

A Natal Report for Scott Hicks



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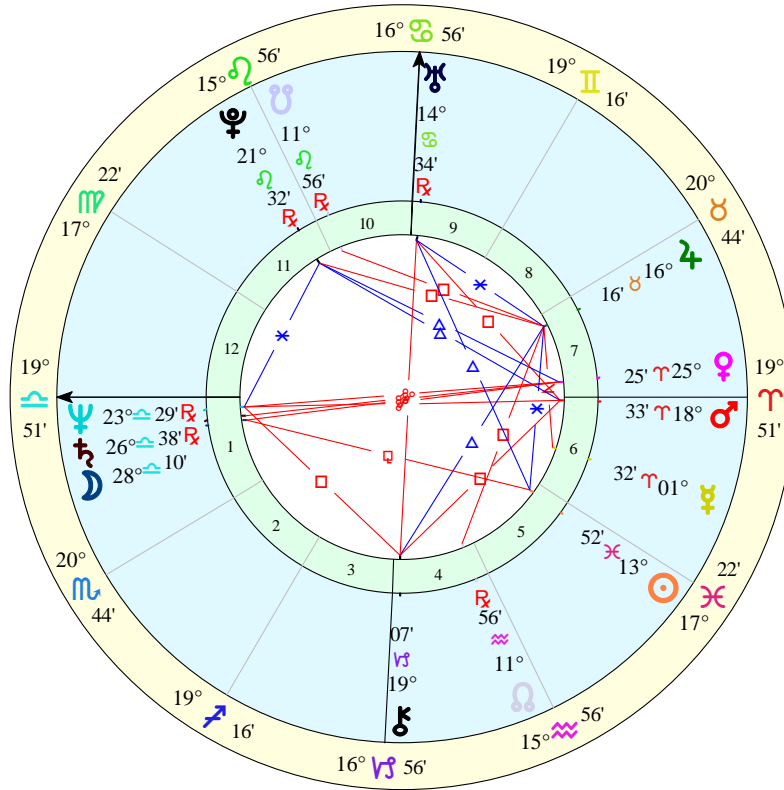
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Astrological SummaryChart Point Positions: Scott Hicks

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Libra	28°Li10'	1st	
The Sun	Pisces	13°Pi52'	5th	
Mercury	Aries	1°Ar32'	6th	
Venus	Aries	25°Ar25'	7th	
Mars	Aries	18°Ar33'	6th	
Jupiter	Taurus	16°Ta16'	7th	
Saturn	Libra	26°Li38'	1st	
Uranus	Cancer	14°Cn34'	9th	
Neptune	Libra	23°Li29'	1st	
Pluto	Leo	21°Le32'	11th	
Chiron	Capricorn	19°Cp07'	4th	
The North Node	Aquarius	11°Aq56'	4th	
The South Node	Leo	11°Le56'	10th	
The Ascendant	Libra	19°Li51'	1st	
The Midheaven	Cancer	16°Cn56'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Sesquisquare	The Sun	0°42'	Applying
The Moon	Opposition	Venus	2°44'	Separating
The Moon	Conjunction	Saturn	1°31'	Separating
The Moon	Conjunction	Neptune	4°40'	Separating
The Sun	Sextile	Jupiter	2°23'	Applying
The Sun	Trine	Uranus	0°41'	Applying
The Sun	Trine	The Midheaven	3°03'	Applying
Mercury	Semisquare	Jupiter	0°15'	Separating
Venus	Conjunction	Mars	6°51'	Applying
Venus	Opposition	Saturn	1°13'	Applying
Venus	Opposition	Neptune	1°56'	Separating
Venus	Trine	Pluto	3°52'	Separating
Venus	Opposition	The Ascendant	5°33'	Separating
Mars	Square	Uranus	3°58'	Separating
Mars	Opposition	Neptune	4°55'	Applying
Mars	Trine	Pluto	2°58'	Applying
Mars	Square	Chiron	0°34'	Applying
Mars	Opposition	The Ascendant	1°18'	Applying
Mars	Square	The Midheaven	1°36'	Separating
Jupiter	Sextile	Uranus	1°41'	Separating
Jupiter	Square	Pluto	5°15'	Applying
Jupiter	Trine	Chiron	2°50'	Applying
Jupiter	Square	The North Node	4°20'	Separating
Jupiter	Square	The South Node	4°20'	Separating
Jupiter	Sextile	The Midheaven	0°40'	Applying
Saturn	Conjunction	Neptune	3°09'	Applying
Saturn	Conjunction	The Ascendant	6°47'	Applying
Uranus	Opposition	Chiron	4°32'	Separating

Uranus	Conjunction	The Midheaven	2°22'	Separating
Neptune	Sextile	Pluto	1°56'	Separating
Neptune	Square	Chiron	4°21'	Applying
Neptune	Conjunction	The Ascendant	3°37'	Applying
Pluto	Sextile	The Ascendant	1°40'	Applying
Chiron	Square	The Ascendant	0°44'	Applying
Chiron	Opposition	The Midheaven	2°10'	Separating
The Ascendant	Square	The Midheaven	2°54'	Applying

