

Career & Vocation Report for Freddie Mercury

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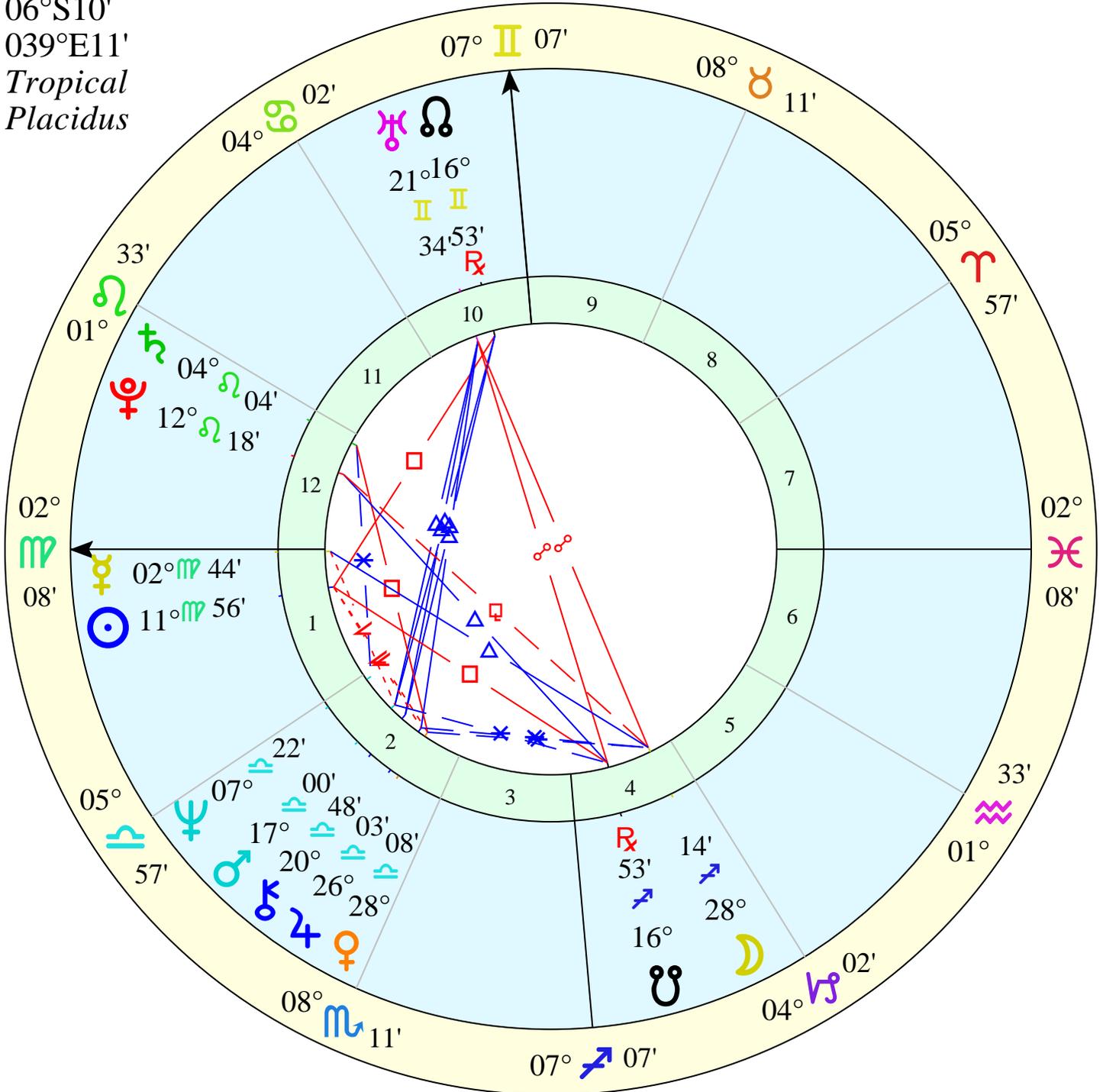
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Astrological Summary

