

# **VOCATION REPORT**

## **A Solar Writer Report for Annie**



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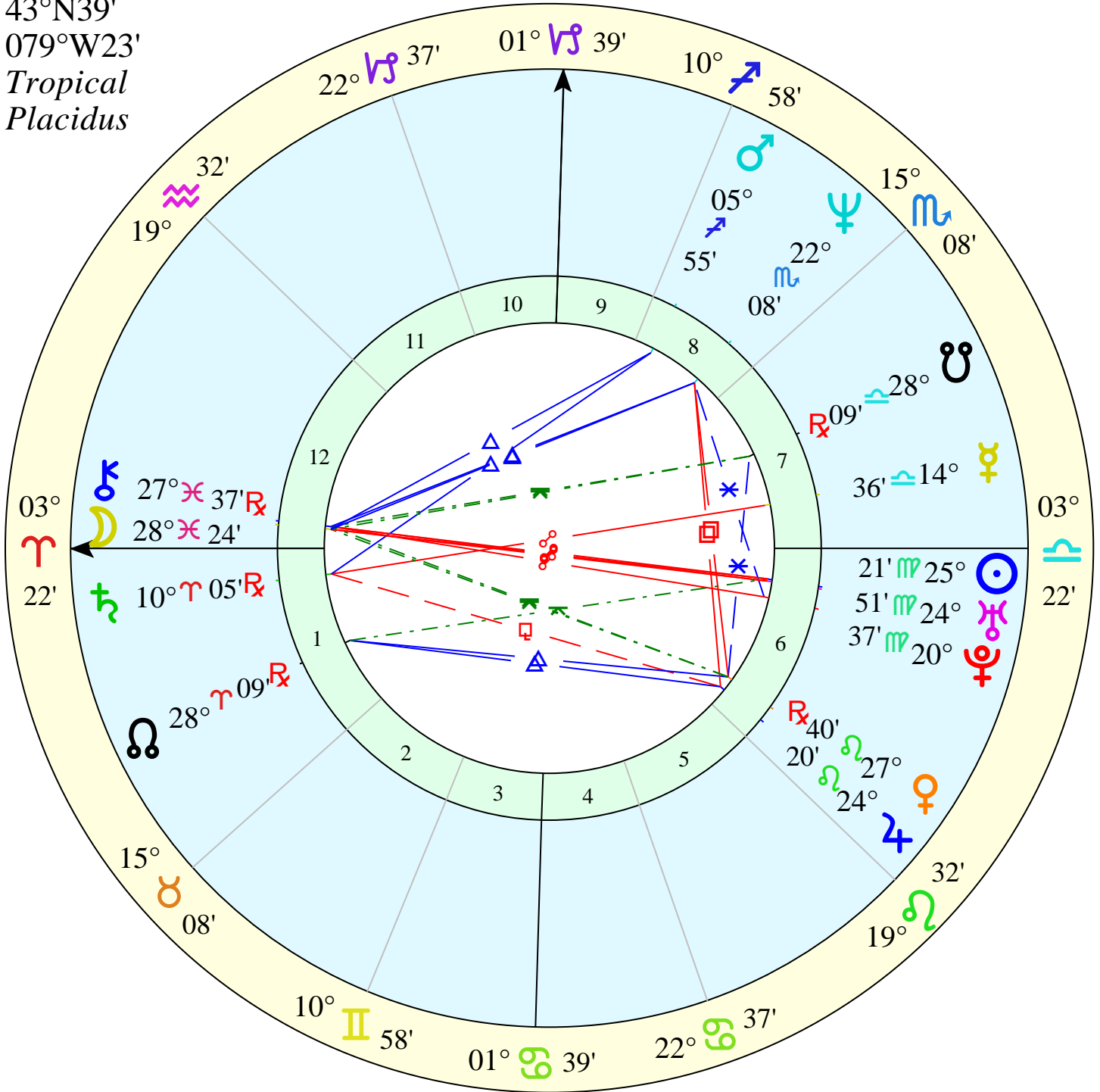
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# Annie

## Natal Chart

18 Sep 1967  
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Toronto, Canada  
43°N39'  
079°W23'  
*Tropical  
Placidus*



