



Money Changes Everything

This was the title of a hit song by Cyndi Lauper, released in December 1984. Neptune had just entered Capricorn and the song was a bittersweet ode to money changing relationships. Saturn and the South Node were in Scorpio, the sign that points to shared resources. Scorpio's modern sovereign, Pluto had entered the sign as well. The decade had become characterised by the 'greed-is-good' speech given by the fictional character Gordon Gekko in the 1987 film *Wall Street*. As the sextile between Pluto in Scorpio and Neptune in Capricorn tied the signs of economic resource together, global attitudes to lending and spending money were being deconstructed. Appetites and fantasies about money were drastically changing.

Twenty-something years later, as Pluto, the rich lord of the underworld, ingressed into economically-orientated Capricorn, the season had come for a confrontation with money.

As it scoured the early degrees of the sign, *greed-is-good* was replaced by the slogan GFC, the Global Financial Crisis. On October 8, 2008, Australian Prime Minister **Kevin Rudd** gave a speech regarding the GFC. In it he said 'It is perhaps time now to admit that we did not learn the full lessons of the greed-is-good ideology. And today we are still cleaning up the mess of the 21st-century children of Gordon Gekko.'



With Pluto's first passage into Capricorn, the stock market faltered, the US housing crisis ballooned out of proportion and interest rates heated up and cooled down. Capricorn is concerned with the economy and finances, and as Pluto unearths this sign, deep excavations into our relationship with money and values are occurring. Pluto in Capricorn suggests an exhumation of our authentic attitudes towards money and reflection on integrating our material and spiritual values.



The Root of All Evil

The Bible suggested that the love of money was the root of all evil (1 Timothy 6:10). But George Bernard Shaw did not agree; his response was the 'lack of money is the root of all evil'.

Once upon a time, Christian monks entering religious service were required to take a vow of poverty. Lack of money was their lifestyle; yet they lived on large estates, surrounded by the choicest real estate, meals were served regularly and the churches they served were far from impoverished. The vow of poverty was designed to steer the gaze away from the acquisition of possessions to the participation in a communal and spiritual life. Christian teaching suggested it was easier for a camel to squeeze through the eye of a needle than a moneyed man to get into heaven. From a religious viewpoint money corrupts and detracts from salvation, as the infatuation with money is diametrically opposed to the religious impulse. In the Christian era, the marketplace and the church were seen to be at odds with one another. The secular and worldly life was opposed to the sacred and spiritual one. Like many potent symbols money became demonised.

When Jesus was asked whether it was lawful to give tribute to Caesar, he asked to be brought a penny so he could see it. When they brought a coin to him, he said 'Who is this image' and he was told 'Caesar's'. Then Jesus answered by saying 'Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's'.¹ It seems that worldly taxes are to be paid to Caesar and spiritual duties to God. The split between worldly and spiritual values is established and the distinction between whether money belongs in Caesar's Palace or God's Temple is made.² Caesar was a consumer; therefore the more we are involved with money the more worldly we become. However, if we look to God to be saved from this rampant greed and devouring commercialism, we are removed from the world. The two sides of money in Christian doctrine were polarised and set apart in the Western world, forever coined as heads and tails.

But wherever there is a split, there is a middle position. James Hillman reflects on this third way of thinking. He says:

'I see money as an archetypal dominant that can be taken spiritually or materially, but which is itself neither.

Rather Money is a psychic reality, and as such gives rise to divisions and oppositions about it, much as other fundamental psychic realities – love and work, death and sexuality, politics and religion – are archetypal dominants which easily fall into opposing spiritual and material interpretations. Moreover, since money is an archetypal reality, it will always be inherently problematic because psychic realities are complex, complicated. Therefore, money problems are inevitable, necessary, irreducible, always present, and potentially if not actually overwhelming. Money is devilishly divine.'³

As Hillman points out money is an archetypal reality and therefore it is our approach to and participation with money that is problematic, not money itself. And like all archetypal realities, the horoscope provides many ways of thinking about money.



Dirty Sexy Money

The central theme of the short-lived television soap *Dirty Sexy Money* centered on the corruption of wealth. Money seemed to underpin the complex intrigues focusing on the decadent lives of a mega rich New York family. When the opening credits rolled on the small screen, the antagonistic voice-over reminded us that *money is the root of all evil*, endorsing the classic axiom that is lived out through the materialism and egocentricity of the soap's wealthy family members. In this modern day drama, affluence and avarice seem to have gotten

entangled. Were the Christians right about money being corrupt? But let's rephrase Shakespeare for a moment to say perhaps our fault lies not in money but in ourselves.

When *Dirty, Sexy, Money* was canceled after a short two seasons in August 2009, Pluto, the rich lord of the underworld had recently entered economically-orientated Capricorn. Pluto means wealth and is a euphemism for a rich man, while Capricorn is the sign often associated with the Devil in the Tarot. The season had come for a confrontation with money, not only collectively but personally as well. As Pluto still is moving through the zodiacal sector of financial Capricorn it might be wise to reflect on the timing of its passage through the sign as it will challenge each individual, every family, community, nation and cooperative with money issues.

Pluto moves through Capricorn from early 2008 until later 2024. We might characterise three stages of this process, as it moves through each of its decans. The first stage would be approximately from 2008 until 2013 when the crisis in our economic reality hits. From 2013 until 2018, we might suggest a second stage, when reflection on the crisis is more possible and measures and changes can be articulated and worked out to genuinely let go of the old broken-down economic structures. The last phase from 2018 - 2024 might suggest that new constitutions and procedures can begin to be implemented so bona fide reform and economic growth can return in a more accountable and sustainable way. In 2020 Jupiter will commence a new 13-year cycle with Pluto which hopefully can bring new visions, concepts and understanding to the world economy. The last Jupiter-Pluto conjunction was on December 11, 2007 at 28°24' just before Pluto's entry into Capricorn. Pluto enters Capricorn for the first time on the 26th of January 2008 and leaves Capricorn for the last time on the 20 November 2024.

During this period Saturn, the ruler of Capricorn, will also pass through Scorpio, the sign Pluto rules. This is called a mutual reception and the two planets that confront truth, authenticity and the consequences of our economical and fiscal actions will team up to reveal corruption, mismanagement of money and the need for monetary reforms and policies. These times will be from when Saturn enters Scorpio on the 6 October 2012 and leaves the sign on the 18th of September 2015.

Also during this time the planet Uranus enters Aries and squares Pluto exactly seven times. This period which lasts from 2012 - 2015 suggests the ongoing challenge to break down the corrupted and outmoded structures in order for new economic reforms to take place. It is a period of upheaval when there is hope for change but the reality may be that it is more of a roller coaster ride than an ordered change.

So it is appropriate and time-right to reflect on our attitudes towards money and what better way than through the intelligence inherent in your own horoscope.



Money Matters

Financial and monetary language is entwined with everyday words. Some of these talk about attachment such as Bond and Safe or relationship, like Interest, Share and Exchange. In the ancient world cattle were an indication of wealth still retained in the word Stock or the importance of grain is reflected in the slang for money: Bread or Dough. Every word for money tells us about its nature: Yield, Credit, Duty, Debt, Currency, Capital and Change. And like all archetypal realities money is multi-faceted, cyclical and seeks its expression through us.

