

MODERN REPORT

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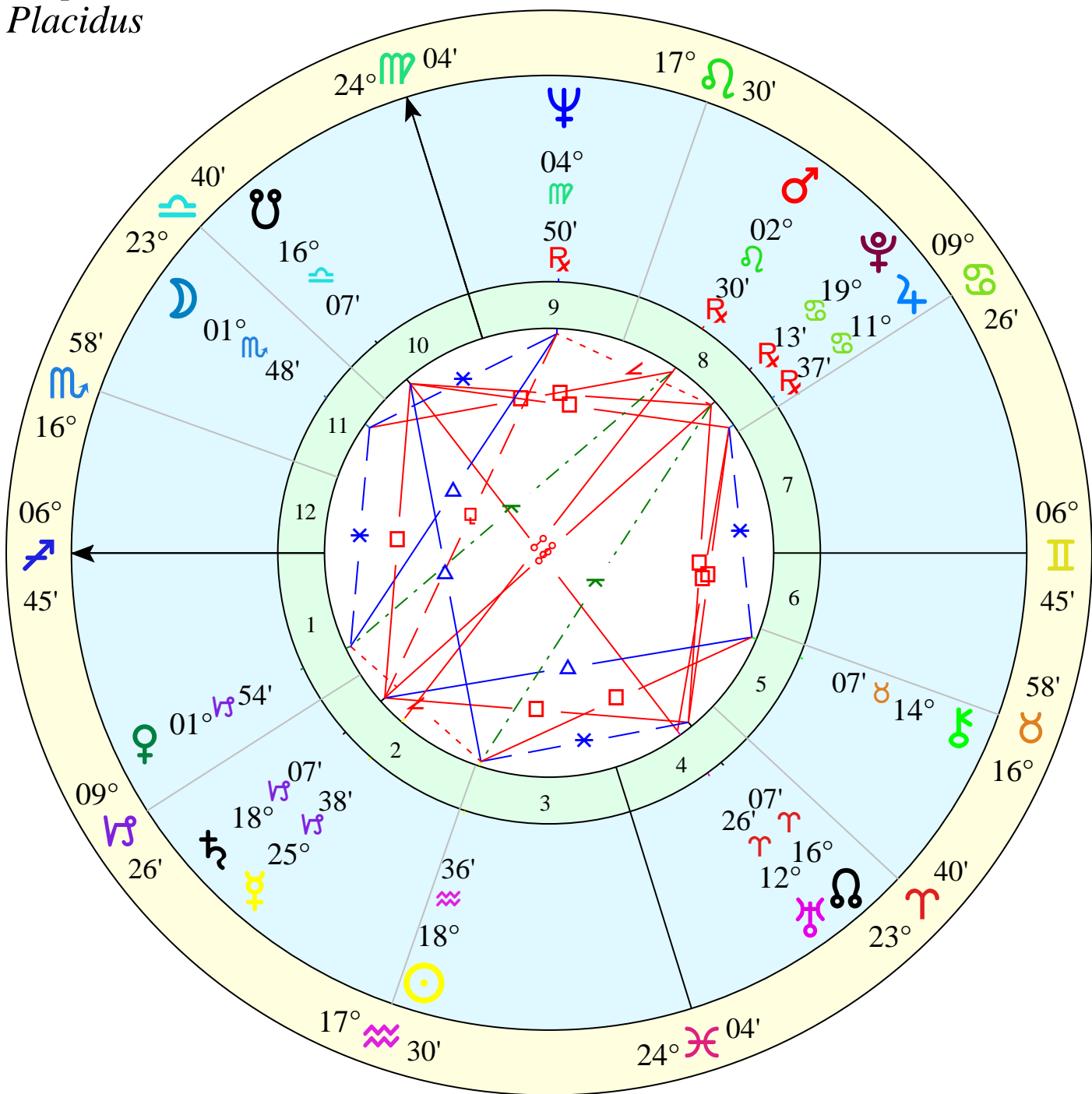
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Astrological SummaryChart Point Positions: James Dean

