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Astrological Profile for Oprah Winfrey
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Saturn	Scorpio	09°Sc03'	10th	07 29°Ge41'
Uranus	Cancer	20°Ca19'	07th	08 05°Le04'
Neptune	Libra	26°Li04'	10th	09 13°Vi19'
Pluto	Leo	24°Le09'	08th	10 17°Li25'
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Planet	Element	Mode	Elemental Balance	Modal Balance
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Moon	Fire	Mutable	0 Earth	6 Fixed
Mercury	Air	Fixed	6 Air	3 Mutable
Venus	Air	Fixed	3 Water	
Mars	Water	Fixed		
Jupiter	Air	Mutable		
Saturn	Water	Fixed		
Uranus	Water	Cardinal		
Neptune	Air	Cardinal		
Pluto	Fire	Fixed		
Midheaven	Air	Cardinal		
Ascendant	Fire	Mutable		

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An Astrological Portrait

Prepared for Oprah Winfrey

Your astrological chart provides an amazing guidepost to the most important aspect of your life: an understanding of yourself. As a woman today, you face the challenge of discovering yourself within the context of many life experiences. You wear a variety of faces and play many roles, experiences which can both enhance and complicate your feeling of satisfaction with yourself and your life. Your astrological chart provides indicators which help to define who you are, strengthening an understanding of your needs on every level. Each chart is different in its make-up, and the myriad combinations of influences help to underscore the importance of each person as an individual. One thing you must remember when working with astrology: it is through your free will that you make choices. Your "chart" does not make you do anything!

We are finally acknowledging and realizing within today's world, that men and women experience life differently. The workings of your psyche, symbolized by your astrological chart, are likely to be experienced quite differently through your filter as a woman than they would be if you were born male. This report is designed for you, a woman in a world of change, a woman seeking to become whole.

Your natal, or birth, chart is made up of several factors. Drawn upon a circular wheel, your natal chart shows the positions of the planets relative to your place, date and time of birth. Everything is indicated symbolically, with each symbol having specific meanings. The planets, Sun and Moon are placed around the circle, and each is placed within a particular degree of a sign of the zodiac. The planets, Sun and Moon are energy bodies, and the astrological signs indicate how these energies work. Just as you are a complex of feelings, needs, drives and desires - your natal chart maps these qualities. You will also notice that the planetary symbols fall within particular segments of the circle. These segments, called "Houses", indicate the specific environments and relationships which are part of your life. You may find, upon reading your report, that there are a few contradictions. For example, one factor may indicate independence, while another shows strong dependency. It is not unusual to experience contradictions within yourself, and that is just what your chart illustrates about you! But when you reflect upon these qualities within the context in which they are explained, you may discover some self-illuminating facts about yourself. Self-understanding has a marvelous way of emphasizing your personal power!

An Overall Glimpse at Your Astrological Chart

The astrological signs are defined by one of four elements: fire, earth, air or water. The fire and air elements have a yang (masculine polarity) quality, and tend to be more outgoing and assertive in their nature, whereas the earth and water elements have a yin (feminine polarity) quality, and are more receptive by nature. The elemental balance in your chart is determined by the amount of energy within each elemental sign. The factors added together to find this balance of energy include the Sun, Moon, planets and the angles of the Ascendant and Midheaven.

Your chart shows a strong predominance of air energy, indicating that you function very easily on the mental plane. Living in the world of ideas, you may also gain strength when you are connected to others - at least mentally. Your social calendar is important, not because it's frivolous, but because you need to make contact. Most comfortable with others who are intelligent or interesting, you may be a natural in public relations. It's easy for you to stay in your head, which can be wonderful if you're involved in a mental project or study. But if you're stuck worrying, you may find it difficult to break the habit. The elemental balance in your astrological chart indicates that earth is a weak factor, signifying that you may sometimes feel a need for greater stability. Practical matters may not always be a primary consideration when making major decisions. The problem with little earth is usually related to not being in touch with the physical plane, which can cause you to lose your focus or to ignore physical reality. During the times in your life when you feel out of touch or uncertain, get back to nature. Take a walk in the park or woods, garden, hug a tree, work with clay, or get a massage to remind yourself that you are part physical, too!

Another aspect of your basic nature is determined by the balance of the modes in your chart. The modes are also defined by sign, which are grouped together as either cardinal, fixed or mutable. You have fixed energy strongest, which helps to account for your ability to stay with a project, relationship or idea until you are satisfied or until your responsibility is fulfilled. The downfall of this strength is not knowing when to let go, and you can be quite stubborn when facing the possibility of change or challenge.

When you view the whole picture of your chart, you'll see that there is an emphasis of planets on the left side of your chart. This hemisphere strength indicates that you are driven by a need for independence and autonomy, and that you feel most validated when you feel that you're living life on your own terms. You may find it difficult to allow others to support or help you, even when you want them to lend a hand, and can certainly have trouble asking for assistance (especially if you feel it diminishes your sense of self to do so!). Relationships can be difficult for you unless you are in a situation which allows equanimity and equality, but be careful of your tendency to want to take the lead all of the time. True equality means that both partners are powerful.

You may also be concerned with the areas in your chart which appear to be empty. Never fear, these houses are not really vacant! You are just not placing as much emphasis in these relationships or environments, or you may be satisfying these needs through

other dimensions of your life.

Projection of Your Real Self

Sometimes showing the world who you really are is not easy, and sometimes the world may not respond as you had hoped! It's helpful to take a look at the differences and similarities between the attitudes, impressions and images you project and the person who resides at the core of your being.

With your Sun in Aquarius you are a woman whose spirit forges into the realm of the unusual. As an individual you are unique, and you may pride yourself on the things that make you different from everyone else. But you also have a strong desire to connect to those who are like minded, and may count your friends as your most significant blessings. Since your Sun speaks of "who you think you are," you need to realize that your powerful mind, which can be strongly focused, is your link to your future, and that you are the creator of that future.

Your Ascendant is the face you present to the world, and shows how others see you. Your Ascendant, or rising sign, is Sagittarius. You're likely to project the image of an adventurer, and may be most comfortable when you're dressed for play or sports. But you can also have an air of classical elegance or wealth about you. Your manner can be quite direct, and others may sometimes see you as loud, boisterous or messy if you've gotten out of control! You prefer to show an attitude of optimism, and may be known for your sense of humor. Others may never know when you're feeling low. Jupiter, the planetary energy associated with your rising sign, is in Gemini in your chart. With your wide-ranging philosophical ideas, you may project a definite cosmopolitan air. You're likely to attract intellectual types.

With your Sun in a semi-square aspect to your Ascendant, your desire to be noticed drives you toward your goals. You may feel somewhat frustrated because it's difficult to know when to move with will and power and when to pull back. Learning to gauge the reactions of others will help you determine the best ways to assert yourself. If you're feeling alienated, retrace your actions and recall their impact. Then you can get moving again with greater confidence.

Mercury is in semi-square aspect to your Ascendant, indicating that you may not display full confidence or trust in your own intellectual abilities. One of the best ways to deal with this dilemma is to develop your communication skills more fully and effectively. You may even find it helpful to take a few risks by entering into conversations with people you may not know very well. Challenge your mind by reading or studying material which is outside your everyday interests in order to expand your thinking. But most of all, make an effort to listen carefully or think through things before you automatically react to them.

With Neptune in sextile aspect to your Ascendant you may have a very powerful mystical quality, and most people will find you quite charming. Your sensitivity toward others may be marked, and you may be quite adept in your perceptive abilities. This is an excellent energy connection if you are involved in the arts in any way. In fact you may be especially well suited to the performing arts. You can be mesmerizing, and may be quite capable of changing your image to suit a variety of circumstances.

Pluto's trine aspect to your Ascendant adds an aura of intrigue to your self-projection. Your self-assurance can be the result of your easy connection to your inner self and also arises from your ability to read between the lines and see what's actually happening. This energy connection can be further developed through your study of psychology and human behavior, although you may be quite a natural at understanding human nature in the first place. You may also have a dogged persistence when you're on the trail of pursuit - whether you're pursuing a relationship, and idea or a goal.

There are many different facets of the Moon in your chart. But when it comes to your identity, your Moon speaks volumes about who you are at the deepest level: the soul of your being. Your Sagittarius Moon shines through as a quality of wisdom, adventure and spirituality. Despite all the outside distractions, your real self is striving to achieve a true sense of truth, honesty and integrity. Deep within yourself you are the Wise Woman and will open most gracefully to those individuals and circumstances which allow you to express and develop this part of yourself. To do this you need one thing above all else: true freedom. It's easier said than done!

Understanding Your Inner Feminine Self

Although the temptation is to think that just because you are a woman you are in touch with your inner feminine self, this is a much more complicated task than it appears to be! First of all, the model for the true power of femininity has been lost over recent history and is now becoming re-energized. Recovering this power is a personal task for each woman, and learning to use feminine power constructively on a collective level is another challenge for today's woman. This process is the cradle of self-healing, and provides the essence of your personal security.

The primary energies associated with your inner feminine self are the Moon and Venus, but Neptune and Pluto are also significant in your experience and expression of this part of your psyche. The Moon is the energy which filters through your subconscious self, and tells the story of your connection to the part of you which provides nurturing, support, care and comfort. The person who projects the model for your Moon energy is your mother, and you see her through the lens of your own emotional matrix, signified by the Moon. As you mature, you learn to send this energy into the world, but to be truly effective, you must first own this energy and know how to use it to care for yourself!

