

Your Spiritual Path

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Sun	Pisces	07°Pi54'	04th	01 25°Sc16'
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Mercury	Aquarius	14°Aq06'	03rd	03 28°Cp26'
Venus	Pisces	12°Pi54'	04th	04 02°Pi53'
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Jupiter	Gemini	07°Ge32'	07th	06 02°Ta05'
Saturn	Capricorn	09°Cp39'	02nd	07 25°Ta16'
Uranus	Aries	09°Ar29'	05th	08 25°Ge18'
Neptune	Virgo	02°Vi03' R	09th	09 28°Ca26'
Pluto	Cancer	17°Ca39' R	08th	10 02°Vi53'
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Your Spiritual Path

Each of us has the potential to develop along psychic, intuitive and spiritual lines into the person who best suits our natural gifts. There are essentially three possibilities for how that development may occur:

1. Along the lines dictated by our family, peers and social milieu: Most of us are taught a set of rules as children. Some of those rules prove to be very useful, and some lessons prove to be detrimental to our development, or at least not helpful.
2. Along the lines suggested by your own conscious mind: Each of us is born with the capacity to learn. The person inside us is the life and light of the mind.
3. The inevitable path is a combination of these two possibilities. No one can develop precisely the way someone else dictates. And no one can develop to suit individual desires with no connection to the outer world.

When individuals develop along the lines reflected by their astrological chart, the fullest expression of natural potential is possible. The birth chart places you at the center of your world, and shows your personal relationship to the Sun, Moon and planets. This is the astrological approach to spiritual understanding. It is not limited to one religious sect or emotional expression. The birth chart presents the possibilities that vibrate within your soul, and indicates which will be easier or more difficult to manage.

Your goal or mission is indicated by your natal chart, but you fully understand it only if you are open to the inner spiritual voice that is always present, and is truly your devoted life companion.

The best spiritual path is one that allows you to use your natural talents and skills. Sometimes your latent abilities will require training and practice to develop into spiritual tools. In this report we will consider a number of possibilities to help you get a sense of your talents, and how to develop and use them.

Your Creative Process

The Sun is the source of all physical life as we know it. As children develop, Sun sign characteristics are colored by family circumstances, cultural values, and other environmental influences. Yet we develop according to our own individual character IN SPITE of everything. The voice within us will not be denied. It cannot be eradicated and it never gives up. When we are on an appropriate path to our true spiritual destiny our inner voice is a gentle guide. When we stray into less productive territory, the voice becomes more forceful. When we attempt to stifle this inner voice of character, it waits patiently for the proper moment and speaks again.

The Sun sign reveals your conscious attitude toward the external world. The following description of the Sun explores your natural tendencies of mental style and action.

With the Sun in Pisces, you are primarily the Feeling type. If the sensation types say, "Just the facts, ma'am," the feeling types say, "and how does it feel when that happens?" Feeling types evaluate situations on the basis of sentiment and may disregard logical processes as ineffective with others and unsatisfying to themselves. They can think logically, but may choose not to unless pressed by circumstances. You are not an emotional disaster area. Rather you are prone to making judgments about things, as in "I feel that is the best way to go." In order to maintain the capacity for fair judgment, it is important to remove or reduce any psychological pollution in the work place caused by unkind, unsympathetic gossip, threatening behavior on the part of co-workers, or idle complaining that is not backed by constructive suggestions. Feeling types can do well in careers that call for sensitivity in relating to other people. You have the ability to bridge the gap between people, and therefore make good counselors, sales people, heads of families, members of the clergy - any job where interpersonal relationships are at the core of productive work. You have a psychic connection to the people and things around you. Often you can "get the point" before other people even state it. You can over-react, but generally return to an acceptable level quickly.

How You Express Your Will

The Sun indicates your will power and its direction. One of the reasons we can identify Sun signs in other people is that they are often willful in their actions. Especially in childhood they are determined, demanding and rebellious against anything that does not conform to their will. The Children of each Sun show us the power of will. The information about your Sun sign focuses on the potential expression (and the associated undercurrents).

I will be moody (when I could be sympathetic). I will be indecisive (when I could go with the flow). I will feel inferior (when I could adapt to circumstances). I will be secretive (when I only want to be alone). I will soak up psychic negativity (when I could be receptive without losing my balance). I will be indulgent (when I need to be attentive).

Your Sun is in the 4th house. The mid-section of your body is where your attention goes when you are working on any creative project, and you evaluate progress by asking if things feel right. The more your conscious awareness focuses on the inner feeling barometer, the more you become aware of the feelings of others and even psychic currents around you. You assimilate data of this kind almost by osmosis. The Solar Plexus Chakra is a spiritual focus for you. This spiritual balance point can be affected by food, emotions, and mental intake. You may need a quiet period after meals or after psychic stress. You can examine and change your core beliefs by facing situations head on where they are challenged, especially by males. You find that you function best when you are not struggling in this area. Therefore you may want to do the personal work of self-discovery in the privacy of your own home.