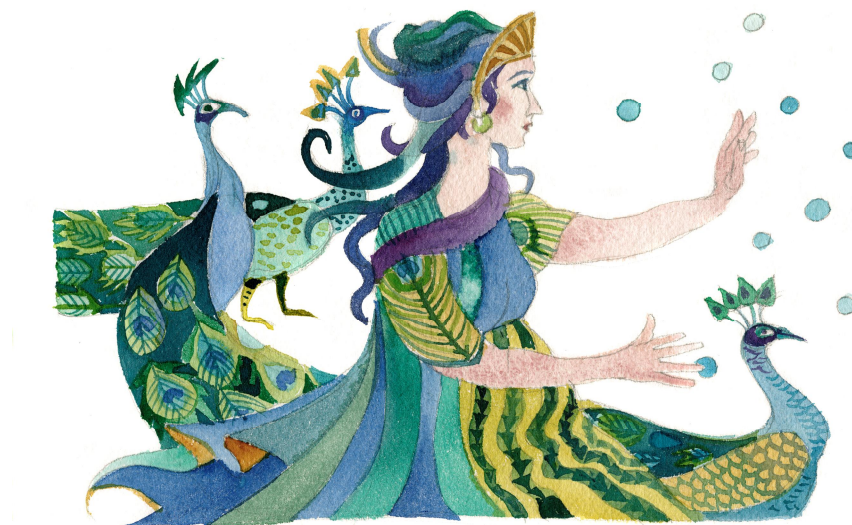
Therefore money *is* a serious matter. The word money finds its way into our language from the Latin *moneta* meaning 'mint or a place for coining money' from *Moneta*, a title or surname of the Roman goddess Juno, in whose temple money was coined. While the etymology is difficult to trace, our word money has its roots in an ancient goddess who was the Greek equivalent of Mnemosyne, the goddess of memory, but was also connected to the Roman goddess.

Moneta was an epithet of Juno in whose temple money was coined. When the Roman army was faltering, out of resources and demoralized, they prayed to Juno for guidance. The goddess advised them that if their cause was just and they fought for what they believed in, then money would be forthcoming. With a reinvigorated spirit the soldiers continued their battle and money and resources arrived from Rome to assist their triumph. From this point forward money was minted in the temple of Juno Moneta, reminding Rome that when her cause was just and sustained, then money would follow. Juno was also guide and sibyl to the Romans, honoured for warning them about an imminent earthquake. It is inspiring to remember that it is the regal goddess of heaven who bequeaths her name to our word for money. The matter of money is originally placed in the realm of the goddess and the mother. Still today money is often referred to as bread or dough, image connected to the agricultural mother.

Moneta derives from an earlier word *moneo* which means 'to remind', 'to recollect' 'to teach', even 'to warn', as Juno did of the earthquake.⁴ But this was also the Latin name for Mnemosyne, the mother of the Muses; therefore this mythic link provides us with a way to

muse about money. Or perhaps invoke money as a muse. Embedded within our modern word for money are images of remembering, forgetting, warning and musing. Money holds a powerful grip on the psychic life of each person.

It is also suggested that *moneta* comes from the Latin verb to warn, but this is speculative. But perhaps what we do know is that coins were minted at the temple of Juno and the name of the temple was transferred to the coins minted there as 'money'.



Juno Moneta

Copper is the metal associated with Venus, the Greek Aphrodite. The word derives from the Latin *cuprum* which links to the Greek work Cyprus, the island associated with the goddess in the Homeric Hymn to Aphrodite. This was also the principal source of copper in antiquity; therefore the goddess became associated with this metal. Venus also became associated with money; interestingly copper is also used to mint coins.

While the peacock is often associated with Juno, the iridescent hues of its tail derive from green-blue copper complexes. Ancient associations of money often link us back to the goddesses Venus and Juno. Alchemists thought the fan of the peacock was useful in turning base metals into gold; therefore it became associated with wealth.

As James Hillman suggested, money troubles are always present and potentially overwhelming, reminding us of the soul's struggle with incarnation and worldly things. In a way money is an aspect of fate and as a psychic reality we are better able to understand our relationship with it by considering its archetypal nature. As an archetypal practice, astrology has also considered the importance of money and possessions in the life experience. Traditionally the second house of the horoscope, its derivative sign of Taurus and its ruler Venus are associated with money and the accumulation of assets. The 2nd house is ruled by earth and is the first of three houses of substance, securing money in the world of matter. Astrology also considers how we might ensoul this area of our lives and endow it with meaning by honouring the authenticity reflected in the horoscope.



Trusting Your Second House Resources

Astrological images detailing our earning capacity, income and resources are second house affairs. Psychologically the 2nd house 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 an archaic sense astrology has always linked one's sense of self-worth and personal values with the accumulation of money. In the corporate world pay is the ultimate satisfaction, but the secret of the 2nd house is that fulfillment is intimately tied to expressing our skills and resources, not the receipt of wages. Having found the wellspring of our talent, money will follow. Pleasure is experienced through apprenticeship and mastery of our skills and talents, not through acquisitions.

The second house also suggests innate resources, which can be developed and valued to effectively earn a living. In a literal sense these are 'traded' for income or other rewards which support us in the world. Psychologically these are our talents, 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. In a contemporary context these 2nd house talents are our capital worth. This house describes what we value and also what gives us value; in a way it describes what we like to do.

Signs of the Cusp of the Second House

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 income and money. 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 the qualities of the sign helps to create a supportive and positive approach to your sense of worth.

In the natural wheel of the horoscope, the sign on the 2nd house cusp follows the Ascendant. This suggests that the 2nd house cusp is often at variance with the rising sign. Psychologically this proposes that our personality traits may actually deter and conflict with our attitudes towards money or the way we earn our income. Your skills, talents, and values that are resourceful could be eclipsed by your personality. Some traditional astrologers saw this place as not having enough light or vitality. In a way it was seen as a passive sphere and because of its minor aspect to the ascendant was sometimes referred to as the Gate of Hell.⁵ Therefore there needs to be a conscious distinction made between one's personality, vitality and presence and one's skills, talents and values. Money, like the traditions of the 2nd house, need to be honoured.

One way to imagine this conundrum is a job interview. While your personality is in charge, your talents and worth might not get sold properly. Therefore to contemplate attitudes to money, your innate resources, earning potential and vocational skills let's consider the 2nd house cusp sign in its own right and from the point of view of the ascendant. Next, reflect on the ruler of the 2nd house cusp by sign, house and aspects. Assess its strength or weakness.

Following are some delineations for signs on the Cusp of the 2nd house; these were originally written for the Solar Writer Vocation Report.

Aries on the 2nd house cusp

The sign Aries is on the cusp of your 2nd house, revealing ways to increase your sense of self-esteem and personal worth. This suggests that your self-esteem is linked to being adventurous, courageous and independent. Your worth is built on being free enough to explore opportunities, take risks and learn from your mistakes. One of the most courageous things you might have to do is to challenge your passivity and timidity in reaching out to life and taking a chance. When you do you begin to find your skills and talents. Part of the cosmic design in finding your own innate values are to cut through confusion, challenge chaos and proceed in spite of all odds.

The sign also points to what you authentically value and appreciate, which supports strength and stability in your work. Qualities you need to value in order to provide yourself with a sense of personal security, self-esteem and reward include assertiveness, bravery, enthusiasm, initiative and inspiration. Action is the key to success. Your efforts and ability to get going are ultimately rewarded. Don't be surprised if you have an immediate response to and return for your efforts; just don't bank on this as a given. Your instincts and intuition are good guides to helping you source the right investment and the best value for money.

