

VOCATION REPORT

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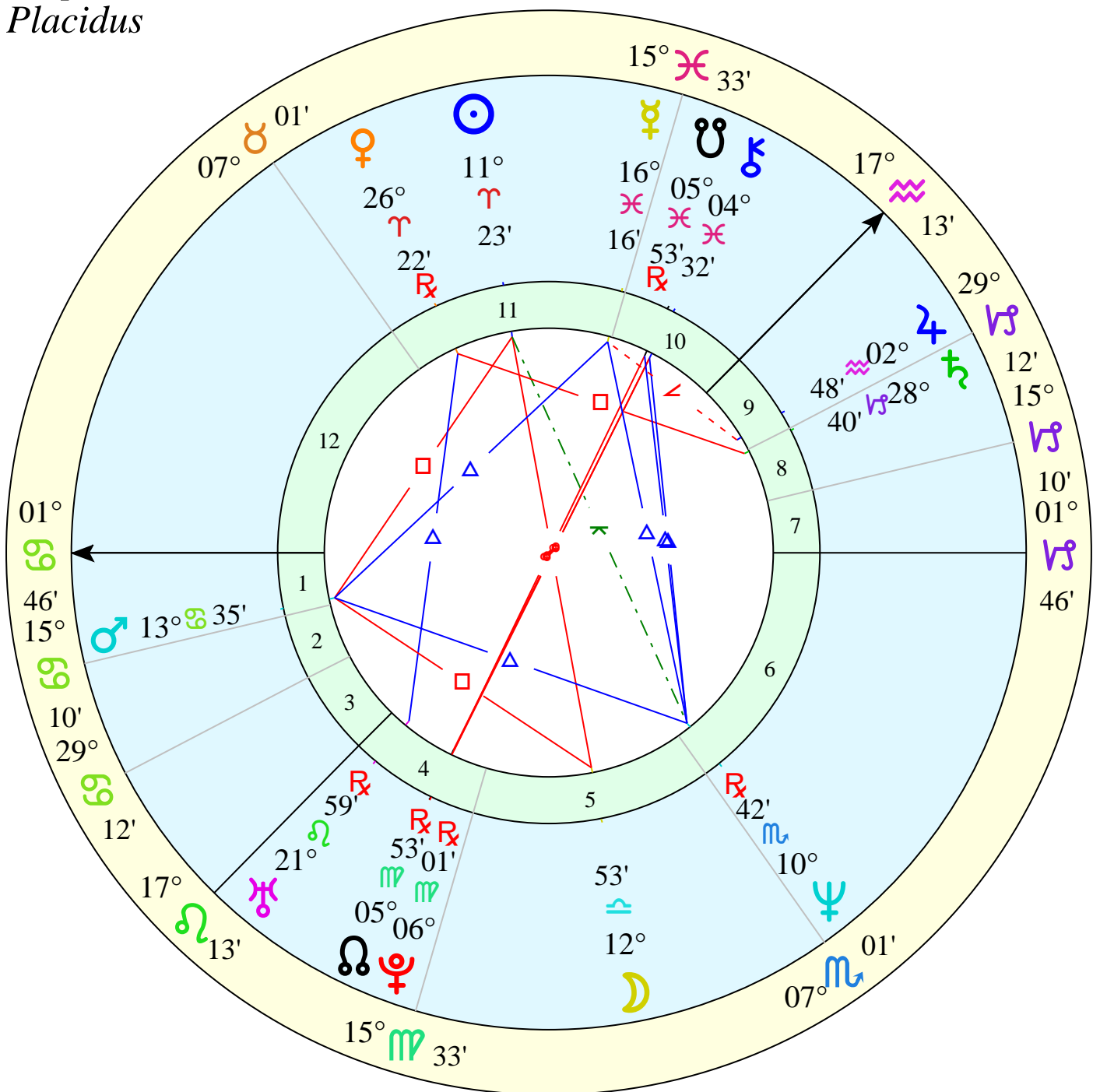
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Astrological SummaryChart Point Positions: Susan Boyle

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Libra	12°Li53'	5th	
The Sun	Aries	11°Ar23'	11th	
Mercury	Pisces	16°Pi16'	11th	
Venus	Aries	26°Ar22'	11th	
Mars	Cancer	13°Cn35'	1st	
Jupiter	Aquarius	2°Aq48'	9th	
Saturn	Capricorn	28°Cp40'	8th	
Uranus	Leo	21°Le59'	4th	
Neptune	Scorpio	10°Sc42'	6th	
Pluto	Virgo	6°Vi01'	4th	
Chiron	Pisces	4°Pi32'	10th	
The North Node	Virgo	5°Vi53'	4th	
The South Node	Pisces	5°Pi53'	10th	
The Ascendant	Cancer	1°Cn46'	1st	
The Midheaven	Aquarius	17°Aq13'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Opposition	The Sun	1°29'	Separating
The Moon	Square	Mars	0°41'	Applying
The Moon	Trine	The Midheaven	4°20'	Applying
The Sun	Square	Mars	2°11'	Applying
The Sun	Quincunx	Neptune	0°41'	Separating
Mercury	Trine	Mars	2°41'	Separating
Mercury	Semisquare	Jupiter	1°31'	Applying
Mercury	Trine	Neptune	5°34'	Separating
Venus	Square	Saturn	2°18'	Separating
Venus	Trine	Uranus	4°22'	Applying
Mars	Trine	Neptune	2°52'	Separating
Jupiter	Conjunction	Saturn	4°07'	Separating
Uranus	Opposition	The Midheaven	4°46'	Applying
Neptune	Trine	Chiron	6°10'	Applying
Neptune	Trine	The South Node	4°48'	Separating
Pluto	Opposition	Chiron	1°29'	Applying
Pluto	Conjunction	The North Node	0°08'	Separating
Pluto	Opposition	The South Node	0°08'	Separating

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
Chiron	Opposition	The North Node	1°21'	Applying
Chiron	Conjunction	The South Node	1°21'	Applying
Chiron	Trine	The Ascendant	2°45'	Separating
The South Node	Trine	The Ascendant	4°07'	Applying
The Ascendant	Sesquisquare	The Midheaven	0°27'	Separating

INTRODUCTION



You work that you may keep pace with the earth and the soul of the earth. When you work you are a flute through whose heart the whispering of the hours turns to music. Work is love made visible.

