

# *Personal Birth Chart for Germaine Greer*

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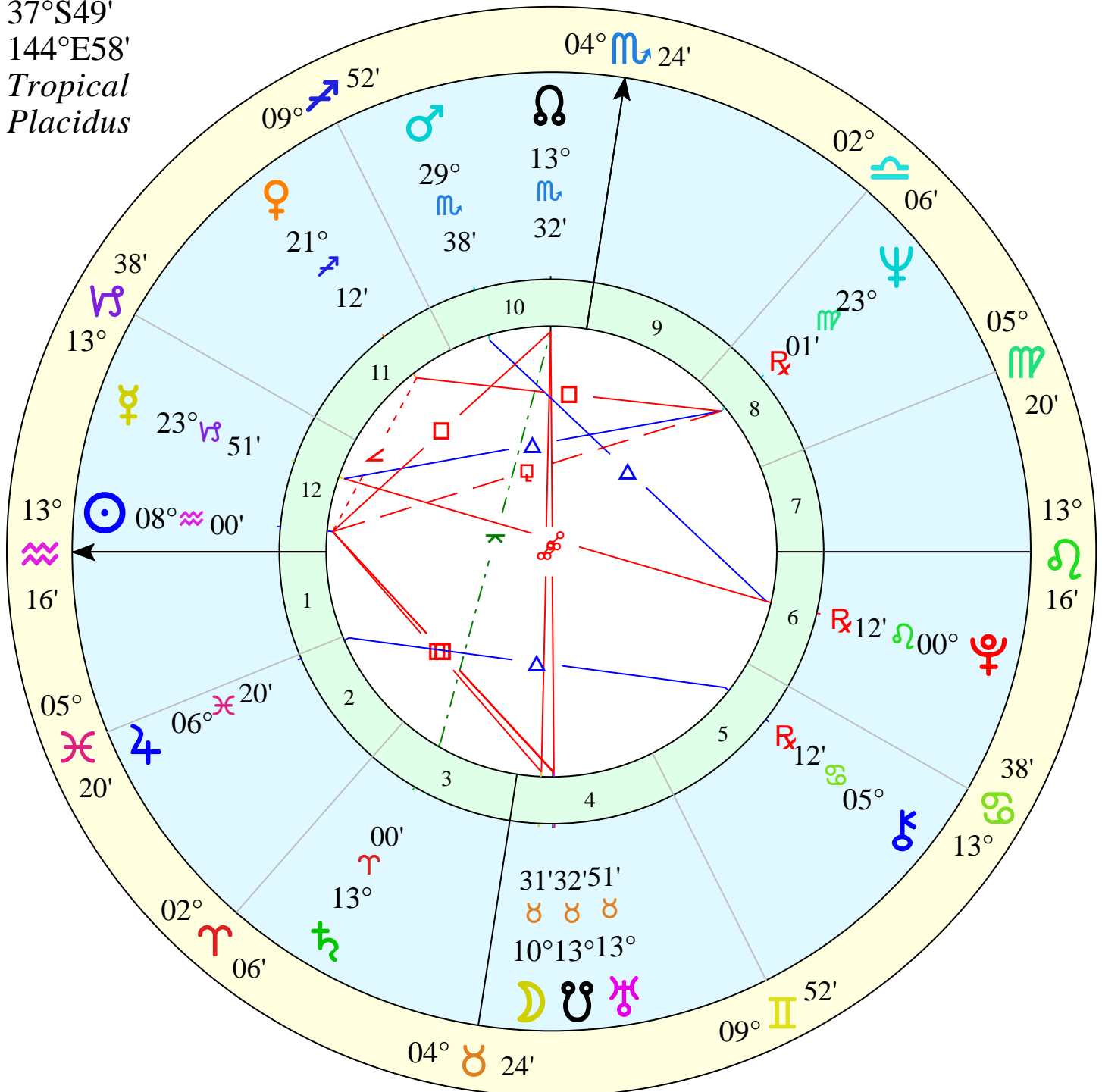
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### Astrological Summary

#### Chart Point Positions: Germaine Greer

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Taurus	10°Ta31'	4th	
The Sun	Aquarius	8°Aq00'	12th	
Mercury	Capricorn	23°Cp51'	12th	
Venus	Sagittarius	21°Sg12'	11th	
Mars	Scorpio	29°Sc38'	10th	
Jupiter	Pisces	6°Pi20'	2nd	
Saturn	Aries	13°Ar00'	3rd	
Uranus	Taurus	13°Ta51'	4th	
Neptune	Virgo	23°Vi01'	8th	
Pluto	Leo	0°Le12'	6th	
Chiron	Cancer	5°Cn12'	5th	
The North Node	Scorpio	13°Sc32'	10th	
The South Node	Taurus	13°Ta32'	4th	
The Ascendant	Aquarius	13°Aq16'	1st	
The Midheaven	Scorpio	4°Sc24'	10th	

#### Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Square	The Sun	2°30'	Separating
The Moon	Conjunction	Uranus	3°19'	Applying
The Moon	Opposition	The North Node	3°00'	Applying
The Moon	Conjunction	The South Node	3°00'	Applying
The Moon	Square	The Ascendant	2°44'	Applying
The Moon	Opposition	The Midheaven	6°06'	Separating
The Sun	Semisquare	Venus	1°48'	Separating
The Sun	Square	Uranus	5°50'	Applying
The Sun	Sesquisquare	Neptune	0°00'	Applying
The Sun	Square	The North Node	5°31'	Applying
The Sun	Square	The South Node	5°31'	Applying
The Sun	Conjunction	The Ascendant	5°15'	Applying
The Sun	Square	The Midheaven	3°36'	Separating
Mercury	Trine	Neptune	0°50'	Separating
Mercury	Opposition	Pluto	6°21'	Applying