Vocationally your income is very much interlaced with your ability to act spontaneous and courageously. You need to initiate to be successful; one of your greatest resources is your

independent spirit and bravado in the face of adversity. You need to be challenged to find these innate assets. Therefore it is important to know that your talent is released through assertion and action. Therefore the best way to enhance your self-esteem and self-worth is to take risks, act spontaneously and learn to trust your instincts. The more you are challenged, the more valued you feel. Income is not as important as the freedom and potential scope of your work. Ironically the freer you feel, the wealthier you are.

Taurus on the 2nd house cusp

The sign Taurus is on the cusp of your 2nd house, revealing ways to enhance self-esteem and personal worth. Taurus is the natural ruler of the 2nd house and so it brings its wisdom to this area of income and finance. Natural qualities that are helpful in securing your future are loyalty, perseverance, consistency, stability, solidity, reliability and steadfastness. These are the virtues that help build a strong economic future and are the resources you need to bring to your employment. Following the cosmic design suggests that you need to stick with things, see your tasks through to their conclusion and progress slowly but surely. You will have to fight off the restless urge to take off and explore other things. While you might identify with being impatient and bored, it is anchoring yourself in the present reality that stabilises you and pays off. You are interested in long term investments.

Vocationally there are many avenues you might want to pursue to develop your skills and talents. From an early age your aptitude to use one of the five senses in a creative and productive way may have been evident. One or many of these five senses may play a leading role in earning your income. Sensually there are many ways this might manifest; for instance touch. You might have 'healing hands', the Midas touch, even a green thumb or be able to build and construct. So whether you are a masseur, potter, arbourist, financial wizard or architect you utilise your innate sensual skill and relationship with the earth. There are numerous other ways you might apply this skill. But whether that is singing, cooking, gardening, banking or construction, the bottom line is that you have a practical and earthy talent which can pay off for you.

This suggests that money works best for you when you take a sensible and long term approach. While you might like to make a quick buck and throw fiscal caution to the wind, this does not suit you. You need to be more pragmatic and certain about your finances and security. When you take a more pragmatic approach you feel more in touch with your authentic resources. Innately you mistrust things that come too easy and somewhere inside you know the satisfaction of a job well done when it is completed with integrity and hard work.

Gemini on the 2nd house cusp

Watching over the border-crossing to your 2nd house is the sign Gemini, inviting you to look at your many skills and talents. So many different possibilities that it is hard to know where to start. Let's start with what you like to spend your money on, as a measure of what you value and like. Books? DVD's? Courses? Prints? Probably something like that, as your curiosity and

keenness to learn is one of your great resources. And it is this asset that leads you into considering earning your living as a journalist, a writer, a storyteller, a teacher, a designer, an artist, a spokesperson, a translator. The list will go on and on, but what we might describe as the underpinning talent is your communicative faculties. You have a great skill at being able to communicate and translate and it is this ability that will help provide your living.

Emblematic of Gemini is the image of twinship or duality. On one hand this could suggest your earning power is increased or developed working side-by-side with a partner, sibling, friend or soul mate. Especially when you share a vision on a deep level with another, you work hard to make that real. Another possibility is that you manage two jobs, tasks or projects that provide income. Valuable resources that need to be tapped are your ability to be able to read possibilities, see both sides of the situation and describe what others might be thinking but not yet able to articulate. Value your communicative talents and they will pay off. The result is not always a bigger paycheck but it always is a sense of satisfaction and a job well done.

An innate quality that is necessary to value in your professional quest is your social skills. Destiny has populated your vocation with lots of people, be they work mates, clients, employees or business partners. Success lays in connecting and networking all the different personalities under one umbrella. Another quality is your intellect. Language, ideas, and communication skills are talents worth capitalising on. You learn on the job and prosper by sharing your know-how and ideas with others. No surprise you might work as an advertising agent, promoter, publicist, speech writer, or salesperson. Sharing information and earning a living are bound up together. You are a team player and a good friend, and the only ones who do not know this are the ones who don't know much anyway! Earning money, doing budgets, saving and investing might be nerve wracking for you. In fact money might be an issue that produces anxiety when you think about it. However it does not mean anything except that you have so much to do and don't know how you will get it all done. My hunch is you will prosper when you start to ground your ideas, have a venue to express your stories and are able to focus your mind. A book is inside of you that wants to be released! So start writing.

Cancer on the 2nd house cusp

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. It is true this sign has become synonymous with saving (more like hanging on); therefore on the 2nd house cusp it suggests you have a lot of 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.

Leo on the 2nd house cusp

How much are you worth? This is a difficult question to answer but an important one to consider with Leo on the gateway to your 2nd house of resources. This combination suggests that your personal creativity, charisma and self-expression play a leading role in feeling satisfied with work and earning a living. This may be inharmonious to your personality, which might be self conscious, preferring to be behind the scenes or reserved. However destiny suggests that making a living and feeling satisfied vocationally will draw your personality to the front of the stage. Whether you take on a role of educator, spokesperson, trainer, healer or entrepreneur there is something about you that makes a difference to what you do. What makes your contribution unique is not as simple as following a formula, a map or a job description. It is your own brand of self and creative passion that makes a difference.

Qualities necessary to maximise your resources are confidence and self-expression. Vocationally you are in a position to capitalise on entrepreneurial projects, technological advancements, educational reforms or corporate changes if you are able to find your own creative expression and confidence. You need to stand out to be seen. If your destiny is to be self employed or an independent practitioner then the development of your own pride in what you do, your warmth and generosity are great assets in securing your place in the world. You need to be able to feel comfortable selling your product, publicising your talents and

displaying your creativity. As an artist you need to promote yourself. Innately your generosity of spirit, your warmth and charisma are great assets you bring to your tasks.

Psychologically it is imperative to come to know the self and what it desires. If not you might be prone to inflating your sense of self and becoming out of touch with what you do; equally you might underestimate your sense of creativity and feel undervalued. Your secret is that earning a living can be fun. You need to tap into your playfulness and spontaneity to recognise that your work is a playground where you can express yourself. Work and fun need to be aligned. Once you find the rhythm of being engaged in the creative self, you find joy and pleasure in what you do. Therefore a healthy attitude to money is that it is a game and you find the way to enjoy playing it. This enjoyment is innate in you when you find the courage and heart to support your talent. And with Leo on the 2nd house when you hit the jackpot, you will probably get the biggest prize! It is worth the gamble.

Virgo on the 2nd house cusp

The earth sign Virgo is on the cusp of your 2nd house, revealing the qualities and procedures necessary to enhance your sense of self-esteem and personal worth. Over time the potent and fertile images associated with our astrological Virgo have waned. Yet from our earliest records this constellation was associated with the harvest and the harvest maiden. Many prominent goddesses have been identified with this constellation, which has a rich and complex mythology of fertility, cultivation and harvest. It is this rich fertile field that is the landscape of your 2nd house, the territory where resources and assets are revealed. Metaphorically your abundant resources need to be cultivated and tended before they can be disseminated. Like the agricultural maiden you might need to honour the process of time and be aware of the order of seasons to know when to reap and when to sow. This also suggests that your innate industriousness and analytical skills are a central part of your work. Mostly you need to know that you have an abundance of renewable resources that need to be tended carefully and respectfully.

The qualities that provide the most satisfaction in your working life may not always be compatible with your personality; therefore it is important to be mindful of which skills need to be brought into the workplace. While you have a vibrant personality, it is your unassuming and focused nature that is rewarded. Virgo on the 2nd house cusp suggests that you need to value your discriminating faculties, analytical skills, self-reliance, containment and orderliness. Ritual and routine may be an essential component of helping you feel centred enough to be resourceful. Reflect on the qualities that you feel need to be valued to provide you with a sense of personal security, self-esteem and reward. One of your great assets is your skill at detail and ability to focus your attention on the task. Whether this takes you into the business world, an artisan workshop, a medical clinic or a veterinarian surgery, you will be required to trade on your detailed and analytical skills when earning your living. Vocationally you are suited to making your living in the health and service industries but any area that provides you with the feeling of improving and developing will be satisfying to you. Whether

that is working with animals, crafts or healing medicines you need to feel that you are improving a situation in order to feel valuable.

