



SPARK

VOCATIONAL REPORT

ASTROLOGY

Astrological Summary

Chart Point Positions: Robert Downey.Jr.

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Taurus	19°Ta11'	10th	
The Sun	Aries	14°Ar45'	9th	
Mercury	Aries	21°Ar12'	9th	
Venus	Aries	12°Ar50'	9th	
Mars	Virgo	10°Vi11'	2nd	
Jupiter	Taurus	26°Ta11'	10th	
Saturn	Pisces	11°Pi59'	8th	
Uranus	Virgo	11°Vi29'	2nd	
Neptune	Scorpio	19°Sc30'	4th	
Pluto	Virgo	14°Vi16'	2nd	
Chiron	Pisces	19°Pi54'	8th	
The North Node	Gemini	15°Ge28'	11th	
The South Node	Sagittarius	15°Sg28'	5th	
The Ascendant	Leo	13°Le48'	1st	
The Midheaven	Taurus	3°Ta34'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Conjunction	Jupiter	7°00'	Applying
The Moon	Opposition	Neptune	0°19'	Applying
The Moon	Trine	Pluto	4°54'	Separating
The Moon	Sextile	Chiron	0°42'	Applying
The Moon	Square	The Ascendant	5°22'	Separating
The Sun	Conjunction	Mercury	6°26'	Applying
The Sun	Conjunction	Venus	1°54'	Applying
The Sun	Quincunx	Pluto	0°28'	Separating
The Sun	Sextile	The North Node	0°43'	Applying
The Sun	Trine	The South Node	0°43'	Applying
The Sun	Trine	The Ascendant	0°56'	Separating
Mercury	Conjunction	Venus	8°21'	Applying
Mercury	Trine	The South Node	5°43'	Applying
Venus	Sextile	The North Node	2°37'	Applying
Venus	Trine	The South Node	2°37'	Applying
Venus	Trine	The Ascendant	0°58'	Applying
Mars	Opposition	Saturn	1°47'	Separating
Mars	Conjunction	Uranus	1°18'	Separating
Mars	Conjunction	Pluto	4°05'	Separating
Mars	Trine	The Midheaven	6°37'	Applying
Saturn	Opposition	Uranus	0°29'	Separating

Saturn	Opposition	Pluto	2°17'	Applying
Saturn	Conjunction	Chiron	7°54'	Applying
Saturn	Square	The North Node	3°29'	Applying
Saturn	Square	The South Node	3°29'	Applying
Uranus	Conjunction	Pluto	2°47'	Separating
Uranus	Square	The North Node	3°58'	Applying
Uranus	Square	The South Node	3°58'	Applying
Neptune	Trine	Chiron	0°23'	Separating
Neptune	Square	The Ascendant	5°41'	Applying
Pluto	Opposition	Chiron	5°37'	Separating
Pluto	Square	The North Node	1°11'	Applying
Pluto	Square	The South Node	1°11'	Applying
Chiron	Square	The North Node	4°25'	Separating
Chiron	Square	The South Node	4°25'	Separating
Chiron	Semisquare	The Midheaven	1°19'	Separating
The North Node	Sextile	The Ascendant	1°39'	Applying
The South Node	Trine	The Ascendant	1°39'	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 Gemini

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

Qualities that need both development and expression in a vocation are concentrated on the faculties of communication and ideas. You need to widen your sphere of influence in order to disseminate your innate knowledge, whether that is through speaking, writing, teaching, broadcasting or telecommunications. Therefore it is important to network, make contacts and be active in the community of colleagues. With your breadth of understanding and intuition you have an uncanny sense of knowing what is right. Let your intuition, innate knowledge and far sightedness lead you concentrating on articulating and forming ideas so that your beliefs can be understood and embraced by the world at large.

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

The North Node is in the 11th House

Your North Node is in the 11th house with the opposite pole of the South Node occupying the 5th. Astrologically this is similar to the Leo-Aquarius polarity, which contrasts the sphere of individual imagination and self-expression with group participation and company creativity. Your horoscope suggests that while you may be more comfortable being personally involved with your own creativity, it is necessary to become more aligned with community concerns. Vocationally your path leads towards the sphere of being involved in group projects and undertakings. Therefore you need to strive to integrate your originality with the social climate in the environment. Ironically while you are passionate about your own ideas and beliefs your path takes you into the political arena where the voice of the people and the community need to be heard and supported. You have the capacity to be a voice for a larger collective; therefore it is important to know that others will respect your views and beliefs.