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Scorpio	1°Sc48'	11th	
The Sun	Aquarius	18°Aq36'	3rd	
Mercury	Capricorn	25°Cp38'	2nd	
Venus	Capricorn	1°Cp54'	1st	
Mars	Leo	2°Le30'	8th	
Jupiter	Cancer	11°Cn37'	8th	
Saturn	Capricorn	18°Cp07'	2nd	
Uranus	Aries	12°Ar26'	4th	
Neptune	Virgo	4°Vi50'	9th	
Pluto	Cancer	19°Cn13'	8th	
Chiron	Taurus	14°Ta07'	5th	
The North Node	Aries	16°Ar07'	4th	
The South Node	Libra	16°Li07'	10th	
The Ascendant	Sagittarius	6°Sg45'	1st	
The Midheaven	Virgo	24°Vi04'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Sextile	Venus	0°06'	Applying
The Moon	Square	Mars	0°42'	Applying
The Moon	Sextile	Neptune	3°02'	Applying
The Sun	Semisquare	Venus	1°42'	Applying
The Sun	Quincunx	Pluto	0°36'	Applying
The Sun	Square	Chiron	4°28'	Separating
The Sun	Sextile	The North Node	2°28'	Separating
The Sun	Trine	The South Node	2°28'	Separating
Mercury	Opposition	Mars	6°52'	Applying
Mercury	Trine	The Midheaven	1°33'	Separating
Venus	Quincunx	Mars	0°36'	Applying
Venus	Trine	Neptune	2°56'	Applying
Mars	Trine	The Ascendant	4°14'	Separating
Jupiter	Square	Uranus	0°48'	Separating
Jupiter	Sextile	Chiron	2°29'	Separating
Jupiter	Square	The North Node	4°30'	Separating
Jupiter	Square	The South Node	4°30'	Separating
Saturn	Sesquisquare	Neptune	1°42'	Applying

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
Saturn	Opposition	Pluto	1°05'	Applying
Saturn	Trine	Chiron	4°00'	Separating
Saturn	Square	The North Node	1°59'	Separating
Saturn	Square	The South Node	1°59'	Separating
Saturn	Trine	The Midheaven	5°57'	Applying
Uranus	Conjunction	The North Node	3°41'	Applying
Uranus	Opposition	The South Node	3°41'	Applying
Uranus	Trine	The Ascendant	5°40'	Separating
Neptune	Semisquare	Pluto	0°37'	Applying
Neptune	Square	The Ascendant	1°55'	Separating
Pluto	Square	The North Node	3°05'	Applying
Pluto	Square	The South Node	3°05'	Applying

INTRODUCTION



This report has been written to introduce you to the concepts of astrology and how to get started with your natal chart. Astrology is a complex and meaningful science which takes years to study and apply successfully; however, we would like to whet your appetite with this report, and encourage you to deepen your understanding through other means.

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

An astrological chart, also known as a horoscope, natal chart, or birth chart, records the relationship between the planets and the signs of the Zodiac. Charts can be calculated for the birth of a person, a community, an event or anything that seems momentous. The horoscope is as individual and unique as a fingerprint.

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. Usually it is the responsibility of an astrologer to synthesise these apparent contradictions in order to present a cohesive and meaningful interpretation of the dilemmas of the chart.

Please also be aware of the fact that each person has positive and negative influences in the chart and therefore in their lives. The challenge is to accept and overcome the negative influences, so that we can successfully focus on the positive traits. This report outlines both influences and therefore parts may be difficult to accept. Any advice given is meant to be an aid to a person taking responsibility for their own lives. The ultimate decision rests with each individual. The author and publisher accept no liability for any adverse effects of this report.

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.

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.

Your Sun is in the third house of your birth chart, meaning that communication plays a key role in your life, because you experience a continual thirst for knowledge and an equal urge to let others know what you've learned. It's as if you're on a never-ending search for knowledge through your own experiences. You're an avid reader, who enjoys sharing information. You may also be adept at languages, which challenge your keen mind and expand your communication skills. It's not unknown for you to take short trips in order to further your intellectual pursuits. You also enjoy keeping the communication lines open with your siblings. Your prime motivation is to enlighten yourself and others and you have just the creative mind to be able to succeed, earning the respect of other people along the way. You do need to stop and take stock every now and then, because there is a danger that you start to believe that you can never know enough. In fact it may be simply that you're not aware of how clever you really are. You also need to be careful not to make promises that you can't keep.