- Kahlil Gibran, *The Prophet*

A Fulfilling Vocation

In the midst of our busy lives, worn out by the endless repetition of meaningless tasks, it is difficult to appreciate Kahlil Gibran's poetic image of work as a soul-making sphere. In a technological environment work and soul seem worlds apart. The outer rewards of career - prestige, status, vacations, salary packages, job security - conceal the urge to express soul through our vocation. When we are no longer anchored by values and images that remind us of a meaningful life, emptiness permeates the working atmosphere, contributing to an epidemic of dissatisfaction, depression and insecurity in the workplace. This report is aimed at helping you reflect on your vocation or calling. It is not meant as a quick fix, but rather as an aid to self-understanding and awareness which in turn helps your vocational choices.

Vocation is from the Latin *vocare*, to call, and in early English this referred to a spiritual calling. In modern terminology we can conceive of vocation as the calling to one's authentic role in the world. As an aspect of the individuation process, our vocational path is not predetermined but forged through the interrelationship of our inner self with the outer world over time. Carl Jung suggested it was vocation, which induced an individual to follow his own soul and become conscious. He suggested vocation was 'an irrational factor that destines a man to emancipate himself from the herd and from its well-worn paths. True personality is always a vocation'. To follow the voice which summons one on their authentic path demands that the individual be spirited enough to forge their own way in the world. As Jung reminds us, 'Creative life always stands outside convention'. Vocation demands we risk being unique.

When you were a child what was your answer when adults inevitably asked 'what do you want to be when you grow up?' As children we are uninhibited in our career choices, not yet influenced by cultural standards and values that judge professions. Still unaware of what work entails, the answer springs from our imagination. How we shape these soulful images of who we may be in the world is our vocation and a large part of the individuation process. These impressions are already inherent in us and often accessible to us through the imagination, and certainly through images in the horoscope. However one of the main obstacles in our vocational search is literality. Mistaking an internal image for a concrete career perpetuates the myth that vocation is something existing outside of us, already established in the world for us to find, not something that unfolds over the course of our lives. The illusion that the right career path, a creative job or our own business will dissolve our job dissatisfaction hinders the discovery that vocation is already present in us.

A complexity of external factors influences our career choices: familial awareness, educational opportunities, financial resources, parental support, and encouragement. Role models whom we admire as children, experiences that capture our imagination and the breadth of exposure to the world around us impress us. Another major influence on career choice is parental expectations. Whether it is overt or not, we are subjectively influenced by the unconscious expectations of the parents, the ancestors, and the culture. This pressure contributes to moulding our careers whether we yield or rebel to it. Yet instinctively we are drawn to certain courses, beliefs, and theories, experiences that are all part of the process of helping our careers unfold. Ultimately the vocation is like a large tapestry woven with the threads of all of our life experience and choices, not a well-trodden career path with guaranteed superannuation.

Unfortunately, vocations do not come with job descriptions, opportunities for promotion or a guaranteed income. No doubt work and career are an aspect of vocation, but we often confuse the longing for self-fulfillment with a literal job. Vocation, like individuation, is a job, it is a task; it is the 'opus' of one's life. Therefore the task of vocation continuously unfolds throughout our lifetime and its success depends on our ability to courageously follow its call. Vocation is an aspect of our fate, a force deep inside that pushes itself to be expressed in the world, therefore is intimately bound up with the course of our lives. Yet because work is how we 'make a living' we often identify work as something we do rather than something we are. Because some professions can bestow such prestige and status we may be drawn to a profession because of what it can offer materially, not creatively. Some careers offer the financial rewards that provide a wealthy lifestyle; however, at a critical point in our lives it becomes evident that career bonuses are never enough if vocational urges are still unmet.

A vocational analysis utilizing astrology is very beneficial in revealing an individual's calling. The astrological horoscope does not supply literal details, but it does offer suggestions as to the features necessary to make the vocational journey fulfilling. Vocation may also be found in hobbies, volunteer work, and courses of study, not always presenting in the form of a career. This report will help you to reflect on the qualities of your character that create an empowering effect on shaping a meaningful vocation. Using your horoscope as the personal guide this report will offer suggestions to help you consider a fulfilling vocation. As you read about the vocational images from your own horoscope you will find that many repeat similar themes, reminding you to be alert to these patterns. In other cases you will find that there may be contradictions. Human nature is full of paradoxes and it is of equal importance to have an insight into the nature of our own ambiguities and inconsistencies. This report will introduce you to the archetypal forces that underpin your personal search for a fulfilling vocation.

VOCATION AND DESTINY



Vocation is the spine of life
-Friedrich Nietzsche

The Lunar Nodes

In the Hindu tradition the Nodal axis is symbolised by a dragon. The North Node is the dragon's head; the South Node is the dragon's tail. This archetypal image is an aspect of many culture's myths. In western mythologies it is the hero who comes across the dragon at some point in their journey and must battle this monster to gain the sacred treasure. This encounter is a psychological story depicting our battle against the forces that keep us from following our own path. Astrologically, it is along the nodal axis where we encounter this dragon and experience the incentive to confront our own destiny.

In considering this axis we can envisage the North Node or Dragon's Head as the calling to be heroic, to develop an identity in the world, or in other words, to follow our vocation. The North Node points to what can be developed through valuing and cultivating innate faculties. The South Node, known as the Dragon's Tail, is the container of talents, skills and aptitudes gleaned from the past, lying untapped and undifferentiated. Without recognition or consciousness they remain stagnant, unable to be directed advantageously. Hence a heroic act needs to dislodge and distribute this energy so it can be of service. In circulating this energy the potentiality of the North Node is heightened. Each time this energy is liberated, destiny is petitioned and vocation is more conscious; therefore the South Node is a vital key to unlocking the treasure chest of vocational talent.

Another way we could think about the North Node is that it is an invitation to participate and cooperate in the life journey. The North Node is where effort must be exerted. This is an opportunity to learn what needs to be developed and made conscious. For vocational purposes we could view the North Node as a symbol of what demands to be anchored and directed in the world. Unlike the South Node it is not instinctive and therefore needs to be recognised before it can be applied. In striving to realise the potentiality of the North Node, satisfaction and meaning will be derived.

The South Node in the opposite sign suggests an innate quality that needs to be disseminated and used freely in pursuit of a vocation. It is providence, a gift of inherited qualities from the past that can be used as resources for the future. The South Node suggests that well developed residues need to be dispersed and shared or they may threaten to entrap you. It symbolises what must be utilised in the conscious attempt to fulfill one's destiny. The South Node acts as a dissemination point for what becomes conscious at the North Node. In a way the South Node brings to mind the need to contribute this energy to the familial and social realms, the world at large. Since this energy is instinctual it is not necessarily always consciously directed or purposefully used.