It is valuable to know that you will be well received and admired in the community when you heed the call to become more involved in organisations and group efforts. Turning the spotlight away from your own need for acknowledgement and applause to follow your strong humanitarian impulses will be beneficial for you and your career. You need to be involved in a cooperative to exchange ideas and information and bring your unique enterprise into public domain. Your creative talent is both exclusive and original, therefore you find your colleagues and soul mates through like-minded associations, which are often marginal or out of the mainstream. It may be through your participation in communal action that you find a greater purpose and direction. No doubt others will acknowledge your social role; therefore it is important to consider others' invitations to speak publicly about your creativity, join the executive of the society or represent the group in some way. Vocationally your creative expression is ultimately tied to the wider community of artisans, healers, visionaries and entrepreneurs. Your voice adds weight to the acceptance and respect of your creative endeavours.

Saturn is Square The North Node

In your horoscope Saturn forms a right angle to the Nodal Axis. With Saturn squaring the Nodal Axis you are challenged to be more aware of integrating this archetypal energy into your vocation. The nature of Saturn is to strive for excellence; therefore this becomes a major challenge in your life. However, one of the main trials along your vocational pathway is to find the authenticity of what excellence means to you. No doubt Saturn is our encounter with authority, yet ultimately it is our own abilities that we must encounter. Therefore Saturn demands that you become a specialist, but the speciality you need to master is yourself.

This suggests that you will be acutely aware of the many different forms of rules and regulations and your reactions to them. You feel a strong need for guidance and mentoring, but your experience is often quite different; you learn not all managers are competent, not all systems are effective and not all structures are solid. Therefore, you often feel your integrity and values are at odds with the organizations'. However, it is this lack that pushes you into developing your own authority and integrity. Ironically it is standing alone that your vocational path takes shape. Your strongest ally is time and it is over time that you become acknowledged and respected for your integrity and hard work. Remaining true to your own values and standards is integral to your own success. Hence beware of wasting your time and energy by seeking approval from others who are never likely to give it

Chiron is Square The North Node

In your horoscope Chiron is squaring the Nodal Axis. This is often recognised as a harsh aspect; however, in this arrangement Chiron has a unique function in your vocation, calling you to be consciously aware of its influence over the course of your career. This suggests that the turning points in your vocation occur when you find yourself on the margins, a foreigner in the system you are working in. It is at these critical periods when you begin to forge your own unique destiny, realizing that you feel more comfortable on the fringe or edge of your profession, rather than in the centre. This insight frees you to pursue your calling.

This aspect suggests that your calling involves integrating something more subjective and intangible into your vocation. While this leaves you feeling an outsider, the truth is that you are keenly aware of what the system needs to be whole. Chiron is the image of the archetypal mentor and healer who teaches the disenfranchised young boys to become heroic. Similarly your challenge is to embrace what has been relinquished and integrate it back into the system. You are an advocate for approaches that are not purely mechanistic, economic and based on reason. Therefore it is possible that this urge will lead you into an 'alternate' discipline, one that complements what is generally accepted. This could lead you into the areas of unorthodox healing or therapy, unusual education, or alternative philosophies. Your challenge is to integrate these with your chosen profession without the stigma of feeling an outsider. Ironically you find your place in embracing these alternate ideas in the system you are in. It is also important to recognise that it is your wound and vulnerability that lead you to your vocation, not away from it.

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.

Pluto is Square The North Node

In your horoscope Pluto is squaring the Nodal Axis. Traditionally this is often thought of as a harsh aspect; however, in this regard Pluto has a unique function in terms of your vocation. A time-honoured way of thinking about this aspect is to see Pluto at the bending of the cycle, the turning point when something is about to change course. Therefore in terms of the course of your destiny Pluto reveals itself, suggesting that it needs to be consciously integrated and acknowledged. Pluto is the transformational quality when change is accepted and the inevitable is embraced. At the bending of the Nodal axis Pluto challenges you to let go of outmoded ways of thinking about your vocation. What is past its use-by-date needs to be relinquished so that something new can replace it.

