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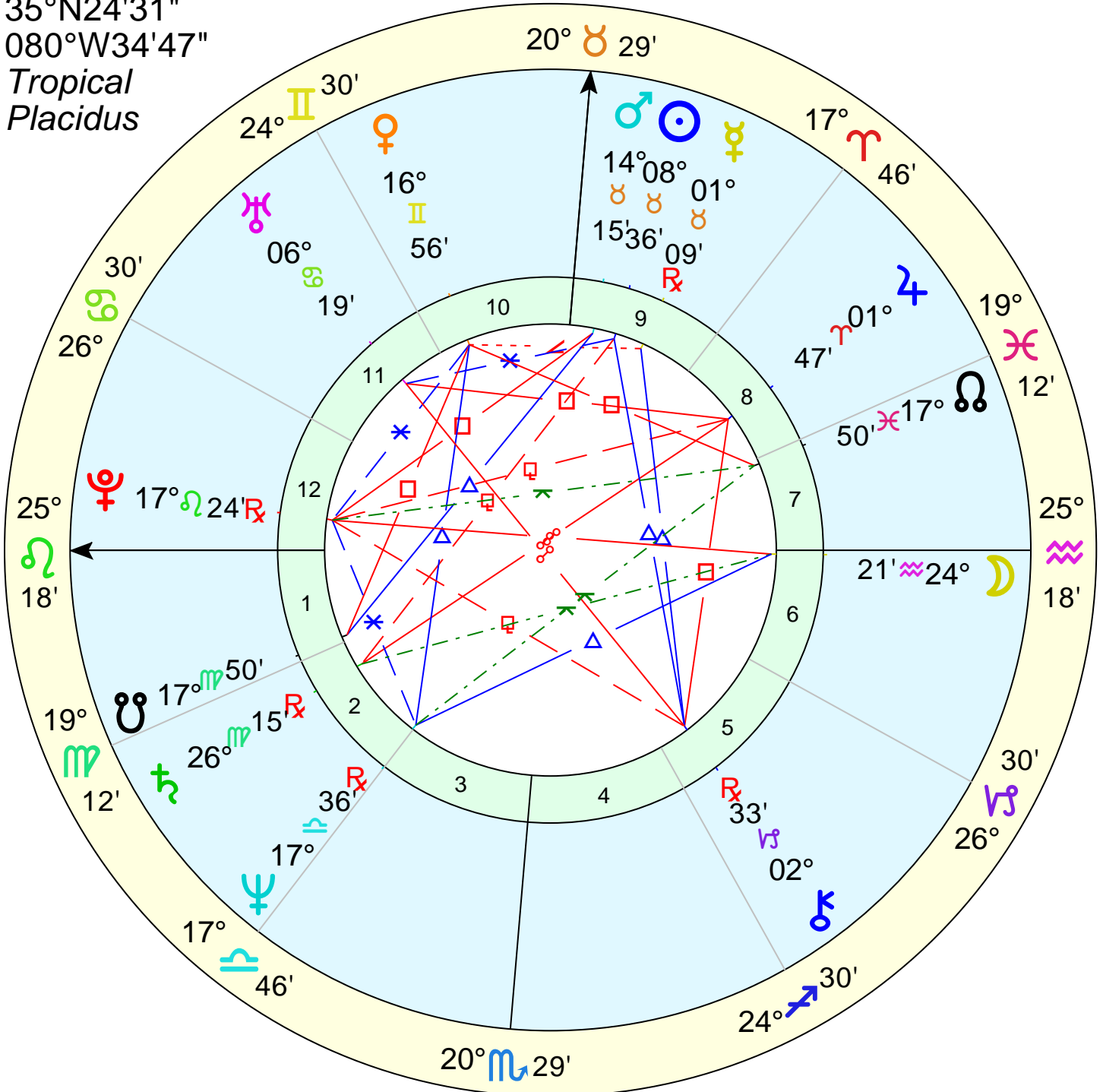
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INTRODUCTION



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

VOCATION AND DESTINY



Vocation is the spine of life
-Friedrich Nietzsche

The Lunar Nodes

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

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

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

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

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

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

Combining both factors of sign and house establish a more individual profile of the essence needing to be to 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 Pisces

You have the North Node in Pisces and the South Node in Virgo, the astrological polarity that finely balances the natural schism between chaos and order. Innately you have inherited this polarity more tipped toward order and your conscious task is to move towards the opposite to revel in the creative possibilities. Innately when you recognise that you are ordered your fear of chaos will subside and you will become more prepared to embrace uncertainty. However you will be unable to heed the call if you keep waiting for the right time. It is perfect as it is, even if the fault lines are exposed. In letting go of details, a larger picture will be exposed; in embracing the wisdom of a higher intelligence, the details seem to fall into place. Innately you have a knack for detail and spotting the one error on the page, but you are prone to becoming obsessed by perfection and anxious about imperfection, unless you let it go in the service of the larger story. Compassion has no flaws and sympathy is perfect as it is. Therefore you are impelled to go in the direction the water is flowing to find your vocational path.

