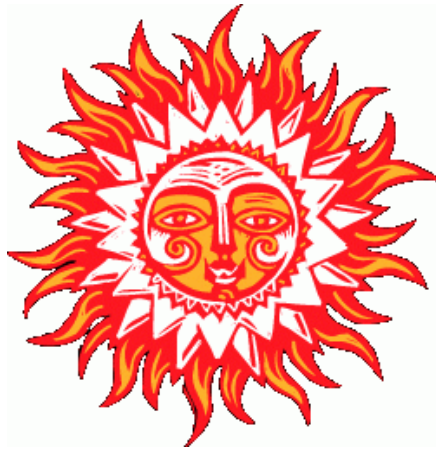


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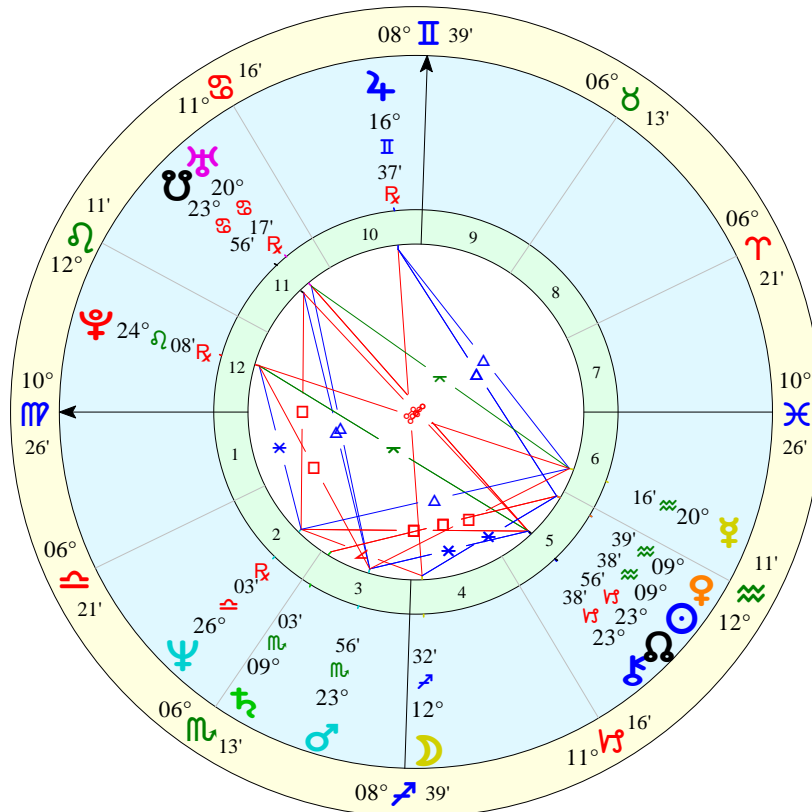
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Astrological SummaryChart Point Positions: Oprah Winfrey

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Sagittarius	12°Sg32'	4th	
The Sun	Aquarius	9°Aq38'	5th	read into 6th House
Mercury	Aquarius	20°Aq16'	6th	
Venus	Aquarius	9°Aq39'	5th	read into 6th House
Mars	Scorpio	23°Sc56'	3rd	
Jupiter	Gemini	16°Ge37'	10th	
Saturn	Scorpio	9°Sc03'	3rd	
Uranus	Cancer	20°Cn17'	11th	
Neptune	Libra	26°Li03'	2nd	
Pluto	Leo	24°Le08'	12th	
Chiron	Capricorn	23°Cp38'	5th	
The North Node	Capricorn	23°Cp56'	5th	
The South Node	Cancer	23°Cn56'	11th	
The Ascendant	Virgo	10°Vi26'	1st	
The Midheaven	Gemini	8°Ge39'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Sextile	The Sun	2°53'	Separating
The Moon	Sextile	Venus	2°52'	Separating
The Moon	Opposition	Jupiter	4°05'	Applying
The Moon	Semisquare	Neptune	1°28'	Separating
The Moon	Square	The Ascendant	2°05'	Separating
The Moon	Opposition	The Midheaven	3°53'	Separating
The Sun	Conjunction	Venus	0°00'	Separating
The Sun	Trine	Jupiter	6°59'	Applying
The Sun	Square	Saturn	0°34'	Separating
The Sun	Quincunx	The Ascendant	0°47'	Applying
The Sun	Trine	The Midheaven	0°59'	Separating
Mercury	Square	Mars	3°40'	Applying
Mercury	Trine	Jupiter	3°38'	Separating
Mercury	Quincunx	Uranus	0°00'	Applying
Mercury	Trine	Neptune	5°47'	Applying
Mercury	Opposition	Pluto	3°51'	Applying
Venus	Trine	Jupiter	6°58'	Applying
Venus	Square	Saturn	0°35'	Separating
Venus	Quincunx	The Ascendant	0°46'	Applying
Venus	Trine	The Midheaven	1°00'	Separating
Mars	Trine	Uranus	3°39'	Separating
Mars	Square	Pluto	0°11'	Applying
Mars	Sextile	Chiron	0°18'	Separating
Mars	Sextile	The North Node	0°00'	Applying