Through your Sagittarius Moon, you yearn to find your sense of home, comfort and inner peace through developing knowledge. You may hope to experience horizons which reach beyond what you knew as a child. Your mother may have inspired you to reach beyond your limitations, or you may have seen her as a teacher who seemed to have the answers for everything. Even as a young girl, your mind could reach into the possibility of what life was like in other parts of the world, as you are becoming a whole woman, an interest in other cultures may even stimulate your desire to travel to other lands or to learn different languages. The real thirst you feel is to know

of your experience from her may ring true. The tricky part is finding your own way without totally destroying the path you've been taught. You are a revolutionary, and although revolutions can be radical and extreme in their outcome, they do not have to be entirely bloody! It is as though you have a fragile egg which needs to be moved to a different nest. First, you must create the new nest, then you must make the journey without breaking the egg, then you must settle in for a time. After that, it's up to the egg.

Through the energy of Venus you express your feminine wiles, and also locate the part of yourself that needs to be emotionally expressive. Your sense of inner beauty and feelings of personal worth are also functions of Venus. Venusian energy is part of your connection to other women, and the placement of Venus in your chart can tell you a lot about your openness and acceptance of your own femininity. Although your Moon may indicate your basic emotional nature, the manner by which you express your feelings is frequently through Venusian energy.

Through the energy of Venus in Aquarius you harbor a sense of unconditional love, and need love relationships which allow you to feel free, felt and expressive. Your apacnitr forferiednshis isimome you may haveontlyao fw specialrferiedny a

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especially when they are at a lack for ideas of options. Social gatherings may be your forte, since you definitely know how to entertain in a grand manner. But you're the woman who can accomplish the same results in a business setting, too. With classy appearance and intelligent grace, you're the woman everybody notices and enjoys.

With Venus in square aspect to Saturn you may close away your feminine vitality and can block your power of attraction. Your mistrust of your own worthiness is related to a feeling of frustration which comes from being a woman. In fact, you may even resent being a woman some of the time, or may mistrust other women. You may feel you've been shortchanged, or that you are not getting what you deserve. But you may also project an attitude of critical restraint which stands in the way of your ability to express your own worth and beauty. Sometimes, this aspect indicates that you resent being valued for your beauty, or fear that if your physical beauty fades or does not meet the "standards", you will be worthless. Once you fully realize that the energy beauty has little to do with the facade, it's easier to radiate your true worth, and to attract what you really need. Otherwise, you may feel that you are continually faced with disappointing compromises.

Although the planets Neptune and Pluto move very slowly and are generational in nature, they do have an influence upon your psyche. These energies define much about the collective experience which shapes your inner self. You're experiencing Neptunian energy when you're in the midst of reverie, when you're deep in dreams and when you're feeling compassionate. Neptune drives your imagination, the realm of illusion and your psychic sensibilities. Because Neptune is difficult to grasp on a physical level, there is a lot about this energy that can be problematic, and when you are caught in the negative grasp of Neptune, you can give in to addictive behaviors, escapism and deception manifesting. But you do have a way of channeling this energy. It is through Neptune that you find the heart of compassionate love and understanding. This is the doorway to your inner self.

With Neptune in Libra, you are part of the generation which has been fascinated with beauty, the idea of peace and the hope of a perfect world. Perfect relationships are part of the perfect world, but it is your very generation that has blasted through the illusion of dysfunctionality. Your role as a woman within a relationship is one you are creating, along with the other women of your generation, born from 1942 to 1956. By holding a collective image of truly egalitarian and fair-minded relationships, where each person can fully express themselves, you have been part of a global change. The effects of this change are still manifesting.

Pluto represents the primordial essence. It is from this level that all transformation occurs: birth, death, illness and healing. It is also here that the powerful kundalini force continually regenerates itself. This is the space of all creation and all power. It is the space of origin: the Great Mother.

With Pluto in Leo, you are part of a generation of women born 1938 - 1957 who have had to learn about manifesting power and breaking the illusion of the patriarchy. You are among the women who have reshaped society. If you've developed a career, you may

have done so against an old system. Instead of destroying that power base, your task within the collective is to change the nature of power through love and creativity, and through honoring the sanctity of life.

Owning Your Inner Masculine Self

For centuries, women were not allowed to assert themselves in the world, and carefully learned the role of supporter of their "men." Those who failed to respond in this manner were frequently shunned or punished, although there have always been women who defied convention! During this century particularly, women have broken out of their strictly "conventional" roles, and have been making their way in the world. Because of this, women have been successful at fulfilling more of their needs, and owning their own power more readily. As a result, a woman's relationship with the men in her life has also changed. Despite women's collective knowledge about the need to be whole persons, it is still sometimes easier to allow men (fathers, brothers, lovers and husbands) to "own" certain qualities. (They, in turn, prefer that women own certain qualities - like emotions!) But to become truly whole and functional, it is necessary to find and incorporate your inner masculine self into your sense of wholeness, instead of projecting that part of yourself onto others (most usually men) in your life.

Through the process of becoming at home with your ego, you gain a true sense of personal strength and power. To own this power, you must learn to acknowledge that it is okay to be recognized for who and what you are. Your Sun energy is the primary factor in the expression of ego needs. As a young girl, you may have seen your father through the filter of your Sun. His power of getting out into the world, and the manner by which he did it, have shaped your own sense of personal identity. And today, the Sun in your chart may symbolize significant men. But this energy is, in itself, the core of your spirit.

The most friendly path toward developing and expressing your willpower and personal drive may be that of education. As an Aquarian Woman, you appreciate a well-developed mentality, and may feel most confident when you are comfortable in your knowledge about a subject or situation. However, you may have felt as a young girl that the people who knew the most were men, and you certainly may not have questioned whether or not a man had the right to be different. Although you may have felt the impulse to be different, you've never been entirely comfortable with the idea of alienating yourself from the society of which you are a part. And as you've developed your own individual identity, you may have sensed that becoming who you are might not exactly fit the model your father had in mind for you. If you're owning your personal power, you're confident about expressing your uniqueness and meeting the world on your own terms. If you've not yet embraced this part of yourself, you may be trying to accomplish it through projecting these qualities upon your husband or partner. Let him be the genius in the family! Your own genius may not fully emerge until you've consciously determined that

you, too, deserve to be seen for who you really are.

The influence of your Sun in conjunction to Venus adds a glow to your self-projection, and may soften the impact of your assertiveness (the iron hand in the velvet glove). This can be a plus, and can stimulate an energy which readily endears you to others. You may be able to use your charm and good taste to your advantage, too, especially in business and personal situations which call for a touch of class. But you can also become too self-absorbed, and may tend to think that just because you like or want something that you should have it. Careful: you could develop a princess complex!

Your optimism and confidence penetrate into the essence of your spirit. You believe in yourself with the Sun trine Jupiter. You may also attract influential men into your life whose standing and success allow you to enjoy more of the good things life has to offer. Your ability to attract abundance is amazing, but you may not feel complete until you realize that you are the magnet for your own good fortune! By expressing your generosity toward others, you gain strength and will also feel more complete.

You may feel less than you are, especially if you've given too much control to others. Your self-will is frustrated by a feeling that you are inadequate through the influence of your Sun in square aspect to Saturn. Even as a little girl, you may have felt required to meet impossible or difficult demands. This influence could also represent great self-restraint and a tendency to limit your own opportunities, especially if you are constantly undermining your options by failing to take responsibility for yourself. It is quite conceivable that you feel saddled with too many responsibilities, or that you have difficulty saying no because you do not want to be rejected or limited. In order to fully claim the part of your masculine psyche, you must accept yourself and break the habit of negativity. It is also important to address your fears and to confront the fact that you may simply be afraid of allowing yourself to have the respect you deserve. Once these self-limiting attitudes are addressed, you can concentrate on dealing with life's challenges from a much better perspective.

Mars energy is assertive, aggressive and combative, and can be angry. These are not "feminine" qualities. In fact, women who possess and project these qualities from within themselves often get bad names, and are called "ball-busters," or other expletives, by the men who are dealing with them. But to become fully whole, you need to accept the manner in which you can utilize your Mars energy so that you are confident and strong with it, and so you can get into the world and make things happen for yourself!

With Mars in Scorpio, you're determined to fulfill your desires, and can be unstoppable in your drive to achieve your aims. You're not likely to deny your sexuality as part of your personal magnetism and can be strongly aggressive when you know what you want in any circumstance, including the bedroom. But you are also the mistress of control and can be cold as ice when you've been hurt. You understand the power which surges in the soul of a woman because you've harnessed it more than once.

Your independent spirit works to your advantage with Mars trine Uranus. You've always liked to do things on your own and in your own way, and you are quite adept at most things you attempt. The blending of your intuitive self with your assertive and

physical ability also adds a special edge whether you're tackling a project or learning a new aerobics routine. You can project your independence without threatening the men in your life, and will appreciate relationships with men who are self-reliant. You may also expect a lot of yourself as a woman, and have a tendency to hold a super-woman image of yourself because you know you are capable of so many things. But life is much simpler when you allow yourself to be just a woman who is occasionally a super hero.

No doubt about it: you are intense. With Mars square Pluto, you can be relentless in your pursuit of the things you want. Deep within yourself, you may hold resentment or disappointment which stand in the way of projecting the confidence and courage you need. This can be the result of old emotional wounds which still stab into your soul. You may have a deep distrust of men, which can consequently rob you of the ability to direct your life as you desire. Sometimes, you can become so caught up in getting even when you've been hurt that you lost track of what you really want. You can appear threatening to men until you no longer feel threatened by them. By setting your focus on situations which are in harmony with your higher needs, you can break any patterns which may have become vengeful or hateful. You can also use this same energy to release the things you no longer need and become whole - a much better choice than dragging around a lot of baggage!

