

Natal Report for

**Suzie Smith**

according to the Sidereal Zodiac at

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This Natal Report has been personally prepared for you according to the ancient Sidereal zodiac. The Sidereal zodiac is based on the lunar month and takes account of the disordered path of the celestial bodies across the night sky over time (the orbits of planets around the Sun are less standardised or orderly, and more oval, than diagrams might suggest). Although the variations across time are small when compared with the more modern standardised zodiac, some regard the Sidereal zodiac as that which more closely reflects the actual placement of planets and stars when matched to a given time in the calendar. Many Eastern cultures still use the Sidereal zodiac.

The Sidereal zodiac of the ancient Persians, Egyptians, and others was standardised by the Greeks and, while their Tropical zodiac system has worked perfectly well for millennia, it does not take account of movements across the night sky that are accounted for with the Sidereal zodiac. The Tropical zodiac is considered standard by most astrologers and, no doubt, will be the zodiac and astrology reading familiar to you. Any differences in the two readings are particularly highlighted in the positions of the Sun, Moon and Ascendant at the time of birth.

However, since first exploring and comparing the two systems, I have been in wonder of what I could learn. Reading my Birth Chart using the Sidereal zodiac has proved helpful and insightful for me. I had revisited the study of Astrology a number of times since first being hooked in the 1960s, but there remained many traits and tendencies in my signs that did not always resonate with me. And then synchronicity, and my intuitive 'knowing' that there was more for me to learn, took over and I 'happened upon' the Sidereal zodiac ... and I was hooked! It has become a passion that I am happy and honoured to share with you in this reading.

We are blessed at birth with powerful Universal influences and inherent traits that can support us embracing a life well-lived. I believe that appreciating the night sky under which we are born, appreciating the wholeness and wonder of the Universal system in which we live, can help us understand ourselves and help us accept and embrace all that we are and encourage us to shine brightly.

This reading is best viewed as a holistic 'blueprint' for life. For me, the more familiar Tropical zodiac reading can be viewed as that of the personality, fully and freely allowed to develop as it chooses in response to life experience, while remaining constantly and quietly nurtured and nestled in the Soul. The Sidereal Natal Report can bridge the personality and Soul, helping us to accept and embrace all that we are. The Sidereal zodiac reading can touch us, connect with us, deep within ... and sometimes awakens a knowing and understanding that could not previously be heard or understood.

Those who are curious, and willing to consider all that supports them within the Universal system, will be encouraged to be more compassionate and understanding with themselves, and so others, as they dare to embrace change. Great inner strength and peace comes when we choose to accept and understand that those things that challenge us are those that most support us. Overcoming challenges facilitates and supports change, growth, wonder, and joy for life ... and once the purpose of the challenge is fulfilled, it is no longer of value and naturally falls away.

The potentialities, possibilities, healing, and inspiration, that can open and flow for us when we learn to appreciate the harmony of the planets and stars at our birth, cannot be underestimated. If you can grasp even a hint of the notion that it was your Soul-centred intention to come forth into physical at that time, then the wonder of it all can begin to feel less challenging and truly supportive of a life well lived.

All who choose to receive and view their Natal Report as a holistic guide for life will benefit from conscious awareness of the powerful Universal conditions under which they came forth ... conditions we each chose to support a quest for a life well lived.

I wish you well. All is well.

*Kerry Selman*

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# Ophiuchus

For those born in November and December, there is a thirteenth sign, the constellation Ophiuchus (Oh-fee-a-cus), which is also interesting to consider. Ophiuchus is actually two constellations (Ophiuchus and Serpens) and can be taken into account when we overlay dates based on the actual position of the Sun. Ophiuchus has been variously ignored over time by many astrologers. However, as the Sun at the time of your birth falls between xx November and xx December, Ophiuchus influences will also be taken into account when reviewing and interpreting the Universal influences of the Sun at the time of your birth.

## Retrograde Planets

You might notice retrograde planets (♁) in your chart, and so I include here a note about Retrogrades. When a planet is retrograde, its energies are turned inward and become more subjective. The planet's energy is slower manifesting in the external world. Many with Retrogrades become leaders in their field, achieving full potential after rising to overcome challenges or limitations inherent in retrograde planets.

Retrograde planets play into karma and Soul-centred memory: karma that feels individual; and karma of the collective. Individual karma can be conscious or unconscious. Entrenched feelings, beliefs, attitudes, or habits can seem 'as old as time' as one attempts to resolve issues that present *now*. Something is happening *now* and we are feeling a particular way *now*, but somehow it feels like unfinished business or simply 'old', with no definitive 'start date' or identifiable initial trauma or cause ... it's just feels like 'it's the way we are'. Retrogrades operate concurrently across time.

The Retrograde can be seen as holding us in a more physically-focused and negative ego-self state, with decisions being more influenced by survival mode and fear-based choices, the fight or flight choices. This impact is stronger when Retrogrades appear in the inner, more 'personal', planets: Mercury, Venus and Mars. When these planets are retrograde, they can stir up personal issues that feel like a recurring theme or recurring struggles. The constant or recurring struggles of life can limit

our ability to adapt and fulfil our growth potential or Soul purpose.

However, it can be helpful and comforting to know that our Spirit, our true essence, operates outside of the Law of Karma, and so all perceived difficulties can be resolved. *We are not our karma!* Once we embrace self-responsibility and resolve to evolve, much emotional, mental, and spiritual growth is facilitated by our decision to overcome any of the challenges associated with retrograde planets.

*We are here to thrive, not merely survive ... and Retrogrades help us to be all that we choose to be ... the choice is ours and it can be magnificent!*

You will find your Sidereal Birth Chart at the end of this report. However, here are the positions of the planets and other Universal influences at the time of your birth according to the Sidereal Zodiac—

Ascendant	17° Aries
Sun ☉	12° Scorpio
Moon ☾	22° Leo
Mercury ♀	22° Libra
Venus ♀	27° Libra
Mars ♂	23° Virgo
Jupiter ♃	29° Taurus
Saturn ♄	10° Libra
Uranus ♅	28° Gemini
Neptune ♆	1° Libra
Pluto ♇	0° 55' Leo
Chiron ⚵	6° Sagittarius
North Node ♁	2° Capricorn
South Node ♎	2° Cancer
Pars Fortuna ☒	10 <sup>th</sup> House - 28° Capricorn

Personal Creeds of your Ascendant,  
Sun, and Moon Signs  
***I am — I create — I heal — I will***

# Chapter 1

## How You Approach Life

**Ascendant**—*at the time of your birth, the Ascendant is Aries.*

*You are here to find the courage to be however you choose to be, and then be in integrity, authentic, and the full expression of all that you are.*

*Personal creed and colour of Aries Ascendant: Creed—I am; Colour—Red.*

The Ascendant is the sign that was rising through the cusp of the 1<sup>st</sup> House of your chart at the time of your birth. It indicates those traits that you will often most easily recognise in yourself, how you approach life, and how life approaches you.

Generally, Aries Ascendant appears with the can-do attitude, bubbling with energy and eager to get going. They like to be first, to be the leader.

You meet life head on and throw yourself into new experiences with zest and enthusiasm. You are direct, straightforward, assertive, and tend to be authentic in all of your dealings. Candid and incapable of guile, insincerity or phoniness, you project confidence and inner strength. However, tact or sensitivity to the needs of others who are not so self-assured can sometimes be unintentionally and unknowingly lost in your quest to complete your goal or quest. You are self-reliant and do not depend upon social approval and reinforcement as much as other people do. You like to be original and do not mind going it alone. You may feel that you do not fit into groups very well, and that you do not naturally blend in with others very easily. You innately like to be either a leader or a loner ... and you are quite comfortable with your own company.