This suggests that you will be challenged to leave no stone unturned, for your vocational direction reveals itself through research, digging deep and overturning what is on the path to find new clues. You need to call on the investigative and self-probing aspects of yourself for assistance. No matter what it is you do to occupy yourself you will always be aware of the urge to go deeper, unveil the truth, probe the mystery or crack the code. This drive will come in handy for researchers, investigators, scientists, archaeologists, psychotherapists and all those who know that there is more under what they can see. Denying the call to look beneath the surface casts a black cloud across the vocational horizon; however, honouring this vocational urge to dig deeper will uncover some priceless treasures. Therefore it is wise to heed the call to the unknown. The more you tend to this calling, the stronger you become. In this way the descent into knowing yourself is intimately entwined with your vocation. Therefore it is wise not to sidestep what appears to be difficult and demanding.

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 Leo

Let's hope that an audience showed up to applaud your entrance into the world. With Leo on the ascendant you enter the world with aplomb and the world needs to take note. Your first audience is likely to be your family, but later in life you yearn to shine in public. Luckily you have the ability to do so whether this is simply in your social life, or in your chosen profession. If you want, you can walk into a room and light it up with your poise and self-possession. Creative and self expressive, you have a knack for commanding everyone's attention, sometimes through your warmth and charm, sometimes your humour but essentially just by being you. You may express this natural joie de vivre in a creative or artistic profession. Fashion, beauty, theatre, dance, entertainment, and any where that offers opportunities to work at the top may appeal to your need to be noticed. A natural gift is your personality that wins friends and influences people. Ironically, though, when you show up for a job interview the prospective employer is more interested in your diligence and discipline than your personality and charm. Herein lies the paradox. While you have an expressive persona and vital image you might have to check it at the reception room before you enter the world of work. Vocationally you are called on to develop your competency and authority. No doubt you need the passionate fire to burn at the heart of what you do, but it is more of a steady flame than you might have imagined. Satisfaction in your working life comes through your well-earned accomplishments, patience and commitment. Your vibrant personality needs to support your vocational search, not stand in its way.

Aquarius is the setting sign, suggesting that you are attracted to the qualities of fairness and equality in others and appreciate their differences and uniqueness. Through friendship and relationship you learn to respect other's individuality, their different opinions and viewpoints. This is helpful as you might be called on in your job to be a supervisor of others, a boss or authority. Vocationally, creativity and self-expression is found in the daily routines of life. Ultimately the world offers you the recognition and praise you seek but when it does you know you earned it, not because you showed up, but because you were disciplined and committed.

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 Aries

Aries represents the stamina to challenge what is not right but also the spirit to forge what is. Aries is the warrior; in a spiritual sense the one who has the courage to uphold his or her principles and the one who is the soldier of the true self. With Sun in Aries your labours are to find the courage of your convictions and the strength to sanction them. What is honourable about you is the ability to challenge what is not right, to compete for what is and find the courage to face the confrontation. When you are in touch with your honour, you are capable of summoning the strength to act with bravery and champion what is noble. You are invigorated when challenged and your spirituality develops through withstanding the moral and ethical trials of life.

Your spirit cherishes its independence and welcomes challenges. You enjoy creative projects, pioneering new experiments and exploring uncharted territory. Being on the starting line you are animated by the spirit of adventure and brought to life by challenges and possibilities. Innocence and naïveté are helpful attributes as you are able to put the disappointments and failures of any project behind you and get on with a new idea or project. Taking a chance, exploring new frontiers and risking the security of what is not known demand an act of courage. Therefore you are likely to be a pioneer in your profession, perhaps breaking new ground in your chosen career, or perhaps by choosing a career on the cutting edge. You are a self-starter and therefore starting your own business, working on your own or any form of self-employment may appeal.

