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NATAL ASTROLOGY REPORT

ASTROLOGY

Astrological Summary

Chart Point Positions: Robert Downey.Jr.

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Taurus	19°Ta11'	10th	
The Sun	Aries	14°Ar45'	9th	
Mercury	Aries	21°Ar12'	9th	
Venus	Aries	12°Ar50'	9th	
Mars	Virgo	10°Vi11'	2nd	
Jupiter	Taurus	26°Ta11'	10th	
Saturn	Pisces	11°Pi59'	8th	
Uranus	Virgo	11°Vi29'	2nd	
Neptune	Scorpio	19°Sc30'	4th	
Pluto	Virgo	14°Vi16'	2nd	
Chiron	Pisces	19°Pi54'	8th	
The North Node	Gemini	15°Ge28'	11th	
The South Node	Sagittarius	15°Sg28'	5th	
The Ascendant	Leo	13°Le48'	1st	
The Midheaven	Taurus	3°Ta34'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Conjunction	Jupiter	7°00'	Applying
The Moon	Opposition	Neptune	0°19'	Applying
The Moon	Trine	Pluto	4°54'	Separating
The Moon	Sextile	Chiron	0°42'	Applying
The Moon	Square	The Ascendant	5°22'	Separating
The Sun	Conjunction	Mercury	6°26'	Applying
The Sun	Conjunction	Venus	1°54'	Applying
The Sun	Quincunx	Pluto	0°28'	Separating
The Sun	Sextile	The North Node	0°43'	Applying
The Sun	Trine	The South Node	0°43'	Applying
The Sun	Trine	The Ascendant	0°56'	Separating
Mercury	Conjunction	Venus	8°21'	Applying
Mercury	Trine	The South Node	5°43'	Applying
Venus	Sextile	The North Node	2°37'	Applying
Venus	Trine	The South Node	2°37'	Applying
Venus	Trine	The Ascendant	0°58'	Applying
Mars	Opposition	Saturn	1°47'	Separating
Mars	Conjunction	Uranus	1°18'	Separating
Mars	Conjunction	Pluto	4°05'	Separating
Mars	Trine	The Midheaven	6°37'	Applying
Saturn	Opposition	Uranus	0°29'	Separating

Saturn	Opposition	Pluto	2°17'	Applying
Saturn	Conjunction	Chiron	7°54'	Applying
Saturn	Square	The North Node	3°29'	Applying
Saturn	Square	The South Node	3°29'	Applying
Uranus	Conjunction	Pluto	2°47'	Separating
Uranus	Square	The North Node	3°58'	Applying
Uranus	Square	The South Node	3°58'	Applying
Neptune	Trine	Chiron	0°23'	Separating
Neptune	Square	The Ascendant	5°41'	Applying
Pluto	Opposition	Chiron	5°37'	Separating
Pluto	Square	The North Node	1°11'	Applying
Pluto	Square	The South Node	1°11'	Applying
Chiron	Square	The North Node	4°25'	Separating
Chiron	Square	The South Node	4°25'	Separating
Chiron	Semisquare	The Midheaven	1°19'	Separating
The North Node	Sextile	The Ascendant	1°39'	Applying
The South Node	Trine	The Ascendant	1°39'	Applying

INTRODUCTION



This report has been drafted to get started with your understanding of your natal chart. Astrology is a complex and meaningful science which takes years to study and apply successfully; only a professional astrologer can help you truly shed light on your astrological make up and potentials.

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

Astrology can offer a whole new perspective for you, and arm you with confidence and knowledge on how to tackle challenges, when to act for best results, and how to benefit from any circumstance. To learn about your journey, a chart is drawn based on your date, time, and place of birth, to reveal your own configuration of planets. This birth chart mirrors who you are, your potentials, motivations, needs, and values. Your chart is also a map of your life, it shows your career, your relationships, your family, and so on. Planetary transits – which act like cosmic weather forecasts – are then used as symbols of events and evolution over time.

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

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LIFE GOALS



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

The Sun

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

The Sun is in the 9th House

Your Sun is in the 9th House of your birth chart meaning that you're likely to succeed through your involvements in the church, universities, publishing houses, law, or travel - or a combination of all of these areas. You're also likely to have a desire to explore philosophy or science, because you want to develop intellectually. You're searching for truths which can stand the test of time, either philosophical or scientific truths or both. Once you've satisfied yourself that you've discovered some truths, then you're likely to want to give others the benefit of your knowledge. Therefore you can be both the student and the teacher during your lifetime. It's possible that religion plays an important role in your life, whether it be orthodox or liberal religious ideals of your own or in your family background. Depending on other sections of your chart, you've a well-balanced approach to religion, and are tolerant of other people's beliefs. You're likely to benefit and succeed through your connections with foreign people or organisations and travelling abroad. You're a self-reliant, independent person who is also likely to move to a foreign country either for a short period of time or to take up permanent residence at some stage in your life.