The Lunar Nodes are important to consider in a vocational analysis since this polarity in the horoscope represents an axis of destiny. The issues involved in the nodal axis seek conscious expression and reconciliation, which are often

sought through vocation. The nodal axis is intimately connected to the individual's path in life and therefore the nature of this polarity is often drawn into the pursuit of a fulfilling career. The sign position of the Nodes reveals an essential aspect of the individual's destiny. The polarity of signs embraced by the North and South Nodes describe important qualities necessary to both develop and disseminate in the vocation.

The house position of the Nodes will illustrate the environmental factors that help to shape and influence an individual's destiny. The North Node's house position directs us to be aware of an important arena of our lives. It is important to consciously participate in the area of life described by the house position of the North Node. This is an area where both the inner and outer worlds collude to lead us into an encounter with our destiny. It is a part of life that beckons and invites us into its experiences. Since the North Node is often the place where we momentarily may experience the transcendent and spiritual aspect of the self, its house position maps the place where these experiences happen. The North Node does not have a cumulative effect; in other words experiences at this place are not sequential, but more arbitrary, and may seem to happen out of the ordinary. The random nature of the North Node is more to do with its subjective nature and entanglement with the spiritual world. Hence the house position of the North Node may suggest the setting where the encounter with the spiritual self occurs. The South Node is in the opposite house and may describe a familiar place, an area of safety, and a comfort zone which supplies an anchor. However it is also a place where we can become rigid, caught in the safety zone of our complacency. Therefore it suggests an area we must leave to develop and explore our life's pathway. Another metaphor we could use to define the nodal axis is that the North Node is the destination, the station where the path is headed, while the South Node is like the departure point, the station where we embark. The Nodal axis is like a track with the well-worn grooves of the path near the South Node.

Combining both factors of sign and house establish a more individual profile of the essence needing to be recognised and developed to actualise an individual's potential pathway. Planets aspecting the Nodal axis will also demand attention especially if conjunct either pole of the axis. Planets that square the nodal axis suggest the need to incorporate this energy into the vocation. Therefore these planetary placements in reference to the nodal axis will also be analysed. Following is the description of the lunar nodes in your natal horoscope to help you reflect on your own vocational pathway.

The North Node is in Virgo

You have the North Node in Virgo and the South Node in Pisces, the astrological polarity that finely balances the natural schism between order and chaos. It might feel easier to slip into the twilight zone where you are invisible and not identified. However your task is to create a rhythm and a routine in making the creative and caring aspects of yourself an everyday reality. You are fighting the dragon that wants to be unidentified and selfless, but to be heroic you need to be sure that your service is acknowledged and you are rewarded for the deeds you do. It is natural for you to know what others feel and fulfill their longing. This instinct to serve others and be of assistance to the world-at-large is a noble and virtuous inheritance, but one that may leave you feeling exhausted and overlooked unless you consciously attempt to use this skill in your everyday work life. Your task is to disseminate your innate creative, imaginative and original talents through work

Your North Node is represented by the image of the maiden, a complex image that has undergone considerable transformations from its original meaning. Ironically it implies an image of freedom and independence, a woman in relationship to her internal self, contained and autonomous, in charge of her own desires. Vocationally this motif is important as you need to follow its calling into the world considering your own needs while also honouring your desire to be of service. The urge to serve and to strive for wholeness needs to be recognised in your vocational pursuit. However while you may project this urge onto a literal career your vocation is the calling to serve yourself first. Therefore it is important that any vocation fulfills your desire for self-improvement and self-understanding. It is this quest that may lead you into a wide spectrum of occupations in health care, social services or holistic healing. You could excel in the field of health care whether it be through dentistry, nursing, mental health, nutrition, medicine, social work, clinical psychology or holistic healing careers involving herbs, natural remedies and therapies, nutrition,

hygiene, physical realignment, naturopath etc. While these are possible careers it is more metaphoric of your need to be in touch with the natural world which could manifest in many other ways.

You need to develop your discriminatory faculties, not as a defence against chaos, but as a container for your imagination. You need to learn to deconstruct the whole into its various parts in order to help it function better. Whether this deconstruction is done through dissection, editing or criticising your goal is to improve it, therefore your quest to perfect needs to be recognised in any profession or else it may be experienced as obsessive. Routine and ritual are very necessary in order to promote a sense of coherence or any chaos in the workplace will become unsettling.

The North Node is in the 4th House

Your North Node is in the 4th house with the South Node being in the polarity of the 10th house. In your horoscope this is the axis that brings the private world and public life into focus. As an astrological opposition this alliance contrasts the inner and outer worlds and forces you into finding a meaningful balance between the two throughout the course of your life. Your natural tendency might find it easier to be in the world, be public and involved with your career path; however this astrological statement highlights the importance of the inner and private world. Hence a career theme might be the ongoing encounter between the stress of the outer world and finding enough time and space to engage with the demands of the inner world. In real terms this might be the tug of war between the career and the family, outer achievements and inner peace or the feeling of being successful versus the feeling of being settled.

Destiny points to the need to consciously create a strong and secure base before launching yourself professionally. It is important to recognise where your foundations stones are, as you will need a strong rock to build your career upon. Interestingly the effort placed in stabilising yourself, delving into your feelings and maintaining a supportive family life will promote your vocation. Ironically your outer world opens its arms to you as make the effort to develop your inner nature. Literally this might also suggest being successful at a career involving family, such as a family business, working from home or the promotion of familial products or values. Another variation on this theme might be real estate, home wares, or even a nurturing profession. However fate weaves her pattern the two threads of career and family are in the forefront of the fabric. In your case it is important to understand that innately you have a successful relationship with the world and what it has to offer when you are able to concentrate on building your nest and family life.

Chiron is Conjunct The South Node

Symbolically with Chiron near your South Node you come from a lineage of wise ancestors, many of whom you may not consciously be aware of. Deep inside you may sense this. In reality some of the ancestral lines may have been severed so there is no way to confirm this, except through your subjective understanding of healing. What you intuitively know needs to be shared even at the risk of feeling alienated or marginalized. Your feelings of estrangement stem more from realising your vocational place is not in the corporate or traditional world. However it does not mean that you cannot complement this world. In fact this is your vocational task - to be able to express the call to be a healer in the way you need to, not in the ways set out by others.