Chart Point Positions: Freddie Mercury

| Planet | Sign | Position | House | Comment |
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| The Moon | Sagittarius | 28°Sg14' | 4th | |
| The Sun | Virgo | 11°Vi56' | 1st | |
| Mercury | Virgo | 2°Vi44' | 1st | |
| Venus | Libra | 28°Li08' | 2nd | |
| Mars | Libra | 17°Li00' | 2nd | |
| Jupiter | Libra | 26°Li03' | 2nd | |
| Saturn | Leo | 4°Le04' | 12th | |
| Uranus | Gemini | 21°Ge34' | 10th | |
| Neptune | Libra | 7°Li22' | 2nd | |
| Pluto | Leo | 12°Le18' | 12th | |
| Chiron | Libra | 20°Li48' | 2nd | |
| The North Node | Gemini | 16°Ge53' | 10th | |
| The South Node | Sagittarius | 16°Sg53' | 4th | |
| The Ascendant | Virgo | 2°Vi08' | 1st | |
| The Midheaven | Gemini | 7°Ge07' | 10th | |

Chart Point Aspects

| Planet | Aspect | Planet | Orb | App/Sep |
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| The Moon | Trine | Mercury | 4°29' | Applying |
| The Moon | Sextile | Venus | 0°05' | Separating |
| The Moon | Sextile | Jupiter | 2°10' | Separating |
| The Moon | Opposition | Uranus | 6°39' | Separating |
| The Moon | Sesquisquare | Pluto | 0°55' | Separating |
| The Moon | Trine | The Ascendant | 3°53' | Applying |
| The Sun | Conjunction | Mercury | 9°12' | Applying |
| The Sun | Semisquare | Venus | 1°11' | Separating |
| The Sun | Semisquare | Jupiter | 0°53' | Separating |
| The Sun | Square | The North Node | 4°56' | Applying |
| The Sun | Square | The South Node | 4°56' | Applying |
| The Sun | Square | The Midheaven | 4°49' | Separating |
| Mercury | Semisquare | Mars | 0°43' | Separating |
| Mercury | Conjunction | The Ascendant | 0°36' | Separating |
| Mercury | Square | The Midheaven | 4°22' | Applying |

| Planet | Aspect | Planet | Orb | App/Sep |
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| Venus | Conjunction | Jupiter | 2°04' | Separating |
| Venus | Square | Saturn | 5°55' | Applying |
| Mars | Trine | Uranus | 4°34' | Applying |
| Mars | Conjunction | Chiron | 3°47' | Applying |
| Mars | Trine | The North Node | 0°06' | Separating |
| Mars | Sextile | The South Node | 0°06' | Separating |
| Mars | Semisquare | The Ascendant | 0°07' | Applying |
| Jupiter | Trine | Uranus | 4°28' | Separating |
| Jupiter | Conjunction | Chiron | 5°15' | Separating |
| Saturn | Sextile | Neptune | 3°18' | Applying |
| Saturn | Conjunction | Pluto | 8°14' | Applying |
| Saturn | Sextile | The Midheaven | 3°02' | Applying |
| Uranus | Trine | Chiron | 0°46' | Applying |
| Uranus | Conjunction | The North Node | 4°41' | Separating |
| Uranus | Opposition | The South Node | 4°41' | Separating |
| Neptune | Trine | The Midheaven | 0°15' | Separating |
| Pluto | Trine | The South Node | 4°34' | Applying |
| Chiron | Trine | The North Node | 3°54' | Separating |
| Chiron | Sesquisquare | The Midheaven | 1°18' | Applying |
| The Ascendant | Square | The Midheaven | 4°59' | Separating |

INTRODUCTION



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

- Kahlil Gibran, *The Prophet*

A Fulfilling Vocation

In the midst of our busy lives, worn out by the endless repetition of meaningless tasks, it is difficult to appreciate Kahlil Gibran's poetic image of work as a soul-making sphere. In a technological environment work and soul seem worlds apart. The outer rewards of career - prestige, status, vacations, salary packages, job security - conceal the urge to express soul through our vocation. When we are no longer anchored by values and images that remind us of a meaningful life, emptiness permeates the working atmosphere, contributing to an epidemic of dissatisfaction, depression and insecurity in the workplace.

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 who 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 become entrapping. 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 fixed 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 Gemini

In your natal horoscope you have the North Node in Gemini and the South Node in Sagittarius signifying you have access to a breadth of knowledge. Innately you are scholastic, yet ironically schooling may never have brought this out in you. It is through your own course of study, adventure and travel beyond the horizon that have educated you. Through your own personal experiences and training you have accumulated a large library of resources and in your vocation you need to draw on these. The dragon you will fight in your professional life will be the feeling that your hard-won opinions and beliefs are the right ones for everyone. Ironically you will be called on to disseminate your ideas and beliefs but now the righteousness needs to be extracted so these concepts and ideals can be more widely distributed. By nature you are a teacher, an educator and a trainer and your vocation is to inspire others not convince them of your beliefs.

