

Your Spiritual Path

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Your Spiritual Path

Each of us has the potential to develop along psychic, intuitive and spiritual lines into the person who best suits our natural gifts. There are essentially three possibilities for how that development may occur:

1. Along the lines dictated by our family, peers and social milieu: Most of us are taught a set of rules as children. Some of those rules prove to be very useful, and some lessons prove to be detrimental to our development, or at least not helpful.
2. Along the lines suggested by your own conscious mind: Each of us is born with the capacity to learn. The person inside us is the life and light of the mind.
3. The inevitable path is a combination of these two possibilities. No one can develop precisely the way someone else dictates. And no one can develop to suit individual desires with no connection to the outer world.

When individuals develop along the lines reflected by their astrological chart, the fullest expression of natural potential is possible. The birth chart places you at the center of your world, and shows your personal relationship to the Sun, Moon and planets. This is the astrological approach to spiritual understanding. It is not limited to one religious sect or emotional expression. The birth chart presents the possibilities that vibrate within your soul, and indicates which will be easier or more difficult to manage.

Your goal or mission is indicated by your natal chart, but you fully understand it only if you are open to the inner spiritual voice that is always present, and is truly your devoted life companion.

The best spiritual path is one that allows you to use your natural talents and skills. Sometimes your latent abilities will require training and practice to develop into spiritual tools. In this report we will consider a number of possibilities to help you get a sense of your talents, and how to develop and use them.

Your Creative Process

The Sun is the source of all physical life as we know it. As children develop, Sun sign characteristics are colored by family circumstances, cultural values, and other environmental influences. Yet we develop according to our own individual character IN SPITE of everything. The voice within us will not be denied. It cannot be eradicated and it never gives up. When we are on an appropriate path to our true spiritual destiny our inner voice is a gentle guide. When we stray into less productive territory, the voice becomes more forceful. When we attempt to stifle this inner voice of character, it waits patiently for the proper moment and speaks again.

The Sun sign reveals your conscious attitude toward the external world. The following description of the Sun explores your natural tendencies of mental style and action.

With the Sun in Libra, you are primarily the Thinking type. Thinking types tend to be less personal in their approach to the world. They are focusing on an objective truth that they hope to find, and not on the people in their path. They choose to be logical. They choose to be truthful. They choose to be argumentative - after all, they have argued with themselves enough times! They are usually able to go through a thought process once and stop, without needing to re-evaluate. Air types benefit from an education that includes logical training, but they remain one-sided if they skip over the opportunities to appreciate the people and things around them. They judge the world through a logical process that seldom admits consideration of feelings. Thinking types can do well in careers where it is important to organize and assess quantities of information. You tend to be somewhat more businesslike, able to "cut to the chase" in planning as well as performance. You contribute to society through intellectual criticism, through the exposure of wrongdoing, and through scientific research. You perform well in executive positions partly because such positions are somewhat impersonal. You are willing to tell the truth, even when it is not convenient.

How You Express Your Will

The Sun indicates your will power and its direction. One of the reasons we can identify Sun signs in other people is that they are often willful in their actions. Especially in childhood they are determined, demanding and rebellious against anything that does not conform to their will. The Children of each Sun show us the power of will. The information about your Sun sign focuses on the potential expression (and the associated undercurrents).

I will be co-dependent (when cooperation or independence is better). I will be extravagant (when creative is better). I will be indecisive (when a harmonious decision is required). I will go to extremes (when balance is preferred). I will be temperamental (when assertiveness is enough). I will be vain (when modesty would serve me) .

Your Sun is in the 8th house. You appear fearless as you travel through a life filled with change. You face transitions frequently enough that no one would think you are unfamiliar with death and transformation. Sometimes you over-extend yourself, and seem to challenge the Fates by acting recklessly. For you to understand the shaman's message, you must become the shaman. But you don't have to die to gather the necessary wisdom. Rather, you need to die to the desire to use your power only for yourself, and learn to share it with others. If you cannot share, then you must at least use your power wisely so that you hurt no one in your personal quest. Sexual energy is a profound source of pain and pleasure for you. Physical contact with a partner is often necessary for your well-being and health. When you deepen a connection with another person, you transcend your normal perceptions and enter a space where life is illuminated by more than physical senses. Ecstatic experience may first be found in sexual union, but that is only the beginning. You may find that any experience can evoke the memories, the feelings, even the peak of sexual ecstasy.

Aspects of the Sun

All life has the potential to bring you joy, and the ebb and flow is important for you to understand. Your heart can expand to contain many possibilities, and you can also learn to let go

of one successful experience in order to embrace another. You perceive the structure of your life as restrictive unless you can infuse spiritual values into all your activities. Early on you resent the authority of the church or teacher, but later you come to appreciate the ritual patterns of prayer, yogic practices, circle work, focused meditation - all life experience in fact. Spiritual character for you is involved in the playing out of rituals in daily activities. You have an intuitive bias toward respectful behavior, and you listen to this inner voice for guidance in difficult moments.