You are a doer and thrive on freedom, challenge, and activity. You tend to think in clear, black and white terms ... indeed, you seek clarity and value your sense of clear direction. Where some may challenge a view as simplistic, you will value its innate simplicity, which in turn enables you to act in a decisive and self-assured manner. When inspired with an idea, you feel such a sense of urgency, passion, and

excitement about it that you will often charge ahead and try to implement it in a rather bold way. Patience, or sometimes careful attention to detail, is not your forte. However, you never accept defeat and will have brilliant and unprecedented successes and discoveries, as well as painful failures. To you, it is far better to make mistakes than it is to play it safe and never try.

You are saddened by those who are weakened or made passive by fear, and the human tendency to imitate and follow. You are not a follower. Others see you as a strong individual, and often fearless, too. You present a strong front to the world, honour commitments to those you choose to support or guide ... and while you might openly share your own past experiences when they will serve to uplift or teach others, you do not generally allow others to see your vulnerabilities and insecurities.

No doubt, you have traditionally regarded your Ascendant as Taurus. Perhaps this reading harmonises contradictions between stillness and action you have long felt within. The innate love of beauty, abundance, and comfort of the perceptive and receptive Yin Earth sign, Taurus, is supported and influenced by the 'let's go' stimulation of the intuitive and giving Yang Fire sign, Aries. The innate sensual nature and earthy groundedness of Taurus is powerfully inspired to create and move, and its innate stubbornness is transformed into focussed action, by the fiery Aries.

# Chapter 2

## The Inner You, Your Inner Strength and Your Inner Motivation

**Sun**—at the time of your birth the Sun is in Scorpio. The Sun is also in Ophiuchus and the powerful influences of Ophiuchus are also taken into account. You are stronger than you know—when you reconnect with You and understand how you recharge and re-energise from the deep inner wellspring and not from others, then you will know how you shine and facilitate for others. Simply being you, you will shine brightly.

*Personal creed and colour of Scorpio: Creed—I create; Colour—Deep Red  
Ophiuchus: creed—I heal; Colour—Violet Purple*

Our Sun indicates our sense of self and identity, personality, vitality, and the Life Force influencing how we will journey through life; it is the energetic catalyst for our natural behaviours, creativity, where we naturally shine, and for the ego. The Sun highlights and illuminates the gifts and traits that support us fulfilling our potential.

Scorpio is the sign of extremes and planets in this sign are intensified; it is adaptable and highly adept at new beginnings and transitions from the old to the new. Generally, those with Sun in Scorpio are the visionaries and intuitives who can offer powerful insights into the different energies at play ... both in physical personalities and Universally. They are the mystics and soothsayers of the zodiac, intense, and curious to explore the inner world and the spiritual. However, memories of betrayal are rarely forgiven or let go, and this is an aspect that can struggle with forgiveness and moving forward—Scorpio's deep emotional ocean stores memories in the heart. Memories, loving and painful, are heartfelt—they are not simple mental thoughts easily forgotten. Scorpio is well-known for its scorpion symbol, but it is also the only sign allocated three symbols by the ancients: the scorpion with the

sting in its tail; the mighty eagle that can see from the broadest perspective; and the golden-red phoenix rising again from the flames and ashes of its own pyre. Three powerful symbols.

Quiet, deep, emotionally complex and intensely private, you are not a person who is easy to get to know and understand. You are extremely sensitive but disinclined to show it, and you allow only a special few into your inner world. You are cautious or wary of those you do not know until you feel safe or feel you can trust them—this can be instinctive or be consciously tracked back to some life experience or moment. Either way, you are very, very instinctive and intuitive. You usually have a strong, immediate gut reaction to people, even though you may be unable to clearly articulate why you feel as you do. Your feelings and perceptions go deeper than words.

You also have a powerful need for deep emotional involvement and you form very intense love bonds and attachments. When you commit yourself to someone or something, you are wholeheartedly devoted and expect complete loyalty in return. You merge with the person you love at a very deep level and therefore separations are extremely painful for you. When you have been wounded, you are not inclined to turn the other cheek, and can even take revenge but only if the opportunity presents. Certainly, you rarely forget an injury and you can harbour grievances and resentments for a long time. Forgiveness will not always come easily to you ... that is, until you begin to mature and evolve.

Whatever you do, you do with passion and fervour ... and you are either hot or cold, rarely lukewarm. Either you are totally involved in something, or it simply does not exist for you, or impact you mentally and emotionally, at all. You are also immensely strong-willed, tenacious, and focused on projects that you commit to. Fierce pride, courage, and emotional strength are yours in abundance.

You love mysteries and are deeply attracted to the hidden or mystical side of life—that which is beyond the physical and analytical. You do not take things at face value and tend to probe beneath the surface of people and situations to discover what is *really* going on. Your intuition supports your curiosity.

You are also naturally empathetic. You tend to see all things in terms of balanced and unbalanced and focus on wellness in others and yourself. You have the potential to be a great healer of Body Mind and Spirit, (or Soul Mind and Spirit in traditional

Celtic terms) and tap into a wealth of knowledge by listening to that which is within. You learn to listen well—which may seem like a great feat for one who is also a great talker, but you carry the potential to be able to be present, to listen deeply to others and often hear what their words do not say. Your communication skills are innate, and others actually respond to the way in which you share information as you are able to bring light into their personal darkness, or enlighten them as you convey information. You will most naturally be drawn to natural healing, body and energy work.

No doubt, you have traditionally regarded your Sun as Sagittarius. Perhaps this reading harmonises contradictions between innate passive and active traits, the ability of presence and the desire to roam, the sensitive and insensitive, reflection and action, you have long felt within. The optimistic, confident, curious, teacher and traveller that is the intuitive and giving Yang Fire sign, Sagittarius, is supported and complimented by a sense of spiritual exploration, inner focus, and fearless curiosity and passion of the intuitive sensitive and receptive Yin Water sign, Scorpio. Both signs are curious to explore spiritual connection, however the freedom-loving and sometimes tactless adventurer is very different under the influence of the intense sensitive and mystic.

The Sun is in the 7<sup>th</sup> House of your Chart, known as the Descendant as it is located opposite the Ascendant and indicates where the Sun sets at the time of birth. This position relates to relationships and you invest a tremendous amount of your creative energy into your relationships with others, particularly your marriage or other close partnerships. You can excel working with people on a one-to-one basis to bring about mutual understanding, appreciation, harmony, and satisfaction. Counselling and negotiating are natural talents if you choose to use them.

# Chapter 3

## The Emotional You: Moods, Feelings, Romance

**Moon**—at the time of your birth the Moon is in Leo—emotionally you thrive when you feel both respected and loved.

*Personal creed and colour of Leo: Creed—I will; Colours—Gold/Scarlet Red.*

Our Moon is the planet of emotions, feelings, personality, moods, intuition, inner belief and personal needs, and how we feel about ourselves and that which we are intuitively drawn to. When we look outside of ourselves, when we view the inherent cycles of life from broader perspective, we are surrounded by clues that can support a life well-lived. The themes and passages of all are indeed Universal. As we look into the sky and see the Moon reflecting the Sun's light, we are reminded that the Sun's vitality and power is consistently and constantly supported by the Moon's quiet reflection. The Sun relates to action; the Moon, to re-action.

The Sun is a dynamic energy-generator holding us in orbit. The Moon is the constant energy-balancer orbiting us, reflecting the Sun's vitality, nurturing, nourishing, and protecting us. It constantly draws the waters of purification of our inner and outer environment, and wraps us in its harmonious orbit. The Moon's position reflects our entrenched feelings, attitudes and behaviour, our subconscious mood tendencies, our imagination, and our protective, nourishing and nurturing instincts—it represents how we respond, intuitively and emotionally, to external situations.