Your Sun is in the zodiac sign of Aquarius indicating that you're unconventional, friendly, unpredictable and innovative. Anything new and original will appeal, particularly if it goes against convention. You like to test ideas that have never been thought of before. At best this can be an exciting quest into unexplored territories. It can, however, be an indiscriminate rebellion against tradition. Not that you will mind, for you're a strong believer in people having the freedom of individual expression and not being oppressed by society's expectations. A regular livewire, you've an electric quality about your personality, which makes it difficult for you to sit still for long and also makes you attractive to people from all walks of life. In fact you prefer to mingle with groups of people, often adopting the adage 'the more the merrier'. You may also enjoy working in a group which fights a particular cause. Ironically,

while championing the cause for individual freedom, you also have a knack for seeing the needs of humanity as a whole. For this reason you may find that issues such as the environment and world peace are close to your heart. However, any world news can spark your creative ideas for change. Astrologically speaking the Sun is said to be in detriment in Aquarius, thereby giving emphasis to any difficulties you may have adapting your personal desire for individual freedom to the needs of society as a whole.

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!

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 also in the eighth house of your chart signifying that life really starts to become prosperous and rewarding when you join your resources with someone else, either through marriage or through a business partnership. Your spouse brings riches into your life, expanding your opportunities for achieving your goals. This could also be true of investments, inheritances, and business enterprises because you stand to benefit from other people's resources, either directly or by working in a large corporation or working with other people's resources. The extent of the benefits depends on other influences in your chart. You're not necessarily focussed on gaining monetary rewards, but are well aware of the fact that money can expand your opportunities for travel, study and improving your mind. You're not interested in superficial subjects, but prefer to delve into deep and meaningful ones. In particular, you're keen to investigate the occult or metaphysical world, perhaps even to attend a college or to travel to other countries to study occult phenomenon. You want to share this quest and the knowledge that you gain with other people, perhaps one special person. As you develop the metaphysical side of your own nature you begin to see the hidden truth and beauty in the world and in people. This is what brings you true riches.

You've the planet Jupiter in the zodiac sign of Cancer in your birth chart indicating that you are an idealistic person, who has a strong humanitarian side to your nature. You want to take everyone under your wing, whether they be family members in trouble or victims of world disasters. You may feel the urge to travel overseas to take care of other people, possibly even becoming involved in a humanitarian or religious welfare group. It is also possible that you have a large family. If not your friends will become your family, and you've many friends. This depends on other influences in your birth chart. You're kind-hearted and popular and so attract friends from both the lower and higher echelons of society. Although you mean well, you do need to be wary of becoming too meddling in other people's affairs. You're likely to benefit from your connections with your loved ones, possibly through unexpected inheritances and legacies. Astrologically the planet Jupiter is considered to be in a favourable position in the sign of Cancer and therefore it is likely that you will achieve your goals.

The planets Jupiter and Uranus are making a difficult aspect in your chart indicating that your unusual approach to achieving your goals can sometimes land you in hot water! You're keen to change things in this world because you can see where traditional methods have failed. You see no reason to continue with out-moded traditions, preferring unconventional and new ideas. The trouble is that at times you lack tact and diplomacy. You're impatient to see results, not realising that your very impatience is jeopardising your success. Repeatedly throughout your life,

experience is likely to teach you that success isn't an overnight accomplishment. Results don't always come quickly. Perhaps you could remind yourself of the motto "all good things come to those who wait". It's worth persevering with your goals and taking a positive approach to overcoming the obstacles in your life. You can achieve a great deal in the world through your innovative and unusual methods. You may also benefit by joining with like-minded individuals, perhaps in the fields of metaphysics, unorthodox religion or science.

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.

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 placed in the eleventh house of your birth chart suggesting that friends and acquaintances are a major feature of your life, influencing you both positively and negatively. On the one hand your friends can be unreliable and changeable failing to live up to your ideals of true friendship. It may be that your friends change within themselves and move on emotionally, or simply that they move out of town and lose contact. Either way you suffer because you feel a sense of loss when separated from your friends. You seek a sense of security from your relationships with other people, only feeling safe when surrounded by warm and loving friends. This is particularly true of your women friends and groups of women, which are likely to feature prominently. Sudden changes in friendships can be disappointing. On a more positive note you can benefit from your large circle of acquaintances who help you emotionally and financially to achieve your own hopes and wishes. You enjoy popularity in groups, particularly when you feel that you feel a sense of belonging. You may find yourself drawn towards humanitarian groups.