Developing Your Mind

Education and learning are lifelong processes. Your approach to developing your intellect is multifaceted, but there are special indicators in your astrological chart which help you understand the best ways to develop your mentality. Improving and strengthening communication skills is also part of developing your mind, since connecting to others is certainly improved if you can effectively illustrate your point of view!

Although the energy of Mercury is traditionally considered to be the main indicator of your mentality, there are also other qualities which are part of your mental and intellectual self. First, let's look at Mercury, which is the energy through which you link your thoughts and ideas with others. Although you have a very active and curious mind, with Mercury in Aquarius you may be most interested in learning about things which are at the leading edge. Your fascination with technology and inventive mind may lead you into areas which are off the beaten path. You're also in touch with social issues, and may have a desire to understand human nature and society which takes you into some very interesting fields of study. You definitely prefer to learn at your own pace and may balk at learning about things which are not particularly interesting to you. As a little girl, you may have responded to your parents and teachers by saying, "I know," a lot, and that reflex remains strong. Intuitively, you do know about everything. But in the practical sense, you may not yet have had the time or opportunity to experience the development

of that knowledge! By listening to your intuitive voice and blending the insights you experience through your intuitive awareness with practical experience, your intellectual development can be unparalleled.

You may feel that your mind is constantly whirring with Mercury square Mars. As a result focusing your mental energy can be a bit difficult, but when you do concentrate, it is with intensity. Although you may complain about mental challenges, there is a part of you that enjoys them. You can be argumentative or confrontational in your manner of speaking or communicating, which can create turmoil or alienation if carried to far. Healthy debate is different from hostile accusation.

Your interest in learning, exploring the adventure of life and increasing your understanding is stimulated by Mercury in trine aspect to Jupiter. You may always be on a quest for greater knowledge, and seek out inspiring people and experiences. Your acceptance of different viewpoints and tolerance are enhanced through this quality.

Knowing how to incorporate what is unusual or different into your intellectual development experiences can be difficult with Mercury in quincunx to Uranus. When you try to keep up with the fast-paced changes in technology, you may feel that you're always a little behind. But you're not running a race! You're seeking ways to express your unique ideas and inventive concepts so that they are understandable, acceptable and useful. Learning how to deal with your need for distraction is important since you may never get anything finished if you change horses in midstream too often.

Your imagination and creativity enhance your intellectual development with Mercury in trine aspect to Neptune. You may be a gifted writer, artist, actress or photographer-- and whether or not you develop these talents, you have an excellent eye for that which is beautiful and enthralling. You perform at your peak in an environment which is serene and inspires your visionary manner of thinking.

Sometimes, you become obsessed with an idea or way of doing things with Mercury in opposition to Pluto. When you're focused on something, you're focused. There's no halfway. You don't just wade in, you immerse yourself. This quality can be especially useful in research, investigation or spiritual questing. But you can also get stuck, close your mind, and lock away the possibility of change (even though transformation in your thinking is your goal). When you re-focus your mental energy toward that end, you can even change the obsession!

The energy of your Moon also has a mental component. The Moon is the realm of thought, the process of subconscious thinking, and plays a strong role in intuitive thinking. Through your Sagittarius Moon, you are most drawn to subjects which appeal to your higher nature. You cannot separate your feeling for the natural order of things from the way you learn. You may be most interested in subjects which are philosophical and which provide pathways to understanding the greater truths of life and laws of the nature and the universe. Always on a quest, you may be fascinated with knowledge and wisdom but can be uncomfortable if you have to focus on any one subject for too long.

Jupiter also plays an important role in learning, stimulating you to look ahead into the

realm of possibility, beyond the horizon of the now. Through the energy of Jupiter, you share what you know with others. As a woman, you are likely to feel most at home when you use this energy to encourage and support others, but you can also apply this to yourself! Your philosophical approach to life and learning is rather eclectic with Jupiter in Gemini - kind of live and let live in your attitudes. You may also appreciate the diversity of ideas and cultures existing on the planet and can benefit from exploring them. Sometimes, you may think you have to know about all of them, but the important part may be to discover the link between the many schools of thought and cultures on our world. Oh, that's right, you're not limited to this world... what about life in other galaxies? How do they run their cities? Now, that should really get you going!

You may have a lot invested in your educational endeavors and take pride in your beliefs and ideals with your Sun in trine aspect to Jupiter. Your interest in improving your standing in your community or within your profession may also stimulate a need to continue your education. Since you probably enjoy learning, and certainly appreciate the opportunity to share your own ideas, this can be an excellent option. Consequently you may want to seek out career situations which give you a chance to advance and which allow you to learn.

The purpose of Saturn is to provide clarity, structure, form and discipline - elements which are certainly important to learning. Saturn functions primarily as your inner teacher. Mothers are the most influential Saturnian models in western society. They provide the structure, guidance and support for their children in the realms of learning, socialization or personal growth. Once you enter society as a child, teachers play the Saturnian role. But the role of mothers and teachers in relationship to Saturn is to help you define the structure upon which you will build your life. Then, you "own" your Saturn, and know how to discipline and focus your own energy.

You can be a resourceful student and quite adept in research and investigation with Saturn in Scorpio. You may learn better and perform at your peak when you feel safe and well-protected. Circumstances which leave you feeling exposed are threatening, especially if you're working on something important or developing a creative project or idea. You prefer to work in relative secrecy and may not appreciate having your efforts exposed without your permission. Life science, medicine, psychology and metaphysics are good areas for your study and focus.

The areas of your chart which are connected most strongly to mental and intellectual development are the 3rd, 9th and 11th Houses. The 3rd House of your chart deals with communication and the development of concepts.

You have a very insightful and creative mind with Pisces on the cusp of your 3rd House. Your imagination may work overtime, and when you're involved in a creative project, may become totally absorbed in it. You may be somewhat sensitive to criticism, although you can usually keep it in perspective, especially if you can use it to shape your personal expression more clearly. You're also likely to show sensitivity to the feelings and needs of others in your manner speech and action. With Neptune ruling this house your vision can be far-reaching and your psychic sensitivities may also be especially

powerful.

There are no planets in your 3rd House, indicating that developing your communicative capacities is not one of your highest priorities. However this does not indicate an impairment in your thinking or a lack of intellectual development. To further understand your approach to communication reflect upon the meaning of the sign on the cusp of this house, explained above, and study the influence of Mercury in its sign and house as indicators of the best ways to develop your intellect.

Your 9th House shows your approach to higher learning, which is usually accomplished through a college or professional degree program. Subjects like philosophy, religion, political science, cultural pursuits and the like are strongly associated with this facet of your development.

Your approach to higher education is quite practical with Virgo on the cusp of your 9th House, and you appreciate learning experiences which allow you to apply what you know. In matters of religion and philosophy you prefer a path which makes a difference in the quality of your everyday life, although you probably do appreciate the experience of ritual as a means of focusing your energy. The rulership of Mercury in this house indicates a strong mental objectivity about belief systems, and you may try to understand everything through a purely mental frame of reference. Some things, like faith, may not fit into this framework and can be difficult for you to understand, and you may simply have to learn to accept them!

There are no planets in your 9th House, indicating that extended education in a formal setting may not be your highest priority. Although you may be quite philosophical or approach life itself as a learning experience, you may have interruptions in formal education or may find that you learn in different ways than those found in more academic settings. To further understand your approach to education study the meaning of the sign on the cusp of the 9th House explained above, and reflect on the energy of Jupiter and its sign and house placement as indicators of the development of your higher mind.

Through the 11th House you learn from peers, and connect with your community. The 11th House involves your special interests, too. This is very much the school of life, because this is also the area which relates to developing your goals.

Although you probably have rather well-defined goals, you don't always let other people know about them with Scorpio's influence on the cusp of your 11th House. You have a lot invested in achieving your aims and may not welcome the emotional input others have to offer, particularly if it undermines your plan of action. So, you've learned to give only so much information about where you're going and to keep the rest to yourself. Pluto's energy rules this house, adding an intensity to your focus when you're on the path toward realizing your accomplishments. Sometimes you can be so obsessed with getting there that you miss something else along the way. It's probably a good idea to step back and alter your perspective from time to time.

The influence of your Moon in the 11th House draws your attention to the need to be involved with others. Your goals, interests, hobbies and professional development may be

more enjoyable if you're sharing them with special friends. You may feel a strong connection to your women friends and may even have a special affinity for political issues which are connected to women. Your work will be more satisfying if you feel that it helps you accomplish something deeply meaningful, instead of just spending your time making money doing a job which means nothing to you personally. So, when you're setting your personal goals, take your feelings about your choices into consideration. Listen to your soul's voice.

When you have a goal, your action, energy and courage play a significant part in achieving it with Mars in your 11th House. You may enjoy challenges and can accomplish more if you are met with situations which require you to rise to the occasion. You may also prefer to stir up activity levels when things start to get a little boring or stale. Choosing the outlets within your community and among your friends and professional associates which will allow you to make a difference can be very important. But you may also find that you become too involved in the social side of life and lose track of your larger goals. When you do focus on your aims, you have no trouble doing whatever is necessary to make them happen.