Astrological SummaryChart Point Positions: Annie

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Pisces	28°Pi24'	12th	
The Sun	Virgo	25°Vi21'	6th	
Mercury	Libra	14°Li36'	7th	
Venus	Leo	27°Le40'	6th	
Mars	Sagittarius	5°Sg55'	8th	
Jupiter	Leo	24°Le20'	6th	
Saturn	Aries	10°Ar05'	1st	
Uranus	Virgo	24°Vi51'	6th	
Neptune	Scorpio	22°Sc08'	8th	
Pluto	Virgo	20°Vi37'	6th	
Chiron	Pisces	27°Pi37'	12th	
The North Node	Aries	28°Ar09'	1st	
The South Node	Libra	28°Li09'	7th	
The Ascendant	Aries	3°Ar22'	1st	
The Midheaven	Capricorn	1°Cp39'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Opposition	The Sun	3°03'	Separating
The Moon	Quincunx	Venus	0°44'	Separating
The Moon	Trine	Mars	7°30'	Applying
The Moon	Opposition	Uranus	3°33'	Separating
The Moon	Trine	Neptune	6°15'	Separating
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The Moon	Quincunx	The South Node	0°15'	Separating
The Moon	Conjunction	The Ascendant	4°57'	Applying
The Moon	Square	The Midheaven	3°15'	Applying
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The Sun	Quincunx	The North Node	2°47'	Applying
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The Sun	Square	The Midheaven	6°18'	Applying

<b>Planet</b>	<b>Aspect</b>	<b>Planet</b>	<b>Orb</b>	<b>App/Sep</b>
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Venus	Square	Neptune	5°31'	Applying
Venus	Quincunx	Chiron	0°02'	Applying
Venus	Trine	The North Node	0°28'	Applying
Venus	Sextile	The South Node	0°28'	Applying
Venus	Trine	The Midheaven	3°59'	Separating
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Neptune	Trine	Chiron	5°28'	Applying
Pluto	Opposition	Chiron	7°00'	Applying
Chiron	Quincunx	The South Node	0°31'	Applying
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Chiron	Square	The Midheaven	4°02'	Separating
The North Node	Trine	The Midheaven	3°30'	Separating
The Ascendant	Square	The Midheaven	1°42'	Applying

## INTRODUCTION



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

*- Kahlil Gibran, The Prophet*

### **A Fulfilling Vocation**

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

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

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

job or our own business will dissolve our job dissatisfaction hinders the discovery that vocation is already present in us.

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

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

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

## VOCATION AND DESTINY



*Vocation is the spine of life*  
-Friedrich Nietzsche

### **The Lunar Nodes**

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

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

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

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

necessarily always consciously directed or purposefully used.

The Lunar Nodes are important to consider in a vocational analysis since this polarity in the horoscope represents an axis of destiny. The issues involved in the nodal axis seek conscious expression and reconciliation, which are often sought through vocation. The nodal axis is intimately connected to the individual's path in life and therefore the nature of this polarity is often drawn into the pursuit of a fulfilling career. The sign position of the Nodes reveals an essential aspect of the individual's destiny. The polarity of signs embraced by the North and South Nodes describe important qualities necessary to both develop and disseminate in the vocation.

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

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

### *The North Node is in Aries*

You have the North Node in Aries and the South Node in Libra, which suggests that a sense of fair play and cooperation is inborn. Social skills, diplomacy, mediation expertise and competence in dealing with others are well developed and need to be used on your path; however, you need to focus on your individual goals in order to feel fulfilled at work. Being involved with others is natural for you, therefore becoming more self-focused adds to the quality and depth of every relationship. Since you have a tendency to avoid altercations or putting yourself in confrontational situations you may compromise your own desires leaving you feeling angry and unfulfilled. It is important to recognise that your difficulty in putting yourself first actually fuels the tension between yourself and others in your workplace. Therefore it is important to know that co-workers appreciate decisiveness and clarity. Ironically you are complimented and supported when you take the lead, as those around you know they can count on you to do the right thing by everyone.

At the South Node, the Libran scales remind us of the sign's propensity towards judgement. Psychologically this is the path of discovering how to value and appreciate through comparison with others. Through judgement you weigh up your

options and possibilities. Vocationally this instinct to judge can be utilised in professions where arbitration, a keen perception or clarity of thought is important. Libra also has skills at conflict resolution, negotiation, relating and communication, therefore suits professions which involve personnel recruitment, adjudication, political negotiation, counselling, consulting and judging. You are fulfilled when you can negotiate a truce, resolve an awkward situation or introduce the right person into the right situation. It is this instinctual counsellor and mediator that need to be used in your vocation in an entrepreneurial and active way. While you like people you may work best on your own; although you are other-orientated you need to consider your own opinions first. While you like to be in accord with others you are called on to be identified for your personal thoughts and ideas. This is part of the paradox of your vocational quest and to leave the herd you need to confront the displeasure of offending others.

A conscious effort needs to be applied to forge a sense of independence and entrepreneurial skills. Risk taking, adventure and initiative need to be developed to ensure success. You need to dig deep to find the inspiration and courage to support your own goals and strike out on your own to find the space where you are surrounded by like-minded colleagues and workers. Your destination is more self-governing and self-determining than you may have ever imagined, and in order to fulfill this you need to rescue your aptitude to relate to others.