Virgo on the cusp of your 2nd house implies that you might project your insecurity and anxiety onto money or your earning ability. When you start to ruminate about what you do not have or what you do not earn, rather than what you do have and what is possible, you undermine your greatest asset which is your unshakeable knowing that all things are cyclical. The time might not be right now, but it will soon. Like the goddesses that represent the fertile fields of Virgo, you have a range of resources that provide a secure living. Your pleasure is derived from being in tune and in sync with the natural cycles of life.

Libra on the 2nd house cusp

The sign Libra is on the cusp of your 2nd house, revealing ways to enhance your sense of self-esteem and personal worth. This suggests that the qualities you need to appreciate to feel successful and valued are your diplomacy and tact, your sophistication and refinement as well as your social ability and skills at relating. All these will come in handy on your vocational path. Even though you might find your career has many avenues, you appreciate a sense of fair play, peace and harmony in the work place. Your innate skills in dealing with others suggests that you have an ability to compromise, see all sides of the situation and negotiate a fair outcome. This know how might lead you into vocations working alongside others where negotiation, diplomacy, communication, bargaining, mediation, reconciliation or teamwork are a vital aspect of your work. Your diplomatic skills also come in handy in hospitality and creating pleasant and friendly professional atmospheres.

Libra is the sign of balance. Being in the income sector of your horoscope suggests that you need to value an even-keeled approach to making money and lifestyle. You have an appreciation of art and beauty and value the refined things in life. Your tastes develop as you mature and being able to afford good quality and beautiful things is important for you. However it is not important enough to risk feeling out of control or in great debt, as you also value your independence and ability to make choices. You like order and feeling that you are seesawing back and forth by trying to keep up is unsettling and anxiety producing. Therefore balance is the key in your lifestyle choices.

The secret to success, feeling valued and in step is in developing solid relationships and friendships. You value being part of a team, the other half or an intimate friend. Ironically this provides you with a great sense of worth. This also suggests that you may derive your income in a partnership or have investments with others. You have the knack of how to make money for others. Therefore it is necessary to be clear and contractual in your financial dealings with partners and friends. You have an innate skill at negotiation, the development of fair trade practices and contracts; therefore it is important to do this for yourself. Justice and fair play are important to you and you need to remember this when forging your own work agreements, mutual investments or work contracts. Once you clearly negotiate your own values and share these with others, you feel free enough to be wealthy.

Scorpio on the 2nd house cusp

On your 2nd house cusp is the sign Scorpio. In contemporary astrology the ruler of this house is Pluto, the lord of the underworld. Pluto's name is derived from the Greek, meaning wealth or riches and in classical times the lord of the underworld was a rich man. Metaphorically this mythic image is brought into your 2nd house, the sphere of income and money, bringing the mystery of wealth into your vocation. This might suggest that you have hidden talents and resources that are revealed through your working life. It certainly means that you need to consider what riches you do possess and how to best maximise their potential. Others might not be able to see your skills and talents clearly and therefore your untapped talents and resources may still be unacknowledged. Scorpio waters run deep. For you they flow through where you locate your deepest resources.

This suggests you have a great resource in being able to know what lies beneath the surface of things. Vocationally this suggests that you have a therapeutic skill that can be tapped. Professionally you might be drawn to earning your income as a psychoanalyst, doctor, healer, carer or bereavement counsellor. Innately you know the cycles of life and might choose to deal in careers where life, death or rebuilding are in high focus. You have a knack for dealing well in crisis and one of your great skills is dealing with critical passages, whether they are in individuals lives, in organisations or projects. Whether you are helping to rebuild someone's life, a company or a house you have an innate ability to transform situations. Research is also another avenue, especially when you are digging deep to find the missing piece of the puzzle. Whether a forensic, archaeological, medical or financial researcher does not matter. What matters are that you search beneath the surface to find the truth. Herein lies your talent and your fortune.

Wealth is not just a fiscal reality. You find pleasure and riches in the deep connections with others in life, whether that is helping someone in distress, being a witness to another person's transitions or feeling respected and appreciated yourself. With this astrological image you have an inherent ability with money. However there is a cautionary side. Power and money are aligned; therefore beware of money being used as a power tool to manipulate others or yourself. In your life money is a potent symbol and one that transforms relationships and feelings. Destiny suggests that your path may cross into corporations where there is a lot of money, encounter wealthy business people or clients or deal with great transfers of money. But the secret in your life is that it is not money that is the source of transformational power, but your integrity, honesty and presence. Your greatest asset is your character. And when you value your integrity and morality, like Pluto, you are the rich one.

Sagittarius on the 2nd house cusp

Sagittarius, the sign that searches for meaning, is on the cusp of your 2nd house, suggesting that the quest for meaning supports and strengthens your personal worth. You value and appreciate education, vision and philosophy and incorporate these concepts in your occupation. You are invested with the gift of giving meaning to other people's life experience.

When this is coupled with your intense and charismatic personality you are able to make your living in meaningful and significant ways. Literally one of these ways might be as a teacher, instructor, professor, guide or educator. However, in your own way, you are satisfied when you are able to help shape other's beliefs and attitudes about themselves in order to improve the world they live in, their life experience or lifestyle. In modern jargon you are a life coach, best suited to making your living inspiring others.

Because of your intense commitment to your beliefs you are able to inspire and influence others. You are valued and respected for your beliefs, therefore it is imperative that you value and respect what you do. What you value, appreciate and believe is disseminated through your occupation and therefore your capital worth is intimately bound up with being true to your beliefs. Ethics play a large role in your sense of wealth and investments. You also bring your philosophy and principles to your understanding of money. On one extreme you might have lofty ideals about money and end up feeling ripped off when others do not aspire to such ideals. On the other pole you could exaggerate and inflate your resources to cover up a meaningless life. Your quest is to forge a valid way of thinking about money, assets and possessions so that you feel satisfied and supported in doing the things that you value, like travelling, studying and learning.

Qualities that seek expression in your vocation are your search for truth and knowledge, your vision, far-sightedness and optimism, as well as the idealistic, philosophical side of your nature. The freedom to explore, be involved in cross-cultural projects, travel and learn are key to your sense of satisfaction. Vocationally this suggests that you will need to be expansive in your ideas, your principles and your opinions and remain open for all kinds of possibilities. You learn on the job and opportunities are always on the horizon for you when you let yourself have faith and confidence. Even though you may not recognise it, there is a pattern of development in your choice of jobs. You might feel that your fortunes are not paying off but Jupiter, the ruler of Sagittarius, spins your Wheel of Fortune. Luck and timing are on your side so make sure you have enough faith to keep searching. Believe in yourself and your abilities and the world responds.

Capricorn on the 2nd house cusp

The sign Capricorn is on the cusp of your 2nd house, revealing ways to enhance your sense of self-esteem and personal worth. Qualities of value that this sign suggests are your responsibility and duty, your conservative and pragmatic outlook as well as your economical approach. Capricorn is a sign of authority and embedded in its psychology is the awareness of consequences; therefore it brings its consciousness of rules and regulations to the sphere of earning an income. This methodical and more serious approach to money matters may conflict with a side of your personality that wants to feel free and unconstrained by rules and duty. Therefore it is important recognise that work and career is a lifelong process and there are many conflicting needs to attend to. However, realistically it is easier to be disciplined, responsible and authoritative as life develops. Perhaps it is wise to recognise that you will

grow into these qualities and develop these resources as you mature and not hold yourself back from experimentation and adventure.