Aspects of the Sun

Feelings of love pervade your spiritual life. Strong relationships with your partner, friends and family provide a spark of spiritual activity deep within you. This spark can be expressed artistically or through social interactions. You find great joy in life, but are also aware of the depth of sadness and other feelings. As you take the spiritual path, you begin to see these less as

opposites and more as part of a continuum of feeling. When you can bring higher values to bear in both joy and sadness, you achieve a synthesis of possibilities. You find that spiritual discipline is as much a container for your being as it is the expression of your inner desire. Your perception of duty is to develop the endurance needed to weather emotional and material storms. You are very sensitive to the feelings of others, and may confuse your experience with their feelings. You must discriminate between what you feel and how you judge the feeling in order to expand your psychic ability. Psychic awareness then becomes a gift in your interaction with others. You are able to cut through the delusion of the material world to the heart of your spiritual power. You comprehend the continuity of your psychic states as you move between spiritual planes, and even between lives. Associations with other people, and indeed with spirit animals and powerful plants, provide you with a comfortable stage upon which to express your developing spiritual character. You learn from others in a natural, fluid way. Perhaps your biggest challenge in life is to act as though you are certain, while at each turning you are examining your own values and sense of self. Only after the fact can you be certain of your direction.

Core Beliefs

Much of the pain and limitation we experience is the result of being taught so-called "truths" that are incompatible with our core beliefs. Family and society train us, and sometimes little is done to nurture our individual realities. It is up to you to identify and nurture the values that are meaningful to you. When the filtering process is undertaken, you uncover a "truth" that is unique to you.

The Moon

The Moon reflects the soul. It governs fluids in your body and imagination in your mind. It generally represents a less conscious part of your being, and reflects the quality and flexibility of your memory. If the Sun indicates the most likely course of your spiritual path, the Moon indicates some of the qualities of the path itself.

With the Moon in Aquarius, your secondary mental style is primarily the Thinking type. Your inner voice is logical - perhaps too logical - and it can have an aloof, cold quality. You may find yourself critiquing your actions in a logical way when your emotional or other response was perfectly suited to the situation. The inner voice can be used to analyze your actions, but you will want to avoid becoming obsessive about every detail of your life. Internal logic is useful in school and other learning situations, as it serves to gather and organize large quantities of material quickly and neatly. A very real advantage of this inner thinking style is that you may reach a conclusion intuitively or on the basis of feelings, and then examine its logical basis at your leisure. The ability to apply reason to your life - cognitive skills - can help you to be socially graceful while also serving your personal desires. You also develop a capacity for delayed gratification of sensual impulses that would not serve your best interests. If an impulse is evaluated and the logic holds up, then you can take action, knowing that you are not violating your internal intellectual.

Your typically aloof nature provides a logical, objective method for examining beliefs. You may argue about issues that reveal illogical patterns or constructs, and you calmly and coolly change your own mind.

Aspects of the Moon

You have an active mind, and you have skillful methods for testing your assumptions against the world around you. Your judgment is good, even when you are in the midst of change. You tend to get excited about a new idea, run with it for a while, and then leave it for another idea. This approach keeps you from making steady progress. Develop the will to complete a study before you move on to something new. You are deeply sensitive to the energies around you, and often know how others feel before they show any sign. Your spiritual gift is to be subtle in your interactions. Be compassionate, but not gushy, and use your imagination to facilitate creative change in others, and within yourself. Women bring an emotional spotlight to your self-awareness. Among the tears and anger you find gems in the form of core beliefs that have been transformed to suit your present needs. Women cause problems for you, but may be the source of spiritual wisdom and inspiration.

The Fourth House

The sign on the Fourth House cusp indicates the filter through which you view your core beliefs. It is the wellspring of all the best, most creative and most powerful ideas you will have throughout your lifetime. It indicates the refrain that the inner voice sings to you when you are sad or filled with joy, when you are pessimistic or optimistic, when you are afraid or when you are experiencing the power of love in your life.

You have Pisces on the Fourth House cusp. Being an empathetic person at the core of your being, you respond to the core beliefs of the people around you all the time. However, you need not be a vessel that can only be filled in this way. You are able to draw on your inner instinctual nature and develop your intuition. In the process of this development, you may start out being a psychic medium, subject to the currents of psychic energy around you. Later you develop your intellectual capacity and can then regulate, measure and evaluate those same psychic currents. When this happens, you become a mediator of the energy instead of being its servant.

You find that you are able to consider multiple beliefs, and you often find the common thread among people's apparently different ideas. You thus are capable of mediating between different thoughts and feelings very well. As a child the expressed beliefs of your family may have been contradicted by the psychic expressions of the individuals. You had to learn to evaluate those differences early on, weighing what was said against what you could feel. In your adult life you can use this skill to become a mediator. Further, you are able to discern core beliefs in yourself and others that do not align with each other, and you are able to adjust those beliefs so they are part of a consistent set of values.