Many find it reassuring to view the inevitable ups and downs of life through the Moon phases or cycles, or at least liken the ups and downs to the passage of the Moon through her phases. The New Moon progressively waxes to become the Full Moon, a reminder that we are ever becoming all that we have chosen to be—we shine brightly as we hold our new space of reflection. Then the radiance reflected by the Full Moon wanes, hiding its light behind the shadow of the Earth, and we are mindful

of our own shadows that we are to forgive and embrace as an integral part of all that we have become ... and from this new place we are again revitalised and renewed to begin again, strengthened to become all that we are ever becoming, and again shine bright as we reflect all that we have now chosen to be.

Leo is the sign of drama, flair, self-expression, ambition, power, loyalty, creativity, and the sign of the loving and powerful protector who is intuitive and instinctive. Generally, the Moon in Leo express their emotions with more than a touch of dramatic flair. The home is their stage, so life is never dull ... and equally they will lovingly and powerfully protect all that falls within their boundary. Women with this placement are particularly breathtaking. Leo emotional tendencies will be elevated when there is a New Moon and Full Moon—the New Moon tends to heighten external emotional displays and motivation; Full Moon tends to heighten the more inward and personal emotions.

Your Leo Moon means you are naturally warm, loving and generous in your affections, and you can inspire tremendous devotion and loyalty. You have a noble quality, and it is difficult for anyone to resist the warmth and attention you lavish on those you care about. You are a natural leader and genuinely care for those you lead, and often feel protective towards those you care about.

You have a great deal of pride and need to be recognised and appreciated, and when you express your emotions it can be fully and emotionally - and you hurt if you feel unappreciated, ignored, disrespected, dismissed or disbelieved. You are genuine, sincere, and have a strong sense of personal integrity ... and you are not interested in emotional games and dishonesty. You are authentic and emotionally thrive when you can express all that you are ... life is never dull or boring with a Leo Moon.

No doubt, you have traditionally regarded your Moon as Virgo. Perhaps this reading harmonises contradictions between the innate perfectionist and the more flamboyant creative you have long felt within. The hardworking, perfection-seeking, perceptive and receptive Yin Earth sign, Virgo, is supported and influenced by the innate vivacious flair and nurturing champion of the intuitive and giving Yang Fire sign, Leo. This can be a potent combination for success and recognition as the powerful creative fire of Leo is complimented by an eye for detail and perfection.

The Moon is in the 4<sup>th</sup> House, the House of family, home, and heredity; it is the House that relates to our sense of belonging, the private us, and about our background, roots of being in physical, our foundation, childhood conditioning and values, and the father or stronger parent figure ... it represents that which is dominant and the mother energy can indeed be a subtler but a stronger influence. You have strong attachments to your past, your heritage, and family traditions, and you may have difficulty stepping out of the roles you learned as a child, and habitual beliefs, thoughts and reactions that became entrenched as a child. Your tie to your mother is very strong, and you might also seek nurture and protection from significant others in your life.

**Venus**—at the time of your birth Venus is in Libra—you thrive when your feelings and emotions are balanced with your sense of idealism and fairness.

Venus is the planet of emotional wants and needs, romance, love, family, relationships, indulgence, beauty, and creative pursuits such as writing, music and art. It is the planet of harmony, refinement, co-operation and Unity, and influences our emotional centre and loving nature. Venus influences personal appearance, personality, social skills, love and desires. The sign in which Venus falls can highlight or help you understand the way you tend to seek pleasure, joy, and romance.

Libra is the sign of balance in judgment, open-minded, fairness-focused, idealistic, beauty, art, charm, and finding comfort and security in the immediate social group—it is a reactive sign and planets found in Libra will display a tendency to react, respond, or be highly sensitive to others and situations. Generally, those with Venus in Libra value appearances and try to make a good impression through grooming, clothes, and manners. They value relationships as an expression of the world they are creating around themselves, and it can be helpful to be mindful that they can place too much importance on this aspect of their life.

You possess the gifts of tact, courtesy, consideration, and co-operation, and a strong desire to please and understand your love partner and significant others—you value harmony and will compromise a great deal to avoid discord or conflict.

You do not like to dwell on controversy, and often try to smooth things over—but you are not compliant, weak, or one who simply 'caves in' to keep the peace, and any feeling that you have done so, for example by not speaking how you feel for fear of distressing others, will only serve to upset your own inner sense of balance. This does not serve you well. You will seek a co-operative, calm, and happy union and partnership ... one that values mutual respect.

In love, you desire a deep union with your beloved and form very strong emotional bonds and attachments—you want an intellectual peer, an equal, and a friend. You 'marry' the person you love at a very deep emotional level, and will fight to protect that union. You are attracted to people who have an aura of mystery about them, those who have a certain finesse and subtlety about them. You appreciate good manners and refinement and are not happy with a coarse, blunt style of person.

Venus is in the 7<sup>th</sup> House, the Descendant, together with the Sun. This is the House of our relationships, all manner of relationships, including between self and Higher Self. Venus in the 7<sup>th</sup> House indicates you are a very personable, affectionate, loving friend—you will have many people who love and cherish you as you go through life. However, you prefer one special person in your life to share your love with—being an equal half of a close and loving couple is important to you. Venus in this position further strengthens the Universal influences described previously: you are a peacemaker, adaptable, balancing, and harmonising—you are no doormat but you choose your battles wisely and are prepared to make concessions for the sake of the relationship. In answer to that old question of whether you prefer to be happy or to be right, you would choose happiness. Your charm and agreeableness make you very popular.

The angle of Venus to Pluto at the time of your birth is of note as it is one that indicates obstacles and challenges in specific areas ... and please remember that all can be overcome through our attention and intention to do so, lovingly and willingly, fully and freely ... and there is great benefit for all in our choosing to overcome. This square aspect of Venus to Pluto can present as an intense need for love or to feel loved, or a tendency to be emotionally needy or greedy. Bringing your loving attention to it, and choosing the intention to no longer look to others to fill you, approve of you, satisfy you emotionally, and make you feel better or of value or

worth, will facilitate the dissolution of this default position and tendency. It will naturally fall away, no longer of service to you, as balance is restored. Positively, you can be highly creative and bring about beneficial and healing changes in the lives of others, motivated by your deeply felt love, and deep sense of loving kindness and compassion.

The highly favourable angle of Venus to Uranus at the time of your birth is also of note as these complementary energies facilitate ease, harmony and benefit in life. This trine aspect of Venus to Uranus will powerfully support your free expression of love with others ... and the relationship founded on mutual respect in which both you and your partner have a good deal of freedom and independence to each be all that you choose to be.

## Chapter 4

# The Mental You: What stimulates you mentally and how you respond

**Mercury**—at the time of your birth Mercury is in Libra—mentally you thrive when you feel balanced ... balanced mentally and emotionally and spiritually, and allow balanced flow between the intuitive and the analytical.

Mercury is the planet of communication and the intellect. Mercury was the 'Messenger of the Gods' and the planet represents our mental thought processes, our mental brain, that which links Spirit and physical form. Mercury influences our communication and conscious intellect. If you are at peace with Mercury, you are at peace with the communication within—a very powerful position of understanding. When we understand ourselves, then we are able to take responsibility for our destiny. The sign in which Mercury falls can highlight or help you understand the way you tend to communicate and whether you enjoy verbal communication, and how you reason, and mentally process memory and your external environment.

Libra is the sign of balance in judgment, open-minded, fairness-focussed, idealistic, beauty, art, charm, and finding comfort and security in the immediate social group—it is a reactive sign and planets found in Libra will display a tendency to react, respond, or be highly sensitive to others and situations. Generally, Mercury in Libra is an active mind that sees both sides of everything, and is very good at strategizing and reconciling opposing forces. They can diffuse an argument by seeming to agree and disagree all at once. However, this can also be an indecisive placement and they tend to think better and find clarity when there is another to bounce ideas off.

You have good mental concentration and the ability to become completely immersed in your work. One of your greatest assets is your instinctive ability to see both sides of an issue, and to negotiate and bring about compromise and reconciliation. Tactful, reasonable, and with considerable social finesse, you work well with people in business as well as in personal relationships.