You might have inherited strong morals about money, conservative messages about how to earn a living or cautionary tales about extravagance. Therefore you may feel as if you are battling an inner demon when it comes to your relationship with money or even earning a living. However the truth is that you have your own rules about money making and need to reflect on what these are. You might be prone to either rebelling against or falsely aligned with the values you have inherited. Consider what your goals are and you might find that you are more ambitious and goal orientated than you might have imagined. However your ambition is to do the best at whatever you choose. Therefore it is necessary to be able to support yourself in whatever decisions you make. Destiny suggests you might feel unacknowledged and unsupported in your career choices. This is probably true; however it changes when you begin to become your own authority, acclaim what you want and acknowledge your accomplishments.

Your innate strengths and resources are best supported in a system where you feel you can be in charge or in control. Therefore you are successful and satisfied when you have jurisdiction over your own territory or are self-employed. Respect is important and therefore when you find the right place where your talents and skills are respected and validated you thrive. Unfortunately, however, you may first experience the lack of integrity and competence in the work world before you are able to create your own niche. You are economical and able to grow your resources. Being true to this image suggests that you develop a strong base as you mature. In fact you respect yourself more knowing you have earned everything you have. The secret of your success lies in the knowing that you have worked hard for what you have accomplished and that you are secure on the wheel of fortune.

Aquarius on the 2nd house cusp

Aquarius is on the cusp of your 2nd house, revealing ways to enhance self-esteem and personal worth. Following on from the conservative sign of Capricorn, Aquarius is progressive and future orientated, looking to what is ingenious and cutting-edge to establish its sense of worth and value. On the cusp of the 2nd house, Aquarius suggests that you need to capitalise on your progressive, electric, altruistic and technological talents. It also suggests that you derive pleasure from being inventive and individualistic. Therefore it is quite likely that you will find yourself working and earning your living in a radically different way than you had ever imagined. In order to free yourself for this possibility you need to co-operate with the conservative side of your nature that can criticise your progress and reform. You need to value change and reform in order to feel satisfied in what you do. Ironically, the more freedom and space you feel and the more detached you are from the need to be acknowledged, the more successful and valued you become.

Your self-esteem is intimately connected to your ability to work independently, own your own opinions and support your own values. Therefore it is important to recognise that being your

own person is more an asset than following tradition for the sake of it. This could suggest you might at times be embroiled in political manoeuvres and changes, but is also important to know that you can detach from these when there is nothing in it for you. Your resources are going to be mined on the road less travelled, not on the well-trodden path of conservative values. As long as you feel independent and in charge of your own space you are able to work in a corporate or collective environment. Taking a risk with your skills and talents pays off. Investing in and appreciating your intellectual skills is also relevant to bolstering self-esteem.

Vocationally you are well suited to a variety of innovative, scientific, technological and/or intellectual endeavours that pay off. You also do well when engaged in humanistic and political reforms and when you recognise that your social and personal skills are an asset. Ecological, environmental and humanitarian pursuits also bring your skills to the forefront. Remember you are eclectic and it is in your character to earn your income in bizarre or out-of-the-ordinary ways. Value your differences and take pleasure in your humanism and you will find that others support and reward your unique and independent contributions.

Pisces on the 2nd house cusp

The sign Pisces is on the cusp of your 2nd house, revealing ways to enhance self-esteem and personal worth. The sign also suggests what you intrinsically value and appreciate. Energetically Pisces is more selfless and otherworldly than most signs. When placed on the 2nd house cusp it brings its magical and chaotic energy into the sphere of financial stability, economic management, earning ability and resources. When we analyse the combination at face value, it appears a mismatch; therefore the secret of this combination is to recognise your unique resources and different approach to cash flow. First, income and cash flow may not be earned in the usual way. Second you have an intuitive knack for making money and thirdly and most surprisingly you seem to have more resources when you are investing your money and talent creatively or compassionately. You might feel money is mysterious; there one minute, gone the next. It is important for you to cultivate a fluid relationship with money and resource, not holding fixed or idealistic views about wealth.

Poverty is shocking and shameful in our contemporary world. But in other eras, initiating in a sacred profession would make a personal vow of poverty and ironically participate in collective abundance. In this way poverty was a state of mind, which suggested the relinquishment of personal gains for the communal good. It was an ideal of a spiritually rewarding life. Like your medieval ancestors you may also feel confused, overwhelmed or even unattached to money. However it is imperative to reflect on your attitudes towards possessions and money, as you are susceptible to carrying idealistic values which in the end may actually be more costly than rewarding. You do not need to transcend wealth or your desire for it, but participate in letting money have meaning for you in this life. Your values may be compassionate, otherworldly and support the underdog, but this does not mean that you need to sacrifice your values and resources. You make money artistically. While this may

be literally so, it is also a metaphor. You are creative in what you do and what you value. Living creatively also suggests a unique experience of worth and value.

It is the spiritual and creative qualities that you need to value in order to provide yourself with a sense of personal security, self-esteem and reward. Your compassionate, intuitive, receptive side needs to support the breadwinner. Vocationally this could also suggest it is your artistic or mystical side that you value most. Called to a caring or creative vocation you may be destined to struggle with feeling valued and rewarded, both psychologically and financially. But your talent, artistic and imaginative faculties provide you with enormous pleasure and when you participate fully with these you do find that life provides exactly what you need. Your struggle is to make your skills and talents visible. If your talents are invisible to others it is up to you to showcase them.

Planets in the Second House

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 vocation. 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 employ these skills and resources in supporting your 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. It is through these archetypal energies that you can begin to ensoul your relationship to money and economics.

Following are some delineations for planets in the 2nd house; these were originally written for the Solar Writer Vocation Report.

Sun in the 2nd house

The Sun is in your house of resources, suggesting that assets and income are important to you and in some way your identity is shaped by your attitudes towards ownership and possessions. The Sun indicates the building of ego strength and identity in the world; being in the 2nd house this suggests that confidence is forged through the expression of your individual skills and abilities, especially when it comes to turning your innate talents into income. Building of a successful career with disposable income is intimately tied to your feelings of confidence. In other words, when you feel connected to the inner self cash flows. On the other hand when you lack a sense of identity or importance you might compensate for this feeling of inferiority through finances and possessions, finding power in money, rather than the self. Displaying wealth or boasting of your properties or stock portfolio is a sure sign of overcompensation for feelings of inadequacy. Prestige and possessions are bound together with this astrological signature and it is up to you to find the appropriate channels for this

expression. Ultimately the power of money helps to free the sense of self and facilitates you to find what is important and valuable in your life. You are naturally generous and giving; however when this turns to extravagance, the unconscious reveals a lack of self esteem.

Financial security is realised through your strengths and courage. You have a great resource in yourself, a high degree of creative ability and a flair for placing yourself in the right circumstance. To be successful at building your assets and income you need to express your individuality and uniqueness and find the courage to express your creativity in the job. You need to put your own mark on whatever you do and therefore it is important to speak up, find your voice and express your talents. Keep rehearsing. Don't be afraid to audition for the part or be interviewed for the job, as you need to put yourself forward to be known. Acknowledgement and approval contribute to your feelings of worth and value; however, they are not a given. You need to seek these out. On a personal level, your relationship with father may underpin your feelings of worth and value. If these were impoverished then you might be at risk of carrying these feelings into the world of work. However, this placement suggests you rebuild your confidence and self worth through work and by expressing your skills and talents in the creative sphere of the world.