The creative, intuitive and artistic temperament of your North Node in Pisces seeks to find its voice through vocation. While your career needs to incorporate the spiritual aspect, this is often difficult to achieve in the world of work. Hence your creative work could be done behind the scenes, emerging in its own time. One of your main frustrations may be bridging the creative world with the literal world. Poets, painters, photographers,

filmmakers, writers, musicians all hear the calling of the muse. Your invitation is to locate your creative vocation in the external world. To do this you need to fight the dragon of self-criticism as this masks the heroic part of the self that is ordered, balanced and contained. These are aspects of your dowry that need to support the magical and spiritual urges in the world.

Since you are receptive to the atmosphere and prone to taking on too much, the need for time out, retreat, privacy and space away from the intense demand of other's expectations and feelings is important. In any vocation the need for privacy is high and scheduled retreats are necessary in order to reconnect with the spiritual energy and divine support which fuels so much of your creative and caring nature. Without consistently tapping into the internal spiritual springs you feel exhausted by the demands of life, confused and directionless in your work, disappointed the world does not reflect their compassion. But your invitation is to apply boundaries and control in the service of your creative, spiritual vocation.

The North Node is in the 7th House

In your horoscope you have the North Node in the 7th House and the South Node in the first. In the horoscope this is the axis of self and other, the delicate balance between being focused exclusively on others as opposed to yourself. Therefore this tug-of-war between you and others is an embedded feature of your vocation. Your chart suggests that you are more inclined to follow your own desires rather than compromise, yet the task in this life is to feel fulfilled and complete in your relationships, be they intimate or business partnerships.

To feel that you are an independent soul, free of the need to be involved with others becomes an unhappy deception, as this is based on a false sense of security forged out of a defensive sense of independence. Naturally you do have a strong spirit and a well developed independent streak, but your task now is to place effort and conscious will into relationships. Interestingly your time invested in others will be rewarded with realizations into yourself. The pathway in front of you suggests that the focus on others will bring out more of your own authentic self. Independence, freedom and adventure are innately aspects of your character and therefore you will not be able to lose what you own, unless of course you do not value it. Through relating and the interchange with others you discover the missing link to your sense of selfhood. Therefore in your vocational quest your partners, associates, colleagues and workmates play a significant role. You love a contest and the challenge now is to master relationship. Even when facing your adversaries, your challenge is to find the middle ground through developing reconciliatory strategies. Therefore vocationally you are well suited to managerial and leadership roles, as you have an innate sense of being able to take risks and confront difficulties. Effort is needed to remain focused on others; however, when this is accomplished the mix of entrepreneurial skill and personal interaction contributes to you becoming a leader in your field of endeavour. Interpersonal relationships are the key to your expression of individuality and through your associations you are able to make an impact on the wider community.

Venus is Square The North Node

In your horoscope Venus forms a square to the Nodal Axis. Traditionally this is often a tricky aspect; however, in aspect to the Nodal Axis Venus has a unique role in terms of your vocation. A conventional way of thinking about this aspect was that the planet was on the bending, a moment of transition in the cycle. Therefore in terms of the course of your career Venus needs to be consciously integrated and acknowledged. The challenge is to create space for this archetype in your vocational strategy. This would suggest welcoming her aesthetic energy into your life.

Astrologically the nature of Venus seeks connection, acceptance and value and therefore these are important aspects of what you need in your career. As Venus is on the bending you may need to strive for these, as they are not essentially a part of the path you are on. Therefore it is important to recognise that you need to both support and confront your sense of worth in what you do. To be appreciated and valued in your work you have

to be in contact with your own merit. It is often difficult to price this but in the marketplace it becomes a necessity. You may also be challenged to bring your social skills and aesthetic qualities into the work environment. Venus is the archetype of beauty and your challenge will be to integrate her need for symmetry, harmony and beauty into your vocation. Ultimately it is on the vocational track that you discover your creative talents and social skills; however it is also on this path that you are also likely to meet the perfect stranger who invites you to take the long way round, challenging you to choose between career and romance.