Mars	Trine	The South Node	0°00'	Applying
Jupiter	Conjunction	The Midheaven	7°58'	Applying
Saturn	Sextile	The Ascendant	1°22'	Applying
Saturn	Quincunx	The Midheaven	0°24'	Separating
Uranus	Opposition	Chiron	3°21'	Separating
Uranus	Opposition	The North Node	3°39'	Separating
Uranus	Conjunction	The South Node	3°39'	Separating
Neptune	Sextile	Pluto	1°55'	Separating
Neptune	Square	Chiron	2°25'	Applying
Neptune	Square	The North Node	2°07'	Applying
Neptune	Square	The South Node	2°07'	Applying
Neptune	Semisquare	The Ascendant	0°37'	Applying
Neptune	Sesquisquare	The Midheaven	2°24'	Applying
Pluto	Quincunx	Chiron	0°29'	Applying
Pluto	Quincunx	The North Node	0°11'	Applying
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Chiron	Sesquisquare	The Midheaven	0°00'	Applying
The North Node	Sesquisquare	The Ascendant	1°29'	Applying
The North Node	Sesquisquare	The Midheaven	0°17'	Separating
The South Node	Semisquare	The Ascendant	1°29'	Applying
The South Node	Semisquare	The Midheaven	0°17'	Separating
The Ascendant	Square	The Midheaven	1°47'	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 a 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 sixth house of your birth chart meaning that your workplace is the area of your life in which you really shine. It's here that your organisational skills and ability to serve others really come to the fore. You're likely to benefit from any job that requires you to be of service to others. In fact you've the ability to go a long way towards helping to alleviate the sufferings of humanity. The only problem is your own personal health and vitality, which can be easily drained. It's possible that you suffered ill health at a young age, realising early in life that you're prone to contagious diseases, allergies and perhaps even accidents. Ancient astrologers considered the Sun placed in the sixth house of a chart as an unfavourable position, in particular taxing the vitality of a person. Depending on other aspects in your chart you may have learnt to manage your daily life so that you can prevent becoming physically run down or ill. Perhaps you've studied both conventional and alternative preventative medicine techniques in order to boost your own resources. It's also possible that you've chosen work in a medical field. You're skilled at managing your diet, daily routine and physical exercise program. It's also possible that you've learnt much about the effect of the mind on the physical health.

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 a 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.

When the Sun is making a positive aspect to the Moon, this means that you're likely to succeed in your life through promotion, prosperity, and help from powerful people. You're likely to gain employment easily, and earn the respect of other people. Your health and vitality is good, helping you achieve your goals. You're also likely to attract a partner who helps raise your position in society and assists you in achieving your goals.

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

The Sun is making a favourable contact with the positive planet Jupiter in your chart meaning that you're blessed with good fortune and a happy nature. You've the ability to land on your feet no matter how difficult a situation. This is partly because you're destined to be in the right place at the right time throughout your life. It's possible that a father or grandfather figure has given you a helping hand in life, teaching you to have confidence in your own abilities. Your success is also due to the fact that your positive attitude to life attracts good fortune. Your optimism and enthusiasm are infectious. You're popular and generous, and tend to shine in the company of other people. You like to embrace life and all it has to offer. As a result your life tends to read like an adventure story, possibly including travels around the globe. You're not necessarily attracted to rugged adventure, preferring to travel in style. It would be unusual for you to go without comforts. Even a camping trip may involve the latest equipment guaranteed to ensure comfort. You also get plenty of chances to expand your mind, whether this be through the experiences of your lifetime or through study in an academic institution. You're likely to shine in your studies, eventually making an inspirational teacher if you choose this path. You may be surprised by the number of people who have been impressed by your attitude, to the extent that they have felt inspired to change their own lives. You're likely to achieve your goals whatever path is followed, and perhaps to help others achieve theirs.