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
Venus	Square	Neptune	1°49'	Applying
Mars	Trine	Pluto	0°33'	Applying
Jupiter	Trine	Chiron	1°07'	Separating
Jupiter	Trine	The Midheaven	1°55'	Separating
Saturn	Quincunx	The North Node	0°31'	Applying
Saturn	Sextile	The Ascendant	0°15'	Applying
Uranus	Opposition	The North Node	0°19'	Separating
Uranus	Conjunction	The South Node	0°19'	Separating
Uranus	Square	The Ascendant	0°34'	Separating
Pluto	Square	The Midheaven	4°12'	Separating
Chiron	Trine	The Midheaven	0°47'	Applying
The North Node	Square	The Ascendant	0°15'	Separating
The South Node	Square	The Ascendant	0°15'	Separating

## INTRODUCTION



This report has been written to introduce you to the concepts of astrology and how to get started with your natal chart. Astrology is a complex and meaningful science which takes years to study and apply successfully; however, we would like to whet your appetite with this report, and encourage you to deepen your understanding through other means.

Astrology is a study of the connection between planets and life on Earth. It is based on a concept that energy patterns form between other planets and Earth; and that these energies affect our lives as individuals and communities.

An astrological chart, also known as a horoscope, natal chart, or birth chart, records the relationship between the planets and the signs of the Zodiac. Charts can be calculated for the birth of a person, a community, an event or anything that seems momentous. The horoscope is as individual and unique as a fingerprint.

When using these interpretations, please bear in mind that, inevitably, every chart will contain some contradictory influences, and as a result certain interpretations of different items in the same chart may seem difficult to reconcile. However, this may still be an accurate reflection of your chart, as it is likely that you do experience conflicting desires, events and circumstances in your life. Usually it is the responsibility of an astrologer to synthesise these apparent contradictions in order to present a cohesive and meaningful interpretation of the dilemmas of the chart.

Please also be aware of the fact that each person has positive and negative influences in the chart, and therefore in their lives. The challenge is to accept and overcome the negative influences, so that we can successfully focus on the positive traits. This report outlines both influences, and therefore parts may be difficult to accept. Any advice given is meant to be an aid to a person taking responsibility for their own lives. The ultimate decision rests with each individual. The author and publisher accept no liability for any adverse effects of this report.



## LIFE GOALS



*If you would hit the mark, you must aim a little above it;  
Every arrow that flies feels the attraction of earth.*  
Longfellow, *Elegiac Verse* 1880.

Just as the Sun is the centre of the Earth's Solar System, so does the Sun play a vital role in your life on earth. Your life goals are linked to your Sun - its zodiac sign and its position in your chart. Contrary to popular belief, the Sun isn't the only planet to be considered in a person's chart, but it is an important component. The Sun gives you an indication of how you can shine in your life. You will feel truly alive when you're living the traits indicated by your Sun. Therefore it's likely that you will spend much of your life on a journey to self discovery, aiming to incorporate these traits into your life. Understanding the energy of your Sun is a good starting point to understanding yourself and your purpose in life.

Your Sun is in the twelfth house of your birth chart meaning that much of your life is spent working behind the scenes, whether this means taking a back seat in your job or working in the relative anonymity of a large institution such as a hospital or the armed services. Although you've the ability to succeed in your life, it is likely to involve some form of self-sacrifice. You've the ability to overcome any difficulties entirely through your own efforts, although you can benefit from other people's charity at great times of need. You seem to be constantly forced into situations where you've to tackle things on your own and may sometimes feel overwhelmed by the forces of the world. Seclusion is a prominent theme of your life, whether it is enforced or by choice. It may be that you actually enjoy long periods on your own, recharging your batteries through moments of quiet reflection. It's also possible that you could have some difficulty spending time on your own, as this forces you to contemplate painful memories, particularly those connected with your father. It's likely that you've missed out on an opportunity to have a close relationship with your father. This separation could have been because your father was forced through circumstances to leave the family home, or perhaps he was unwell, or simply the type of person who lacked the strength to face up to his parental duties. In some cases it's possible that your father could have died when you were a young child, leaving a sense of loss. Although you may find it difficult, moments of quiet reflection will ultimately prove to have a healing effect on any emotional pain. You may even discover a sense of being deeply connected with the psychic world.

Your Sun is in the zodiac sign of Aquarius indicating that you're unconventional, friendly, unpredictable and innovative. Anything new and original will appeal, particularly if it goes against convention. You like to test ideas that have never been thought of before. At best this can be an exciting quest into unexplored territories. It can, however, be an indiscriminate rebellion against tradition. Not that you will mind, for you're a strong believer in people having the freedom of individual expression and not being oppressed by society's expectations. A regular livewire, you've an electric quality about your personality, which makes it difficult for you to sit still for long and also makes you attractive to people from all walks of life. In fact you prefer to mingle with groups of people, often adopting the adage 'the more the merrier'. You may also enjoy working in a group which fights a particular cause. Ironically, while championing the cause for individual freedom, you also have a knack for seeing the needs of humanity as a whole. For this reason you may find that issues such as the environment and world peace are close to your heart. However, any world news can spark your creative ideas for change. Astrologically speaking the Sun is said to be in detriment in Aquarius, thereby giving emphasis to any difficulties you may have adapting your personal desire for individual freedom to the needs of society as a whole.