The Sun is in Aries

Your Sun is in the Zodiac Sign of Aries indicating that you're an assertive and freedom-loving individual, with a strong need for independence. Others may call you headstrong, but you simply believe that everyone has a right to assert themselves in any situation. Life presents many challenges which you enjoy meeting head-on regardless of the obstacles along the way. In fact you've some difficulty understanding other people who may lack your courage. Rather than becoming impatient, you could find yourself paving the way for others who lack your initiative. You're a natural-born leader. The qualities which propel you into leadership roles can also be a hindrance to long-term success unless you take time to harness the energy positively. For instance the initiative and love of challenge which sees your meteoric rise to the top can result in burnout if you fail to slow down. "Less haste more speed" could be a helpful motto. You will also lose friends and support along the way if you don't curb your impatience with others who fail to keep up the pace. You would be wise to remember the story of the hare and tortoise as you race along through life. The ability to focus on one's own goals to the exclusion of others is a healthy trait, but like all things a balance is needed, and you must make sure that you take the time to include others' points of views and modus operandi. On the whole though you handle yourself with aplomb as, astrologically speaking, the Sun is exalted in Aries emphasising the strengths rather than the weaknesses. Therefore you're likely to succeed in areas of your life that require initiative, independence and quick action.

The Sun is Conjunct Mercury

The combination of the Sun and the planet Mercury in your chart can vary depending on other influences in your chart. The planet Mercury is considered by astrologers to represent the trickster. Ancient astrologers also measured the beneficial or damaging influences of Mercury in terms of how close this planet was to the Sun's beams. The closer the planet to the Sun the more detrimental. Positively this combination can mean that you're likely to succeed in life through your quick wit and business acumen. You're studious, learning new subjects with ease, and are particularly adept in the scientific and mathematical fields. On the other hand you can be too fond of seeking stimulation, with the cost of failing to complete a task. You're the proverbial "Jack or Jill of all trades, master/mistress of none".

The Sun is Conjunct Venus

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

The Sun is Quincunx Pluto

The road to achieving your life goals is going to be tough because the Sun is making a difficult aspect to the planet Pluto in your birth chart. On a positive note you're a powerful and ambitious person, who enjoys rising to a challenge. You enjoy tackling difficult tasks, particularly the projects which other people have put in the too-hard basket. You're likely to succeed where others have failed, but the path will be strewn with obstacles. It could be circumstances which stand in your way. Perhaps your childhood was difficult, failing to provide you with the support needed for a successful adult life. It's

possible that a dominant father figure blocked your success, perhaps even abusing himself or you in the process. As a result you're likely to experience strong emotions, possibly anger, when you reflect on your experiences. You can be explosive and unpredictable and have trouble controlling your emotions, feeling that the world is opposing your deepest wishes. Your challenge is to be powerful in the most positive sense of the word. This way you achieve your life goals without causing too much damage on the way!

Jupiter

The planet Jupiter also tells you about your goals in life, in particular the areas in which you are likely to succeed. Jupiter is the planet of expansion, abundance and wisdom. Ancient astrologers believed that the planet Jupiter had a greatly beneficial effect on a person's life.

Jupiter is in the 10th House

Jupiter is also in the 10th House of your chart signifying that you're a high achiever, with a tendency to land on your feet no matter what difficulties are strewn on your path. This is particularly true of your career, in which you strive to set goals and achieve them. You're likely to succeed with a little help from those in high places. Perhaps your parents have also helped to give you a good start in life. You're the type of person who is able to climb the ladder of success all the way to the top executive position. You may also have the ability to influence a large number of people through your work. Your job may also be connected with education, religion, philosophy, law, publishing, public relations or sports. Whatever your choice of career, you're likely to benefit from promotions and opportunities to travel. You have high moral standards and benefit from a good marriage. Ancient astrologers believe that the planet Jupiter has a beneficial effect in a person's birth chart. They also believe that it's most powerfully favourable in the angular 10th House. This means that you're likely to be successful in achieving your goals.

Jupiter is in Taurus

You've the planet Jupiter in the Zodiac Sign of Taurus in your birth chart indicating that "success comes to those who wait" could be a good motto for you. This is because you like to take your time and build up your resources slowly and surely. You're a dignified person who realises the value of planning ahead and working towards a goal. Persistence pays off and material wealth is often the result. You're a peaceful person, more likely to be seeking security through expanding your financial resources and property rather than travelling around the world. It's not that you don't like to travel, but simply that you're a little stuck in your ways and prefer to travel for a purpose. Adventure and fun can just as readily be found on the home front as far as you're concerned. It would also be fair to say that you're somewhat attached to a comfortable life, which you easily build for yourself. Reserved by nature you prefer to travel along known pathways rather than venture into new and exciting areas. At times you can also be a little over-indulgent, but then you can usually afford to be. You're also like to have fixed religious ideas, whether they be traditional or unorthodox. It's not that you're narrow-minded, but rather than you adhere to a set of beliefs which can be your guide through life. You're interested in practical spirituality. In other words you believe that it's important to incorporate your religious or spiritual ideals into everyday life. "Actions speak louder than words" may be an appropriate adage for your personal beliefs. For this reason you could also become a patron of a group or organisations.

HOME



*Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.*

Hymn, *The King of love my Shepherd is* 1868.

The Moon

Astrologers from different schools of thought allocate varying meanings to the Moon in a birth chart. Ancient astrologers say that the Moon changes its nature according to its phases, and merely passes on impressions from other planets rather than directly influencing a person's life. However, modern astrologers tell us that the Moon depicts a person's roots, our home and family. They say the Moon also shows our habitual nature or subconscious patterns of behaviour which stand in the way of achieving our life goals. While the Moon can show us our strengths, it can also depict our weaknesses which need to be overcome in order to be successful in life.