The Sun is making a difficult contact with the planet Saturn in your chart indicating that you have to face some hardships before achieving your life goals. It's possible that you had a difficult childhood, experiencing either emotional or financial troubles. Perhaps your father, or a father figure, was an imposing and restrictive force in your life. As a child you may have felt imprisoned, unable to communicate your innermost thoughts and feelings. You may have been frightened to venture forth in the world. As an adult you may still have difficulty expressing yourself and at times feel that external circumstances are still somewhat onerous. You're fearful, worrying about the outcome of decisions and actions. On a positive note childhood difficulties can become the basis for adult wisdom, particularly if you're able to overcome your fears. As you grow older you learn that your natural reserve stands you in good stead, giving you the ability to stand back and assess situations. Your confidence grows enabling you to achieve your goals through attention to detail and hard work.

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

You've the planet Jupiter in the zodiac sign of Gemini in your birth chart indicating that education is a major factor in your life as you seek information on a variety of subjects, ranging from the mundane to the occult. You're searching for a constant exchange of information to stimulate your active mind - any form of mental recreation will do, because you enjoy learning new things. This enjoyment is contagious and other people enjoy your company. They are also drawn to your affable nature. You're a good-natured person with a kind word for everyone, and a tendency to be concerned for humanity as whole. You love travelling to other countries, or any place which broadens your education and brings you into contact with other people. Problems can arise when you don't have an outlet for your insatiable curiosity and you can become restless and disoriented, but this is unusual. Generally you've a variety of options to consider and are spoiled for choice. You're a versatile student and an entertaining teacher, and are particularly attracted to novel ideas. You may also be a talented writer with a gift for prophecy. Astrologically speaking the planet Jupiter is considered to be in an ill-favoured position in the sign of Gemini. Therefore you should be wary of scattering your energies and failing to achieve your goals.

The planet Jupiter is making a difficult aspect to the Moon in your chart suggesting that you tend to be self-indulgent lacking the motivation to achieve your goals, or perhaps you've unrealistic expectations of yourself and your loved ones. You may lack faith in yourself and the fortitude needed to accomplish tasks on your own. It's possible that you put other people, particularly women, on a pedestal. You need to acquire self-discipline in order to complete tasks, which in turn boosts your confidence. Once this is achieved then you're likely to succeed in your objectives.

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 fourth house of your birth chart suggesting that your place of residence is constantly undergoing change. This can be that you frequently move home, that your house is constantly in a state of renovation or that the members of your household are constantly coming and going. Whatever the scenario, it's likely that as a result your home doesn't feel secure. Perhaps this doesn't concern you, but it's more likely that it does leave you feeling somehow without roots, perhaps even reminding you of childhood insecurities. It is possible that you were separated from one or both of your parents at a young age, perhaps even fostered to live with another family or adopted at birth. As an adult you may learn to adapt positively to the constant changes in your domestic life, or you may feel a constant sense of instability. You've a strong desire to live by the water, and this may provide a sense of deep satisfaction. You could also benefit from working on the land or dealing in property. Depending on the other sections of your birth chart, you could benefit from an inheritance from women. In ancient times the Moon was considered to be in a strong position when placed in the fourth house of a chart, meaning that you're in a strong position to achieve your personal ambitions.

With the Moon in the sign of Sagittarius you've an emotional need for adventure and independence, and will feel all of the impatience of a horse being held on a tight rein if your adventurous nature is thwarted. This is despite the fact that you may be headed in the wrong direction. The destination doesn't really matter, for you've

an instinctual urge for travel and exploring - any path will do, particularly when you feel the urge to escape from the stresses of daily life. Sometimes your explorations involve travelling around the globe, while at other times you're content to explore the academic halls of knowledge. Philosophy and religion may particularly appeal. Once your quest for mind-expanding knowledge is somewhat sated, you may seek to change from the role of enthusiastic student to inspiring teacher. Fun is also important. When feeling under stress, you like nothing more than to go out and enjoy yourself. Anything which offers light relief will do. This can range from discussing the philosophical side of life over a cup of tea with a friend, to taking up a new hobby or taking flight to distant lands.