With the Moon in the sign of Scorpio you've an emotional intensity that often those close to you simply can't comprehend. You feel things so strongly and seem to notice nuances that pass others by. However, so often others accuse you of being overly sensitive that you have learned to keep your feelings secret. This is a bit dramatic, but then you can enjoy a bit of drama in life. It can help you to feel alive. You don't like to be bored by the daily routine of life. Your insights into the human psyche are very perceptive, and you're capable of handling very emotional situations well. You wish that others also wanted to experience this intensity. Crises, which would scare many other

brave-hearted souls, provide you with grist for life's mill for they give you the opportunity to share intimate moments with loved ones. Drama may have entered your life at quite a young age, even as early as your birth. You probably entered the world under a cloak of strong adult emotions involving death, or experienced a dramatic birth in which your life hung in the balance. It's likely that your mother was at the centre of this trauma, and that as a result you've intense feelings either for or against your mother. These emotions may spill over into your relationships with women friends in your life. They have certainly given you the ability to understand others at a very deep level. From an astrological point of view the Moon is in its fall in the sign of Scorpio highlighting the difficulties that you may experience in being understood by others.

The Moon and the planet Neptune are connected in your birth chart indicating that you're a soft, imaginative and sensitive person, who needs a peaceful home environment. Your home needs to be your haven from the world because at times 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 and confused. It's true that you live 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've 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. Your imagination is important in helping you to develop your artistic or spiritual gifts. It's likely that your relationship with your mother, grandmother, or an important woman has played a key role in helping you develop the imaginative side of your nature. Perhaps this woman had artistic or spiritual gifts, or encouraged your own talents. It's likely that, although you've an idealised picture in your mind of this woman, that she has had a positive effect on your life. Your house may also be a restful haven for your loved ones, because you've a flair for creating a peaceful environment. This may be your ability to listen with sensitivity to other people's problems and plans, or the ability to create 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.

The Moon is making a difficult aspect to the planet Mars in your chart indicating that arguments and emotional disputes abound in your home life. These upsets could be caused by another member of your family, but it's more likely that you're quick-tempered and intolerant around your loved ones. Your intentions are good, but you've difficulty containing your anger in certain situations. At times you feel as though you've been unfairly misjudged and this adds fuel to your already well-lit fire. Unfortunately your impatience and irritability can result in periods of loneliness because others would rather leave you alone than bear the brunt of your bad moods. You may also find that your loved ones are angry at your attitude or it could be that they simply find it impossible to relax in your company, which is a problem if they want peace and quiet at home. You need to find an outlet for your nervous tension. For instance, letting off steam in sports or activities that demand high energy or concentration will help. Finding an absorbing project which can be based in your home could also prove beneficial. You certainly have plenty of energy and this could be directed into new enterprises or working around the house.

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.

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.

The planet Mercury in the second house of your chart signifies that you've many ingenious money-making ideas, which you are not afraid to risk testing. Some times these ideas pay big dividends, but at others you've to bail out of a tricky situation. However, you are not one to dwell on past mistakes, nor do you let them deter you from trying out new ideas. You may earn your money by holding down more than one job at a time, juggling your timetable to fit in all of your commitments. Money-making careers could include clerical occupations, distributing information, advertising, accountancy, sales, writing, speaking, travelling, teaching, business and commercial affairs, selling or distributing stationery and books. Whatever your chosen profession your finances are likely to fluctuate unless you've other influences of financial stability in your chart.

The planet Mercury in the zodiac sign of Capricorn indicates that you're a wise and careful thinker, preferring to take your time to consider all possibilities before making decision. You are also likely to choose your words carefully before talking. You place importance on credibility and authority. Therefore you'll seek knowledge which carries some authority. You've an astute mind and enjoy studying a variety of subjects, approaching your topics in a serious fashion. For this reason you enjoy success in the academic world. It's also likely that others will appreciate your wisdom and counsel in many matters. While it's true that you have the ability to become an acknowledged expert in your field, it's also true that you can become a little rigid in your thinking. You approach new ideas with caution, preferring the tried and tested ways that have already been trod. However, with your practical nature you will soon see the advantages of anything new on offer.