The Moon is in the 10th House

The Moon is placed in the 10th House of your birth chart suggesting that you're ambitious and enjoy your job, spending much time in the workplace, working odd hours to make sure that you get ahead in your career. You've a need to be publicly recognised for your achievements, and this need may or may not be satisfied during your lifetime. It's likely that you succeed in your chosen profession at some stage during your life, but whether or not this success is enduring depends on other sections of your birth chart. It's true to say that your professional life undergoes several changes during the course of your life, with rises to fame and popularity, and possible falls from grace. You're also likely to move into a completely different field of work at least once in your lifetime.

You may be prominent in your field, popular with the public. The more that you express your emotional truth in public the more vulnerable you are likely to feel and yet, this will also ultimately earn you other

people's heartfelt respect. Your mother is likely to have played a prominent role in your life. You learn much either by her example, or as a result of her mistakes. You seek to nurture others through your career, parenthood, or a public voluntary role. If your Moon is in an Air Sign (Gemini, Libra or Aquarius) then ideas, communication, writing and teaching may appeal. If your Moon is in a Fire sign (Aries, Leo, or Sagittarius) then independence and enthusiasm is a key feature in your career choice. Water Moons (such as Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces) are likely to struggle somewhat early in life with finding a career path. Nurturing others, being of service or finding an artistic profession all ease this process. If your Moon is in an Earth Sign (such as Taurus, Virgo or Capricorn) then you are likely to build solid career paths based on a need for emotional security. In ancient times the Moon was considered to be in a strong position when placed in the angular 10th House of a chart, meaning that you're in a strong position to achieve your ambitions.

The Moon is in Taurus

With the Moon in the sign of Taurus, the creature comforts of life appeal to you, offering a safe haven in a busy world. At times you may have difficulty rousing yourself to face new challenges, particularly if you're feeling insecure in your life. However, it's only that routine and familiar surroundings feel so safe in an unpredictable world. Fortunately you also enjoy establishing order in your life, and this can rouse you from any temptation to overindulge. In fact you can often be found quietly sorting through files and drawers, weeding the garden bed or some such useful activity. Your down-to-earth nature usually asserts itself when needed. At other times you may be keen to enjoy the more sensual side of life. Indulging the five senses can be comforting. The touch of human skin, the taste of fine food and drink, the finer scents in your daily work, the sight of a beautiful person or scene and the sound of inspirational music all provide you with a sense of wellbeing. You may even have a talent in one or more of these areas.

You also enjoy keeping up with traditions - reliable rituals that have been passed down through the generations giving you a sense of life being reliable and predictable. You also provide this comforting steadfast quality for those around you. The Moon is also linked to the planet Venus indicating that you also enjoy sensuality and beauty. The touch and feel of silk, the scent of fragrant roses and the rich colours of a tapestry are just some of the wonders that appeal to you. Astrologically speaking the Moon is exalted when in Taurus, emphasising that wonderful ability of yours to manifest that things that you want in your life, as well as for your friends and family.

The Moon is Conjunct Jupiter

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

relationships with family members. You may also benefit through shared religious or spiritual beliefs.

The Moon is Trine Pluto

The Moon and the planet Pluto are connected in your birth chart indicating that you're an intense and emotional person, prone to extreme highs and lows. You love drama and intensity, because these give you a sense of being deeply connected to your loved ones, and to the world. It's likely that your family and home life are periodically emotionally volcanic. This can be problematic if other members of your family don't desire the same level of intensity, particularly if they're seeking peace and quiet at home. If this is the case your needs are directly opposed to your loved ones', which may not concern you, but could result in dramatic changes in your personal life. This is also a problem because you've a deep sense of commitment to your personal relationships, and feel betrayed if others don't share this commitment. It's likely that your need for emotional intensity originates from an early childhood experience, probably linked with your mother or another strong woman figure. Your relationship with your mother is likely to be immersed with intense feelings, perhaps even stemming from a life-or-death situation. You may feel positively or negatively about your mother. Either way your feelings are likely to be strong. You're a resourceful person, and can rely on your own resources to solve most problems. You need to find a creative outlet for your intense nature, some thing that will totally absorb your attention. Perhaps you would enjoy property development, or renovating your house. You're a powerful person with leadership skills, and a need for a challenge.

The Moon is Opposite Neptune

The Moon is making a difficult aspect to the planet Neptune in your birth chart indicating that you've a sensitive nature, and are prone to spending long periods of time in solitude in the safety of your home. Sometimes you thoroughly enjoy your own company, but at other times you can feel somewhat despondent and confused, tired and caught in a web of inexplicable emotions. The problem may be that you're unrealistic in your expectations of yourself and your loved ones, idealising them only to be disillusioned when they fail to live up to your expectations. A more realistic approach can be helpful. You're often confused about your direction in life, wondering if you'll ever fulfil your dreams. Your home needs to be your haven from the world because you feel overwhelmed by the harsh realities of the world, and you need to shut away. If this isn't possible then it's likely that you'll be distressed. Depending on other influences in your chart it's possible that you spend long periods living in a fantasy world. Family members may have stories about your daydreaming ways as a child, which continue well into adulthood. It's also possible that your loved ones feel the need to bring you back down to earth, believing that this will help you cope with the world. Nevertheless you have learned to trust your own instincts, telling you of a need to escape somewhere to dream, even if it's only one room. In this case a room with a beautiful view would definitely appeal to your aesthetic nature. It's likely that your relationship with your mother, grandmother, or an important woman, has played a key role in your life, positively or negatively. On the negative side it's possible that this mother figure demanded that you ignore your sensitive nature, turning your back on your artistic and spiritual gifts. On the other hand perhaps she cosseted you as a child and adolescent, fanning your unrealistic view of the world. Another scenario could have been that your mother was unwell, or regularly adopted a victim-like approach to life, which forced you into the role of caretaker at a young age. Whatever the scenario in your childhood, the outcome is likely to be your own struggle to face your responsibilities while still finding time for your spiritual, artistic, or contemplative needs. It's possible that this same woman, or another woman, could have encouraged you to develop the imaginative side of your nature. Perhaps this woman had artistic or spiritual gifts, or encouraged your own talents. Whatever the scenario, it's likely that you've an idealised or distorted picture in your mind of this woman, which affects your adult relationships with your loved ones. Your lesson is to learn to balance your needs for artistry, spiritual

