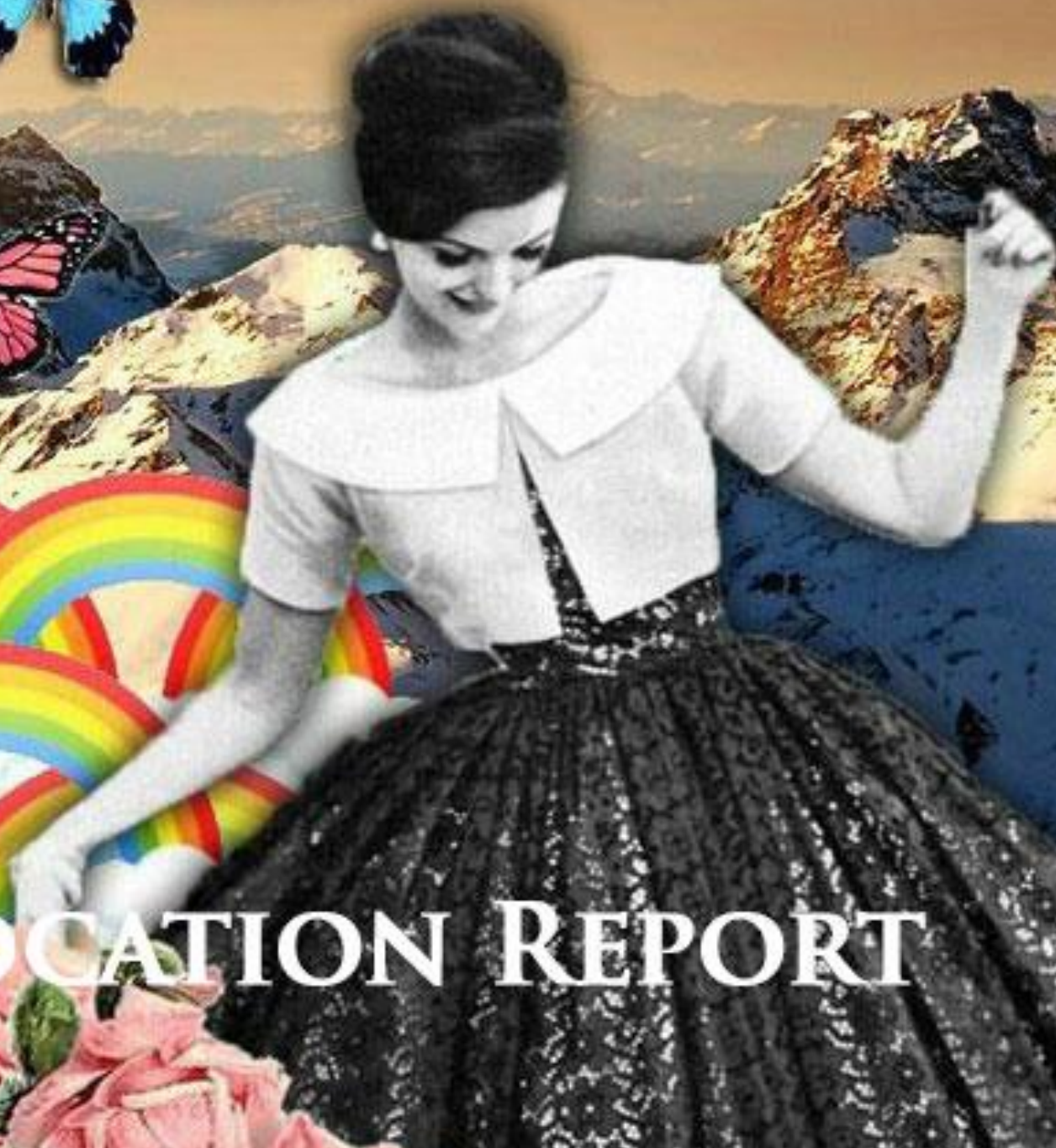




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Astrological Summary

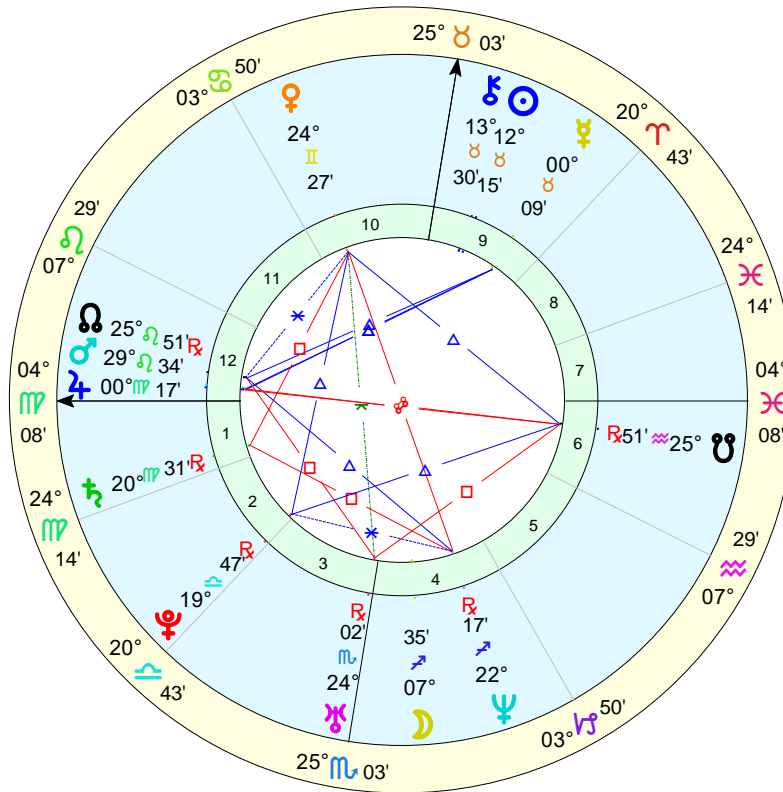


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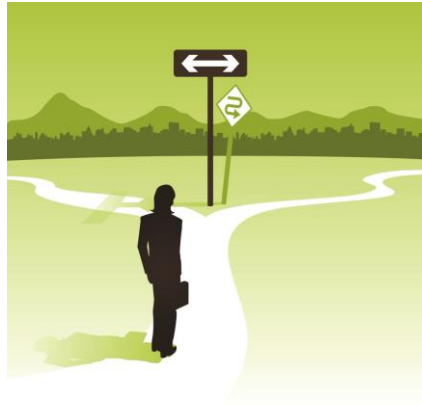
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Venus	Gemini	24°Ge27'	10th	
Mars	Leo	29°Le34'	12th	read into 1st House
Jupiter	Virgo	0°Vi17'	12th	read into 1st House
Saturn	Virgo	20°Vi31'	1st	read into 2nd House
Uranus	Scorpio	24°Sc02'	3rd	read into 4th House
Neptune	Sagittarius	22°Sg17'	4th	
Pluto	Libra	19°Li47'	2nd	read into 3rd House
Chiron	Taurus	13°Ta30'	9th	
The North Node	Leo	25°Le51'	12th	

The South Node	Aquarius	25°Aq51'	6th
The Ascendant	Virgo	4°Vi08'	1st
The Midheaven	Taurus	25°Ta03'	10th

Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Square	The Ascendant	3°27'	Separating
The Sun	Conjunction	Chiron	1°14'	Applying
Mercury	Trine	Mars	0°34'	Separating
Mercury	Trine	Jupiter	0°08'	Applying
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Venus	Quincunx	Uranus	0°24'	Separating
Venus	Opposition	Neptune	2°09'	Separating
Venus	Trine	Pluto	4°39'	Separating
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Mars	Opposition	The South Node	3°43'	Separating
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Mars	Square	The Midheaven	4°31'	Separating
Jupiter	Conjunction	The North Node	4°26'	Separating
Jupiter	Opposition	The South Node	4°26'	Separating
Jupiter	Conjunction	The Ascendant	3°50'	Applying
Saturn	Square	Neptune	1°45'	Separating
Saturn	Trine	The Midheaven	4°31'	Separating
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Pluto	Semisquare	The Ascendant	0°38'	Applying
The North Node	Square	The Midheaven	0°47'	Applying
The South Node	Square	The Midheaven	0°47'	Applying

INTRODUCTION



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

- Kahlil Gibran, *The Prophet*

A Fulfilling Vocation

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

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

When you were a child what was your answer when adults inevitably asked 'what do you want to be when you grow up?' As children we are uninhibited in our career choices, not yet influenced by cultural standards and values that judge professions. Still unaware of what work entails, the answer springs from our imagination. How we shape these soulful images of who we may be in the world is our vocation and a large part of the individuation process. These impressions are already inherent in us and often accessible to us through the imagination, and certainly through images in the horoscope. However one

of the main obstacles in our vocational search is literality. Mistaking an internal image for a concrete career perpetuates the myth that vocation is something existing outside of us, already established in the world for us to find, not something that unfolds over the course of our lives. The illusion that the right career path, a creative job or our own business will dissolve our job dissatisfaction hinders the discovery that vocation is already present in us.