Saturn is Conjunct The South Node

Saturn is near the southern polarity of the nodal axis suggesting you have an inherent understanding of this archetype. Vocationally this would indicate that you have an innate professionalism, standards and integrity, able to set boundaries and goals for yourself. Deep inside you understand quality and excellence and urge to do the best that you can do. Innately responsible for yourself and others, you naturally understand how to take leadership and structure the situation for the best possible outcome. It is important to know that you may underestimate these qualities, as they seem to come naturally to you. However these are talents that could be used vocationally and are important qualities that need to be disseminated in order to feel fulfilled. Without utilising or shaping these skills you may feel blocked, stuck, unable to move forward in any direction, waiting for another to give you permission to start. Unfortunately no one else will and it is imperative that you understand you are alone to acknowledge your abilities and need to be self motivated to make them a reality.

Inherently you have a drive for excellence. Therefore it is important that you forge this drive into projects and courses of action where you can become masterful. However when the need for perfection becomes compulsive then you may tend towards a workaholic temperament. This is a good signal that your needs are not being fulfilled and it is important to reflect on what fears keep you enslaved to your work when it is not serving you. Work and being occupied is essential for you and it is important not to be too concerned about the nature of your work. It is more important to work and be doing, as you will then be led in the right direction. Once you apply yourself and work hard the rewards are there. You have an innate flair for management, planning, building and structuring and this aptitude could lead you in many directions when given a chance. It is important not to get stuck in seeking other's approval or recognition as this may not be available no matter how hard you try. Find ways to measure your own success and progress and you will find you are able to accomplish all the goals you have set for yourself.

VOCATION AND DIRECTION



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

The Ascendant and Angular Planets

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

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

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

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

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

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

1st House Cusp is in Leo

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

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

The Moon is Opposite The Ascendant

The Moon setting below the horizon at your time suggests that you are drawn to the sensitivity and gentleness of others. However this could lead to becoming caught up in their dependency upon you, needing you to take care of them. Therefore it is imperative to reflect on what your own needs are and how you might best fulfill them, as you are vulnerable to wanting others to do this for you. Therefore it is necessary to nurture yourself; part of this challenge would be to find what you need to do for yourself in the world. The Fates have given you a sensitivity and concern for others but you need to figure out how to best utilise this in the direction you are

heading.

VOCATION AND CHARACTER



Character is fate.
- Heraclitus

Considering the Sun and Moon

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

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

THE SUN: Virtues of the Essential Self

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

- C.G. Jung

The Sun is the central focus of its system and therefore represents a multi-dimensional symbol. On one level it is the essential self and the twelve signs of the zodiac, which mark its apparent path through the heavens, represent spiritual concepts and virtues. Each sign characterises qualities of the human spirit. To the ancients the path of the Sun in the sky was akin to the hero's journey and each sign designated a heroic labour. Astrologically we can present a case for each one of the twelve signs represents a soul state. Therefore when we are in touch with the virtues underpinning our Sun sign we become closer to its spiritual essence and feel

closer to the true self. Psychologically this suggests a more soulful and meaningful experience of who we are.

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

The Sun is in Taurus

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

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

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

Surrounded by the hectic tempo of modernity you need to create a pasture of peace in the midst of all the chaos. Your screensaver image could be a meadow of beautiful spring flowers, a waterfall, a palm tree or a peaceful natural setting. You need to bring life into an over-crowded office space with exotic plants or adorn your apartment building with pots of colourful flowers. Eventually it is this pace of being able to slow down, stop and smell the roses that supports your success. There's no rush, as internally you ultimately know that you need to build one layer at a time. Your building plan is from the ground up, a floor at a time, season by season. It is this gathering of strength over time that becomes a powerful ally and contributes to your resourcefulness. With the Sun in Taurus your secret to wealth accumulation is your steadfast pace and innate virtue of patience. To find your vitality and spirit and to feel soulful in the world you need to strive to find the qualities of loyalty, perseverance, consistency, stability, solidity, reliability and trustworthiness on your vocational path.