The planets Mercury and Mars are combining in your chart in a manner which suggest that you and your communications with other people tend to be fiery. This can be positive, particularly if you're a spokesperson for a group or person with a cause. You've good intellectual powers, a shrewd and clever mind. However, you're impulsive and quick-tempered, and it's more likely that you spend much of your life mopping up after

misunderstandings. Your own perceptions of yourself may be that you're enthusiastic and perceptive, but others can see you as aggressive and critical. Without realising it you easily create opposition from other people through your impulsive actions or sharp tongue. You're talkative and enjoy a fiery discussion, but inadvertently you're driving others away and forcing them to adopt your opinion. It's also possible that you're quick to take offence, believing that others are criticising you when it's you who need to learn compromise. For these reasons you may have difficulty in your early childhood education and schooling, and indeed until you've learnt restraint and tolerance. This is particularly true of risky ventures, which tend to attract your attention. You need to be more cautious. Otherwise you're likely to suffer loss through a rash of business deals, law suits and dodgy contracts. You may benefit from an interest in sports, the military, and business.

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.*

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.

When the planet Venus is placed in the first house of your birth chart you've a natural inclination to express love, with a desire to make life a pleasure for yourself and other people. Whether you realise it or not you're physically attractive. This, combined with your pleasing nature, ensures that you're surrounded by loved ones seeking your company. You've a calm and harmonious demeanor, and your presence seems to bring peace to any environment. You've refined tastes and an appreciation of art, music, singing, dance and theatre. You use these gifts to bring beauty to your surroundings. Through you others discover the power of beauty and love. It's even possible that you inspire the artists and poets of the world in their creative efforts. Your attraction to romance and beauty means that daily life can sometimes seem dull. At these times you need to be wary of becoming involved in love affairs, which may enliven your life for a short time, but in the long term bring hurt and disrepute. This does largely depend on other influences in your chart. It's more likely that both you and your loved ones benefit from the strength of your love. Ancient astrologers believe that the favourable planet Venus in the angular first house brings good fortune.

With Venus in the sign of Capricorn you're shy in relationships, slow to form friendships with other people but, once you've committed to another person, then you're steadfast in your efforts to maintain the relationship. This is particularly true of your primary relationship. Not one to be distracted by romantic illusions, you may appear to be reticent, almost cold, in the first throes of love. This is partly because you're timid, but it's also because you like to weigh up the pros and the cons to any new relationship. You're a great believer in the adage "actions speak louder than words" and you like to observe other people's actions. You form relationships slowly, but they are enduring. Your head isn't ruled by your heart, although you like to think that you've a good balance. This is fortunate because you're ambitious in relationships, seeking a partner who is of good character and good standing in the community.

For these reasons you may have more difficulty in your relationships earlier in life, seemingly missing out on the flurry of social contacts being experienced by your more flighty friends. It's later in life that your relationships flourish and you're placed in positions of trust and responsibility through your liaisons with other people, particularly people in authority. It's also later in life that you stand to profit through your relationships, either financially or through promotions in your social standing.

You enjoy comfortable relationships with other people because of the favourable combination of the Moon and Venus in your birth chart. A charming and prudent person, you enjoy the company of other people, and they respond favourably. You're likely to enjoy success in your primary relationship, choosing someone who feels comfortable and companionable. You're also likely to benefit from your relationships with women.