pursuits or moments of quiet contemplation with the practical, and very-real, demands of the mundane. This is when you are most likely to appreciate the soothing nature of your home. Your house may also be a restful haven for your loved ones, because you've a flair for creating a peaceful environment. You've the ability to listen with sensitivity to other people's problems and plans, or to create a beautiful environment with artistic ornaments, soothing music and indoor plants and flowers. Perhaps you also have artistic talents, which can be displayed in your home. You may find a great sense of satisfaction in living close to water, or surrounded by nature.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION



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

Mercury

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

Mercury is in the 9th House

The planet Mercury in the 9th House of your chart signifies that you're keen to explore the realms of knowledge - anything which expands your mind and gives you an idea of the bigger picture of the earth and its activities. In fact why limit yourself to the earth, when there are whole galaxies out there waiting for exploration. You're not really interested in discovering more about life's details, rather you're curious about the bigger picture. "What makes people act the way they do?" "How did ancient civilisations differ from modern ones?" "Is there life on Mars?" and other such questions are likely to be intriguing. You've a natural ability to expand your thinking through study, reading, travel and perhaps writing. You're fascinated by foreign cultures and religions, and are keen to experience the joys of foreign lands first-hand. For this reason you're eager to travel abroad, and perhaps even study in overseas universities or schools. You've a keen and studious mind and are capable of developing your intellectual abilities. It's likely that you spend at least a few years studying at an institution of higher learning. Religious topics may also hold an appeal, although you're likely to be interested in studying more than one way of life rather following a single religious path. Publishing, law and philosophy may also appeal as areas to explore.

Mercury is in Aries

The planet Mercury in the Zodiac Sign of Aries indicates that you're a single-minded individual, and tend to make up your own mind rather than rely on the ideas of others. In fact you're rather quick to jump to

conclusions. Mostly this is a benefit in your education because you've an agile mind and are capable of making sharp decisions on the spot. You're an independent thinker often experiencing flashes of intuition which help you reach your conclusions quickly. Others admire your incisive mind. The only problem is that often you are so far ahead of others in your thoughts that you're easily bored as you wait for them to catch up. You need the stimulation of new intellectual challenges, and the freedom to forge ahead at the forefront of communication discoveries. You can be quite wilful, and need to be mindful of the fact that while others may be slower in their thinking, they can still make a positive contribution.

Mercury is Conjunct Venus

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

RELATIONSHIPS



*Let me not to the marriage of true minds
Admit impediments. Love isn't love
Which alters when it alteration finds.
Shakespeare Sonnet 116.*

Venus

The planet Venus tells about love and relationships. It reveals the type of relationship we value, and what we are seeking from our most intimate relationship, as well as how we like to show our love. It answers questions such as, are we attracted to strong, sensual and intense relationships? Or do we prefer some freedom and independence? This planet also depicts how we like to relate to our environment and other people, not just our primary partner, and how much importance we place on money and resources.

Venus is in the 9th House

When the planet Venus is placed in the 9th House of your birth chart relationships are a source of spiritual and philosophical inspiration. It's important that your primary relationship be with a person who can meet you on the same intellectual level, or be a willing student of yours. Intellectual matters are not a strain, but are a source of great pleasure. Whereas some people are focussed on their daily lives, you prefer to be thinking about matters further afield. Therefore you enjoy activities that stretch your mind and help you escape from the mundane world. You enjoy travelling to other countries, meeting people and experiencing different cultures. Religions also hold an intellectual interest. Your travels abroad are likely to be successful. You're also hospitable and enjoy meeting people from other countries, who are more than happy to return your hospitality at a later date. You seem to spend so much time travelling to and from other countries that your friends are hardly surprised to hear that you're likely to marry a foreigner. In some cases you marry a person with spiritual, scientific, literary or artistic inclinations. These inclinations reflect your own interests. Academic study and lectures also hold a great appeal, again because they are intellectually satisfying. If you enjoy reading, then you're more likely to read a literary work or serious study, rather than a light novel. Depending on other influences in

your chart, you're likely to form a good primary relationship and enjoy good fortune in life. In some cases though you could suffer through disappointment in not achieving your ideals.

Venus is in Aries

With Venus in the Sign of Aries you'll pursue a partner ardently and hastily, preferring to be the initiator of the relationship rather than the recipient of someone else's plan of action. Initially you've great enthusiasm for your loved one, and it's important to keep the spark alight throughout the relationship. For you enjoy a challenge in your relationships, and need to be wary of losing interest after the initial excitement of the chase. You do well with a partner who allows you plenty of freedom, because you value your independence and freedom. If you become involved with someone who likes to be in control and limits your personal freedom your relationship could suffer. On the whole you find it quite easy to detach emotionally from a relationship. It's not that you're heartless or lack commitment. In fact you are quite ardent in your commitment. It's simply that when it comes to relationships you've an independent attitude. This attitude is also reflected in money matters.

