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A graphic featuring the word "CAREER" in large, bold, grey capital letters. Behind the letters are several silhouettes of business professionals in various poses, some holding briefcases or documents, set against a blue background.

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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

The outer rewards of career - prestige, status, vacations, salary packages, job security often conceal the urge to express our soul mission through our vocation. This report is aimed at helping you reflect on your vocation or calling.

Vocation is from the Latin vocare, to call, and in early English this referred to a spiritual calling. 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.

When you were a child what was your answer when asked 'what do you want to be when you grow up?' As children we are uninhibited in our career choices and our answer springs from our imagination.

Vocation is an aspect of our fate, a force deep inside that pushes itself to be expressed in the world. It may be found in hobbies, volunteer work, and courses of study, not always presenting in the form of a career.

This report will help you reflect on the qualities of your character that create an empowering effect on shaping a meaningful vocation. As you read about the vocational images from your 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.

Advice given in this report is a guide only and does not replace the advice of a trained professional.

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Astrologer

VOCATION AND DESTINY



Vocation is the spine of life

-Friedrich Nietzsche

The Lunar Nodes

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

In considering this axis we can envisage the North Node or Dragon's Head as the calling to be heroic, to develop an identity in the world, or in other words, to follow our vocation. The North Node

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

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

The South Node in the opposite sign suggests an innate quality that needs to be disseminated and used freely in pursuit of a vocation. It is providence, a gift of inherited qualities from the past

that can be used as resources for the future. The South Node suggests that well developed residues need to be dispersed and shared or they may threaten to entrap you. It symbolises what must be utilised in the conscious attempt to fulfill one's destiny. The South Node acts as a dissemination point for what becomes conscious at the North Node. In a way the South Node brings to mind the need to contribute this energy to the familial and social realms, the world at large. Since this energy is instinctual it is not necessarily always consciously directed or purposefully used.

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

The house position of the Nodes will illustrate the environmental factors that help to shape and influence an individual's destiny. The North Node's house position directs us to be aware of

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

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

The North Node is in Leo

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

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

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

While you instinctually know how to be a friend it is important to develop your own identity through your vocation. As a colleague and friend you are able to listen to others but it is your creativity

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

The North Node is in the 9th House

The North Node is in your 9th house with the South Node being opposite in the 3rd house. This contrasts the sphere of ideas and information with meaning and imagination. You might be instinctually able to gather together statements, pieces of evidence, figures, statistics and information but in your vocation you will be called upon to infuse these facts with meaning and insight. With the North Node in the 9th you are called to expand your horizons, remove yourself from your familiar surrounds and look farther afield. There are broader issues, wider social parameters and cross-cultural attitudes that want to be developed vocationally. Therefore you might become involved in travel and adventure that exists outside the normal bell curve, find yourself drawn to the study of different religions and cultures to understand others' philosophy of life, or

you might be challenged to learn human values and ideals becoming educated in the ageless traditions of human aspirations. Your soul urges you to take flight into the search for meaning and the pursuit of higher values. To do this you need to develop a vision and not get trapped by the details of the smaller picture.

Your comfort zone may become involved in detailed information and ideas rather than exploring the larger picture. However your vocational probably calls you away from the safety zone of your neighbourhood and all its familiar connections. Vocationally you might be challenged to step away from your schoolmates, your friends and familial surrounds to find what feels missing. What you need to discover is outside these familial and cultural safety sectors. While your career may lead you into information technology or the world of ideas your destiny will be to infuse this area with meaning and imagination, educating and awakening others to greater meaning. Your nodal invitation is to become an educator, inspiring others to become more of who they are. Your gift is that you have an instinctual and intuitive way of being able to express this in a language others understand. Your strategic capacity provides maps for others to follow on their journeys through life.

Mars is Conjunct The North Node

In your horoscope Mars is situated next

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

It is important that you recognise the strong desire to be independent in your vocation. You have a strong will and need to be able to assert your opinions and goals without being held back by trivial rules and meaningless traditions. You have a pioneering spirit which needs to adventure into the unknown to discover what is important. On this journey you also locate what is of value and benefit to you. Challenges are stimulating for you and you will need yourself, as well as significant others, to keep raising the bar for you. Boredom is

the dragon that you must fight against. Besides being out of character, it will also drain your energy and dampen your spirit. When you lose your enthusiasm for your job or profession then you lose contact with what you are doing. Vocationally you will need to set goals, take risks and keep moving. It is important to keep your occupation alive and challenging and be stimulated by the goal of what you are trying to accomplish.