The Moon is making a difficult aspect to the planet Jupiter in your birth chart indicating that you struggle with your tendency to be self-indulgent and attached to the comforts of life. You've difficulty finding a sense of equilibrium in your home life. Either your home seems so comfortable that it's difficult to rouse yourself to attend social occasions, or you're never home. This isn't necessarily a problem for you, but can cause difficulties for members of your family. Perhaps these problems stem from your childhood. As a child your mother may have been over-indulgent, showering you with affection and attention and inadvertently making life a little too comfortable. As a result you may either have had difficulty finding the motivation to leave the nest, or have fled for greener pastures far too soon. It's also possible that you've unrealistic expectations of yourself and your family members, which can occasionally cause friction. On a positive note you're warm and benevolent and enjoy spending time with your family. It's also possible that you share common religious or spiritual beliefs, and that your home is a hospitable meeting place.

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

sensitivity to other people's problems and plans, or to create a beautiful environment with artistic ornaments, soothing music and indoor plants and flowers. Perhaps you also have artistic talents, which can be displayed in your home. You may find a great sense of satisfaction in living close to water, or surrounded by nature.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION

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

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 sixth house of your chart signifies that daily life is your teacher. Your daily routine is busy and stimulating, and you enjoy keeping yourself occupied. You need to be wary of overtaxing your strength by taking on more than you can handle and not making enough time for rest. You've a tendency to reach for medication to soothe tell-tale physical symptoms, rather than take as signals that you need to slow down. It's not helpful in the long run if you fail to heed the warnings of your body. Other people may also start to notice the fact that you are unable to keep your promises because you are over-committed. Developing a list of priorities may help, as does taking time out to smell the roses. You like to be active, particularly because it stops you dwelling on your troubles. You are highly-strung with a tendency to worry about little things. You find it difficult to switch off your mind. For this reason study can appeal. You could benefit through writing and studying, particularly the study of health and hygiene.

The planet Mercury in the zodiac sign of Aquarius indicates that you're brimming with original and unique ideas, which you want to share with all of your friends and colleagues. You enjoy exchanging ideas with other people, particularly friends and groups of people. You have a wide range of interests, and an ability to converse on a variety of topics. You're particularly interested in the new and original, and also in subjects which affect the world as a whole, rather than individuals. For this reason you may delve into environmental issues, science, metaphysics or politics. You're an inventive thinker, capable of communicating your original ideas to others. At times, however, you rebel against old and traditional ideas, chafing at the bit when you stumble across the more staid thinkers of the world. You like to think of the world as one large family, and can't understand small-minded thinking such as racism. On the whole though your understanding of human nature stands you in good stead for helping others to see your point of view.

The planets Mercury and Jupiter are making positive contact in your birth chart indicating that you enjoy

success in your education and communications with other people. Depending on other influences in your chart, you've the ability to think clearly and deeply, combining common sense with a cheerful outlook on life. These attributes can be put to good use in your studies, and you may choose to pursue an academic education. It's also possible that you prefer to learn through your own experiences. Either way you've a thirst for knowledge and delight in sharing your discoveries with other people. You've the ability to talk to people from all walks of life, and your ideas can be uplifting for other people. Others seem to find your candid and honest manner refreshing. For these reasons you may spend part of your life teaching, writing, lecturing or public speaking. You've big ideas and plans, and the ability to achieve many of your hopes and dreams.

The planets Mercury and Neptune are making favourable contact in your chart suggesting that you've a fertile imagination which, if encouraged, can lead to success in education, communication and any creative projects. You're receptive to new ideas and have a resourceful mind. You may also be inspired by the beauty of nature and the expanse of the ocean. Although at times you can seem a little vague, it's more likely that you're lost in a world of creative thought. If left to your reflections, then you're likely to express your thoughts in an artistic or creative manner. This could be through art, poetry, literature, story-telling, or music. It's possible that you possess genius in one of these fields. You're also likely to excel in medical or spiritual circles, where your heightened sensitivity to other people can be truly appreciated. You're more likely to follow an unconventional, rather than orthodox, path if you become involved in medicine. This is because you're attracted in psychic and spiritual phenomenon. In fact you may possess psychic gifts in the form of clairvoyance, psychometry, crystal gazing, trance and inspirational speaking and writing, and prophetic dreams.

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.