MOTIVATION



*Dimidium facti qui coepit habet: sapere aude.
To have begun is half the job: be bold and be sensible.
Horace, Epistles 65- 68BC.*

Mars

Mars is the planet that tells us about our assertion and drive. It tells us what motivates us and what desires drive us most powerfully. Are we ambitious for professional power, or do we desire a meaningful relationship? Do we pursue our desires aggressively? Or do we sit back, lacking the confidence to achieve our ambitions? These are the types of questions answered by the qualities of the planet Mars in our chart.

Mars is in the 2nd House

With Mars placed in the 2nd House of your birth chart you're motivated by money. In fact money plays a major role in your life, either the lack of money or the accumulation of wealth. You have probably experienced both and realise the extent to which you money can make you feel powerful. As a result at least part of your life is likely to be spent working towards the ambition of monetary riches. Any wealth is accumulated as a result of your own hard work. You can be quite aggressive in pursuit of wealth driving a hard bargain with any potential employer. You also know how to barter with shop attendants for a better price, or where to find the best bargain for your money. You need to be wary of becoming too aggressive in your pursuit of material wealth, alienating others along the way. One of your challenges is to learn to rely on your own personal resources, rather than focussing only on material resources. You have a strong set of personal values, which can help keep you on the right track. There is, however, a danger that you can be too aggressive in your insistence that others adhere to your values.

Mars is in Virgo

The planet Mars in the Sign of Virgo indicates that you're a shrewd person and will pursue your personal desires in a practical and methodical manner. You have a strong drive for perfection, and can often be found organising and re-arranging your environment in order that you live life more efficiently. You're

keen to employ schedules and routines to help you run your daily life. It's also true that you find it difficult to cope if your routines are disrupted, and you have little patience for less-organised people. In fact you can be quite critical and judgmental, believing your methods to be the most practical and efficient, superior to other people's efforts. You don't suffer fools gladly and need to be careful to curb the perfectionist side of your nature. In some cases your interest is likely to be sparked by scientific pursuits, in particular medicine, but generally any science or research could be pursued. You prefer to be able to pursue your own interests without interference from other people and can systematically remove anyone who stands in your way. While this may sound harsh, it's true that you possess a vengeful side of your nature if opposed.

Mars is Conjunct Uranus

You're positive, self-confident and enterprising. This is because the planets Mars and Uranus are combining positively in your chart. You're enthusiastic and highly self-motivated, if somewhat impulsive, enjoying adventure and new horizons. You do need to be wary of accidents caused through your own rash actions, particularly as you're courageous and likely to be attracted to risky sports and activities. Your dangerous driving on the road is also likely to cause a few hair-raising moments, both for you and other drivers. You're full of good ideas, and once you've determined on a course of action, then you've plenty of motivation to see it through to successful completion. You're independent and prefer to be given plenty of room to carry through your own ideas in your own way. Fortunately this combination usually indicates that you succeed in your wishes, as well as your projects. It's even possible that you'll rise to prominence during your lifetime because your "do or die" attitude to achieving your goals.

Mars is Conjunct Pluto

A favourable combination of the planets Mars and Pluto indicates that you're resourceful and have a pool of enormous energy available when needed. Your will-power is awesome once you've decided on your objective, and few of your friends or colleagues would stand in your way, recognising the importance you place on achieving your ambitions. You have the ability to work with persistence and determination, brooking no opposition on your path. You work with intensity towards your ambitions, which are plentiful, and achieve a great sense of satisfaction when you have reached your goal. Those who know you well also recognise a volcanic temper when they see one. Whether you're the type to lose your cool often or rarely, you certainly make an impact when you do! On other hand you're a great person to have around in a crisis because not much daunts your indomitable spirit. You're capable of swift and effective actions, and commitment to seeing something through to the end.

Mars is Opposite Saturn

Conflict is likely to be a key feature of your life because of the influence of the planets Saturn and Mars in your chart. When these combine in an unfavourable manner it leads to troubles and discord. You're probably well aware of the difficulties that you face in some areas of your life, finding it difficult to motivate yourself to overcome them. Other people and circumstances seem to stand in the path of your success, which is frustrating. In some cases you could be frustrated by a physical illness, which prevents you working towards your ambitions. It's true that you shouldn't neglect your physical health, because you could be prone to illness and harm through accidents. You may find that resentment and thoughts of revenge are ways in which you motivate yourself into action. Of course you would do well to avoid acting on these feelings, otherwise you could end up in violent disputes or in trouble with the law. This influence in your chart can indicate achieving notoriety, which is very different from achieving success. It's possible that you've difficulty remembering a time when life didn't have its problems. Perhaps you had a tough life as a child either through difficult family circumstances or because of a strict and harsh

parent figure. Of course much of this scenario depends on other influences in your chart. On a more positive note you're confident and ambitious, capable of driving yourself and others to achieve your objectives. You can be motivated by the thought of achievement, and are likely to succeed through hard work and self-discipline. In fact you're determined to succeed in certain areas of your life. Your will power can be indomitable, particularly when you've determined on a course of action.