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 Scorpio

At the time of your birth the sign Scorpio was rising in the East, foreshadowing the way you reach out into the world. Since you are fiercely private, having no time for small talk, you are often seen as being intense and unapproachable. Truth is you are wary of becoming too close too fast. Trust is important to build over time and when it is established you are loyal and true. Sincerity and honesty are priorities for you and you have a knack of knowing when others are phoney or inauthentic. Therefore you are often intimidating to other, yet paradoxically they are also drawn to your depth and charisma. Ironically, though, in your vocation you are called upon to share your insights and beliefs, be challenging and self expressive. Satisfaction in your working life comes not through being private and insular but through the acknowledgement of your identity and forging a good approval rating. Vocationally your challenge is to be creative and popular in the world without losing your soul. Therefore you need to retreat from time to time. A sabbatical, not a full time retreat, is the answer.

On the other side of the horizon is the sign Taurus. This suggests that you need to be complemented by a stable and grounding partner. Therefore you are attracted to others who can help you

build your life but are self contained enough to not interfere with your vocation. However it is these qualities of stability, durability and reliability you need to develop in yourself. Ironically once you find your own inner rock and stability you are free to enjoy a variety of relationships and friendships. Therefore while you might feel more inclined to closet yourself away, your vocation is found through exploration, expression, learning and developing. And when you are not looking, praise and recognition come your way.

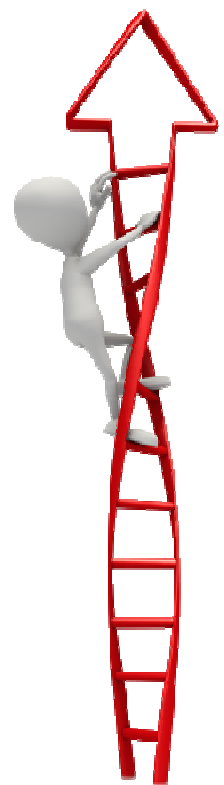
Chiron is Opposite The Ascendant

Chiron was setting at birth casting its influence over the realm of relationships in your life. Part of the pattern will be the recovery and healing of emotional wounds through relationship. You are drawn to those who are emotionally in need to understand how your hurts keep you from being emotionally available. Vocationally you have an aptitude for working with others in a therapeutic way, empathetic to the addict, compassionate to the bereaved and nurturing of the homeless. With Chiron angular your destiny is to be involved with the complexes of others in order to facilitate healing.

Uranus is Conjunct The Ascendant

Unexpected Uranus was rising at your birth endowing you with a unique perspective on life and an independent will that seek to find expression through your personality. Your originality and

ingenuity, along with your need for independence, are high priorities on your life path. The highly charged nature of Uranus stresses the physical body; therefore it is important to channel your nervous energy towards practical goals. To feel successful you need to find enough space to be able to do your own thing, feel free enough to express your radical views and feel comfortable being different. The fates have mapped out a road that few will travel, therefore you need your adventuresome and independent spirit as a guide



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 Virgo

In contemporary astrology Virgo is associated with the sacred acts of an everyday life that promote health. With the Sun in Virgo you respect the holistic approach to life, aware of the need for moderation in the holy trinity of body, mind and soul. As an archetype Virgo represents the instinct for wholeness

embedded in every human soul and with your Sun in Virgo you strive to consciously express this. This might manifest as your need to be healthy and to achieve balance in the chaos of an everyday life. It could also call you to become involved in the improvement and betterment of others.

In your daily routine you need to experience feeling balanced. In your busy world the repetitiveness and simplicity of domestic tasks is a mantra for stabilising and grounding your spirit. In the completion of simple tasks you are able to find a sense of fulfillment and well being. While meditation, yoga, walking the dog or reading the paper may be the rewards of an everyday life, other routines like paying the bills, cleaning the kids' room or mopping the floors can also be viewed as contemplative and meaningful practices. Your task is to find the synthesis between the extremes so the cadence of the everyday life is free of stress and worry as much as possible. In fact you might have already found the balance and made housework your meditation.

You need to systematically order health rituals to promote a sense of well being. It is imperative to be health conscious. You have great respect for the body and are able to apply its wisdom through a healthy diet and lifestyle, regular exercise and work. You have the ability to concentrate, focus on detail, follow instruction and be consciously involved

with repetitive tasks, which combine to make you skilled at handicrafts and detailed work. Work is an important aspect of your ritual and no matter how mundane work may be you can find meaning in being focused and attentive to the task at hand.