Core Beliefs

Much of the pain and limitation we experience is the result of being taught so-called "truths" that are incompatible with our core beliefs. Family and society train us, and sometimes little is done to nurture our individual realities. It is up to you to identify and nurture the values that are meaningful to you. When the filtering process is undertaken, you uncover a "truth" that is unique to you.

The Moon

The Moon reflects the soul. It governs fluids in your body and imagination in your mind. It generally represents a less conscious part of your being, and reflects the quality and flexibility of your memory. If the Sun indicates the most likely course of your spiritual path, the Moon indicates some of the qualities of the path itself.

With the Moon in Virgo, your secondary mental style is primarily the Sensation type. There is a practical side to your nature that comes from deep within. On the surface you are not focused on the material side of life, but your inner voice is always presenting some grounded argument that guides your actions. Thus, no matter what you are involved in, there is a considered quality to your actions that generally brings solid results. Your psychic senses run to the physical. You may be able to dowse for lost objects or water, for example. Or you may find that you sense oncoming illness in yourself and others. To develop this capacity further, you may want to record your psychic sensations and track them. Anytime you have communication with your less conscious side, it is important to acknowledge it in some way - to show respect for its power. You don't have to act in every instance, but you can acknowledge that you have received the information. If you don't the signal may become more distressing, or the voice may sink into silence.

You carefully consider your beliefs before you make any changes, examining the history, texture and value of each one. You understand your past and use it to achieve your practical goals.

Aspects of the Moon

The spiritual beauty that you extend into the world, through creative efforts or through facilitation of others, is a comfortable mirroring of your internal values. Your strong intuition provides a rich source of information in your relationships with others. You may eventually be

capable of seeing into the future quite clearly. Meetings with unconventional people can provide the spiritual contacts you need to make further progress. You can be a radical without being irresponsible. Women bring an emotional spotlight to your self-awareness. Among the tears and anger you find gems in the form of core beliefs that have been transformed to suit your present needs.

The Fourth House

The sign on the Fourth House cusp indicates the filter through which you view your core beliefs. It is the wellspring of all the best, most creative and most powerful ideas you will have throughout your lifetime. It indicates the refrain that the inner voice sings to you when you are sad or filled with joy, when you are pessimistic or optimistic, when you are afraid or when you are experiencing the power of love in your life.

You have Gemini on the Fourth House cusp. Your core beliefs are gathered around the principle of Change - Change with a capital "C" because we are not talking about minor day-to-day ups and downs. We are considering the profound changes in mind and spirit that lead to human progress. These changes first appear in the beliefs of individuals and may take years or generations to spread throughout human culture, but they are the stuff of material and spiritual progress. You become the mediator between what has gone before and what is possible for the future.

First you must learn how your beliefs allow you to mediate within your own personality. You learn to argue logically and clearly by having internal conversations about questions or problems. You learn to distinguish between what is truly part of your own beliefs and what is not. You see the apparent separation between self and other clearly.

Second, you develop a similar awareness of the connection between mental and spiritual beliefs. Here you experience an adjustment of your personal desires vis-à-vis your spiritual aspirations. You see how the two relate to each other. At this level you may find that you perform the services of a mediator for others.

Third your core beliefs focus on your relationship to Spirit. At this level you refine your core beliefs concerning your mind, your will and spiritual love. You find that you lose the personal sense of things and contact the greater unity and harmony. You may find that you chafe at the restrictions, within yourself or others, that prevent the higher spiritual light from shining forth. You see the spiritual potential in everything, and wish others could see and manifest it more fully.

In the end you discover that you understand both the tendency to struggle or argue, and the tendency to resolution and harmony. As this understanding develops, you also find that you can cheerfully accept other people's foibles, just as you learn to more cheerfully accept your own. You reach a point where mind and heart are expressing as one.

Communication and Mental Development

Most of us were taught a set of "truths" in childhood and we were expected to accept them. To supplement what you have been taught by your parents, teachers, and the world at large, you need to develop a spiritual learning style that works for you. If you then decide to teach others, you must develop communication skills that let you share these experiences clearly and meaningfully with your students.

Training Your Conscious Mind

Three factors contribute to your ability to train your conscious mind for spiritual development:

- * the natural direction of your thinking
- * training to take advantage of this direction
- * training your nervous system, and learning to respond to it

Element of Mercury

The angel Raphael is associated with healing in the Bible. The capacity for both companionship and healing forms the essence of Mercury's expression.

With Mercury in Scorpio, your communication style is primarily the Feeling type. Your healing style is well suited to the emotional distress around you. You can get into the flow of emotional energy patterns, identifying their disparate components, and guiding others toward calmer, safer modes of expression. You work to illuminate whatever emotional condition you find, not surgically removing an emotional block, but helping to bring understanding so that the block relaxes on its own.