You may feel that you are following a path of return to values that have somehow been lost or ignored. Your core beliefs, when you get to the actual core, are probably shared with millions of individuals. If you are willing to spend time stripping away beliefs that have been imposed on you without any systematic method, you can begin with a solid base and assemble a more meaningful set of feelings and ideas around them. As this process unfolds you discover your unique position among the multitude of voices.

The Inner Voice

Planets in the Fourth House reflect the inner voice that accompanies you throughout your life. They indicate the kind of people and experiences that most directly connect you to your core beliefs.

Planets in the Fourth House

Sun in 4th House:

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Venus in 4th House:

Women focus your attention on the social values that underlie your beliefs. They show you that it isn't just about you, but includes broader interpersonal significance. Awareness of the nurturing component of interaction is key to your learning process.

Fourth House Aspects

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life. You seek a strong philosophical connection to match the physical passion. Faithfulness is a key factor if your relationship is to support your spiritual growth, and trust has to work both ways in the partnership. Your sense of duty makes you a stable factor in difficult situations. Faithful completion of your accepted duties brings spiritual contentment into your life. Your powerful artistic gifts can provide the media for your spiritual expression. Sometimes you are driven by physical compulsion to produce tangible works.

Communication and Mental Development

Most of us were taught a set of "truths" in childhood and we were expected to accept them. To supplement what you have been taught by your parents, teachers, and the world at large, you need to develop a spiritual learning style that works for you. If you then decide to teach others, you must develop communication skills that let you share these experiences clearly and meaningfully with your students.

Training Your Conscious Mind

Three factors contribute to your ability to train your conscious mind for spiritual development:

- * the natural direction of your thinking
- * training to take advantage of this direction
- * training your nervous system, and learning to respond to it

Element of Mercury

The angel Raphael is associated with healing in the Bible. The capacity for both companionship and healing forms the essence of Mercury's expression.

With Mercury in Aquarius, your communication style is primarily the Thinking type. Your healing focus lies in words and skillful communication. You use your intellect to examine conflict, discover its significance, and illuminate the path toward resolution. Adept in the technology of communication, you may have impact over long distances. Whether you focus on oral traditions, written word or artistic communication, you use logic in the mediation between or among people.

Training the conscious mind involves reasoning on the conscious level. Spiritual Education teaches how to engage your intuitive function. Intuition can be trained. Mercury reflects a specific way for you to learn about intuition. See the section on Uranus for more information on your intuitive ability.

Your inventive nature is well served by developing intuition. You see future needs and focus your thoughts on how to fulfill those needs. Intuition is a natural component of your thinking process. Walking meditation may enhance the intuitive flow.

Your Mercury is in the 3rd House. You love change, and this may hinder your spiritual

development if you skip from one practice to another without engaging any practice in depth. A consistent meditative practice can provide an anchor for your otherwise active business and personal life.

Mercury Aspects

You have an active mind, and you have skillful methods for testing your assumptions against the world around you. Your judgment is good, even when you are in the midst of change. You use your powerful mind to help you through difficult transitions in your life. Rash actions can cause arguments and break-ups. You take to the path of devotion with determination. You allow your thoughts to expand into spiritual realms without restriction, and you use this process to cleanse your mind and your words so that spirit can express ever more cleanly and clearly. Intuition comes to you and you are able to express its meaning to others. The flow between ordinary words and intuitive content is smooth and natural.

Self Esteem and the Development of Spiritual Partnerships

The power of mind is unlimited, except by our own thinking. As you proceed along the spiritual path, self-esteem grows. Relationship with another person is a powerful force for the development of self-esteem and for spiritual growth.

Venus has been called the alter ego of the Earth. Very close to the same size as the earth, Venus has an atmosphere inhospitable to human life. The inner reaches of the unconscious mind were long thought to be inhospitable as well. Modern psychology has delved into the mechanism of mind, and religious mystics have long studied the rocky terrain to be found within each of us. The consensus is that to evolve spiritually, we must first look at ourselves. One way to do this is through relationship with others.

Romantic, business and other relationships all offer us the opportunity to project our thoughts onto other people. The evolutionary nature of a relationship allows us to explore our desires. Then we can achieve spiritual connections that transcend sexual expression.

Right relationships between people provides inner awareness that helps us to mediate between personality and soul, between physical life and higher consciousness. Only through fusion of these apparently separate facets of your being can you approach true knowledge.

The Planet Venus provides indications about your best approach to spiritual partnerships.

With Venus in Pisces, your best approach to healthy partnering is through the Feeling function. You gather concrete knowledge by talking about the subjects that interest you, and then listening. You like to know the name of everything, and often just the name tells you far more than most people learn though more serious study. You use the power of your mind to direct your feeling energy to help others.

You have a deep longing for meaningful love relationships in your life, and you may tend to

give in to others in order to gain such a relationship. Because you are very impressionable, you will find that careful investigation into any new project or relationship will save you a lot of trouble.