Your Special Edge

It's true. Women are definitely the intuitive sex. The process of intuitive awareness may be more developed for you as a woman because you are more cyclically aware, thanks to your anatomy and hormonal changes. But there is something more. As a woman, your natural affinity with the energy of the Moon increases your receptivity, an important ingredient in opening to the intuitive process. Intuitive awareness is multifaceted. You can use it when you're dealing with emotional and psychological issues, you can apply it to your creative expression, and you can take advantage of your intuition in your work as part of your decision-making. Developing your intuitive process is like developing any other sensibility - you have to concentrate some time, effort and energy in order to finely hone this element of your psyche. Although some quality of intuition may be there innately, to make the most of it, you must learn to trust, listen and incorporate it into your life.

The parts of your chart which are most strongly associated with intuitive sensibility are the water houses: the 4th House, the 8th House and the 12th House. The 4th House is connected to your soul history. It is here that you seek a sense of home, a connection to your family, and a feeling of safety and comfort. It is here that your soul remembers your past, even if your conscious mind cannot fit the pieces together.

You are striving to complete the mission of your soul and with Aries on the cusp of the 4th House. Your struggle to create the security you need may sometimes test your inner courage. and you may feel that you are doing battle with the physical plane. In

many respects, you are a spiritual pioneer, venturing forward into the life driven by the deep needs your soul remembers, but which you may not consciously recall. With Mars ruling this house you can allow feelings of anger or frustration to block your ability to surrender to the peace you work so hard to achieve. You need to take an active approach toward fulfilling your soul's destiny while still allowing your creative mind to listen more carefully to your inner voice.

There are no planets in your 4th House indicating that you may not assert a strong level of conscious energy in building a connection to your soul. This does not mean that you cannot achieve an inner sense of recall regarding your soul's history or your deeper needs, but indicates instead that you may find the doorway through other activities or experiences beyond your connection to your family of origin or their traditions. To further understand this gateway to your soul, study the sign on the cusp of this house explained above for the influences which will help you remember your spiritual past.

The 8th House brings you into your deepest emotional attachments, and is the space where you are alchemically transformed. This is the seat of your magical power: your ability to change yourself in order to become whole. Here is the heart of healing, but here you also hide your greatest vulnerabilities. Most people shy away from dealing with 8th House issues like sex, death and taxes. After all, there can be problems with any of them, and they are not easy to explore out in the open. But there is more. For your intuitive development, this area represents the part of you which holds your power, and you must learn to accept and embrace this side of yourself to feel truly satisfied with your life.

With Leo on the cusp of your 8th House, you may have a lot invested in trying to understand the deeper mysteries and questions which surround birth, death, sexuality and personal alchemy. You may feel that the importance of developing a connection to these levels will strengthen your personal power, but must safeguard against trying to control the outcome of things you cannot influence. The influence of the Sun on this house adds a desire to employ your willpower to deal with these ultimate life experiences. Although you do know that your energy is responsible for creating your life circumstances to a certain extent, you may not like the times when you have to surrender to a higher power. Yet, there is some comfort in knowing that if you release your attachment to your own will as the ultimate and allow a higher will to guide you, that you can create an even more rewarding experience of life which affords true healing and regeneration of your spirit.

Your perceptive abilities can be quite strong with Pluto in your 8th House. Not only can you feel what is happening beneath the surface or behind the facade, but you may also have a sense of the effects which can occur. Reading between the lines is only the beginning - you are a natural at understanding the subtleties which give away a person's true feelings or thoughts. As a result, you may be an exceptional therapist or healer, but you can also become an amazing investigator and diagnostician. If you choose the path of the Medicine Woman, you can become quite adept in learning how to alter the nature of your physical reality to create and accommodate positive change. But you must be clear about your motivations, and realize that trying to change or control others for your own benefit will ultimately work against your best interests.

The 12th House is the space of your dreams. Here, you surrender your conscious self and float into the beyond. This is also the place in your psyche which contains your past, and where you are one with all humanity. Your super conscious self rests in this part of your psyche: the part of yourself that transcends your everyday reality.

Underneath it all, you have a deep faith in the natural order of things with Sagittarius influencing your 12th House. Although other elements in your personality may prompt you to fight against your sense of a higher power, when you surrender to life's flowing energy, the struggle becomes much easier. Your ability to look back into history, human history and your own, and learn from your trials and errors can give you a remarkable edge in your determination to transcend the ordinary. The energy of Jupiter rules this house in your chart, adding a capacity for vision and broad-minded confidence to your subconscious self. You intuitively know that when you are focused upon Truth, everything else pales in its light.

Since you do not have any planets in your 12th House you may not feel a strong urge to probe into your dreams, and you may not feel extremely tied to your past. However, to fully understand the nature of this house study the meaning of the sign on the cusp, explained above, and look to the planet associated with that sign.

The energy of your Moon plays an important role in your intuitive development. Since your Moon is related to your subconscious mind, it should not surprise you that this is the part of you that contains all knowledge about yourself and your life. Occasionally it's a good idea to purge from your psyche the things you no longer need - much like an internal house cleaning. Your hormonal cycles provide an excellent opportunity to do just that, and by using this natural rhythm to release, you can feel much more open to clearer transmission of intuitive thinking!

Through your Sagittarius Moon, your mind is open to all sorts of possibilities. Since your search for Truth may take you on many adventures, it seems natural to you that you might find keys to developing your intuitive self through adopting a more spiritual approach to life. Integrating the spiritual into your everyday life is crucial to your personal growth. You simply cannot abandon your principles in any of your thoughts or actions without feeling strong repercussions.

There are other points related to the Moon which you'll find in your chart. They are called the Moon's Nodes, and are not planets, but points in space. The influence of the Moon's Nodes is felt on an inner level. From the South Node, you learn about your past and the natural inclinations which may influence many of your subconscious choices. In some ways, the South Node suggests old habits. The North Node of the Moon suggests a spiritual and emotional challenge, and represents the directions you may feel compelled to follow in your evolutionary path.

Challenged with the task of learning to carry your responsibilities in a mature manner, you are learning the importance of sustained effort with your North Node in Capricorn. You may also be fascinated by the processes of aging and the wisdom which requires time to develop, although you may struggle against them to some extent. Becoming involved in activities which allow you to be responsible and positively ambitious, you

may discover that you really enjoy reaching the heights of achievement. The influence of your Cancer South Node tempts you to be overly sensitive to feeling of rejection or abandonment, instead of learning to stand on your own. The confidence and judgment you develop will not only resolve some of your fears, but may give you the energy you need to become a trustworthy guide of generations who will follow in your footsteps.

Uranian intuition is the flash of insight. Sometimes that flash is so brilliant that you change your entire life to follow its glow. This is also the part of you which defies restraint, and certainly your intuitive mind can celebrate that possibility!

Your originality and ingenuity can be seen in the way you deal with people in a social situations. With Uranus in your 7th House, you can be quite insightful regarding your social relationships, and may attract people from all walks of life into your sphere of influence. If your actions or attitudes are viewed as somewhat bohemian by more traditional thinkers, it probably doesn't bother you, since what is most important to you is your freedom to express yourself freely and fully.

Neptune's energy takes you into the world of the etheric - the place beyond the physical which is filled with mystical wonder. You surrender to this part of yourself when you meditate, when you give in to your creative muse, and when you give of yourself to others. In developing your intuitive and psychic sensibilities, Neptune provides a primary ingredient: letting go. Through this energy you surrender yourself to the greater truth. But be careful: you can also surrender your will to the power of deception and abuse through another of Neptune's doorways!

You need a career path which will allow you to show your compassion with Neptune in your 10th House. Although you may sometimes feel that it is up to you to save the world, or at least part of it, you are also capable of attracting others who share your ideals and will work toward similar aims of improving the quality of life.

Pluto's insight is on the deeper psychic level. Through Plutonian energy you can read between the lines. You see the twitch of an eye that tells the truth, you read the movement of hands, the tone of voice that betrays what words fail to say. Developing your Plutonian energy requires that you reach into the very depths of yourself and become familiar with your entire being. Yes, that includes your shadow self, your darker side - and it also encompasses your passion, your strength of survival and your ability to heal.

The influence of Pluto in your 8th House has been explored earlier in this section of your report.

Nurturing and Creating a Home

Nurturing. Mothering. These experiences are associated with womanliness, but are

not the sole definers of your womanhood. Although women are the only ones who can become mothers, it is not necessary to be a mother to become an exceptional nurturer! Nurturing is a natural expression for women - but the manner in which it is done is very individualized. Whether with children, lovers, partners, friends - or even with your own parents - you have ample opportunities to nurture others. The person who needs your nurturing most, however, is YOU. Although caring for others can fill a special place in your soul, the way you care for yourself is especially important. You may derive nourishment from developing your talents and skills, or through your work. Study or travel can be nourishing. And something as simple as a long soak in the tub can refill your spirit. Part of nourishing yourself is physical, part emotional and part is definitely environmental: what you create in a home. In exploring these factors together, you can begin to see the link between these different levels of personal fulfillment.

Yet another facet of your Moon beyond what you've already explored, is what your Moon shows about your deepest needs. You can only feel whole when these needs are answered and fulfilled. Although it is tempting to look outside, your wisdom tells you that a great part of the responsibility for nourishment comes from within yourself.

With the Moon in Sagittarius, your drive to fill your hunger for truth and freedom may lead you into pursuits which develop your mind. However, you also may have to learn to ask for personal space when you need it, and to respect the same needs from others. When nurturing others, you encourage them to develop their own independence. At home you need a place which provides a real sense of space, and where you also have a place for reflection - a room like a study or library, or an alcove in your bedroom might be just perfect. Give yourself ample time to walk in the woods or a park, to read something inspirational, or to have an open discussion with someone you admire. Take time to travel, even if that only means a different route to work or exploring an unknown part of your home town. Vacations away from home can be positively rejuvenating. When you're feeling low, you might be most recharged by adding these things to your life. They feed your soul.

