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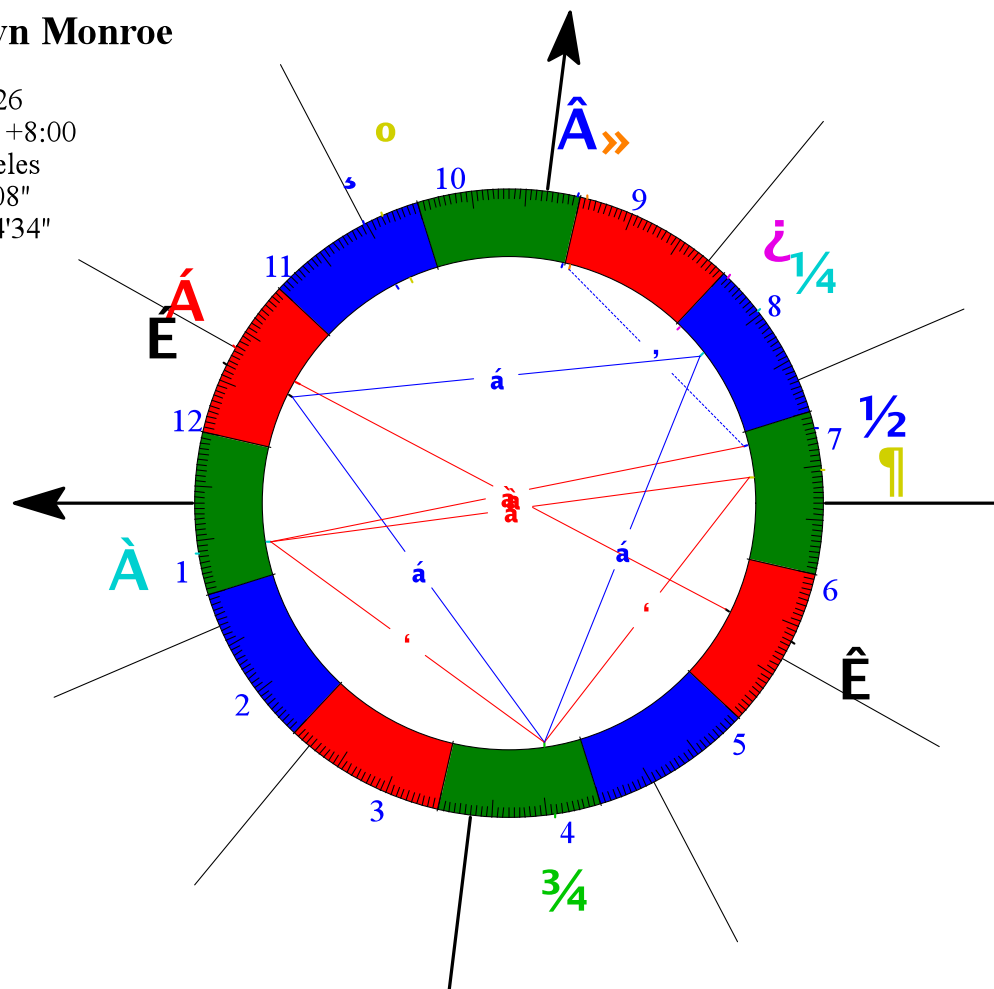
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INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

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

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

LIFE GOALS

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

The Sun

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

The Sun is in the 11th House

Your Sun is in the eleventh house of your birth chart meaning that you're a sociable person, who makes friends easily with people from all walks of life. You feel most at home when amongst a group of like-minded people. Success in achieving your life goals is likely to be gained through your connection with other people, in particularly those who have attained a high position in society. A loyal and honest person, you benefit greatly through your friendships, alliances and group affiliations. Other people recognise the worth of a trusting and decent friend and treat you well. You've lofty ideals and like to share a common goal with other people. For these reasons your profession may also be linked with working with groups of people, particularly one with a humanitarian cause. You've many hopes and visions of what you want to achieve in your life, and can inspire others with your ideas. However, you do need to learn the ability to focus on one thing at a time, otherwise you are in danger of failing to achieve your goals through scattering your energies in different directions.

