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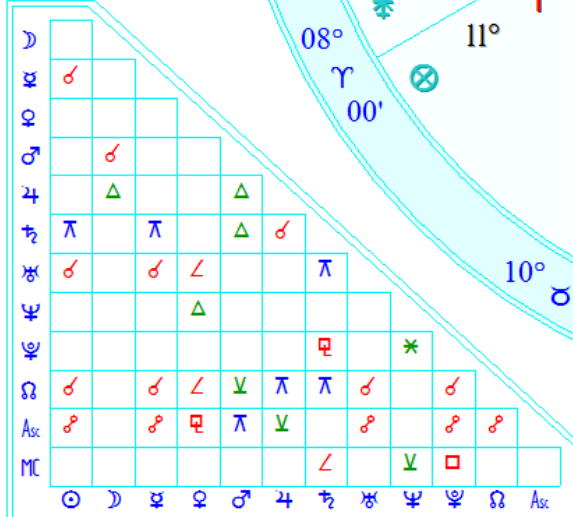
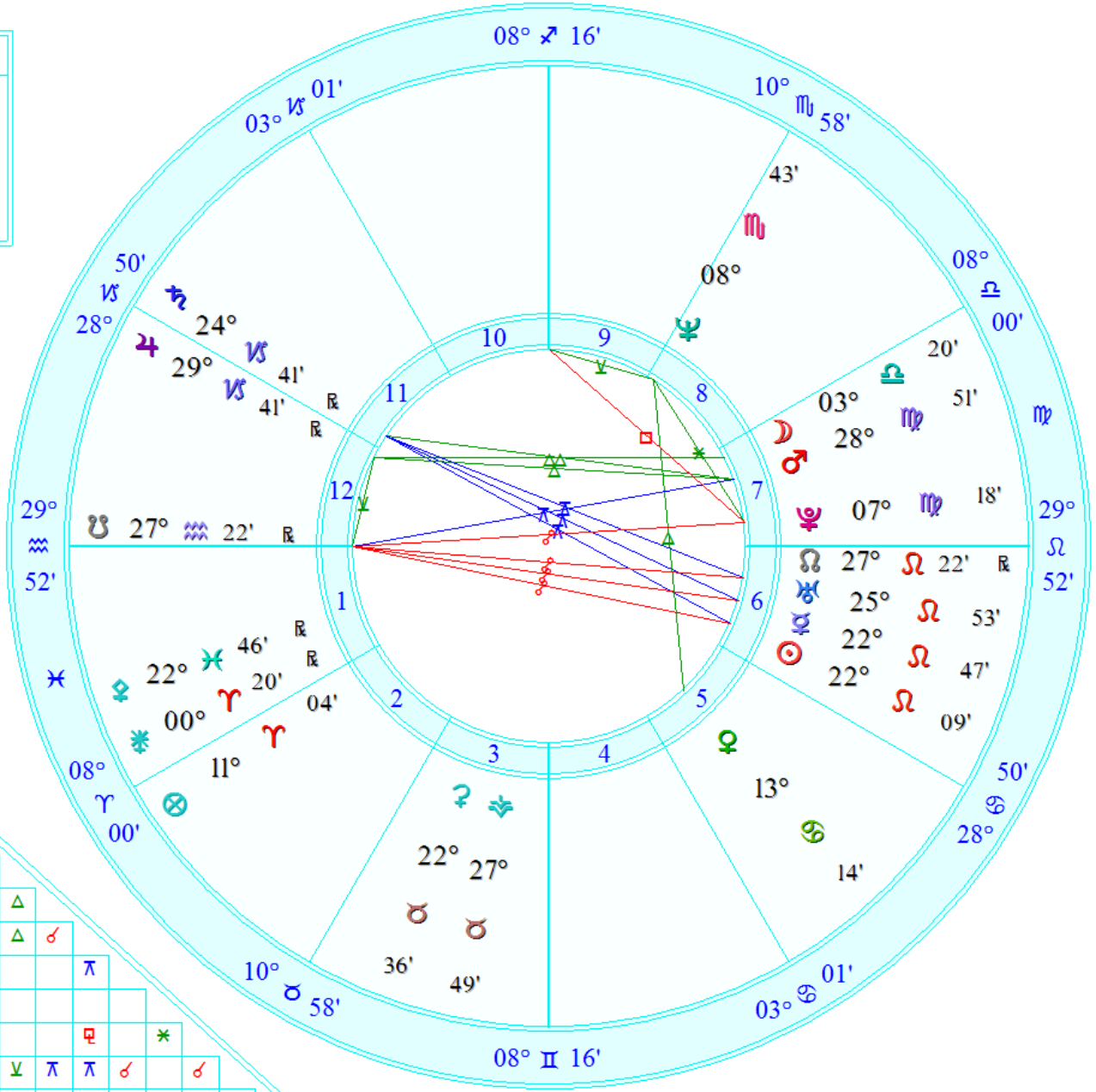
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 21N18'25" 157W51'30"
 Tropical Placidus
 NATAL CHART