This placement suggests you may have a natural diagnostic ability, understanding the source of illness and wounding. It is important to respect this gift and cultivate it in your career. You may feel you have a calling for the healing or therapeutic professions yet hold yourself back because you are acutely aware of your own wounds and disorders. However, since antiquity healers have understood that they are called to their profession because of their own wounding. And ironically while they are able to soothe the sores, apply the ointment and nurse others back to health, they often are unable to do this for themselves. It is through the acceptance of your own troubles that you find the courage to help others. Whatever courses this healing or helping takes, you are able to understand the depth of human suffering because of your own. Therefore it is unwise to hold yourself back from your own destiny because you feel unworthy. It is because you feel unworthy that you are called to be a healer.

Pluto is Conjunct The North Node

With the combination of Pluto on your North Node you may feel drawn to the unknown, interested in what lies under the surface of things and always probing for answers about the nature of life. Pluto's archetypal realm is the underworld, the vast expanse below what is visible. It is the storehouse of buried treasure and the repository of hidden secrets. Since its nature is highlighted on the northern pole of your axis of destiny, you may have always felt engaged with the mysteries of life, acutely aware of your depth of feeling. While you may be more inclined to withdraw into the silence of your own thoughts or feel the urge to find sanctuary in your own world, vocationally you are invited to integrate your passion for mystery and intrigue with your career path. You may be surprised how many different paths through the world could capture your attention.

Pluto is akin to vocations which dig deep down, either into the literal ground, or into the psychic ground of an individual to locate the truth and encourage the release of the repressed. Either way you are like an archaeologist who can dig to find the buried treasure or a miner who finds the minerals embedded in the rock. Psychologically this terrain is the subconscious and you may develop a great interest in the many fields of work in the area of the unconscious, whether this is psychology, medicine, or any other variation on the theme. Research and investigative vocations are also well suited to this image as you have an instinct for unearthing the truth. Pluto is the realm of the dead, therefore in a vocational sense this suggests careers where the cycle of destruction and renewal is prevalent, such as medical research, agriculture, ecology, recycling etc. However Pluto also suggests the power to influence the masses and transform public opinion and areas where you can make an impact on human values and consumption may also be of interest. There are many paths to choose but on all what is necessary is that you remain true to your own calling and never shy away from the truth. Pluto demands integrity and this of utmost importance.

VOCATION AND DIRECTION



Many are called, few are chosen: many have talent, few have the character that can realise the talent.

Character is the mystery, and it is individual.

- James Hillman

The Ascendant and Angular Planets

From the moment of your first breath, your fate was sealed. The Fates that spun the thread also measured its length and then cut the cord to free the spirit. The patterns woven at birth by the Fates were embedded in the soul and it is these soulful designs that have become the template for your human journey. Your genesis is a map for your life. This map is the horoscope, a vibrant multi-layered design of character, potentialities and persuasions.

This moment of birth has defined your orientation to life through four directions known as the angles of the horoscope. Like a compass pointing you along the right path, each one of the four angles plays a major role in defining the direction of your life. Direction and vocation are entwined as along the angles we find the course of our lives.

Your four angles form two planes of experience. The first plane of experience is your individual and personal orientation to the world detailing your personality, your outlook on life and your natural inclination towards partnership. This is the angle of the ascendant, the degree of the zodiac rising at the moment of your birth. This helps describe your motivation to life and therefore what personal traits you can bring to your vocation. The polar position on this plane is known as the descendant, the degree of the zodiac setting on the horizon when the Fates cut the cord. Here the astrologer reads the patterns and potentialities of merging your personality with a soul mate. In a vocational analysis this is also important to read in terms of co-operation with others.

The second plane of experience is an inherited view of the world, shaped by ancestry and familial lines. Along this polarity of angles you experience the impact of your family or origin on your direction as well as the expectations and influences placed upon you. Embedded in this plane of experience are familial patterns and fate shaping your direction and vocation. The angle of the IC reveals the atmospheric conditions of your early familial experiences while the opposite angle suggests your destiny in the world, strongly influenced by parental and societal expectations.

Therefore to familiarise yourself with these influences will add to your understanding of vocation. The ascendant marks the birth point and is metaphoric of your natural disposition and outer image. This describes your natural outreach and personality traits that are spontaneous; in fact this is the person we first meet, the face turned out towards the world. However in the natural wheel of the horoscope the sign on the ascendant is at odds with the

signs that rule the cusps of the houses that describe vocation. Therefore as a more integrated self begins to emerge we often experience what we do in the world to be in conflict with whom we feel we are. This is a human challenge to learn to adapt your personality to your vocation. Following is a description of the signs on this axis. Reflect on how these qualities might need to be utilised and adapted to your vocation. If you have a planet that was rising or setting at your birth then this energy needs to be acknowledged as a powerful guide and influence on your vocational path.

Each angular planet could be seen as a guiding force, a daimon or soul force seeking expression through you. If you have more than one angular planet they will have different needs and likely will contradict or conflict with one another. The key as always is to find the right time and venue to be able to express both as fully as possible.

1st House Cusp is in Cancer

At the time of your birth the sign Cancer was rising over the horizon. Tentatively you came into the world. You might still be a bit tentative about stepping out into the world but you've probably matured enough to know how to feel safe and secure enough. You also have a knack for making others feel safe and secure in themselves. Once you have a safe nest, a support group or a place to call home you can do almost anything. And this is how the world will challenge you to come out of your shell, as your calling will involve your own personal creativity and self-expression. While your personality might be more inclined to stay at home, vocationally you are called to be adventuresome and explorative. In fact many of your jobs might call on you to reach beyond your comfort zone and cross a cultural line into new ideas, new beliefs and ethics. So it is wise to remember that while you like to play it safe and maybe stick close to home, life beckons you farther afield from home base and familial attitudes.

It is helpful to recognise that the sign Capricorn was setting at your birth, colouring others in your life with an authoritative and capable aura. You are attracted to mature qualities of worldly wisdom and competence in others, suggesting that you can learn from them how to manage and structure your life more successfully. On the other hand, however, you might be inclined to surrender your vocational quest to care for someone who is able to navigate the wide world much better and support you in the process. This would be dangerous for it is these very qualities of authority and competence that you need to develop in order to become more independent. Ironically for someone who would like a traditional and family-orientated life, your vocational path might lead you into brave new worlds to explore to find yourself. Along the way you also help a lot of others to find more meaning and security in themselves.