When the Sun and the Moon are combining unfavourably in your chart, it means that you're likely to have difficulty succeeding in life. You may have trouble in money matters, struggle with employment, and suffer at the hands of other people. You should be particularly wary of troublesome women, who could create obstacles to you achieving your goals. In some cases, this combination can also mean that you suffer from ill health, which further hinders your chances of success.

The Sun is making a difficult aspect to the planet Uranus in your birth chart indicating that you're impulsive and determined to be an individual. You want to do things your own way and will dig in your heels if anyone tries to stop you. You've the ability to be a unique and original leader, but you need to be wary of letting your impatient and excitable nature stand in the way of you achieving your life goals. If you're not careful you're easily embroiled in various dramas over perceived or, in some cases, real injustices. This could range from a minor conflict with a sales person or major battles with authorities. This tendency to clash with other people probably originates from your childhood relationship with your father or a father figure. It's likely that you were a wilful child, who liked to have the freedom to learn through experience rather than through parental advice. Of course the extent of your rebellion depends on other influences in your chart. You may have clashed with a strong-minded male parental figure, either through head-on conflict or passive lack of co-operation. Possibly the loss, or absence, of a strong male during your childhood meant that you were given too much freedom and lacked appropriate parental guidance. It's also possible that in your mind you feel that you were not given enough freedom. Given your need for individual freedom, you may have felt trapped. Either way, as an adult, you struggle to curb a tendency to lash out whenever someone else or circumstances appear to stop you getting or doing what you want. This can result in a feeling of being isolated or separated from loved ones or society. However, it's more likely that your own wilful nature is preventing you from achieving your goals in life. You need to find the right mix of respecting your own original identity and the needs of other people. Once you've achieved this balance then you're free to pursue your unique talents, and to succeed in reaching your goals.

Your lack of confidence is likely to stand in your way in achieving your life goals. This is because the Sun is making a difficult aspect to the planet Neptune in your birth chart. You're a sympathetic and kind person, but you're apt to be overwhelmed by the injustices of the world. As a result you lose sight of your goals and become confused about your direction. It's also possible that you allow other people to tell you how to live your life. You're so eager to please others, that you find it difficult to assert your own rights and beliefs. At times like these you may benefit from moments of quiet reflection, or meditation, which enable you to develop an ability to rely on your own inner resources. It's possible that your confusion stems from childhood experience with your father, or a father figure. Perhaps this person was weak or ill and unable to support your development, or perhaps the death or absence of a father strongly influenced your life. Either way the result is that you've difficulty finding a firm footing on which to base your life as an adult. Your challenge is to

learn to trust your own intuition, and to use your artistic and sensitive nature for the benefit of other people without losing yourself.

The planet Jupiter also tells you about your goals in life, in particular the areas in which you are likely to succeed. Jupiter is the planet of expansion, abundance and wisdom. Ancient astrologers believed that the planet Jupiter had a greatly beneficial effect on a person's life.

Jupiter is also in the second house of your chart signifying that wealth and prosperity are yours for the asking. Like the King Midas character in the story, every thing that you touch seems to turn to gold. You just seem to have the knack of knowing how to make money, and how to increase your earnings through investments. You may not even set out to make money, preferring to take a more philosophical attitude to certain work projects, nevertheless the project turns out to be a real money-spinner. Unlike the story character you're not greedy or miserly, but are generous with your money and your possessions. At some stage you may even become a wealthy benefactor of a worthy cause or individual. It's possible that other influences in your chart do indicate extravagance. If this is the case then you're likely to spend your money as soon as you make it, perhaps even going into debt in your enthusiasm to spend. Negative influences also mean that you need to be careful of losing your money through gambling and unwise investments. Ancient astrologers believe that the planet Jupiter has a beneficial effect in a person's birth chart meaning that you usually land on your feet when it comes to personal finances.

You've the planet Jupiter in the zodiac sign of Pisces in your birth chart indicating that you are a kind-hearted person, who is interested in pursuing matters of the heart rather than of the intellect. This doesn't mean that you're not intelligent. Quite the contrary. It's simply that you're an intuitive and sensitive person, who wants to contribute to humanity in a meaningful way. You want to reach other people through the emotions and the heart. For these reasons you could be involved in charity work, or helping a spiritual group spread its message, or nursing sick and unfortunate people, possibly even animals. You're the original champion of the underdog. You're also on a search for spiritual meaning in your own life, which could lead to studies and overseas travel. Travel by water may particularly appeal. Once you've discovered some meaning, you could be a spiritual or religious teacher. You are a perceptive person, possibly with psychic abilities, and you've a great deal to contribute to the world. Astrologically speaking the planet Jupiter is considered to be in a favourable position in the zodiac sign of Pisces meaning that you're likely to succeed in your goals.



## HOME



*Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love he sought me,  
And on his shoulder gently laid,  
And home, rejoicing, brought me.*  
Hymn, *The King of love my Shepherd* is 1868.