INTRODUCTION



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

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

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

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

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

LIFE GOALS

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

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

Your Sun is in the fifth house of your birth chart meaning that you love to let your hair down and have fun in life, so much so that many of your friends would call you a child at heart. It's true that you love children, and they love you, because you both share the ability to throw your cares to the wind and have a good time. For this reason you're likely to want children of your own, or may decide to work with children at some stage of your life. Parties are a feature of your life, be they small and intimate gatherings, or big fancy-dress affairs. Either way you're found at the centre of the fun, probably initiating a game or two. You also enjoy outings to the cinema, the park, or to the homes of friends and family. In fact you never seem to run out of ideas. You're the type of person who can come up with creative ideas for how to spend a rainy day at home. If you spend any time at home, you'll notice how friends seem to drop in and a party starts seemingly of its own accord. You also have a strong creative streak, and may express this through an artistic talent. You also have a romantic side to your nature, depending on other aspects in your chart, and you could have a tendency to become involved in love affairs, which could lead to some difficult moments in your life. You may also be interested in gambling either for fun or monetary gain. Again this depends on other influences in your chart. If so you need to be careful because your success also depends on other aspects in your birth chart, which may or may not be favourable.

Your Sun is in the zodiac sign of Pisces indicating that you're an imaginative and serene individual with a strong wish to be allowed to live in a world where harsher realities fade into the background and the dreamier aspects come into focus. You're a very talented individual, and it is indeed important for you to find a channel for all of your creative energies, otherwise you find yourself slipping into a world of unreality and apathy. You may even find yourself drawn to the world of drugs as a form of escapism. You're the type of person who finds it is important to set aside time each day for meditation or artistic pursuits. Quiet activities such as sitting on a beach or listening to soothing music may appeal, in fact any activity which

suits your gentle nature. You may find yourself drawn to the mystical or spiritual side of life, in particular pastimes or studies which develop your intuition and understanding of the sacred side of life. Generally speaking you benefit greatly from such interests, but you do need to be wary of a tendency to lack discrimination, which can lead to you becoming devoted to spiritual teachers rather than listening to your own intuition. Your sensitive nature and pure heart are also well suited to caring for others. At times you can be so kind and understanding that you've difficulty saying "no" to troubled friends. You do need to beware of becoming the victim of other people's unnecessary demands. You enjoy healing other people's hurts, both emotional and physical, but don't wish to take on the role of martyr. On a physical level, you may be particularly sensitive to drugs of all kinds.

The Sun is making a favourable contact with the positive planet Jupiter in your chart meaning that you're blessed with good fortune and a happy nature. You've the ability to land on your feet no matter how difficult a situation. This is partly because you're destined to be in the right place at the right time throughout your life. It's possible that a father or grandfather figure has given you a helping hand in life, teaching you to have confidence in your own abilities. Your success is also due to the fact that your positive attitude to life attracts good fortune. Your optimism and enthusiasm are infectious. You're popular and generous, and tend to shine in the company of other people. You like to embrace life and all it has to offer. As a result your life tends to read like an adventure story, possibly including travels around the globe. You're not necessarily attracted to rugged adventure, preferring to travel in style. It would be unusual for you to go without comforts. Even a camping trip may involve the latest equipment guaranteed to ensure comfort. You also get plenty of chances to expand your mind, whether this be through the experiences of your lifetime or through study in an academic institution. You're likely to shine in your studies, eventually making an inspirational teacher if you choose this path. You may be surprised by the number of people who have been impressed by your attitude, to the extent that they have felt inspired to change their own lives. You're likely to achieve your goals whatever path is followed, and perhaps to help others achieve theirs.

The Sun is making contact with the planet Uranus in your birth chart meaning that you're a highly-talented and unique individual, determined to carve your own destiny rather than follow traditional paths. You're brimming with original and innovative ideas, which you're eager to put into action. Your goals may change during the course of your life, but this doesn't concern you, as long as you've a range of options. Doggedly independent, you like to be given the freedom to explore your talents and to learn by your own mistakes. You respect other people's individual rights, and expect them to respect yours. It's not that you're selfish. Quite the contrary. Your goal is to use your talents and ideas for the benefit of other people, perhaps even the whole of humanity. You've strong will power and are a leader rather than a follower, refusing to bow to another person's will. Others may see you as arrogant, wilful and disruptive at times, but they are attracted to your electric personality. Like moths to a flame they are fascinated by your tremendous energy and the unique manner in which you view life. You often have flashes of intuition and are capable of sudden, decisive action, which can take other people by surprise. It's possible that you've inherited your talents from a male member of your family, in particular your father. It's likely that your father, or an important father figure, has had a marked effect on your life. Perhaps you were encouraged to break free of tradition in order to develop your interests, or perhaps the absence of a dominant male meant that you experienced a lot of freedom as a child. In some cases this influence can indicate a strong father figure against whom you rebel. Either way, it's your need to be treated as an individual that's paramount. Life is full of surprises and that's the way that you like it.