It is a combination of toughness and affection that allows you to be a firebrand on one hand and an idealist on the other. The compound of these two attitudes creates an advocate who champions the underdog, the conqueror who liberates the oppressed and the hero who scores the winning goal. In an etymological context courage is connected to the heart, since the ancient notion linked the force of will and character to the heart. Braveheart personifies your gift of courage. Like the heart which pumps blood through the body, your energetic spirit vitalises your soul in the world to be brave and claim what is rightfully yours. While you bravely face the worries and burdens of everyday life your alter ego, Captain Courageous, is active in the world championing the oppressed and liberating the downtrodden. To find your vitality and spirit and to feel soulful in the world you need to strive to find the qualities of assertiveness, bravery, enthusiasm, independence, initiative and inspiration 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 Taurus

With your Moon in Taurus your need for security and stability is high. In your daily life you would prefer a stable environment where you can settle and not be rushed or surprised. It is important to know what you are meant to be doing; therefore in any job it would be necessary for you to take care of these needs. You also need to feel valued in your work and that you are providing an essential service through your tasks, no matter how routine or repetitive they are. Therefore income is an important consideration for you, as it is necessary to feel that you are able to support yourself as well as speak up when you feel it is time for a raise or promotion. Since you are committed to the long term, you need to proceed along the career path step-by-step. You also need tangible results in what you do and be able to monitor your own development.

From an early age you were instinctually drawn to nature and content to be surrounded by its natural beauty. To care for your soul in the tasks of an everyday life, you need to be comfortable and secure in what you do and where you are, involved with the sensual aspects of life. You need to nurture your self through what you do; if you do not find this security through your daily life you might find yourself drawn to food and pleasure as a replacement.

If you are drawn to the nurturing professions then your Moon in Taurus is instinctually drawn to a hands-on sensual approach, such as massage, aromatherapy, chiropractic work, nursing etc. You may be drawn to your vocation due to sensual urges. For instance if you particularly enjoyed the sense of touch, you might consider massage; if it were sight, you may be drawn to design or if it were taste, you might have an innate flair for food preparation and cooking.

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 be tended 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.

Mars is in the 2nd House

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

One of your resources is your entrepreneurial flair and your bravado. You are willing to take a risk, confront obstacles and be challenged. This suggests you will be quite happy exploring all your options on your career path, starting and resigning from many different jobs until you find your niche. As you look back over your career path you will probably find a number of fool-hearted enterprises that you have attempted. All were important for you as you learn on the job and need to experiment with your what works and what doesn't. You need to be challenged and inspired by what you do and need a goal post in sight. Your competitive nature needs to strive for a finish. Whether you compete with others in the workforce or against your own standards you do need to set guidelines and objectives.

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

Uranus is in the 2nd House

Ultimately wealth and independence are entwined and when you are self-reliant you feel affluent. With Uranus in your 2nd house it is important to be aware that your approach to money and possessions could be quite unconventional, as this planet is known for its rebelliousness and nonconformity. This planet also signifies unpredictability and surprises. In the 2nd house this could suggest sudden changes of fortune. Therefore it would be important to consider how you might bring your unique skills and specialised talents to your career path in order to feel more comfortable on the wheel of fortune. You might forge your own independent route choosing to make your living outside convention or in an unconventional way. Or it could also suggest working in an environment that is futuristic, cutting-edge or ahead of its time. Another possibility is that you might find that you earn your income in a humanitarian way, working to improve the human condition or the state of the earth. Whatever road you take into the world of work, it needs to be a road less travelled.

Finding your own distinctive path that has not been trampled upon suggests that you will need to tap into your uniqueness and inventiveness. You are ingenious and can use your imagination to forge your way. Vocationally you are well suited to fields of endeavour that are unusual, ones that have not even been thought of yet. Therefore you are comfortable being on the edge of change, helping forge new directions and advancements. A career in technology might suit especially if you are helping revolutionise attitudes to work or helping create solutions for the future. Or politics is another sphere where you can use your vision and your protest to create change. Revolutionising the human experience is also akin to this astrological statement. Therefore whether you are attracted to science or the liberal arts, you feel the need to help advance human understanding and equality. You have an altruistic streak that needs expression in your vocation.