THE MOON: Caring for Your Soul

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

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

The Moon is in Aquarius

With your Moon in Aquarius you are instinctually altruistic and concerned for the welfare of others. Although born to be a humanitarian, you may often struggle with the difference between personal and impersonal relationships, preferring to remain disengaged than be involved emotionally. Ironically you feel safer in the future than the past and therefore are intellectually agile in understanding progress and social development. You need to be involved in the making of the future and therefore are often drawn to science, technology or alternate avenues that help shape the times to come. Therefore it may be difficult for you to feel connected or involved in emotional, sentimental or traditional ways, as your soul is in touch with tomorrow, not yesterday. You are unique and need to express your individuality in whatever you do. Vocationally independence and the lack of rigidity and hierarchy are important. This may lead you into discovering your own tribe of radicals who are able to work in a more egalitarian and self-affirming way.

When you were younger you might have stood out as being different. Your lunch box had different foods or liking different styles may have marginalised you from the group, until you were able to find your own kind. As you matured you needed to express your individuality and differences, as this is an important feature of your character. Your flair for the unusual and new age needs to be acknowledged and considered. Now you might need your uniqueness be more apparent in your vocation. While individualism is important to you, social interaction and intellectual stimulation are as well. To care for your soul you need to be moved by the spirit of being human and strive for the ideals that are inherently a part of who you are. No doubt you need a progressive, inventive and forward-looking career path, in which you creatively contribute to designing the future.

If you are called to the nurturing professions then your Moon in Aquarius would lean towards alternate or complementary healthcare. Naturally you are drawn to the unusual and may have developed unique methods to help others. Being acutely aware of social process you work well with groups and organisational reform.

INCOME



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

- Russell A. Lockhart

The Rich Resources of Your Life

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

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

The sign on the cusp of the house symbolizes aspects of the assets you need to use in a resourceful way. The sign suggests what needs to be valued in your vocation, the natural style of earning an income, as well as your attitudes towards wages and money. 2nd house planets reveal the earning style and literally may suggest how you earn your living or your patterns and relationship to money and possessions. These are the archetypal urges needing to be expressed in a skillful and resourceful way in your career. Planets here are the forces that

shape your sense of worth and value and help you tap into your innate resources. It is important that you use these skills and resources in supporting your own sense of self-esteem. Symbolically, understanding this archetypal presence in your life can help unravel any damaging patterns that support an impoverished sense of self or a disapproving attitude towards money and possessions. Forging an alliance with this energy helps you create a supportive and positive approach to your sense of worth which in turn influences the way the world values you.

2nd House Cusp is in Virgo

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

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

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

Saturn is in the 2nd House

Saturn is in your 2nd house. To ancient astrologers this planet defined the edge of the solar system, the last visible god who wandered about the Sun. As such it became known as the boundary keeper and the authority that dealt out the consequences of inappropriate action. Placed in the sector of your resources and finances it is important that you use the conscious awareness of this archetype to support your attitudes towards self worth and value. This suggests that tradition, caution and security in how you approach the sphere of money

and finances will be important. You are more a long-term investor than a short term one. Over time what you value will appreciate and grow, and you will derive a great satisfaction when your mortgage is paid off or your investments mature, as you value time and its natural process of maturation. Anything too fast or too sudden will not suit your investment style. Similarly when it comes to making your living you will be cautious and hard working as ethically you value what has been truly earned through effort and conscious application. Therefore your attitude towards material possessions will also be the same, valuing what is of good quality and well made, and mistrusting what is cheap and readily available. It is wise to build your financial portfolio over time, not rushing into anything or getting caught up in get rich quick schemes. Also it is prudent to recognise that you value employment where there is a strong structure, is well established and where you have room for advancement.

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

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

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 inspirited 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 centered. When we lose touch with this thread of continuity, chaos fills the void with stress, loss of direction and purposelessness. The 6th house also indicates the areas of the body susceptible to carrying the stress when work is not nurturing or fulfilling. When we are not able to en-soul our everyday life with our work, then we are reminded of our distress by complaints of the body and the mind. Literally work makes us sick.

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

Following is an analysis of your 6th house as described by the sign on the cusp and any planets that occupy this sphere. You will be able to maximize your fulfillment with work by recognizing the routines and tasks that are incompatible with your temperament and therefore create stress. Through becoming aware of daily rituals that support your natural disposition you will feel more satisfied and rewarded by your job. The sign on the cusp of the 6th house is the first clue to rewarding work. Planets in the 6th house are archetypal energies that need to be accessed daily and integrated into your lifestyle. They are life forces that you are fated to meet in the world

of work and vocation. In a perfect world we would use them productively through our daily tasks and labours, giving them an expression in the continuity of our daily rituals. Metaphorically work is the way we honour the archetypal force that underlies the planetary expression.