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Venus Aspects

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Doubt, Resistance, and the Development of Psychic Ability

The spiritual path has a number of potential pitfalls. Some of the most treacherous of these lie within our own minds. Our innermost thoughts become a prison, trapping us within walls of our own making. These may be the karmic result of the past, or they may be the result of recent actions. There are several ways we cause our own difficulties:

1) Secrets - Privacy and secrets are part of the picture. Children love the feeling of independence and power that comes with a secret. Problems only arise when the secrets we keep are detrimental to ourselves or to others.

2) Doubts - When a situation causes you to doubt, it is largely because it is incongruent with what you have learned in the past. You want something new, but your unconscious is in turmoil. You feel naughty, anxious, reluctant, or undeserving. Because of what you have learned from people you trust or from what you have read, you doubt your own decision-making ability.

3) Resistance - Resistance is not all bad. If change were too easy, we would have no stability. We could be talked into all sorts of things. What we need is a way to identify resistance for what it is, and then find ways to work with it.

Where your spiritual path is concerned, Neptune reveals how you handle secrets, how doubt arises for you, and also how to resolve resistance. One strategy involves your psychic ability.

Developing Your Psychic Ability

We use our psychic senses to understand the world of the present. You can train yourself to be more aware of the nuances of psychic awareness, and Neptune indicates how you can develop this ability. You will then connect with the earth and other people in new ways, and also confirm the significance of your spiritual values.

With Neptune in Virgo, your private, psychic style is primarily the Sensation type.

You understand people at the intuitive level, but may find that their outer actions baffle you. While you can be completely logical, the psychic information you obtain may need to be examined fully before its internal logic is revealed. Your interest in healing certainly extends to the emotional, mental and spiritual healing that many people are seeking. You may find that this healing inclination arises in the spiritual realm and seeks grounding in the material. You have the capacity to heal, but only when you have completed a thorough self-examination and remove the blinders of your own ego.

When you consider your own behavior, you may notice that nagging others arises from an internalized message about your own behavior. Obsessing over details may reflect behaviors you learned in childhood. You internalized these behaviors more or less unconsciously, but you can now examine them and begin to set them aside in favor of more positive communication styles. As you learn to be more generous with yourself, you find you relax around other people. As you curtail your nagging behavior with others, you find that you are generally more satisfied with your own efforts.

Neptune is in the 9th House. Single-minded purpose is necessary for you as you seek transcendent values. On the physical level you are all too sensitive to the influences around you. This sensitivity can become a mystical tool for understanding the true nature of duality. You need a heart connection to your spiritual work - you have to get past the mental work and get to the intense connection that many people find in their gurus. You may find that refining your mental processes is essential to assure focused attention to your chosen path.

Neptune Aspects

You are deeply sensitive to the energies around you, and often know how others feel before they show any sign. Your spiritual gift is to be subtle in your interactions. Be compassionate, but not gushy, and use your imagination to facilitate creative change in others, and within yourself. You are very sensitive to the feelings of others, and may confuse your experience with their feelings. You must discriminate between what you feel and how you judge the feeling in order to expand your psychic ability. Psychic awareness then becomes a gift in your interaction with others. You seek the company of visionaries, as you appreciate their ability to speculate on the future and to develop something radically new and different out of something well established. You either succumb to your impressionability, and gullibility, or you learn to discern the motives that drive others and then make your own decisions. You understand suffering and are well able to alleviate it for others. One spiritual outcome is that you learn to accept help when you most need it yourself, thereby helping others to develop compassion. You have strong compassion for others, yet you may be inconsistent in the application of effort in trying to help them. You often expect more from a situation than you get, spiritually or otherwise. You feel as though you don't have a clue about what is happening around you. This

is not the case. You actually have many psychic clues. Work on sorting them out so that you can see the path before you. You need to stick to wholesome nutrition, both physical and spiritual, as you are easily swayed by drugs and by sugary words.

The Twelfth House

The sign on the Twelfth House indicates how you color issues of doubt and resistance. It also reflects your most direct approach to your psychic insights.

You have Scorpio on the Twelfth House cusp. Your dreams provide intense emotional images. Sometimes they parallel your experience of the day before, and sometimes they seem almost alien to you. Examine the symbols within your dreams, as they often indicate the direction the collective mind is taking. You are open to psychic influence from others. You may be able to receive messages from great distances, and even from people who have passed on. Every shaman undergoes initiation through a metaphorical death experience, and you are no exception.

Death and Transformation as Spiritual Processes

Pluto, Scorpio and the Eighth House in the birth chart deal with issues of death and transformation. On the spiritual path a shaman must undergo a death-like initiation in order to come into his or her shamanic powers. In our own lives we continually experience the death of old ways of being and the birth of new possibilities. Transformative events can teach lessons concerning your spiritual growth:

- * They are signposts to indicate progress.
- * They allow you to modify your behavior in positive ways.
- * They remind you to be gentle and kind with yourself.
- * They remind you to accept yourself as you are, and to move forward.
- * They remind you to support and encourage the child within yourself, just as you would encourage another person.