Instinctually you honour the quest for purity of mind and soul. The psychology of Virgo suggests that this may be achieved through discrimination, analysis and orderliness. Hence you respect these qualities and try to revere them in their own life. The power of discrimination allows you to know what is important to pursue and what needs to be rejected. Analysis contributes to improving your world through identifying what works and what doesn't. And orderliness is very important, as a tidy environment promotes your state of calm and reflects your inner need for order and organisation. Your vocational quest is likely include health and well being, whether that is your own or others. Being adept at analysis and acute at concentrating you might find your vocational path leads to medical research, psychiatric nursing or scientific pursuits. As a details oriented person you are more likely to shine in a career behind the scenes rather than on centre stage. For instance you are more likely to be the editor than the writer, the administrative assistant rather than the boss, the stage manager rather than the actor. You are likely to enjoy these roles. To find your vitality and spirit and to feel soulful in the world, strive to find self-discipline

and order and the qualities of moderation, diligence and service through what you do.

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 Virgo

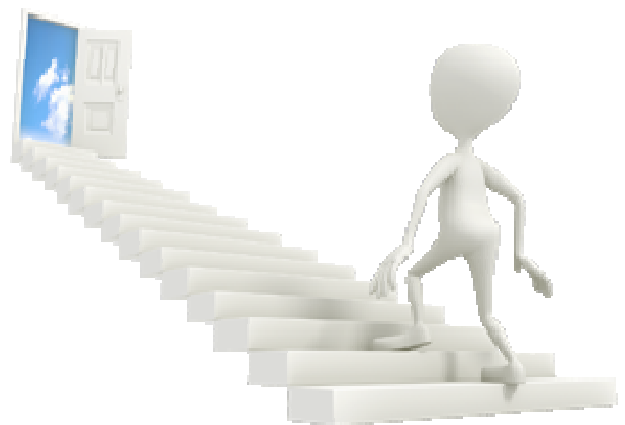
You have the Moon in Virgo reflecting your innate understanding of the cycles and rhythms of life. Your feelings and moods are embodied inspiring your life search to understand the nature of health and well being. To care for your soul you need to provide enough ritual to feel you are able to deal with the natural chaos and disorder of life. Without order or

coherence you are prone to worry, anxious about what might happen. You are so acutely aware of what may possibly go wrong that your body often bears the stress, making it imperative to create the rituals of an everyday life through work and health. This characteristic calls you to your vocation to analytically understand the complexities of life.

From a young age you might have recognised your urge to attend to others, to cultivate, prepare and improve situations. Instinctually you are drawn to be of service through figuring out the problem. Whether your vocational path has led you into the service or technology industries, repair, labour or improvement occupations, you have a great need to be productive and helpful. Work and labour provide you with the means to feel productive and meaningful.

If you are called to the nurturing professions then your Moon in Virgo is comfortable with clinical work such as psychiatric nursing, clinical psychology, medical research and analysis. Instinctually you are health conscious and to care for your soul you need your daily regimen to be balanced and regular. Therefore you are naturally drawn to learning about healthy habits and routines. Being in touch with health may be so nurturing you may be called to a vocation where you can participate in assisting others feel healthier through diet, preventative medicine, holistic

healing, exercising or analytic methods. Naturally you find these skills inside you.



INCOME



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

- Russell A. Lockhart

The Rich Resources of Your Life

Traditionally the 2nd House is associated with money and the accumulation of assets. In a vocational sense the 2nd house details our earning capacity, income and resources. Psychologically this is the sphere where self esteem and personal values are shaped by our early experiences. It is where we learn what is 'mine', how to share, trade and exchange articles of value. Self worth, the impact of familial values, the substance and significance we place upon our efforts, income received or value returned are all intimately interwoven into the fabric of this house. In the modern climate of the corporate world, pay replaces satisfaction

in the workplace; yet the secret of the 2nd house is that fulfilment is intimately tied to the expression of our skills and resources, not wages. Having found the wellspring of our talent, money follows. Pleasure is experienced through apprenticeship and mastery of our skills and talents, not through economic management.