Uranus in the 2nd also reveals your attitudes towards money and possessions. Again this may be unusual or at least out of the ordinary. Your attitudes to material assets and financial security may fluctuate and change considerably. Or you might also unexpectedly receive money. It is important to consider your attitudes to money as they might be unconsciously contributing to financial worries. Ironically you need money to help you feel independent; therefore it is in your best interest to find ways to make this possible. You might find you have an uncanny knack at picking the right shares, making astute investments or being clever at financial planning. Reflect on original ways to make money. You have an inventive streak, which is a resource. Discover how this might work best for you. Ultimately you have the ability to be detached from the material world. This is important as this helps you feel relaxed and confident that you have enough resources.

Pluto is in the 2nd House

In ancient Greek *plutus* meant wealth and it is this association with riches that was transferred onto Pluto. As lord of the underworld he ruled over the vast domain of resources hidden in the earth. Psychologically the deity reminds us of the wealth in our own underworld, the untapped resources and riches awaiting release. In your 2nd house this suggests that you have innate wealth and power to be mined. First and foremost, it is necessary to know what feeds the desire for wealth and capital, as money will confront you with deep issues in the self. Being in the 2nd house, Pluto has shaped your sense of worth and value, therefore this suggests your best assets are your honesty and integrity and your innate resource is your ability to work therapeutically with crisis and change.

One recurring pattern I have seen is the confrontation with one's sense of worth and power through money. In other words you may unconsciously find yourself close to losing your assets which drives you into transforming and rebuilding your possessions. However, you do not need to lose everything to know that you have the power to restore and rebuild your capital. You have a powerful sense of wealth creation which will work for you when you recognise that you would like to be more critically involved in your work and that you are worth it. Or you also may fear losing your money, be haunted by images of not having, which are ways you confront your own sense of worth. It is important to know that these feelings are not prophetic but psychological, forcing you to honestly confront your own sense of worth and find the resources that promote a valued sense of self. You also have the knack of transforming what others have discarded or undervalued and make it an object of worth.

Invest in the things that are of worth to you, not others. Wealth is a subjective experience and while others may objectify money and possessions, to you it is different. What may be invisible to them is often a great asset to you. Therefore, you have a gut instinct for the right shares to purchase and a feeling about the best house to buy; this valuable resource needs direction. Income could come through

mysterious ways, inheritances but of course vocationally professions involving research, medical or psychotherapeutic work, crisis management and consulting or with any underground link could also be possible. What is important to know is that your resources are the depth of your perceptions, the integrity of your convictions and the power of your honesty. But perhaps the greatest asset you have is the ability to trust yourself in times of decision making about resources and to know that you have made the right choices. You will eliminate what is not necessary; however, you will also bring the hidden treasure to the surface.

WORK



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

- Thomas Moore

The Labours of the 6th House

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

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

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

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

6th House Cusp is in Capricorn

Capricorn is the sign on the cusp of your 6th house. This describes what you need in the routine conditions of your job in order to feel satisfied. As an earth sign, Capricorn suggests that your working life needs regularity and structure. Alternatively this could simply mean that your destiny requires you to forge a relationship to the conventional world. You may spurn routine, but work within a conventional occupation or employ a workforce which maintains order in your occupation. Even though you may choose to live on the margins of the institution or corporation, your path seems to involve the establishment; therefore it might be wise to be open to learning about the world of commerce and industry. You might find that you are comfortable in the business world, whether you are self employed, in partnership or working for a large company. Tradition and customs are important to respect as they define the atmosphere of your vocational world.

You are also aware of parental and societal expectations; you respond to the voice of authority. In part this is because you have a strong sense of responsibility and duty yourself. While you might feel that your dutiful nature has been shaped by your early environment, it is also part of your natural dispensation. Therefore it is sensible that you direct your dependable and conscientious temperament towards your livelihood, forging an authoritative and autonomous career. Innately you are good at creating structures and boundaries which add to your professionalism. Your work ethic is strong; hence vocational roles that draw out your leadership qualities, management abilities, proficiency and clarity help you to find your place in the world. You might find you are able to feel more competent and effective in positions where your responsibilities are well defined and the hierarchical chain of command is unmistakable. However one pattern which might resurface is that your level of competence and commitment is not necessarily shared by those you work with. While you need to respect your bosses and superiors, you may actually see that the system has promoted those without the adequate skills and know-how. Rather than feeling deflated by this, be more resolved to develop your own authority, ambition and principles.