Qualities that need both development and expression in a vocation are concentrated on the faculties of communication and ideas. You need to widen your sphere of influence in order to disseminate your innate knowledge, whether that is through speaking, writing, teaching, broadcasting or telecommunications. Therefore it is important to network, make

contacts and be active in the community of colleagues. With your breadth of understanding and intuition you have an uncanny sense of knowing what is right. Let your intuition, innate knowledge and far sightedness lead you concentrating on articulating and forming ideas so that your beliefs can be understood and embraced by the world at large.

Your invitation is to be a correspondent with larger ideas. Since you have an innate knack at seeing the larger picture and the underlying meaning to what is going on you are called to impart these concepts to a wider audience, becoming a practical dreamer, an everyday philosopher. Communication is a necessary part of your vocation. Whether you express your creativity through design, writing, journalism, politics, lecturing, body movements, laughter is not important; what is necessary is that you articulate these creative ideas. Any medium that can offer a venue to exchange ideas, thoughts and information is vital in you feeling vocationally content. Flexibility and the freedom to communicate are paramount. Having an instinct for education and knowledge you are able to marry this with facts, statistics and information, therefore employment which involves telecommunications, the Internet, sales, specialised information, maps, atlases, books, magazines, news, reports, and statistics might appeal. However your vocation finds you, it probably will be when you're on the move, in between or asking the larger questions about life.

The North Node is in the 10th House

Your North Node is in the 10th house with the South Node being in the polarity of the 4th house. In your horoscope this is the axis that brings the divergent spheres of public life and the private world into focus. As an astrological opposition this alliance contrasts the inner and outer worlds and forces you into finding a meaningful balance between the two throughout the course of your life. Your natural tendency might find it easier to be home, private and involved with your family; however this astrological statement highlights the importance of your role in the world and encourages you to focus on your vocational pathway. Meaning will be found outside the familial environs, not inside.

Even though you may find it daunting or uncomfortable, effort is needed to develop your career path. If you reflect on it you have an innate sense of feeling safe and grounded, therefore it is time to take your sense of self out into the world. Ironically when you manage this task you are met with acknowledgement and acclaim. Without challenging yourself to find a career path you are at risk of not developing your potential in the world. Your ambition is strong and you will not be satisfied with feelings of under achieving. The un-lived life awaits you in the public sphere but you need to know this will not interfere with your need for privacy. You have an innate ability to be public without compromising your integrity or privacy. While you may be comfortable with your familial roles it is necessary to find your social responsibilities. While you may know your place in the family it is time to know your place in society. Astrologically career is a focus of your life and one that can provide stability and completeness in being. Risk being out there and you will garner mass support.

The Sun is Square The North Node

In your horoscope the Sun forms a right angle to the Nodal Axis. Traditionally this is often a harsh aspect; however, in aspect to the Nodal Axis this planet takes on a unique function in terms of your vocation. A time-honoured way of thinking about this aspect was that the planet was at the bending, a moment in the cycle when something was about to change track. Therefore in terms of the course of your destiny the Sun calls to be consciously integrated and acknowledged in the pathway of your career. This presents trials in your vocational quest.

The challenge for you is to continuously be aware of your need for recognition. As a young person this could be fuelled by a lack of parental applause or encouragement exacerbating the need to be seen. Destiny's challenge is how you handle acknowledgement. Ultimately it is your own creative fulfillment and ability where you seek to be acknowledged; therefore the most effective way to guarantee this is to respect your own talent and foster your own creativity. Along the course of your career you might feel overlooked or unacknowledged but this is your spur to achievement. Ultimately it is

difficult to find your own way if you are only mirroring what others want; therefore, you need to venture away from the spotlight to find true meaning. It is at these times of private recognition of yourself as a unique talent that the vocational pathway widens. Integrating your creativity and strong identity into your career are the challenges; however it is also important to not let the adoration or adulation of others lead you off course.