Vocationally your skills may range from the entertainment or self-improvement professions through to working with children. There are a variety of ways your talents could be profitable. But the bottom line is always your need to put your creative self at the centre of what you do. One sure way of knowing if you are on the right track is your level of vitality and energy. When you are in the right position and expressing your skills and talents your energetic level and vitality will be high. So will your income. But when you are in the wrong place you will feel drained. Make sure you are able to shine in whatever you are doing.

Moon in the 2nd house

The Moon is in your 2nd house of resources, suggesting that it is important for you to feel emotionally and financially secure. Both emotional and financial securities are intertwined and you can't have one without the other. Wealth is very much bound up with feeling safe, having a home place, family connections and familial possessions around you. Collecting and saving are in your blood and being surrounded by your things promotes a sense of well being. However you might also turn this instinct into your career, as you have the knack for collecting valuables, antiques, coins, stamps or any objects that have feeling, history or sentiment attached to them.

Vocationally the Moon suggests you could also earn your living in the caring professions, whether that is as a nurse, teacher, child or old age care, counsellor etc. However since the home is of great importance to you, you have a knack for knowing value when you see it. You might turn these skills to real estate or property development. Working from the home in your own business or family business may also be a possibility. In fact you might have inherited a family concern or be administrator of a family trust. Home and family play a major role in your financial affairs and lifestyle. Another way this might manifest is working in homes in a

multitude of capacities, from handy work to decoration. It is important for you to recognise the large role that safety, familiarity and feeling play in making your living.

Accustomed to changing phases, the Moon brings her fluctuating influence into the realm of money. The natural tides of life will be experienced in your resources. Therefore it is important to remember that there are times of growth, times of inflation and time of recession. It is important to protect your resources as much as possible and promote a sense of safety. Worrying about fluctuations in currency, the stock market or interest rates can affect your feelings of safety and therefore it is best to insure that you feel as protected as possible against the tides of life. The secret to your success is your level of emotional well being. A strong family, a warm home and a familiar routine support your feeling secure.

Mercury in the 2nd house

Mythologically Mercury is the divine patron of commerce, the god of the marketplace, trade and exchange of money. He was also known as the trickster god and also brought his penchant for deceit and theft into the marketplace. All archetypes have dual faces and both sides of Mercury influence your experiences with and attitudes towards money. Consider both sides of the coin in all financial dealings for what may seem to be a sound investment could turn out to be a sham or on the other hand what appears to be dodgy could really be beneficial. You have an innate capacity to tell the difference and you hone your skills at reading people and situations in the marketplace. You are at home in the world of commerce, bargaining, buying or selling, trading, importing and exporting, even communicating about financial markets. E-Bay and shopping on line are the modern manifestations. If Mercury were given a portfolio in the government he would either be the Minister for Communication and Transportation or the Minister of Information.

Vocationally you would make a good living as a trader, salesperson, commercial investor, financial writer, and stock expert. You can thrive in areas where there is a lot of anxiety, movement and change. Whether you are on the floor of the stock exchange, behind a counter on Boxing Day sales or purchasing the latest fashion line in Milan you are at your best when there is lots of activity, challenges, and things to do. Your great skill is to think fast, be swift footed and mobile. Also as the divine patron of writers, Mercury in this sector suggests that you have a knack for earning your income by telling a story, writing, lecturing, educating. Whether you are a scriptwriter, songwriter, speechwriter, screen writer, journalist, novelist, columnist or just write in your journal for pleasure you are satisfied when you are exchanging stories and information. However you also might be the one delivering the speech, radio announcing, public speaking or teaching, as it is through communication that you find your worth and value. You certainly are capable of earning your living in the communication and transport industry.

To be realistic would be to suggest that you would have many wild ideas and great schemes about how to make money and earn your living. Why not? That's part of the fun. For you making a living is about having fun, communicating what is important and being able to be

flexible and mobile. You need money to buy books, travel, pay for your courses and use the Internet. After that it is debatable. Mercury inspires you to use your intellect, your ideas and your ability to communicate in the way you earn your living. Whether you write it, think it, speak it or draw it you need to express it to feel satisfied. Your secret to success is that when you are able to express your ideas are when you attract appreciation, acknowledgement and assets.

Venus in the 2nd house

Venus, the planet of beauty and symmetry, is in your astrological sector of resources revealing your love of art and refinement. This suggests you have a highly developed sense of taste, value the sensual pleasures of life and appreciate form and design. Venus is also the natural ruler of the second house so she feels at home here, valuing the pleasures that the material world can provide. Therefore money is important for the luxury and cultivated lifestyle that it can provide. Since you have an instinctual knack for dealing with money you may be drawn to earning your income in the banking, financial or economic sectors. While this might not be the case for you, what is important is that you reflect on your attitude towards earning and spending. Personal worth and value are bound up with money and it is important to be aware of the link between your inner feelings of worth and value and material acquisitions. Therefore it is important to reflect on your familial conditioning about money and power, as well as the early attitudes that you might have internalized about your own sense of worth and value. It is important to consider how feminine values were appreciated and respected.

A peaceful and attractive environment contributes to your self-esteem, as ultimately the aesthetics of the outer world reflect an inner feeling of harmony and being in the right place. Therefore you might enjoy investing a large part of your income in what pleases you like clothes, furnishings, art, music etc. When beauty and taste surround you, you feel well. If you are not aware of this aspect of your nature monitor your sense of well being when you are in a chaotic and messy environment as compared to a tasteful and refined one. Inherently you have a knack for pleasing and attracting others. Venus encourages you to be partnered and archetypally with this placement money, sex and relationship may be intertwined. Therefore it is imperative to be honest about these issues before they become enmeshed in a difficult web.

Consistent with this astrological placement is often a talent for art, music or social skills. Many like Patsy Cline, Elvis Presley and k.d. lang have been blest with a rich and attractive voice. While this may not be your destiny it would be worthwhile considering what skills and resources you value about yourself and how you might want to earn your living developing these or at least expressing this talent through a hobby. With Venus in this sphere you may be drawn to earning your income in many ways. Most consistent with this archetype would be jobs connected to art, beauty and the urge to beautify. Or you might be inclined towards pursuing a profession where the development of social skills and hospitality is a priority. This placement suggests that working with others, socialising and relating are skills that are developed through making a living. People skills are resources that need to be developed in order to feel satisfied through what you do. This suggests you might be drawn to professions

where diplomacy and protocol are important or work in partnership with others. This urge could be satisfied through a variety of ways which help others improve their own sense of worth, attractiveness and well being, ranging from counselling and beauty therapy through to massage and aromatherapy. Whatever path you choose it is important to remember that the goddess of love and beauty wants to be honoured and acknowledged in your vocation.

Mars in the 2nd house

Masculine Mars is in your 2nd house, the sector that reveals your potential earning power and what you value. Planets in the 2nd house are the forces that mould your sense of worth and value. Considering the Martian presence in your life can help you understand your authentic attitude towards money and possessions. Mars values independence, therefore you probably prefer to earn your own living and pay your own bills rather than relying on others to provide. You would probably also chose to be self-employed or at least do your own thing if given the choice. You value your independent spirit and want to put it to work. Quite common with this placement are individuals who earn their living in trades such as electricians, fitters and turners, builder or carpenters where there is goal and deadline. Occupations where danger and adrenaline is high such as working in an emergency unit, the police force or the fire patrol would also appeal to action-packed Mars. Given the entrepreneurial streak you might also be fired up working in high risk positions such as the stock market, financial trading, investing or property development. This energy also yearns to be active so physical or sport-orientated jobs might also suit. Therefore there are a variety of vocations you might be drawn to. Even though they may be masculine in temperament they are not always the exclusive domain of men. As the best-seller *Men are from Mars* suggested earning your income is dictated by this archetypal essence which is drawn to danger, intrigue and excitement, values independence, adventure and courage and needs to be stimulated and challenged.