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

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

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

VOCATION AND DESTINY



Vocation is the spine of life
-Friedrich Nietzsche

The Lunar Nodes

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

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

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

The South Node in the opposite sign suggests an innate quality that needs to be disseminated and used freely in pursuit of a vocation. It is providence, a gift of inherited qualities from the past that can be used as resources for the future. The South Node suggests that well developed residues need to be dispersed and shared or they may threaten to entrap you. It symbolises what must be utilised in the conscious attempt to fulfill one's destiny. The South Node acts as a dissemination point for what becomes

conscious at the North Node. In a way the South Node brings to mind the need to contribute this energy to the familial and social realms, the world at large. Since this energy is instinctual it is not necessarily always consciously directed or purposefully used.

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

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

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

The North Node is in Leo

You were born with North Node in Leo and the South Node in the opposite sign of Aquarius suggesting that in your pride of lions, your destiny is to have the loudest roar. Your invitation appeals to the aspect of yourself that is playful and childlike, as it through your natural and spontaneous expressiveness that you will become connected to your purpose. Developing creative ideas, performing innovative plays or creating artistic pieces are all avenues to this sense of fulfillment. Virtues ripe for development are loyalty and affection, especially to the inner child, who seeks expression. Inherently you know how to be a team player and support and encourage fellow members, but circumstances may conspire to lead you away from the group and more into the spotlight. With such a strong social conscience and

well-developed capacity to be part of a group it is easy to sideline your own creative impulses in favour of communal needs. However, it is important to know that your creative, original focus on your own ideas and projects will be productive and beneficial to the group at large. Vocationally you need to be at the centre, heartened by and 'in love' with the career path you take through life.

Lions need to feel they are being recognised for their achievements and need to receive feedback and a form of applause in order to feel fulfilled. Praise goes a long way in encouraging anyone to perform well and in your case it is necessary. Fundamentally you have already developed a solid network of friends, colleagues and acquaintances and they will be on hand to acknowledge you if you let them. With their support and acknowledgement you will brighten the world around you through your innovative personality. Your sense of self-esteem and confidence is probably linked to your vocation; therefore it is important that you have pride in what you do. The need for self-expression and self-promotion in a career is also important. Most probably you will also find that your need for self-discovery and self knowledge is forged through a creative occupation.

While you instinctually know how to be a friend it is important to develop your own identity through your vocation. As a colleague and friend you are able to listen to others but it is your creativity that now needs to be identified and demonstrated. So whether you produce your own play, design your own label, or manage your own business, what makes the difference is that your name is attached to the creative output and that it is recognised by others. Specifically you thrive in professions like promoters, teachers, entertainers, instructors, motivators, authors, and actors where you interact with others using your creative skills. At the end of the working day you will need to have felt a response for your creative endeavours, a reflection from the community that your contribution has been valuable.

The North Node is in the 12th House

Your North Node is in the 12th house; the South Node is the 6th. This 6th-12th polarity echoes the zodiacal opposition of Virgo and Pisces where the core issue of order versus chaos is brought into consciousness. Your North Node in the 12th house faces the pole of chaos. To the ancient Greeks chaos was a different concept than we use today. Chaos was the void through which creation emerged and therefore was honoured as the seminal moment in cosmology. In this respect your 12th house Node suggests that it is important for you to face your own creative potentialities for they appear limitless. It invites you to make an effort to understand your own psyche, that soulful part of you which is as deep and mysterious as the ocean. You are called to learn how to swim and navigate the depths of your inner world. It is comforting to know that your discriminating instincts are well developed and it is important to find the courage to understand your own limitations which inhibit your exploration into the inner goldmine of your creative possibilities.