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Elements	
Fire	♈ ♉ ♊
Earth	♌ ♍ ♎ ♏
Air	♐ ♑ ♒ ♓
Water	♈ ♉ ♊ ♋
Cardinal	♈ ♉ ♊ ♋
Fixed	♌ ♍ ♎ ♏
Mutable	♐ ♑ ♒ ♓

Zodiac Signs	
♈	Aries
♉	Taurus
♊	Gemini
♋	Cancer
♌	Leo
♍	Virgo
♎	Libra
♏	Scorpio
♐	Sagittarius
♑	Capricorn
♒	Aquarius
♓	Pisces



Aspect	Planets	Sun/Moon Orb
♋ Conjunction	0°	10°00'
♌ Opposition	180°	10°00'
♍ Square	90°	8°00'
♎ Trine	120°	6°00'
♏ Sextile	60°	4°00'
♐ Semi-Sextile	30°	2°00'
♑ Quincunx	150°	3°00'
♒ SemiSquare	45°	3°00'
♓ Sesquiquadrate	135°	3°00'

Planet	Sign	House
Sun	Leo	6th
Moon	Libra	7th
Mercury	Leo	6th
Venus	Cancer	5th
Mars	Virgo	7th
Jupiter	Capricorn	12th
Saturn	Capricorn	11th
Uranus	Leo	6th
Neptune	Scorpio	8th
Pluto	Virgo	7th
Ascendant	Aquarius	1st
Midheaven	Sagittarius	10th

Planet Symbols	
☉	Sun
☾	Moon
☿	Mercury
♀	Venus
♂	Mars
♃	Jupiter
♄	Saturn
♅	Uranus
♆	Neptune
♇	Pluto
Asc	Ascendant
MC	Midheaven

The interpretation of your astrology chart begins on the following page.

You will find that the interpretation of your chart is written in simple language, uncluttered by astrological jargon. If a statement appears to contradict another statement, then you exhibit these opposite qualities at different times in your life. For example, a statement that you are highly sociable and gregarious and a statement that you prefer solitude seemingly contradict each other; this means that you vacillate, and need both sociability and solitude at different times.

The astrological factor that the interpretation is based on is also given. The astrological factor is given for the benefit of astrologers and students of astrology. If you are not a student of astrology, then obviously the factor will not be meaningful to you, and you can ignore it.

If you find this interpretation of your birth chart interesting and informative, you might want to discuss your birth chart with a professional astrologer to learn more about the astrological influences on your life.

Your birth chart interpretation is based on the positions of the planets at the time of your birth. For the benefit of students of astrology, these positions, along with other technical information, are listed below:

Sun	22	Leo	09	Pluto	7	Vir	18
Moon	3	Lib	20	N. Node	27	Leo	11
Mercury	22	Leo	47	Asc.	29	Aqu	52
Venus	13	Can	14	MC	8	Sag	16
Mars	28	Vir	51	2nd cusp	8	Ari	00
Jupiter	29	Cap	41	3rd cusp	10	Tau	58
Saturn	24	Cap	41	5th cusp	3	Can	01
Uranus	25	Leo	53	6th cusp	28	Can	50
Neptune	8	Sco	43				

Tropical Placidus Standard time observed
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Aspects and orbs:

Conjunction	: 7 Deg 00 Min	Trine	: 5 Deg 00 Min
Opposition	: 5 Deg 00 Min	Sextile	: 4 Deg 00 Min
Square	: 5 Deg 00 Min	Quincunx	: 3 Deg 00 Min
Conjunct Asc:	3 Deg 00 Min Above,		5 Deg 00 Min Below

Chapter 1: General Characteristics

Your fundamental needs, values, and orientation towards life are symbolized by the four astrological elements. Each person has their own unique balance of these four basic energies: fire (warmth, inspiration, enthusiasm), earth (practicality, realism, material

interests), air (social and intellectual qualities), and water (emotional needs and feelings).

Your "elemental make-up" is described below. Remember that most people are "unbalanced" or lopsided, and if you are lacking or deficient in a certain element (or elements), it simply means that you need to consciously develop that aspect of yourself to learn to appreciate and/or to work harder in that dimension of life.