The Sun is in Gemini

Your Sun is in the zodiac sign of Gemini indicating that you're curious, lively, versatile and talkative, with a need for constant stimulation. You're adept at keeping your finger on the pulse of several things at once, like a juggler. Many times you weave your way successfully and skilfully through your many activities leaving others in somewhat breathless awe of your abilities. However, there are also many times when everything comes tumbling down around you and you're left to pick up the pieces which have been scattered throughout your life. Communication is a key element in your life, taking the form of lively conversation, letter writing, study, numerous telephone calls or even travelling to various destinations to satisfy your curiosity. You've a tendency to liven up even the quietest environment, sometimes even introducing a chaotic element. Life is never dull around you. Your greatest enemy is boredom, and you will be resourceful in your pursuit of activity, although if all else fails you may turn to the radio, television and computer games. You've a keen intellect which can be applied to creative pursuits such as writing, publishing, networking, and teaching. Your biggest hurdles to achieving your

goals in life are making up your mind and focussing your energy, as you've such a difficult time deciding between all of the different options and then concentrating on the task at hand.

The Sun is Conjunct Mercury

The combination of the Sun and the planet Mercury in your chart can vary depending on other influences in your chart. The planet Mercury is considered by astrologers to represent the trickster. Ancient astrologers also measured the beneficial or damaging influences of Mercury in terms of how close this planet was to the Sun's beams. The closer the planet to the Sun the more detrimental. Positively this combination can mean that you're likely to succeed in life through your quick wit and business acumen. You're studious, learning new subjects with ease, and are particularly adept in the scientific and mathematical fields. On the other hand you can be too fond of seeking stimulation, with the cost of failing to complete a task. You're the proverbial "Jack or Jill of all trades, master/mistress of none".

Jupiter

The planet Jupiter also tells you about your goals in life, in particular the areas in which you are likely to succeed. Jupiter is the planet of expansion, abundance and wisdom. Ancient astrologers believed that the planet Jupiter had a greatly beneficial effect on a person's life.

Jupiter is in the 7th House

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

Jupiter is in Aquarius

You've the planet Jupiter in the zodiac sign of Aquarius in your birth chart indicating that as a broad-minded and liberal person you like to be allowed to follow your own original path through life. You're also equally happy to accept other people's freedom to follow their own path, no matter how unusual that may be. While conscious of the rights of individuals, you are also a humanitarian and like to see each person contributing their

gifts to humanity. Your interests may be linked with the fields of science and metaphysics, or it may simply be that you've an unusual approach to a traditional field. It's certainly true that you've an original and inventive approach to life, and this can be inspirational to other people. You're cheerful and social, and enjoy exchanging ideas with other people in convivial circumstances. You're likely to spread your unusual ideas through teaching or in lectures in academic circles or foreign countries. At times you can be so involved in intellectual pursuits that you're indifferent to the ordinary affairs of life.

Jupiter is Opposite Neptune

The planets Jupiter and Neptune are forming a difficult aspect in your chart indicating that you encounter difficulties early in life when expressing the creative side of your nature. It could be that you're not aware of your talents, or it could be that you're a dreamer who has trouble making practical moves to develop your abilities. Perhaps you're idealistic when it comes to assessing your options. The good news is that you're likely to overcome these difficulties as you mature. Whether you know it or not, you're a highly-talented individual. You're not necessarily a budding artist, but there's at least one area in your life in which you're creative. Of course you need to become aware of this talent before you can fully develop. You then need to acquire self-discipline if you're to make something of your gifts. Once you've made this discovery, whether it be in teaching, the arts, healing or spirituality, then you're capable of reaching for the stars. Your spiritual beliefs may also play a prominent role in helping you achieve your ambitions.

HOME

*Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.*

Hymn, *The King of love my Shepherd is* 1868.

The Moon

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

The Moon is in the 7th House

The Moon is placed in the seventh house of your birth chart suggesting that your primary relationship plays a key role in your life, dominating your moods and actions. It's likely that you marry at a young age, but if not you put a lot of time and energy into searching for the right person to share your life. The life of the single person isn't an easy one for you and you can be quite restless in your endeavours to find a partner. If you're married then you're sensitive to the feelings of your partner and keen to put them at their ease. You're likely to either adapt your behaviour to please your partner, or to rebel against his or her influence. The influence is the same in that his or her behaviour is dictating your mood swings. The problem is that you can allow your primary relationship to be too dominating, sacrificing your own needs and desires to the other person. At worse, your partner is fickle and not worth the effort that you're expending. This is an extreme representation of the astrological influences. It's also likely that your partner is simply changeable and of an unsettled nature, seeking change and stimulation through travel and work. Therefore you simply need to reassess your priorities and to work towards a balance between loving compromise and self-assertion. This position of the Moon in your chart isn't favourable for legal conflicts. Therefore you should be wary of entering into any legal battles, because you could find yourself on the losing side. In ancient times the Moon was considered to be in a strong position when placed in the seventh house of a chart, meaning that you're in a strong position to achieve your personal ambitions.