Intellectually, you are objective and somewhat detached from emotional bias, and make an excellent consultant, mediator, or public relations person. You insist upon fairness and seek to bring harmony or at least peaceful coexistence between people, and your diplomacy is a benefit in any business or social situation. You also have fine aesthetic sensitivities and an eye for balance and beauty, and so there is a natural ability to combine the sensitive, or intuitive, with the analytical.

Mercury is in the 7<sup>th</sup> House, together with the Sun and Venus. This is the House of all manner of relationships with others. Referred to as the Descendant, it is located opposite the Ascendant, on the right-hand side of chart, indicating where the Sun sets at time of birth. You enjoy verbal exchanges, interviews, discussions, counselling, negotiating, getting and giving feedback, and sharing information. You are drawn to intelligent and verbal people—with whom you can communicate and from whom you can learn. You love to have an audience to hear your ideas, and you also equally appreciate eloquent presentations by others.

The angle of Mercury to Venus at the time of your birth is of note as it brings forth power and emphasis from the union of planetary influences. This conjunct aspect of Mercury to Venus further supports your innate appreciation of aesthetics—you have a fine sense of form, design, and beauty. You could develop considerable skill as an artist, designer, craftsman, or creative writer. You have the ability to please, and harmonise well with others, and ameliorate relationships between people. Your sense of humour, tact, and personal charm are of great benefit to you when you work with people, one-to-one.

The angle of Mercury to the Moon at the time of your birth is also of note as two planets are working in harmony to bring forth opportunity for you. This favourable sextile aspect of Mercury to the Moon indicates you listen well, sympathetically, and you equally encourage others to express their inner thoughts and feelings. People trust and confide in you, and you are able to read between the lines and to sense what their feelings are, as well as listening to what they are saying—you hear analytically and intuitively. You work well with and understand women, and the emotional, feminine side of life. You are articulate and writing in any form would be satisfying to you, particularly if you are able to satisfy your innate sense of harmony and balance, inner strength and motivational capacity, and healing and compassion. You can teach, heal, and facilitate for others through your words.

# Chapter 5

## Drive and Ambition: How You Achieve Your Goals

**Mars**—*at the time of your birth Mars is in Virgo—you do all that you do to the very best of your ability ... you do well to learn that whatever is your best at any given time is all that is required for you to begin to glimpse all that you are.*

If Venus indicates our heartfelt desires, wants and needs, then Mars directs us there. It is the planet of fight/flight instincts and we do well to understand how we are driven, positively and negatively.

Mars is daring, courageous, bold, forthright, and all about motivation, work, and action—the sign in which it falls indicates how we assert ourselves and take action—we will be encouraged to break free of limitation and restriction and to be all that we can be. Mars is the planet of war, and can equally influence war or struggle with ourselves, and war or struggle with others. The 'red planet' is fiery and energetic, with energy to fire passion and determination and so influences our motivation to take action and directs our drive for success. Mars energy also connects into our instinctive survival instincts of fight or flight, and is a catalyst to inspire motivation and help us achieve our goal. The sign in which Mars falls can highlight or help us understand the way we tend to assert ourselves.

Virgo is the sign of detail, perfection and work—so any planet placed here will express itself through work and service. It is hardworking, diligent, nurturing, devoted, and looks to help others. Generally, Mars in Virgo brings inherent flair and energy for details, precision, and work. This placement is especially valuable for any craftsman or one who enjoys craftwork, and any work of a creative and detailed nature, to which they will so often be drawn.

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. Doing a task well is very important to you, and you may labour over minute details when others simply would not bother. You strive for accuracy, efficiency, and precision ... and you can feel irritation and frustration 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 activities and projects, feeling that your efforts simply will not be good enough. You are naturally modest, and consider yourself realistic in assessing what you can accomplish ... however, you can often underestimate your considerable abilities. As they say, practice makes perfect, and when you do apply yourself to some new area, you do so diligently and gradually gain self-confidence as you master skills and develop expertise.

You have the ability to conserve your energy and pace yourself, so that you do not waste or diffuse your efforts. However, an unwillingness to take risks or venture from the beaten track will often limit your opportunities ... particularly when you are young. In short, you may not aim high enough, and settle for too little in life, not reaching your innate potential.

Feelings of self-imposed limitation and feeling that you have 'settled' in life, and not reached your full potential, definitely do not serve you well. Fear-based self-limitation does not serve you in this life in which you have much to offer and much to enjoy.

Mars is in the 5<sup>th</sup> House, which relates to how we express our creativity and enjoyment, how we approach leisure and the fun side of life. You enjoy competition in all areas of the game of life—you enjoy competing against you, challenging yourself. You take the initiative in expressing your creativity, in projects you are working on, and in the games of life: you are ardent in pursuing anything you desire, and enjoy the game as you chase after that which you desire; you truly enjoy the demands and application of the creative process when you are working on something you feel passionate about. This further emphasises the need for you to release self-imposed limitation associated with the need for perfection. Your interests will reflect those things you are passionate about and you will joyfully and willingly express your creativity through them with drive, focus, and attention to detail.

# Chapter 6

## Influences of the Social or Bridging Planets—bridging the Personal and the Outer Universal Planets

The transition of Jupiter and Saturn, the 'social or bridging' planets, through a sign is a little slower than the personal inner planets (days and months now become a year or more), but their influence is powerful and can be regarded as linking the highly personal with the more spiritual, encouraging us to allow connection between self and the Universal energies of Divine Life Force and Higher Self.

Please remember that when a 'bridging' planet is retrograde, its energies are turned inward and become more subjective. Much spiritual growth is facilitated by overcoming the difficulties involved with retrograde planets. When we focus on and embrace the positive Universal energies we are gifted, the difficulties and limitations will fall away having served their purpose.

***Jupiter***—*at the time of your birth Jupiter is in Taurus.*

Jupiter, the Planet of Wisdom, is expansive, optimistic, and positive. It inspires hopes, dreams, aspirations, expansive ideas and sometimes extravagant behaviour.

Taurus is a sign of stability, determination, perception, kindness, loyalty, reliability, and grounded knowledge that values peace and contentment—planets in Taurus will take longer to get moving, but their forward motion is much more difficult to stop once begun. Generally, Jupiter in Taurus can bring tendencies that are more material than spiritual, and the philosophy of life will tend towards the materialistic, rather than the usual expansive spiritual leanings of Jupiter. However, great benefit can flow from the strengthening balance and integration of the material world with the spiritual as they come to fully appreciate that everything is energy, everything is Spirit.

Material comfort and a sense of wellbeing are important to you. Your strengths are practicality and a love of the Earth—your sense of connection to Spirit always needs to be grounded to the Earth. You enjoy a sense of place, and have a sense of being here for a reason or a season, and you take delight in the sensual pleasures of the natural world and a sense of place—being where you belong, or feel you are meant to be at this time, is important to you. You embrace self-responsibility for meeting your own needs, but when you feel financially secure, you can be extravagantly generous and hospitable with an open expansive heart and practical offerings.

Jupiter is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> House, the House reflecting your attitude and philosophy about the material world and the resources you chose to bring forth to accomplish your Soul mission; money earned, material goods and possessions, and on a deeper level your sense of self-worth (self-wealth), talents, and values. You have great value. Wealth, material well-being, and prosperity in all areas are important to you, and your choice would be a profession that offered you great promise and opportunity for growth, both materially and spiritually. You are also generous, and sometimes careless, with money; you have no desire to hold on to it, you want to enjoy it and use it to enrich your life. Whatever you do with your money, accumulate or spend, you do in a big way. You accumulate quality rather than quantity ... on all levels. Your wealth is a reflection of your self-worth; and you are innately of great value.