### *The North Node is in the 1st House*

In your horoscope your North Node is in the 1st House and your South Node is in the 7th House. This is the axis of self and other, which suggests there is a delicate balance between being focused exclusively on yourself as opposed to following in someone else's footsteps and losing your personal focus. On one hand you are very comfortable compromising your position to fit in with others, yet it does not work to your best advantage. This tug-of-war between what you want and what others' desire is an embedded feature of your vocation. Your chart suggests that the scales may instinctually tip to the side of others; therefore it is imperative that you know your own mind and become clear about what you want. On your path through life it is necessary to construct your own game plan, forge a streak of independence and accept that others are naturally supportive of you, no matter what you decide to do. Therefore it is best that your vibrant personality reflects your desires and is not shaped by the expectations and requests of others.

You are discovering who you are on a very individual basis. Personal development becomes vital in feeling that you are fulfilling your life purpose. Bringing your inherent understanding of others and your fluency in social situations to your state of affairs, all the time focusing on your goals will help reconstruct relationships in a renewed and more fulfilling way. Building your life around another will keep you fixed in a pattern that is not fulfilling, increasing your anxiety and feelings of despair. In order to be more fulfilled your task is to focus on the self without fear of compromise or recrimination from others, specifically your partners, friends and siblings. Vocationally you need to strike out on your own, knowing that your significant others are backing you completely. With this awareness become a crusader for others and allow yourself to take advantage of all the support offered you. Ironically the more you assert yourself and voice your point of view, the more you gain in terms of partnerships and relationships.

## VOCATION AND DIRECTION



*Many are called, few are chosen: many have talent, few have the character that can realise the talent.  
Character is the mystery, and it is individual.  
- James Hillman*

### **The Ascendant and Angular Planets**

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

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

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

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

Therefore to familiarise yourself with these influences will add to your understanding of vocation. The ascendant marks the birth point and is metaphoric of your natural disposition and outer image. This describes your natural outreach and

personality traits that are spontaneous; in fact this is the person we first meet, the face turned out towards the world. However in the natural wheel of the horoscope the sign on the ascendant is at odds with the signs that rule the cusps of the houses that describe vocation. Therefore as a more integrated self begins to emerge we often experience what we do in the world to be in conflict with whom we feel we are. This is a human challenge to learn to adapt your personality to your vocation. Following is a description of the signs on this axis. Reflect on how these qualities might need to be utilised and adapted to your vocation. If you have a planet that was rising or setting at your birth then this energy needs to be acknowledged as a powerful guide and influence on your vocational path.

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

### *1st House Cusp is in Aries*

You were born with Aries rising endowing you with a heroic personality, one destined for adventure and exploration. You hardly want to sit still in this life and your spontaneity and enthusiasm is liable to lead you into the next green pasture. You are a restless spirit who loves to wander, a knight on a quest or a heroine with a mission. Yet when it comes to your calling you may find a different story, as most probably the world of work helps to forge a more stable, detailed and traditional part of yourself. When it comes to vocation you might need to temper your enthusiasm and direct it towards more tangible results. However your personality is too fiery to be managed simply by rules and regulations, therefore it is important that you choose a path that allows some self-determination and freedom where your personality can find an outlet for its restless and competitive nature. Some options may be working in a pioneering field, self-employment or freelancing.

Setting was the sign Libra, concerned with equality, fair play and relationships. Ironically your independent spirit and urge for freedom will meet its greatest challenge in relationship. While you are drawn to relationship you often find that you begin to lose your independence and fiery spirit through trying to please others. Part of your great challenge is to find the balance. Therefore on the surface of things you appear to be an independent spirit open to relationship and interchange. Yet through work and life you find a more conservative spirit that becomes emotionally initiated through relationship.

### *The Sun is Opposite The Ascendant*

You were born at Sunset when dusk brings a more settled and quieting atmospheric change. You might be more inclined to see creativity, confidence and self-concept in others before you are able to see it in yourself. Therefore you might discover that the creativity and identity you see clearly in others is a reflection of your own. This means that the process of relating will be important to you and the many creative people you befriend belong to your tribe. Relationship and partnership will be keys to feeling fulfilled in the world.

### *The Moon is Conjunct The Ascendant*

With the Moon rising at your time of birth your feelings are close to the surface. It is difficult to hide feeling uncomfortable, insecure or upset; equally you cannot hold back your joy or excitement. Being highly sensitive to your environment, you often unconsciously take aboard the emotions of others or feelings in the atmosphere, easily swayed by their opinions and concerns. Therefore you may appear moody or reactive, as your own feeling life gets entangled with others. Your intuition and instincts are heightened and you are gifted with being able to read others. Therefore with adequate emotional protection you are able to be helpful and caring. The Lunar archetype is out front in your horoscope suggesting that your feelings, instincts, hunches and reactions are your best guide into the world.