Vocationally you may feel drawn to the rich world of the imagination, wanting to utilise it to express your artistic talents, your healing abilities and your creative ideas. However you may get caught up in your own self-criticism and scepticism or be so involved in details and routines that you abandon your own ingenuity. At this juncture a deep sense of grief or loss calls you back into the exploration of your own inner depths and fears. Your vocation is not something you can know; however it is something that can be. It exists outside conventional structures and limits. In fact you are more inclined to know your purpose when you step out of your routines. When you are on holiday, taking a risk, outside your routine or trying something different you might hear that voice that beckons you towards understanding the mystery of yourself. That voice is the call of vocation.

Mars is Conjunct The North Node

In your horoscope Mars is situated next to your North Node. To the ancients Mars was the fiery planet, the reddish disc in the sky which came to represent conflict and war. At best it is our individual drive that spurs us on to achieve and pursue our goals. Psychologically Mars parallels the aggressive instinct and the urge to be independent; it is the will which forces us into action. With Mars conjunct the North Node you are pulled in a direction which you may feel compelled to rail against, as it is an independent and risky path. However it is destined that Mars will encourage and challenge you to be courageous and willing to take the risks that help you to forge your own unique pathway in life. To what ends you are able to focus and accomplish this bold energy is your task. One thing is certain: you are drawn to what remains undiscovered and unknown; therefore it is best to recognise that your passion and enthusiasm are the impetuses that push you forward in the new direction.

It is important that you recognise the strong desire to be independent in your vocation. You have a strong will and need to be able to assert your opinions and goals without being held back by trivial rules and meaningless traditions. You have a pioneering spirit which needs to adventure into the unknown to discover what is important. On this journey you also locate what is of value and benefit to you. Challenges are stimulating for you and you will need yourself, as well as significant others, to keep raising the bar for you. Boredom is the dragon that you must fight against. Besides being out of character, it will also drain your energy and dampen your spirit. When you lose your enthusiasm for your job or profession then you lose contact with what you are doing. Vocationally you will need to set goals, take risks and keep moving. It is important to keep your occupation alive and challenging and be stimulated by the goal of what you are trying to accomplish.

Jupiter is Conjunct The North Node

The Northern pole of the Nodal axis suggests what could be developed to advance your vocational journey. The planet Jupiter is near this point in the horoscope indicating that the archetype of meaning plays a dominant role in your vocation. You are called to question and search for meaning. From a young age you probably recognise the impulse which led you into the exploration of ideas and beliefs. Therefore in your vocational path through life it is important to recognise the necessity of meaning in what you do; you urge to make a difference and contribute to life in a significant way, leaving behind the details and dreariness of an ordinary life to quest for something greater. What you seek will lie beyond the perimeter of your culture of origin and away from the horizon of possibilities that were offered to you by the family of origin. Your destiny may lie beyond the shores of your native land, away from the edicts of what is familiar and far away from the dialect of your natural experience.

What calls you is beyond what is known. You have an urge to share your vision with others therefore are just right for educating, instructing or teaching. You are also able to motivate others with what you are passionate about and be a guide for those who have not yet travelled the roads you have. Therefore education, travel, albeit, any form of learning, is in your best interest. Whether you take up a foreign language, study ancient history, become devoted to a different religious point of view or travel the world, you are destined to shape a life that is multi cultural and coloured. In front of you lies a wide horizon of possibilities and therefore it does not really matter which one you choose as long as the chosen one allows you to be limitless and expansive. Ultimately Jupiter is a social planet, and what you are destined to do contributes to the society around you.

Uranus is Square The North Node

In your horoscope Uranus forms a right angle to the Nodal Axis. Traditionally this is often a harsh aspect;

however, in this case Uranus has an exclusive function in terms of your vocation. Uranus is at the bending of the cycle, the moment when a change of course is imminent. Change for Uranus is natural, often unexpected and sudden, but nonetheless an essential aspect of this archetype.

Therefore this suggests that you may be challenged with sharp turns, unexpected detours or a sudden acceleration along your career path. Needless to say your vocational path is never dull; however, this is not always comfortable. Therefore it is helpful to know that providence has many surprises in store for you. And in order to take advantage of her bounty it is important to distinguish when taking a chance is necessary or when to take the opportunity offered. Your ability to be able to follow the call of the unforeseen, take risks and act independently helps you to know the right choice. Your test is to embrace the unusual in your career and not fear being the one out on a limb. At critical moments you will be faced with the choice of toeing the traditional line or taking the road less travelled. You will need to create enough space in what you do to be able to embrace the extraordinary and welcome the unpredictable. The challenge you will constantly meet along your vocational track is to make what is judged as non-traditional complementary and what seems marginal as acceptable. Destiny demands that you create enough space in your life for what is unordinary, cutting edge and revolutionary. Then those unexpected turns along your vocational pathway truly become roads less travelled. However be conscious that rebellion for rebellion sake will only be a diversion.