The highly favourable angle of Jupiter to Neptune at the time of your birth is of note as these complementary energies facilitate ease, harmony and benefit in life. This trine aspect of Jupiter to Neptune will encourage you to be broad-minded and tolerant, and imbues you with a rich, colourful imagination. You will choose not to struggle with life as many others do. You intuitively know to follow the path of least resistance. You thrive in all areas when you embrace ease and flow in all areas of your life ... materially, physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually.

The favourable angle of Jupiter to Pluto at the time of your birth is also of note as two planets are working in harmony to bring forth opportunity in life. Jupiter's sextile aspect to Pluto means your willingness, even eagerness, to embrace change and to undergo deep, transformative experiences for growth and self-improvement are some of your finest attributes and strengths. You are likely to be an instrument for positive reform in the world. You coordinate well with others when you share a mission or higher purpose.

## **Retrograde Jupiter—**

Jupiter, the Planet of Wisdom, rules the Eternal Self and is a source of enthusiasm and optimism; we are urged to seize life's opportunities. The energy is expansive optimistic, and positive; it inspires and symbolises our hopes, dreams, aspirations, expansive ideas and sometimes extravagant behaviour. Jupiter's energy is nurturing and supportive as it influences our connection to Higher Self and that which is within, our Inner Being and innate knowing. The energy is expansive and is available to us to stimulate wonder and curiosity about our Spiritual body and connection to All That Is. Jupiter is a catalyst for spiritual exploration and supports higher learning and our abstract intuitive mind that connects to Universal Mind of massed consciousness outside of time and space.

When Jupiter is retrograde, as it appears in your chart, it can turn its expansive energy inward, but also offers the opportunity for a highly spiritual life ... if we choose. There is an inherent knowing (conscious or unconscious) that you are a free spirit and there will be an underlying need to seek your own Truth, not just follow in the footsteps of others - the mundane and status quo will be dismissed with disinterest or simply fuel discontentment. Great wisdom, intuition, and a sense of knowing and spiritual insight can evolve in those who attain spiritual maturity. There is often a curiosity to explore the different philosophies and activities on offer to broaden and develop your unique versatility and insights. However, it also brings a tendency to procrastinate and plan, and a lack of confidence in self to proceed—imagine the bull sitting in his paddock, content, considering all there is to consider, feeling inspired by it all, wanting to explore, but not daring to be all he sees he could be for fear of unsettling how things are now.

Please remember, much spiritual growth is facilitated by overcoming the difficulties involved with retrograde planets. When one focuses on and embraces the positive Universal energies we are gifted, the difficulties and limitations will fall away having served their purpose.

## **Saturn**—at the time of your birth Saturn is in Libra.

Saturn is the planet of self-discipline, structure and form ... and also the planet of restriction and limitation (imagine the rings of Saturn restricting expansion), testing and challenge, and its position indicates where we feel hindered, or areas in which we struggle or feel challenged. Great rewards are to be had in overcoming the challenges highlighted by Saturn in a sign, and it is helpful to understand that the disappointments and limitations potentially provide our greatest motivations to evolve. When we learn the lessons inherent in Saturn's energy we realise the goal of perfection. We are inherently perfect, perfect in all of our imperfections, and learning to be the best we can be at any given time, can be life-changing as well as powerfully life-enhancing. Until we willingly accept self-discipline, and lovingly decide to be a 'disciple' or follower of our Higher Self or Inner Being, we experience Saturn as feelings of limitation, restriction, deprivation, disappointment and delay. The energy of Saturn teaches us wisdom and compassion, if we allow it.

Libra is the sign of balance in judgment, open-minded, fairness-focussed, idealistic, beauty, art, charm, and finding comfort and security in the immediate social group—it is a reactive sign and planets found in Libra will display a tendency to react, respond, or be highly sensitive to others and situations. Generally, Saturn in Libra is a placement that can impose restriction and limitation on the innate openness and balance of Libra, which in turn can produce personal sadness and internal emotional struggle. Life is happier and more secure with a partner (personal or business) for Saturn in Libra ... and preferably one who walks with them, supports and compliments them in a non-judgemental and equally open, unrestrictive, and fair way.

Once again, the powerful influences of your Birth Chart bring your attention to the importance of balance and relationships—balance in relationships with others, and you with You, as you balance the voracious appetite of the inner critic and negative ego mind. Externally, you can feel that personal relationships in general require more of you than they are worth, and you enter into any close relationship cautiously and with conscious awareness. You also fear entrapment in close relationships, but can do well to learn to be more open in relationships, knowing that they can be a beautiful indicator of how you are doing with You, your inner Being, your Higher Self that only serves to nurture and guide you to being all that you truly are.

You are reminded that any sense of entrapment that we hold in any situation comes from our own perspective, a perspective that is, in that moment, restricted and holding us in limitation. At your core, you true essence, you know that you thrive when you embrace your innate freedom and allow others to be as they choose; you know that you cannot be truly depleted by another and all limitation comes from entrenched negative beliefs and habits. Dare to be all that you are and simply allow others to do the same, and you will shine inside and out.

Saturn is in the 6<sup>th</sup> House, together with Jupiter—this is the House that indicates how you function on all levels—how you work with others, and how you work internally in your body. Saturn is the last of the personal planets and can be viewed as the loving father who cares enough about your spiritual progress to require that you learn self-discipline (learn to be a 'disciple' or follower of Self, or Higher Self). Saturn is the 'Dweller on the Threshold' to Higher Consciousness and ensures you are ready to 'cross the bridge' and spiritual maturity.

You take both your work and your health seriously—you thrive when you follow your passions and choose work that which interests and inspires you, but you may demand so much of yourself at work that you compromise your health. You can become a workaholic because you never feel like you have done enough. You are overly responsible or overly conscientious at work; *self-responsibility* is basic to self-mastery and a life well-lived, but it is an *inside* job. Embrace *self-responsibility*, not responsibility for the decisions and actions of others and those things over which you have no control—give it your best, apply yourself with attention to detail as you do ... and then let the project go to unfold and evolve as it will. Be responsible for however you choose to be, and take responsibility for coming to know all that you are, all that your Soul knows you to be, an unlimited ever-evolving Being.

# Chapter 7

## Other Influences—Influences of the Outer Planets

The transition of the outer planets through a sign is much slower, with some remaining in the same sign for a generation; the powerful influences of the outer planets can be regarded as the more spiritual. Indeed, their influence increases if we choose to grow spiritually, and as we grow spiritually ... encouraging conscious awareness, or connection and attunement, between self and Higher Self, mind and Universal Mind, and heart to the Transpersonal Heart of All That Is.

Please remember that when an outer planet is retrograde, its energies are turned inward and become more subjective. You now know that much spiritual growth is facilitated by overcoming the difficulties involved with retrograde planets. When we focus on and embrace the positive Universal energies we are gifted, the difficulties and limitations will fall away having served their purpose.

***Uranus***—at the time of your birth Uranus is in Gemini.

Uranus is the planet of creativity, innovation, originality, independence, and self-responsibility to free ourselves from entrenched negative habits and thought patterns that no longer serve us well and embrace our own uniqueness. None of us is special; each of us is unique with individual possibilities and potentialities.

Gemini is a sign of communication and duality (light/dark, masculine/feminine)—any planet here will tend to express itself through communication and an ability to multi-task and adapt. Gemini is curious, the seeker of knowledge and the thinker. Generally, the creativity, innovation, and originality of Uranus in Gemini will tend to be expressed through an ease and joy of communication that highlights the inherent duality in all ... light/dark, masculine/feminine. Those with this placement are usually comfortable with expressing and sharing new thoughts and philosophies ... and even

what some might regard as strange or unacceptable ideas and beliefs.

Uranus was transiting Gemini for seven years at the time of your birth. You came forth with a group of progressive and creative thinkers who thrive when they can philosophically explore, express, and follow thought-streams. Academic achievement, higher learning and discussion, and curiosity and learning through life's adventures tend to come naturally for you. You are curious and inquisitive, and no doubt aware that many discoveries and clear and clever insights have been brought forth from your group. The love of learning and philosophical expression never dies, and your curiosity and inquisitiveness does not wane in later life, as with others.