The Moon is in Aquarius

With the Moon in the sign of Aquarius you've an innate distrust of emotions, preferring the safety of intellectual analysis. It's not that you don't want to become close to your loved ones, it's just that they seem to be so emotional about everything. In fact you enjoy social gatherings with loved ones, but you prefer to talk about social issues and world events rather than touch on an emotionally intimate subject. You're most at home when analysing the world from an intellectual point of view. You're comfortable

amongst friends, but find one-to-one intimacy a little threatening. In company you enjoy a good joke, and have a good sense of humour which helps you through the most awkward situations, which seem to crop up quite often in your life. In personal relationships, you need freedom. Your view of the world is often quite different. In fact you can feel quite strongly about some of the things happening in the world, particularly if you feel that events are detrimental to humanity as a whole.

The Moon is Conjunct Jupiter

The Moon is making a positive aspect to the beneficial planet Jupiter in your birth chart suggesting that you enjoy your home and family life. This is a favourable aspect for health, wealth and family life. Depending on other influences in your birth chart you're likely to enjoy good fortune with your home, and any property investments. It's possible that you've a large family, enjoying connections with close and extended family members. You've a generous and expansive nature and an easy-going, philosophical approach to life. This makes your home a very hospitable environment. You enjoy catering for friends and family in your home, and may live in a large home or in spacious surroundings. Your optimistic view on life means that you're usually rewarded with many visitors. Family relationships are favourable, particularly with the women. It's likely that your good fortune has been influenced by your positive relationship with your mother, or an important female member of your family. You have fond memories of a warm and loving mother and want to share your good fortune with others. Perhaps there's a benevolent matriarch in the family tree. In some cases it's possible that your childhood relationship with your mother wasn't a positive experience. In this case you may be determined, as an adult, to be everything that your mother wasn't. Either way you are likely to benefit through your relationships with family members. You may also benefit through shared religious or spiritual beliefs.

The Moon is Square Saturn

Much of your adult life has been spent trying to overcome the difficulties that you faced as a child in your home and family. Astrologically speaking this is because the planet Saturn is contacting the Moon in your birth chart. Ancient astrologers believed that the planet Saturn had a malefic influence in a person's chart. In your case your early home life has been adversely affected. The extent of this effect depends largely on other influences in your chart. In some cases it can mean that your childhood home lacked spontaneity and warmth, but was well-organised and structured in a manner which helped you to feel supported and safe. However, it's more likely that circumstances in your family led to you feeling that home was a cold and unsupportive environment. This could have been one painful incident such as the loss of a family member, or it could have been the result of years of hardship. It's possible that one of your parents, perhaps your mother, was a strict and severe influence, unable to show you the affection that you felt you deserved. As a result it's likely that you're somewhat shy as an adult, lacking in self-confidence and sensitive to criticism. You may be emotionally reserved. Perhaps you have chosen at some stage in your life to live in solitude rather than risk the lack of affection and warmth that you felt as a child. As you grow older and work on your self-esteem you can build a lasting maturity. You develop an inner self-confidence which helps you build firm foundations in your life and achieve your ambitions, as well as loving family relationships. You work solidly to build yourself a secure and firm footing,

earning the respect of those around you. You can succeed in business and in your career, particularly through being noticed by your superiors. You may also benefit through investments in land and property.