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

The planet Jupiter also tells you about your goals in life, in particular the areas in which you are likely to succeed. Jupiter is the planet of expansion, abundance and wisdom. Ancient astrologers believed that the

planet Jupiter had a greatly beneficial effect on a person's life.

Jupiter is also in the seventh house of your chart signifying that relationships are usually beneficial in your life, helping you to expand your monetary and spiritual resources. You attract a partner, who is rich in the earthly or spiritual sense, or perhaps both. This could be a successful business person or someone of high professional standing, or perhaps someone who has taken a spiritual path in life. Either way you're likely to be happy and benefit through your primary partnership. It's not just your relationship to your spouse which is successful, but also business partnerships and relationships with colleagues, and in partnerships which require a legal agreement. You're likely to succeed in any project which requires dealing with other people. The fact that you prefer to work with other people, rather than on your own, is probably a result of your natural instincts telling you that you're likely to benefit through your partnerships. Other people appreciate your ability to work happily and co-operatively in business and personal projects. Of course much of this depends on other influences in your birth chart. In some cases you could suffer through your relationships, but Ancient astrologers believe that the planet Jupiter has a beneficial effect in a person's birth chart. They also believe that it's in a favourable position in the angular seventh house. This means that you're likely to be successful in achieving your goals in partnership with other people.

You've the planet Jupiter in the zodiac sign of Taurus in your birth chart indicating that "success comes to those who wait" could be a good motto for you. This is because you like to take your time and build up your resources slowly and surely. You're a dignified person who realises the value of planning ahead and working towards a goal. Persistence pays off and material wealth is often the result. You're a peaceful person, more likely to be seeking security through expanding your financial resources and property rather than travelling around the world. It's not that you don't like to travel, but simply that you're a little stuck in your ways and prefer to travel for a purpose. Adventure and fun can just as readily be found on the home front as far as you're concerned. It would also be fair to say that you're somewhat attached to a comfortable life, which you easily build for yourself. Reserved by nature you prefer to travel along known pathways rather than venture into new and exciting areas. At times you can also be a little over-indulgent, but then you can usually afford to be. You're also like to have fixed religious ideas, whether they be traditional or unorthodox. It's not that you're narrow-minded, but rather than you adhere to a set of beliefs which can be your guide through life. You're interested in practical spirituality. In other words you believe that it's important to incorporate your religious or spiritual ideals into everyday life. "Actions speak louder than words" may be an appropriate adage for your personal beliefs. For this reason you could also become a patron of a group or organisations.

The planets Jupiter and Uranus are making a positive aspect in your birth chart suggesting that you're enthusiastic about new ideas and are always keen to learn about different subjects, whether through study or experience. At times your enthusiasm knows no bounds, leading you in to unexplored territory. This can be exciting and a little frightening! You've an enormous ability and energy to achieve your goals, which are likely to be linked to your belief in making a positive contribution to society. These goals may or may not be realistic, depending on your circumstances and other influences in your birth chart. It's possible that you can contribute to a grand-scale beneficial scheme, but you would also do well to remember that each individual's life can have a positive effect on the world. You've a tendency to be grandiose, and don't take well to being restricted by other people or circumstances. Fortunately your inventive nature means that you can adapt to most circumstances, rather than forcing conflict. Traditional or unorthodox religious beliefs could play a major role in motivating your life goals, and helping you achieve your objectives. Metaphysics, astrology, and science may also prove your forte.

The planets Jupiter and Pluto are making a difficult aspect in your birth chart indicating that you've some difficulty achieving your life goals, but you will get to where you want in the end. The problem is that you reject the usual paths to success, believing that you've a better way of doing things. Your attempts to change the rules, or to try to make others agree with your insights, are sincere, but intrusive. As a result you often land yourself in troublesome situations, which can lead to disillusionment and distract you from your purpose. This can dent your confidence. You range from over confidence to completely lacking in confidence. The truth lies somewhere in between. Society has rules to run itself efficiently, and these can be

to your benefit rather than detriment. Once you accept your own and society's limitations then you can achieve your objectives.

HOME

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

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

The Moon is placed in the first house of your birth chart suggesting that changing fortunes are likely to occur during your lifetime as you seek the stimulation of different homes, professions and environments. You're adaptable and generally enjoy the changes that do occur, as long as you feel that you're moving forward in your life. You're quite ambitious and enjoy being in the limelight, particularly when you feel comfortable in a public situation. Generally you're popular and well-liked because other people respond to your open manner. You're a sensitive person who is affected by the emotions of other people, responding with warmth and genuine affection. If your Moon is in the signs of Aries, Capricorn, Libra, Cancer, Sagittarius, Virgo, Pisces or Gemini then you may be more timid and less inclined for public life. You're likely to be a flexible person who enjoys change. However, if your Moon is in the signs of Taurus, Scorpio, Leo or Aquarius then you're less likely to be flexible and may have more difficulty with the changing circumstances in your life. You enjoy public appearances, particularly in connection with your job. In ancient times the Moon was considered to be in a strong position when placed in the first house of a chart, meaning that you're in a strong position to achieve your ambitions.