The planets Mercury and Uranus are making unfavourable contact in your birth chart indicating that your education and communications with other people are fraught with difficulty. Although you've an active and intelligent mind, you've so many original thoughts and ideas that you find it difficult to express them. This is true for your verbal and written communications. You also have trouble concentrating for long periods of time, needing the stimulation of constant change and new topics of interest. For these reasons you're likely to encounter problems in your early childhood education, particularly if you attend a school that has a traditional approach to education. You're more likely to shine in an education system which encourages independent and free thinking. At any age you're likely to react to authority figures, showing a defiant and audacious attitude. Perhaps you don't realise that you've a tendency to thrust your own radical thoughts and ideas onto other people, without listening to their own opinions. You wilfully defend your right to have different views and can fail to appreciate other people's points of view. You need to learn to respect all forms of communication and thinking. You don't mean to be thoughtless, it's simply that you're so often restless in your search for stimulation. One of your major struggles in life is with discontentment. In fact you may be ahead of your time in your thoughts, ideas and opinions. With a little patience and tolerance, you'll be successful in helping others understand your

unique and innovative ideas. Writing, publishing, advertising, science, astrology and electrical affairs may all be of interest, although any unusual subject will catch your attention.

The planets Mercury and Pluto are combined in your birth chart suggesting that your education and communications are coloured with highs and lows. On the positive side you've a probing mind and the ability to assess situations rapidly, which can lead to success in your studies. You're likely to excel in any education process which requires research and intense work. It's also likely that these gifts will help you excel in any professional or personal situation which involves counselling or crisis work. Your insightful mind proves invaluable in such situations. You enjoy investigating mysteries and probing for hidden truths. Although you can be secretive by nature, you find it difficult to appreciate other people's need for privacy. You feel impelled to uncover any secret, be it personal or societal. Fortunately you also know how to keep secrets. It's likely that you've learnt to rely on your own judgement from an early age. Perhaps a threatening environment, at home, in your neighbourhood, or at school, meant that your instincts were a vital means of survival. It could also have been a crisis, ranging from a traumatic change of school or a death, that led to your ability to see situations clearly and honestly. The gifts can be used to benefit your adult life, and other people. However, problems are likely to arise because of your inability to see the lighter side of life, and to accept that occasionally you might be wrong! You are a deep thinker with wonderful powers of concentration, but you can become obsessive, seeing only innuendos and subtleties in communications, rather than the bigger and often brighter picture. This obsessive side of your nature means that you also tend to believe that others are opposed to your thoughts and ideas, when perhaps they're not. You need to battle to overcome your tendency to create conflict and then seek revenge in such situations. If you believe that you're losing sight of the plot, then seek advice from a trusted friend or colleague. You are at your most powerful when using your insights for positive purposes. In particular your honesty and insights can be useful in a counselling situation, but be careful of taking these talents out of the consulting room unless invited to do so. Friends and loved ones may not always appreciate your ability to get straight to the point, particularly if they're feeling vulnerable or emotionally distraught. You need to learn tact and diplomacy and sensitivity to other people's pain. Your gifts, combined with compassion, make you a powerful advocate in any field.

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 sixth house of your birth chart, relationships with your co-workers are important. Usually you enjoy a peaceful daily work environment, and feel that your life is richly rewarded through your relationships with your co-workers. You appreciate the small comforts of life, anything which contributes to the smooth and pleasant running of daily life. Depending on the other influences in your chart, you enjoy good health and appreciate the freedom of being able to eat and drink what you like. Daily exercise is a source of pleasure, whether it be taking a walk in a nearby park or visiting a gymnasium. In some cases the planet Venus may be a negative influence resulting in health and diet restrictions. If this is the case in your chart, you may suffer ill-health, particularly in your childhood. As a result you may have to adhere to a strict health regime in order to overcome your health difficulties. Whether you're healthy or not, you have to be careful not to overindulge when eating and drinking. A little common sense goes a long way. Health is likely to be a general topic of interest, perhaps to the extent that you take up a job in orthodox or alternative medicine or hygiene-related professions. Your job may also be linked to your enjoyment of animals, although it's more likely that you simply delight in owning pets.

With Venus in the sign of Aquarius you're a social being by nature, enjoying friendships with people from all walks of life. This of course depends on other influences in your chart, which may indicate a preference for solitude. However, on the whole you're likely to flourish in groups of people because you make friends so easily. In other words you're a real party animal. You love to organise social events with your friends, and often receive invitations to various social events. You're the sort of person who talks to the person sitting next to you on the bus, easily striking up a conversation with a total stranger. Whether introverted or extraverted by nature

you're particularly interested in sharing cultural and intellectual pursuits with your friends. It's important that you've the freedom to pursue your many friendships, and attend your group and social functions, otherwise you become restless and bored, and consequently rebellious. For these reasons your primary partner in life needs to be someone who is intellectually stimulating and who understands your social butterfly urges, giving you plenty of room to spread your wings. You may find yourself attracted to unusual people, and possibly choose a partner, who's out of the ordinary.