Sometimes we overvalue the element that we are least endowed with, sensing it as a lack within ourselves, but more often we neglect or ignore it. The qualities described below will be reiterated and explained in more detail in the following chapters.

Fire and Air are Strong (F,E,A,W Scores = 17,9,18,5):

You are an "up" person, positive-minded and lively, and you generally have an invigorating, inspiring, energizing effect upon other people. Boredom or getting stuck in the rut of old habits is not a problem for you, as you have numerous interests and the energy to pursue many of them. However, overextending yourself, pouring your energies out without taking time to replenish yourself, scattering your forces or moving on to new things before you finish something are definite tendencies. You can burn yourself out by being involved in too many activities. You seem impelled to be always in motion, as if you were afraid you would miss something interesting "out there". Paying attention to your body's needs for rest, attending to your own inner world and to your feelings and giving sufficient attention to your immediate family and their needs is something you need to learn to do more of. It would benefit you to simply stop from time to time and just be for awhile.

You are very idealistic and are frequently disappointed that we do not live in a perfect world, but it is through the vision and energy of people like yourself that new ideas are introduced and positive changes made. Your gifts are your ability to entertain and play with creative ideas and possibilities, to seek new solutions to problems, and to venture gladly into new territory (literally or figuratively).

You need to cultivate the quality of receptivity; the ability to listen and quietly absorb what another is saying, for instance, instead of focusing on what you have to say. Learning to wait and to trust rather having to make something happen or trying to bend the world to your will is another aspect of this.

Chapter 2: How You Approach Life and How You Appear To Others

The following is a description of your basic stance towards life, the way others see you, the way you come across, the face you show to the world. In Chapter 3 you will read about the "The Inner You: Your Real Motivation", which describes the kind of person you are at heart and where your true priorities lie. Read this chapter and the next one and compare them - there may be significant differences between them, in which case "the

inner you" may not shine through and others are in for some surprises when they get to know you at a more than superficial level. This chapter describes the costume you wear, your role in life, while Chapter 3 talks about the real person inside the costume.

Aquarius Rising:

Forward-looking and progressive, you are a person who supports change, innovation, and human advancement, and you are often strongly committed to a humanitarian cause or social improvement. You are extremely aware of the interconnection and interdependence of all people, and are always relating personal issues to some larger framework. You see the political or social ramifications of personal actions, and you wish to contribute something of value to the world, or at least to your community or group.

The ideals of equality, fairness, human rights, brotherhood, social justice, etc. color your whole outlook and approach to life. You are truly interested in the good of the whole and not only your own personal well-being.

Sometimes you may overlook or ignore your own and others' personal needs, desires, and feelings, especially if they do not conform to your ideals of how one SHOULD feel or act. Though you have little patience for conservative narrow-mindedness, you yourself are sometimes dogmatic about your beliefs and ideologies.

You are attracted to the avant-garde, the latest advances in human thought and development, and you are eclectic and cosmopolitan in your tastes. You may consider yourself a "global citizen" rather than claiming a narrow, limited identification based on nationality, race, familial heritage, etc. You are strongly influenced by your peer group and the flavor of the times in which you grew up, more so than by parental or family influences. You are involved and active in groups, community efforts, cultural and progressive movements.

On a personal level, you are friendly and express a kind of impersonal good will towards others. You probably have many acquaintances but few really close friends, and much of your closeness with others is based on a sharing of common ideals and principles, rather than on emotional ties. Others see you as a good friend and comrade, who is objective, fair, and rather detached emotionally. You do not often show your emotions, and may be unsure how to respond to others' emotional expression, for you tend to be very rational.

You are also very independent and refuse to be possessed by any individual. You are not comfortable with traditional sexual roles and are inclined to have "liberated" views about marriage, relationships, sharing of child rearing responsibilities, etc. You need to have a life outside of the personal, domestic sphere and to be involved with people on a broader scale. The nurturing of family ties, and close, deep, personal sharing may take a back seat to your work or outside social activities.

Uranus Opposition Asc.:

You may seem unpredictable and unreliable in the way you behave towards others -- or your personal relationships may seem constantly in flux, so that you are always a bit off center.

You also come across as an independent sort, someone who doesn't wish to be controlled or dictated to.

Mars Quincunx Asc.:

You often come across to others more abruptly or even antagonistically than is necessary to achieve your aims. And naturally if people perceive that you are trying to compete with them or run them over, some of them will put up a lot of resistance to you and your objectives. You might be more successful if you tone yourself down a bit and show some consideration, without completely sacrificing your own needs and wants.

Asc. Opposition Sun/Pluto

You have a strong desire to make an extra-ordinary or unusual impression on your environment. You have the ability to fascinate and sweep along others, but also can be quite inconsiderate and ruthless.