Astrologers from different schools of thought allocate varying meanings to the Moon in a birth chart. Ancient astrologers say that the Moon changes its nature according to its phases, and merely passes on impressions from other planets rather than directly influencing a person's life. However, modern astrologers tell us that the Moon depicts a person's roots, our home and family. They say the Moon also shows our habitual nature or subconscious patterns of behaviour which stand in the way of achieving our life goals. While the Moon can show us our strengths, it can also depict our weaknesses which need to be overcome in order to be successful in life.

The Moon is placed in the fourth house of your birth chart suggesting that your place of residence is constantly undergoing change. This can be that you frequently move home, that your house is constantly in a state of renovation or that the members of your household are constantly coming and going. Whatever the scenario, it's likely that as a result your home doesn't feel secure. Perhaps this doesn't concern you, but it's more likely that it does leave you feeling somehow without roots, perhaps even reminding you of childhood insecurities. It is possible that you were separated from one or both of your parents at a young age, perhaps even fostered to live with another family or adopted at birth. As an adult you may learn to adapt positively to the constant changes in your domestic life, or you may feel a constant sense of instability. You've a strong desire to live by the water, and this may provide a sense of deep satisfaction. You could also benefit from working on the land or dealing in property. Depending on the other sections of your birth chart, you could benefit from an inheritance from women. In ancient times the Moon was considered to be in a strong position when placed in the fourth house of a chart, meaning that you're in a strong position to achieve your personal ambitions.

With the Moon in the sign of Taurus, the creature comforts of life appeal to you, offering a safe haven in a busy world. At times you may have difficulty rousing yourself to face new challenges, particularly if you're feeling insecure in your life.

However, it's only that routine and familiar surroundings feel so safe in an unpredictable world. Fortunately you also enjoy establishing order in your life, and this can rouse you from any temptation to overindulge. In fact you can often be found quietly sorting through files and drawers, weeding the garden bed or some such useful activity. Your down-to-earth nature usually asserts itself when needed. You also enjoy keeping up with traditions - reliable rituals that have been passed down through the generations giving you a sense of life being reliable and predictable. Astrologically speaking the Moon is exalted when in Taurus, emphasising that wonderful ability of yours to establish order.

The Moon is making contact with the planet Uranus in your chart suggesting that your home life is never dull. You're a resourceful, inventive and independent person, who needs a stimulating household in order to feel fully alive. If your home and family don't provide a little excitement, then you're likely to find it difficult to settle in one place. As it is you're often restless, seeking adventure and change. You enjoy the unconventional side of life and need excitement, and are likely to show the wilful side of your nature if forced to conform to other people's demands. You're a unique individual with many enterprising ideas, enjoying the freedom of expressing yourself in unconventional ways and attracted to exciting and different activities in which you excel. It's possible that you're drawn to unusual houses, or to out-of-the-way locations. You may enjoy living in a commune rather than a traditional family situation. Whether you realise it or not, others may see you as a little eccentric. As long as you can accept and enjoy your individual qualities, then your loved ones are also likely to appreciate your unique contribution to family life.

## EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION



*There is no such whetstone, to sharpen a good wit  
and encourage a will to learning, as is praise.  
Roger Ascham, *The Schoolmaster* 1570.*

Our academic schooling and learning through life experience are linked to the planet Mercury. This planet stands for the intellect, common sense, cold reason, commerce and business. It tells us about our communication and learning habits and our modes of thinking.

The planet Mercury in the twelfth house of your chart signifies that you've a lively imagination and love to immerse yourself in a realm of fantasy. This could be your own day-dreaming and reflection or it could be the faerie-realms of a good book. This can be a drawback early in your education, but can be put to good use as you mature. You're fascinated by secrets - other people's secrets and metaphysical secrets. Magic and the occult world is a strong pull in your life. At times you're frightened by the extent to which you like to dabble in the occult, but you're a risk-taker when it comes to secret adventures. It's true that you do have to be careful not to get out of your depth. Otherwise you could find that the boundaries between reality and fantasy become difficult to discern, and you're in danger of becoming mentally unstable. Depending on other influences in your birth chart, it's possible that you could spend some time in a mental institution where you're able to re-address any mental imbalances in your life. However, knowing your propensity to worry about such things, it should be pointed out that this isn't a foregone conclusion. You're more likely to benefit from long periods of rest and seclusion where you can quietly ponder the secret mysteries of life.

The planet Mercury in the zodiac sign of Capricorn indicates that you're a wise and careful thinker, preferring to take your time to consider all possibilities before making decision. You are also likely to choose your words carefully before talking. You place importance on credibility and authority. Therefore you'll seek knowledge which carries some authority. You've an astute mind and enjoy studying a variety of subjects, approaching your topics in a serious fashion. For this reason you enjoy success in the academic world. It's also likely that others will appreciate your wisdom and counsel in many matters. While it's true that you have the ability to become an acknowledged expert in your field, it's also true that you can become a little rigid in your thinking. You approach new ideas with caution, preferring the tried and tested ways that have already been trod. However, with your practical nature you will soon see the advantages of

anything new on offer.

The planets Mercury and Neptune are making favourable contact in your chart suggesting that you've a fertile imagination which, if encouraged, can lead to success in education, communication and any creative projects. You're receptive to new ideas and have a resourceful mind. You may also be inspired by the beauty of nature and the expanse of the ocean. Although at times you can seem a little vague, it's more likely that you're lost in a world of creative thought. If left to your reflections, then you're likely to express your thoughts in an artistic or creative manner. This could be through art, poetry, literature, story-telling, or music. It's possible that you possess genius in one of these fields. You're also likely to excel in medical or spiritual circles, where your heightened sensitivity to other people can be truly appreciated. You're more likely to follow an unconventional, rather than orthodox, path if you become involved in medicine. This is because you're attracted in psychic and spiritual phenomenon. In fact you may possess psychic gifts in the form of clairvoyance, psychometry, crystal gazing, trance and inspirational speaking and writing, and prophetic dreams.

