity, you'll serve yourself well when you decide to let go and focus on the things you can actually do something about. It's also crucial that you are aware of your underlying motivations for your life, since you can be tempted to live your life trying to please everyone but yourself. If you must be validated from the outside to feel powerful, your arrival at the summit may be a bittersweet victory.

Saturn conjunct your Midheaven focuses your ambition. You can be quite successful through a professional career path, particularly if you are following a calling which suits your individual needs. Clarifying your motivations will help you determine if you're working toward achievements which will be personally satisfying, but you will probably discover that you simply cannot put a lot of energy into something which does not fit you. Teaching, training and guiding others is an excellent direction for your need to utilize your power, as long as you allow others to grow at their own rates. You may also prefer to work in executive positions or to run your own business. The key to your success is knowing how to use your power effectively.

Plutonian control is sometimes difficult to grasp, but it's definitely there. When you feel this control from outside yourself, it is undermining and extremely intimidating. The force of Pluto is buried deep within your psyche. It is unleashed and grows in a manner like the process of mitosis in a fertilized cell, which is altered, splits off, combines with other cells and ultimately becomes an organism. Through Pluto, you experience the power of life, birth, healing, and the ultimate change of death. If you are trapped in a mire of shame, guilt and self-destructiveness, you may have undergone a Plutonian transformation as a result of trauma earlier in your life. But it is this same force which plants the seeds of change that eventually can lead to the creation of a new self.

The power of your thoughts determines your experience of life. Pluto's energy in your 3rd House prompts you to transform your thinking. You must learn to trust your own intelligence, and to develop your mind in such a way that will allow you to experience an understanding of life at core levels. You ask questions, although many are never verbalized. They just drive you, like a relentless taskmaster, to look beneath the surface. You can be overcome by compulsive thought patterns, and when you do, you can find it difficult to release yourself from them. These compulsions can be a power drain, especially if they reach the obsessive level. Take the time to listen to your own thoughts. Do they offer self-confirming messages or destructive mutterings? Once you find a way to use your mind to heal your life, you will know the power you've been seeking.

You were born when Uranus and Pluto were in conjunction. This aspect occurs only rarely (about once in a century) and influences an entire generation. If you were born in the 1960's, you're among a generation of women whose impact upon social change can be very strong if you are united in your focus. As an individual, you may relish change for its own sake, and if you are to use the power of these energies to their highest benefits, need to develop an awareness of the impacts of the changes you are about to create. You may be challenged by the task of setting new trends for the uses of technology and the power of the mind, but may also become a voice for true social conscience and join together with others to champion the value of human rights and positive social transformation. However, you must also learn to develop fulfilling outlets for your individual self-expression if you are to know the true power that these energies can bring into your life.

## **Embracing Your Divine Self**

In western society today it's okay to admit that women are Goddesses. This, in itself, implies that the power of The Source may not be solely masculine. In essence, this power contains All That Is, but as a woman, you express it through your Goddess Self. This part of yourself is always there when you feel abandoned or alone to give you comfort. Your Goddess Self is standing firmly beside you when you face a major challenge, sharing her strength and support. Your Goddess Self opens the doors to Truth and Understanding. She is the essence of all that is Love. Look in the mirror. Stare deeply into your own eyes and you will see her reflected back at you.

When you need to get in touch with your inner being, an exercise in guided imagery can help you make the transition from your everyday thinking to heightened awareness. Take a few minutes to make this journey. Before you begin, find time to be alone. Sit or lie down in a comfortable position in a place that feels safe to you. Take three deep breaths. With each breath, release the tension from your body as you exhale. As you inhale, fill yourself with energy, light and inner calm. Then, close your eyes, and take one more relaxing breath.

Imagine that you are a priestess living in a sacred temple. Here, you are calm, at peace with yourself, and free to express your ideas, creativity and compassion without restraint. All your gifts are considered sacred, and your awareness is clear and pure. Each day you sing with joy and feel inspired by the experience of sharing time with your sisters whose lives are as full as your own. You are happy to surrender to your creative muse, because she guides you into experiences which are always wonderful. One morning your muse sings to you and carries you into a beautiful garden. She seems to have a great sense of anticipation, and tells you that you are to be blessed today. In the center of the garden, you meet a beautiful warrior princess who gestures for you to follow her. She is magnificent, dressed in bright colors, with a headdress of fine jewels and iridescent feathers. With her, she carries a shield, which is fashioned of many things from the earth, painted with interesting symbols. She leads you to a place which seems to be in a new dimension. There, you are invited into a circle dance, where you dance with others who are merging their power with The Source. You feel completely energized. As the dance

ends, your guide directs you to walk through a brilliant fire. As you pass through the flames, you realize that you are absolutely safe. Emerging from the flames, you are given a shield which is engraved with a special symbol. Your experience in this sacred space reminds you that you are always protected, and that there is always a source of power waiting to recharge your energy and vitality.