One of your resources is your entrepreneurial flair and your bravado. You are willing to take a risk, confront obstacles and be challenged. This suggests you will be quite happy exploring all your options on your career path and starting and resigning from many different jobs until you find your niche. As you look back over your career path you will probably find a number of fool-hearted enterprises that you have attempted. All were important for you as you learn on the job and need to experiment with what works and what doesn't. You need to be challenged and inspired by what you do and need a goal post in sight. Your competitive nature needs to strive for a finish. Whether you compete with others in the workforce or against your own standards you do need to set guidelines and objectives.

Mars is also the planet of desire and depending on your background you either have a strong desire to go and get what you want or are ambivalent, still caught in the wash of earlier attitudes which do not support your sense of self esteem. One thing is for sure: you do want things and it is natural for you to wish for these. So make your wish list and work towards getting these. Look at what you value. Whether that is a red sports car or a surf board you probably are attracted to boy's toys and gadgets that make life a lot more fun, sporty and

adventuresome. And this is the way you value life and will try to earn your living. Happiness for you is finding the way to be gainfully employed doing your own thing.

Jupiter in the 2nd house

Planets in the 2nd house are forces that shape your worth and value and help you to understand your innate resources. Forging an alliance with this energy can create a supportive and positive approach to your own sense of worth. Jupiter, the largest planet in our solar system, brings its generous and open-hearted spirit into the realm of your finances and earning capacity. On one hand this suggests a positive and confident approach to making a living, as well as an ability to be financially prosperous. Yet on the other hand this might reveal a sense of entitlement and superiority. Finding the right balance is the key to being successful, as it is your enthusiasm, confidence and leadership abilities that will pay off. Acting successful and being confident are the forerunners of actual success.

Lady luck is often considered to be Jupiter's partner, therefore in the 2nd house this suggests that you too may be partnered by wealth. At the very least this might suggest that there are more times when the wheel of fortune is rising than falling. Therefore you need to take advantage of the good times, as these will be very lucrative for you. It is during these thriving times that you can build your wealth. One of your great assets is your faith and optimism and when you project this positive attitude onto money and earning your living it works well for you. You have a Midas touch when needed and are able to turn around difficult situations to make them work for you. However when you feel dispirited or depressed you may over invest or become blinded to realistic possibilities. It is important to recognise when you are in touch with the authentic sense of possibilities and when you are inflated. Therefore, take an inventory of your most resourceful assets. Most probably these will be your spontaneity, insight, vision, faith in the future, optimism, generosity and enthusiasm.

Vocationally the archetype of Jupiter is associated with philosophies, ideologies and concepts. Therefore careers involved in expanding people's understanding of themselves and the world around them or administering to individual's religious and soul-needs might be of interest. You may feel drawn to educating and inspiring others to a greater understanding or feel the need to work in travel and dealing with international concerns. Your great skill is in sharing knowledge with others and there may be many ways that this may manifest in your earning a living. The search for meaning is entwined with making a living and it is very important that you feel your job is meaningful and purposeful or you lose spirit. When you lose this spirit and optimism you also lose touch with your innate resources and capacity to earn a good living. Therefore meaning in what you do is optimum. Jupiter represents the religious quest and in the corporate world money and god can become confused. Therefore it is worthwhile reflecting on the significance of money and what value it has in your life.

Saturn in the 2nd house

Saturn is in your 2nd house. To ancient astrologers this planet defined the edge of the solar system, the last visible god who wandered about the Sun. As such it became known as the

boundary keeper and the authority that dealt out the consequences of inappropriate action. Placed in the sector of your resources and finances it is important that you use the conscious awareness of this archetype to support your attitudes towards self worth and value. This suggests that tradition, caution and security in how you approach the sphere of money and finances will be important. You are more a long-term investor than a short term one. Over time what you value will appreciate and grow, and you will derive a great satisfaction when your mortgage is paid off or your investments mature, as you value time and its natural law of maturation. Anything too fast or too sudden will not suit your investment style. Similarly when it comes to making your living you will be cautious and hard working as ethically you value what has been truly earned through effort and conscious application. Therefore your attitude towards material possessions will also be the same, valuing what is of good quality and well made, and mistrusting what is cheap and readily available. It is wise to build your financial portfolio over time, not rushing into anything or getting caught up in get rich quick schemes. Also it is prudent to recognise that you value employment where there is a strong structure, is well established and where you have room for advancement.

With the planet of consequence in your financial sector it is best you follow the letter of the law. Creative accounting, tax dodges and money laundering are not for you; if they are then you have an above average chance of being caught out and fined. Therefore it is important that when rules apply, you follow. Destiny has bound you to the system and it is in respecting the system that you find your wealth. It is also wise to take your own advice and heed your own judgement when it comes to financial matters as you need to learn to be an authority in this realm. While you seek approval and feedback in these matters it may not come. The reason is that you need to find your own way. Even though you would prefer that you were mentored, fate has placed the responsibility for financial success in your own hands.

Saturn may often be highly self-critical. This might suggest you introject negative feelings of self worth and internalise a lack of value contributing to your struggle to create a healthy sense of self-esteem. You may have been highly criticised earlier for your values and chastised for what you liked. And today you may still be rebelling against these standards through unconsciously participating with a negative version of your worth. Time to reassess. You need to take stock of your resources. Take a personal inventory and you will find a wide array of valuable resources that support you and need to be valued, including organisational skills and professionalism, self discipline, competency, being highly responsible, trust worthy, dedicated and respectful. Sound management of your resources makes it likely that you will earn your income in an executive or managerial capacity. Like the mountain goat you are adept at starting at the bottom of the mountain and slowly climbing to the summit of your success. However the key to this is maintaining your integrity, self-respect and valuing the process of time.

Chiron in the 2nd house

A planet in the 2nd house is an archetypal presence that helps to create a supportive and positive approach to your sense of worth and value. While Chiron is not categorised as a

planet, contemporary astrologers use this celestial maverick to understand a depth of the human experience not revealed by the other planetary energies. Chiron represents what is disenfranchised and marginal. Being in the 2nd house it suggests that your experience of financial and material security may have been alien to you in your earlier years. Financial hardship or insecurity may have left its wound on feeling resourceful or valued. However the opposite could also be true of this placement; financial wealth and prosperity may have left you feeling an outsider. This archetypal presence in your life suggests that you might feel marginal to other's values, especially the familial values you inherited. In turn this affects your attitudes towards money and security.

However this archetype has woven itself into the fabric of your life, it suggests that in the realm of finances, money, income and resources you have felt outside the system and this feels like a wound you need to heal. On a psychological level this suggests that familial values may have damaged your sense of personal worth and value and influenced your vocational direction. Earning your living and finding your place in the world will be part of your healing process. Therefore it is important to reflect on your vocational urges and attitudes towards money to uncover the patterns that may contribute to your feeling impoverished. Ironically Chiron suggests that you will be masterful at helping others recover their sense of personal power and self esteem. Therefore it is possible that you will feel compelled to help others who feel disadvantaged or volunteer for working with the underprivileged.