CAREER AND AMBITIONS



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

Saturn

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

Saturn is in the 8th House

The planet Saturn placed in the 8th House of your birth chart suggests that overnight prosperity through joint ventures, business, or investments is unlikely, but you may reap rewards through perseverance and hard work. Depending on other influences in your chart, you're likely to suffer monetary loss at least once in your life through an investment or marriage. Perhaps your marriage partner is poor, or perhaps you've made an unwise investment or failed in a business venture, or all of these. Through your own hard work, you can gradually recover your losses and build up your resources in conjunction with other people. It's always possible that you choose to avoid joint enterprises and investments in favour of building up your resources on your own thus avoiding any likelihood of obstacles and delays that are linked with relying on other people. Inheritances are also fraught with frustration. Either you miss out on inheritances, particularly through the male side of your family, or there are delays and restrictions. At some stage in life you may decide to do some serious study of metaphysics.

Saturn is in Pisces

The planet Saturn in the Sign of Pisces signifies that you're a compassionate and intuitive worker, although you can be anxious and fearful. At times you're indecisive and fickle in your actions because you're prone to allow external influences to sway your judgement. As a result you often experience delays and frustrations. You also seem to be frustrated in your attempts to achieve practical ambitions.

You're ingenious and inspiring, but lack the ability or the circumstances to achieve your material ambitions. This concerns you more because of other people's expectations rather than because of your own values. Truth be known you would rather pursue a spiritual path or develop your artistic talents than work your way up the corporate ladder. Money and material goods are really only a means to an end, as far as you are concerned. You're more likely to seek security through understanding the psychic and metaphysical side of life. You would also prefer to have the opportunity to withdraw from the responsibilities of daily life rather than face the rigours of other people's expectations. Left to your own devices, or with a wealthy benefactor, you're happiest when meditating or reflecting on the afterworld or starving in the name of art.

Saturn is Opposite Mars

An unfavourable combination of the planets Saturn and Mars can indicate difficulties in your profession, particularly in partnerships or companies. You need to be careful to avoid litigation, which you're likely to lose. Of course this depends largely on other influences in your chart. Nevertheless you need to act with the utmost integrity within your career to ensure success rather than scandal.

Saturn is Opposite Uranus

When you're not rebelling against authority, or anyone who tries to curb your individual rights, then you're able to succeed in achieving your ambitions. However, the combination of the planets Saturn and Uranus indicate that you're likely to sabotage your own success through wilful behaviour. You need to overcome your wayward tendencies, and learn to compromise, otherwise your career suffers. On a positive note you're independent, resourceful and self-motivated, all of which enable you to eventually achieve success in whatever you turn your mind to. You may discover that you've natural abilities in the fields of science, mathematics, business organisation, industry and metaphysics. It's likely that you'll succeed in any career that utilises your gift for blending the old with the new.

Saturn is Opposite Pluto

The combination of the planets Saturn and Pluto in your chart suggests that you're an ambitious, insightful and powerful person, but that you've some difficulty in achieving your ambitions. This could either be that you're overpowering in your attempts to pursue your ambitions, thereby alienating other people. This is particularly true in your relationships with anyone in authority. You don't take kindly to being ordered around by anyone. On the other hand you could also experience moments when you feel overpowered by a hostile world, uncertain of achieving your aims and objectives. The problems are likely to be rooted in your childhood, in which you struggled to find your own individual path. Perhaps one or both of your parents was particularly powerful, even violent during your childhood. It's also possible that your parents, or society's rules, couldn't handle such a powerful young personality. Either way you're likely to make a powerful impact on your friends, family, colleagues and loved ones, both as a child and an adult. At times you might be surprised by the extent of other people's reactions to your presence and opinions. You may even surprise yourself by your own reactions to some circumstances. Authority is likely to be a continuing source of difficulty in your life, as you attempt to find the right balance between your own individual rights, and those of the community. Of course there are many instances when these two rights coincide, but you're more likely to find yourself involved in the clashes. As a result you could be a powerful leader, perhaps in the government or as an executive or politician. You can be a powerful leader, but first you must learn to use your unique insights for positive purposes. The 19th Century author John Stuart Mill said in his work *On Liberty* (1859) that, "Everyone who desires power, desires it most over those who are nearest to him, with whom his life is passed, with whom he has most concerns in common, and in whom any independence of his authority is oftenest likely to

interfere with his individual preferences". Herein lies a key to your chart. You've the ability to succeed in your ambitions, but first you must learn how to deal with the balance of power in your life, respecting both your own and other people's rights to succeed.

The Midheaven

The Midheaven is one of the important angles in a birth chart and is also known by astrologers as the MC or Medium Coeli. This angle tells us of our public life, our profession and social status. In other words how we are viewed by the public, how we want to be viewed by the public and what type of profession we are likely to choose. It's also important to note the house position of the ruling planet of your Midheaven for further information about your career as this can greatly influence the interpretation.

The Midheaven is in Taurus

With a Midheaven in the Sign of Taurus and ruled by the planet Venus, you require routine and stability in your career. Depending on other influences in your chart you're likely to choose a reliable, traditional direction in life either through your marriage or profession, rather than risking an unorthodox path. Taurus is an Earth Sign, indicating your down-to-earth approach to your career and life direction. It can also mean that you're attracted to working with earth, or products from the earth, such as in quarries or gardens. The planet Venus, which rules Taurus, is noted for womanly beauty. Therefore you may be attracted to working in with beauty products or with women. You may enjoy a working environment which is situated in beautiful surroundings. You're comfortable in both leadership and co-operative roles in your profession. Examples of famous people with the same Midheaven include Australian actress and singer Kylie Minogue, American screen idol Marilyn Monroe, Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, and UK Social Democrat Leader Paddy Ashdown.

CREATIVITY AND ORIGINALITY



The artist must be in his work as God is in creation, invisible and all-powerful; one must sense him everywhere but never see him.
Gustav Flaubert, *Correspondence* 1857-64.