With the Moon in the sign of Libra you love and appreciate beauty, and would prefer to share this appreciation with your loved ones. Not for you sitting alone on a hillside watching the hues of the sunset. You want your loved one close by your side. This enjoyment of others' company plays a major role in your life, and you may have some difficulty spending time on your own. However, you'll find that you've a good understanding of relationships and what makes them work, and what makes them fail. You also have an innate ability to please others, to create harmony, and to enjoy social occasions. You may find that you

enjoy organising social functions. You're a people-watcher, enjoying noticing what makes them tick. You need to remember though that spending time by yourself and doing things for yourself is important. For you're likely to have creative talents which need developing. This could range from literally artistic talents, to the ability to create beautiful surroundings such as interior decorating or flower arranging.

Much of your adult life has been spent trying to overcome the difficulties that you faced as a child in your home and family. Astrologically speaking this is because the planet Saturn is contacting the Moon in your birth chart. Ancient astrologers believed that the planet Saturn had a negative influence in a person's chart. In your case your early home life has been adversely affected. The extent of this effect depends largely on other influences in your chart. In some cases it can mean that your childhood home lacked spontaneity and warmth, but was well-organised and structured in a manner which helped you to feel supported and safe. However, it's more likely that circumstances in your family led to you feeling that home was a cold and unsupportive environment. This could have been one painful incident such as the loss of a family member, or it could have been the result of years of hardship. It's possible that one of your parents, perhaps your mother, was a strict and severe influence, unable to show you the affection that you felt you deserved. As a result it's likely that you're somewhat shy as an adult, lacking in self-confidence and sensitive to criticism. You may be emotionally reserved. Perhaps you decide to live in solitude rather than risk the lack of affection and warmth that you felt as a child. As you grow older, you're likely to become more confident in your personal relationships. You learn about personal relationships through life experience, and your loved ones also become more mature. As a result your relationships with other people become more stable and satisfying as you grow older. You also develop an inner self-confidence which helps you build firm foundations in your life and achieve your ambitions, as well as loving family relationships. You work solidly to build yourself a secure and firm footing, earning the respect of those around you. You can succeed in business and in your career, particularly through being noticed by your superiors. You may also benefit through investments in land and property.

The Moon and the planet Neptune are connected in your birth chart indicating that you're a soft, imaginative and sensitive person, who needs a peaceful home environment. Your home needs to be your haven from the world because at times you feel overwhelmed by the harsh realities of the world, and you need to shut away. If this isn't possible then it's likely that you'll be distressed and confused. It's true that you live in a fantasy world. Family members may have stories about your daydreaming ways as a child, which continue well into adulthood. It's also possible that your loved ones feel the need to bring you back down to earth, believing that this will help you cope with the world. Nevertheless you've learned to trust your own instincts, telling you of a need to escape somewhere to dream, even if it's only one room. In this case a room with a beautiful view would definitely appeal to your aesthetic nature. Your imagination is important in helping you to develop your artistic or spiritual gifts. It's likely that your relationship with your mother, grandmother, or an important woman has played a key role in helping you develop the imaginative side of your nature. Perhaps this woman had artistic or spiritual gifts, or encouraged your own talents. It's likely that, although you've an idealised picture in your mind of this woman, that she has had a positive effect on your life. Your house may also be a restful haven for your loved ones, because you've a flair for creating a peaceful environment. This may be your ability to listen with sensitivity to other people's problems and plans, or the ability to create beautiful environment with artistic ornaments, soothing music and indoor plants and flowers. Perhaps you also have artistic talents, which can be displayed in your home. You may find a great sense of satisfaction in living close to water.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION

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

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

The planet Mercury in the sixth house of your chart signifies that daily life is your teacher. Your daily routine is busy and stimulating, and you enjoy keeping yourself occupied. You need to be wary of overtaxing your strength by taking on more than you can handle and not making enough time for rest. You've a tendency to reach for medication to soothe tell-tale physical symptoms, rather than take as signals that you need to slow down. It's not helpful in the long run if you fail to heed the warnings of your body. Other people may also start to notice the fact that you are unable to keep your promises because you are over-committed. Developing a list of priorities may help, as does taking time out to smell the roses. You like to be active, particularly because it stops you dwelling on your troubles. You are highly-strung with a tendency to worry about little things. You find it difficult to switch off your mind. For this reason study can appeal. You could benefit through writing and studying, particularly the study of health and hygiene.

The planet Mercury in the zodiac sign of Aries indicates that you're a single-minded individual, and tend to make up your own mind rather than rely on the ideas of others. In fact you're rather quick to jump to conclusions. Mostly this is a benefit in your education because you've an agile mind and are capable of making sharp decisions on the spot. You're an independent thinker often experiencing flashes of intuition which help you reach your conclusions quickly. Others admire your incisive mind. The only problem is that often you are so far ahead of others in your thoughts that you're easily bored as you wait for them to catch up. You need the stimulation of new intellectual challenges, and the freedom to forge ahead at the forefront of communication discoveries. You can be quite wilful, and need to be mindful of the fact that while others may be slower in their thinking, they can still make a positive contribution.