Saturn also plays a positive role in nurturance. Despite the bad rap Saturn sometimes receives, this energy is necessary to your stability and growth. Through Saturn, you learn to take responsibility for yourself and your actions. Saturn also seems to be the repository of your fears, and it's important to understand and deal with these emotions in order to be whole. Trying to repress such feelings blocks your ability to feel the positive, supportive energy that life has to offer. In many respects, the energy of Saturn is played out in your life by your experience with authority figures. Your mother and father, extended family and teachers were your primary Saturnian influences when you were a young girl, and their direction and guidance still whisper in the way you approach establishing your personal security. As an adult woman, you express Saturn through the manner in which you take responsibility for yourself and your needs for stability and security.

Your interest in restoration permeates every part of your life, and is strongly influenced by your Saturn in Scorpio. Even if you sometimes fall short, you understand the importance of making the most of your life and its resources. Your influence upon others who cannot see the value in something on the surface can be immense, because

you are the master of removing the crust and exposing the jewel at the core. You may also know when there's nothing there to expose, in which instance you can take what is useless or outworn and recycle it in the best possible manner. This attitude may be especially emphasized since you are a woman and

life, and the sign at the Midheaven gives you several clues about your path in the outside world. Just as importantly, the Midheaven signifies your blossoming into wholeness and the manner by which you might best accomplish this experience. Your 10th House also provides information about your career path.

Libra's influence at your Midheaven adds a sense of social grace to the manner in which you pursue your ambitions. Your sense of fairness may drive you toward particular aims in pursuit of your right livelihood, and you may be quite adept in situations which require objectivity and fair-mindedness. A career path which allows you to employ your sense of refinement and good taste will be satisfying. Your people skills can open the doors to careers which involve public or diplomatic relations and consulting, and you may have an interest in the law or politics. The energy of Venus plays an important role in satisfying your needs for personal fulfillment. It is crucial that you find a vocation which supports your values and allows you to develop your artistry. The way you utilize Venusian energy has a lot to do with your ability to achieve personal fulfillment.

With Venus in Aquarius your love of the unusual needs to be expressed through your career. You may also enjoy working in innovative fields which allow you to show your ingenuity, and may succeed in endeavors which involve others. Projects or areas which target humanitarian issues can be a positive outlet.

The process of work itself is usually seen through the 6th House in your chart. Through this facet of yourself, you express your approach and attitudes about working, and your ability to cooperate with others is also indicated here. This house is related to your physical health, and it's no surprise that you might hear the complaint (or feel it yourself), "I'm sick of my job." Instead of feeling thrown off balance by the tasks required to get through life, there are ways to use this part of your time and energy to strengthen your life.

You may actually enjoy and look forward to work which stimulates your mind with Gemini ruling your 6th House. You may have good manual dexterity and can be adept working with your hands, writing, and communicating. In fact, your people skills may give you the edge you need to achieve success. You have great versatility and will perform best in jobs which allow you to exercise it. Mercury's influence in this area adds a high capacity for learning, interaction and diplomacy.

Work which provides an opportunity to travel, enhance your mind and feed your spirit is most appealing and satisfying. Jupiter's energy in your 6th House brings a high level of confidence and good humor which is always appreciated on the job. You may be perfectly suited for work in academia, whether in the roles of teacher or professor, administrator, or board member. Work in diplomatic relations, sales, promotion, fund-raising and fields which are related to religion, publishing and travel are all excellent choices. Environmental and nature-related fields may also be good choices, and you may have a special affinity for animals which can be translated into your job. Whatever your choices, you need to feel that there's ample room for growth, expansion and a positive future.

As a woman, you are innately creative. Although you may not consider yourself an

artist, your creative spirit and drive are the mechanisms through which you shape your own life. Creative self-expression is seen strongly in the 5th House of your chart, and by incorporating these elements into your career, you will gain greater satisfaction from your work. If you have the time to concentrate on more recreational forms of creativity, this is the part of your chart which indicates what brings you pleasure. Life itself can certainly be a pleasurable experience - all the time, not just on holidays!

Taurus' influence on your 5th House brings a love of the good life. Your enjoyment of the arts, theater, fine dining and comfort can actually inspire your own creativity, not to mention filling your senses! Creative outlets which allow you to get your hands into something may feel best, since just watching may never be quite enough. You may have a special knack for sculpting, pottery, carving, gardening, wood-working, flower-arranging, or related areas. You may even enjoy building houses, doing landscaping or other grand-scale projects. It's also possible that you are recognized for your voice, which you can use quite effectively in either singing or speaking. Venus influences your 5th House, adding a need to extend your creativity into areas which truly fill your heart.

Just because there are no planetary energies in your 5th House, do not despair. This does not indicate that you are somehow lacking in creativity. As you see from the sign on the cusp of your 5th House, your creative inclinations are driven by particular qualities and needs. Explore the different dimensions of the planet associated with your 5th House to gain insight into your creativity. By following these you'll find that you easily unlock your creative potential.

One of the most powerful creative drives in your chart is your Sun. Since this is the energy which can drive you to be noticed, learning to cultivate this aspect of yourself in a positive manner can amplify your success in life.

Even though you may have found your differences from others painful when you were a young girl, you've probably discovered that it is your uniqueness which will provide the impetus to achieving true success. Your Aquarius Sun adds a drive to attain a clear perception about yourself, and your need to make a difference in the world can give you cause to aim for something out of the ordinary. Your real goal may be to transcend the bounds of mere mortality and achieve something that will open a new pathway. Although this functions primarily at a spiritual level, it does have its implications on the physical plane. In your family, you can be the one who breaks the patterns. On the job you are the one whose vision and insight inspire new direction.

Your individuality is expressed through many different energies in your chart, but the energy which is most closely associated with the unique and individualistic part of yourself is Uranus. Through Uranian energy, you display your ingenuity and make the breakthroughs which allow you to move into new experiences. Uranus also prompts your rebellious nature, and the placement of this energy in your chart shows you where you are staging your own personal revolution.

With Uranus in Cancer you've been born into a life of society's revolution within the family and have experienced the development of new insights into emotional needs. Along with other women born from 1948 to 1956, your revolution has been fought in the

kitchen, over matters of reproduction, and at family reunions. You've changed the roles women play and the expectations of women in the world, consequently bringing an evolution in family relationships and within society itself: an evolutionary change which is continuing in its effects. Your shared insights have included a world where girls and women have the same opportunities as boys and men. To understand where you are creating this revolution within your own life, look to the house in which Uranus resides in your chart.

The energy of Uranus in your 7th House may stimulate opportunities to work in a variety of social situations as you grow both personally and professionally. You may be involved in ground-breaking circumstances or may pioneer areas in partnership with others which develop new platforms for women, particularly in fields like law or even in the context of pure societal power. You do like your independence, and even when working with others will prefer to have ample room to do things on your own or in your unique manner.

The energy of Chiron is also a powerful factor for your outreach into the world. Through Chiron, you discover both strength and vulnerability. The vulnerability represented by Chiron is, in many ways, like a doorway which allows you to penetrate a deeper level of personal mastery. This is the process of initiation not unlike that which a Shaman must endure in order to learn how to travel between the worlds. Through Chiron, you learn how to travel between the world of your inner self and the world outside to achieve a sense of true purpose and wisdom.

You have Chiron in Capricorn, adding a need to accomplish a life purpose which is based upon achieving a true sense of success. These successes can be in any area, and are not always related to career. Supporting a child as a patient mother or teacher, providing resources when something need to be built in your community, or lending a helping hand can all be part of this. On a personal level you need to establish goals and find ways to realize them. Sometimes, the goal may just be getting through the day. On a larger scale you are also learning about positive self-control. It is here that you will experience the greatest satisfaction, when you've found the best ways to direct your own energy toward accomplishing something which is meaningful to you.

With Chiron in your 1st House you need to be especially aware of the way you present yourself to the world, since your manner and attitudes can make all the difference in the opportunities you experience for growth or advancement. Self-awareness is crucial to your personal development; selfishness can be wounding.

Opening Your Heart

Ah, Love.... Songs, poems, novels, fairy-tales, movies all extol the power and pleasure of love - and for good reason: love is the food of life! There are many

opportunities to love, in fact, a love affair with life is not a bad idea. But you also may need to "grow" love by sharing it, and therein is the seed of all relationships.

The planetary energies which are most usually associated with love are Venus and Neptune. Venusian energy radiates directly from your heart, from the center of yourself, where love resides deep within. Loving is an inner experience. The more you open to the love you hold within yourself, the more it grows. Your feelings of worthiness are represented by Venus, and as you grow to understand and appreciate your own value as a woman, it becomes easier to let this love energy flow through your life. Neptunian energy is Divine compassionate love - the love which does not judge and readily forgives. Neptune is the realm of romance, mysticism and heavenly perfection. Truly transcendent Neptunian love arises when you have healthy boundaries of your own, otherwise, you can become a victim of your own illusions!

You have a deep desire to know a true sense of unconditional love with Venus in Aquarius. This begins by developing self-acceptance and eliminating excessive judgment or prejudice toward others. To open your heart to love, you begin by creating a friendship. To sustain love, you need to know that you are always true friends. You may find it difficult to relate to a man who needs a mother, since you need a partner who can be your equal. However, you can be tender and loving, and may show your love most clearly when you help to foster and stimulate the hopes and dreams of those who share your life. You are usually quite clear about how you feel towards someone, although you may need to work toward developing a real understanding toward those who are more emotional than you. You may approach love in a "non-traditional" fashion, and may be capable of sustaining a relationship only if you feel that you are free to be yourself. By finding the flame of love within your own heart and reaching out toward others without asking anything in return, your life will undergo amazing changes.