*Saturn is Conjunct The Ascendant*

Saturn rising on the eastern horizon at your time of birth suggests that mother's labour may have been elongated. Saturn rules time, essential for you to understand. It takes time for things to mature and be born at the right moment. Therefore you are tested with patience and tolerance right from the beginning. The Fates have also given you a high degree of responsibility, which permeates your life. Personally you may feel short changed in that you did not get enough opportunity to be independent and wild, yet on the other hand you are well ahead vocationally. You have the innate qualities that it takes to be successful and authoritative. Match this with your ambition and endurance and you have a head start in applying yourself to the leadership roles destined for you in the world.

*Chiron is Conjunct The Ascendant*

At the moment of your birth the Centaur Chiron was rising on the eastern horizon marking its maverick influence on your personality. While this brand is often visible as a birthmark or birth scar, it is certainly psychologically evident in feelings of marginality and separateness. Abandonment and exclusion are often an aspect of this influence and you may have been literally separated at birth from family. Like mythological heroes you are set adrift to find your true calling to be heroic. In terms of your vocation, you are a maverick, champion of the underprivileged and a wise soul who will be drawn to healing and the betterment of others.

## VOCATION AND CHARACTER



*Character is fate.*  
- Heraclitus

### Considering the Sun and Moon

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

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

### THE SUN: Virtues of the Essential Self

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

- C.G. Jung

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

and meaningful experience of who we are.

On the other level the Sun is symbolic of our identity, the passport of the self. Of course one of the important considerations of identity besides sex, age and nationality is profession. The Sun is essentially what we might identify as important, what helps us feel vital and good about ourselves. The Sun suggests what we may be skilled at. It might not be easy at first, but as we grow we naturally become more aware of our solar impulse. Therefore in many ways the Sun sign helps shape the vocation, as it hints at what is important to be identified with and qualities that help us excel.

### *The Sun is in Virgo*

In contemporary astrology Virgo is associated with the sacred acts of an everyday life that promote health. With the Sun in Virgo you respect the holistic approach to life, aware of the need for moderation in the holy trinity of body, mind and soul. As an archetype Virgo represents the instinct for wholeness embedded in every human soul and with your Sun in Virgo you strive to consciously express this. This might manifest as your need to be healthy and to achieve balance in the chaos of an everyday life. It could also call you to become involved in the improvement and betterment of others.

In your daily routine you need to experience feeling balanced. In your busy world the repetitiveness and simplicity of domestic tasks is a mantra for stabilising and grounding your spirit. In the completion of simple tasks you are able to find a sense of fulfillment and well being. While meditation, yoga, walking the dog or reading the paper may be the rewards of an everyday life, other routines like paying the bills, cleaning the kids' room or mopping the floors can also be viewed as contemplative and meaningful practices. Your task is to find the synthesis between the extremes so the cadence of the everyday life is free of stress and worry as much as possible. In fact you might have already found the balance and made housework your meditation.

You need to systematically order health rituals to promote a sense of well being. It is imperative to be health conscious. You have great respect for the body and are able to apply its wisdom through a healthy diet and lifestyle, regular exercise and work. You have the ability to concentrate, focus on detail, follow instruction and be consciously involved with repetitive tasks, which combine to make you skilled at handicrafts and detailed work. Work is an important aspect of your ritual and no matter how mundane work may be you can find meaning in being focused and attentive to the task at hand.

Instinctually you honour the quest for purity of mind and soul. The psychology of Virgo suggests that this may be achieved through discrimination, analysis and orderliness. Hence you respect these qualities and try to revere them in their own life. The power of discrimination allows you to know what is important to pursue and what needs to be rejected. Analysis contributes to improving your world through identifying what works and what doesn't. And orderliness is very important, as a tidy environment promotes your state of calm and reflects your inner need for order and organisation. Your vocational quest is likely include health and well being, whether that is your own or others. Being adept at analysis and acute at concentrating you might find your vocational path leads to medical research, psychiatric nursing or scientific pursuits. As a details oriented person you are more likely to shine in a career behind the scenes rather than on centre stage. For instance you are more likely to be the editor than the writer, the administrative assistant rather than the boss, the stage manager rather than the actor. You are likely to enjoy these roles. To find your vitality and spirit and to feel soulful in the world, strive to find self-discipline and order and the qualities of moderation, diligence and service through what you do.