The Moon is Opposite Neptune

The Moon is making a difficult aspect to the planet Neptune in your birth chart indicating that you've a sensitive nature, and are prone to spending long periods of time in solitude in the safety of your home. Sometimes you thoroughly enjoy your own company, but at other times you can feel somewhat despondent and confused, tired and caught in a web of inexplicable emotions. The problem may be that you're unrealistic in your expectations of yourself and your loved ones, idealising them only to be disillusioned when they fail to live up to your expectations. A more realistic approach can be helpful. You're often confused about your direction in life, wondering if you'll ever fulfil your dreams. Your home needs to be your haven from the world because you feel overwhelmed by the harsh realities of the world, and you need to shut away. If this isn't possible then it's likely that you'll be distressed. Depending on other influences in your chart it's possible that you spend long periods living in a fantasy world. Family members may have stories about your daydreaming ways as a child, which continue well into adulthood. It's also possible that your loved ones feel the need to bring you back down to earth, believing that this will help you cope with the world. Nevertheless you have learned to trust your own instincts, telling you of a need to escape somewhere to dream, even if it's only one room. In this case a room with a beautiful view would definitely appeal to your aesthetic nature. It's likely that your relationship with your mother, grandmother, or an important woman, has played a key role in your life, positively or negatively. On the negative side it's possible that this mother figure demanded that you ignore your sensitive nature, turning your back on your artistic and spiritual gifts. On the other hand perhaps she cosseted you as a child and adolescent, fanning your unrealistic view of the world. Another scenario could have been that your mother was unwell, or regularly adopted a victim-like approach to life, which forced you into the role of caretaker at a young age. Whatever the scenario in your childhood, the outcome is likely to be your own struggle to face your responsibilities while still finding time for your spiritual, artistic, or contemplative needs. It's possible that this same woman, or another woman, could have encouraged you to develop the imaginative side of your nature. Perhaps this woman had artistic or spiritual gifts, or encouraged your own talents. Whatever the scenario, it's likely that you've an idealised or distorted picture in your mind of this woman, which affects your adult relationships with your loved ones. Your lesson is to learn to balance your needs for artistry, spiritual pursuits or moments of quiet contemplation with the practical, and very-real, demands of the mundane. This is when you are most likely to appreciate the soothing nature of your home. Your house may also be a restful haven for your loved ones, because you've a flair for creating a peaceful environment. You've the ability to listen with sensitivity to other people's problems and plans, or to create a beautiful environment with artistic ornaments, soothing music and indoor plants and flowers. Perhaps you also have artistic talents, which can be displayed in your home. You may find a great sense of satisfaction in living close to water, or surrounded by nature.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION

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

Mercury

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

Mercury is in the 11th House

The planet Mercury in the eleventh house of your chart signifies that your friends play an important role in your education. You've many acquaintances but can count your good friends on the fingers of one hand, as the saying goes. You enjoy being surrounded by stimulating people, particularly in a group of people with similar interests. Clubs and interest groups are a source of intellectual stimulation, but that's all. Unless you've other influences in your birth chart, you're unlikely to make lasting friends with more than a few chosen friends. Again, depending on the other aspects of your birth chart, your friends can either be of great benefit in your life or they can be somewhat unreliable. You may find yourself drawn to young people, because they provide you with a fresh outlook on life and give you plenty to think about. You're more likely to share your thoughts with other people rather than spend time pursuing your interests on your own. You would rather join a literary group and discuss the latest best sellers rather than read on your own. You also prefer to share a cup of tea and a chat with someone else rather than enjoy the peace of a drink in solitude. You like the stimulation of other people's company and you're quite able to chat superficially rather than delving into deep and meaningful conversations.

Mercury is in Gemini

The planet Mercury in the zodiac sign of Gemini indicates what a chatterbox you are. You do not mean to prattle on and on. It's just that you do so love the art of conversation, exchanging ideas with other people, and catching up on news. You're a fast talker, with a keen interest in most subjects. You enjoy books, letters, magazines, the media, computers and anything else that helps you learn and communicate. You also like to network, linking people from different walks of life, and giving information gained from one source to the next. For this reason you often find that you're the common link in a chain of quite different friends. You enjoy education of all forms, but may suffer in early education through an inability to sit still and listen. As you grow older you're likely to excel in your education because of your enquiring mind and intelligence. Astrologically speaking, the planet Mercury is considered to be strong in its rulership sign of Gemini. This means that you can benefit from your many interests. At times you find that your thoughts are scattered, but once you've managed to focus on your subject you can excel, particularly in fields such as teaching, writing, communications, and networking.