The planet Mercury is making an unfavourable aspect to the planet Jupiter in your chart indicating that you're likely to encounter obstacles in your education. This could be for a number of reasons. Perhaps you've so many ideas and plans that you're not sure which ones to follow, and as a result never seem to get started. It's also possible that you've many unfinished projects, because your attention span is limited. Perhaps you lack good judgement. In all of these scenarios your intentions are good, but you lack the discipline to accomplish your goals. You make promises you can't keep and are prone to exaggeration. As a

result your credibility is generally low. You may even become the subject of scandal and gossip. Of course this all depends on other influences in your chart. And the good news is that you learn a great deal from your mistakes, growing older and wiser with each passing year. As a result you're likely to overcome your obstacles, and achieve your goals, particularly in the areas of communication and education. It's also possible that you choose to communicate your experience through teaching, writing or public speaking.

RELATIONSHIPS



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

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

When the planet Venus is placed in the seventh house of your birth chart, relationships of all kinds feature strongly in your life, whether they be personal or business ones. Even if you have an independent side to your nature, you're more likely to seek a partner than remain single. Depending on other influences in your birth chart, you're likely to form a fortunate marriage, or perhaps marry early in your life. You enjoy being married, and delight in the social and financial pleasures that accompany a fruitful union. Any arguments are short-lived. The only problem here could be that you're more likely to bend to your partner's will because of your preference for peace and harmony. You need to make sure that you stand up for your beliefs and work towards an equitable resolution to conflict. On the whole though you're happy, enjoying the give and take required in a committed marriage. You also like to arrange pleasurable outings for you and your loved one. It's not only your primary relationship that proves beneficial. Business partnerships are also fruitful. The planet Venus is considered to be in a powerful position in the angular seventh house of a chart, meaning that you're likely to succeed in attracting a beneficial primary partner at some stage in your life.

With Venus in the sign of Aries you'll pursue a partner ardently and hastily, preferring to be the initiator of the relationship rather than the recipient of someone else's plan of action. Initially you've great enthusiasm for your loved one, and it's important to keep the spark alight throughout the relationship. For you enjoy a challenge in your relationships, and need to be wary of losing interest after the initial excitement of the chase. You do well with a partner who allows you plenty of freedom, because you value your independence and freedom. If you become involved with someone who likes to be in control and limits your personal freedom your relationship could suffer. On the whole you find it quite easy to detach emotionally from a relationship. It's not that you're heartless or lack commitment. In fact you are quite ardent in your commitment. It's simply that when it comes to relationships you've an independent attitude. This attitude is also reflected in money matters.

The planets Venus and Mars are combining in your chart indicating that you seek a stimulating and romantic relationship. You're charming and assertive, passionate and alive, and admire these qualities in a potential intimate partner. You love to share your adventures with your partner, and it's likely that your relationship will inspire both you and your partner to explore new territory. You need only be wary of holding unrealistically high expectations of your partner, as this can lead to difficulties. This is more likely to be the case when you're young and idealistic. You're liable to disappointment, perhaps even angry feelings, when your partner fails to live up to your expectations. You could also feel angry if rejected in love. Fortunately you've an irrepressible side to your nature, on which you can rely in times of relationship trouble. You're a loyal and fun-loving partner with an ability to balance intimacy with independence.

The combination of the planets Venus and Pluto in your chart indicate that you enjoy commitment and challenge in your personal relationships. Unlike many other people, you're not afraid to make the necessary changes demanded within close relationships. In fact you prefer change, especially if the alternative is a staid and steady relationship. You like to be consumed with love and passion, and are happiest when with a partner who feels the same way. You can be disappointed when others fail to soar to great emotional heights and plummet the emotional depths by your side. You want intensity, perhaps even a little drama, in your primary relationship. You're fiercely loyal and committed, and expect as much from your partner. Problems can arise when you don't feel a strong bond with your partner, or if that bond is threatened, particularly by another person. You're a jealous person, and quite capable of seeking revenge when wronged. You need to be careful to choose the right person as your primary partner - someone who reciprocates your love and passion. Otherwise you can waste a lot of time and energy trying to make a doomed relationship work. You may also benefit from directing some of your energy into an all-consuming project, such as fighting for human rights or an intensely creative pursuit.

You're likely to experience problems in your relationships, particularly your relationships with women. This is because of the difficult combination of the Moon and the planet Venus in your chart. On the one hand you could tend to take your relationships for granted, spending little time or effort on improving yourself or your friendships. As a result you're likely to be somewhat unpopular and lose face. If you're looking for favours from your friends, or for a satisfactory primary relationship, then you need to take stock and improve your attitude. On the other hand it's also possible that your friends tend to take you for granted. On a more positive note you enjoy the company of other people, and may benefit through your relationships with women, but probably only with some effort on your behalf.