VOCATION AND DIRECTION



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

The Ascendant and Angular Planets

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

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

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

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

strongly influenced by parental and societal expectations.

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

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

1st House Cusp is in Virgo

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

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

Mars is Conjunct The Ascendant

From earliest associations, the planet Mars has been connected to gods of war. In your horoscope he is rising at your moment of birth bringing this archetype out into the open. This suggests that your personality is strongly in touch with this aggressive energy. Psychologically it is not necessarily war, but certainly competition, ambition and drive that are the hallmarks of his presence in your personality.

Therefore it is imperative to channel your drive and energy towards goals you desire. Knowing what those are or what you want might be the problem. Adventure, action and physical exertion will help bring those into focus. It is important for you to act, to be challenged and to go after what you want in your life. And until that's clear keep training, exploring and adventuring.

Jupiter is Conjunct The Ascendant

The largest planet Jupiter is rising at your time of birth. Jupiter's reputation is to be expansive; therefore he brings a temperament of generosity and breadth of vision to your personality. Qualities of enthusiasm, open-mindedness and optimism infuse your personality, contributing to you being positive and having faith. Your belief that everything will work out right generally proves itself to be true and offers you protection on your path through life. Grace and good luck are guardians for you. What is visible to others is your prodigious knowledge and idea. Sometimes they are a bit inflated but that helps create enough fire for you to get moving in the right direction. For you that direction will be connected to your beliefs, ideals and human values.

VOCATION AND CHARACTER



Character is fate.
- Heraclitus

Considering the Sun and Moon

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

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

THE SUN: Virtues of the Essential Self

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

- C.G. Jung

The Sun is the central focus of its system and therefore represents a multi-dimensional symbol. On one level it is the essential self and the twelve signs of the zodiac, which mark its apparent path through the heavens, represent spiritual concepts and virtues. Each sign characterises qualities of the human spirit. To the ancients the path of the Sun in the sky was akin to the hero's journey and each sign designated a

heroic labour. Astrologically we can present a case for each one of the twelve signs represents a soul state. Therefore when we are in touch with the virtues underpinning our Sun sign we become closer to its spiritual essence and feel closer to the true self. Psychologically this suggests a more soulful and meaningful experience of who we are.

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

The Sun is in Taurus

Patience is the virtue parents and teachers would always remind us of when we were in a hurry. Yet in our modern-day, broadband, instant world the intelligence of patience seems as if it were a relic of a bygone era. The pace of life is high-speed, everything needs to be available as quick as possible or else it has no value. As nature and her natural rhythms are replaced by technological and man-made cycles the understanding of the value of patience wanes in the culture. Astrological wisdom has not forgotten the virtue of patience for it is deeply implanted in the earthy sign of Taurus and flowers regularly in that sphere of the zodiac. Taurus is the astrological sign most closely associated with the pace of nature and inherently knows its rhythms, its seasons of growth as well as its natural developmental cycles. This is why you might strongly identify with nature's bounty, drawn to working with plants, food or natural fibres. Your natural flair might develop into a hands-on profession like a potter, a gardener, a chef.

Closest to Mother Nature, Taurus knows there is no sense pushing when it is time to hold on or move forward when the light is red. With your Sun in Taurus you are endowed with the basic instinct of common sense, a faculty not so common in a high tech, artificial world. You innately know when it is time to dig the heels in and wait for the right moment to charge. In the meantime there is a creative waiting period and this is accomplished through patience. You have a deep respect for quality and worth and what can be accomplished through perseverance. You learn to treasure your resources over time, and know that value is added in the long term, not the short. Therefore you are a hardy investor in long term markets, real estate and any asset that will gradually appreciate over time being suspicious of incentives that have no grounding in values.

Your attachment to the long term also applies to friends and family, being fiercely loyal and trustworthy in relationship. Any time and effort spent in helping others is returned to you. You may be slow to get to know but you forge deep bonds over the course of time. Once formed these bonds are almost indelible. You have the patience to handle the most difficult child, the most demanding client or the most annoying neighbour. Unruffled they are able to remain calm and present in most situations, not backing down or giving in, but allowing the problematical situation to pass. This is an excellent skill for anyone in a busy managerial role or in crisis care. The hospitality industry often requires such skills.