RELATIONSHIPS

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

Venus

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

Venus is in the 10th House

When the planet Venus is placed in the tenth house of your birth chart professional relationships are important. Success and honour are likely to favour your doorstep. Both your career and your primary relationship are favoured by this beneficial placement of the planet Venus. Depending on other influences in your birth chart, you succeed in your professional ambitions and in attracting a primary partner of high status. It's possible that you marry above your station. You enjoy pleasurable professional relationships, particularly with women, and can create a harmonious and comfortable atmosphere in the workplace. This leads to greater productivity, either your own or other people's. Your professional attitude to work, and harmonious working relationships, usually results in good promotional prospects and increases in salary. Your career may be linked with decorating, beauty products, women's interests, personnel management or any field that requires teamwork. The planet Venus is considered to be in a powerful position in the angular tenth house of a birth chart, meaning that you're likely to succeed in your ambitions.

Venus is in Aries

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

Venus is Sextile Jupiter

"Lucky in love and money". This could be your personal motto because the favourable

planets Jupiter and Venus are combining to shine good fortune on your relationships and finances. You're fun loving, generous and popular. With your sympathetic and kind nature, you've a talent for putting other people at their ease. You're optimistic and talented, full of joie de vivre. Therefore you're likely to be surrounded by supportive friends, and many potential life partners. You're seeking a relationship with someone who will expand your horizons, perhaps even joining your travels around the world. You love to share adventures, philosophies and goals. Other influences in your chart may indicate that you prefer to keep the home fires burning, but it's more likely that you seek adventure and romance with your partner.

MOTIVATION

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

Mars

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

Mars is in the 8th House

With Mars placed in the eighth house of your birth chart joint ventures and finances play a major role in your life. This can be sharing money and investments with your marriage partner, or it could be ventures with business partners, or both. You enjoy working towards your goals with other people, pooling ideas and resources, but the path is not always smooth. This could be because of circumstances beyond your control or because you rush into agreements without reading the fine print. You're so keen to do business with other parties that you brush aside the details in the belief that they will sort themselves out later, but this is not necessarily so. You need to take more care, particularly in connection with joint finances with your spouse. This is another problem area. It's difficult for you to agree with your marriage partner on the subject of joint money. Perhaps your spouse is extravagant, or perhaps you are. Either way money is likely to be a hot subject in your marriage. Legacies and wills are also likely to be fraught with difficulties. You may have difficulty trusting someone else to look after your financial matters, but this may provide a solution as long as you have a contract that protects your interests. It's also possible, depending on other influences in your birth chart, that you can benefit financially through joint enterprises that involve good honest hard work.

Mars is in Pisces

The planet Mars in the sign of Pisces indicates that you're a sensitive and affectionate individual, with a tendency to have difficulties facing the more practical realities of life. Where others rise to a challenge, you're more likely to hesitate, fearful of the consequences. You're timid and retiring, preferring to skirt around conflict rather than tackling problems head on. In some cases you can resort to emotional manipulation in order to get your own way, such as refusing to show interest or take part in a project. In other words you're more likely to be passive rather than aggressive in your approach to achieving your goals, and when thwarted. You do well when you're able to socialise with sympathetic and like-minded individuals, but you suffer when exposed to harsh or unsympathetic people. In other words you're easily influenced by other people. For this reason you need to avoid situations in which you may be victimised, as this will only fan the gloomy and depressive side of your nature. You would be better to pursue a more creative or spiritual path in life, or to take up activities which enable you to express the caring side of your nature. You're a kind and benevolent person, often drawn to

philanthropic institutions. You're also likely to be artistically or psychically gifted.

Mars is Trine Saturn

You're confident and diligent, capable of driving yourself and others to achieve your objectives. This is because the planets Mars and Saturn are connected in your chart. You're motivated by the thought of achievement, and are likely to succeed through hard work. In fact you're determined to succeed in certain areas of your life. Your will power can be indomitable, particularly when you've determined on a course of action. A good organiser, you need to be careful to work in co-operation with other people rather than try to force them to follow your methods. You may not realise that your own high standards are not achievable by everyone. Self discipline and hard work come easily to you, but not necessarily to other people. You're self-reliant and it's possible that you enjoy working on your own rather than with other people. On the whole your physique is strong, enabling you to endure long hours of work and concentrated effort. Therefore you're likely to feel frustrated on the occasions when your physical resources have run out. There's no need to worry because slowly and surely your energy and drive returns enabling you to continue on the road to success. You may also be closely involved with a legacy from your father or your father's family. Whether or not you benefit from this legacy depends on other influences in your chart.