The planets Mercury and Pluto are combined in your birth chart suggesting that your education and communications are coloured with highs and lows. On the positive side you've a probing mind and the ability to assess situations rapidly, which can lead to success in your studies. You're likely to excel in any education process which requires research and intense work. It's also likely that these gifts will help you excel in any professional or personal situation which involves counselling or crisis work. Your insightful mind proves invaluable in such situations. You enjoy investigating mysteries and probing for hidden truths. Although you can be secretive by nature, you find it difficult to appreciate other people's need for privacy. You feel impelled to uncover any secret, be it personal or societal. Fortunately you also know how to keep secrets. It's likely that you've learnt to rely on your own judgement from an early age. Perhaps a threatening environment, at home, in your neighbourhood, or at school, meant that your instincts were a vital means of survival. It could also have been a crisis, ranging from a traumatic change of school or a death, that led to your ability to see situations clearly and honestly. The gifts can be used to benefit your adult life, and other people. However, problems are likely to arise because of your inability to see the lighter side of life, and to accept that occasionally you might be wrong! You are a deep thinker with wonderful powers of concentration, but you can become obsessive, seeing only innuendos and subtleties in communications, rather than the bigger and often brighter picture. This obsessive side of your nature means that you also tend to believe that others are opposed to your thoughts and ideas, when perhaps they're not. You need to battle to overcome your tendency to create conflict and then seek revenge in such situations. If you believe that you're losing sight of the plot, then seek advice from a trusted friend or colleague. You are at your most powerful when using your insights for positive purposes. In particular your honesty and insights can be useful in a counselling situation, but be careful of taking these talents out of the consulting room unless invited to do so. Friends and loved ones may not always appreciate your ability to get straight to the point, particularly if they're feeling vulnerable or emotionally distraught. You need to learn tact and diplomacy and sensitivity to other people's pain. Your gifts, combined with compassion, make you a powerful advocate in any field.

## RELATIONSHIPS



*Let me not to the marriage of true minds  
Admit impediments. Love isn't love  
Which alters when it alteration finds.  
Shakespeare Sonnet 116.*

The planet Venus tells about love and relationships. It reveals the type of relationship we value, and what we are seeking from our most intimate relationship, as well as how we like to show our love. It answers questions such as, are we attracted to strong, sensual and intense relationships? Or do we prefer some freedom and independence? This planet also depicts how we like to relate to our environment and other people, not just our primary partner, and how much importance we place on money and resources.

When the planet Venus is placed in the eleventh house of your birth chart friendships are an important component of your life - a great source of satisfaction and pleasure. A popular person, you enjoy a wide variety of friends from all walks of life, who seem to take up a considerable amount of your time. Your friendships with women may be more prominent than those with men. At times you feel that you owe your success to your friends, and this is probably true. Your friendships are beneficial, contributing to your happiness and helping you achieve your hopes and wishes. This may even involve financial gifts or favours. It's also possible that groups and clubs feature in your life. You enjoy belonging to a group of like-minded people, feeling supported by the relationships that are formed. This could involve you taking a prominent role in a group, or simply working quietly in the background. Either way you're particularly keen on becoming a member of a group with goals that benefit humanity.

With Venus in the sign of Sagittarius you've a happy-go-lucky approach to your relationships, and yearn to share adventure with your partner, whether it be simply sharing adventurous ideas or taking off on a journey to another part of the world. Your motivation is to learn more about the world through your main relationships. In some cases your partner could be your teacher, perhaps even someone from a foreign country. You do enjoy relating to foreigners, because they can teach you so much about yourself and life in general. If you can't continually be on the road, then you like to hear about other people's journeys. Your friends come from all walks of life and you're popular, so there are many friends.

You're benevolent and loving in all of your relationships, ready to join in on others' adventures and experiencing genuine pleasure in their company. Your generous nature means that you often encourage others in their journey through life. Your intentions are loyal, although you do sometimes have trouble sticking to your promises because the grass can appear so much greener in other parts of the world.

The planets Venus and Neptune are combining in a manner which indicates disappointment in your primary relationship. The problem is that you're idealistic and unrealistic when it comes to personal relationships, lacking the discriminatory powers needed to form a steady and lasting partnership. This applies to both your personal and business partnerships. Consequently you often feel disillusioned and sorry for yourself, blaming others for failing to live up to your expectations. It's possible that your partner is indeed deceiving you in some manner, but it's also possible that you're not being honest. Either way it's likely that you're seeing your primary relationship through rose-coloured glasses, and as a result conflict arises because of your lack of discernment. You're caught in a web of fantasies and romantic illusions, either of your own or your partner's making. Coming to terms with the reality of your relationship helps you obtain a better understanding of your primary relationship, and prevents you from becoming disillusioned. Taking off the rose-coloured glasses means that you can make a proper assessment of your primary relationship. As a result you'll experience fewer feelings of resentment and disappointment, and won't be in danger of overlooking some major flaws such as drug addiction or deceit. With the right partner you'll enjoy a sense of peace and fulfilment. You may also enjoy artistic or spiritual pursuits together. You're ardent and loving, responding quickly to your partner's need. In turn you benefit from acts of kindness, love and appreciation.