Surrounded by the hectic tempo of modernity you need to create a pasture of peace in the midst of all the chaos. Your screensaver image could be a meadow of beautiful spring flowers, a waterfall, a palm tree or a peaceful natural setting. You need to bring life into an over-crowded office space with exotic plants or adorn your apartment building with pots of colourful flowers. Eventually it is this pace of being able to slow down, stop and smell the roses that supports your success. There's no rush, as internally

you ultimately know that you need to build one layer at a time. Your building plan is from the ground up, a floor at a time, season by season. It is this gathering of strength over time that becomes a powerful ally and contributes to your resourcefulness. With the Sun in Taurus your secret to wealth accumulation is your steadfast pace and innate virtue of patience. To find your vitality and spirit and to feel soulful in the world you need to strive to find the qualities of loyalty, perseverance, consistency, stability, solidity, reliability and trustworthiness on your vocational path.

THE MOON: Caring for Your Soul

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

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

The Moon is in Sagittarius

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

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

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

INCOME



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

- Russell A. Lockhart

The Rich Resources of Your Life

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

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

The sign on the cusp of the house symbolizes aspects of the assets you need to use in a resourceful way. The sign suggests what needs to be valued in your vocation, the natural style of earning an income, as well as your attitudes towards wages and money. 2nd house planets reveal the earning style and literally

may suggest how you earn your living or your patterns and relationship to money and possessions. These are the archetypal urges needing to be expressed in a skillful and resourceful way in your career. Planets here are the forces that shape your sense of worth and value and help you tap into your innate resources. It is important that you use these skills and resources in supporting your own sense of self-esteem. Symbolically, understanding this archetypal presence in your life can help unravel any damaging patterns that support an impoverished sense of self or a disapproving attitude towards money and possessions. Forging an alliance with this energy helps you create a supportive and positive approach to your sense of worth which in turn influences the way the world values you.

2nd House Cusp is in Virgo

The earth sign Virgo is on the cusp of your 2nd house, revealing the qualities and procedures necessary to enhance your sense of self-esteem and personal worth. Over time the potent and fertile images associated with our astrological Virgo have waned. Yet from our earliest records this constellation was associated with the harvest and the harvest maiden. Many prominent goddesses have been identified with this constellation, which has a rich and complex mythology of fertility, cultivation and harvest. It is this rich fertile field that is the landscape of your 2nd house, the territory where resources and assets are revealed. Metaphorically your abundant resources need to be cultivated and tended before they can be disseminated. Like the agricultural maiden you might need to honour the process of time and be aware of the order of seasons to know when to reap and when to sow. You may have an innate ability to tune into the cycles of money – earning and spending, saving and investing. You may also be very practical in your career decisions preferring to keep your hobbies separate to your job. In other words you may pursue your real passion after hours, while putting in a good day's work for a good day's pay at your day job. This placement also suggests that your innate industriousness and analytical skills are a central part of your work. Mostly you need to remind yourself that you have an abundance of renewable resources that need to tend carefully and respectfully.

The qualities that provide the most satisfaction in your working life may not always be compatible with your personality; therefore it is important to be mindful of which skills need to be brought into the workplace. While you have a vibrant personality, it is your unassuming and focused nature that is rewarded. Virgo on the 2nd House Cusp suggests that you need to value your discriminating faculties, analytical skills, self-reliance, containment and orderliness. Ritual and routine may be an essential component of helping you feel balanced enough to be resourceful. Reflect on the qualities that you feel need to be valued to provide you with a sense of personal security, self-esteem and reward. One of your great assets is your skill at detail and ability to focus your attention on the task. Whether this takes you into the business world, an artisan workshop, a medical clinic or a veterinarian surgery, you will be required to trade on your detailed and analytical skills when earning your living. Vocationally you are suited to making your living in the health and service industries but any area that provides you with the feeling of improving and developing will be satisfying to you. Whether that is working with animals, crafts or healing medicines you need to feel that you are improving a situation in order to feel valuable.