Uranus is Conjunct The North Node

With Uranus on your North Node you are familiar with the pull towards the unusual and non traditional. In a vocational sense this implies that your career path may be somewhat different than your school mates, friends and social acquaintances. You are invited to take the road less travelled and while it may not be the easiest or the best known, nonetheless it suits your calling to adventure. Imagine your career path like a fast-moving conveyor belt of which you are never certain where or when it will stop. And when it does it will be with a jolt and unexpectedly you may be whisked off again. So using strategy to plan your next career move may not always be wise as life's roller coaster has many surprises in store.

You are moved by the Promethean spirit that wants to revolutionize the world, whatever that world is. You reach out to something greater to inspire you and hence your vocation is never static, but always growing and changing. As a spokesperson of the future you may be involved with new ideas that reshape the world around you, innovative technologies that take you beyond the limits set down by previous generations. Whatever your chosen path you put your own individuality and uniqueness into whatever you do. While you work best independently, you seek your tribe in like-minded revolutionaries. Providence provides you with a circle of colleagues and contemporaries who can inspire you and help you, as you are destined to be part of a larger trend and movement, even if you do feel solitary. Uranus's invitation is to be heroic enough to step outside the box and explore the margins, as it is on the fringe or what is outside convention where you will find vocation's call. As a visionary you are called to modernize your world with your innovative, inventive and original ideas.

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 Virgo

When you were born the sign Virgo was rising across the eastern horizon, suggesting that you are ordered and controlled in your approach to life. Before you venture out it is important to have a plan, a program, a list or a map, at the very least an idea, of where you are going. You need to be prepared; once you feel you have taken all the considerations into account, you can relax and let it happen. Feeling relaxed is not spontaneous unless you are composed and surrounded by order. While others might see your attention to details as worrying, you see it as a countdown to take off. Therefore you have innate organisational and structural skills that will come in handy in your vocation. However it is likely that your vocation will involve working with others who may not be as fastidious or as ordered as you. Your work mates may not be as inclined to tidy up the mess, therefore it is important not to be drawn into the chaos of others. Vocationally you are invited to develop your social skills and can earn your living in this way through personnel work, counselling or a range of other people-orientated professions. Therefore you are called on to be more adaptable to others, be open to changing your mind and not letting routine override variety.

Pisces is setting in your horoscope, which implies that even in your personal relationships you are challenged to accept the chaos and lack of clarity of others. Your partners and close friends help you to accept that life does not run on schedule or is as ordered as you might like. No doubt you are in touch with nature's rhythms; it is others that are the challenge. No wonder you often feel more akin to the animal kingdom than the human. But this is your vocation, to work with others in a capacity that informs them of the possibilities of improving their lives. And improvement is something you know how to do with your eyes closed.

Mercury is Conjunct The Ascendant

Mercury is rising in your horoscope. Like its elemental nature, you were born with the insight to know when conditions are hot or cold or the current situation is about to boil or not. You feel it in your nervous system which often feels exposed and vulnerable. Yet it is your nervous energy that helps you accomplish a great deal and move around quick enough to do what you want. Highly charged and unable to settle, you need to keep moving to find where you need to be. It is your quicksilver personality that helps you find the right direction easily. Communicative and flexible your character is geared to communicate, deliver the message and connect people and ideas together. These are vocational traits that are natural. Mercury is in the driver's seat so it would be best to get accustomed to his quick turnabouts, change of mind and sudden interests.

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 Sagittarius

Your Moon in Sagittarius reflects your strong need to learn and be inspired. You are a natural student. However your school is generally not the classroom where you feel bored and restless, but the university of life where you are experientially engaged in understanding other cultures, other languages and other ways of being. It might be quite natural for you to travel, even spend some time living abroad in your quest for answers. The Moon reflects your home and in Sagittarius this implies that your home is beyond the familial horizon. To care for your soul you need to venture farther afield and search for meaning. You love freedom whether it is being in nature, a wide horizon, open spaces or travel, as being involved with other cultures or with nature is conducive to your temperament. Both travel and study are important for you. If you are not explorative then you will not have the marriage of knowledge and experience, leaving dry theory and opinions to replace wisdom.

As a youngster you might have been called to adventure, imagining faraway places like Shangri-La or Mount Everest. You are still a keen explorer and whether you do this physically or intellectually you still feel stirred by the urge to adventure. Human values, ethics, morals and ideals are important to you and you need to become involved in pursuits you believe in and can recommend to others. You need to fully express yourself and pursue your goals openly and honestly. You have a positive and optimistic nature that inspires others and often draws you towards social education and reform.