The planets Neptune and Venus are connected in your chart indicating that you yearn for romance in your primary relationship. Whether you realise it or not, you're seeking an ideal and perfect partner, who may only exist in fairy tales. If you're not careful you'll become disillusioned with the imperfections of relationships and seek solace in a fantasy world. You need to face the realities and imperfections of yourself and your partner as much as possible. This doesn't mean that you need to completely rule out romance and idyllic love. In fact it might help if you're able to escape with your loved one to a romantic setting, away from the demands of everyday life. Coming to terms with the reality of your relationship simply helps you obtain a better understanding of your primary relationship, and helps prevent you becoming disillusioned. In other words taking off the rose-coloured glasses means that you can make a proper assessment of your primary relationship. As a result you'll experience fewer feelings of resentment and disappointment because your partner fails to be perfect, and you won't be in danger of overlooking some major flaws such as drug addiction or deceit. With the right partner you'll enjoy a sense of peace and fulfilment. You may also enjoy artistic or spiritual pursuits together. You're ardent and loving, responding quickly to your partner's need. In turn you benefit from acts of kindness, love and appreciation.

The planets Venus and Mars are combining unfavourably in your chart indicating that you struggle to balance your own needs and the needs of your partners in relationships. You see-saw between wanting closeness and freedom. On the one hand you seek adventure on your own, on the other you want to be close to your partner. The ideal is a balance between the two. You're charming and assertive, passionate and alive, and admire these qualities in a potential intimate partner. You love to share your adventures with your partner, and it's likely that your relationship will inspire both you and your partner to explore new territory. However, you may become impatient with your partner, or aggressive and irritable when he or she fails to keep up with your activities. You can be equally impatient with yourself, but this isn't necessarily any comfort to your partner.

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 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.

With Mars placed in the eighth house of your birth chart joint ventures and finances play a major role in your life. This can be sharing money and investments with your marriage partner, or it could be ventures with business partners, or both. You enjoy working towards your goals with other people, pooling ideas and resources, but the path is not always smooth. This could be because of circumstances beyond your control or because you rush into agreements without reading the fine print. You're so keen to do business with other parties that you brush aside the details in the belief that they will sort themselves out later, but this is not necessarily so. You need to take more care, particularly in connection with joint finances with your spouse. This is another problem area. It's difficult for you to agree with your marriage partner on the subject of joint money. Perhaps your spouse is extravagant, or perhaps you are. Either way money is likely to be a hot subject in your marriage. Legacies and wills are also likely to be fraught with difficulties. You may have difficulty trusting someone else to look after your financial matters, but this may provide a solution as long as you have a contract that protects your interests. It's also possible, depending on other influences in your birth chart, that you can benefit financially through joint enterprises that involve good honest hard work.

The planet Mars in the sign of Leo indicates that you have an honest and straightforward approach to life, meeting most of life's challenges head on. You're fearless and independent in your own life with the ability to be a strong leader for others less forthright. You're a passionate and generous individual with the ability to take other people under your wing, as long as they show some appreciation of your gifts. For these reasons you're often promoted to positions of authority and public prominence. You have a strong need to express your personal creativity, enjoying centre stage in most of your activities. You may even literally take centre stage in a theatrical performance or on a podium, as you have natural flair for the dramatic side of life. You're a formidable friend and foe as you have strong will power and the confidence to carry through most of your adventurous objectives. You need to be wary of

becoming too arrogant and taking on more than you can handle.

CAREER AND AMBITIONS



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

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.

The planet Saturn placed in the second house of your birth chart suggests that money is a serious business, with your personal finances requiring careful thought and planning. Your ability to earn money is influenced by other aspects in your chart. If you've good influences then you're able to slowly and steadily increase your personal wealth through hard work and prudent investments. However, if you've difficult influences then earning money is likely to be an uphill battle as you struggle to make ends meet, and cause you many moments of worry. Perhaps you work hard, but only seem to earn enough money to pay your bills, with little left over for luxuries. You could suffer monetary losses through loss of employment or unwise investments. Whether your finances gradually improve or continual to be a struggle, you need to plan carefully rather than make hasty decisions. Avoid impulse buying and get-rich-quick schemes. Don't let the lack of money affect your self-esteem, but learn to value other achievements and assets in your life.

The planet Saturn in the sign of Capricorn signifies that conservative values play a strong role in your life, although you're able to embrace new ideas when practicable. You strive to have a fair balance because you're pragmatic. You're quiet and, reserved, although by no means a pushover. In fact you've a strong, ambitious side to your nature, and in your own quiet way you work towards achieving your goals. Astrologically the planet Saturn is considered to be favourably placed in the sign of Capricorn, which means that you're likely to achieve your life's ambitions through quiet persistence. You're serious and cautious by nature and can experience moments of anxiety, but you're likely to overcome these worrisome traits, particularly later in your life. You possess tact and diplomacy. This, coupled with your tenacity, will result in success. You've a tendency to work alone rather than depend on other people. This could be a sign of your reserved nature, or it could be that you've been let down by co-workers and acquaintances in the past. On the whole you're wise to rely on your own resources, because acquaintances could prove a disappointment from time to time.