### **THE MOON: Caring for Your Soul**

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

-Thomas Moore

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

### *The Moon is in Pisces*

Your Moon is in Pisces, suggesting that you are highly sensitive to the moods, feelings and nuances that surround you. Your natural disposition is to merge with your surroundings therefore your frame of mind is strongly influenced by the atmosphere around you. On one hand you are given the gift of being sensitive, attuned to the environment, intuitive, even prophetic. Yet on the other you may struggle with setting appropriate boundaries, have difficulty leaving emotionally unfulfilled situations or struggle articulating your needs. You may be hard to pin down as your moods shift and change depending on the atmosphere. Therefore to care for the soul you need to be aware of this tendency to be a medium to others and choose when and how you want to express this gift. Your urge to serve is important; therefore you may feel a need to dedicate yourself either to a service or to a cause. Make sure that this is what you need to do, not what others need of you.

As a young child you were surrounded by wonderment. From an early age you would have recognised your capacity to imagine, create, dream and to envision. As you matured you were challenged with knowing the fine line that separated the imagination from delusion. But to nurture your soul you still need the contact with the other world of dreams and images. Vocationally this suggests you are able to draw on something much larger than yourself to inspire and inform your work. What you need in your daily life is contact with the dream world where imagination and human ideals are valued. Hopefully your creative, intuitive and artistic temperament can find an outlet through your vocation. If not, you need to provide a place where you can go to be in contact with the imagination.

If you are called to the nurturing professions then your Moon in Pisces may be drawn to compassionate service, like nursing or caring for the handicapped and homeless. You have an instinctual understanding of addictions and might be called to work with drug dependence, addictive behaviours. Destiny may call you into service in institutions, hostels, jails, and asylums to help.

INCOME

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

- Russell A. Lockhart

### **The Rich Resources of Your Life**

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

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

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

sense of self-esteem. Symbolically, understanding this archetypal presence in your life can help unravel any damaging patterns that support an impoverished sense of self or a disapproving attitude towards money and possessions. Forging an alliance with this energy helps you create a supportive and positive approach to your sense of worth which in turn influences the way the world values you.

### *2nd House Cusp is in Taurus*

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

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

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

## WORK



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

- Thomas Moore

### **The Labours of the 6th House**

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

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

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

would use them productively through our daily tasks and labours, giving them an expression in the continuity of our daily rituals. Metaphorically work is the way we honour the archetypal force that underlies the planetary expression.

### *6th House Cusp is in Leo*

Leo is the sign on the cusp of your 6th house, suggesting that praise, self expression, play, and creativity are all important facets of your daily routine. You need to be actively engaged with your work, self-expressive and creative in the routine conditions of your job, as well as feel that you are a vital employee in the system in order to feel satisfied. A playful atmosphere in the work environment goes a long way to helping you feel comfortable, focused and connected. You need to identify with your job and make it your own. Similarly you need to be recognised by your workplace and enjoy your workmates. Work is a place you need to be proud of, experience that it is alive and creative; if not, you feel deflated. When you identify negatively with your work or working environment then you may withdraw and become irritable and condescending.

Feedback and approval are important components of your daily routine. You work best when you are aware that you have your superior's approval or your work mates' endorsement. Ultimately of course you need to build your own confidence in what you do, but this is aided by the support of others. Without an adequate sense of approval you may unconsciously expect to fail and therefore not apply yourself or strive to achieve. It is important that you know that there is scope for advancement and that opportunities exist for promotion. With these assurances and the right environment you are a loyal employee and a terrific spokesperson for the company.

However you may also be drawn to being self-employed promoting your own products, creative works or talents. Don't shy away from promoting yourself or having big ideas, as this is a natural aspect of who you are. You possess a natural appeal which attracts the right situation to you when you give it a chance. With your charisma you can easily promote and sell yourself. It is good to know that people find you attractive. However, when you lack confidence or doubt your own talents you might compensate by becoming overconfident or inflated, which damages your natural charm. When you become stressed your cardio-vascular system becomes overworked and over wrought. Work stress affects the heart, reminding you that you need to return to centre. Your chart indicates that there is a correlation between work pressure and tension with your heart. Since Leo also is connected to the lower back, pain in this region reminds you that you are out of sync and need to find work that is enjoyable and fulfilling.

### *The Sun is in the 6th House*

You have the Sun in the 6th house which suggests that energy directed towards well being, work and identifying the compatible components of an everyday life are important to you. The Sun shining in your 6th house suggests that it is important your identity is reflected in what you do. Therefore work is the sphere of your life where you are most likely to come face to face with yourself. Think of your workplace as your playground, your studio or a theatre where you get to play the biggest role of your life. Through work you are able to build your identity, forge the confidence in your own capabilities and find a sense of fulfillment.