The Eighth House in your chart defines the mechanisms for change and self-acceptance that are most appropriate for you. By understanding them you develop a sense of self and a set of behaviors that lead more directly to your goal. You discard behaviors that no longer serve you in your journey on the spiritual path.

Scorpio is the natural sign on the Eighth House, and the associated planet is Pluto. How appropriate that Pluto, mythological ruler of the underworld, should be the planetary ruler of the Eighth House of death and transformation.

Yet Pluto attracts the living, though it cannot hold on to them for long. So it is with life. We are attracted to one way of doing things, but we know that change is the only certainty in life. As we travel the spiritual path, we find that each ending is the source of a new beginning, and

that we often benefit from even the most traumatic events. By descending into the world of darkness and pain, we borrow a bit of Pluto's power, so that on the next step along the path we are stronger and more courageous.

With Pluto in Cancer, your approach to death and transformation is primarily through the Feeling function. You have the innate capacity to engage feelings appropriate to the nature of events. If you have been discouraged from expressing those feelings, you may attempt to bury them deep within yourself. This is not helpful in the long run because the feelings resurface later or eat away at you internally. What works better is to find suitable ways to express your distress, fear, anger - even your joy. This involves having the conscious experience of feelings and evaluating them for yourself instead of suppressing them. While this is no easy task, it is possible for you to become a stable rock in the midst of a river of change. You have your feelings and continue to manage the tasks before you, and you may surprise yourself at how well you handle even severe traumas.

The influence of family and heritage is strong in your choice of personal direction in career, relationships, and spiritual matters. Yet you have the capacity to change the emotional parameters, and take off in a direction very different from your family.

Pluto Aspects

You are able to cut through the delusion of the material world to the heart of your spiritual power. You comprehend the continuity of your psychic states as you move between spiritual planes, and even between lives. Your powerful artistic gifts can provide the media for your spiritual expression. Sometimes you are driven by physical compulsion to produce tangible works. You can easily influence others to follow your lead, spiritual or otherwise. Be careful how you use this power.

The Eighth House

The sign on the Eighth House cusp indicates the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual approach you take when dealing with birth, death and transformation.

You have Gemini on the Eighth House cusp. Whenever you are at a point where change needs to occur, you find that cosmic energy pours into your heart and body and mind. You are filled with the capacity to move ahead to something new, and you may inadvertently leave others in your wake. You learn to bring them along with you, or reconnect later. You use your thinking capacity to mediate among the opportunities that come to you. You use it to mediate between other people when they disagree. It is through careful thought that you make progress, and it is your ability to think through a situation that provides the greatest potential for spiritual transformation.

Planets in the Eighth House

Pluto in 8th House:

One change begets another in your life. You see transformation as a way of life, not an isolated event. Often you feel changes coming long before any outward signs are visible. You dwell in the underworld of the mind. Without training you are susceptible to the energies of

people around you, and you fall under their spells easily. With training you can cast your own spells, and certainly you can use your power to protect yourself. You have tremendous endurance - your ability to keep going means that you can chart a spiritual path and make definite progress. You tend to be around when traumatic events happen to other people, and you may have your own share of difficulties. These experiences place you in the ideal spot to help others, as you know how they feel and you know just how to lift their spirits.

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The Development of Intuition

Intuition is an ability beyond logical thinking. Through it you can consider future outcomes. In the Buddhist tradition, intuition is a mental ability, equal to intellect that can provide direct insight. In mathematics intuition is the capacity to "guess" the answer to a problem, skipping the regular logical processes.

Intuition is more than your inner voice. Intuition is one of the methods by which you understand the world. It is a skill you can develop and use consciously. Intuition often surfaces during meditation. When the mind is quiet, then intuition can be heard. Once trained, you can access intuition by stopping your normal waking process and entering the calm that you have cultivated.

The planet associated with intuition is Uranus. With Uranus in Aries, your intuition works best through the Intuitive function. Much of your inspiration for your work comes from intuitive insight into future applications and results of your efforts. As your confidence in this ability to forecast trends, you gain the trust of the people around you. You focus your connection to the spiritual realm through attention to potential future results of today's actions. You are inspired to be your best when you can foresee a positive outcome.

You are usually a step ahead of everyone else's game, reaching for the next good idea while handing off today's project to someone else to complete. You enjoy the moment of creation, but even more, the moment before.

Your Uranus is in the 5th House. You begin by noticing that you have thoughts about things that may happen in the future, only to have your thoughts come true. You can develop the ability to create slightly different outcomes, until eventually you may be able to divert negative events or at least modify the negativity through your own mental effort.

Uranus Aspects

Intuition comes to you and you are able to express its meaning to others. The flow between ordinary words and intuitive content is smooth and natural. You can achieve self-realization by developing your intuitive senses completely. You tend to "get the point" suddenly, after careful digestion of the facts. Your interactions with the world are causes of irritation and strain, and require you to develop your will to overcome difficulties. You like to maintain a particular rhythm. When this is not possible, you tend to rebel. Your spiritual understanding is tempered by your response / reaction to pressure.