Asc. Opposition Mercury/Pluto

You have a hypnotizing effect on people in your surroundings and others see you as someone with extraordinary capabilities. You have a strong desire to mentally dominate your environment, and with your ability to out-talk anyone, you can sway them to your opinions.

Chapter 3: The Inner You: Your Real Motivation

Ascendant in Aquarius and Sun in Leo:

Although you appear to be a team player, sometimes you feel tempted to steal the limelight from others. Your strong need to gain success and acclaim can induce you to playing a role in life that is not natural to you, but wins you popularity. Instead of doing this, you can be a leader or director who inspires others to develop their greatest potential and you can win praise and honor through genuine accomplishment and personal integrity: the choice is yours!

You are a much warmer person and one who is much more easily hurt by criticism or lack of respect from others than your cool, rational appearance suggests.

Sun in Leo:

Proud and intensely individual, you really want to stand out, to be the very best you can be, and to be recognized and appreciated for your unique contributions. Doing something well and being respected for it is extremely important to you, and you cannot tolerate being in the background, taking orders from others, or being "just one of the team". You must put your personal stamp on whatever you do, and direct your own course in life. You need to have a place where you can shine, express yourself creatively, and be the one in charge.

You have big dreams and the determination, spirit, vitality, and enthusiasm to bring them into being. You also have a noble, romantic heart, and a love of the dramatic, colorful, and extravagant.

For you it is true that "all the world's a stage" and you secretly (or perhaps not so secretly) desire to be the Star or Hero in the play. You want to be great, and to receive the love and applause of an adoring audience, even if the "audience" is just one other special person. You need someone to believe in you and your dreams. Though you appear radiantly self-confident and independent, you are actually very much dependent on the affirmation, love, and recognition of others. You cannot bear being unnoticed or unappreciated.

You also love wholeheartedly and generously and really know how to make the person you love feel special. You love the magic of "being in love" and know how to keep the romance alive in your relationships. You are also immensely loyal and will defend your loved ones and stand by them to the end - as long as they never offend your pride or betray your trust. However, you like to be the strong one in a relationship and you really do not share the leading role very easily. Ideally you need to find a person who is as strong-willed as yourself, but who will not try to dominate or compete with you.

Your strengths are your zest and love for life, your creative power, and your warm and generous heart. Your primary fault is your tendency to be very egocentric, so concerned with the impression you are making and with your own creative self-expression that you forget there is another, larger world that does not revolve around you.

Sun in 6th house:

Your energies are directed to either perfecting your techniques, skills, and abilities in work, or in "perfecting", refining, and improving yourself as a person. Critical analysis and attention to minute detail are intrinsic in either process. The urge to bring about a state of wholeness or optimal functioning is a strong motivation of yours, and you are quite a perfectionist!

You can easily become overly identified or involved with the function you perform, with your work, or with your own health and "growth process".

Sun Conjunct Mercury:

You tend to see things from your perspective only and to be rather subjective. You also enjoy talking and expressing your views but you don't always listen as well. You have a clear mind, a love of learning and new experiences, and need constant mental stimulation and activity.

Sun Quincunx Saturn:

You have to overcome considerable hardship in order to fulfill your personal destiny. However, you do have the strength and stamina necessary to do so. Support and helpful guidance from your father or other significant men in your life may well be lacking. In fact, their disapproval of you and their harsh criticism are apt to be two of your greatest handicaps, and at times you may feel quite discouraged and alone. But true self-reliance and a solid sense of your own powers may well be the silver lining to that cloud in your life. You need to learn to follow your own creative impulses and heart's desires, regardless of what your critics or the authorities say.

Sun aspects Saturn and Uranus:

Although you take yourself and your responsibilities seriously, there is also a part of you that rebels against rules and restrictions and answering to outside authority. You can feel torn between conforming or fulfilling your obligations, and breaking free of them. Your wilder side will now be described.

Sun Conjunct Uranus:

Innovative, original, unorthodox, and unconventional, you identify with the role of rebel, reformer, or iconoclast. You insist upon a great deal of personal freedom and do not easily adapt yourself to others' needs and wishes. You need a lifestyle that allows you to be spontaneous. Often you feel that you are somehow different from other people and outside the mainstream of society.

Sun Conjunct Moon/Venus

You have artistic talents and interests and appreciate art in many forms. You could become an actor and have good judgment of the real value of things. You have an affectionate nature with a cheerful disposition and strong feelings of love.

Sun Conjunct Venus/Mars

Both sensitive and sensuous, you blend charm and energy. You have a healthy sexuality and a good balance between activity and passivity. You may be fond of singing, dancing, music and drama. Romance comes easily to you, and your romantic relationships are passionate.