The Sun being in the work sector of your horoscope also suggests that your occupation is vital to your well being and integral to your sense of growth and confidence. It is important that you find work where you can excel and be recognised for your capabilities. Your work becomes a vital aspect of your life as it is the sphere where you will forge your identity and self esteem, growing in confidence and capability as you develop. Therefore it is necessary to find roles where you are able to feel fostered and directed by a strong manager who is able to give you direction and acknowledgement. But be alert to confusing your boss with your father; he or she are not the same person. Favouritism may be a theme in your work place; whether it is you or your co-workers who are favoured, this complex may fuel dissension with others less favoured or who feel under acknowledged. Therefore it is best to be aware of this and

remain detached from any office popularity contests. You work well given a task, a deadline and a goal, improving your skills on the job as you go. If you rise to a managerial position then these are the skills that have been recognized by those in authority. You are focused, not on the need to rise to power, but rather a need to be useful, scheduled and discipline; hence destiny may lead you in the direction of the service industries, analytical occupations or work connected to health and well being. You may also discover an affinity with animals that needs to be expressed in your work environment. Therefore professions such as animal husbandry and farming, or the breeding, training and caring for animals may appeal.

Work is a highly creative place for you as this is the forge where you temper your sense of who you are. It is important for you to be successful in your work and take pride in what you do. Therefore if you do not identify with what you are doing, are not feeling acknowledged or cannot find your reflection in your work, then you may be easily depleted and burnt out. Ironically working gives you energy and vitality when you are connected to what you do; without this identification to your work, you feel rudderless and direction-less. However it is also important to shine where you are and find the courage and confidence to stand up for yourself in the working environment. Your task is to put your own label on what you do. Make your own mark on the workplace by creating an impressive imprint; remember work is the arena where you develop your personality and image. Your position may not yet be created therefore it is up to you to start to create the position that you would like to fill.

Because your chart suggests the need to be personally involved with work, you may be drawn to occupations, which showcase your creative abilities. You are inherently good at managing and producing yours and others creativity. However, you also have an untapped patience and dedication, which you can focus on what you are doing. Often this means you may apply yourself to a task and become so involved you lose some perspective on other areas of your life. Therefore it is wise to remember balance in your daily regimen. Your destiny is to be identified for what you do and therefore it is very important that you recognise the value and fulfillment of work. The secret of your success is your ability to be identified with your job. When you do, others will see what you are capable of and marvel.

### *Venus is in the 6th House*

Venus in your 6th house suggests that you need harmony, beauty and diplomacy to be an integral part of your autobiography. Therefore your task is to find a venue for Venus, goddess of love and beauty, to be used productively in the continuity of your daily rituals. One obvious way is through attention to presentation, image, dress and style, creating an aura of attractiveness about you. On another level you need your work place to be welcoming and pleasant. It is almost impossible for you to work in an unattractive environment unless the end product is of beauty or in a hostile situation unless of course it leads to reconciliation. Consistent with this placement is that your partner may be involved in some way with our work or you may even meet your partner at work. However this plays out, it is imperative to share your workday with your partner at the end of the day. To pay homage to this aspect of your character you need to beautify your surrounds.

The archetype of beauty seeks its expression through you in your daily life. Hence you might find satisfaction as a specialist in art, working in a museum as a curator, guide or consultant, or as an art or beauty therapist. The fashion industry, the perfume or cosmetic trade, clothing design, interior decoration and design, gifts and crafts, florists, all would serve to express this archetype. The bottom line is to be able to feel engaged with the creation of beauty. You also seek to balance and realign situations which contribute to you becoming proficient at mediation, personnel work, counselling or arbitration. The hospitality industry is also possible given your innate skills at diplomacy and your natural charm in a work situation.

Another way to engage with this archetype is through the senses. For instance you have an instinct for the right music in

any social situation, the perfect outfit for the occasion, the fitting perfume to wear. Your skills at design, placement and decoration are heightened. Hence you might find a way to be able to bring these skills into your work and your workplace. One common manifestation of this astrological image is working with women and women's issues, whether that be in a personal setting with women, as a counsellor or an adviser, perhaps a doctor, psychoanalyst, politician or educator dedicated to women's issues. Work involving hairdressing, fashion, makeup, beauty products for woman are also possible. The powerful force of the feminine underpins your work life; alternatively you bring life and beauty to your work. The pleasure principle and work are entwined, therefore when you are out of touch with work or unfilled in what you do, you might seek pleasure in other ways like food or alcohol. Therefore weight and work might be synonymous; when you are happy at work, you feel attractive and valued but when satisfaction is missing you feel undervalued and unattractive. The secret to your success is finding work that values and appreciates your skills and resources. Being true to the archetypal essence of Venus suggests that your labours help to express your inner world through beauty and grace.