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.

"Lucky in love and money". This could be your personal motto because the favourable planets Jupiter and Venus are combining to shine good fortune on your relationships and finances. You're fun loving, generous and popular. With your sympathetic and kind nature, you've a talent for putting other people at their ease. You're optimistic and talented, full of joie de vivre. Therefore you're likely to be surrounded by supportive friends, and many potential life partners. You're seeking a relationship with someone who will expand your horizons, perhaps even joining your travels around the world. You love to share adventures, philosophies and goals. Other influences in your chart may indicate that you prefer to keep the home fires burning, but it's more likely that you seek adventure and romance with your partner.

The planets Venus and Saturn have combined in your chart indicating that you have difficulty in intimate relationships. You seek commitment and security in your primary relationship, but may be disappointed at some stage of your life. It's possible for you to have a rewarding, long-term relationship with someone trustworthy and reliable, but it's likely to be after initial setbacks and upsets. You're faithful and loyal, a dependable, stable and dutiful partner. However, you need to be wary of becoming involved with someone who tries to control your movements and behaviour. Depending on other influences in your chart you may be shy and inhibited in your personal relationships, and be fearful of standing up for your rights. One of your parents may have been too strict, eroding your confidence and ability to make your own way in the world. Consequently you fear expressing yourself, particularly in intimate relationships, and harbour feelings of being unattractive. While your personal relationships may prove difficult you've the ability to form good business partnerships. This is probably because business partners don't require intimacy or emotional vulnerability. It's also possible that you're attracted to someone much older. The good news is that once you overcome your feelings of inadequacy you've the ability to form secure and long-lasting personal relationships based on firm foundations. You may favour a traditional marital relationship, complete with a ceremony and wedding vows.

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 third house of your birth chart you're motivated through education. You have the ability to state your thoughts and ideas strongly, speaking up for yourself or on behalf of those who lack your oratory skills. These skills may also be applied to the written word, where you discover literary talents. You have a keen and perceptive mind and an ability to speak your mind plainly. The phrase "a tongue as sharp as a sword" could also be apt. You are often impatient, and prone to arguing with relatives and battling with neighbours, and other community members. Sales representatives, either door-to-door or telephone sales, are also likely to experience your impatience first-hand. You'd think that they would heed the warning signs rather than try to bully you into making a purchase! You're stubborn and headstrong, and you can go too far, provoking violent reactions in yourself and in others. In some cases you can end up in court, although you would do well to avoid legal cases, because you're unlikely to fare well. Your challenge is to put your powers to positive use, rather than fall into the trap of negativity. For example you would do better to use your sharp mind and tongue in debating or politics rather than trying to prove your point in arguments with loved ones. You would do well to learn communication skills that can help you to remain assertive, but avoid quarrels and upsets.

The planet Mars in the sign of Scorpio indicates that you're the type of person who can be relied on to make sure that a task is finished, because you're resourceful and, once committed, quite tenacious. You're executive material and have the ambitions to match. You're also the type of person who likes to get to the bottom of matters in order to resolve problems. Sometimes this can also involve an interest in investigating the mysteries of the occult world. You certainly don't like to have difficulties swept under the carpet, but prefer to bring things out in the open. This applies to both your work and your private life. You're a passionate person, and sometimes your life can resemble an emotional battlefield. Although this can be a bit overwhelming, mostly

you like a sense of the dramatic in your life. At least it's preferable to boredom. On the whole you're strongly committed to those around you, but woe betide anyone who tries to stand in your way because you can be a vengeful opponent. You need to be cautious before going into battle with others because the planet Mars is considered to be powerful in the sign of Scorpio and therefore while you may win, the outcome could be unpleasant.