Training the conscious mind involves reasoning on the conscious level. Spiritual Education teaches how to engage your intuitive function. Intuition can be trained. Mercury reflects a specific way for you to learn about intuition. See the section on Uranus for more information on your intuitive ability.

Your life is filled with transitions - even major transformations. You often feel them coming, and you can use your intuitive senses to make them at least a little easier. Contemplative practice will help to clear the mind so the messages are clearer. Then your courage can stand out in the moment of the crisis.

Your Mercury is in the 8th House. You have two weapons (or tools) for your spiritual journey - the capacity to develop practical skills, and the capacity to speak. If you use your tools to tear apart the work of others and to engage in sarcastic tongue-lashings, then you are operating from a material basis. If you are able to pursue difficult solutions through careful examination of the elements of a problem, and if you speak the truth, wrapping its potent blade with the silk of compassion, then you are well along the spiritual path. You will have extraordinary endurance, whichever way you use your tools. You function very well in formal settings. Among them are banks and other financial institutions; any location where funeral arrangements and services are held; insurance offices, and hospitals or offices where surgery is performed. Your best classroom is an arena where your students are practicing what they are

learning, and not merely being taught theory. Another appropriate setting is a place where psychic activity occurs or where psychics work with their clients.

Mercury Aspects

You use your powerful mind to help you through difficult transitions in your life. Rash actions can cause arguments and break-ups. You take to the path of devotion with determination. Your restless mind is always turning up another piece of ground, searching for a revelation. You become irritable when others seem to withhold key information from you. Because you can easily influence others, it is important for you to decide what spiritual values you want to espouse. Your critical nature is put to good use when you save it for essential situations and let people relax into their own strengths the rest of the time.

Self Esteem and the Development of Spiritual Partnerships

The power of mind is unlimited, except by our own thinking. As you proceed along the spiritual path, self-esteem grows. Relationship with another person is a powerful force for the development of self-esteem and for spiritual growth.

Venus has been called the alter ego of the Earth. Very close to the same size as the earth, Venus has an atmosphere inhospitable to human life. The inner reaches of the unconscious mind were long thought to be inhospitable as well. Modern psychology has delved into the mechanism of mind, and religious mystics have long studied the rocky terrain to be found within each of us. The consensus is that to evolve spiritually, we must first look at ourselves. One way to do this is through relationship with others.

Romantic, business and other relationships all offer us the opportunity to project our thoughts onto other people. The evolutionary nature of a relationship allows us to explore our desires. Then we can achieve spiritual connections that transcend sexual expression.

Right relationships between people provides inner awareness that helps us to mediate between personality and soul, between physical life and higher consciousness. Only through fusion of these apparently separate facets of your being can you approach true knowledge.

The Planet Venus provides indications about your best approach to spiritual partnerships.

With Venus in Sagittarius, your best approach to healthy partnering is through the Intuitive function. Your inspirational energy comes from scientific mental activity-you gather practical facts to help manifest love in your life. You are able to discriminate between extremes, and to explore a variety of options in search of the one best way to complete a project. You are able to see the future potential of the loving energy that goes into today's work.

You idealize your relationships, seeking to find love in every contact. You are very sensitive to the desires of romantic, business, and other partners, and can dissipate your energy in trying to satisfy them. You benefit from solid, grounded partners who help you to remain

focused, and from them you learn how to contain and use your idealistic intuition to good advantage.

Your Venus is in the 9th House. You anchor your higher values in concrete facts. Your life includes many significant events in the social sphere where you are able to gather information concerning whatever is truly important to you. You may have learned certain manners from your family and teachers, but it is through interaction with others that you learn how to be both a considerate companion and a responsible individual. At first you may be indulgent, doing whatever the "crowd" suggests, or flirtatious regardless of the risk involved. You may vacillate, letting others lead you into activities that are not in your own best interests. As you move through your life, you attend to your own values early in any relationship. There is less friction in your interaction with others, and you find that others appreciate your ability to define and adhere to your principles. Knowledge comes from many sources, and you must study closely to gain the value from the experience of others. You may travel the world to gather information, or you may stay closer to home and read about far-reaching ideas.

Venus Aspects

The spiritual beauty that you extend into the world, through creative efforts or through facilitation of others, is a comfortable mirroring of your internal values. Your sense of duty makes you a stable factor in difficult situations. Faithful completion of your accepted duties brings spiritual contentment into your life.

Doubt, Resistance, and the Development of Psychic Ability

The spiritual path has a number of potential pitfalls. Some of the most treacherous of these lie within our own minds. Our innermost thoughts become a prison, trapping us within walls of our own making. These may be the karmic result of the past, or they may be the result of recent actions. There are several ways we cause our own difficulties:

- 1) Secrets - Privacy and secrets are part of the picture. Children love the feeling of independence and power that comes with a secret. Problems only arise when the secrets we keep are detrimental to ourselves or to others.
- 2) Doubts - When a situation causes you to doubt, it is largely because it is incongruent with what you have learned in the past. You want something new, but your unconscious is in turmoil. You feel naughty, anxious, reluctant, or undeserving. Because of what you have learned from people you trust or from what you have read, you doubt your own decision-making ability.
- 3) Resistance - Resistance is not all bad. If change were too easy, we would have no stability. We could be talked into all sorts of things. What we need is a way to identify resistance for what it is, and then find ways to work with it.