Mars is Conjunct Uranus

You're positive, self-confident and enterprising. This is because the planets Mars and Uranus are combining positively in your chart. You're enthusiastic and highly self-motivated, if somewhat impulsive, enjoying adventure and new horizons. You do need to be wary of accidents caused through your own rash actions, particularly as you're courageous and likely to be attracted to risky sports and activities. Your dangerous driving on the road is also likely to cause a few hair-raising moments, both for you and other drivers. You're full of good ideas, and once you've determined on a course of action, then you've plenty of motivation to see it through to successful completion. You're independent and prefer to be given plenty of room to carry through your own ideas in your own way. Fortunately this combination usually indicates that you succeed in your wishes, as well as your projects. It's even possible that you'll rise to prominence during your lifetime because your "do or die" attitude to achieving your goals.

CAREER AND AMBITIONS

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

Saturn

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

Saturn is in the 4th House

The planet Saturn placed in the fourth house of your birth chart suggests that home is a responsibility in your life, needing to be attended to before you can succeed in the public world. Your early family life may not have been supportive, resulting in you feeling a lack of a firm footing. It may be that, as a child, family life appeared well-balanced and healthy to other people, even to other members of your family, but you were not happy. In some cases it could be that your family life was generally secure but that your parents moved house, forcing you to begin again in a new environment and creating a sense of insecurity. While some children adapt well to new homes and neighbourhoods, you had difficulty coping with the changes. You may even have become reclusive as a result. For some reason you felt as though you didn't belong, and worked hard to be free of the constraints of family life. As you grow and mature you find that you've to come to terms with these early difficulties. Gradually you learn how to build up a solid foundation that suits you. It may be hard work, but finally your home life becomes a solid base for you. You may become quite acquisitive, equating financial security and investments with the security that you felt you lacked as a child. Perhaps you gain financially through inheriting property, or through property investment. It's also possible that you work from home, building a home office or taking over your lounge room with a business project. In some way your work and your home are likely to be strongly connected.

Saturn is in Scorpio

The planet Saturn in the sign of Scorpio signifies that you're an acquisitive individual who likes to be able to work independently towards your own goals in life. You're a resourceful and determined worker and have an intense commitment to work and joint enterprises, in particular those which help you acquire extra resources. You're a shrewd operator and may enjoy speculating on the stock market or dabbling in property investments. Wins and losses can be experienced in speculation, no matter how clever your tactics. It's also possible that your profession may be linked to property management or brokering. You're protective of your assets and do not take easily to other people standing in your path. As a result you're often at loggerheads with other people at work and home. You can be tenacious in your efforts to achieve your ambitions. You may also have friends in high places who can lend a helping hand. When faced with ongoing problems you can be quite sudden in your resolutions, taking other people by surprise. This can also be because you're a secretive person, often making

plans without other people's advice or knowledge. Secret liaisons can add intrigue to life, but you need to be wary of secret love affairs which could land you in a lot of trouble.

Saturn is Trine Mars

A favourable combination of the planets Saturn and Mars indicates that you're likely to rise to power in your profession, but the road to success requires hard work and self-discipline. Depending on other influences in your chart you could excel in business, military occupations, construction work, industry, manufacturing, or official government work. A career in business could also be rewarding, particularly self-employment.

Saturn is Square Neptune

The planets Saturn and Neptune are combining in your chart suggesting that you've difficulty achieving your career ambitions. It's likely that you're a highly creative individual, but that you either lack the confidence to follow your true path, or the ability to make your dreams a reality. This doesn't necessarily mean that you aren't successful in your career, but rather that something is missing. It could be that you're dissatisfied with your career choice, because you're not following your true vocation. It's also possible that you enjoy your work, but aren't being paid well, which leads to frustration and disappointment. No matter how much other people urge you to stand up for your rights, you believe that you're not in a position to do so. The problem may be that you've difficulty stepping back and appropriately assessing all of your options. You lack the confidence to pave your own professional path, afraid to leave the security and comfort of your current job, or you're too busy chasing rainbows to manage your career. At some stage in your life you're forced to learn to believe in yourself, to find the right mix of creativity and practicality. Once you've made steps along this process you gain the confidence to continue. Like a child learning to walk for the first time, you're soon off and running.