Harmonious relationships can be easier to create with the help of your Moon in sextile to Venus, but you still have to put efforts into your close ties if you are to experience the best from them. It's easy for you to compliment those you care about, and giving of yourself feels good. Your own self esteem is strong enough to allow you to gracefully accept compliments, gifts and loving gestures from others too. Expressing your feelings comes easily, and this alone can enhance your ability to attain true intimacy with someone you love.

With your Sun and Venus conjunct you can love warmly and openly. However, you be a little self-involved when it comes to matters of the heart, and may feel that just because you feel strongly about someone that they must, in turn, feel the same way about you. You're probably charismatic enough to have a powerful influence on the feelings and opinions of others, but you really do want a love which is based upon honest sharing between both partners. To have this, you have to be just as attentive to the needs of the other as you are to your own.

When you're in love, you like to share everything with your lover. With Venus trine Jupiter, there's a feeling that you have no limits, and you need to experience love as ever-growing and expanding. Love generates more love, and so it is. You'll be happiest with a

partner whose philosophies, beliefs and ideals support your own, and may find that sharing your hopes and dreams for a better life inspires you to remain ever in love with one another.

Loving is not always easy for you with Venus in square aspect to Saturn. Somewhere, deep in your heart, you may feel that you do not really deserve love. That's for someone much more beautiful and perfect than you feel you are. You have one remedy for this problem: stop it! Use that Saturn energy to establish a new foundation for love, and begin by learning the difference between selfish, fear-driven love and generous, compassionate love. Just because you were hurt somewhere along the line, you do not have to continue the process of pain and suffering. Opening the doors to your heart will not be easy. It's like a cosmic test. You may be disappointed yet again. And the test is to find if you will still allow the energy of love to flow, even in the midst of endings or loss. Insisting on guarantees will never work, yet making a commitment to loving relationships which allow growth and opportunity will surprise you. This is your great challenge, and it will resonate through everything you do.

As one of the generation of women born with Neptune in Libra, you have been inundated with endless images, stories and myths about true love and romance. You've dreamt of the perfect marriage and may have believed that you would, indeed, be rescued by that perfect prince. But as you've grown up, you've found out that the prince may not only be late, but that he may not arrive at all! Hope springs eternal, however, and thanks to open discussion about relationship, you've also learned about addiction, codependency and dysfunctionality and some ways to get out of these patterns and traps. Rule number one: Create your own dream by understanding yourself and your needs. From that point, you begin to separate from the trap of the collective still searching for the perfect other, and from the beacon of your own soul, you send out a light that attracts someone who may, indeed, fit your needs quite nicely after all.

Since you have Mercury in trine aspect to Neptune, you're the perfect candidate for creating wonderful representations of love and compassion through your words. Your lyrical abilities can extend to the way you talk and your mannerisms may be quite fascinating. You may actually attract more men than you realize, since you do spend some time in your own inner world. And it is that quality which is at work when you finally let go and share your life and fantasies with someone you adore. Promise yourself to always make time to get away with your lover so your dreams have a safe place to overtake your life - for at least a little while.

With Uranus and Neptune in square aspect to one another, you are part of a generation filled with an uncomfortable concern for religious and spiritual ideals. You may not know whom you can trust in the worlds of politics and business, and are likely to struggle with your search for a meaningful spiritual path which is part of the framework of your life on its most intimate level. It's important that you learn ways to identify fanaticism, since you can either fall victim to others and their fanatical ideals or become too overbearing with your own. The influence of these energies can be problematic in relationships, particularly if you do not trust your inner voice and allow another to determine your needs in areas which you must discover for yourself.

The houses in your chart which amplify love relationships are the 5th, 7th, and 11th Houses. Through the 5th House, you experience giving love. It is through this facet of yourself that you have love affairs, playful and recreational relationships and where you produce the offspring of loving. The offspring can range from artistic endeavors to children. But when dealing with relationships, this is the space which is usually occupied by loving another in an intimate sense.

Your sensuality takes center stage when you're in love. The influence of Taurus on your 5th House adds an earthy nature to your experience and expression of the pleasure of loving. When you open your heart, you can become strongly attached and prefer to love fully and completely. You need plenty of time and space to explore the physical side of your love relationships, and enjoy sharing quiet time in comfortable surroundings with your lover. Since Venus influences this house, you may prefer to play the role of enticer in your love relationships, and can send very well defined signals to your intended target. For you, it's safer to let the man be the pursuer, although you can become impatient if he takes too long. The connections you make through opening your heart are powerful enough to sustain through time. If a love affair ends, you may have trouble letting go, since you feel that you invest so much of yourself in loving. You may also struggle with changes within your relationships, but need to recognize the importance of changes which stimulate growth. The experience of loving will never leave you, even if your lovers do change.

You have no planetary energy in your 5th House. There is no need to be alarmed, because this does not indicate that you will be without love in your life. As you've seen above, you have definite inclinations in love relationships. To further understand what you need from a lover and how you can become more adept at giving love, study the planet associated with this house.

The 7th House of your chart illustrates what you're seeking from a partner. More importantly, this part of your chart also tells a story about the kind of partner you really want to become. This is also the realm of social contact, and provides information about your approach to socialization. Although marriage agreements are shown through the 7th House, planets here (or a lack of planets here) do not "promise" marriage or its lack. But if your 7th House is highly activated, you may be more motivated to find a partner.

Your 7th House is ruled by Gemini, showing that you appreciate a partnership for the opportunity to develop a true understanding and clear communication. The exchange of ideas is part of the strength in your relationships, and if your marriage or partnership does not provide room for this exchange, you will quickly lose interest. You may also seek a mate whose interests are diverse and whose intelligence is equivalent to your own. Sharing travel, education, and social contacts can be an important ingredient in your partnership. With Mercury's energy influencing your experience of partnership, you will discover that the manner in which you create and attract your relationships depends upon where your own mind is focused. Your life partner's origination is in your ideas, thoughts and visualizations. You can alter or change your experience in partnership through changing your attitudes and re-focusing your thoughts, and if you're in a situation which is working well, can bring improvements in this manner. If you've not yet found your

ideal mate, work on what you're creating through your thoughts.

Your independent spirit may stir up trouble with Uranus in the 7th House. Your freedom song takes a high priority, and you have your own ideas about what a marriage should be. These ideas may run counter to societal "norms," which is okay with you, since you're a ground-breaker in this area anyway! Any vows you exchange will be unique to your situation. You need a partner who will honor your needs for autonomy, and will enjoy a relationship with a man who is comfortable with his own independence. You may attract a series of unreliable men, especially if you have not yet learned to discipline yourself when it comes to commitments. Finding that real freedom entails responsibility is one of your most challenging lessons, especially within the context of personal relationships.

It is through the 11th House that you learn about unconditional relationships, and where you open to receiving love and support from others. Here you find your friends, your supportive professional allies, and your community. Through this facet of yourself you develop your special interests. And here you set your goals for the future. It's wonderful the way friends can support your aims, provide feedback when you need objectivity, and comfort you when you're facing challenges. Your approach to friendship is also seen through this part of your chart.

You have Scorpio influencing your 11th House, signifying that you tend to shy away from friendships until you know you can trust someone. You may spend a great deal of time observing the way a potential friend behaves, and will certainly notice whether or not she can keep a secret. You're not likely to open your heart to anyone who would divulge your confidential information. You'll probably approach special interest groups or political situations with a bit of skepticism in the beginning, but if you do have a strong interest or cause, once you're involved you can be extremely influential. With Pluto's energy connected to this area you may find that more people confide in you than you confide in them. This is good if you work as a counselor or advisor, by the way. For those few special friendships you do develop, you will have a deep connection and hold them in a special place in your heart. It's simply not easy for you to allow love to flow into your heart - receiving love can be a challenge. That may seem strange, but when you take a careful look, you'll find that you find it much easier to give than to receive. But you do want to feel support, tenderness and care. You just don't like feeling vulnerable!

With the energy of your Moon in your 11th House, you probably have many acquaintances and a few very special friends. Your women friends are especially important in your life, and you need their support and care and feel that it's necessary for you to provide the same for them. You have powerful emotional ties to your friends. This energy definitely draws what you send out. If you're feeling unsupported or that your friend has taken advantage of you, try to clarify the part you have played in that process. You're quite willing to flow with the changes friendships must endure, and can stay close and supportive to your good friend regardless of her ups and downs. The wisdom of knowing that friendships have their own cycles is part of your deeper understanding of life, and you may also discover that those cycles are directly related to your own changing needs.

Participating in activities with your friends can be invigorating with Mars in your 11th House. You may even rely on your friendships to motivate you, although you can be quite a motivator yourself when others are counting on your support. Your display of courage and strength attracts friends, and working together to accomplish something important can forge a powerful bond with your friends. You may have several male friends, and will probably like women who are rather independent and assertive. If you're uncertain of your own power or do not stand up for yourself, you may attract "friends" whose influence can bring turmoil and disruption into your life. Also, if you've not found positive ways to deal with your anger, you may attract other people with whom you create destruction. These disrupters are not really friends in the truest sense, especially if they're always helping you get into trouble. It may be up to you to develop your Mars assertiveness powerfully enough so that you can break your ties.