Where your spiritual path is concerned, Neptune reveals how you handle secrets, how doubt arises for you, and also how to resolve resistance. One strategy involves your psychic ability.

Developing Your Psychic Ability

We use our psychic senses to understand the world of the present. You can train yourself to be more aware of the nuances of psychic awareness, and Neptune indicates how you can develop this ability. You will then connect with the earth and other people in new ways, and also confirm the significance of your spiritual values.

With Neptune in Libra, your private, psychic style is primarily the Thinking type.

Your psychic sense is directly connected to intellect. Whether you hear, see, or even smell psychic information, mental processing reveals the meaning. It may help to share psychic insights with others, as this is the way you can identify your own projections and distinguish them from psychic energy being projected by other people.

Language is a powerful medium for your peer group. During your lifetime several profound changes in communication have occurred, including the rise of personal computers and the Internet. These allow you to communicate instantly with points around the world. This does not lessen the desirability of psychic development. Being able to reach out may actually enhance psychic ability, allowing you to confirm your thinking quickly and easily in many cases.

You may want to record your psychic impressions in a journal. In this way you can track and confirm your impressions later. Too often we dismiss these impressions and may miss the connections. The psychic undercurrents of your life provide a rich resource for your imagination, and they reveal how your life is a fabric woven of various energies.

Neptune is in the 7th House. You are idealistic about partnership and love. Through strong relationships you are able to pursue your spiritual path. Weak relationships can lead to serious disappointment. Therefore you will want to use your head as well as your heart when you enter into what you expect to be a long-term union.

Neptune Aspects

You understand suffering and are well able to alleviate it for others. One spiritual outcome is that you learn to accept help when you most need it yourself, thereby helping others to develop compassion. You are sensitive to the urgings of your inner voice, and you may even hear the voice within other people. You will experience visions and other forms of psychic awareness. You have strong compassion for others, yet you may be inconsistent in the application of effort in trying to help them. You often expect more from a situation than you get, spiritually or otherwise.

The Twelfth House

The sign on the Twelfth House indicates how you color issues of doubt and resistance. It also reflects your most direct approach to your psychic insights.

You have Aquarius on the Twelfth House cusp. You find that you attract people like a magnet, and it may be difficult to sort out the positive connections from destructive relationships. Your dreams provide a way to measure the sincerity of others toward you. Your inner voice will tell you when there is something not quite right about a situation or person. Meditation that focuses your mind on an object supports clarity in your dreams, and together the

two help you to loosen the bonds of the physical body, as well as to find the best soul companions.

Death and Transformation as Spiritual Processes

Pluto, Scorpio and the Eighth House in the birth chart deal with issues of death and transformation. On the spiritual path a shaman must undergo a death-like initiation in order to come into his or her shamanic powers. In our own lives we continually experience the death of old ways of being and the birth of new possibilities. Transformative events can teach lessons concerning your spiritual growth:

- * They are signposts to indicate progress.
- * They allow you to modify your behavior in positive ways.
- * They remind you to be gentle and kind with yourself.
- * They remind you to accept yourself as you are, and to move forward.
- * They remind you to support and encourage the child within yourself, just as you would encourage another person.

The Eighth House in your chart defines the mechanisms for change and self-acceptance that are most appropriate for you. By understanding them you develop a sense of self and a set of behaviors that lead more directly to your goal. You discard behaviors that no longer serve you in your journey on the spiritual path.

Scorpio is the natural sign on the Eighth House, and the associated planet is Pluto. How appropriate that Pluto, mythological ruler of the underworld, should be the planetary ruler of the Eighth House of death and transformation.

Yet Pluto attracts the living, though it cannot hold on to them for long. So it is with life. We are attracted to one way of doing things, but we know that change is the only certainty in life. As we travel the spiritual path, we find that each ending is the source of a new beginning, and that we often benefit from even the most traumatic events. By descending into the world of darkness and pain, we borrow a bit of Pluto's power, so that on the next step along the path we are stronger and more courageous.

With Pluto in Leo, your approach to death and transformation is primarily through the Intuitive function. Your most direct way of managing transformative events is to will yourself to envision the future. Whether this means imagining life without someone who has left you, or simply moving from one home to another, your strength lies in the ability to listen to your own intuition.

Yet you also sense the hand of the divine - however you define divinity in your life - in the unfolding of a larger plan. While in the moment of transition you may feel helpless and weak, you don't remain helpless for long because you quickly begin to evaluate clues about outcome.