Chapter 4: Mental Interests and Abilities

Mercury in Leo:

You are a person of strong opinions and you express your views energetically and often dramatically. You are an entertaining speaker and will embellish or exaggerate in order to get your point across. You have an aptitude for storytelling and performing. Even if your arena is only the classroom or dining room table, you put on a good show. You have an abundance of creative ideas and do not enjoy a job in which you have no creative input or voice in decision-making. You could be a good politician, spokesperson, group leader, director, or coach.

Mercury in 6th house:

You use your mind to organize, classify, and bring order to your environment. You are interested in the refinement of your technical skills and abilities and are a stickler for details. Organizational and secretarial skills, training others in your area of expertise, or work involving teaching and communications are highly probable for you.

Mercury Quincunx Saturn:

You have a deep, serious turn of mind, and when out of balance, you tend toward pessimism, cynicism, and overly rigid or judgmental thinking. These are tendencies you may have to work to counteract, by choosing to focus on the humor in a situation, associating with cheerful, positive-minded people, and so on. Being around children can sometimes alter and lighten up your mental outlook considerably. Duty, obligation, "should", and "ought to" may color your thinking too much.

Mercury aspects Saturn and Uranus:

You will notice that the description below contradicts some of the statements made in the previous paragraphs. Above your thinking is depicted as careful, conservative, methodical, and possibly narrow or rigid, while the following information characterizes your mind as quick and innovative. Both are true! You incorporate both ways of thinking - the inspired, inventive AND the deductive, ordered. Here is a description of the more free-flowing aspect:

Mercury Conjunction Uranus:

An independent and original thinker, you are excited by new ideas, discoveries, and innovations. Your mind functions in an intuitive, nonlinear fashion, and sudden insights and ideas often come to you "out of the blue". You grasp ideas very quickly and often become impatient with those who are slower or more cautious than yourself. You are considered rather eccentric and unusual in your interests by more conservative minds. You do well in an open, unpredictable atmosphere where flexibility and quick responses are needed. You have an aptitude for science, mathematics, electronics, or astrology.

Mercury Conjunct Sun/Uranus

You have a basic need to reform and are constantly looking for change in hopes that it will lead you to a life that is more exciting. You may not always be tactful and your ideas and opinions sometimes are likely to be strongly challenged by others.

Mercury Conjunct Moon/Venus

You have strong feelings of love and an emotional need to talk about love problems. Beauty also is important for your emotional contentment and you dress very tastefully. You are kind and popular and give complements from the bottom of your heart.

Chapter 5: Emotions: Moods, Feelings, Romance

Moon in Libra:

Your desire for harmonious relationships and surroundings is so strong that you avoid personal confrontations or any expression of intense, unpleasant emotions. You are an idealist who would like to paint the world in pastel colors, and live in peace and harmony with others at all times. You are able to see points of similarity and unity with people who are vastly different from yourself, and befriend many different types of people. You are a considerate and thoughtful friend, and have a real flair for making others feel accepted and appreciated. Inwardly you are often torn with indecision and are much more at odds with yourself than others would ever guess from your smooth, even disposition.

Moon in 7th house:

You depend a great deal upon other people for emotional support and you have a large "family" of friends that care about you and treat you as kin. The women in your life are particularly important to you, and your relationship with them powerfully influences your sense of security and happiness. You may be overly dependent and unsure of yourself without a close partner.

Moon Conjunct Mars:

You feel that you must always be DOING something, and become impatient and irritable if you have to slow down or wait for anything. A stormy home life may be the result of your own tendency to fight for what you want, rather than compromise. You may not realize how competitive you are.

Moon aspects Mars and Jupiter:

Although you are impetuous and easily provoked (as mentioned above), you also have

a good-natured, live-and-let-live attitude and a sense of humor, which balances that. While hotheaded at times, you are usually a good sport.

Moon Trine Jupiter:

You are easygoing, agreeable, and tolerant, willing to overlook others' mistakes, forget the past, and begin again on a positive note. You enjoy making others comfortable and happy, and sometimes overdo your generosity. You often feel that "everything will turn out all right no matter what I do", and so become lazy and lackadaisical.

Moon Conjunct Uranus/Neptune

You are very impressionable and extremely sensitive to your surroundings. You may be especially sensitive to noise as well as bright lights and sunshine. You also may want to learn about the deeper dimensions of life, the occult or mystical things.

Moon Conjunct Neptune/N. Node

You seem to have the wrong conception of the world around you and may suffer disappointments frequently. It is difficult for you to adapt yourself and to acquire a community spirit, and you can't achieve the inner understanding with others that you long for.