Virgo on the cusp of your 2nd house implies that you might become anxious and insecure about your earning ability. When you start to ruminate about what you do not have or what you do not earn, rather than what you do have and what is possible, you undermine your greatest asset which is your unshakeable knowing that all things are cyclical. The time might not be right now, but it will soon. Like the goddesses that represent the fertile fields of Virgo, you have a range of resources that provide a secure living. Your pleasure is derived from being in tune and in sync with the natural cycles of life.

Saturn is in the 2nd House

Saturn is in your 2nd house. To ancient astrologers this planet defined the edge of the solar system, the last visible god who wandered about the Sun. As such it became known as the boundary keeper and the authority that dealt out the consequences of inappropriate action. Placed in the sector of your resources and finances it is important that you use the conscious awareness of this archetype to support your attitudes towards self worth and value. This suggests that tradition, caution and security in how you approach the sphere of money and finances will be important. You are more a long-term investor than a short term one. Over time what you value will appreciate and grow, and you will derive a great satisfaction when your mortgage is paid off or your investments mature, as you value time and its natural process of maturation. Anything too fast or too sudden will not suit your investment style. Similarly when it comes to making your living you will be cautious and hard working as ethically you value what has been truly earned through effort and conscious application. Therefore your attitude towards material possessions will also be the same, valuing what is of good quality and well made, and mistrusting what is cheap and readily available. It is wise to build your financial portfolio over time, not rushing into anything or getting caught up in get rich quick schemes. Also it is prudent to recognise that you value employment where there is a strong structure, is well established and where you have room for advancement.

With the planet of consequence in your financial sector it is best you follow the letter of the law. Creative accounting, tax dodges and money laundering are not for you; if they are then you have an above average chance of being caught out and fined. Therefore it is important that when rules apply, you follow. Destiny has bound you to the system and it is in respecting the system that you find your wealth. It is also wise to take your own advice and heed your own judgement when it comes to financial matters as you need to learn to be an authority in this realm. While you seek approval and feedback in these matters it may not come. The reason is that you need to find your own way. Even though you would prefer that you were mentored, fate has placed the responsibility for financial success in your own hands.

Saturn may often be highly self-critical. This might suggest you introject negative feelings of self worth and internalise a lack of value contributing to your struggle to create a healthy sense of self-esteem. You may have been highly criticised earlier for your values and chastised for what you liked. And today you may still be rebelling against these standards through unconsciously participating with a negative version of your worth. Time to reassess. You need to take stock of your resources. Take a personal inventory and you will find a wide array of valuable resources that support you and need to be valued, including organisational skills and professionalism, self discipline, competency, being highly responsible, trust worthy, dedicated and respectful. Sound management of your resources makes it likely that you will earn your income in an executive or managerial capacity. Like the mountain goat you are adept at starting at the bottom of the mountain and slowly climbing to the summit of your success. However the key to this is maintaining your integrity, self-respect and valuing the process of time.

WORK



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

- Thomas Moore

The Labours of the 6th House

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

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

Following is an analysis of your 6th house as described by the sign on the cusp and any planets that occupy this sphere. You will be able to maximize your fulfillment with work by recognizing the routines and tasks that are incompatible with your temperament and therefore create stress. Through becoming

aware of daily rituals that support your natural disposition you will feel more satisfied and rewarded by your job. The sign on the cusp of the 6th house is the first clue to rewarding work. Planets in the 6th house are archetypal energies that need to be accessed daily and integrated into your lifestyle. They are life forces that you are fated to meet in the world of work and vocation. In a perfect world we would use them productively through our daily tasks and labours, giving them an expression in the continuity of our daily rituals. Metaphorically work is the way we honour the archetypal force that underlies the planetary expression.

6th House Cusp is in Aquarius

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

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

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

PROFESSION



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

The Status of the Tenth House

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

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

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

10th House Cusp is in Taurus

Taurus is a fixed earth sign; on the Midheaven this suggests the need to employ its sensual, tactile and earthy nature in your occupation, perhaps through construction, visual arts or crafts, food preparation, horticulture, massage or a variety of vocations employing the physical senses or a 'hands-on' approach. You need to receive tangible results from what you do; therefore you will do best in vocations which involve the physical, rather than the intellectual, spiritual or feeling spheres. While these other realms

may also be vocationally important to you, they need to yield practical, tangible results. Managerial roles, particularly in the hospitality industries may also appeal.