VOCATION AND CHARACTER



Character is fate.
- Heraclitus

Considering the Sun and Moon

Whatever Heraclitus meant two and a half millennia ago is a mystery. However, this phrase has captured philosophical attention ever since, as its truth is evident. We do contribute to our fate through forging our character. It is that personal mix of our habits, rituals, values, beliefs, ideals and morals that all inform our character and contribute to our deeper layers of personality. Through time these become forged into who we are; our character becoming our fate. While the world may acknowledge our achievements from work well done, our greatest success lies in self-fulfillment and the satisfaction of a life well lived

Again the astrological horoscope becomes a useful guide to understanding personality characteristics that shape character. Astrologically the three aspects of your horoscope, which are the most relevant in considering your own individual character, are the Ascendant, which we have explored in the last section of this report, and the Sun and Moon. Character is fate and expressed through our life journey. Through examining your Sun and Moon it becomes clearer what you need to identify with and need on your vocational path, and therefore what is necessary to develop and nurture in character. Your Sun sign reveals the virtues that are part of your potential character while the Moon sign suggest what needs are important for you to feel safe in the world. Each individual's character is unique and your description of the Sun and Moon sign will be personalised through other astrological factors. However this is an entrée to begin to consider the virtues and needs of your character.

THE SUN: Virtues of the Essential Self

In the final analysis, we count for something only because of the essential we embody, and if we do not embody that, life is wasted.
- C.G. Jung

The Sun is the central focus of its system and therefore represents a multi-dimensional symbol. On one level it is the essential self and the twelve signs of the zodiac, which mark its apparent path through the heavens, represent spiritual concepts and virtues. Each sign characterises qualities of the human spirit. To the ancients the path of the Sun in the sky was akin to the hero's journey and each sign designated a heroic labour. Astrologically we can present a case for each one of the twelve signs represents a soul state. Therefore when we are in touch with the virtues underpinning our Sun sign we become closer to its spiritual essence and feel closer to the true self. Psychologically this suggests a more soulful and meaningful experience of who we are.

On the other level the Sun is symbolic of our identity, the passport of the self. Of course one of the important considerations of identity besides sex, age and nationality is profession. The Sun is essentially what we might identify

as important, what helps us feel vital and good about ourselves. The Sun suggests what we may be skilled at. It might not be easy at first, but as we grow we naturally become more aware of our solar impulse. Therefore in many ways the Sun sign helps shape the vocation, as it hints at what is important to be identified with and qualities that help us excel.

The Sun is in Aries

Aries represents the stamina to challenge what is not right but also the spirit to forge what is. Aries is the warrior; in a spiritual sense the one who has the courage to uphold his or her principles and the one who is the soldier of the true self. With Sun in Aries your labours are to find the courage of your convictions and the strength to sanction them. What is honourable about you is the ability to challenge what is not right, to compete for what is and find the courage to face the confrontation. When you are in touch with your honour, you are capable of summoning the strength to act with bravery and champion what is noble. You are invigorated when challenged and your spirituality develops through withstanding the moral and ethical trials of life.

Your spirit cherishes its independence and welcomes challenges. You enjoy creative projects, pioneering new experiments and exploring uncharted territory. Being on the starting line you are animated by the spirit of adventure and brought to life by challenges and possibilities. Innocence and naïveté are helpful attributes as you are able to put the disappointments and failures of any project behind you and get on with a new idea or project. Taking a chance, exploring new frontiers and risking the security of what is not known demand an act of courage. Therefore you are likely to be a pioneer in your profession, perhaps breaking new ground in your chosen career, or perhaps by choosing a career on the cutting edge. You are a self-starter and therefore starting your own business, working on your own or any form of self-employment may appeal.

It is a combination of toughness and affection that allows you to be a firebrand on one hand and an idealist on the other. The compound of these two attitudes creates an advocate who champions the underdog, the conqueror who liberates the oppressed and the hero who scores the winning goal. In an etymological context courage is connected to the heart, since the ancient notion linked the force of will and character to the heart. Braveheart personifies your gift of courage. Like the heart which pumps blood through the body, your energetic spirit vitalises your soul in the world to be brave and claim what is rightfully yours. While you bravely face the worries and burdens of everyday life your alter ego, Captain Courageous, is active in the world championing the oppressed and liberating the downtrodden. To find your vitality and spirit and to feel soulful in the world you need to strive to find the qualities of assertiveness, bravery, enthusiasm, independence, initiative and inspiration on your vocational path.

THE MOON: Caring for Your Soul

Care of the soul asks us to observe its needs continually, to give them our wholehearted attention.
-Thomas Moore

The Moon is the archetype of care and nurture. From a general overview the Moon reveals what needs are important to satisfy in our vocation. The Moon sign can help to identify what basic requirements are necessary to care for the soul at work. In a vocational capacity the Moon corresponds with the nurturing professions and if the individual is drawn to one of these professions, the Moon sign helps to differentiate what kind of caring could suit its temperament. The planetary sign acts as a filter for the archetypal urge when it seeks expression through the vocation.

The Moon is in Libra

Having your Moon in Libra reflects your need for harmony and co-operation. To feel safe you need your environment to be peaceful, uncluttered and orderly. If your external surrounds are messy and in disarray, then this affects your mood and ability to feel well. Naturally you are polite, welcoming and gracious but in an unpleasant atmosphere you find yourself being rude and unpleasant. Therefore to care for the soul, surround yourself with what

is pleasing and calming. Your need to beautify and place things harmoniously could also be a feature of your vocation. Whether you literally choose a career as an interior designer, feng shui practitioner, professional artist, beautician or stage designer, you will bring your innate urge to harmonise into whatever career path you choose.

As a youngster you were always aware of differences, whether that was the delicate balance between the sexes or the way someone else was behaving. You have a natural tendency to judge others in order to know what you liked or didn't like. Your ability to judge is high, and therefore you have an instinctual ability for making detailed and considered appraisals when asked to make a judgement. You have a keen awareness of others and an urge to relate. Naturally your vocational path is about relationship, first and foremost in your own personal relationships where making choices is not as easy. Your urge to work in a partnership or in close co-operation with others might be reflected in a close business partnership or working in one-to-one situations with clients.

In nurturing professions the Moon in Libra would naturally be inclined towards individual or relationship counselling, marriage guidance, conflict resolution, where negotiation and relating skills need to be well developed. Your social skills, hospitality, ability at conflict resolution and beguile are your strong characteristics.

INCOME



The worth of someone is deeply tied to images of destiny, the twists and turns of fate, and the wheels of fortune. The same is true of money. Our relation to money is our relation to fate.