In nurturing professions the Moon in Sagittarius is inspirational, a natural educator, coach and trainer. You intuitively know the role of faith in healing and therefore contemporary priestly roles like pastoral counsellor, religious advisor, a psychotherapist or spiritual mentor may appeal to you.

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 Libra

The sign Libra is on the cusp of your 2nd house, revealing ways to enhance your sense of self-esteem and personal worth. Qualities you need to value are your diplomacy and tact, your sophistication and refinement as well as your social ability and skills at relating. All these will come in handy on your vocational path. Even though you might find your career has many avenues, you appreciate a sense of fair play, peace and harmony in the work place. Your innate skills in dealing with others suggests that you have an ability to compromise, see all sides of the situation and negotiate a fair outcome. This know how might lead you into vocations working alongside others where negotiation, diplomacy, communication, bargaining, mediation, reconciliation or teamwork are a vital aspect of your work. Your diplomatic skills also come in handy in hospitality and creating pleasant and friendly professional atmospheres. With so many choices on your career path you might feel unable to commit to just one. No need to, as you will probably have many changes along the way. However when you find a job that allows you to earn your living beautifying the world you have found your niche. So whether you are decorating, painting, designing, you are most satisfied when you are involved in creative and artistic work.

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

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

Venus is in the 2nd House

Venus, the planet of beauty and symmetry, is in your astrological sector of resources revealing your love of art and refinement. This suggests you have a highly developed sense of taste, value the sensual pleasures of life and appreciate form and design. Venus is also the natural ruler of the 2nd House so she feels at home here, valuing the pleasures that the material world can provide. Therefore money is important for the luxury and cultivated lifestyle that it can provide. Since you have an instinctual knack for dealing with money you may be drawn to earning your income in the banking, financial or economic sectors. While this might not be the case for you, what is important is that you reflect on your attitude towards earning and spending. Personal worth and value are bound up with money and it is important to be aware of the link between your inner feelings of worth and value and material acquisitions. Therefore it is important to reflect on your familial conditioning about money and power, as well as the early attitudes that you might have internalised about your own sense of worth and value. It is important to consider how feminine values were appreciated

and respected.

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

Consistent with this astrological placement is often a talent for art, music or social skills. Many like Patsy Cline, Elvis Presley and K.D. Lang have been blessed with a rich and attractive voice. While this may not be your destiny it would be worthwhile considering what skills and resources you value about yourself and how you might want to earn your living developing these. Or at least expressing this talent through a hobby. With Venus in this sphere you may be drawn to earning your income in many ways. Most consistent with this archetype would be jobs connected to art, beauty and the urge to beautify. Or you might be inclined towards pursuing a profession where the development of social skills and hospitality is a priority. This placement suggests that working with others, socialising and relating are skills that are developed through making a living. People skills are resources that need to be developed in order to feel satisfied through what you do. This suggests you might be drawn to professions where diplomacy and protocol are important or work in partnership with others. This urge could be satisfied through a variety of ways which help others improve their own sense of worth, attractiveness and well being, ranging from counselling and beauty therapy through to massage and aromatherapy. Whatever path you choose it is important to remember that the goddess of love and beauty wants to be honoured and acknowledged in your vocation.

Mars is in the 2nd House

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

One of your resources is your entrepreneurial flair and your bravado. You are willing to take a risk, confront obstacles and be challenged. This suggests you will be quite happy exploring all your options on your career path, starting and resigning from many different jobs until you find your niche. As you look back over your career path you will probably find a number of fool-hearted enterprises that you have attempted. All were important for you as you learn on the job and need to experiment with your what works and what doesn't. You need to be challenged and inspired by what you

do and need a goal post in sight. Your competitive nature needs to strive for a finish. Whether you compete with others in the workforce or against your own standards you do need to set guidelines and objectives.

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

Jupiter is in the 2nd House

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

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

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

Chiron is in the 2nd House

A planet in the 2nd house is an archetypal presence that helps to create a supportive and positive approach to your sense of worth and value. While Chiron is not categorised as a planet, contemporary astrologers use this celestial maverick to understand a depth of the human experience not revealed by the other planetary energies. Chiron

represents what is disenfranchised and marginal. Being in the 2nd house it suggests that your experience of financial and material security may have been alien to you in your earlier years. Financial hardship or insecurity may have left its wound on feeling resourceful or valued. However the opposite could also be true of this placement; financial wealth and prosperity may have left you feeling an outsider. This archetypal presence in your life suggests that you might feel marginal to other's values, especially the familial values you inherited. In turn this affects your attitudes towards money and security.