The Midheaven: Self-Awareness and the Use of Intuition

How can you use your self-awareness to access intuition, a presumably involuntary, less conscious capacity? To take the direct, conscious path is challenging at best. This method only works if you can consciously enter unconscious territory, and by definition, that territory is unconscious because you cannot access it directly. You can rarely dive in intentionally.

You can wait for intuition to arise naturally without doing anything. Or you can practice meditation. It is fairly easy to learn and requires no particular physical or mental skills, except the ability to focus the mind.

In addition, you have specific avenues, or points of focus, to aid you in the practice. The sign on the Midheaven indicates an area of the subconscious that you can access through meditation, thereby identifying spiritual keys to your development. By going within, you find the higher values most suited to your own path.

With the Midheaven in Virgo, your self-awareness and your path to self-realization are primarily through the Sensation function.

You have a deeply rooted psychic capacity. You can, if you open yourself to the world around you, feel the emotional emanations of people, animals and objects. Even if you aren't conscious of this ability, you use it to steer a course of safety through interpersonal relationships. You just "know" the right thing to do or say in many situations. You know how to make others feel comfortable, and you choose your words wisely to achieve your own purpose.

With practice you can pinpoint the source of feelings coming at you more precisely, thereby using your ability to formulate conscious plans of action. You can also use your imagination to develop a story-telling ability, then use stories to illustrate your feelings or to influence the decisions of others. Story telling may even become a significant element in your career. People love good stories and respond to them with action appropriate to their content. You learn to capitalize on this human quality.

Midheaven Aspects

Women bring an emotional spotlight to your self-awareness. Among the tears and anger you find gems in the form of core beliefs that have been transformed to suit your present needs. Perhaps your biggest challenge in life is to act as though you are certain, while at each turning

you are examining your own values and sense of self. Only after the fact can you be certain of your direction. You have the capacity to develop awareness of your own love-wisdom. In your public life you find expansive, rich examples of how the laws of the universe unfold and what they mean to you. Accept the teachings, not with a sense of egotism, but with a sense of responsibility, even duty. You have the structure within your spirit to organize and concentrate the teachings you experience. Much of this work may take place in isolation, as it is serious personal work. You have the endurance you need for your spiritual work. You feel as though you don't have a clue about what is happening around you. This is not the case. You actually have many psychic clues. Work on sorting them out so that you can see the path before you.

Karma and Dharma

Perhaps no single principle of Asian religions has fascinated us more than karma and its link to reincarnation. Karma refers to the cause and effect relationship between what we do and the results we get. Our actions bring reactions, constructive and not so constructive. However, everyday feedback often comes from individuals who are no more clear about their spiritual values than we are. So, what should you take seriously?

How does karma work in your life? Will it be played out in your next incarnation, or will you experience it in the here-and-now?

Certainly you do not have to believe in karma or reincarnation to make progress along your spiritual path. However, if you do astrology can offer insight into what factors in the past may be influencing you today. The following are suggestions concerning past influences. Think of them as relating to family and childhood experience, or you can relate them to your past lives, or both.

With Saturn in Capricorn, you experience karma and dharma primarily through the Sensation function. Intelligent activity is guided by practical considerations. Your perception of things through sight, touch and other ordinary senses is your first and strongest avenue to working with the world. You are able to root out the facts from the body of writing about the past. This uncanny ability may disregard the ephemeral trends of a period and focus instead on the details of the material situation of the time. You are also able to mobilize a massive quantity of data, and to organize it to suit your purposes. You sift through data to find the gems that point directly to your point. Sometimes you have to discover the way to make your conclusions more meaningful to others who are less adept. Finally, you use information to guide your intelligence where future plans and goals are involved. You rarely make long-term decisions based on emotion. It's not that you have no feelings, because you do. It's that you know feelings will change far more easily than the material foundation on which they rest.

You are industrious in every activity you undertake. You expect effective action from yourself and from others and can be a harsh or willful manager. Through experience you move from an egocentric attitude to self-awareness. Then you advance much more quickly, both economically and spiritually.

Your Saturn is in the 2nd House. Your most significant karmic lesson involves self-esteem and self worth. Resolve responsibilities and pain from the past. Then you become a vehicle for conscious intelligent action - you recognize the karma your actions may create.

Saturn Aspects

You find that spiritual discipline is as much a container for your being as it is the expression of your inner desire. Your perception of duty is to develop the endurance needed to weather emotional and material storms. Your sense of duty makes you a stable factor in difficult situations. Faithful completion of your accepted duties brings spiritual contentment into your life. Your interactions with the world are causes of irritation and strain, and require you to develop your will to overcome difficulties. You like to maintain a particular rhythm. When this is not possible, you tend to rebel. Your spiritual understanding is tempered by your response / reaction to pressure. You understand suffering and are well able to alleviate it for others. One spiritual outcome is that you learn to accept help when you most need it yourself, thereby helping others to develop compassion. You work in isolation, and therefore need to develop strong meditation practices that cultivate the capacity to work with others who are much older or younger than yourself. You have the structure within your spirit to organize and concentrate the teachings you experience. Much of this work may take place in isolation, as it is serious personal work. You have the endurance you need for your spiritual work.