Power Issues: Sex, Money and Control

Personal power is an individual expression, and has different meanings for each person. As a woman in the world today, your opportunity to experience and express your personal power is largely dependent upon the manner in which you develop it. Particularly in the Western World, as times have changed and the power base has gradually evolved beyond the patriarchal control of the last centuries, women are seeking to define their place in the world: collectively and individually. Gaining influence in the world through career and financial development, you begin to understand the different levels of power. Within the family, your roles are also evolving. You are also more free to express your sexual needs and desires, and demand that you are respected as a person and not sexually abused. But everything stems from your ability to identify, embrace and assimilate the true nature of your power as an individual woman.

On a personal level, you can begin to identify much about your own power by looking deeply into the meaning of your 1st House: Your Personality Self. Early in your report you read about what you project about yourself as identified by your Ascendant. Your first House further defines that projection of the Self, and is an area where you carve out much about the way you show yourself to the world on your own terms.

Through the qualities of Sagittarius on your Ascendant you can radiate a power which stems from confidence, optimism and a sense of adventure. These qualities attract good fortune, open opportunities and endless possibilities. But you can undermine your power by avoiding the responsibilities which accompany a real sense of freedom. Setting limits is crucial if you are to have the abundance you crave. Certainly life seems to be more fun when you are at play, and if you can arrange your life to find work you truly enjoy and surround yourself with people whose wit and wisdom keep you laughing you will find it easier to develop your personal power. Making the choices which are related to just taking the responsible route without including your need for play will be just as damaging

as avoiding responsibility altogether! You cannot afford to sell out: you must follow the high road and continue your search for the ultimate life has to offer. You have to believe in yourself, and every time you make choices which undermine your sense of confidence, you need to take a look at what was motivating you. Finding the balance point is the hard part: knowing when to rush forward into the future and when to stand confidently in the present. Your principles can guide you, but you cannot force those principles onto others; their beliefs and ideals may be different from your own. Yet you can inspire others to find the truth when you've managed to stumble into it yourself!

Since you do not have planets in your 1st House your personality expression may not be overpowered by the drive of a particular energy. The qualities associated with the sign on this house cusp, explained above, since through as the primary manner in which you want to be seen by the world.

Another power space on your chart is your Midheaven. This point, which is usually at the top of your chart and marks the cusp of the 10th House, is like the crown and torch of the Statue of Liberty. Here too, are the indicators of the types of people you most admire, and the clues to what you need to develop within yourself to attain unshakable self-respect.

Through your Libra Midheaven you experience power in the form of justice and fairness and may strive to find a career expression which will allow you to work toward these ends. You may admire those whose work in the law or politics affords greater opportunity to a broad range of people and may yourself feel that your real power will manifest when you make an impact upon society in some manner, and you don't have to be a judge or politician to do it, either!

Since you have Saturn in your 10th House you're probably serious about pursuing a career which will confer respect. A professional choice may seem most appropriate - something like a doctor, lawyer, professor or business owner. You like the idea of being in control at work (which is really an illusion, but you can get away with it). Career paths which involve governmental agencies, educational pursuits or powerful business ventures may be appealing and fulfilling. You need structure in your career, and may perform best in situations which require a series of tests or which allow you to advance in your expertise in a well-defined manner. However it is crucial that you determine what is driving your ambitions, since if you are striving to please someone other than yourself you may feel continually disappointed in their responses to your successes.

Neptune's energy in your 10th House inspires you to work in fields which help to make the world a better place. You need a life path which reflects your spirituality and imagination and will prosper most fully in a field which is centered in principles of compassionate love. Your special sensibilities may lead you to work as an artist, musician or actress, but the success you achieve in these areas will be only secondary to the influence you can have on the world around you. Work in the service industries, medical profession, or within charitable institutions can be important to your personal growth. You may also feel confused about which career path to follow and may not trust your own abilities. Sometimes you may feel invisible, and may wonder when it will be

your turn to be noticed. That is pretty much up to you and the choices you make at the various stages of your life. Once you begin to see your life as a process of unfolding and development you will realize that your career path and life path merge as one, and that at different times you are focused on different expressions.

With your Moon in semisquare aspect to your Midheaven, you need to be aware of your subconscious feelings about achieving success. If you are afraid of success or if you fear failure, it's important to find out why. Then you can work on your inner dragons and change your approach to accomplishing a sense of self-fulfillment.

Success looks good on you. With your Sun in trine aspect to your Midheaven, you can utilize the personal power gained when you accomplish your aims to boost you further toward new goals. You may also be very comfortable using your own success to influence or facilitate the success of others.

The people you meet in your life can be very influential in helping you accomplish your aims. Mercury's trine aspect to your Midheaven operates through your ability to network. This is especially true if you are clear about articulating what you hope to achieve and clarifying your ideas. Your communicative abilities can be a strong asset in a career.

With Jupiter in trine aspect to your Midheaven, the doors to achieving your ambitions are likely to open rather easily. You may have excellent connections, but your confidence in your skills and abilities is what draws the attention of the people who are there to use their influence to support your aims. From positions of influence, you can also be quite generous and helpful to others. Sometimes, you can be a little lazy about reaching your goals, especially if you feel you deserve to be there already. But once you put your efforts into something, there's no stopping you.

Your rebellious nature can get in the way of achieving your aims. The energy of Uranus in square aspect to your Midheaven stimulates your need for independence, and sometimes the changes you create or experience can turn your life upside down. You will probably not enjoy a regular 9:00 to 5:00 job, and if given the chance to be more flexible may perform better. But in order to achieve the satisfaction you desire from a career or profession, you need to feel that your efforts stand out from the crowd. It takes some maturity to figure out how to do that without appearing purely disruptive, but you can accomplish it if you desire. You probably don't care about fitting into a mold anyway, and when you learn to use your uniqueness to your advantage, you'll be amazed at the results.

Someone once said that money makes the world go around, and from all evidence, it certainly seems to be a powerful force. Money, in fact, symbolizes power. With money, you can have what you want. With more money, you can have more of what you want. Without money, you may want what you cannot have. Your relationship with money is an extremely intimate and seductive force. The way you use your resources - money, time, energy - says a lot about how you perceive your own power and personal worth. This facet of yourself is expressed through the 2nd House of your chart. Here, you express your value systems. The important special link between finances and self-esteem

cannot be understated, and is especially important for you as a woman. In order to extract the real value of your talents and services from others in the world (such as what you are paid from your job), you must first value yourself.

The qualities of Aquarius radiate through your 2nd House, adding a need to use your personal resources to accomplish change in the world around you. You may have difficulty sustaining a steady source of income, but will ultimately learn how to create an approach to using your time, money and energy in a more efficient manner. This arises from developing an understanding of the real nature of material resources and the power which accompanies a sound financial base. With Uranus ruling this house, you may experience sudden changes in your finances, and the way you respond to those changes will determine how you feel about yourself. Since your self esteem is tied to your need for freedom, you may find that learning to manage your time and money provides the basis you require to manifest your dreams. You cannot afford to be selfish with your energy, and need to work toward achieving a balance between spending and saving what you have.

The energy of your Sun in the 2nd House adds emphasis to your need to maintain a conscious awareness of your sense of self worth. This does not mean that you have to be selfish, but rather that you need to know your values and honor them through the way you utilize your personal resources. You're probably a very resourceful woman, and by generating opportunities for creative self-expression will not only improve your self esteem, but can attract material rewards. You are empowered when your finances and material worth are strong and stable, and your desire to be financially stable will prompt you to make choices in career which offer reasonable financial rewards. To feel truly accomplished, your efforts need to strengthen your self esteem by opening your heart and taking actions which uphold your most profound values.

Mercury's energy in your 2nd House indicates that the way you think has a dramatic effect upon your sense of self worth. You can benefit from learning ways to use your mental energy to change your attitudes about money and finances. You can also experience financial gain through communications, writing, public relations work, sales, secretarial work or the computer industry. You, of all women, can turn your ability to talk into gold.

Through the energy of Venus in your 2nd House, you can attract resources and material stability quite readily. You are very aware of the relationship between your self esteem and your finances and may have learned early that when you're feeling good about yourself, it's easier to get what you want. Although you're not likely to be extremely greedy with your finances, you can be self-indulgent. You love the best of everything and will feel empowered when your life involves at least a few of the pleasures you enjoy. Occupations which involve the arts or which cater to things women love - like fashion, jewelry, cosmetics, hair dressing - can bring rewards.

Resources which you share with others are reflected in the 8th House of your chart. Whether you're considering joint property and finances, inheritance, insurance settlements or tax obligations, this area is not as free and easy as the 2nd House, which

seems more like what you want for yourself alone. Another layer of this part of your life deals with your sexuality, and the manner in which you open intimately to others. This is a very personal space, and it is probably one of the most guarded aspects of any woman's psyche. It is here that much wounding has taken place over many centuries, and it is here that the mask of propriety has to be removed in order to openly accept and integrate that fact that you are a person who needs wholeness and healing, and who yearns to bond at the most alchemical level with life itself.

Here you also find your compulsions. It's no wonder that you don't display this part of yourself to just anybody. You have to feel safe to open this facet of yourself, and you realize that this vulnerability can be used against you in power plays. But what you may not always remember is that this is also where you have the power! In true tantric traditions, it is through the vessel of a woman's sexual energy that a couple can ride the wave of sexual ecstasy. This also extends to the other power aspects of any relationship. If your transformational and magical qualities are blocked, the whole of the relationship will suffer.