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

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

Neptune is in the 2nd House

Neptune, the planet associated with spirituality, fantasy and otherworldliness, is in the financial sector of your horoscope bringing its mystical and creative ability to bear on your attitudes towards money, earning a living and resources. At face value this might suggest that your perspective towards money and possessions are not well-grounded in reality. Therefore it is important to recognise your propensity towards being out of touch with the commercial world. On the other hand it reveals that your earning capacity and resourceful nature is fluid and creative and that you value the more refined, spiritual and artistic aspects of life. On a practical level you would be able to do well investing in art, creative ideas or spiritual projects. However this archetype manifests in your experience, it suggests that you need to acknowledge the powerful rip tide in your life that pulls you away from the ordinariness of making a living. Being in the work a day world may be painful and soul destroying until you are able to reconcile the two worlds and incorporate your creative longing in the everyday experience of earning a living. To do this you need to recognise that your talent and skills are coloured by the Neptunian archetype of transcendence, suggesting that you need to make your living as an artist or a healer. Whether or not it is one of these avenues, you are satisfied most when your spiritual longing can find a place on the pedestrian walk of life.

Therefore it is wise to reflect on whether your attitude towards money is misshapen by spiritual beliefs or driven by fantasy. You have a propensity to confuse the material and spiritual worlds, leaving your ability to handle money matters in chaos. If this is the case then it is best to seek practical advice about how to manage your money in the best possible way for you. It is important that you do not unconsciously collude with sacrificing or surrendering your talents due to feeling impoverished. On the other hand you also need to recognise the enormous potential of Neptune in your financial

sector because anything becomes possible. Your task is to not let your creativity or spirituality be held back by lack of money. This suggests you need to bring your artistry, your compassion and your magic into how you earn your living. You need to appreciate and value your own creativity before it can be visible to others.

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

WORK



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

- Thomas Moore

The Labours of the 6th House

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

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

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

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

6th House Cusp is in Aquarius

Aquarius is the sign on the cusp of your 6th house, which illustrates what's necessary in the routine conditions of your job in order to feel satisfied. Space is essential for you to be engaged in what you are doing. Not just breathing space, but emotional and mental freedom is a prerequisite for you to feel connected. Sometimes this is accomplished working independently, on your own or even in an area that is marginal to the system. Ironically, with enough independence, legroom and lack of restrictions you are prepared to be more committed and present with your work. It is important that your routines allow you to be innovative and unique, as working in a similar way to others or on identical projects with your workmates will give rise to claustrophobic feelings. Without adequate freedom and independence there could be an overt reaction or disrespect for authority and hierarchy. A fear of entrapment could manifest as an inability to maintain regular employment, choosing to remain outside the system.

Stimulation and excitement are also necessary as you need to be active. You are mentally agile and alert and need to be intellectually motivated or you become restless and uninterested. You may be drawn to technology as a way to engage your thinking. Tasks that require you to be original, farsighted, inventive, future thinking and visionary stimulate you and provide you with the incentive to be involved. Collegial support and participation is important to you, but not at the expense of your individuality. At work you are aligned more with the well being of the group rather than the concerns of individual members within the work group. While this could be translated as disinterestedness, it is just the way you feel comfortable operating. Therefore you have an innate capacity to work with groups either as their team leader, facilitator or even as a member, as long as you have enough autonomy. Hence part of your working life may involve groups or teams.

Altruism may play a role in your job as you are attracted to social concerns, human rights and collective concerns. As a way of becoming involved in the collective you may become caught up in office politics or the one who speaks for the group. On an overall level you are drawn to jobs that are progressive and innovative and ones dedicated to improving the human predicament. Therefore it might be worth considering work involving green politics, environmentalism, sustainability or conservation. It is also important that these concerns become part of your lifestyle. Through work you endeavour to make a difference in the world and this is an important aspect of your working life. Therefore when you are engaged in repetitive and irrelevant tasks you become disenchanted. When stress builds up it is carried by the nervous system. Anxiety, even a panic attack or feeling spaced out and disconnected are the signals that you are out of sync with your work routines. When this happens try breaking your routines and do something different.