The Midheaven

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

The Midheaven is in Taurus

With a Midheaven in the sign of Taurus and ruled by the planet Venus, you require routine and stability in your career. Depending on other influences in your chart you're likely to choose a reliable, traditional direction in life either through your marriage or profession, rather than risking an unorthodox path. Taurus is an earth sign, indicating your down-to-earth approach to your career and life direction. It can also mean that you're attracted to working with earth, or products from the earth, such as in quarries or gardens. The planet Venus, which rules Taurus, is noted for womanly beauty. Therefore you may be attracted to working in with beauty products or with women. You may enjoy a working environment which is situated in beautiful surroundings. You're

comfortable in both leadership and co-operative roles in your profession. Examples of famous people with the same Midheaven include Australian actress and singer Kylie Minogue, American screen idol Marilyn Monroe, Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, and UK Social Democrat Leader Paddy Ashdown.

CREATIVITY AND ORIGINALITY

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

Uranus

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

Uranus is in the 8th House

The planet Uranus is in the eighth house of your birth chart suggesting that you experience sudden gains and losses through marriage and business partnerships. You may be initially annoyed to learn of sudden losses of inheritance, or by the fact that a loved one has not bequeathed you a favourite item. However, you quickly adapt to the circumstances, recognising that they're out of your control. Life is easier once you accept that you're unlikely to benefit from legacies, unless there are other positive aspects in your chart. You're also likely to lose money through marriage and business partnerships. This could be that your spouse is poor, or that they squander money. It could also be that your business partners are unreliable or that circumstances result in a sudden change of course. If there are other favourable aspects in your chart then you could experience sudden windfalls, such as an inheritance from a virtual stranger, or a sudden influx of money from an invention or business enterprise. This placement also indicates that you're fascinated by metaphysics and the deeper side of life.

Uranus is in Pisces

The planet Uranus is in the sign of Pisces from 2004 - 2012. It's important to note that Uranus spends a long time in each sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Uranus in your chart. Uranus in the sign of Pisces indicates that you belong to a generation which will gain a new understanding of Earth's role in the Universe. Your generation will be able to delve into unconscious and hidden realms, possibly even gaining spiritual insights and teaching them to the world. It's also possible that carrying out healing work for the global community will be a focus of your generation.

Neptune

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

Neptune is in the 1st House

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

Neptune is in Leo

The planet Neptune was in the sign of Leo from 1914 - 1929. It's important to note that Neptune takes about 164 years to make a complete cycle, spending about thirteen years in each sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Neptune in your chart. Neptune in the sign of Leo indicates that you belong to a generation closely linked with the creative arts and spirituality. These two fields can provide you with pleasure and inspiration, and you may be an inspiration to others through your artistic talents or spiritual beliefs. Extravagance can also be a result of your generation because of the extent to which pleasure is pursued.

CHALLENGES IN LIFE

The spirit of self-help is the root of all genuine growth in the individual.

Samuel Smiles, *Self-Help* 1859.

Pluto

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

Pluto is in the 12th House

The planet Pluto is in the twelfth house of your birth chart indicating that one of your biggest challenges is to overcome your overwhelming sense of responsibility for other people's problems. This is quite a feat because you're often at the centre of conflict without really understanding why. This probably started when you were a young child, and seemed to be the focus of the rest of your family's aggression. Perhaps you couldn't seem to stop yourself getting into trouble, feeling compelled to get into mischief. It's also possible that there was no justification for the accusations. As an adult you again seem to be in the thick of conflict, even if it's now the role of mediator or spokesperson, rather than perpetrator. These situations seem to happen even if you don't want to be involved. It could be that you've the inability to say "no" to others people's problems, or that you're swept along by events. As a result you may have the urge to study psychology or another avenue that explores the unconscious realms of the human psyche. You may also be drawn to study secret arts such as magic or alchemy. Once you've gained some understanding of this pattern of behaviour, you may choose to be an advocate on other people's behalf. Making a choice is very different from being caught up seemingly against your will.