### *Jupiter is in the 6th House*

Expansive Jupiter has taken up residence in your 6th house. In this house Jupiter needs to find a way to use its optimistic and passionate nature regularly and integrate its search for meaning and into your lifestyle. One important way is to experience significance and spirit in your everyday routines. Hopefully that can be through work, but if not, then it is important that you are able to access this through a spiritual exercise, an interesting hobby or stimulating studies. This archetype seeks purposeful and worthwhile occupations. Vocationally this suggests you are drawn to those arenas of work that will support this quest.

One of these ways is through education. You may be drawn to the world of teaching, as you have an innate desire to share knowledge with others. You need work to enthuse and inspire you to help you move away from the constrictive attitudes of your past. You need to find spirit in what you do or you become restless and excessive. You question and consider communal ethics, political policies, social parameters and cultural mores; therefore whether you are drawn to the fields of political science, ancient history or foreign languages you are motivated by the desire to discover things outside your comfort zone. You want to stretch and expand and live a lifestyle where you are touched and inspired by learning what exists outside the box. Therefore work is the vehicle that helps you see the world.

Travel may be an aspect of your work, even working in a foreign country. Whether you work in the travel industry, with foreign trade or your job requires contact with overseas you need to interact with the wider world in the everyday. However, you do not physically travel to be engaged with cross cultural and exciting meaningful employment. Therefore you may also work with others from exotic ethnic backgrounds, different educational histories, unfamiliar religious convictions, differing sexual orientations, imported ideas or goods, foreign policies or strange beliefs. All these introduce you to the unknown and help to introject meaning into your everyday. You need to feel your work is always growing, filled with possibilities and that you are engaged with making a difference.

Once you believe in something you have the keenness to be able to engage others with the ideas you are fervent about. Hence you are good at sales, being able to interest others in products or processes that you believe in. You are able to advertise and market what you know will make a difference. And you can turn this trait to instructing and helping others improve their well being and their lifestyles. Since Jupiter is a social planet its energy might inspire you to be involved in communal and societal concerns to improve our ecological, moral and religious attitudes and awareness. Whether you are able to find the exuberant spirit on the footy field, in an ashram, travelling or studying, you need to access the abundant energy of Jupiter in your everyday working life. Without it you will find yourself chasing down the next fad that might offer enlightenment or obsessing about ways to become healthier.

### *Uranus is in the 6th House*

Revolutionary Uranus occupies the 6th sector of your horoscope. As suggested the planets in your 6th house are forces that seek expression regularly and need to be integrated into your lifestyle. Therefore your task is to find a working environment and work routines that satisfy the Uranian needs of change and modernity. Psychologically you need to feel independent enough to do your own thing at work. Without space and freedom to express yourself you feel smothered and hemmed in, which excites the urge to rebel or disrupt the routine. Imposition of rules, strict procedures and repetitive tasks do not suit you; you have a revolutionary aspect of your character which needs expression in the work sphere. When this does not find its expression you may unwittingly take on a role of rebel, odd one out or the one left out. However the archetype can be more consciously steered through work that is cutting edge, innovative, adventuresome and future orientated. Work designed to free us up, give us more time and space is your cup of tea. Therefore you might find yourself helping others with future planning, opportunistic investments, technological and innovative design, organisational change work, or any myriad of new employment that is dedicated to advancement and human opportunity.

Emotionally, you need your work to provide enough space and freedom to be able to explore your possibilities. You need to feel unattached, able to move on at any time, ready to take the opportunity when it arrives. You would not feel comfortable with a steady secure position for the next 20 years; therefore, you need to respect your need for freedom and change and not be of disservice to yourself by replacing the system's sense of security with your inner need for self-determination. You are more interested in the possibilities and opportunities of work than the realities and procedures. While you work well in a team, the spirit of the team is bound together by the task, not emotional ties. Therefore you need a clear distinction between your emotional life and your work life. They do not work well together in the workspace. You need to be free of emotional entanglements in the workplace. On the other hand you are able to find a succession of friends and colleagues through work, which become witness and often co-conspirators to your life work.

Physically the workspace also needs to support your need for space. Separateness is important. Without your own space you might confuse your need to be separate with separation, pushing co-workers away just to feel able to breathe. A light, bright atmosphere suits you and in a perfect world you would have the freedom to come and go as you please, change your work routine when you needed and have enough scope to be regularly mobile. Therefore it is important to honour this need for physical space and separateness or you become hyper, anxious and eventually reactionary. When work does not suit you either become restless, irritable and reactionary or slip into despondency. Recognise what you need to make your life and lifestyle work for you by being conscious of an overarching pattern. Then be free enough to let it happen

### *Pluto is in the 6th House*

In your horoscope Pluto is in the domain of the 6th house and your task is to find ways to express the archetype of the underworld and death in your daily life. While this may seem an ominous task change is an everyday part of our experiences. Reflect on how you might be able to bring this powerful force into the working sphere.