## MOTIVATION



*Dimidium facti qui coepit habet: sapere aude.  
To have begun is half the job: be bold and be sensible.  
Horace, Epistles 65- 68BC.*

Mars is the planet that tells us about our assertion and drive. It tells us what motivates us and what desires drive us most powerfully. Are we ambitious for professional power, or do we desire a meaningful relationship? Do we pursue our desires aggressively? Or do we sit back, lacking the confidence to achieve our ambitions? These are the types of questions answered by the qualities of the planet Mars in our chart.

With Mars placed in the tenth house of your birth chart ambition drives many of your actions in life. You're an independent person with a strong will, who feels the need to pave your own way in life even if it involves a battle. You're not afraid to fight for your rights, particularly in your career. You crave autonomy and the freedom to pursue your own professional interests. Mostly you're confident of succeeding, but your lack of caution and sensitivity to other people can be obstacles. Other people are likely to react to your somewhat conceited attitude, and oppose your plans. As a result you become embroiled in power struggles. Your desire for a conquest can override the more reasonable side of your nature, and you try to dominate others through the sheer force of your will power. If you're not careful your plans can be overturned. Self-employment can be a successful alternative to relying on other people, providing an arena where you can rise to the challenges and learn by your own mistakes, and bringing out the best of your business acumen. Other career options could include jobs in sales or the armed forces, or executive positions. Ancient astrologers believe that the planet Mars becomes more powerful when placed in the angular tenth house of a birth chart, meaning that you're likely to make a strong impression on the world. The type of impression also depends largely on other influences in your birth chart.

The planet Mars in the sign of Scorpio indicates that you're the type of person who can be relied on to make sure that a task is finished, because you're resourceful and, once committed, quite tenacious. You're executive material and have the ambitions to match. You're also the type of person who likes to get to the bottom of matters in order to resolve problems. Sometimes this can also involve an interest in investigating the mysteries of the occult world. You certainly

don't like to have difficulties swept under the carpet, but prefer to bring things out in the open. This applies to both your work and your private life. You're a passionate person, and sometimes your life can resemble an emotional battlefield. Although this can be a bit overwhelming, mostly you like a sense of the dramatic in your life. At least it's preferable to boredom. On the whole you're strongly committed to those around you, but woe betide anyone who tries to stand in your way because you can be a vengeful opponent. You need to be cautious before going into battle with others because the planet Mars is considered to be powerful in the sign of Scorpio and therefore while you may win, the outcome could be unpleasant.

A favourable combination of the planets Mars and Pluto indicates that you're resourceful and have a pool of enormous energy available when needed. Your will-power is awesome once you've decided on your objective, and few of your friends or colleagues would stand in your way, recognising the importance you place on achieving your ambitions. You have the ability to work with persistence and determination, brooking no opposition on your path. You work with intensity towards your ambitions, which are plentiful, and achieve a great sense of satisfaction when you have reached your goal. Those who know you well also recognise a volcanic temper when they see one. Whether you're the type to lose your cool often or rarely, you certainly make an impact when you do! On other hand you're a great person to have around in a crisis because not much daunts your indomitable spirit. You're capable of swift and effective actions, and commitment to seeing something through to the end.

## CAREER AND AMBITIONS



*The road up and the road down are one and the same*  
Heraclitus, *Die Fragmente der Vorsokratiker* c540-480BC.

The planet Saturn represents responsibility, boundaries and structure; structure that provides a positive framework within which we can build, or structure that limits our development and forces us to reassess our liabilities and assets. This planet is also linked with our ambitions, and how we approach the practical side of life. This planet often represents the professional side of our lives.

The planet Saturn placed in the third house of your birth chart suggests that progress through the school system can present difficulties early in your life, which linger to a certain degree as you mature. These troubles vary from having difficulty learning to read and write, to suffering from shyness or loneliness at school, to being forced to change schools. As a result there may be a period of your life when you're prone to melancholy. You may doubt your own intelligence, causing you to hesitate before pursuing your education. Finally you realise that it's not lack of intelligence, but more a lack of confidence based on early childhood experiences. Once you learn to take yourself seriously, you can pursue your education with confidence, working on study and communication skills. You may even write and publish articles or books as part of your profession. Although the path to being taken seriously in connection with your writing isn't smooth, you can succeed through perseverance and hard work. You need to take care when planning short journeys, otherwise you're likely to experience problems and delays. While others seem to enjoy short trips, you always seem to be travelling under some sort of cloud. On the other hand, depending on other aspects in your chart, it may be that you enjoy travelling for business purposes only.

The planet Saturn in the sign of Aries signifies that you're resourceful, and capable of applying new methods of approaching a project or problem in a practical manner. You're ambitious and prefer to carry out tasks on your own rather than in a group. If you do take part in group projects then you're likely to be the leader. You're able to slowly and surely achieve your ambitions, although it's more likely to be later than earlier in life. Your lessons are in patience and self-reliance. Once you've mastered these traits then you can resolutely work towards your objectives. You've good reasoning faculties. You tend to be reserved rather than outgoing, although you're touchy and easily-angered when

under pressure. Those who know you well can sometimes feel the brunt of your temper. Astrologically speaking the planet Saturn is in an ill-favoured position in the sign of Aries meaning that you need to beware of your tendency to try to achieve all of your goals on your own without recognising the contribution of other people.