Stability and longevity are important in any vocation, as you need to proceed along your career path step-by-step and at your own pace. Fast tracking a bull usually results in them digging in their heels or getting stuck. Hence you need time to settle into a routine, find your rhythm and learn the job thoroughly. If you feel rushed or pushed you may actually slow down rather than speed up. At the end of the day you need to know that the task has been accomplished and at least one thing has been struck off the 'must do' list.

Security, reliability and a good track record are important considerations for assessing the right employment. You like to be attached to what you are doing, feel secure in your place of work and as much as possible have a sense of mastery over your workshop. But it is also imperative that you value what you do as well as be valued for what you create. Your creative endeavours are likely to be of a practical nature. For instance you are more likely to work with bricks, stone and timber - in a quarry, or as a stone-mason, brick layer, gardener, road worker, and builder or construction worker.

Your job needs to reflect your sense of personal value and self esteem; therefore the monetary reward needs to be commensurate with your own sense of personal worth. Exchange of resources is an important part of this process. Ultimately you are highly resourceful and able to create, mould, shape, forge and build attractive products, thriving in the world when it values your inner strength and trusts in its resourcefulness. Vocationally you need to build on your accomplishments and utilise your resourceful nature in securing your place in the world of work. Your need for security can sometimes be at odds with your career choice. For instance you may long to choose an artistic vocation such as a role in the theatre, art or music worlds. However, convention dictates that these fields are unlikely to be secure. Hence you are also attracted to down-to-earth or financial fields such as banking, financial management, and cabinet making. A compromise may be seeking employment as an art dealer, a theatrical promoter, or a commercial artist.

When your vocational needs are not met, you may feel stuck, despondent or lethargic, unable to draw on your instinctually resourceful and creative nature. When meaning and engagement is lacking in your vocation, you will turn to the material world to satisfy your emptiness. Yet without the soulful expression of your creativity in the world, materiality will not be satisfying either. Vocationally you need to find a secure place to manifest your abundant creativity in order to feel fulfilled.

Venus is in the 10th House

In your 10th house you have Venus, the archetype connected to art, harmony and the urge to beautify. Therefore Venusian professions include specialists in art, art museum workers or curators, art or beauty therapists, models, fashion designers and promoters, perfume or cosmetic industries, the music industry, singers, interior decoration and design, gifts and crafts, florists, potters and theatre and set design. Your innate style and culture could lead you into a myriad of professions that deal with fashion whether that is buying clothes or home furnishings or redecorating homes.

Venus is also inclined towards the development of social skills and interaction and is linked to professions which highlight these traits. Hospitality industries, community relations, hosting industries, hotel management, receptionist, wedding planners and caterers are under the domain of Venus. Professions which include diplomacy and protocol such as diplomats, ambassadors, customer services,

lawyers, social arrangements, and personnel managers are also ruled by Venus, all careers which might be worth your consideration.

Venus is also connected with partnerships and working in a one-to-one situation. Venus in the 10th house suggests careers that involve partnerships, as a counterpart to another, working in close affiliation with others or in a profession which complements others. These could include counselling especially career counselling or relationship therapy, tutors, business partnerships, personal recruitment, personal assistant or secretarial work. You may also be inclined to work in industries that promote a sense of worth, whether that is in a psychological or economical way. For instance you may have innate skills at personal coaching or investment strategies. You might find that you have an innate skill in dealing with money, helping others to become more financially aware and/or secure.

As the ruler of Taurus and the 2nd house, Venus is also linked to professions involving finance as well as agriculture. Using the senses and the creative flair are also important a vocation and Venus in the 10th may derive satisfaction from massage, aromatherapy, food and wine merchants and connoisseurs. You might be drawn to working with the senses. Whatever your passion is you will incorporate your own sense of style and grace into whatever you do

Uranus is Opposite The Midheaven

At the foot of your chart is the planet Uranus, whose urge for freedom and separateness is rooted in the family. Disengagement and separation are themes that resonate when Uranus is on the IC. The possibility of a fractured or dislocated family atmosphere or the lack of an unconditional bond is suggested, whether perceived or real. Individuality and independence are important hallmarks in your family. An urge to adventure, take risks and be emotionally self-sufficient is valued and therefore surprises and unexpected change was part of your familial landscape. Therefore as an adult it is important to reconcile your urges for separateness with your need for closeness, as this is a theme that will overshadow your feeling safe and successful in the world.

CONCLUSION

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

A Considered Vocation

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

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

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