- Russell A. Lockhart

The Rich Resources of Your Life

Traditionally the 2nd House is associated with money and the accumulation of assets. In a vocational sense the 2nd house details our earning capacity, income and resources. Psychologically this is the sphere where self esteem and personal values are shaped by our early experiences. It is where we learn what is 'mine', how to share, trade and exchange articles of value. Self worth, the impact of familial values, the substance and significance we place upon our efforts, income received or value returned are all intimately interwoven into the fabric of this house. In the modern climate of the corporate world, pay replaces satisfaction in the workplace; yet the secret of the 2nd house is that fulfilment is intimately tied to the expression of our skills and resources, not wages. Having found the wellspring of our talent, money follows. Pleasure is experienced through apprenticeship and mastery of our skills and talents, not through economic management.

The 2nd House suggests innate resources, which can be developed and valued. In a literal sense these are 'traded' for income or other rewards which support us in the world. This area suggests our innate strengths, skills and talents that must be utilized in earning our living. Psychologically these are our personal assets and resources, which sustain and support us in our career. Talent not only refers to our natural abilities and capacity for success, but also in ancient times was a weight of gold or a monetary unit. The secret of the 2nd house is to recognize that it is our innate talents and skills that bring our wealth and living. This house also describes what we value and also what gives us value. In a way it describes what we like to do. Consider what you appreciate and desire. Your 2nd house is indicative of what you desire and planets in this house reveal what you might attract because of your values and desires.

The sign on the cusp of the house symbolizes aspects of the assets you need to use in a resourceful way. The sign suggests what needs to be valued in your vocation, the natural style of earning an income, as well as your attitudes towards wages and money. 2nd house planets reveal the earning style and literally may suggest how you earn your living or your patterns and relationship to money and possessions. These are the archetypal urges needing to be expressed in a skillful and resourceful way in your career. Planets here are the forces that shape your sense of worth and value and help you tap into your innate resources. It is important that you use these skills and resources in supporting your own sense of self-esteem. Symbolically, understanding this archetypal presence in your life can help unravel any damaging patterns that support an impoverished sense of self or a disapproving attitude towards money

and possessions. Forging an alliance with this energy helps you create a supportive and positive approach to your sense of worth which in turn influences the way the world values you.

2nd House Cusp is in Cancer

The sign Cancer is on the cusp of your 2nd house, revealing ways to enhance your sense of self-esteem and personal worth. Emblematic of Cancer is the crab, the crustacean that scurries sideways across the sand to get out of your way. But what does this have to do with your earning power and relationship to money? Well, like the crab you might dig deep to find a place to bury your cash - in a tin, under the mattress, maybe in the bank. This sign is synonymous with saving, holding on and hoarding. Being on your 2nd House Cusp you might have some hidden resources. You might not know, but it is hidden beneath the family home. Literally this might mean an inheritance, a family trust, shares in the family business or a stake in the family fortune. However, it generally is more complex than that and it suggests that it is attachment and bonding, feelings of emotional security and safety that translate into wealth and assets. In other words your financial security and your material success is dependent upon your level of emotional involvement, not your annual salary or earning power. This is a fairly radical concept to consider but simply put, you become financially secure when you are emotionally secure.

This might be contradictory to your personality, which might need a lot of space and mobility. So it might take some time to settle down and feel that you are economically prosperous. But when you begin to nest, have emotional responsibilities and feel you belong, then this is the time you also start to financially flourish. There is something quite uncanny about this reality. Your qualities of caring, nurturing, providing and being emotionally present are the keys to your feeling valued. When you care and provide for others, you make sure that there is enough financial security for everyone to feel safe. Quite literally this suggests you may earn your income in helping or caring professions or in a profession that provides security, nurturing or protection.

However this does not always mean you feel secure. You may often worry about money and feel vulnerable and insecure about how to provide. Yet the reality is you have always been able to get what you want, have enough savings to buy what you need and manage quite well. It is just that money is the object you project your insecurity onto. Your talents are in your capacity to care and connect with others and as you take care of others and their needs, the cosmos provides for you. It gets easier as you age because you begin to see at long last the rewards of your work. Your resources are in your ability to connect, care and provide the resources not always visible through your personality. But when you do see them you realise that you have a great capacity for intimacy and closeness that can be tapped in your vocation.

WORK



All work is a vocation, a calling from a place that is the source of meaning and identity, the roots of which lie beyond human intention and interpretation.

- Thomas Moore

The Labours of the 6th House

Astrologically, the 6th House is an eclectic territory associated with many facets of daily life. All these components of the 6th House suggest everyday routines that are necessary to maintain order and coherence in order to contain the chaos of life. The 6th House recommends ways to remain focused and cantered. When we lose touch with this thread of continuity, chaos fills the void with stress, loss of direction and purposelessness. The 6th house also indicates the areas of the body susceptible to carrying the stress when work is not nurturing or fulfilling. When we are not able to en-soul our everyday life with our work, then we are reminded of our distress by complaints of the body and the mind. Literally work makes us sick.

Vocationally the 6th house symbolizes what is compatible with our nature and what we need in our work to feel fulfilled, therefore less stressed. Traditionally the 6th house describes occupation; it illustrates the routine conditions of the job, the daily responsibilities and activities involved in performing job tasks that contribute to personal satisfaction. It also describes the atmosphere and those who share the workspace. Astrological wisdom has always suggested that work and well being are one and the same; to be well we need work that suits our soul. However, 6th house issues can become confused. In our workaday world often duty replaces satisfaction, the process of work is sacrificed for outcome, and ritual becomes obsession. The work instinct is to be productive; however when this turns to duty or perfectionism the enjoyment of work is lost. Analysing the 6th house reveals the most satisfying work environment and routines, and profiles the most rewarding way an individual can be employed. The 6th house is often referred to as a house of service. However, it is where we best serve ourselves through the quality of our employment.

Following is an analysis of your 6th house as described by the sign on the cusp and any planets that occupy this sphere. You will be able to maximize your fulfillment with work by recognizing the routines and tasks that are incompatible with your temperament and therefore create stress. Through becoming aware of daily rituals that support your natural disposition you will feel more satisfied and rewarded by your job. The sign on the cusp of the 6th house is the first clue to rewarding work. Planets in the 6th house are archetypal energies that need to be accessed daily and integrated into your lifestyle. They are life forces that you are fated to meet in the world of work and vocation. In a perfect world we would use them productively through our daily tasks and labours, giving them an expression in the continuity of our daily rituals. Metaphorically work is the way we honour the archetypal force that underlies the planetary expression.