The Midheaven is one of the important angles in a birth chart and is also known by astrologers as the MC or Medium Coeli. This angle tells us of our public life, our profession and social status. In other words how we are viewed by the public, how we want to be viewed by the public and what type of profession we are likely to choose. It's also important to note the house position of the ruling planet of your Midheaven for further information about your career as this can greatly influence the interpretation.

With a Midheaven in the sign of Scorpio and ruled by the planet Pluto, your career is likely to be littered with drama and crisis. This could be that you literally work in a field which is involved in crises, or it could be that you experience upheaval. Either way it seems that life is never dull at your workplace. Fortunately you prefer change and upheaval to a boring working routine, even if it's a little overwhelming at times. Your insights and ability to work under pressure can be put to good use in many professions including research work, crisis counselling, psychology, investigative work, business troubleshooting and politics. You're not afraid to confront tricky situations. The key to success in your professional life is to approach every task and decision with the utmost integrity, because every misdemeanour, no matter how slight, will be discovered. Examples of famous people with the same Midheaven include Australian feminist writer Germaine Greer, American musician Jim Morrison, American senator Edward Kennedy, Director of the FBI John Edgar Hoover, and UK Queen Elizabeth II.

## CREATIVITY AND ORIGINALITY



*The artist must be in his work as God is in creation, invisible and all-powerful; one must sense him everywhere but never see him.*  
Gustav Flaubert, *Correspondence* 1857-64.

The planet Uranus represents originality and unconventionality. This can be both the unusual and brilliant genius or the wilful rebel without a cause. This planet tells us the areas in which we break with convention, become innovative and experiment with new and exciting ways. In some circles of astrology Uranus represents the creative genius which comes directly via our soul or higher self.

The planet Uranus is in the fourth house of your birth chart suggesting that you've a busy, unusual and unconventional home-life. As a child you may have experienced sudden changes in the home environment, or a general sense of being unsettled. It's even possible that you were estranged from your parents. As an adult you may seek unusual homes, or continue to experience restlessness. In some cases home is a positive experience during childhood - an original and unconventional environment in which everyone expresses their own creative urges. Either way it's possible that as an adult you've a preference for the open road, rather than a need to settle and put down roots. If you do settle in one place then it's likely to be a unique home, reflecting your individual nature. You may choose to live on your own, because you need a home and family environment which enables you to express your individuality, one from which you can come and go without restrictions. Property development and investment are also affected by this placement of the planet Uranus. You're likely to experience sudden gains and sudden losses through investment in property, and need to be wary of spending your old age in poverty as a result.

The planet Uranus was in the sign of Taurus from 1934 - 1942. It's important to note that Uranus spends a long time in each sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Uranus in your chart. Uranus in the sign of Taurus indicates that you belong to a generation which has the tenacity to pursue the new ways of society. This generation is likely to focus on society's resources. Positively this can be efficient use of resources for the benefit of everyone. However, it can also be

the stockpiling and over-use of the world's resources to the detriment of society.

Neptune is the planet of creativity and spirituality. It represents both the bliss of spiritual attainment and the heights of creativity. This isn't personal spirituality and creativity which comes at the expense of others, but gifts which can benefit humanity. This planet also represents the confusion that can accompany the road to discovering when we are being selfish, as opposed to when we are generously thinking of how our gifts can benefit others.

The planet Neptune placed in the eighth house of your chart means that you become knowledgeable through your own experiences, rather than relying on other people's advice. You benefit most when following your own intuition. This intuition tells you that you're likely to benefit more from pursuing the spiritual, rather than the material side of life, and you would be wise to follow these feelings. You're likely to suffer financial loss through personal and business partnerships, as a result of external circumstances, fraudulent activities or carelessness on behalf of your partner. Depending on other influences in your chart, you're also unlikely to gain through inheritance. On the other hand you're gifted in psychic and metaphysical matters, and may be keen to pursue this side of life. You may experience strange dreams, or dream-like states, which urge you to explore the deeper meaning of life.

The planet Neptune was in the sign of Virgo from 1928 - 1943. It's important to note that Neptune takes about 164 years to make a complete cycle, spending about thirteen years in each sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Neptune in your chart. Neptune in the sign of Virgo indicates that you belong to a generation faced with the task of analysing the excesses of extravagance, and organising a systemic approach to blending the spiritual and practical. You're concerned with ensuring that spiritual matters become part of a daily routine. For instance, yours is a generation that may view regular attendance at church a necessity for good healthy living.



## CHALLENGES IN LIFE



*The spirit of self-help is the root of all genuine growth in the individual.*  
Samuel Smiles, *Self-Help* 1859.

The planet Pluto challenges us to transform our lives by clearing out our old habits to make way for the new, more rewarding ways of living. The process isn't necessarily an easy one, as most of us cling tenaciously to the comfort offered by habitual patterns, and are rather scared of new paths. Pluto shows us in which areas of our lives we need to grow, and to a certain extent whether we're likely to find the process of growing painful or joyful.

The planet Pluto is in the sixth house of your birth chart indicating that your health can be a major challenge in your life. During the course of your life you may experience dramatic changes in your health, or it could be that a single bout of ill-health has had a powerful effect on the rest of your life. Perhaps you suffer from a chronic illness that resurfaces dramatically at times. It's possible that your health problems affect your ability to live a regular routine. Fortunately it's likely that you prefer to change your routine, rather than adhere to a strict schedule. One of your challenges is to do as much as you can to take control of your own health care and hygiene. It's possible that you could play an important role in regaining your health through physical fitness, diet, relaxation, and hygiene, or by following the advice of conventional or alternative medical advisors.