While you may feel handicapped in your own way, destiny has placed you in the path of others who need your guidance, wisdom and support. Therefore it is possible that you could earn your living working with refugees, the homeless, the handicapped or social work vocations which aid the underprivileged and the outcast. Vocationally you could also be drawn to a myriad of holistic healing professions or alternate healing practices, which attempt to work with body and mind. Or at some point you might earn income using other new age healing modalities life channelling and Reiki as well as time honoured traditions such as dream therapy or astrology that use imagery and symbols as a healing tool. Chiron was also a mentor and teacher and therefore is also connected with mentoring professions such as life coaches, mentors, inspirational teachers and guides. This aspect of your horoscope suggests that through earning your income and developing an authentic and appropriate relationship to money and the material world be a healing boon for you.

Uranus in the 2nd house

Planets in the 2nd house shape your self-esteem and value and help define your innate resources. Understanding this archetypal presence can help create a supportive and positive approach to your own sense of worth. Ultimately wealth and independence are entwined and when you are self-reliant you feel affluent. With Uranus in your 2nd house it is important to be aware that your approach to money and possessions could be quite unconventional, as this planet is known for its rebelliousness and nonconformity. This planet also signifies unpredictability and surprises. In the 2nd house this could suggest sudden changes of fortune. Therefore it would be important to consider how you might bring your unique skills and

specialised talents to your career path in order to feel more comfortable on the wheel of fortune. This suggests that you might forge your own independent route choosing to make your living outside convention or in an unconventional way. Or it could also suggest working in an environment that is futuristic, cutting-edge or ahead of its time. Another possibility is that you might find that you earn your income in a humanitarian way, working to improve the human condition or the state of the earth. Whatever road you take into the world of work, it needs to be a road less travelled.

Finding your own distinctive path that has not been trampled upon suggests that you will need to tap into your uniqueness and inventiveness. You are ingenious and can use your imagination to forge your way. Vocationally you are well suited to fields of endeavour that are unusual, ones that have not even been thought of yet. Therefore you are comfortable being on the edge of change, helping forge new directions and advancements. Therefore a career in technology might suit especially if you are helping revolutionise attitudes to work or helping create solutions for the future. Or politics is another sphere where you can use your vision and your protest to create change. Revolutionising the human experience is also akin to this astrological statement. Therefore whether you are attracted to science or the liberal arts, you feel the need to help advance human understanding and equality. You have an altruistic streak that needs expression in your vocation.

Uranus in the 2nd also reveals your attitudes towards money and possessions. Again this may be unusual or at least out of the ordinary. Your attitudes to material assets and financial security may fluctuate and change considerably. Or you might also unexpectedly receive money. It is important to consider your attitudes to money as they might be unconsciously contributing to financial worries. Ironically you need money to help you feel independent; therefore it is in your best interest to find ways to make this possible. You might find you have an uncanny knack at picking the right shares, making astute investments or being clever at financial planning. Reflect on original ways to make money. You have an inventive streak, which is a resource. Discover how this might work best for you. Ultimately you have the ability to be detached from the material world. This is important as this helps you feel relaxed and confident that you have enough resources.

Neptune in the 2nd House

Neptune, the planet associated with spirituality, fantasy and otherworldliness, is in the financial sector of your horoscope bringing its mystical and creative ability to bear on your attitudes towards money, earning a living and resources. At face value this might suggest that your perspective towards money and possessions are not well-grounded in reality. Therefore it is important to recognise your propensity towards being out of touch with the commercial world. On the other hand it reveals that your earning capacity and resourceful nature is fluid and creative and that you value the more refined, spiritual and artistic aspects of life. On a practical level you would be able to do well investing in art, creative ideas or spiritual projects. However this archetype manifests in your experience, it suggests that you need to acknowledge the powerful rip tide in your life that pulls you away from the ordinariness of

making a living. Being in the work a day world may be painful and soul-destroying until you are able to reconcile the two worlds and incorporate your creative longing in the everyday experience of earning a living. To do this you need to recognise that your talent and skills are coloured by the Neptunian archetype of transcendence, suggesting that you need to make your living as an artist or a healer. Whether it is one of these avenues, you are satisfied most when your spiritual longing can find a place on the pedestrian walk of life.

Therefore it is wise to reflect on whether your attitude towards money is misshapen by spiritual beliefs or driven by fantasy. You have a propensity to confuse the material and spiritual worlds, leaving your ability to handle money matters in chaos. If this is the case then it is best to seek practical advice about how to manage your money in the best possible way for you. It is important that you do not unconsciously collude with sacrificing or surrendering your talents due to feeling impoverished. On the other hand you also need to recognise the enormous potential of Neptune in your financial sector because anything becomes possible. Your task is to not let your creativity or spirituality be held back by lack of money. This suggests you need to bring your artistry, your compassion and your magic into how you earn your living. You need to appreciate and value your own creativity before it can be visible to others.

Re-enchanting the way you earn a living in a disenchanted world may not be easy. However it is not impossible and it is the archetype of Neptune that inspires you. This suggests that it is possible to make your living in a creative and spiritual way. In fact it becomes a necessity, as it is in the mundane world where you need to find the magic. Rather than turning away from the traditional, physical and mundane world of commerce and industry you need to embrace it in an inspirited way. Your struggle with money is soul making. Earning your living is a spiritual experience. For you, soulfulness lies in the everyday world of making a living.

Pluto in the 2nd house

In ancient Greek plutus meant wealth and it is this association with riches that was transferred onto Pluto. As lord of the underworld he ruled over the vast domain of resources hidden in the earth. Psychologically the deity reminds us of the wealth in our own underworld, the untapped resources and riches awaiting release. In your 2nd house this suggests that you have innate wealth and power to be mined. First and foremost, it is necessary to know what feeds the desire for wealth and capital, as money will confront you with deep issues in the self. Being in the 2nd house, Pluto has shaped your sense of worth and value, therefore this suggests your best assets are your honesty and integrity and your innate resource is your ability to work therapeutically with crisis and change.

One recurring pattern I have seen is the confrontation with one's sense of worth and power through money. In other words you may unconsciously find yourself close to losing your assets which drives you into transforming and rebuilding your possessions. However, you do

not need to lose everything to know that you have the power to restore and rebuild your capital. You have a powerful sense of wealth creation which will work for you when you recognise that you would like to be more critically involved in your work and that you are worth it. Or you also may fear losing your money, be haunted by images of not having, which are ways you confront your own sense of worth. It is important to know that these feelings are not prophetic but psychological, forcing you to honestly confront your own sense of worth and find the resources that promote a valued sense of self. You also have the knack of transforming what others have discarded or undervalued and make it an object of worth.

Invest in the things that are of worth to you, not others. Wealth is a subjective experience and while others may objectify money and possessions, to you it is different. What may be invisible to them is often a great asset to you. Therefore, you have a gut instinct for the right share and a feeling about the best house to buy; this valuable resource needs direction. Income could come through mysterious ways, inheritances but of course vocationally professions involving research, medical or psychotherapeutic work, crisis management and consulting or with any underground link could also be possible. What is important to know is that your resources are the depth of your perceptions, the integrity of your convictions and the power of your honesty. But perhaps the greatest asset you have is the ability to trust yourself in times of decision making about resources and to know that you have made the right choices. You will eliminate what is not necessary; however, you will also bring the hidden treasure to the surface.

ENDNOTES

¹ St. Mark, 12:15-16.

² James Hillman, "A Contribution to Soul and Money", from *Soul and Money*, Spring Publications, Dallas, TX: 1982, 34

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