You gather information from your surroundings, your thoughts, your feelings, and your sense of spiritual connection to the energy around you.

You wish to rule, and so do a lot of your peers. This could lead to trouble if you all think you have to be the first and the best. Once you experience coming in second or third, you focus your sights on those areas that truly matter to you. Then you make spiritual progress along with achieving career and other successes.

Pluto Aspects

Your restless mind is always turning up another piece of ground, searching for a revelation. You become irritable when others seem to withhold key information from you. Because you can easily influence others, it is important for you to decide what spiritual values you want to espouse. You perceive the cruel edge in people, and understand its source. As you deal with your own ruthlessness, you learn how to respond to it in others without risking your physical well-being. Self-confidence develops out of self-control in your interaction with others. You seek a leadership role in all your activities, and this is not less true in your spiritual life. You first need to learn the true synthesis of love and wisdom, so that you are worthy of the faith others place in you. And you must avoid the temptation to exploit situations just because you can. You can be cruel, and thus you cause relationships to end long before their time. Balance your severe demeanor with silent activity in which you cultivate a spiritual attitude that allows compassion to show through. You are sensitive to the urgings of your inner voice, and you may even hear the voice within other people. You will experience visions and other forms of psychic awareness. You find yourself concerned about the fortunes of your associates, and you seek to influence them through group activities or public office.

The Eighth House

The sign on the Eighth House cusp indicates the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual approach you take when dealing with birth, death and transformation.

You have Libra on the Eighth House cusp. Your path toward self-transformation involves balance. You may be dismayed when your best efforts cannot soothe situations and feelings. When you are provoked, you tend to fall back on childhood patterns. Common patterns include splitting into two styles of communication, or taking a paternal attitude toward the people involved. Both of these techniques may work, but they may not feel satisfying to you. You still desire to find the balance point within yourself. It may be helpful to identify which of your typical responses you favor, and try the other one instead. In this way you make friends with both and integrate them to achieve the desired balance. If you can do both - communicate clearly and take a paternal attitude, then you may be able to salve the feelings of others and communicate your intention at the same time.

Planets in the Eighth House

Sun in 8th House:

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Sometimes you over-extend yourself, and seem to challenge the Fates by acting recklessly. For you to understand the shaman's message, you must become the shaman. But you don't have to die to gather the necessary wisdom. Rather, you need to die to the desire to use your power only for yourself, and learn to share it with others. If you cannot share, then you must at least use your power wisely so that you hurt no one in your personal quest. Sexual energy is a profound source of pain and pleasure for you. Physical contact with a partner is often necessary for your well-being and health. When you deepen a connection with another person, you transcend your normal perceptions and enter a space where life is illuminated by more than physical senses. Ecstatic experience may first be found in sexual union, but that is only the beginning. You may find that any experience can evoke the memories, the feelings, even the peak of sexual ecstasy.

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Mars in 8th House:

The focus of your spiritual persona is on issues of death and transformation. You seek experiences that help you to understand your own life and death cycle, with a desire to help others understand their own. A second issue that affects your path is your own sexuality. Physical desires can be very strong, and you need to develop judgment in this area of your life. Long term relationships transmute physical sexual drives into spiritually ecstatic experiences that lift you to peak moments of understanding.

Jupiter in 8th House:

You are a materialist, no doubt about it. You are also a spiritual being, on a spiritual path. So while you are gathering those material goods to you, maintain your own optimism, and encourage someone else to do the same. The path will be rather lonely if you think so much of yourself that no one can live up to your standards. First you must learn to accept your own greater good. What others offer you may not always be what you want, but often it is just what you need. By learning to accept these "gifts" as your spiritual due, you learn to give to others with both wisdom and love. Progress is swift when the flow is going both ways. Birth and death are your most powerful spiritual teachers. In the living events of your life you find both struggle and attainment. You face losses on a daily basis and you can use these experiences to understand your relationship with spirit. You also experience the birth of new ideas and feelings all the time. As you develop an understanding of the rhythm of life and death, you approach an

understanding of transcendence in your life.

Eighth House Aspects

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The Development of Intuition

Intuition is an ability beyond logical thinking. Through it you can consider future outcomes. In the Buddhist tradition, intuition is a mental ability, equal to intellect that can provide direct insight. In mathematics intuition is the capacity to "guess" the answer to a problem, skipping the regular logical processes.

understand the world. It is a skill you can develop and use consciously. Intuition often surfaces during meditation. When the mind is quiet, then intuition can be heard. Once trained, you can access intuition by stopping your normal waking process and entering the calm that you have cultivated.

The planet associated with intuition is Uranus. With Uranus in Gemini, your intuition works best through the Thinking function. Intuition needs to be thought through. You rely on intellect to resolve questions, and you like to back up your intuition with logic. You gather information intuitively, then confirm it by asking questions or doing some research. You may not be satisfied about the accuracy of your intuition without some direct confirmation.