As well as having a definite job description, you need to know that there are possibilities of advancement. Recognition and approval is also important. If your need for recognition is unsatisfied you may be overly ambitious or controlling or feel manipulated and oppressed by your workmates. It is also important to recognise your compulsion to achieve may be fuelled by feelings of not being adequate enough. This might manifest as either a fear of success or an inappropriate command of authority. When you find that your perfectionist streak is stressing you out, it is time to take a break. In fact it is important to schedule holidays and breaks into your lifestyle or you may become overwhelmed with work. When you become sick and tired of work you feel it in your aching joints and your sore back. Stress stiffens your body and you feel cold and removed. Respect your bodily messages that encourage relaxing, doing some yoga and unwinding. It is imperative for you to be aware that the rituals of your daily life need structure. Because work is a large part of daily life you will need to structure time out, something that may be difficult for you.

PROFESSION



Every man has his 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.

The Moon is in the 10th House

The Moon is in your 10th house, suggesting that you bring the realm of feelings, sensitivity and emotion to your profession. In classical astrology the Moon was associated with the public. Combining this with the lunar need to nurture, the vocations that are associated with the 10th house Moon are health care professions, social work, family counselling or therapy, nursing and involvement in the public service. Other professions which deal with the public, also ruled by the Moon are chefs, bakers and brewers, waiters, other occupations dealing with food and agriculture, the food industry, including catering, hotel management and promotion.

Besides the public, the moon is symbolic of women and women's issues. Therefore the Moon in the 10th house is also representative of professions concerning women's rights, health care and social services. Specialized medical areas such as gynaecology or specific issues of infertility, pregnancy, hormonal changes and rites of passage could play a role vocationally.

The Moon is also concerned with the home and is associated with a range of professions dealing in home services such as real estate, products for the home, home design and building (with a personal touch), domestic services, home services, furniture, antiques and making the home secure and safe. The mothering and nurturing side of the Moon is involved in the professions concerning the care of children, such as day care workers, teachers, early childhood educators, counsellors, family care providers, obstetricians, midwifery, and paediatricians. With this placement all these professions could be considered for a fulfilling career.

Astrological statistics have linked the Moon to the profession of writers, perhaps in a broader sense because this profession uses the right side of the brain and works in an imaginative way. Professionals such as writers, songwriters, poets, playwrights, artists, scriptwriters, novelists and creative journalists are under the spell of the Moon and may find creative writing an important part of their vocation. What is of importance is that you feel at home with your career and are able to use your strong perceptive and intuitive nature in your work.

Jupiter is in the 10th House

In your 10th house you have the planet Jupiter, known for its expansive, positive and confident nature. Careers involved in expanding people's understanding of themselves and the world around them, or administering to individual's religious and soul-needs are Jupiterian and suited to your temperament. Philosophers, philosophy teachers, the realms of literature, ministers, clergymen, motivational instructors, educators and coaches are under the influence of Jupiter and any of these roles would provide a focus for this expansive energy. Jupiter also is associated with team sports, the sporting industry, adventure and is connected to horse racing, sporting goods, team sports, explorer, adventure guides. One of the consistent themes in your vocation will be the urge to expand and stretch yourself beyond the limits that were set by your family and culture. You have the urge to exceed the expectations that were set down.

Jupiterian vocations educate and inspire others to a greater understanding; therefore professors, university lecturers and tutors, teachers of higher wisdom utilise the archetype of Jupiter in their careers. Cross-cultural contacts, travel and dealing with international concerns are also part of pattern, including vocations in the foreign service, import/export trade, protocol, ambassadors, foreign trade, interpreters, missionaries, travel consultants and industry, foreign affairs, international contacts. As part of education Jupiter rules the dissemination of information and ideas: publishing, author, advertising, telecommunications industry

As the chief Olympian Zeus (Jupiter) was the most influential of the gods and this archetype seeks to influence and impact others with their ideas, generally through 'education'. Teaching, instructing, publishing, coaching, guiding and mentoring is the common denominator of all Jupiterian professions. Your urge will be to educate and disseminate information that will enhance understanding and improve the quality of life. It is imperative that you bring your vision and your ethics to whatever career you choose. You are an eternal student and traveller and it is important that you bring your visionary and optimistic spirit into any role you play in the world.