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

The sign on the cusp of the house symbolizes aspects of the assets you need to use in a resourceful way. The sign suggests what needs to be valued in your

vocation, the natural style of earning an income, as well as your attitudes towards wages and money. 2nd house planets reveal the earning style and literally may suggest how you earn your living or your patterns and relationship to money and possessions. These are the archetypal urges needing to be expressed in a skillful and resourceful way in your career. Planets here are the forces that shape your sense of worth and value and help you tap into your innate resources. It is important that you use these skills and resources in supporting your own sense of self-esteem. Symbolically, understanding this archetypal presence in your life can help unravel any damaging patterns that support an impoverished sense of self or a disapproving attitude towards money and possessions. Forging an alliance with this energy helps you create a supportive and positive approach to your sense of worth which in turn influences the way the world values you.

2nd House Cusp is in Sagittarius

Sagittarius, the sign that searches for meaning, is on the cusp of your 2nd house, suggesting that the quest for meaning supports and strengthens your personal worth. You value and appreciate education, vision and philosophy and incorporate these concepts in your occupation. You are invested with the gift of giving meaning to other people's life experience. When this is coupled with your intense and charismatic personality you are able to make your living in meaningful and significant ways. Literally one of these ways might

be as a teacher, instructor, professor, guide or educator. However, in your own way, you are satisfied when you are able to help shape other's beliefs and attitudes about themselves in order to improve the world they live in, their life experience or lifestyle. In modern jargon you are a life coach, best suited to making your living inspiring others. Because of your intense commitment to your beliefs you are able to be inspirational and influential. You are valued and respected for your beliefs, therefore it is imperative that you value and respect what you do. What you value, appreciate and believe is disseminated through your occupation and therefore your capital worth is intimately bound up with being true to your beliefs. Ethics play a large role in your sense of wealth and investments. You also bring your philosophy and principles to your understanding of money. On one extreme you might have lofty ideals about money and end up feeling ripped off when others do not aspire to such ideals. On the other pole you could exaggerate and inflate your resources to cover up a meaningless life. Your quest is to forge a valid way of thinking about money, assets and possessions so that you feel satisfied and supported in doing the things that you value, like travelling, studying and learning.

Qualities that seek expression in your vocation are your search for truth and knowledge, your vision, far-sightedness and optimism, as well as the idealistic, philosophical side of your nature. The

freedom to explore, be involved in cross-cultural projects, travel and learn is key to your sense of satisfaction. Vocationally this suggests that you will need to be expansive in your ideas, your principles and your opinions and remain open for all kinds of possibilities. You learn on the job and opportunities are always on the horizon for you when you let yourself have faith and confidence. Even though you may not recognise it, there is a pattern of development in your choice of jobs. You might feel that your fortunes are not paying off but Jupiter, the ruler of Sagittarius, spins your Wheel of Fortune. Luck and timing are on your side so make sure you have enough faith to keep searching. Believe in yourself and your abilities and the world responds.

Neptune is in the 2nd House

Neptune, the planet associated with spirituality, fantasy and otherworldliness, is in the financial sector of your horoscope bringing its mystical and creative ability to bear on your attitudes towards money, earning a living and resources. At face value this might suggest that your perspective towards money and possessions are not well-grounded in reality. Therefore it is important to recognise your propensity towards being out of touch with the commercial world. On the other hand it reveals that your earning capacity and resourceful nature is fluid and creative and that you value the more refined, spiritual and artistic aspects of life. On a practical level you would be able to do

well investing in art, creative ideas or spiritual projects. However this archetype manifests in your experience, it suggests that you need to acknowledge the powerful rip tide in your life that pulls you away from the ordinariness of making a living. Being in the work a day world may be painful and soul destroying until you are able to reconcile the two worlds and incorporate your creative longing in the everyday experience of earning a living. To do this you need to recognise that your talent and skills are coloured by the Neptunian archetype of transcendence, suggesting that you need to make your living as an artist or a healer. Whether or not it is one of these avenues, you are satisfied most when your spiritual longing can find a place on the pedestrian walk of life.

Therefore it is wise to reflect on whether your attitude towards money is misshapen by spiritual beliefs or driven by fantasy. You have a propensity to confuse the material and spiritual worlds, leaving your ability to handle money matters in chaos. If this is the case then it is best to seek practical advice about how to manage your money in the best possible way for you. It is important that you do not unconsciously collude with sacrificing or surrendering your talents due to feeling impoverished. On the other hand you also need to recognise the enormous potential of Neptune in your financial sector because anything becomes possible. Your task is to not let your creativity or spirituality be held back by lack of money. This suggests

you need to bring your artistry, your compassion and your magic into how you earn your living. You need to appreciate and value your own creativity before it can be visible to others.