It's about voice where intuition is concerned. You need to find a way to talk about what you know. By sharing, you stimulate greater insight and benefit from whatever you experience. Some little ritual - like thanking your source, also helps the flow.

Your Uranus is in the 3rd House. Your intuition arises through contact with siblings and peer group. At first it seems that communication occurs through sounds or visual signals. Later it is difficult or impossible for outsiders to detect any communication, but you understand each other even when separated by great distance.

Uranus Aspects

Your strong intuition provides a rich source of information in your relationships with others. You may eventually be capable of seeing into the future quite clearly. Meetings with unconventional people can provide the spiritual contacts you need to make further progress. You can be a radical without being irresponsible. Spiritual character for you is involved in the playing out of rituals in daily activities. You have an intuitive bias toward respectful behavior, and you listen to this inner voice for guidance in difficult moments. You thrive on new situations and ideas. The desire for change may interfere with the complete assimilation of valuable spiritual lessons. You learn about change through your dreams. Self-awareness comes through dramatic, sudden events. To the extent that you can foresee them intuitively, you can avoid the harsh impact to some extent. Sudden changes in direction have dramatic effects on your personal, social and spiritual life. Harsh events can be the source of spiritual growth.

The Midheaven: Self-Awareness and the Use of Intuition

How can you use your self-awareness to access intuition, a presumably involuntary, less conscious capacity? To take the direct, conscious path is challenging at best. This method only works if you can consciously enter unconscious territory, and by definition, that territory is unconscious because you cannot access it directly. You can rarely dive in intentionally.

You can wait for intuition to arise naturally without doing anything. Or you can practice meditation. It is fairly easy to learn and requires no particular physical or mental skills, except the ability to focus the mind.

In addition, you have specific avenues, or points of focus, to aid you in the practice. The sign on the Midheaven indicates an area of the subconscious that you can access through meditation, thereby identifying spiritual keys to your development. By going within, you find the higher values most suited to your own path.

With the Midheaven in Sagittarius, your self-awareness and your path to self-realization are primarily through the Intuitive function.

Beneath the subconscious desire to be the arbitrator of conflicts in your life, you find the capacity to achieve resolution, both within yourself and among others, through more conciliatory means. You examine situations from an early age with an eye to how they are resolved, who is a skilled mediator, how they find the middle ground and convince others to be flexible. You may study history and politics, or you may focus on sociology or psychology, depending on the direction of your interests.

Your understanding that all difficulties are largely a result of misunderstanding or lack of information can grow into an ability to serve others through diplomacy and tact, and through detailed examination of the factors involved in a problem. You have the makings of a researcher into profound subjects, as you believe in examining the source of a situation, and not merely the apparent symptoms.

Midheaven Aspects

Women bring an emotional spotlight to your self-awareness. Among the tears and anger you find gems in the form of core beliefs that have been transformed to suit your present needs. Self-awareness comes through dramatic, sudden events. To the extent that you can foresee them intuitively, you can avoid the harsh impact to some extent.

Karma and Dharma

Perhaps no single principle of Asian religions has fascinated us more than karma and its link to reincarnation. Karma refers to the cause and effect relationship between what we do and the results we get. Our actions bring reactions, constructive and not so constructive. However, everyday feedback often comes from individuals who are no more clear about their spiritual values than we are. So, what should you take seriously?

How does karma work in your life? Will it be played out in your next incarnation, or will you experience it in the here-and-now?

Certainly you do not have to believe in karma or reincarnation to make progress along your spiritual path. However, if you do astrology can offer insight into what factors in the past may be influencing you today. The following are suggestions concerning past influences. Think of them as relating to family and childhood experience, or you can relate them to your past lives, or both.

function. Intelligent activity in your life is inspired by your vision. You live in the moment, and you place yourself there in three ways: 1. You welcome the opportunity to make wise decisions. Because of this you dislike being forced to make decisions without thinking things through carefully; 2. You are generally able to look at your past and accept as just that-the past. Yet you consider the lessons you have learned and apply them to your present life; or 3. You use your intuition to prepare for the future. You are often able to forecast future events accurately, even though it seems unlikely that you would know what is going to happen.

People experience you as being shy - you don't jump right into social situations, but sit back to see which way the energy is moving. You have one eye on the outcome of each situation, and are usually able to foresee difficulties and head them off.

Your Saturn is in the 5th House. Intensely loyal, you are very reliable and expect both from other people. Romantic love may be hampered by your sense of caution - or even shyness - that keeps you from being open to physical expression. You are able to perceive the structure of creative potential in all areas of your life, and find spiritual meaning in creative projects.