6th House Cusp is in Scorpio

Scorpio is the sign on the cusp of your 6th house and describes some of the features you need in the routine conditions of your job to feel satisfied. An important aspect of your work would be the necessity to be engaged and involved in what you do. When the deepest aspects of your nature are called into duty, then you feel absorbed, engrossed and are satisfied that you are making a difference. Without this you may feel bored and unchallenged. Therefore you may instinctually be drawn to work that involves crisis, elimination and restoration. The Scorpio archetype could be used in a variety of ways in work routines: crisis management, medical emergency, psychotherapy, oncology, bereavement work, renovations, garden design, archaeology and research. As long as you feel you are working intensely, getting to the heart of the matter or have a depth of involvement in what you are doing, you will feel satisfied.

Integrity and honesty are important virtues you seek in your workplace. You also need to respect the work you do, as well as respect those that are in your industry. Trust is an important component of your working life and while it may not be prudent to trust those you work with or for, you must trust yourself that you are in the right position, with the right team and working for the right reasons. If you question your motives you may feel fraudulent or dissatisfied with your work. It is also necessary to feel empowered and in control of what you are doing. While you can work well with others on projects and are open to combining your talents, you also work well alone. You have a strong work ethic, are highly motivated and focused. However, if you are dis-empowered in your workplace, power struggles with superiors or co-workers could emerge.

The Scorpio spirit is incisive and insightful, energies you bring to your work place. Therefore you have a powerful presence and are not afraid of challenges or the truth. Others may react to your intensity with feelings of envy or intimidation, which might result in you feeling isolated and alone at work. However it is important to remember that integrity and honesty are important to you and not all can match this. Before you begin work each day, clear your workspace, clean up your surrounds and de-clutter. Make space for something to happen because at the end of the day it is important that you feel something has happened. You hate to waste time. When stress and pressure build up at work, so do the feelings that have been bottled up. Physically you feel it in the gut and the bowels reflecting your need to let go. This astrological statement recommends that you have enough time alone and space to yourself to recharge. Therefore while you are a highly committed individual, the commitment most importantly is to your health and well being. You need to recognise your propensity towards obsession with work and maintain equilibrium. At the end of the day it is important to create a ritual that helps you let go of the day's stress. To be able to cross over into your privacy, you need to create a firm boundary line between your engagement at work and your personal life.

Neptune is in the 6th House

Planets in the 6th house represent traits that need to be accessed regularly and integrated into your lifestyle. You have Neptune in the 6th house; therefore you may not have a clear conviction of work or what you would like to do. Work may feel mysterious, unknown, not formed. This might be due to your expectations and idealism; however, the truth is probably that you create your work and lifestyle as you go. Your work picture is slowly developed over time. You are able to sense and imagine what you want to do, but it takes time for that to become real. Since Neptune is not well suited to the 6th house, you are given an important task this lifetime. Neptune's nature is to be uncontained, unformed, fluid with no boundaries, yet the 6th house is a house where order and ritual are important. Therefore the task is to find a way to integrate the creative spirit that wants to be spiritual and transcendent with the everyday tasks of productivity and work. In a perfect world your everyday and your spiritual work are aligned in the jobs you do.

There are two ways this might be possible. The first is the creative sphere where the magical aspect of Neptune can be staged or given a canvas or a screen to project its vivid images onto. With Neptune in this house you can tap into its boundless imagination to produce moving and inspirational works of art. The medium is your choice. Whether it takes the form of film, dance, acting, painting, writing, music or any other, you can be sure the muse will show up. The second outlet is the helping professions. With solid training, good boundaries and focus you have an innate

ability to tap into the compassionate and empathetic sides of yourself to help others in need. Both paths are fed by the innate urge to be of service. This is a spiritual calling and in the midst of the 21st century you are compelled to find the spiritual in the everyday, the sacred in the mundane. This is a difficult task in a corporate world, but not impossible. One of the main focuses of your work is to bridge what is ideal with what is possible. Therefore you may be in a variety of positions where you must navigate between the world of the imagination and the world of work.

The everyday world of work with its guidelines, routines, procedures and protocol may not be an easy fit for the aspect of your nature that is otherworldly. Therefore it is necessary to honour this aspect of yourself through hobby or other ritual. In this way you can appease the soulful need to do creative work even when you may be occupied in a soulless job. Whether you paint, take dance lessons, sing in a choir, write poetry or fiction, meditate or bush walk it is necessary that you revere the spiritual and creative aspects of yourself. When it lacks expression it subtly finds its way into consciousness through fatigue, lethargy, loss of concentration and forgetfulness. Physically Neptunian ailments are hard to diagnose, as they belong to the soul not the body. Therefore spiritual work is the way to remain well. Always, it is important to recognise that when the pressures of work are overwhelming, find a sanctuary where you feel still and balanced.

PROFESSION



Every man has his own vocation; his talent is his call
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

The Status of the Tenth House

The cusp of the 10th house is the Midheaven, the highest point on the ecliptic at our moment of birth. Its elevation in the horoscope suggests a complex of factors: it is the most public area of the horoscope and represents our relationship to and experience of the world; this represents the goal posts which are not only set by ourselves but have been put in place by our ancestors; the MC and 10th house represent the parental expectations and values influencing our career choices. Therefore the 10th house is a very important sphere in considering a fulfilling vocation. In essence it suggests our fate in the world.

Traditionally the 10th house is associated with career. Since career suggests a course of one's life, the 10th house will play a prominent role in helping to navigate the career path. The 10th suggests where we need to find our authority and autonomy in the world and where we strive to be successful. As the peak of the horoscope the 10th house suggests what we would like to achieve in our relationship with the world. It also suggests the public sphere and how we are recognized in that sphere, either through our professional titles, our achievements or contributions. It is in this arena where we strive to contribute to the world in our own unique way

The sign on the cusp of the 10th house (the Midheaven) suggests the career paths which may be fulfilling and lead to success. The sign also indicates what we want to achieve and where we need to strive for authority. Planets in the 10th house are in the public sphere and seek to be expressed through vocational pursuits and are also heavily influenced by both parental and societal expectations. Planets in the 10th house are the archetypes encountered along your professional path. They represent both resources and challenges met in the career as well as characterize images of a fulfilling vocation.