Transcendent Values

Behind what you know about yourself - behind all other considerations of spirituality, lie the transcendent values that are most important to you. These are the values you have worked to discover from among all the rules you have been taught. They are the reason you have read books, studied with teachers, privately pondered and examined the events of your life. They are the fundamental principles that you believe will help you find fulfillment as a human being. As such they are the source of energy behind your self-awareness, the motivation of your spiritual search, and the principles that you apply to your dharma, or life path.

With Jupiter in Gemini, your approach to and understanding of transcendent values is primarily through the Thinking function. Regardless of your typical mental style, indicated by the element occupied by the Sun, you tend to process best through thinking, and through the skillful use of words. You aspire to more perfect expression, both within yourself and in the social realm. Mental and spiritual training benefit you by providing rigorous reasoning skills and by opening your heart to the intuitive information that flows around you. Even when you have achieved fusion of heart and mind, you find that your mental process and expression focus on intellect and the thinking process. You may come to trust your intuition deeply, but you gain this level of confidence through testing your intuitive knowledge logically and rationally. You understand that the cycle of cause and effect begins on the mental plane, descends through the emotional realm, and manifests in the physical world.

Your versatility makes you the welcome guest at any gathering. You thrive on the many

social connections that feed your self-awareness and spiritual bank account. Because you love change, you move forward on the spiritual path with relative ease, as long as you keep your own values in mind.

Aspects of the Jupiter

You find great joy in life, but are also aware of the depth of sadness and other feelings. As you take the spiritual path, you begin to see these less as opposites and more as part of a continuum of feeling. When you can bring higher values to bear in both joy and sadness, you achieve a synthesis of possibilities. You allow your thoughts to expand into spiritual realms without restriction, and you use this process to cleanse your mind and your words so that spirit can express ever more cleanly and clearly. Your sense of form and harmony extend into the important relationships of your life. You seek a strong philosophical connection to match the physical passion. Faithfulness is a key factor if your relationship is to support your spiritual growth, and trust has to work both ways in the partnership. You can achieve self-realization by developing your intuitive senses completely. You tend to "get the point" suddenly, after careful digestion of the facts. You seek the company of visionaries, as you appreciate their ability to speculate on the future and to develop something radically new and different out of something well established. You either succumb to your impressionability, and gullibility, or you learn to discern the motives that drive others and then make your own decisions. You have the capacity to develop awareness of your own love-wisdom. In your public life you find expansive, rich examples of how the laws of the universe unfold and what they mean to you. Accept the teachings, not with a sense of egotism, but with a sense of responsibility, even duty.

The Ninth House

You have Cancer on the Ninth House cusp. The first transcendent value for you is instinctual awareness. Because instinct is often thought to be a primitive function, you may question this value, but it is, nonetheless, a first principle for you. If you cannot depend on your instincts, you have no firm ground from which to proceed. The second value is mass consciousness. As you gain an understanding of your instincts, you begin to appreciate how they work in group situations. Your relationships with others are both the source of, and the resolution of personal karma. The third value is devotion. You come to understand how instincts are related to self-preservation and the fulfillment of needs. You also understand the expression of devotion when a crowd of people follows one man or woman, seemingly instinctually. Finally you experience the power of devotion to a spiritual goal, supported by all your instincts and experience.

Planets in the Ninth House

Neptune in 9th House:

Single-minded purpose is necessary for you as you seek transcendent values. On the physical level you are all too sensitive to the influences around you. This sensitivity can become a mystical tool for understanding the true nature of duality. You need a heart connection to your spiritual work - you have to get past the mental work and get to the intense connection that many people find in their gurus. You may find that refining your mental processes is essential to assure focused attention to your chosen path.

Ninth House Aspects

You are deeply sensitive to the energies around you, and often know how others feel before they show any sign. Your spiritual gift is to be subtle in your interactions. Be compassionate, but not gushy, and use your imagination to facilitate creative change in others, and within yourself. You are very sensitive to the feelings of others, and may confuse your experience with their feelings. You must discriminate between what you feel and how you judge the feeling in order to expand your psychic ability. Psychic awareness then becomes a gift in your interaction with others. You seek the company of visionaries, as you appreciate their ability to speculate on the future and to develop something radically new and different out of something well established. You either succumb to your impressionability, and gullibility, or you learn to discern the motives that drive others and then make your own decisions. You understand suffering and are well able to alleviate it for others. One spiritual outcome is that you learn to accept help when you most need it yourself, thereby helping others to develop compassion. You feel as though you don't have a clue about what is happening around you. This is not the case. You actually have many psychic clues. Work on sorting them out so that you can see the path before you. You need to stick to wholesome nutrition, both physical and spiritual, as you are easily swayed by drugs and by sugary words.