Saturn Aspects

You perceive the structure of your life as restrictive unless you can infuse spiritual values into all your activities. Early on you resent the authority of the church or teacher, but later you come to appreciate the ritual patterns of prayer, yogic practices, circle work, focused meditation - all life experience in fact. Your sense of duty makes you a stable factor in difficult situations. Faithful completion of your accepted duties brings spiritual contentment into your life. In all your business and personal dealings you have the capacity for patience. You keep one eye on the goal and the other on the moment-to-moment activities that lead you forward. You find that while relationships are significant, periods of seclusion are needed for you to integrate the spiritual changes you are experiencing. You understand suffering and are well able to alleviate it for others. One spiritual outcome is that you learn to accept help when you most need it yourself, thereby helping others to develop compassion. You can be cruel, and thus you cause relationships to end long before their time. Balance your severe demeanor with silent activity in which you cultivate a spiritual attitude that allows compassion to show through.

Transcendent Values

Behind what you know about yourself - behind all other considerations of spirituality, lie the transcendent values that are most important to you. These are the values you have worked to discover from among all the rules you have been taught. They are the reason you have read books, studied with teachers, privately pondered and examined the events of your life. They are the fundamental principles that you believe will help you find fulfillment as a human being. As such they are the source of energy behind your self-awareness, the motivation of your spiritual search, and the principles that you apply to your dharma, or life path.

With Jupiter in Scorpio, your approach to and understanding of transcendent values is primarily through the Feeling function. You find it easy to expand your emotional range to

encompass other people, large projects, and even global thinking. You naturally want to engage with others because this is one of the principal ways you learn. While you may use intellect skillfully in your daily activities, it is at the emotional heart level that you connect to the planet, to humanity, and to spirit. It may seem that fusion of heart and mind is easier when Jupiter is in a water sign because we ordinarily experience the values of the heart in an emotional way. However, such fusion is not limited to water signs, nor do water signs limit the possible expression of transcendent values in any way. One advantage to this placement is that a constant flow of spiritual energy is possible. You may benefit from a meditation practice that focuses on the flows of energy through your body, whether it be breath or energy on a higher plane.

You are somewhat ruthless in your striving for emotional fulfillment that falls short of your spiritual aspirations. Instead of focusing on physical pleasure, contemplative practice can elevate your material desire to the level of spiritual yearning. Then all activities - even sexual - can provide spiritual ecstasy.

Aspects of Jupiter

All life has the potential to bring you joy, and the ebb and flow is important for you to understand. Your heart can expand to contain many possibilities, and you can also learn to let go of one successful experience in order to embrace another. In all your business and personal dealings you have the capacity for patience. You keep one eye on the goal and the other on the moment-to-moment activities that lead you forward. You find that while relationships are significant, periods of seclusion are needed for you to integrate the spiritual changes you are experiencing. You seek a leadership role in all your activities, and this is not less true in your spiritual life. You first need to learn the true synthesis of love and wisdom, so that you are worthy of the faith others place in you. And you must avoid the temptation to exploit situations just because you can.

The Ninth House

You have Scorpio on the Ninth House cusp. The first transcendent value you seek to grasp is that the path of discipleship is yours. You are on it and you need to mobilize your whole being to pursue it. The second value lies in understanding that you as an individual and the human race as a whole are at a turning point. Evolutionary processes can either go forward, leaving behind ideas of self-aggrandizement, or they can slip back into the material struggle and remain focused on physical desires. Re-orientation, however, does not demand that you give up the material to seek the spiritual. You can take your entire skill set with you on the path. The third value is to develop sensitivity to the larger plan of the universe. As you become more attuned to spiritual potential, you gain the capacity to moderate your own desires and to respond to the spiritual desires of others.

Planets in the Ninth House

Venus in 9th House:

You anchor your higher values in concrete facts. Your life includes many significant events in the social sphere where you are able to gather information concerning whatever is truly important to you. You may have learned certain manners from your family and teachers, but it

is through interaction with others that you learn how to be both a considerate companion and a responsible individual. At first you may be indulgent, doing whatever the "crowd" suggests, or flirtatious regardless of the risk involved. You may vacillate, letting others lead you into activities that are not in your own best interests. As you move through your life, you attend to your own values early in any relationship. There is less friction in your interaction with others, and you find that others appreciate your ability to define and adhere to your principles. Knowledge comes from many sources, and you must study closely to gain the value from the experience of others. You may travel the world to gather information, or you may stay closer to home and read about far-reaching ideas.

Ninth House Aspects

The spiritual beauty that you extend into the world, through creative efforts or through facilitation of others, is a comfortable mirroring of your internal values. Your sense of duty makes you a stable factor in difficult situations. Faithful completion of your accepted duties brings spiritual contentment into your life.

Mars: Your Spiritual Persona

Mars indicates an area of life that is vitally important to your spiritual growth. Whatever path you choose, this factor will come up again and again. Others will see how it affects you, but they are unlikely to understand the depth of its significance. You yourself may not understand the power of this influence on your life.