Re-enchanting the way you earn a living in a disenchanted world may not be easy. However it is not impossible and it is the archetype of Neptune that inspires you. This suggests that it is possible to make your living in a creative and spiritual way. In fact it becomes a necessity, as it is in the mundane world where you need to find the magic. Rather than turning away from the traditional, physical and mundane world of commerce and industry you need to embrace it in an inspired way. Your struggle with money is soul making and for you soulfulness lies in the everyday world of making a living.



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 Aries

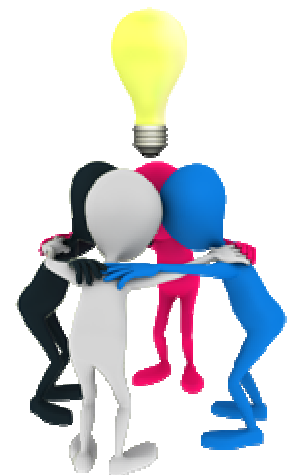
Aries is the sign on the cusp of your 6th house. This suggests that independence and freedom are important considerations in the routine conditions of your employment. You need to be unconstrained in your work environment and are able to work effectively when there is an atmosphere of spontaneity and you are given the permission to be adventuresome and risk-taking in your position. Movement and challenge are important considerations in your job portfolio; therefore you may be well suited to travelling with work or changing environments regularly. Once the goal posts are in place, it is important

that your work environs encourage you to be self-motivated. Therefore if your entrepreneurial and visionary character does not find an outlet in the everyday world of work, you are at risk of becoming bored and restless.

You work best when invested with responsibility and free from reporting to superiors constantly, therefore you may be better suited to self-employment or at least employment that allows you to be in charge. Your competitive spirit seeks an outlet through work so the more challenges the better; therefore without constant change and stimulation you become impatient and uninterested. Restlessness, boredom, lack of direction or an inability to commit yourself to the job at hand may result in a sudden urge to leave your employment, or if you stay, you become frustrated and short tempered with those in the environment. When frustrated and irritable, you may provoke your co-workers just to get a reaction and enliven the atmosphere. Frustration and anger in the atmosphere of your workplace signals the lack of spirit and enthusiasm in the working environment which creates tension and stress for you. Your nature is more akin to taking the risk to leave, rather than try and steer a sinking ship.

This sign also suggests the area/s of the body that are most likely to reveal the stress when your daily work life is not supportive. Since Aries rules the head, stress may be expressed through

headaches, migraines, hearing loss or eyestrain. If you are not mobile enough in your occupation you could also feel fatigued and exhausted. However, it is your lack of focus, restlessness and even reckless manner in your workplace that reveal you are not suited to the job. This aspect of your chart suggests you should be invigorated and energised by the challenges and labours of work. It is important to remember that there are ways of minimising stress at work. Movement, a change of pace, a challenge, going to the gym during your lunch break, playing a competitive sport with one of your work colleagues are all healthy outlets. When you feel bottlenecked and the vital signs of life are not responding, you need to expend physical energy to get back on track. Being physical, motivated and challenged are the necessary components of a daily life.



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 Leo

In the body Leo governs the heart, a symbol of its need for love and admiration. Astrologically the Sun rules this sign and like its planetary counterpart Leo needs to become the central focus of any system they belong

to. Since Leo is on your 10th House Cusp you too need to be at the centre of your profession, heartened by and 'in love' with the career path you take through life.

Leo's calling is to express itself and be engaged in creative productions. Your need for self-expression and self-promotion in a career is important. This is also matched by the necessity for self-discovery through your occupation. You need to feel that your vocation is fulfilling your desire for self-exploration. Therefore in any career it is important that you discover your personal talents and skills. You do not always need to be a sole performer; however, you need to have a spotlight focused on you. Your career is more satisfying when it supports your need to be recognised and appreciated. Having your identity as a central part of your vocation is important, as your creativity needs to be identified and demonstrated. Produce your own play, design your own label, and manage your own business if at all possible. What makes a difference is that your name is attached to your creative output and that it is recognised.

Lions need to feel they are being recognised for their achievements and need to receive feedback and a form of applause in order to feel fulfilled. Praise goes a long way in encouraging you to perform well; in fact it is a necessary part of your vocational needs. Approval, especially father's, is important for you to

be able to feel secure in the world. Of course you will also encounter the father archetype in the world through substitutes mainly superiors, bosses, bureaucracy. Often a hallmark of your vocation is your encounter with authority. Leo is a fixed fire sign so when you do feel secure, loved and appreciated you are extremely loyal and trustworthy, radiating a warmth and generosity into your environment. With support and acknowledgement you help brighten the world you live in. Self-esteem and confidence are linked with your vocation; therefore, it is important that you feel pride in what you do, as well as be appreciated for what you do. You need to be encouraged to stand back and see the creative result of all your efforts. If your heart is not in your job then you are likely to feel despondent. So it is vital that you seek fun and satisfaction through your career.