Venus in Cancer:

Sensitive and sentimental, you are deeply attached to your family, old friends, familiar places, and the past. You are romantic and tender in love, and the remembrance of birthdays, anniversaries, family rituals, and other days of personal significance is very important to you. You seek caring, emotional support, and security in love. You like to be needed, to cherish and protect your loved ones, and you are somewhat possessive of them.

Venus in 5th house:

You love romance and wish the honeymoon phase of your love affairs would last forever! You need dramatic romantic gestures and displays of affection from your partner, and you want to feel very, very special, like a King or Queen, to your beloved. You also have an artistic flair and enjoy creating art or beauty in some form.

Venus Trine Neptune:

Sensitive and compassionate, you tend to be the "giver" in any relationship. You have high ideals and a refined attitude towards love, seeking to relate in ways that are beyond ego needs and selfishness. You are attracted to people with artistic or mystical inclinations.

Chapter 6: Drive and Ambition: How You Achieve Your Goals

Mars in Virgo:

You are a perfectionist and have high standards for your own work. You often feel that if you want something done right you must do it yourself, for others do not do as thorough a job as you do. Doing a task well is very important to you, and you may labor over minute details that others wouldn't bother with. You strive for accuracy, efficiency, and precision, and you become very irritable when things are not done "right".

On the other hand, you can become so much of a perfectionist and so self-critical that you will not even attempt many activities and projects, feeling that your efforts simply won't be good enough. You are usually modest and realistic in assessing what you can accomplish and, if anything, you underestimate yourself. Of course, practice makes perfect, and if you do apply yourself diligently in some area, you gradually gain self-confidence as you master skills and develop expertise.

You conserve your energy and pace yourself so that you do not waste or diffuse your efforts. An unwillingness to take risks or venture from the beaten track can sometimes limit your opportunities. In short, you may not aim high enough and settle for too little in life.

Mars in 7th house:

You are attracted to feisty, dynamic, strong-willed people, and you seem to need a lot of fireworks in your personal relationships. You can be very combative, or get involved with people who are. Ideally you will join with people who are energetic and ambitious, but not too domineering or aggressive.

Mars Trine Jupiter:

Your self-confidence and vitality are strong and you believe you can do just about anything you want to. You have an enterprising spirit, a good sense of timing, and the ability to sense what will succeed and what won't. You usually make fortunate decisions in work or business activities. You enjoy healthy competition and you have a rather playful, good-humored attitude toward it. You mostly compete with yourself to see how far you can go or how much you can accomplish. You like to keep stretching your limits.

Mars aspects Jupiter and Saturn:

Although enterprising and forward-looking, you are also capable of much self-discipline, patience, and effort. You may swing from confidence and trust in the future to pessimism and doubt, when it comes to achieving your aims in life.

Mars Trine Saturn:

You possess the gifts of endurance and perseverance, the willingness to work hard and seriously to achieve your objectives. Once you decide you want something or make a commitment, you'll do it "even if it takes forever". Self-discipline is natural to you and you instinctively realize that any creative achievement is "10% inspiration, 90% perspiration". You choose practical, realistic goals and pursue them step-by-step in a well-planned, orderly way. You like to concentrate on one thing at a time and do a thorough job. You enjoy working in solitude, and often feel your best work is done when you are alone.

Pluto Square MC:

In some ways you may feel that you have little choice about your role in society. You're compelled either by unusual outer circumstances or by an inner drive, to bring things which may be dark, difficult, or taboo, into public awareness. You delve into the hidden side of life, things which may have been purposefully concealed or repressed, and bring these things to light. You could come into direct conflict with the authorities or powers-that-be as a result. You're apt to have extraordinary ambitions, and could become overly zealous and fanatical also.

Chapter 7: Growth and Expansion: Areas That You Enjoy

Jupiter in Capricorn:

You have an innate shrewdness, and the ability to develop a clear strategy and follow it carefully in order to reach your goals. You also have a natural sense of order, structure, and self-discipline. You are likely to excel, both because you are ambitious and because it is very important to you to do a professional job, no matter what field you are in, or how humble the task.

Jupiter in 12th house:

You are drawn to social work, the ministry, giving your time and energy to charitable organizations, or to serving and helping the disadvantaged in some way. Your generosity and unselfishness will bring you and others much good.

Chapter 8: Areas That Challenge You Or Are Difficult For You

Saturn in Capricorn:

You have a great capacity for self-denial in the pursuit of a long-range goal. You are capable of hard work and persistent labor, but you may lack joyfulness and the ability to play. You often feel burdened by life's demands and responsibilities, and may envy those who seem to attract what they want in life without a great deal of personal effort.