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

An unfavourable combination of the planets Mars and Pluto has a powerful effect on your life, suggesting that you've intense emotions which are difficult to control. Violence may even be a theme in your life, either your own or someone else's aggressive actions. Those who know you well also recognise a volcanic temper when they see one. Whether you're the type to lose your cool often or rarely, you certainly make an impact when you do! On the other hand you're a great person to have around in a crisis because little daunts your indomitable spirit. You're capable of swift and effective actions, and commitment to seeing something through to the end. One of your key lessons is to come to an understanding of your own and other people's powerful emotions, and to express your own in a positive and creative manner. Fortunately your will-power is awesome once you've decided on your objective. You've the ability to work with persistence and determination, and to achieve a great sense of satisfaction when you have reached your goal.

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 third house of your birth chart suggests that progress through the school system can present difficulties early in your life, which linger to a certain degree as you mature. These troubles vary from having difficulty learning to read and write, to suffering from shyness or loneliness at school, to being forced to change schools. As a result there may be a period of your life when you're prone to melancholy. You may doubt your own intelligence, causing you to hesitate before pursuing your education. Finally you realise that it's not lack of intelligence, but more a lack of confidence based on early childhood experiences. Once you learn to take yourself seriously, you can pursue your education with confidence, working on study and communication skills. You may even write and publish articles or books as part of your profession. Although the path to being taken seriously in connection with your writing isn't smooth, you can succeed through perseverance and hard work. You need to take care when planning short journeys, otherwise you're likely to experience problems and delays. While others seem to enjoy short trips, you always seem to be travelling under some sort of cloud. On the other hand, depending on other aspects in your chart, it may be that you enjoy travelling for business purposes only.

The planet Saturn in the sign of Scorpio signifies that you're an acquisitive individual who likes to be able to work independently towards your own goals in life. You're a resourceful and determined worker and have an intense commitment to work and joint enterprises, in particular those which help you acquire extra resources. You're a shrewd operator and may enjoy speculating on the stock market or dabbling in property investments. Wins and losses can be experienced in speculation, no matter how clever your tactics. It's also possible that your profession may be linked to property management or brokering. You're protective of your assets and do not take easily to other people standing in your path. As a result you're often at loggerheads with other people at work and home. You can be tenacious in your efforts to achieve your ambitions. You may also have friends in

high places who can lend a helping hand. When faced with ongoing problems you can be quite sudden in your resolutions, taking other people by surprise. This can also be because you're a secretive person, often making plans without other people's advice or knowledge. Secret liaisons can add intrigue to life, but you need to be wary of secret love affairs which could land you in a lot of trouble.

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 Gemini and ruled by the planet Mercury, stimulation and activity are required in your professional life. You prefer a career that is versatile, busy and yet gives you plenty of flexibility. Communication is also important, and you're likely to be drawn to writing, teaching, public relations and various types of networks, including transport. Any avenue that links you with other people will suffice. You're known in the workplace for your adaptability, and willingness to try your hand at most things. The ruling planet Mercury is known for duality and therefore it's also possible that you'll have difficulty choosing between two careers, or perhaps you'll enjoy having two careers at once, juggling your time between both. This also applies to your role as a parent. Perhaps you're juggling your parental responsibilities with your career demands. Examples of famous people with the same Midheaven include American talk show host Oprah Winfrey, actress, dancer and author Shirley MacLaine and UK comedian and actor John Cleese.

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 eleventh house of your birth chart suggesting that you've unusual hopes and wishes, which you would like to achieve with a little help from your friends. You're attracted to unusual and eccentric friends and acquaintances. Depending on other aspects in your chart these friends may have a positive influence on your life, surprising you with their generosity. You're the recipient of unexpected gifts, which help you achieve your goals. You enjoy the company of extraordinary people, finding them stimulating and inspirational. Your friends and acquaintances may be associated with occult activities, or work in unusual fields - eccentric geniuses. However, it's also possible that your friends and acquaintances are eccentric and unreliable, wavering in their loyalty and failing in their ability to support you. Either way these friends are certainly original.

The planet Uranus was in the sign of Cancer from 1949 - 1956. 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 Cancer indicates that you belong to a generation which nurtures the ideas of the previous generation. This generation is concerned about the welfare of society, global communication, caring for suffering people in the international community, about the changes in family life and the effects of technology. Your creativity soars when you're tackling these issues.

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 second house of your chart means that your personal finances are likely to be a source of trouble. In other words you're likely to experience a general lack of money, or a loss of finances at some stage of your life. If you can accept this fact, and develop a set of values that doesn't focus on material wealth, then you're unlikely to be greatly concerned about your loss of material wealth. However, if you're determined to accumulate both money and possessions, then you could be bitterly disappointed. You need to be particularly careful before investing your money, because you're prone to loss and fraud. Depending on other aspects in your birth chart, you may not experience a loss of money, but rather earn your money through an artistic, spiritual or philanthropic occupation, or give generously to philanthropic organisations. Even so you may find that your work is subject to delays because of financial difficulties.