Uranus is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> House, which relates to our communication (with self and others) and relationships with our immediate surroundings and siblings, as well as early learning and influences. Here, you are forced to utilise your innate talents and skills in order to survive Uranus' earthquakes—you are learning to formulate and stand tall on your own inner foundation, despite what might be happening around you.

You grasp new concepts quickly and are interested in new technologies, discoveries, and innovations. Unconventional ideas and creative, original approaches to problems are very attractive to you. You are easily bored and may have trouble concentrating on a task that does not naturally stimulate or interest you—these traits were no doubt as applicable when you were young as they are today. You have an inventive mind and enjoy the opportunity to explore new ideas and learning.

The angle of Uranus (the Awakener) and Neptune (the Dissolver) at the time of your birth is of note as it indicates obstacles and challenges in specific areas ... and please remember that all can be overcome through our attention and intention to do so, lovingly and willingly, fully and freely ... and there is great benefit for all in our choosing to overcome. This square aspect of Uranus to Neptune means you are one of those born within a five-year period gifted with an unusually high degree of imagination and sensitivity. You are very inspired, but you can also be too easily thrown off-balance by external influences and suffer when you are out of alignment with all that you are. You will thrive when you learn stability and develop conscious awareness of your full connection, Earth to Sky. Those and that which is considered unusual, or outside 'the norm', will often interest you. Your beliefs and ideas may be eclectic as you do not follow any particular group, but you inspire others. You will

often develop various skills and embrace a range of philosophies and blend them into your own ... and from here you are highly inspirational and motivational.

### **Uranus Retrograde—**

Uranus is named after the son of Gaia, Mother Earth in Greek mythology. Uranus can be regarded as the Awakener: the influence of its positive energy strengthens as we choose to learn the lesson of Saturn. It is also the planet that stimulates sudden unexpected changes to stir us to move out of the rut—this energy can mix things up to fire up intellectual thought, and in other areas will also often present you with the exact opposite of what you are expecting. Change is inevitable and always contains inherent possibilities and potentialities, and if we do not learn to adapt then we are forced to endure it. Uranus encourages a broader perspective, taking a wider path, and supports independence and originality. We see and appreciate those areas where we are different to the 'norm'; we allow entrenched beliefs and thoughts patterns to change and evolve, and new neural pathways to open up.

When Uranus is retrograde, as it appears in your chart, it can create difficulties for you becoming aware of your individuality and expressing your individuality. There can also be a rediscovery of ideas and knowledge from previous lifetimes. However, it also gives you a compelling sense of responsibility for personal growth because you have a sense that growth of the individual enhances the whole. You are very tapped into the richness of the texture of life and you feel a need to be original and explore the new. You are a free spirit and simply feel restricted by any need to explain to others what you are about. You may choose the scenic route, taking the path that is long and crooked, but you can know extreme happiness while travelling it. Uranus Retrograde can also play havoc with relationships because of your ability to change and adapt as you try new things—your mental and emotional bodies can feel at odds with each other as you know you need to do one thing but feel that you need to do another. The gift of Uranus Retrograde is its encouragement for you to view life, and indeed engage in life, from the broader perspective of the intuitive and spiritual body.

## **Neptune**—at the time of your birth Neptune is another planet in Libra.

Neptune is the planet that often indicates the grandest hopes and dreams of a generation as it remains in each sign for approximately fourteen years—it is the planet of imagination and dreaminess, sensitivity and vision. Neptune influences our desire to connect with our spirituality, to willingly search longer for conscious awareness or evidence of another realm. Neptune is regarded as the Dissolver as its energy helps to dissolve old entrenched habits and thought patterns to create anew and open us to more spiritually-based or broader-based cooperative patterns. The personality can be highly emotional under Neptune's influence with a dislike of the coarser harder side of life. It rules the astral plane and its energy facilitates mysticism, intuition, and the energy flow of those who express themselves through the arts. Those who are drawn to pursue or allow psychic or spiritual connection will find attunement and conscious connection is facilitated with higher realms and beings.

Libra is the sign of balance in judgment, open-minded, fairness-focussed, idealistic, beauty, art, charm, and finding comfort and security in the immediate social group—it is a reactive sign and planets found in Libra will display a tendency to react, respond, or be highly sensitive to others and situations. Generally, Neptune in Libra is a placement where hopes and dreams, visions, and imaginings reflect balance, beauty, fairness, open-mindedness and idealism. Those with Neptune in Libra can tend to idealise love, peace, harmony, justice, and relationships ... when the community scales swing too far in thought or action they will respond with equal force stimulating the opposite in the search for balance.

You were born at a time when Neptune was in Libra for fourteen years and you are one of those with a very idealistic sense of brotherhood and Universal co-operation. You are interested in the spiritual philosophies and ideals of other cultures, and inclusive in your approach to religion or spirituality. You tend to have an eclectic approach to spirituality, embracing elements from many religious and philosophical perspectives. You find it difficult and limiting to follow traditionally defined religious practices, imposed by others with an agenda, that do not resonate with you, and so will tend to follow your own guidance.

Hesitation, or unwillingness to be assertive and judgmental, can diminish an ability to discern, discriminate, choose, decide, and be assertive—be aware this can incline

you to be easily deceived, or feel lost or abandoned.

Passions, inspired beliefs, and a sense of connection that had once been facilitated, or usually flows with ease for you, can become frustrated or clouded when focus is lost under the judgement or negativity of others.

You thrive when you hold the space of being in vibrational harmony with all that you have come to know, and where you choose to stand in any given moment, and allow all others the same opportunity and simply let them be.

Neptune is in the 6<sup>th</sup> House, which concerns how you work on all levels—everyday life and daily work (as opposed to career), how you work with others and how your body works including health, natural healing and your approach to caring for your holistic self ... physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually. Using Neptune's positive qualities in this House's affairs will offer you unusual blessings as you come to truly know that which is within you, the true meaning of compassion, and unimagined joy. Resistance to Neptune's efforts will cause you pain and struggle.

You have a sensitive physical body and may have allergic responses and sensitivities to foods, medicines, or anything you take in from the environment, including the social atmosphere in your environment. You are sensitive in all areas, which in turn play out in the physical, and emotional stress, confrontation, and confusion—in and around you—seem to affect you physically, even more quickly than they affect other people.

The favourable angle of Neptune to Pluto at the time of your birth is of note as two planets are working in harmony to bring forth opportunity in life. Neptune's sextile aspect to Pluto means you will have tremendous opportunities for spiritual rebirth and awakening during this lifetime. However, any rebirth or awakening will not be forced upon you or precipitated by unavoidable events, but rather it will come from an innate inner yearning and natural propensity to seek the depths.

## **Pluto**—at the time of your birth Pluto is in Leo.

Pluto is the planet of change and sometimes dramatic change, transformation, rebirth, transition, alchemy, regeneration, and growth—like Neptune, its slow transit through a sign can broadly influence a generation, and some far more potently than others.

Leo is the sign of drama, flair, self-expression, ambition, power, loyalty, creativity, and the loving and powerful protector who is intuitive and instinctive. Generally, Pluto in Leo enjoys extravagance, status, and asserting their individuality.

You were born at a time when Pluto was in Leo for twenty years—you are one of a generation with a proud and self-reliant attitude. Self-development, self-respect, self-responsibility, personal integrity and authenticity, honour, and respect for the individual are important to you. You have a deep sense of the innate freedom of all, and the innate rights and responsibilities of the individual to fully develop their inner potential. We each get to choose however we choose to be, and we each get to choose to be all that we choose to be ... indeed we are all so free we can choose to remain chained to limiting thoughts and beliefs if we choose. We are free to change or not change. The choice remains with each of us and there is no judgement of the choices we make; they are simply choices made at any given time.