There is a very judgmental, stern, and uncompromising side of yourself which may inhibit you a great deal. You must avoid becoming heavy and cynical, or becoming a rather callous, sophisticated adult whose practicality and realism squeeze out the playful, imaginative side of life.

Saturn in 11th house:

You are generally not a "joiner" and do not feel comfortable in clubs, organizations or other groups of people that are centered around some common ideal or interest. If you do participate in a group, you may find the rules and procedures restrictive - or you may simply feel that you do not fit in with the others.

Being alone or with older, more experienced people suits you better than being with groups of your own peers.

Jupiter Conjunct Saturn:

Your aspirations and dreams are always tempered by realism and practical considerations. You pursue your aims in a systematic, disciplined, and thorough manner, and you are willing to take your time, advancing slowly and steadily on your way to your goal.

Sometimes you underestimate what is possible, and hold yourself back unnecessarily due to a lack of faith or an overly cautious attitude.

Saturn Quincunx Uranus:

The side of you that wants and needs structure, order, stability, and a disciplined way of life is at odds with your urges for unfettered freedom, change, excitement, and discovery. There is apt to be much discontent, inner stress, and tension due to this, and at times you find it hard to relax. You may act out in a rebellious way now and then, or clamp down hard on yourself, in an attempt to strictly control your "wild" impulses. Your task is to try to find a reasonable balance between order and creative chaos in your life.

Now we will discuss patterns of behavior which you instinctively and habitually revert to when under stress - a mostly unconscious process and one which you are apt to overdo because it is so familiar and thus easy for you. The direction you need to follow in order to develop balance, greater awareness, and wholeness is also described.

N. Node in Leo:

Your path lies in developing yourself as an individual, discovering your own strengths and joys, giving expression to your uniqueness, and letting yourself shine and stand out from the crowd. This involves becoming a leader, even though your instinct is actually to be "one of the Indians" rather than the "chief". When under stress you are apt to seek safety in numbers, to go along with the group. Also, you may believe that striving to do your personal best and to excel is wrong or selfish, but you should let go of this notion. Finding your own center and doing what gives you delight and energy is the most worthwhile contribution you can offer the world at large.

N. Node in 6th house:

The arena you are most likely to wrestle with these issues is in your work and in your relations with co-workers, employers, and employees. Integrating the qualities described above into your work and daily routine will lead to greater satisfaction, improved health, and personal growth.

The following are specific activities that will support you in your growth. These may or may not feel natural to you, and often there is some feeling of resistance or initial awkwardness about doing these things, but they are important on your path to wholeness.

N. Node Conjunct Sun:

Develop true self confidence and the willingness to put yourself "out there", to be seen and to shine. Be willing to take on a leading role, to be a hero, to be a protagonist in your own story by cultivating the courageous, active, and positive masculine qualities you possess. Doing creative work that you are proud of - anything that comes from your heart and bears the stamp of your individuality - is important. Also, being a mentor, a helpful, encouraging force in the life of someone less experienced than you are is a way for you to grow and become more whole yourself.

N. Node Conjunct Mercury:

Learn to communicate and express yourself through the written or spoken word. Study, learn skills, develop your intellectual interests and capacities. Become involved in sharing and exchanging information with others, and develop your intellectual reasoning ability. Use your mind, your thought and your ability to be objective. "Work smarter, not harder" might be a motto for you.

Writing, teaching, recording, transcribing, dialoguing, negotiating, mediating, communicating, or facilitating clear communication are significant activities for you to pursue.

N. Node Conjunct Uranus:

Become more freethinking, be willing to experiment and change, loosen your attachment to tradition and the known to allow new developments to occur. Learn and get involved in an area where new techniques, rapid changes and innovation is happening. Be one of the avant-garde who is promoting such changes, whether this is in science, music, or social relationships. You have to be willing to be different and perhaps considered eccentric or odd.

Chapter 9: Originality and Imagination **Areas Where You Are Creative, Unique, Unstable, or Compulsive**

Uranus in 6th house:

Your work habits may be unstructured and you may find it difficult to settle down to a routine task or work situation.

You are interested in new technologies or unusual, even revolutionary methods of solving problems in your work. Nontraditional methods of healing and medicine also fascinate you. You may work in an alternative health field or work for change and reform in whatever field you choose.

Neptune in 8th house:

You have a very active imagination and powerful fantasies. You may develop an interest in the supernatural, psychic phenomena, or occult subjects. You may have strange fantasies and/or nebulous fears of "ghosts", "the astral plane", or death. It's better for you not to dabble in such areas unless you are thoroughly grounded in the practical world as well.