Mars: Your Spiritual Persona

Mars indicates an area of life that is vitally important to your spiritual growth. Whatever path you choose, this factor will come up again and again. Others will see how it affects you, but they are unlikely to understand the depth of its significance. You yourself may not understand the power of this influence on your life.

The Element of Mars

Mars is naturally associated with Aries, a fire sign. Traditionally Mars was also associated with Scorpio, a water sign. Thus the expression of Mars shares the nature of these two elements to some extent. The movement between water and fire involves the capacity for discriminating awareness. Mars governs the five senses-touch, taste, sight, hearing and smell. The position of Mars directly reflects your capacity to relate to the world through your senses.

With Mars in Aquarius, your spiritual persona is expressed most fluently through the Thinking function. You are able to take an idea and wind it into an imaginative, yet logical picture, filled with colorful images and connections. Your spiritual discipline is likely to reflect this strong use of intellect. You find causes to which you devote time and energy, and you are best placed in jobs or activities that draw upon your mental capacity. Today's focus on the Internet and telecommunications suits your energy very well, as you are able to picture systems and to devise strategies for the future.

The sign placement of Mars is significant to developing your spiritual persona. The sign colors the message you receive concerning the direction your spiritual path will take. Here are three personality traits associated with Mars in your chart: Group Values, New Ideas, Memory.

If you consider each trait and consciously evoke it in your daily activities, you will find that the path becomes more fulfilling, more insightful, and easier. By actively devoting energy to the development of the traits of your Mars, you spontaneously develop several traits associated with other signs.

House Placement of Mars

Your Mars is in the 3rd House. The focus of your spiritual persona is on issues of mind. Your educational zeal provides you with the staying power to delve deeply into subjects that interest you. You may become a writer or teacher because you feel strongly about your interests and want to communicate them effectively. You are careful in the use of words, as you understand how deeply they affect others. If you can harness your own emotions, you can become an effective negotiator or mediator.

Mars Aspects

You tend to get excited about a new idea, run with it for a while, and then leave it for another idea. This approach keeps you from making steady progress. Develop the will to complete a study before you move on to something new. You use your powerful mind to help you through difficult transitions in your life. Rash actions can cause arguments and break-ups. You take to the path of devotion with determination.

The Ascendant: Expressing Spirit in the World

The Ascendant provides a personal anchor for understanding spiritual potential and process in the birth chart. It shows how you express yourself in the world. This is because the rising sign represents choice - you choose what you want to show to the world. Ultimately, however, you come back to the Sun sign on the spiritual level.

Each person learns about the Sun sign's higher spiritual values and cultivates those values by developing the positive traits of the Ascendant. Each sign as it rises brings to light different personality traits, different physical appearance, and a different sense of spiritual direction. The rising sign offers a container for your experimentation with constructive, creative personal choices about how to act in the world. Later you can take this practice back to the Sun sign and master its lessons.

Remember that the Midheaven and Ascendant depend on an accurate birth time. If you have no idea of your birth time, the material included here may help you to focus on a spiritual persona for yourself.

Your Rising Sign (Ascendant)

You have already taken a few steps on the spiritual path, and you have dedicated your life to your spiritual nature to some degree. The intense desire nature within you continues, however, to pull you toward the physical expression. You constantly find yourself at a turning point between pursuing a material desire and following a more spiritual inclination.

You have the capacity for major changes in your life. Others may find your decisions remarkable, as you can take a 180 degree turn with relative ease. Each of these major shifts brings you closer to understanding the unfolding plan of your spiritual life. At this time you may appear to be motivated only by material desires, but each turning takes you further on the spiritual path. If you look back, you can see that your decisions have all blended into one direction. You see the logical unfolding of spirit woven into seemingly disjointed actions and decisions.

First you test your physical appetites with food, sexual desire and physical comfort. These may become rather boring. Ambition and the desire for power increase the emotional thrill and the momentary pay-off. At the third stage you tackle mental challenges of spiritual pride. If you can transcend all three levels, you then function from a more spiritual base. You cease to seek physical emotional and mental thrills for their own sake, and use your personal power to transform your own life and to help others.

You face a tall order if you are to make spiritual progress. You need to remember your own beginnings as you seek success in any of your endeavors, spiritual or otherwise.

Ascendant Aspects

Women cause problems for you, but may be the source of spiritual wisdom and inspiration. You need to stick to wholesome nutrition, both physical and spiritual, as you are easily swayed by drugs and by sugary words. You can easily influence others to follow your lead, spiritual or otherwise. Be careful how you use this power.

Conclusion

This interpretation of your life path has provided a systematic look at astrological factors that together add up to a spiritually oriented map. As you come to understand your unique map, you can move forward through life joyously and courageously, knowing that the path is appropriate to your personal beliefs, desires and needs.