The planets Saturn and Neptune are combining in your chart suggesting that you've difficulty achieving your career ambitions. It's likely that you're a highly creative individual, but that you either lack the confidence to follow your true path, or the ability to make your dreams a reality. This doesn't necessarily mean that you aren't successful in your career, but rather that something is missing. It could be that you're dissatisfied with your career choice, because you're not following your true vocation. It's also possible that you enjoy your work, but aren't being paid well, which leads to frustration and disappointment. No matter how much other people urge you to stand up for your rights, you believe that you're not in a position to do so. The problem may be that you've difficulty stepping back and appropriately assessing all of your options. You lack the confidence to pave your own professional path, afraid to leave the security and comfort of your current job, or you're too busy chasing rainbows to manage your career. At some stage in your life you're forced to learn to believe in yourself, to find the right mix of creativity and practicality. Once you've made steps along this process you gain the confidence to continue. Like a child learning to walk for the first time, you're soon off and running.

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 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.

With a Midheaven in the sign of Virgo and ruled by the planet Mercury, you're hardworking, critical and exacting in your profession. You prefer order at work, and like to be recognised for your high standards and detailed work. You're known for your craftsmanship, and drive for perfection. You're attracted to any career that best utilises your analytical and organisational skills. These could include secretarial, executive, accountancy, research or medical jobs. The planet Mercury, which rules Virgo, also means that you could be attracted to teaching, writing or any other career that involves communication skills. However, this will largely depend on other influences in your chart. Examples of famous people with the same Midheaven include media entrepreneur Rupert Murdoch, French painter Henri Toulouse-Lautrec and former UK Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

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.

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.

The planet Uranus is in the fourth house of your birth chart suggesting that you've a busy, unusual and unconventional home-life. As a child you may have experienced sudden changes in the home environment, or a general sense of being unsettled. It's even possible that you were estranged from your parents. As an adult you may seek unusual homes, or continue to experience restlessness. In some cases home is a positive experience during childhood - an original and unconventional environment in which everyone expresses their own creative urges. Either way it's possible that as an adult you've a preference for the open road, rather than a need to settle and put down roots. If you do settle in one place then it's likely to be a unique home, reflecting your individual nature. You may choose to live on your own, because you need a home and family environment which enables you to express your individuality, one from which you can come and go without restrictions. Property development and investment are also affected by this placement of the planet Uranus. You're likely to experience sudden gains and sudden losses through investment in property, and need to be wary of spending your old age in poverty as a result.

The planet Uranus was in the sign of Aries from 1928 - 1934. 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 Aries indicates that you belong to a generation of people who show initiative and spontaneity. This generation is keen to break down old structures, in order to pave the way for new and creative forms in society. Your creativity soars when you're tackling new projects and using your initiative.

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.

The planet Neptune placed in the ninth house of your chart means that you've a devotional attitude to higher learning, and may be on a search for the perfect philosophy. As a young person you may have embraced an orthodox religion or philosophy, only to be disillusioned when it fell short of your expectations. As an adult you seek a philosophy or religion which more closely reflects your high ideals. This search may lead you to a foreign country, or to higher education. While you're vulnerable to disappointment in these areas, you also possess the ability to continue to seek inspiration. You need to be wary of your lack of discrimination, which could lead you into strange and unusual cults. On the other hand you may choose to inspire others, sharing with them the results of your own spiritual quest.

The planet Neptune was in the sign of Virgo from 1928 - 1943. 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 Virgo indicates that you belong to a generation faced with the task of analysing the excesses of extravagance, and organising a systemic approach to blending the spiritual and practical. You're concerned with ensuring that spiritual matters become part of a daily routine. For instance, yours is a generation that may view regular attendance at church a necessity for good healthy living.