The planets Venus and Saturn have combined in your chart indicating that you have difficulty in intimate relationships. You seek commitment and security in your primary relationship, but may be disappointed at some stage of your life. It's possible for you to have a rewarding, long-term relationship with someone trustworthy and reliable, but it's likely to be after initial setbacks and upsets. You're faithful and loyal, a dependable, stable and dutiful partner. However, you need to be wary of becoming involved with someone who tries to control your movements and behaviour. Depending on other influences in your chart you may be shy and inhibited in your personal relationships, and be fearful of standing up for your rights. One of your parents may have been too strict, eroding your confidence and ability to make your own way in the world. Consequently you fear expressing yourself, particularly in intimate relationships, and harbour feelings of being unattractive. While your personal relationships may prove difficult you've the ability to form good business partnerships. This is probably because business partners don't require intimacy or emotional vulnerability. It's also possible that you're attracted to someone much older. The good news is that once you overcome your feelings of inadequacy you've the ability to form secure and long-lasting personal relationships based on firm foundations. You may favour a traditional marital relationship, complete with a ceremony and wedding vows.

The planets Venus and Neptune are combining in a manner which indicates disappointment in your primary relationship. The problem is that you're idealistic and unrealistic when it comes to personal relationships, lacking the discriminatory powers needed to form a steady and lasting partnership. This applies to both your personal and business partnerships. Consequently you often feel disillusioned and sorry for yourself,

blaming others for failing to live up to your expectations. It's possible that your partner is indeed deceiving you in some manner, but it's also possible that you're not being honest. Either way it's likely that you're seeing your primary relationship through rose-coloured glasses, and as a result conflict arises because of your lack of discernment. You're caught in a web of fantasies and romantic illusions, either of your own or your partner's making. Coming to terms with the reality of your relationship helps you obtain a better understanding of your primary relationship, and prevents you from becoming disillusioned. Taking off the rose-coloured glasses means that you can make a proper assessment of your primary relationship. As a result you'll experience fewer feelings of resentment and disappointment, and won't be in danger of overlooking some major flaws such as drug addiction or deceit. With the right partner you'll enjoy a sense of peace and fulfilment. You may also enjoy artistic or spiritual pursuits together. You're ardent and loving, responding quickly to your partner's need. In turn you benefit from acts of kindness, love and appreciation.

MOTIVATION

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

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

With Mars placed in the sixth house of your birth chart you approach daily life with vigour, pouring a lot of your time and energy into work. You feel enthusiastic about your work and enjoy the challenges faced each day at the workplace, although the occasional conflict with co-workers can present difficulties. You're liable to place a lot of stress on yourself and co-workers because you set such a strenuous pace. Others have difficulty keeping up with you, and as a result co-workers can rebel and make trouble. You may also be careless in your efforts to accomplish too many tasks on a daily basis. Carelessness can lead to accidents. It's also possible that your health suffers because you become tired and run-down as a result of overwork. At these times you could benefit by seeing your body as a type of barometer. Minor symptoms of ill health can be viewed as an early warning signal telling you when it's time to slow down and rest. You benefit from daily exercise, and enjoy the challenge of a demanding physical fitness program.

The planet Mars in the sign of Aries indicates that you're an assertive person with an enthusiastic, positive and aggressive approach to life. You like to take the initiative in anything that you tackle, and rarely rely on other people for guidance or motivation. It's more likely that you're motivating and guiding others, inspiring them to follow your lead or to follow their own dreams. You're spontaneous and like to take risks, although sometimes you can be too rash which results in accidents. However, you're irrepressible and soon bounce back from any setbacks. Your self-assurance knows no bounds. You like to be free to pursue your own interests, impatient with others who stand in your way or who may have difficulty in keeping up with your aggressive pace. You're strong-willed and dislike any restrictions and limitations, preferring independence even if it means learning by your own mistakes. Therefore your loved ones and colleagues would do better to give you plenty of freedom, letting you face the challenges on your own, particularly when it comes to your love of sport and adventure. The planet Mars is considered to be in a favourable position in the zodiac sign of Aries and therefore your enterprising nature should generally fare well in life.

A favourable combination of the planets Mars and Pluto indicates that you're resourceful and have a pool of enormous energy available when needed. Your will-power is awesome once you've decided on your

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

The unfavourable combination of the planets Mars and Uranus suggests that you're often restless and unsettled in your life. On the one hand you seem to have plenty of energy and drive, but on the other you're not always sure what to do with these qualities. Life also has a tendency to upset the very best of your plans through sudden and often inexplicable events. This can be exciting or disturbing depending on other influences in your chart. You're enthusiastic and highly self-motivated, if somewhat impulsive, enjoying adventure and new horizons. You're full of good ideas, and once you've determined on a course of action then you've plenty of motivation to see it through to successful completion. You're independent and prefer to be given plenty of room to carry through your own ideas in your own way. Be careful that a stubborn streak in your nature doesn't prevent your overall success. It's likely that some of your friends think that you're a little odd or eccentric, but you're not overly concerned. You like to make your own way in life, even if it does mean that you stand out from the crowd. Full of paradoxes, you can be both arrogant or charming, which can make you an effective salesperson.