Pluto in 7th house:

Emotional intensity, compulsive attraction, and a sense of fate or destiny characterize your one-to-one relationships. It's as if you simply cannot have light, superficial relationships; they are inevitably profound, intense experiences which reveal your depths to you. You may be drawn to powerful, charismatic, willful people that challenge, thwart, and ultimately evoke your own power and strengths. Your marriage is likely to be the arena for your greatest growth.

Uranus Conjunct Sun/N. Node

You have a need to be popular and a strong desire to be successful in your community. You are inclined to attract very unusual people with whom you share your experiences. But some of your experiences with others also could be sudden or upsetting.

Uranus Conjunct Mercury/N. Node

Your ideas and thoughts are likely to change quickly and you also may receive sudden new ideas and plans during team-work with others. In fact, the most stimulating ideas you get probably will be through other people.

Neptune Conjunct Sun/Saturn

You tend to underestimate your ability to succeed and are often unable to follow through on your intentions. You are quick to resign, easily drained and should guard against depression and negative mental, emotional or physical reactions.

Neptune Conjunct Mercury/Saturn

You seem to have doubts and fears, and a general distrust, inhibiting you emotionally. You have a longing for distant places and things that are beyond your reach. Insecurity and lack of belief in yourself is apt to bring frequent states of depression.

Chapter 10: Generational Influences: Your Age Group

In this chapter we will discuss characteristics and traits of your generation. Of course, you may not share all of the characteristics of your generation, but you are greatly affected by the tone that is set by your generation.

The first topic is "The Subconscious and Emotional Drive of Your Age Group". In this section we will describe a deeply felt urge, even compulsion, of your age group. This deeply felt drive comes to the surface with great force and power, and consequently leaves in its wake considerable upheaval and change. The second topic is "The Ideals and Illusions of Your Age Group", that describes the dreams, fantasies, and spiritual aspirations of your age group. The third and last topic is "What is New and Different in Your Age Group", which describes areas in which your age group tends to be innovative, inventive, unusual, and also where it may be unstable and unreliable.

The characteristics described below may affect a group of people for anywhere from a few years to about 30 years. There are one or more different astrological factors described in each of the three sections below.

The Subconscious and Emotional Drive of Your Age Group

Pluto in Virgo:

You are part of a 15 year group of people that are driven by the need to find an ethical standard and a clear sense of what is right and what is wrong. There is a subconscious drive to straighten out all the world's evils and create a world of perfect order. There is a feeling of repulsion to anything ugly, dirty, or grotesque. Oddly enough, there is also

often a fascination with these very things that are so distasteful, and often a feeling of hopelessness and despair about the world's condition.

These inner, emotional and conflicting qualities are reflected in the attitudes and life styles of your generation. Most people of your age group are conservative and ethical, and a small minority goes to the opposite extreme and relishes being strange or unusual in appearance, and sloppy or even grotesque in manners and appearance. There seems to be no middle ground for your generation. Usually, the rebellious type of behavior comes out during adolescence, and tends to subside thereafter, and your age group tends to be very conservative in later life.

Your age group is not very good at compromising and tends to have strong ideas about what is right and what is wrong. There is a strong feeling that you must extinguish evil in the world. Certainly, fostering good works is very commendable, but a categorical and simple-minded response to complex issues is not helpful. Your age group will undergo great transformations in attitudes regarding Good and Evil and will swing to great extremes. Your generation will also make great contributions in the areas of medicine and nutrition, ecology, and education.

The Ideals and Illusions of Your Age Group

Neptune in Scorpio:

You are part of a 14 year group of people that have very intense psychic sensitivity and imagination. Your age group is very attracted to the strange, weird, and unusual. The sense of the macabre and bizarre is strong, and this is reflected in much of the music, art, and fashions of your age group. Novels and movies with mystery and chilling suspense are also popular with your age group. Emotional depression, drug use, and suicide are likely to be relatively high in your age group. There is also a deep mystical sense, and Eastern religions and meditation are very attractive to your age group.

Neptune Sextile Pluto:

The entire generation to which you belong has tremendous opportunities for spiritual rebirth and awakening. This will not be forced upon you or precipitated by unavoidable events, rather it comes from an inner yearning and a natural propensity to seek the depths.

What is New and Different in Your Age Group

Uranus in Leo:

You are part of a 7 year group of people who are unusually self-willed, proud, and egotistical. You are a group that defies authority and insists on having its own way. Parents and school teachers found that it was extremely difficult to discipline your age group. Governments that are repressive to individual expression and freedom meet a great deal of resistance from your age group, and you tend to rise up against any form of tyranny and oppressive rule.