Mythologically Pluto resides below the visible world, surfacing infrequently. However when he does make his presence known, it is life altering. Therefore with Pluto in this sphere your work experience is transforming and confronting. Through work you are drawn into the deeper aspects of yourself in order to learn to trust yourself. The nature of Pluto is to reveal what is buried and it is consistent with this archetype to suggest that work is therapeutic by nature forcing you into a confrontation with the self. What is it you said you would never do? What is it you fear? Well with Pluto in the 6th house it is in the work sphere where you will confront these taboos. Quite literally you may work in an area that deals with what is unmentionable, secret or buried.

Professionally this gives you a depth of character. This may lead you into therapeutic careers, occupations that involve loss, death, transition, or employment which is intense. Like an archaeologist you like to peel away the layers to find the truth and therefore have a knack for research, crisis work or change management. You may also be involved with finance, especially the investment of other people's resources. Your best work is done in a crisis and therefore destiny may lead you into an occupation where your critical skills are needed to manage or advise. However what is very important is that you also are aware of your need for privacy and respect. You work well with others when you need to, but probably do better on your own.

Therefore you need to reflect on the nature of your vocation and become comfortable with the intense nature of work. You have a propensity to become fixated or obsessed with work detail and perhaps do work best in an intense way. You need to be vigilant that work does not consume you or abduct you away from your personal life. Because the work environment constellates your strength and conviction you often experience other colleagues or work mates being intimidated by or envious of you. Unfortunately there is nothing you can do to change this except to recognise their discomfort with your intensity and your commitment to truth. Certainly you cannot allow yourself to be disempowered by others' weaknesses. On the other hand you will also draw powerful and insightful people in your orbit who will change your attitudes to work. The sphere of work will offer you the opportunities to encounter your integrity and honesty, confronting you to be true to yourself.

## PROFESSION



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

### **The Status of the Tenth House**

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

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

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

### *10th House Cusp is in Capricorn*

No doubt Capricorn is an 'old goat', as the zodiacal constellation of the goat, either a horned goat or a sea goat, was recognised as early as the second millennium BCE. It is a sign that honours the old order, tradition, hierarchy and ageing. Its respect for structure and the status quo suggests Capricorn needs boundaries, definition and support of the authority figure. Psychologically this may be internalised as a struggle for authority and autonomy, manifesting in the need to control, impose order on the environment or even rebel against authority. With this sign at the pinnacle of your chart, you need to honour tradition in your vocation, yet not to the extent of imprisoning a new order which needs to emerge.

Well-defined boundaries and responsibilities are imperative on your career path. It is important that you have a well defined job description so that you can focus on what needs to be done to maximise your performance. These clear boundaries are also important so that you do not try and over achieve or take on responsibility for others' work, which you are inclined to do. This influence suggests you may feel responsible for the whole system impeding your own ability to do well. Structure, a definite job description and outlining the expectations for job performance are all important issues. These may help address and contain your perfectionist streak and tendency to set unrealistic goals. This could mean that you work in a structured environment such as in a government job, or any job that requires regular office hours. On the other hand it could indicate you prefer the strictures of measurable achievements such as the completion of plans for a building, a building project, mathematical equations, engineering laws, and orthopaedic surgery.

The opportunity to advance 'up the corporate ladder' taking each step at a time, along with a hierarchical culture in the workplace, might appeal to you. The possibility of advancement and rewards for dedication and hard work is a necessary component of your job. Capricorn is ambitious; first and foremost your ambition is just to be able to do the best you can. In this sense ambition is healthy; however when coupled with insecurity, performance anxiety and the lack of a supportive father figure your ambition can be projected onto status and outer achievements which will never appease your feelings of insecurity. Having sense of your place in the work environment is important. Being identified, responsible for your own area, having a title, approval and feedback, regular reviews and mentoring are all helpful in finding security in yourself in the world.

You are able to bring the qualities of commitment, dedication, application and discipline to your job. Your endurance levels are high, as is your commitment to the task at hand. Hence your need your tasks and your roles to be well outlined and established. Tangible achievements are important, as you may not thrive with conceptual or undefined tasks. While your skills can range from business acumen to garden design or from architecture to construction, the common elements that these vocations provide is being productive, employed and task orientated, needs that are essential for you.

Competence is high and therefore you need challenges in your occupation and the space to excel. Like a mountain goat you need to be sure-footed in your career path into the world. The route you take needs to be steady, controlled and well planned. When too much pressure to succeed is placed on your young shoulders, you may find your route into the world has been designed by others' needs and expectations, not your own. At the end of the day you need to know you are in control of your destiny, your own boss, authoring your own script and following your own manual.

## CONCLUSION

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

-Robert Frost

### **A Considered Vocation**

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

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

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