At times you've difficulty getting motivated, lacking the energy to fulfil the many task in your life. This is because of the difficult combination of the planets Mars and Neptune. It's not that you lack in creative ideas, but rather that you sense that you don't have the energy to carry them out. It's possible that you're prone to allergies and physical illness, but one of the keys to success is taking time out to experience quiet and reflective moments. You need to "slow down and smell the roses" on a regular basis. This could be spending time in nature, listening to inspirational music, swimming in the ocean or sitting in a quiet house of prayer; any activity which provides emotional and physical rest and soothes the soul. If you don't schedule in quiet time then you're likely to suffer from lethargy and despondency, and possibly even physical illness. You've the ability to develop great creative power but you need to avoid drugs and alcohol. It's also possible that you have either a strong artistic or spiritual side to your nature, which could be used for self-motivation. Your hobbies or career may reflect your spiritual or artistic gifts. Your spirituality could be either orthodox or liberal. The artistic side of your nature may benefit from activities such as art, theatre, dance, music, design, film and craft work.

CAREER AND AMBITIONS

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

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

The planet Saturn placed in the first house of your birth chart suggests that there's a quiet side to your nature, which gives you a natural reserve and a serious demeanour. You tend to sit back and observe, keeping your thoughts and feelings to yourself, while you assess any given situation. You've done this ever since you were young, although then it was more likely to be due to timidity or shyness. As you grow and mature, it's more a quiet reserve which enables you make a proper assessment before taking any action. You're naturally cautious, but once committed to a course of action, you can be relied on to complete your responsibilities. You're concerned for the welfare of other people, and are willing to help others in practical ways. You believe in achieving results through hard-work. Depending on other influences in your birth chart, you may suffer from periods of depression when you feel that your responsibilities are too onerous or because you doubt that you can achieve your ambitions. It's true that you're not likely to be an overnight success, but success does come as a result of your reputation, which has built up over the years. In your case, perseverance pays off.

The planet Saturn in the sign of Libra signifies that you're committed to both intimate and business partners, and these relationships have a significant effect on your private and professional life. In particular your primary partner or a close female friend is likely to play a profound role in your life. This can be positive or negative, perhaps both. You've refined tastes and the ability to work towards being able to satisfy these tastes, but it's the relationships in your life which are the most important influence. These influences are likely to be positive, because the planet Saturn is considered to be in a positive position in the sign of Libra. However, it's also possible that you could suffer loss as a result of key relationships. You've the ability to arbitrate and bring together opposing parties, and this could help you rise above any difficulties. You could also use these gifts in your profession, choosing a job in diplomatic circles or social work. You need only be wary of being too diplomatic. Sometimes it's important to express your own opinions in a forceful manner rather than try to please other people. If you can overcome this tendency to excessive politeness then you're able to achieve your ambitions through your liaisons with other people.

The favourable combination of the planets Saturn and Neptune indicate that you've the ability to be both practical and creative. If you have musical or artistic talent you have the self-discipline to make something of your gift. Whereas other people may give up in despair, you're likely to endure through long hours of practice in order to perfect your skills. As a result you could make a career from your artistic talents, such as performing on stage, designing for a theatrical production, or teaching your craft. You've a good sense of values, and an innate sense of timing. Both of these traits stand you in good stead in your career ambitions. It's also possible that you've a firm set of spiritual beliefs which guides your choice of life direction. In some cases you could enjoy a career directly connected with your spiritual beliefs.

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

With a Midheaven in the sign of Cancer and ruled by the Moon, caring for others is a key component in any career choice. This can range from childcare and cooking, to union organisations, and in some cases politics. You may choose to make caring for your family your primary life direction, or to work from home, or it could be that your caring traits are best utilised in a prominent profession. Either way you need to be involved in a career in which you feel you're caring for other people individually, in the community or as a nation. The Moon, which rules Cancer, means that you're likely to experience changes in your career throughout your life. Examples of famous people with the same Midheaven include Australian leading trade union executive Jenny George, American activist Karen Silkwood, American newswoman Barbara Walters, and US President Bill Clinton.

CREATIVITY AND ORIGINALITY



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

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

The planet Uranus is in the ninth house of your birth chart suggesting that you're independent and headstrong with a fascination for foreign countries, philosophy or unusual academic topics. There's a side to you that really wants to break out and adventure into unknown territory. As a result you're likely to make sudden decisions to travel to overseas countries, perhaps enjoying unusual destinations. You may even unexpectedly decide to live in a foreign country. You need to be careful not to become too reckless, because you could experience upsets on your journey, or inadvertently put yourself in a dangerous situation. It's possible that a form of religion features strongly in your life, although it's unlikely to be an orthodox religion. You're more likely to rebel against orthodox religion, experiencing it as too restrictive to personal freedom. You may prefer an alternative or liberal religious philosophy. You may even be interested in occult science or astrology, and possess prophetic abilities.