Uranus

The planet Uranus represents originality and unconventionality. This can be both the unusual and brilliant genius or the wilful rebel without a cause. This planet tells us the areas in which we break with convention, become innovative and experiment with new and exciting ways. In some circles of astrology Uranus represents the creative genius which comes directly via our soul or higher self.

Uranus is in the 2nd House

The planet Uranus is in the 2nd House of your birth chart suggesting that you'll experience unexpected changes in your personal income during your life. Money is here one moment, and gone the next. The ups and downs of your personal income may not bother you, but there may be times when you're limited in your lifestyle choices by the lack of funds. Fortunately you've plenty of creative money-making ideas, which usually bolster your enthusiasm and keep your mind focussed on future projects, rather than current shortages of cash. It's also possible that you've developed an easy-going attitude towards money, concentrating on other aspects of your life rather than the need to earn a large income. Perhaps you earn your money through an unusual, or unconventional form of employment.

Uranus is in Virgo

The planet Uranus was in the Sign of Virgo from 1962 - 1968. It's important to note that Uranus spends a long time in each Sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Uranus in your chart. Uranus in the Sign of Virgo indicates that you belong to a generation which focuses on the practical details of humanity. Medical research, the balance between work and leisure, the links between mind and body come into focus. Your creativity soars when you're tackling these issues.

Uranus is Conjunct Pluto

The planets Uranus and Pluto both move slowly through the zodiac, and therefore any connection between the two planets affects birth charts for a short period of time. You were born in such a time meaning that you feel the urge to bring about revolutionary change in your life and those of your friends, colleagues and society. You've high ideals and the creative energy to implement changes. You may be curious about metaphysical matters, science and global affairs.

Neptune

Neptune is the planet of creativity and spirituality. It represents both the bliss of spiritual attainment and the heights of creativity. This isn't personal spirituality and creativity which comes at the expense of others, but gifts which can benefit humanity. This planet also represents the confusion that can accompany the road to discovering when we are being selfish, as opposed to when we are generously thinking of how our gifts can benefit others.

Neptune is in the 4th House

The meaning of the planet Neptune placed in the 4th House of your chart varies depending on the other influences in your chart. It usually means that there are plenty of skeletons in the family closet, which family members are keen to see remain behind closed doors. Perhaps other family members are well aware of the skeletons, and it's only you who refuses to face the reality, preferring to build a fantasy picture of your childhood home and family. It's possible that there were several changes of residence in your childhood, or perhaps one major move which affected you deeply. It's also possible that a grandmother had an important influence on your early childhood and family life. There is likely to be a sense of loss associated with your family home, or with your parents. As an adult you may repeatedly attempt to recreate a home that will reflect the ideal held in your mind, or in search of the security which was absent as a child. This can lead to frustration. On the other hand you may be well aware of the peculiarities of your childhood home or family, recalling a sense of loss or disillusion. With this placement you're likely to benefit from the healing effects of living near water, or in wide open spaces. You may also enjoy living in a large apartment block, revelling in the anonymity.

Neptune is in Scorpio

The planet Neptune was in the Sign of Scorpio from 1955 - 1970. It's important to note that Neptune takes about 164 years to make a complete cycle, spending about thirteen years in each Sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Neptune in your chart. Neptune in the Sign of Scorpio indicates that you belong to a generation which has the ability to passionately pursue spiritual values. You face a battle between your material desires and the desire for a spiritual way of life. You know the value of regeneration rather than stagnation, and may play a role in changing the world.

CHALLENGES IN LIFE



The spirit of self-help is the root of all genuine growth in the individual.
Samuel Smiles, *Self-Help* 1859.

Pluto

The planet Pluto challenges us to transform our lives by clearing out our old habits to make way for the new, more rewarding ways of living. The process isn't necessarily an easy one, as most of us cling tenaciously to the comfort offered by habitual patterns, and are rather scared of new paths. Pluto shows us in which areas of our lives we need to grow, and to a certain extent whether we're likely to find the process of growing painful or joyful.

Pluto is in the 2nd House

The planet Pluto is in your 2nd House of your birth chart indicating that possessions and money are a major challenge in your life. There is a constant sense of upheaval in your finances. This could mean that you're constantly struggling to make enough money to cover your expenses. If this is the case you may adapt your attitude towards money, realising that there are more important values in life. It's also possible that your financial situation undergoes a dramatic turnaround at some stage in your life. You could be very wealthy at one stage, and yet suffer poverty at another. Perhaps you believe that someone has betrayed you, and you've suffered financially as a result. Your challenge is to organise your personal finances with the utmost integrity, otherwise you could be subject to financial investigations and loss.

Pluto is in Virgo

The planet Pluto was in the Sign of Virgo from 1957 - 1972. It's important to note that Pluto takes about 248 years to make a complete cycle, spending 12 - 32 years in each Sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Pluto in your chart. Pluto in the Sign of Virgo suggests that you belong to a generation concerned with global health and environment. Your generation possesses the

ability to transform the way the world sees health. Medical research, world-wide diseases, medical discoveries, and the links between mind and body are focuses for this generation.