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 Gemini

With Gemini culminating in your chart, the need for variety, change and as little routine as possible in both work's nature and environment is important for you. Gemini is a mutable air sign therefore you need lots of room to breathe and move about freely in your working environment. You also need to be surrounded by a shifting landscape that inspires thoughts, ideas, and techniques. Like you, Gemini is born a communicator, so whether it is an idea, an image, an experience or an event, it is imperative that you are able to communicate this as effectively as possible. Communication underpins your vocation and you are able to creatively express yourself through a myriad of ways. Whether it is through design, writing

or lecturing, body movements, laughter or any other medium that offers a venue to express ideas, thoughts and information your calling is to exchange information and express your ideas. Flexibility and the freedom to communicate are paramount. There are many ways to express your ideas; for instance you could be as a reporter, a journalist, a writer, a teacher, a translator, and an announcer or occupied in another facet of the communications industry. Whatever you choose, you will always need space to feel unencumbered by the system.

That restlessness so visible in your vocation may be your instinctive search to find what is missing. You might be preoccupied with finding your other half, your lost twin, the final piece of the jigsaw, or solving the who-dun-it. With such a highly charged nervous system your vocation needs to offer you lots of mental, physical and emotional space. A confined space, a rigid routine or repetitive task increases your anxiety and stress levels. Therefore you are unlikely to work in a confined office unless you have plenty of variety in your job. You are more likely to be working in the field in sales, or public relations, marketing or perhaps as a cab, bus or courier driver. Your love of facts and information is so important in your job; therefore professions which involve telephone work, the internet, sales, specialised information, maps, atlases, books, magazines, news, reports, and statistics will all be appealing to the part of you that loves learning. At the beginning of the day you long to be involved in some lively interchanges, discussing ideas, facts, even gossip. But at the end of the day you will need to know that you have learned something new.

Agile and dextrous you are able to express yourself through the versatility of body movement or the sleight of hand. Professions involving graphics, drawing, designing, sketching, which include the dexterity of both mind and hand are well suited as well: for instance drafting, calligraphy, design and illustration. As long as information flows you are content. Perpetually youthful you are also adept at setting your career sails to take advantage of the winds of change. Duality also plays a starring role in your vocation. Whether this manifests as having two careers at once or being torn between two professions, it certainly implies change and flexibility in your professional life and the roles this brings.

Ideas are not meant to be ideologies, communication is not communion. It is satisfying enough to move with your ideas, share your thoughts, write down your experiences, and communicate your feelings. Then your Sagittarian cousins can invest your ideas and thoughts with significance. When your vocation does not offer you this wide experimentation ground or room to test all the possibilities your spirit becomes agitated and nervous, scattering its ideas on barren ground, unable to mature in the world. Heed the call of communication and grace the world with your wit and wisdom.

Uranus is in the 10th House

In your 10th house you have the planet Uranus, whose discovery near the advent of the industrial age reminds us that this archetype presides over burgeoning industrial revolutions. Being innovative it rules the technological revolution, new and cutting-edge technology, the electronics industry and ground-breaking aspects of the electronics and engineering fields.

Computer programmers and technicians, Internet based occupations, radio and television and the broadcast media are akin to the nature of Uranus. As an altruistic planet, it rules humanitarianism and social reforms including the areas of politics, compassionate concerns and occupations, promotion of causes, professional and humanitarian associations, social services. The innovation of this archetype leads to vocations which encourages inventiveness, science and technology.

Occupations which deal with the human condition and the advancement of the individual such as psychology, especially approaches like group psychology, Adlerian, Gestalt, and psychodrama will appeal to the archetype of Uranus. Astrology, community work and reforms, many of the new age occupations, like reiki healing, crystals, channelling, complementary therapies and medicine all appeal to the non-conforming aspect of Uranus. It is the extraordinary and

non-traditional vocations that call you. Therefore it is not too far out to consider being a rock musician, a metaphysician or even a science fiction writer. To be true to yourself you need to find the road less travelled through the world. Expect the unexpected. But if you were to imagine one thing, anticipate that your career will take you farther afield than anyone else in your family and/or tribe has been before. When you were born your vocation probably did not exist, or if it did it was probably not one your parents would have considered for you. To find your fulfilling career you need to recognise the avant-garde, futuristic and unique aspects of yourself and how you might shape these into a role for you in the world.

CONCLUSION

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

-Robert Frost

A Considered Vocation

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

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

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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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