The planet Uranus was in the sign of Cancer from 1949 - 1956. It's important to note that Uranus spends a long time in each sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Uranus in your chart. Uranus in the sign of Cancer indicates that you belong to a generation which nurtures the ideas of the previous generation. This generation is concerned about the welfare of society, global communication, caring for suffering people in the international community, about the changes in family life and the effects of technology. Your creativity soars when you're tackling these issues.

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

The planet Neptune placed in the first house of your chart means that you're a compassionate and loving individual, although sometimes this side of your nature can be overwhelming. In other words you're so sensitive to the responses of other people, and to external circumstances that you're easily swayed and have difficulty pursuing your own path in life. As a result you become lethargic and morose, and your own creative interests suffer. It's also possible that you possess such chameleon-like qualities that you've trouble being honest in certain situations. You deceive yourself and others. You need to be wary of allowing this to become too prominent a feature of your life, concentrating instead on developing techniques for developing creative communication with others. On a more positive note your sensitivity means that you have heightened artistic tastes. You're greatly moved by beauty in all forms, but particularly the attractions of colour and sound. The colours and sounds of the ocean have the ability to move you at a deep level, soothing your troubles and providing you with a source of inspiration. Your sensitivity may also extend to the spiritual realms, and you may possess psychic talents, in particular mediumship or clairaudience. It's also possible that a grandmother has had an important influence on your life.

The planet Neptune was in the sign of Libra from 1942 - 1957. It's important to note that Neptune takes about 164 years to make a complete cycle, spending about thirteen years in each sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Neptune in your chart. Neptune in the sign of Libra indicates that you belong to a generation possessing the ability to view human relationships from a more spiritual overall viewpoint, rather than the rules and regulations of the previous (Virgo) generation. It's during this time that some confusion over right human relations may reign. People of this generation will aim to achieve a balance in human relationships. You'll also be concerned with justice.

The planets Neptune and Pluto both move slowly through the zodiac, and therefore any connection between the two planets affects birth charts for a short period of time. You were born in such a time. This combination in your chart means that you're interested in opportunities to bring about fundamental change to human values. You are aware of injustices in society and, depending on other influences in your chart, may prefer to fight against them rather than sit back and accept the ills of society. Your creative urges may be linked to politics, or expressing your political views through the arts or spiritual or charitable organisations.

CHALLENGES IN LIFE



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

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

The planet Pluto is in the eleventh house of your birth chart indicating that friendships, and groups are a challenge. On a positive note you may feel drawn to powerful friends who have a profound effect on your life, enabling you to achieve your hopes and wishes. It's also possible that you become involved with a significant group or groups that transform your life for the better. You may be drawn to political or humanitarian groups, which have a commitment to making the world a better place. These groups can be a vehicle for you to achieve your commitment to humanitarian ideals. However, you need to be wary of being betrayed or misled by unscrupulous friends, or groups that are not entirely above board. You may also experience conflict with your friends. If this is the case it's important that you choose friends who have the ability to communicate with you at a deep level, and resolve any disagreements.

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

PURPOSE AND JOY



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

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

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

Your North Node is in the fourth house and your South Node is in the tenth house of your birth chart indicating a quest for inner self-worth. You need to overcome your need for public display and focus on your responsibilities and relationships at home.

Your nodal axis has the North Node in Aquarius and the South Node in the sign of Leo denoting that yours is a quest towards service to humankind. You'll experience a struggle between your own personal needs and a sense of dedication to others. You need to set aside your personal need for honour and prestige and use your talents to serve the world.

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

acceptance of our purpose, or fate, can help us achieve success and satisfaction, and that meditation on the qualities of the Ascendant can help us focus on our life's purpose.

The sign of Libra is considered to be "masculine" by Ancient astrologers suggesting that you're more likely to actively seek your purpose in life, taking the initiative rather than waiting until circumstances are comfortable. Libra is also a Cardinal sign denoting enterprise, enthusiasm, self-assertion and initiative.

You're courteous, affectionate, thoughtful, modest and indecisive. Much of your life's purpose is connected with your relationships, both personal and professional. Human relationships are your primary motivation in life. You spend much of your time devoted to thinking about the needs and wishes of other people, ensuring that everyone is treating each other in a fair manner. For this reason your purpose may be connected with justice, mediation or diplomatic work. Harmony is so important for your well-being. Your fate is largely in the hands of other people. Much of your happiness depends on whether or not your loved ones respond favourably to your thoughtful administrations. You may be secretly pleased to hear that your fate depends on other people because you like to lean on other people, rather than take the initiative. However, you need to be wary of becoming enslaved to your friends, lovers and associates. You would do well to learn to stand up for yourself.

In Esoteric astrology the sign of Libra is linked with universal love, advocacy and beauty which inspires spiritual joy. Your purpose is connected to helping other people understand right human relationships, or to inspiring others through your artistic gifts.

CONCLUSION

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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