The planets Neptune 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. This combination in your chart means that you're interested in social change, although you may experience some difficulties as a result of changes in society. You prefer to fight against injustice rather than sit back and accept the ills of society. Your creative urges may be linked to politics, or expressing your political views through the arts or spiritual or charitable organisations. It's also possible that you've strong political views, but have difficulty putting them into action.

CHALLENGES IN LIFE



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

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.

The planet Pluto is in the eighth house of your birth chart indicating that you've a powerful desire to be united with others. This could be through marriage or through business partnerships. Either way you demand total commitment in your ventures with other people. The process of becoming involved in joint enterprises, whether this be marriage or business, isn't necessarily smooth. You're constantly challenged in these areas, perhaps even being vulnerable to betrayal at some stage. You're a risk-taker when it comes to financial ventures, either with other people or through investments. Depending on other aspects of your chart you may benefit through these ventures, or you may lose. You need to take extra care that you and your partners conduct all joint enterprises with integrity, otherwise you're susceptible to investigations by the tax department or fraud squad. It's also possible that you're fascinated by cycles, such as weather cycles, stock market cycles, or the cycle of life and death. Metaphysical subjects may hold a certain appeal, either because of your own curiosity or because of a close brush with death.

The planet Pluto was in the sign of Cancer from 1914 - 1939. 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 Cancer suggests that you belong to a generation of upheaval in social systems. People born into this generation were born into troubled times which threatened their security and family. As a result this generation continues to experience changes in values, challenges to security and develops the ability to form new social concepts.

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 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.

Your North Node is in the fourth house and your South Node is in the tenth house of your birth chart indicating a quest for inner self-worth. You need to overcome your need for public display and focus on your responsibilities and relationships at home.

Your nodal axis has the North Node in Aries and the South Node in the sign of Libra denoting that you're on a quest to become assertive and self-empowered. You've a tendency to be indecisive, always considering the needs of others first. Now you need to discover a sense of your own identity and initiate your own projects.

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.

Your destiny is linked with the discovery of new and exciting thoughts and concepts because of the combination of the North Node and the planet Uranus. You need to make sure that you do not seek excitement at all costs, but direct your energies wisely. In this way you'll achieve your purpose, which is likely to be linked with making a contribution to humanity.

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 Ascendant, or Rising Sign as it's sometimes called, is a key to discovering our purpose. 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. When we're accomplishing our primary motivation then we're happy. The more modern Esoteric astrologers believe that this sensitive chart point reveals our soul's purpose. When we're carrying out our soul's purpose then we're joyful. They believe that acceptance of our purpose, or fate, can help us achieve success and satisfaction, and that meditation on the qualities of the Ascendant can help us focus on our life's purpose.

The sign of Sagittarius is considered "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. Sagittarius is also a Mutable sign denoting versatility, flexibility, adaptability, sensitivity, restlessness, indecision and anxiety.

You're open-minded, honest, idealistic, jovial, impulsive and a deep thinker. You view life as a continual adventure with many exciting lessons, experiencing good fortune on your travels. Your irrepressible enthusiasm is irresistible, and others are keen to join your adventures. You're ardent, affectionate, and kind-hearted. You need to be wary of becoming too headstrong, because your tendency to go to extremes can be exhausting both to yourself and other people. This also applies to your inclination to rush in to romantic relationships, to be extravagant and reckless. If you can restrain your impulses and harness your positive traits then you're likely to be fortunate in life and an inspiration to others.

In Esoteric astrology the sign of Sagittarius is linked with illuminating the mind. Your purpose is connected with teaching spiritual knowledge and sharing your spiritual vision.

CONCLUSION

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Stephanie's background in medieval astrology can be detected in the direct style of the report. Medieval astrologers differed from modern-day astrologers in several ways. They didn't have a psychological approach to chart interpretation, but took a much more literal approach. They were very much concerned with the fortunes of an individual, whether a person would survive or not, and whether or not the person would experience good or failing fortunes. The author's particular area of interest in Esoteric astrology can be mainly detected in the section labelled "Purpose and Joy". In Esoteric astrology the purpose of an individual is linked to the soul. In other words it is believed that our souls determine our sense of purpose in the world, motivating us to put our gifts to good purpose.

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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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