Since Leo needs to relate to an audience you may thrive in professions where you are able to interact with others and use your creative skills. Professions like promoters, teachers, entertainers, instructors, motivators, authors, and actors are called to the centre stage of their own creativity. The Leo temperament is also very natural working with children, children's products or children's entertainment. Therefore you may do well in recreational and creative businesses, theatre, amusement, leisure occupations as well as the range of lifestyle occupations. At the end of the

day you need to have felt a response for your creative endeavours, a reflection from the world that your contribution has been valuable.

The Sun is in the 10th House

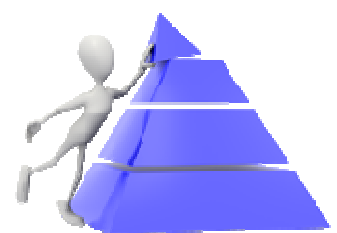
In your 10th house you have the Sun. Solar occupations have been traditionally linked with speculation and risk-taking in entrepreneurial business ventures. While the Sun is not psychologically associated with risk, except perhaps the risks of self-discovery, the Solar sphere of the 5th house rules speculation and gambling and conjures up images of commodity traders, promoters, stock exchange personnel, investment bankers, high risk investors.

Solar qualities of leadership and fathering are connected with authoritative and executive positions. The Sun represents vocations that father and foster others, and with the Sun in the 10th house leadership is part of the career path; hence positions such as foremen, presidents, magistrates, community leaders, business managers, instructors, principals and team directors are reflective of the Sun shining through the 10th house. On a personal level the need for the personal father's approval may be high and this could be unconsciously transferred onto superiors in the workforce when father's approval feels lacking or is withheld. Father may also be influential in the choice of vocation; this is not always conscious, as father's un-lived professional life may be cast a

shadow over your own career path.

The Sun is also linked to entertainment professions, amusements, self-improvement, creative expression or careers involved relating to an audience. Acting, the theatre, the performing arts, motivational training, teaching, sales, advertising and promotions are all consistent with the urge to express the self. This also could manifest in careers involving amusement centres, or professions which deal with leisure and recreation. The Sun is also the natural ruler of the 5th house, suggesting working with children and children's products. A wide range of careers would fit this category such as teachers, child counsellors, children's recreation or amusement, children and educational toys, children's wear etc.

Of all the planetary types, the solar type is one of the most difficult to typify. However, you need to enjoy what you do and feel personally identified with your vocation. There is a strong affinity with creativity and a need to be acknowledged and congratulated for your creative endeavours. Ultimately what is important is that you are able to identify with your career and be able to place your creativity and yourself at the heart of what you do.



SOUL TEACHING

The Pre-natal eclipse in a horoscope chart provides information about your 'sacred contract'. What your soul has chosen to teach others. Keeping these values in mind when following your career path supports meaning, purpose and fulfilment in your chosen profession.

Attributes to Teach:

- how to accept love
- to receive affection
- recognising the good within others
- to feel worthy of accepting love
- to enjoy the inner child and have fun
- to be creative ~ be proud ~ and let yourself shine

Negative Teaching:

- you may teach this lesson by being:
- demonstrative, jealous and possessive
- restrictive love
- invalidating self and others

Positive Teaching:

- to share love, sensitivity and recognition with self and others
- to find pleasure in the simple things

- to take life lightly and enjoy the journey no matter how much negativity may be around you
- remain centred and not allow others to knock you off-balance
- remain buoyant ~ teach others to love self
- save time for fun ~ let the child shine through



CONCLUSION



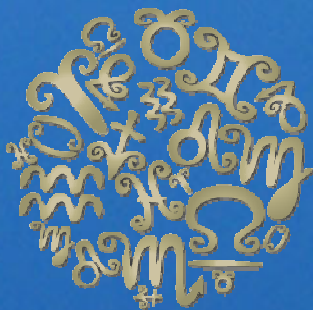
*'Two roads diverged in a wood, and I
took the one less travelled by, and that
has made all the difference.'*

-Robert Frost

A Considered Vocation

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

Vocation is a lifelong task and one that is at the heart of the individuation process and the lenses through which we view vocation need to be re-examined and rechecked at every new stage of the life cycle.



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