The Element of Mars

Mars is naturally associated with Aries, a fire sign. Traditionally Mars was also associated with Scorpio, a water sign. Thus the expression of Mars shares the nature of these two elements to some extent. The movement between water and fire involves the capacity for discriminating awareness. Mars governs the five senses—touch, taste, sight, hearing and smell. The position of Mars directly reflects your capacity to relate to the world through your senses.

With Mars in Scorpio, your spiritual persona is expressed most fluently through the Feeling function. You are like a steam engine in many ways. Once you get rolling, it is nearly impossible to slow you down. You are able and willing to push into territory that other people shrink from, and you come out of difficult situations more or less in one piece, with your enthusiasm intact. You exemplify the connection between the past and the future in your devotion to whatever task you set for yourself. You are not satisfied until this connection has been made and you understand it. Spiritually you have to understand your karma from the past in order to guide your present decisions. Thus you may press deeper into your personal and family history, and even into past lives.

The sign placement of Mars is significant to developing your spiritual persona. The sign colors the message you receive concerning the direction your spiritual path will take. Here are three personality traits associated with Mars in your chart: Regeneration and Transformation,

Determination, Healing. If you consider each trait and consciously evoke it in your daily activities, you will find that the path becomes more fulfilling, more insightful, and easier. By actively devoting energy to the development of the traits of your Mars, you spontaneously develop several traits associated with other signs.

House Placement of Mars

Your Mars is in the 8th House. The focus of your spiritual persona is on issues of death and transformation. You seek experiences that help you to understand your own life and death cycle, with a desire to help others understand their own. A second issue that affects your path is your own sexuality. Physical desires can be very strong, and you need to develop judgment in this area of your life. Long term relationships transmute physical sexual drives into spiritually ecstatic experiences that lift you to peak moments of understanding.

Mars Aspects

You use your powerful mind to help you through difficult transitions in your life. Rash actions can cause arguments and break-ups. You take to the path of devotion with determination. You perceive the cruel edge in people, and understand its source. As you deal with your own ruthlessness, you learn how to respond to it in others without risking your physical well-being. Self-confidence develops out of self-control in your interaction with others. Your fighting spirit reflects the sincerity and importance of your spiritual values. Others see you as enthusiastic, and sometimes pushy.

The Ascendant: Expressing Spirit in the World

The Ascendant provides a personal anchor for understanding spiritual potential and process in the birth chart. It shows how you express yourself in the world. This is because the rising sign represents choice - you choose what you want to show to the world. Ultimately, however, you come back to the Sun sign on the spiritual level.

Each person learns about the Sun sign's higher spiritual values and cultivates those values by developing the positive traits of the Ascendant. Each sign as it rises brings to light different personality traits, different physical appearance, and a different sense of spiritual direction. The rising sign offers a container for your experimentation with constructive, creative personal choices about how to act in the world. Later you can take this practice back to the Sun sign and master its lessons.

Remember that the Midheaven and Ascendant depend on an accurate birth time. If you have no idea of your birth time, the material included here may help you to focus on a spiritual persona for yourself.

Your Rising Sign (Ascendant)

The symbol for your rising sign is two fishes, bound together but moving in opposite directions. These fish represent your soul nature and your form nature. You have a form nature

in order to experience the growth of your soul, yet the two can seem to struggle against each other. You find that pursuing your own personal material desires does not resolve this struggle, but only deepens it. You need to find a spiritual path that allows you both to satisfy your personal needs and desires, and to satisfy your spiritual yearning for significance.

How to accomplish this balance? You can focus first on your instinctual nature. You find that you usually have a feeling about what to do in any situation, but you sometimes listen to other people instead of paying attention to your inner daimon. One way to allow this inner voice its say is to take time each day to isolate yourself and listen. Listening to the sound of water can focus your mind and let your inner voice be heard.

On the physical plane you are drawn to mediumship - your psychic senses perceive a lot that other people overlook. As you begin to listen more deeply, you find that your role is that of mediator between the seen and unseen worlds. You can sympathize with the difficulties of others, and you can synthesize the feelings and motivations that can help them. As you develop this skill, you will find that you are no longer operating from the instinctual level, but now use your intellect to discern on both planes and to synthesize the information you gather.

Probably your major problem is your psychic sensitivity. You need to work with this ability on the intellectual level so that you can use it effectively, instead of being its victim. Your sign is associated with the feet. Forward progress involves learning how to walk, both physically and psychically, through the obstacles before you.

Ascendant Aspects

Your critical nature is put to good use when you save it for essential situations and let people relax into their own strengths the rest of the time. Your fighting spirit reflects the sincerity and importance of your spiritual values. Others see you as enthusiastic, and sometimes pushy. Sudden changes in direction have dramatic effects on your personal, social and spiritual life. Harsh events can be the source of spiritual growth.

Conclusion

This interpretation of your life path has provided a systematic look at astrological factors that together add up to a spiritually oriented map. As you come to understand your unique map, you can move forward through life joyously and courageously, knowing that the path is appropriate to your personal beliefs, desires and needs.