Pluto is in Cancer

The planet Pluto was in the sign of Cancer from 1914 - 1939. It's important to note that Pluto takes about 248 years to make a complete cycle, spending 12 - 32 years in each sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Pluto in your chart. Pluto in the sign of Cancer suggests that you belong to a generation of upheaval in social systems. People born into this generation were born into troubled times which threatened their security and family. As a result this generation continues to experience changes in values, challenges to security and develops the ability to form new social concepts.

PURPOSE AND JOY

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

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

The North Node

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

The North Node is in the 12th House

Your North Node is in the twelfth house and your South Node is in the sixth house of your birth chart indicating that you're destined to spend time on your own, reflecting on the artistic and spiritual aspects of life. You need to see yourself as part of a greater whole, rather than give in to your tendency to be sceptical. Life's daily responsibilities and practicalities must be tended to, but not at the cost of contemplation of life's mysteries. It's possible that you'll spend some time in an institution during your life in order to help you understand your destiny. These could include hospitals, museums, the armed forces, prisons, or the public service.

The North Node is in Cancer

Your nodal axis has the North Node in Cancer and the South Node in the sign of Capricorn denoting that you're destined to overcome inner pride and to learn to tolerate your own failures. You've a tendency to make life harder than it need be. This is based on the past when you had to work hard for people's respect. You need to learn humility and to express your emotions honestly so that you can nurture others with your wealth of wisdom.

The North Node is Trine Mars

The North Node and the planet Mars are combining to suggest that you're being

challenged to become assertive and focussed on your personal goals. Independence and self-confidence are keys to your growth in this life, and you may find yourself thrust into leadership roles.

The North Node is Trine Saturn

You're being challenged, through the combination of the North Node and the planet Saturn, to take a responsible role in groups. You may prefer your own company, but you need to work steadily with others in order to achieve your goals. You may experience periods of isolation, perhaps through physical illnesses, but these force you to reassess your life so that you can fully appreciate your responsibilities.

The North Node is Conjunct Pluto

You're on a quest to use your insights and personal experience to help others. This is because of the association of the North Node and the planet Pluto in your birth chart. You may encounter traumas during your lifetime, which will ultimately help to develop your resourceful nature.

The Ascendant

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

The Ascendant is in Leo

The sign of Leo is considered to be "masculine" by Ancient astrologers suggesting that you're more likely to actively seek your purpose in life, taking the initiative rather than waiting until circumstances are comfortable. Leo is also a fixed sign denoting fixity of purpose, resolution, self-reliance and independence.

You're sincere, generous and ambitious, enjoying a sense of autonomy in all that you do. You're adept at organising your own life, and enjoy the independence. Generally speaking you're assured of your own purpose, and your life is full and eventful. However, there are times when your passion and haste lead to downfalls, and you also have to be wary of the dictum "pride before a fall". Fortunately you're usually back on track quickly thanks to your vital and sunny nature. Other people may be buffeted by the vagaries of fate, but your lessons are connected with will power. In the balance of fate versus free will your purpose is to learn to use your strength of character and strong will power in a positive and powerful manner, rather than simply rebelling against society.

In Esoteric astrology the sign of Leo is linked with conviction of spiritual purpose. While it may seem second nature to you, your strength lies in your sure knowledge of your

own and other people's purpose. Others may not share your conviction, and this can be your gift to them. You need to be both single-minded in your spiritual purpose and inclusive of other people. Compassion should be your rule of thumb. Your purpose is connected to gaining and sharing a knowledge of both the personal self, and the higher self or soul.

CONCLUSION

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Stephanie's background in medieval astrology can be detected in the direct style of the report. Medieval astrologers differed from modern-day astrologers in several ways. They didn't have a psychological approach to chart interpretation, but took a much more literal approach. They were very much concerned with the fortunes of an individual, whether a person would survive or not, and whether or not the person would experience good or failing fortunes. The author's particular area of interest in Esoteric astrology can be mainly detected in the section labelled "Purpose and Joy". In Esoteric astrology the purpose of an individual is linked to the soul. In other words it is believed that our souls determine our sense of purpose in the world, motivating us to put our gifts to good purpose.

This report is meant more of an introduction to the wonders of astrology rather than a complete course in its intricacies. Further studies, or a consultation with a professional astrologer, are encouraged to explore this most ancient scientific and philosophic tool.

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