PURPOSE AND JOY



*He who binds to himself a joy
Doth the winged life destroy
But he who kisses the joy as it flies
Lives in Eternity's sunrise
William Blake, MS Note-book.*

A sense of purpose can help us overcome the most onerous difficulties in our lives, by taking the focus away from our failings and problems, and shining the light on our strengths and talents. By concentrating on our purpose we can distract ourselves from our troubles, and maintain the forward momentum of our lives. A sense of purpose can also lead to feelings of happiness and joy. Ancient astrologers believed that a person could either identify with their human body and human life, or could focus on a spiritual life. A rewarding spiritual life can help ease human pain and suffering, and inject joy into every day life. A sense of purpose can assist the process of transferring our identification from our human selves to the spiritual sides of our nature, and one of the greatest gifts of astrology is to help us determine our purpose.

The North Node

The North Node and South Node form an axis in astrology, which is said to represent one's destiny or spiritual quest in life. This axis is also linked with our purpose. The North Node points to a key lesson in our lives. It represents new experiences towards which we must aim during this life. We have already learnt the skills of its opposite point, the South Node, in the past. Now we must grow and stretch ourselves through the North Node.

The North Node is in the 11th House

Your North Node is in the 11th House and your South Node is in the 5th House of your birth chart indicating a quest to learn to serve humanity. You need to let go of possessive and passionate personal relationships in order to carry out detached service to humanity.

The North Node is in Gemini

Your nodal axis has the North Node in Gemini and the South Node in the Sign of Sagittarius denoting that you're destined to learn to see life from other people's point of view and to become adept in the art of communication. You've a tendency to be restless and scatty. You need to develop focus and the ability to communicate your ideas in a way that helps the many people in your life.

The North Node is Sextile The Sun

The North Node and the Sun are combining in your chart to suggest that you need to overcome any inhibitions which stand in the way of you achieving your purpose. You'll feel most joyful when you're fully expressing yourself. It's possible that events will force you to come to terms with your identity in order that you learn to express your fullest potential.

The North Node is Sextile Venus

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

The South Node is Trine The Sun

The South Node and the Sun are combining in a way that is inhibiting you from expressing your true potential. You're being challenged to fully express yourself with integrity and with respect for other people's rights. Perhaps you've a tendency to overpower other people, and now you need to do find the right blend of asserting your own rights and listening to other people, in order that you achieve your purpose. You would do well to remember the adage, "There's no time like the present", as you may have a tendency to avoid facing problems and obstacles that stand in the path of your success.

The South Node is Trine Mercury

The South Node and the planet Mercury are combining in a way that suggests your communication skills are highly-developed, but you need to avoid your tendency for talk rather than action. You're being challenged to stop scattering your energy in all directions and put your communication skills to good use so that you can achieve your purpose.

The South Node is Trine Venus

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

The Ascendant

Your Ascendant, also called Rising Sign, is the sign that was rising over the Eastern horizon at your birth. It is calculated based on the specific time and place you were born. A different sign rises over the horizon approximately every two hours, with a rotation of all twelve of the zodiac signs over the course of 24 hours. Knowing your exact birth time is therefore important in astrology.

Because the Ascendant sign is specific to the time and place of the individual birth, it represents the

environment and conditioning a person may be influenced by during their childhood. It is considered as important and significant as the Sun and Moon signs, because all other aspects in the chart are calibrated through it. You can think of it as a “filter” or a “tint.” If your Sun sign made you blue, your rising sign determines whether you’re a powder blue, a bright cornflower or a dark navy.

In astrology, your Ascendant colours the first impression that you make—everything from your appearance to your attitude and demeanour. Are you warm and welcoming, or reserved and a little awkward? Do you prefer bold colors and bling, or are you most comfortable in an Armani suit? The Ascendant goes as far as influencing physical characteristics sometimes. The sign becomes expressed in your image, style and mannerisms. It is also expressed in how you act. All of these factors can be easily pinpointed by the rising sign in your chart.

As the first personality traits you exhibit, the Ascendant is like your autopilot - it responds to your environment, and is the mask you wear in public. It is how you react to new people and situation. The Ascendant is in charge of our relations with the outside world, and it puts its own spin on those 'foreign relations'. Ancient astrologers believed that the Ascendant depicted our primary motivation as individuals. Some believed that it was one of the links to discovering what makes a person happy.

The Ascendant is in Leo

The Sign of Leo is considered to be "masculine" by Ancient astrologers suggesting that you're more likely to actively seek your purpose in life, taking the initiative rather than waiting until circumstances are comfortable. Leo is also a Fixed Sign denoting fixity of purpose, resolution, self-reliance and independence.

You're sincere, generous and ambitious, enjoying a sense of autonomy in all that you do. You're adept at organising your own life, and enjoy the independence. Generally speaking you're assured of your own purpose, and your life is full and eventful. However, there are times when your passion and haste lead to downfalls, and you also have to be wary of the dictum "pride before a fall". Fortunately you're usually back on track quickly thanks to your vital and sunny nature. Other people may be buffeted by the vagaries of fate, but your lessons are connected with will power. In the balance of fate versus free will your purpose is to learn to use your strength of character and strong will power in a positive and powerful manner, rather than simply rebelling against society.

The Sign of Leo is linked with conviction of spiritual purpose. While it may seem second nature to you, your strength lies in your sure knowledge of your own and other people's purpose. Others may not share your conviction, and this can be your gift to them. You need to be both single-minded in your spiritual purpose and inclusive of other people. Compassion should be your rule of thumb. Your purpose is connected to gaining and sharing a knowledge of both the personal self, and the higher self or soul.

CONCLUSION

This report is meant more of an introduction to the wonders of astrology rather than a complete course in its intricacies. Further studies, or a consultation with a professional astrologer, are encouraged to explore this most ancient scientific and philosophic tool.

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