The influence of Leo on your 8th House adds strong creative needs to your sexuality. Your experience of sexual sharing can be one of the keys to opening to a full experience of loving, although you may be more concentrated on your own satisfaction than that of your partner. Now, that's not to say that you don't enjoy providing satisfaction to your partner, but you may find it difficult unless you're satisfied, too. On a deeper level, you need an intimate relationship which will strengthen you spiritually and emotionally. You will not feel that you can open up completely unless you have the respect of your partner. From this point, you can share yourself fully and completely. Your loyalty to the relationship can be very strong, and you will expect that same deep commitment from your mate. In matters of the resources you share and create together, you will probably want to have an influence in these matters. Even if you're not managing the finances of your relationship, you'll need to know what's going on. Your controlling nature emerges when you feel that you're not appreciated, but it's equally important that you show your appreciation for and to your partner.

Pluto's energy in your 8th House does not necessarily attract excessive power struggles with your partner, but you certainly will be alert to that possibility! You may have a very keen sense concerning your own sexuality, and exploring the depths of your sexual needs can allow your power to emerge more fully. In financial matters, whether or not there are problems largely depends upon your ability to be honest with yourself and your partner about what you need and expect in this arena. You can be an excellent money manager, and with a partner whose vision and values support your own, can create a strong power base. But if you feel threatened by your partner or the way he uses his resources, you're probably better off completely extracting your resources from his until you are clear about your mutual goals.

Mars energy is about getting what you want by going after it. Mars is drive. Mars is courage. Mars is desire. Mars is unabashed sexuality. Mars is the fuel for personal power. Men do Mars quite effectively, right down to fighting and war. But you also have a warrior spirit, an Amazon Self. This is your Mars. If you fail to own and utilize your own

Martian force, you lose power.

With Mars in Scorpio, you can be relentless about pursuing what you want. You are also quite sexual, and need high levels of intensity to feel fully satisfied sexually. That means you can't just approach a sexual encounter passively, waiting for sex to be over, and then sigh a little sigh. You are driven to participate fully and completely, to reach the plateaus you are capable of achieving. The real alchemy which arises when you've allowed your sexual energy to be released full force is like a magical elixir for you. Exploring your sexual needs and understanding their importance in your life is primary to experiencing the wholeness you need as a woman. When you are not sexually active, you can consciously direct this same force into your creative efforts. You may be quite adept at developing the connection to your own kundalini force, which you can use in any capacity in your life. You also possess an everlasting charisma which can add to your personal power. Although you may not be especially temperamental in an open way, when you do become angry, you can be quite destructive and forceful. Your tendency to repress feelings of anger can be harmful. It might be a good idea to do some anger therapy if you feel that your Mars energy is blocked or repressed. Your power also grows when you surrender your energy to true healing. Whether your work involves healing directly is not important. You can heal with a look, your words, your touch and your thoughts. Harnessing this energy by directing it through your higher self will entirely transform your life.

With Mars and Pluto in square aspect there are definite power issues present in your life. Whether you suffer from personal loss or pain residing in your past or are in current abusive circumstances which feel like you've lost your power, at some point in your life you may have to deal with abuse of power. Sometimes this aspect indicates deep buried resentment or guilt which hides in the abyss of your past. Without addressing these old issues you may always feel that you are somehow undermined no matter what you do. The beauty of this aspect though is that you are continually prompted to find out what's hidden deep in your psyche around issues like sex, death and power. If you hold resentment toward men, find out why. Just deciding that they're all dogs will not do you much good - it only builds more negativity. The way you use your own sexuality also says a lot about how you feel concerning power and concerning yourself. Exploring your sexual needs in many different contexts may provide the answers you seek. Ignoring your sexual needs will only lead to greater frustration and more resentment toward yourself. This is an aspect of choice -- the choice to direct your energy toward regeneration and healing or the choice to live a self-destructive life. That's a lot of personal power!

Saturn plays the role of the big controller in your life. Sometimes that control seems to come from outside. You know - all the rules and regulations, the authority figures, the intimidating people who tell you what to do - this is the Saturn of the outside world. But you have the same traffic cop in the back of your own mind, telling you what is right and wrong, chiding you when you make a mistake, holding you back when you're about to do something stupid. Saturn control can be a good thing. This is your energy for self-discipline, clarity and focus. You need Saturn. But you need Saturn in its most productive sense. You do not need the guilt, intimidation and self-limitation that keep you from

having what you require from life.

You are learning about the power of ultimate life experiences with Saturn in Scorpio. Although you can be very controlling, you may also attract people who test your self-control and whose emotional impact in your life tests the line between love and hate. You can be an extremist, and if you allow your energy to swing too far in one direction, the drain of energy required to bring everything back into balance can drain your power. You need to experience what it's like to exercise power over your own life, and may fight bitterly with anyone who tries to get in the way of decisions which involve your personal sanctity - decisions over such things as reproduction, medical care, choices about death. Before you can deal with these things effectively, you have to know how you feel and what drives you in these matters. Just giving in to your fears, guilt or shame in these areas will quickly drain your vital force, and leave you open to the control of others. You are faced with learning the difference between destructive uses of power and healing transformation.

Your struggle to gain control in your life can be quite frustrating with your Sun in square aspect to Saturn. You may feel that control equals power and may attempt to control everyone and everything around you just to stay safe. You may get caught in situations where you've lost control and have fallen under restraints imposed by others. Self-control, self-discipline and focus contrast sharply to totalitarianism. It's easy to fall victim to your own negativity or cynicism which can undermine your personal strength. Reality and negativity can be quite different, but sometimes your view of reality focuses first upon what's wrong before you ever get to what's right. But sometimes the battle to prove yourself can, in itself, be empowering. The true test of your strength arises when you can still feel respect for yourself even when you feel you've fallen short of the mark. It's putting forth the effort and continuing on with forgiveness in your heart which are the important parts. You've chosen a life of challenge, and may have many obstacles in your path. Learning how to handle your responsibilities is the key to your power, and setting your priorities marks the structure which will be your security platform. Ultimately, you will reach the summit, and if you've done it through exerting your strength, using your best abilities, and with a focus upon your real priorities, the victory can be sweet indeed.

Your disappointments may seem to override your self-confidence. The energy of Venus in square aspect to Saturn tests your ability to maintain faith in the nature of love itself, and also tests your sense of self worth. If you base your worth entirely upon others and their responses and reactions, something as trivial as a curt remark can wound your self esteem, and then your power flies out the window! You may also be stuck in old emotional wounds like a lost love, allowing your pain and regret to block your ability to let love heal you. You are empowered when you keep your heart open, sharing yourself with the world around you and embracing yourself fully and completely. Concentrating on strengthening your self worth is necessary if you are to experience a real sense of personal power. Learning how to manage your material resources is part of this experience, and if you can apply reasonable discipline to your spending and avoid the temptation of buying things when you don't really have the resources (watch those credit cards!), you'll be happier in the long run - and more powerful, too!

Plutonian control is sometimes difficult to grasp, but it's definitely there. When you feel this control from outside yourself, it is undermining and extremely intimidating. The force of Pluto is buried deep within your psyche. It is unleashed and grows in a manner like the process of mitosis in a fertilized cell, which is altered, splits off, combines with other cells and ultimately becomes an organism. Through Pluto, you experience the power of life, birth, healing, and the ultimate change of death. If you are trapped in a mire of shame, guilt and self-destructiveness, you may have undergone a Plutonian transformation as a result of trauma earlier in your life. But it is this same force which plants the seeds of change that eventually can lead to the creation of a new self.

The power influence of Pluto in your 8th House has been interpreted earlier in this section of your report.

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Embracing Your Divine Self

In western society today it's okay to admit that women are Goddesses. This, in itself, implies that the power of The Source may not be solely masculine. In essence, this power contains All That Is, but as a woman, you express it through your Goddess Self. This part of yourself is always there when you feel abandoned or alone to give you comfort. Your Goddess Self is standing firmly beside you when you face a major challenge, sharing her strength and support. Your Goddess Self opens the doors to Truth and Understanding. She is the essence of all that is Love. Look in the mirror. Stare deeply into your own eyes and you will see her reflected back at you.

When you need to get in touch with your inner being, an exercise in guided imagery can help you make the transition from your everyday thinking to heightened awareness. Take a few minutes to make this journey. Before you begin, find time to be alone. Sit or lie down in a comfortable position in a place that feels safe to you. Take three deep breaths. With each breath, release the tension from your body as you exhale. As you inhale, fill yourself with energy, light and inner calm. Then, close your eyes, and take one more relaxing breath.

Imagine that you are in a beautiful woodland garden, walking alone on a warm morning. There are wonderful creatures running freely around you. Squirrels, birds, shy foxes dance around you. As you walk further into the garden, you reach a tree. From the tree hangs a swing suspended by a strong garland of ivy and flowers. You cannot help but sit in the swing, and gently push off, flying through the air and then touching down. You let yourself fly a bit higher, close your eyes, and enjoy the full pleasure of the garden, the warm sun on your face, and the serenity which surrounds you. Then, quite naturally, the tree lifts a branch like a comforting arm around you and perches you on its shoulder. From your viewpoint and within the safe embrace of the tree, you can see everything around you. When you look down at the base of the tree, a gentle deer is standing as though she is waiting for you. You easily climb from the tree and follow the deer. She leads you into a clearing, and you follow her with great anticipation. You are met by a wise teacher who beckons you. As you walk with your teacher and guide, you feel that you are in the presence of powerful knowledge. Your guide gives you a scroll which seems centuries old. As you open the scroll, you read words which speak to your heart. You have found true wisdom in this moment. Your experience in this sacred space reminds you that there is always a source of knowledge from which you can draw strength.