6th House Cusp is in Capricorn

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

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

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

The Moon is in the 6th House

You were born when the Moon had set. Being just below the horizon, your 6th house Moon plays a major role in your attachment to work and the way you nurture yourself. With the Moon in this sphere, it needs to be used productively through daily tasks and labours, seeking its expression in the continuity of ritual. Being the most personal of all the planets it suggests that you have your own individual needs and private routines that must be integrated into the work sphere. You need to be attentive to what you need in your work routines. Therefore it is important that you are safe and secure where you work, feel that you belong and are a member of the work team. In fact you prefer your work team to be like family and often go about making your workplace your nest.

You do need the continuity between work and home and therefore personal pictures, mementos, souvenirs, kids' drawings and your favourite coffee mug probably adorn your worktable or desk. It is important to make the workplace like home and your work mates like your family. But it is this very instinct to mother your work mates that can often lead to feelings being bruised.

Therefore it is wise to be cognisant of your propensity to bring intimate needs into the workplace and then feel hurt when they are not reciprocated. Another way to focus your urge to nurture in the workplace is through occupations of service and duty. You are naturally drawn to healing, restoration and caring; therefore it is quite common for this astrological image to be reflected in health occupations, work with children or the elderly, as a midwife, a nurse or a carer. But there are many ways this image may manifest. Drawn to the past, the Moon in the 6th may excel at collecting antiquities, restoring furniture, historical research, genealogy or occupations involving food like chefs, restaurant work, catering. However this archetype presents itself, the underlying urge is to be of service.

Consider your needs at work. No doubt you need to work, but why? If you are able to tap the underlying needs and start to support them, then you will be taken care and feel secure. It is work that makes you secure, not the pay cheque or the retirement benefits. Therefore the secret to your fulfillment at work is that you find employment that you feel you belong to and where you feel needed, part of the whole. This fulfillment then provides you with the security and contentment you seek. Also be mindful of your personal rituals. You might prefer shift work, work from home, a family business or home industry; however, this might manifest it is imperative to recognise that you have to meet your own individual work needs.

You are also highly sensitised to the atmosphere of your work environment, the moods of your work mates and the ethos of the industry you work in. Therefore protect yourself from situations which are not conducive to your sensitivity. When work stress builds up you will feel it in the gut; it is telling you have had a gut full, and it is time to become more separate and take care of yourself. If you hear yourself saying you are sick of work, take heed as you may well become sick just to get some time off! Work is a necessity of your life and a major attachment whether you would like it to be or not. Therefore it is imperative you take good care of your health, diet, and daily regimen. But first make sure work is a safe and restorative experience.

PROFESSION



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

The Status of the Tenth House

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

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

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

10th House Cusp is in Taurus

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

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

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

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

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

Venus is in the 10th House

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

Venus is also inclined towards the development of social skills and interaction and is linked to professions which highlight these traits. Hospitality industries, community relations, hosting industries, hotel management, receptionist, wedding planners and caterers are under the domain of Venus. Professions which include diplomacy and protocol such as diplomats, ambassadors, customer services, lawyers, social arrangements, and personnel managers are also ruled by Venus, all careers which might be worth your consideration.

Venus is also connected with partnerships and working in a one-to-one situation. Venus in the 10th house suggests careers that involve partnerships, as a counterpart to another, working in close affiliation with others or in a profession which complements others. These could include counselling especially career counselling or relationship therapy, tutors, business partnerships, personal recruitment, personal assistant or secretarial work.

You may also be inclined to work in industries that promote a sense of worth, whether that is in a psychological or economical way. For instance you may have innate skills at personal coaching or investment strategies. You might find that you have an innate skill in dealing with money, helping others to become more financially aware and/or secure.

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

Mars is Conjunct The Midheaven

Mars is at the highest peak of your horoscope. Being at the summit when you were born suggests that this archetype is in high focus in a vocational analysis. Your independent and entrepreneurial spirit needs to be recognised and fostered along with your competitive drive and ambition. You need challenges, direction, goals and tough training to focus your forceful instincts into successful outcomes. Therefore it is probable that you will be a pioneer, an intrepid explorer or a challenging voice in your chosen field of endeavour. Your vocation is your invitation to adventure and through following its path you will find the stimulus you need to feel fully alive and satisfied.

CONCLUSION

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

-Robert Frost

A Considered Vocation

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

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

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