You do not find it easy or particularly pleasurable working as part of a team—you are a natural leader. You can also defy authority and feel that no one has the right to tell you what to do. You will particularly find it difficult to be part of a team that is not in sync with your personal sense of integrity and authenticity. Others may see your displeasure, disinterest or difficulty as self-centred egotism or self-indulgent ... although inaccurate, this can open you to spiralling guilt and inner struggle as you fall prey to the judgment of others. Once you develop your senses of self-respect, self-responsibility, and self-reverence that comes from accepting all that you are, and remaining in integrity with all that you are, working co-operatively with others when, and as you choose, is no longer difficult.

Every generation has its idols, but your generation is particularly prone to needing a specific individual, or 'guru', to represent and embody an idea or feeling, and to serve as a focal point. Embrace self-responsibility, self-respect, and self-reverence, and develop an intention to be in integrity, whether you are a leader or

follower. Be self-disciplined, a 'disciple' or follower of You, your Higher Self. Be your own guru. Be the Buddha we are all ever becoming and you will know what it is to shine bright ... from the inside.

Pluto is in the 4<sup>th</sup> House, the House of family, home, heredity, our sense of belonging, the private us, and our background or childhood conditioning and values, and often the impact of the stronger, more dominant figure in our early life. Pluto rules the 'Underworld' or our unconscious. You are to use the upheavals caused by Pluto to attune with your own inner wisdom. Much suffering can be avoided by consciously embarking on intentional holistic growth and spiritual maturity.

There was much that was hidden or secret in your childhood home, and you absorbed a sense of shame or a feeling that you need to hide and protect who you are from others. One of your parents, or both separately and differently, had an especially intense bond to you, or impact upon you, and profoundly influenced you, perhaps dominating or controlling you in subtle ways. Unlocking the secrets of the past, and learning to be intimate and close to others without controlling or being controlled are issues for you. Learn to be intimate and trusting with your Higher Self, and unconditionally loving and accepting of you, and you will learn well.

### **Pluto Retrograde—**

Pluto takes the energy of fiery Mars to a more spiritual level and its intense energy can be transformative as we connect with our true Self, as the energy of the Divine Masculine is transformed into that of the more intuitive Divine Feminine as part of the balancing cosmic dance of energies. Pluto is the Transformer, encouraging us take a broader and more co-operative perspective for the greater good. The highly eccentric orbit of this far-flung planet means that it can remain in a sign for around 12 years through to 21 years, and so it is another with a generational influence. It is a planet of regeneration and rebirth ... the old is broken down to renew, revitalise, and create anew to take life experience and awareness to higher consciousness. Death of the old and resurrection of the new are equal parts of the same energy, but the disruption we feel can be subtle and pass almost unnoticed, or feel sudden and powerful, which some can find difficult. Perhaps acknowledging Pluto's

revolutionary influence on generations, encouraging each to leave its mark, can help us understand the 'generation gap' from a new perspective.

Retrograde Pluto turns its transformative energy even more deeply into the collective consciousness and brings about inner illumination long before you will be able to express what you know to others. However, this illumination will only be meaningful to you if used constructively—if you become consciously aware of humanity's struggle as indicated by struggle in the individual, learn to lovingly and willingly embrace responsibility to lift your conscious awareness in order to also lift that of humanity, the collective consciousness. Even as you grow spiritually, you may continue to feel the struggle within—humanity's struggle is your struggle and, as you intentionally focus upon it with awareness, you facilitate its flow through you, and release from you. It is not yours to take on, or to fix. Pluto Retrograde influences you to live in this world with a sense of co-operation and compassion, and with an awareness that you are *in* this world but you are not *of* this world.

# Chiron

Chiron and the Moon Nodes are the two major non-planetary influences on a Natal Chart. Chiron is variously viewed as a new planet, an old but minor planet, a comet or asteroid, or a combination of some of these. Despite the debate, have no doubt of Chiron's unique and powerful energetic influence on your Birth Chart.

In mythology, Chiron was the son of Saturn (Greek god, Kronos) with a centaur-like form. In short, he used his pain and isolation to be a great healer, mentor, and teacher. Chiron, the planet, indicates areas where we feel alienation or feel the pain of 'not fitting in'. Chiron's energy indicates the areas that offer us the greatest opportunity to accept all that we are and to heal. Chiron is the wounded healer, the Maverick, and teaches us acceptance, synergy, synthesis, how to heal, to be in balance, and to be all that we are for the benefit of a life well-lived and the greater good. The Ancients considered Chiron to be one of the greatest astrologer teachers. In the 1970s Astronomers 'discovered' Chiron orbiting between Saturn and Uranus, presenting an opportunity to return to the wisdom of the Ancients.

Metaphysically, the path of the Soul sees Chiron's healing as a bridge between the physical and Spirit—bridging Saturn at the threshold of Higher Consciousness and the outer planets, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto, representing Higher Consciousness and Mastery of the Higher Teacher. Chiron teaches us true acceptance of our Spirit within, our true essence—and as we heal we shine our Divinity through our humanity.

The wounded-healer energy facilitates us feeling our deepest inner wound with a view to healing the pain. The path to self-realisation and self-mastery includes a decision to willingly and lovingly bring conscious awareness to inner pain ... to simply acknowledge it, then forgive and release it with gratitude for all it has facilitated. Memories remain, but there is no longer a need to carry the pain. It is through our choice to fully and freely recognise, forgive and release that which is entrenched and does not serve us, that we are able to transform and grow. Chiron energy transmutation relates to the individual's whole energy system and is likened to a rebirth as we set out on a new path, supported and strengthened by our acceptance of all we are, but no longer burdened with the pain of all that we have been.

So, what does Chiron mean to you? At the time you came forth, Chiron was in Sagittarius in the 9<sup>th</sup> House.



**Chiron in Sagittarius** indicates you may well experience a crisis or struggle with just *how* you integrate the Higher Self into your conscious awareness. You know that you are on a quest for the 'holy grail' within and to connect to your true and highest essence, that which you truly are, so that you can connect to your Soul and know what it is to live a Soul-centred Life. This connection is blocked until the Higher Self is embodied through devotion and dedication to some kind of daily practice that facilitates and strengthens your innate spiritual connection. Jupiter, the Planet of Wisdom, rules the Eternal Self and Sagittarius and is the home planet of the Ascended Masters or Teachers. You are innately in tune with these Teachers and guides. You may go on many quests for wisdom, but ultimately, you discover that the bridge to wisdom is within you. You came forth to be a prophet of the Age of Aquarius and teacher of the Chirotic force—the wounded healer who heals by connecting with, forgiving, and releasing the inner pain, and bringing the inner wounds to the surface to be healed; the healer who has mastered deliberately being a channel for the energy of the Higher Self to heal all to whom you give your loving attention and focus. Chiron rules the initiation process, and research has shown a high number of children with Chiron in Sagittarius possess high consciousness at an early age. You are mystical in nature and on a search for your own Truth. You will stimulate a new awareness about kundalini energy as a healing force.

*One cautionary note:* It is recommended that you allow the spiralling snake-like kundalini energy that lies within your Base or Root Chakra to rise naturally. Attempting to draw or lift it through meditation or some other practices is popular with many yogic and other practitioners, but it will not serve you well. Kundalini is extremely powerful energy and you will be best served by willingly trusting in its own Divine unfolding and timing. As you embrace, trust, and yield to your spiritual unfolding and willingly keep your attention in your intention to allow spiritual maturity, your kundalini energy will naturally and nourishingly rise within you according to the Divine timing and plan for you as a unique sentient being.