10th House Cusp is in Aquarius

Aquarian ideals are usually altruistic, humanistic and aspire towards equality and harmony in the world environment. Involvement in compassionate pursuits or organisations and companies, which have a sympathetic affinity with humanitarian, ecological or animal concerns help to appease their urge to contribute to world harmony. Aquarius needs to be involved with the larger concerns of humanity. Organisations like Greenpeace, World Vision, and Big Brothers resonate with this ideology of Aquarius. Therefore with Aquarius on your Midheaven your vocation is influenced by idealism and philanthropy.

An affinity for groups and associations is part of the Aquarian temperament, therefore working with associates, friends, and colleagues in organisations could be rewarding for you. However, the need for individual expression and equality in the group is ultimately imperative. Without freedom and self-determination you will react, either covertly

or quite openly. While individualism is important in your vocation, you also need social interaction, intellectual stimulation and personal interchange in your work. You need to express your individuality in the work sector and feel unique and independent in what you do. Therefore vocations, which are different, even marginal, suit you. If the working atmosphere is rigid, authoritative or emotionally demanding you will choose to rebel either through shock tactics, acting out or simply leaving. You need to feel unrestrained in your job duties and work better in a democratic structure than a hierarchical one.

Uranus, the progressive, technological, inventive, and forward-looking planetary energy rules Aquarius. Like the ruler of your Midheaven you are progressive, intuitive and future orientated. Therefore you need to feel you are creatively contributing to designing the future. You may have an instinct for technological and innovative research and be able to thrive in innovative and modern atmospheres utilising the latest technologies. Hence your career paths could include the sphere of technology, where you will be able to be innovative and experimental. A career in visionary design or architecture, which promotes your intuitive vision of the future, is compatible with your urge to shape the future. However you might also be satisfied in the arenas of political activism, economic reform or social justice and equality. Your flair for the unusual must be acknowledged and considered. You could find solace in the New Age movement with its positive and spiritual messages for future peace or be well suited to the helping professions. However, it is ultimately important that you do not feel tied down or emotionally overwhelmed by these positions, having enough space and ability to promote your own ideas. You may enjoy exploring advanced and ground-breaking professional avenues in science, technology, astrology, electronics, aeronautics, or multi-media. On the other hand you may work independently in a more conventional career, receiving recognition for your originality and initiative.

Aquarius is social but does not necessarily feel the need to attach, being happier non-attached. Therefore in a work environment you might appreciate the social interaction but not necessarily want this to become a deeper emotional bond. Therefore you are able to spend a good portion of your working day communicating via technology, not in person. The more space there is, the better you perform. Without space in your working environment you will feel frantic and suffocated. The key to your calling is to be able to give yourself enough permission to be free from the herd and the traditions of the past, forging your own unique and less-travelled pathway in the world.

Chiron is in the 10th House

While Chiron is not categorised as a planet, its archetypal influence is important to consider. Being in your 10th house, Chiron symbolises the professional encounter with healing and commemorates your exclusive role in the world. While you might feel marginal in your career aspirations, foreign to what others strive for, even an outsider in your system, you have a distinctive role to play. Chiron's cave on Mount Pelion was the place where young, homeless and orphaned boys were initiated into the ways of the hero. With Chiron they were reminded of their birthright and were schooled in the arts of heroism and healing. In classical myth Chiron is the ancient link to the archetype of the healer/hero and reminds us of traditions that linked the mystical with the mundane or the spirit with the body. It was also reminiscent of the heroic urge to heal the self. In contemporary times Chiron symbolises this quest for wholeness, individuation and the attempts to repair the split between the body and the soul. Hence in vocational pursuits Chiron tends towards the healing professions that address the need to reconcile the body/mind split. Having this archetype strongly placed in your vocational sector, you may feel drawn to the healing arts, especially complementary and alternative medicine and healing.

With Chiron in the 10th house there is a myriad of possible paths to find your way into healing. Holistic healing professions including naturopathy, homeopathy, herbalism, chiropractors, Chinese medicine and all alternate healing practices which attempt to work with body and mind, dream therapists, channels, Reiki and other new age healing modalities, astrologers and others working with imagery and symbols as a healing tool are all resonant with this placement in your horoscope. Chiron was also a mentor and teacher and therefore you may also be drawn to mentoring professions such as life coaches, mentors, inspirational teachers, meditation instruction or health

education.

As a foster figure Chiron is also associated with the marginalized and therefore professions which work with refugees, the homeless, the handicapped and vocations which aid the underprivileged and the outcast are ways you might feel called. The 10th house is your pathway into the world and when you are in public life you feel drawn to the wounded. You are likely to be the person who donates a coin to a passing beggar, or you might feel compelled to work for a charity or organisation that helps the less fortunate. Whether this is through social work, a caring or medical profession, trauma counselling or even private practice, you find your capacity to heal is drawn up from your own wounds. With Chiron in the 10th your innate capacity to heal and your intrinsic understanding of trauma is forged through your own experience. Ironically it is your own wounds and complexities that call you to be a healer and educator. For many of the same reasons you are also likely to be in synch with the objectives of workers' unions, or international protection groups. In other words your need to be a champion of the underdog is reflected in your choice of career, whether this is a worker, mentor or teacher looking after your flock or literally working with the underprivileged.

Uranus is Opposite The Midheaven

At the foot of your chart is the planet Uranus, whose urge for freedom and separateness is rooted in the family. Disengagement and separation are themes that resonate when Uranus is on the IC. The possibility of a fractured or dislocated family atmosphere or the lack of an unconditional bond is suggested, whether perceived or real. Individuality and independence are important hallmarks in your family. An urge to adventure, take risks and be emotionally self-sufficient is valued and therefore surprises and unexpected change was part of your familial landscape. Therefore as an adult it is important to reconcile your urges for separateness with your need for closeness, as this is a theme that will overshadow your feeling safe and successful in the world.

CONCLUSION

'Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.'

-Robert Frost

A Considered Vocation

Fulfillment in the world is more a product of who we are, not what we do. Our vocational nature implies a path of individuation, a road 'less traveled by', and in some ways, a road still under construction. Hopefully this astrological consideration of your vocational potentialities has helped you reflect on a fulfilling career path.

Astrological consideration of a vocation also needs to be placed in the context of the life cycle. Adolescents greatly benefit from a traditional examination of the vocational patterns in the horoscope to help confirm and inspire their career plans. However in adult years, especially when on the verge of mid-life (36+), the urge to find meaning and purpose through vocation is more the issue. Vocation is a lifelong task and one that is at the heart of the individuation process and the lenses through which we view vocation need to be re-examined and rechecked at every new stage of the life cycle.

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