The planet Pluto was in the sign of Leo from 1939 - 1957. It's important to note that Pluto takes about 248 years to make a complete cycle, spending 12 - 32 years in each sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Pluto in your chart. Pluto in the sign of Leo suggests that you belong to a generation of people concerned with the lack of or acquiring of power. People of this generation have the ability to use power both positively and negatively. World power and leadership are also important issues for these people.

## PURPOSE AND JOY



*He who binds to himself a joy  
Doth the winged life destroy  
But he who kisses the joy as it flies  
Lives in Eternity's sunrise  
William Blake, MS Note-book.*

A sense of purpose can help us overcome the most onerous difficulties in our lives, by taking the focus away from our failings and problems, and shining the light on our strengths and talents. By concentrating on our purpose we can distract ourselves from our troubles, and maintain the forward momentum of our lives. A sense of purpose can also lead to feelings of happiness and joy. Ancient astrologers believed that a person could either identify with their human body and human life, or could focus on a spiritual life. A rewarding spiritual life can help ease human pain and suffering, and inject joy into every day life. A sense of purpose can assist the process of transferring our identification from our human selves to the spiritual sides of our nature, and one of the greatest gifts of astrology is to help us determine our purpose.

The North Node and South Node form an axis in astrology, which is said to represent one's destiny or spiritual quest in life. This axis is also linked with our purpose. The North Node points to a key lesson in our lives. It represents new experiences towards which we must aim during this life. We have already learnt the skills of its opposite point, the South Node, in the past. Now we must grow and stretch ourselves through the North Node.

Your North Node is in the tenth house and your South Node is in the fourth house of your birth chart indicating a quest for dignity in the eyes of the world. You need to shoulder responsibilities with understanding and compassion after which maturity will follow.

Your nodal axis has the North Node in Scorpio and the South Node in the sign of Taurus denoting that you're destined to incorporate change in your life. Your tendency is to want peace and quiet at all costs. You need to avoid weakening your spiritual strength by resisting change. Your challenge is to remain open to new possibilities. You may find that your life is transformed at some stage, stripping away the old to make way for the new.

The South Node and the Moon are combining to suggest that you're particularly aware of the importance of emotions, and are being encouraged to use your knowledge in a constructive way. However, there is a tendency for you to become stuck in negative emotional patterns of relating to other people. In other words you have difficulty expressing your emotions, and this may lead to periods of self-imposed isolation and needless worry about the future. This also creates obstacles for you achieving your purpose in life. Your challenge is to forge ahead with your life without relying too heavily on your emotions, and yet remaining responsive to other people.

You've a tendency to seek excitement and scatter your energies, because of the combination of the South Node and the planet Uranus. You've many unique talents, but need to develop discipline in order to make the most of them.

The Ascendant, or Rising Sign as it's sometimes called, is a key to discovering our purpose. Ancient astrologers believed that the Ascendant depicted our primary motivation as individuals. Some believed that it was one of the links to discovering what makes a person happy. When we're accomplishing our primary motivation then we're happy. The more modern Esoteric astrologers believe that this sensitive chart point reveals our soul's purpose. When we're carrying out our soul's purpose then we're joyful. They believe that acceptance of our purpose, or fate, can help us achieve success and satisfaction, and that meditation on the qualities of the Ascendant can help us focus on our life's purpose.

The sign of Aquarius is considered "masculine" by Ancient astrologers suggesting that you're more likely to actively seek your purpose in life, taking the initiative rather than waiting until circumstances are comfortable. Aquarius is also a fixed sign denoting fixity of purpose, resolution, self-reliance and independence.

You're gregarious and unconventional, original and objective. You're independent, and yet your purpose and fate are strongly linked with your friends and associates, and groups of people. Your associates can either help or hinder you achieve your purpose, depending on how quickly you learn to assert yourself. You're usually a good judge of character, but need to learn to trust your instincts. If you're not careful you can be easily distracted from your purpose by your friends and social engagements. Once you've learned to trust your own intuition, and to blend this with your highly-intelligent nature, then you can channel your resources into your true purpose. It's unlikely that you'll be interested in pursuing a demanding intimate relationship, preferring the single lifestyle. If other influences in your chart indicate that a relationship is important, then you're likely to seek one that gives you plenty of freedom to pursue your goals. Your purpose may be linked with humanitarian causes, or with metaphysical groups or pursuits. It's also possible that you're interested in scientific ideals.

In Esoteric astrology the sign of Aquarius is linked with service to humanity, meaning that your purpose is to improve the conditions of humanity, through your own individual efforts. This could range from working as a cleaner, to working for an environmental or political group, to becoming a political leader. The onus is on you to find an avenue through which to serve the world. Your purpose is connected to humbly directing your services for the benefit of others.

### ABOUT STELLA WOODS



*"I am most happy to recommend Stella Woods to anyone who is in any way interested in Astrology. Her gifts are absolutely marvellous and in sharing them, she does a great service to humanity."*

*Swarupa Sridharan, CEO Om Consulting*

This report is meant more of an introduction to the wonders of astrology rather than a complete course in its intricacies. Further studies, or a consultation with a professional astrologer, are encouraged to explore this most ancient scientific and philosophic tool.

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