**Chiron in the 9<sup>th</sup> House** indicates struggle or crisis relating to you connecting with the Higher Self in this life. The Higher Self, or Soul, is the wisdom energy that is the integrating spiritual force during any lifetime. Think of life as a journey of choice ... and you are one who chose to remember and live a Soul-centred Life. When you release the struggle, life will be a journey of activating, embodying, and radiating out of the Higher Self—you come to truly know that Love, All That Is,

Divine Life Force, the Chirotic Force, flows to you, around you, through you, and from you. You are naturally interested in exploring philosophy and spirituality, and may teach these concepts, particularly once the healing of Chiron has strengthened you to share what you have come to know. Understanding metaphysical wisdom at a heart-felt level and gut-level is very likely one of your talents, and if so, you will integrate all that you understand and allow it to flow through all areas of your Soul-centred Life. You simply cannot rest until you find the Truth that satisfies your thirst, and when you do you will immerse yourself in it and integrate it fully into your conscious awareness. You will walk it and be it and from that place of knowing and integration you will lovingly and willingly teach all that you have come to know. Please remember that to teach is to demonstrate and, living the Soul-centred Life, you will indeed teach by example as you walk in integrity with all that your Soul knows you to be. Even though Higher Thought is natural for you, your Chirotic crisis always involves attuning to and resonating with your Soul. Learning to resonate with your Ascendant energy can be helpful in achieving attunement with your Soul. Study your Ascendant again. Imbalances can be pronounced, thus the need to learn balance.

# Moon Nodes

The two Lunar Nodes (North and South) represent the crossing of the Moon's orbit around the Earth with that of the Earth's orbit around the Sun—an imaginary intersection of the two orbital paths. The lunar nodes 'travel backwards' and so will appear as retrograde (R) in the zodiac chart. From a metaphysical view, Moon Nodes indicate our Soul's chosen growth track and some of the lessons we can choose to learn, while the rest of our Birth Chart indicates how we are to make the journey.



The North Node indicates the opportunities and possibilities that are available to us, if we choose—but the choice is ours and freewill is paramount. There is no 'requirement' to learn or repay some karmic debt from the past; we are free to live as we choose and, in choosing to experience our innate freedom, opportunities are available that are indicated by the North Node, which offers a powerfully magnetic vibration for our energetic body and Inner Being. The North Node indicates where we can develop and grow with the Node energetically drawing the Soul towards its future growth. It is the magnetic pull of the North Node that often gives one a deep sense of direction or purpose, spurring us on no matter what the obstacles. The North Node energy truly reflects the highest expression of all that you are in this life and the unending spiral of Life Force—no matter how much we feel we have achieved, there is always more and the opportunities are endless. The North Node in your Birth Chart appears in the sign of Capricorn.



The South Node appears directly opposite and indicates what we should try to release and let go, and those areas in which we self-limit or self-sabotage our own development. For you, the South Node appears in the sign of Cancer.

**Capricorn North Node - Cancer South Node** indicates that a potential lesson in achieving maturity will facilitate you no longer seeing the world through your own rose-colour prism and denying all else. Much of the child can still be active within you, and there can be struggle between wanting independence while still seeking something to lean on—childlike behaviour and choices are constant impediments to maturity, and even in adulthood you seek means to maintain the focus of your parents' attention or approval. This need for approval or support will often transfer into your relationships, business and personal, as you unknowingly abdicate power to another.

The Capricorn North Node magnetically draws opportunities for us to discern and discriminate as we view our external environment, and be mature in our choices. Choosing with discernment and discrimination facilitates freedom and growth in ways unimagined as we learn to hold our space and choose when to act and when to not act, how to choose our battles, and when to reach out and when to let go.

It is not always easy for us to accept that others have their own agendas and these agendas are not always helpful or supportive of us. Others do have their own agendas, even those who are close to us, and we can sometimes fall into the hole of expectation and feel hurt or wounded when our expectations are not met. It is vital that we each learn to accept and respect the choices of others and look to our own behaviour and choices. We have endless opportunities to embrace self-responsibility and rekindle our innate self-respect and self-worth.

Unless you choose to embrace responsibility and respect for you, to honour and value yourself, your natural tendency to support others in struggle will be debilitating as you 'take on' the problems of others, and in the end diminish your own opportunity to serve the higher good.

Learning to lovingly and willingly let go will be transformative for you and all that you choose to do. Capricorn North Node is the energy of initiation into Higher Consciousness; therefore, your struggles signify opportunities to let go, find balance, and move on unencumbered. You may tend to flounder for the first half of your life and then one day take an opportunity to accept self-responsibility, change, and mature into that which you have always been.

The House which contains the South Moon Node indicates the areas in your life where the Soul's need to express its uniqueness and freedom are still seeking expression—it can be where the victim resides feeling isolated, lonely, powerless, and wrapped in a time-worn blanket of self-doubt and lack of self-worth. The South Node appears in the 3<sup>rd</sup> House, the House of our immediate environment (internal and external environment), relationship to siblings, early learning influences, and communication (with self and with others).

The House which contains the North Moon Node reveals the areas in which there are possibilities and potentialities for you to accept self-responsibility, embrace self-respect and self-worth, and enjoy all that can flow from a life well-lived in integrity and alignment with your guiding principles of honour and respect. The

North Node appears in the 9<sup>th</sup> House, the House of our spirituality and philosophy, higher and later education, abstract and higher concepts, symbols, exploration of the Ancient Wisdoms and Higher Mind, travels (physical and spiritual) and exploring all matters foreign.

# Pars Fortuna

Now let's look at one more indicator from the Universe at the time of your birth—where you will most likely and most naturally find success and joy in your life.

⊗ The Pars Fortuna (or Part of Fortune) is a point identified through the relationship of three sensitive points in the sky: the positions of the Sun, the Moon, and the Ascendant. The House in which the Pars Fortuna is located reveals the area in which you will most likely and most naturally find your sense of joy, purpose, success and abundance. It is the area where your endeavours are most likely to bear fruit—Pars Fortuna, like Jupiter, blesses its House with abundant self-fulfilment.

Please know that fortune does not indicate riches beyond your wildest dreams, although of course it can relate to wealth in a material or physical sense. The House in which it is located will help you get a feel for your area of abundance, and indeed will be meaningful to you. Whether physical, emotional, mental or spiritual, developing and cultivating this trait or part of your personality will facilitate your experience of a harmonious life well-lived, which you are able to walk with an underpinning sense of joy, delight, and well-being.

The Pars Fortuna is in the 10<sup>th</sup> House, the House of career and ambition, professional destiny, public recognition and regard, success, responsibility, and that which feels like your life purpose. This House also corresponds to one's sense of social elevation from the family background—symbolising ambitions and achievements as you free yourself of perceived limitations of your past.

Those born with the Pars Fortuna in the 10<sup>th</sup> House know, deep within at a Soul level, that they must fulfil that which they came forth to do and, once recognised, will be dedicated and devoted to that they feel is their purpose. They look to the wider world outside their community and be well known and highly regarded in their field. This is Capricorn's House—you will not be afraid of hard work and will naturally focus on the task at hand in achieving your goals—but there is joy in responding to the desire to be influential or make your mark on the world in areas that are above the mere personal sphere that does not satisfy you. There is joy, success, and good fortune unimagined as you free yourself of restrictions to willingly embark upon the journey to be all that your Soul knows you to be, and express that for the greater

good.

Indeed, in your case, the Pars Fortuna is in the sign of Capricorn in the 10<sup>th</sup> House. Any negative traits of this sign will be softened for you as you find joy and prosperity in being authentic and dedicated, disciplined, and devoted to all that resonates with you. Focus, application and success are part of the prosperity and good fortune of your Soul-centred life that is of service to all as the seeker becomes the seer.

In other words, once you step into all that you innately choose to be, and dare to be all that you are, you will find the joy, delight, success, and ease and flow of a life-well lived, and all who are drawn to you will be blessed with all that you lovingly and willingly radiate as you shine brightly. One could say it is a fortunate life when you strengthen to be true to you, authentic and in energetic integrity with all that you are, ever have been, and will continue to ever become.

Personal Creeds of your Ascendant,  
Sun, and Moon Signs  
***I am — I create — I heal — I will***