The planet Neptune was in the sign of Libra from 1942 - 1957. 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 Libra indicates that you belong to a generation possessing the ability to view human relationships from a more spiritual overall viewpoint, rather than the rules and regulations of the previous (Virgo) generation. It's during this time that some confusion over right human relations may reign. People of this generation will aim to achieve a balance in human relationships. You'll also be concerned with justice.

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 opportunities to bring about fundamental change to human values. You are aware of injustices in society and, depending on other influences in your chart, may prefer to fight against them 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.

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 twelfth house of your birth chart indicating that one of your biggest challenges is to overcome your overwhelming sense of responsibility for other people's problems. This is quite a feat because you're often at the centre of conflict without really understanding why. This probably started when you were a young child, and seemed to be the focus of the rest of your family's aggression. Perhaps you couldn't seem to stop yourself getting into trouble, feeling compelled to get into mischief. It's also possible that there was no justification for the accusations. As an adult you again seem to be in the thick of conflict, even if it's now the role of mediator or spokesperson, rather than perpetrator. These situations seem to happen even if you don't want to be involved. It could be that you've the inability to say "no" to others people's problems, or that you're swept along by events. As a result you may have the urge to study psychology or another avenue that explores the unconscious realms of the human psyche. You may also be drawn to study secret arts such as magic or alchemy. Once you've gained some understanding of this pattern of behaviour, you may choose to be an advocate on other people's behalf. Making a choice is very different from being caught up seemingly against your will.

The planet Pluto was in the sign of Leo from 1939 - 1957. 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 Leo suggests that you belong to a generation of people concerned with the lack of or acquiring of power. People of this generation have the ability to use power both positively and negatively. World power and leadership are also important issues for these people.

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 fifth house and your South Node is in the eleventh house of your birth chart indicating a quest to create and own your destiny. You need to give up your personal dreams and develop self-discipline to build a creative life.

Your nodal axis has the North Node in Capricorn and the South Node in the sign of Cancer denoting that yours is a quest for maturity. You've a tendency to become over-dependent on other people and cling to them as if you were a child. You burden others with your real or imagined emotional problems wanting them to take a parental role. You will spend much of your life searching for a father-figure unless you can rise to the challenge of becoming responsible for your own life. You need to let go of your personal problems and work towards your own respected place in the world.

The North Node and the planet Mars are combining to suggest that you're being challenged to become assertive and focussed on your personal goals. Independence and self-confidence are keys to your growth in this life, and you may find yourself thrust into leadership roles.

The South Node and the planet Mars are combining to suggest that you may experience difficulty being assertive and finding the drive to succeed, or alternatively you may have a tendency to misdirect your energies. Your current life lesson is to express your energy positively and assertively. Your talent for independent action needs to be developed so that you can achieve your purpose.

You've a tendency to seek excitement and scatter your energies, because of the combination of the South Node and the planet Uranus. You've many unique talents, but need to develop discipline in order to make the most of them.

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 Virgo is considered "feminine" by Ancient astrologers suggesting that you're not a risk-taker, but are more likely to wait until you feel comfortable before pursuing your purpose. You're also likely to depend on other people to take the initiative. Virgo is also a Mutable sign denoting versatility, flexibility, adaptability, sensitivity, restlessness, indecision and anxiety.

You've a quiet, reserved, retiring and receptive side to your nature. Although you're not strongly ambitious you do persevere to accomplish your goals in life. You're economical, thrifty, hygienic, tidy in body and mind. Order and precision are your preferred modes of self-expression, and you like other people to follow your lead. In fact you can be quite critical and judgmental of those less organised and efficient. Perhaps you've forgotten that not everyone has your ingenuity and ability to work hard. Other people will appreciate your practical approach, and usually do their best to help, even if it's not quite up to your exacting standards. Your fate could largely depend on your circumstances, but is likely to be linked to your organisational ability. Your intellectual ability could also feature strongly in your life, perhaps through research.

In Esoteric astrology the sign of Virgo is linked with purity, humility and practicality. Your purpose is connected to striving for spiritual knowledge, and ensuring a practical manifestation of this knowledge.