

# Your Spiritual Path

## for Sylvia Browne

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Sun	Libra	26°Li15'	08th	01
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Uranus	Taurus	08°Ta03'	03rd	08 20°Vi44'
Neptune	Virgo	17°Vi55'	07th	09 28°Li31'
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## **Your Spiritual Path**

Each of us has the potential to develop along psychic, intuitive and spiritual lines into the person who best suits our natural gifts. There are essentially three possibilities for how that development may occur:

1. Along the lines dictated by our family, peers and social milieu: Most of us are taught a set of rules as children. Some of those rules prove to be very useful, and some lessons prove to be detrimental to our development, or at least not helpful.
2. Along the lines suggested by your own conscious mind: Each of us is born with the capacity to learn. The person inside us is the life and light of the mind.
3. The inevitable path is a combination of these two possibilities. No one can develop precisely the way someone else dictates. And no one can develop to suit individual desires with no connection to the outer world.

When individuals develop along the lines reflected by their astrological chart, the fullest expression of natural potential is possible. The birth chart places you at the center of your world, and shows your personal relationship to the Sun, Moon and planets. This is the astrological approach to spiritual understanding. It is not limited to one religious sect or emotional expression. The birth chart presents the possibilities that vibrate within your soul, and indicates which will be easier or more difficult to manage.

Your goal or mission is indicated by your natal chart, but you fully understand it only if you are open to the inner spiritual voice that is always present, and is truly your devoted life companion.

The best spiritual path is one that allows you to use your natural talents and skills. Sometimes your latent abilities will require training and practice to develop into spiritual tools. In this report we will consider a number of possibilities to help you get a sense of your talents, and how to develop and use them.

## **Your Creative Process**

The Sun is the source of all physical life as we know it. As children develop, Sun sign characteristics are colored by family circumstances, cultural values, and other environmental influences. Yet we develop according to our own individual character IN SPITE of everything. The voice within us will not be denied. It cannot be eradicated and it never gives up. When we are on an appropriate path to our true spiritual destiny our inner voice is a gentle guide. When we stray into less productive territory, the voice becomes more forceful. When we attempt to stifle this inner voice of character, it waits patiently for the proper moment and speaks again. The Sun

sign reveals your conscious attitude toward the external world. The following description of the Sun explores your natural tendencies of mental style and action.

With the Sun in Libra, you are primarily the Thinking type. Thinking types tend to be less personal in their approach to the world. They are focusing on an objective truth that they hope to find, and not on the people in their path. They choose to be logical. They choose to be truthful. They choose to be argumentative - after all, they have argued with themselves enough times! They are usually able to go through a thought process once and stop, without needing to re-evaluate. Air types benefit from an education that includes logical training, but they remain one-sided if they skip over the opportunities to appreciate the people and things around them. They judge the world through a logical process that seldom admits consideration of feelings. Thinking types can do well in careers where it is important to organize and assess quantities of information. You tend to be somewhat more businesslike, able to "cut to the chase" in planning as well as performance. You contribute to society through intellectual criticism, through the exposure of wrongdoing, and through scientific research. You perform well in executive positions partly because such positions are somewhat impersonal. You are willing to tell the truth, even when it is not convenient.

### **How You Express Your Will**

The Sun indicates your will power and its direction. One of the reasons we can identify Sun signs in other people is that they are often willful in their actions. Especially in childhood they are determined, demanding and rebellious against anything that does not conform to their will. The Children of each Sun show us the power of will. The information about your Sun sign focuses on the potential expression (and the associated undercurrents).

I will be co-dependent (when cooperation or independence is better). I will be extravagant (when creative is better). I will be indecisive (when a harmonious decision is required). I will go to extremes (when balance is preferred). I will be temperamental (when assertiveness is enough). I will be vain (when modesty would serve me) .

Your Sun is in the 8th house. You appear fearless as you travel through a life filled with change. You face transitions frequently enough that no one would think you are unfamiliar with death and transformation. Sometimes you over-extend yourself, and seem to challenge the Fates by acting recklessly. For you to understand the shaman's message, you must become the shaman. But you don't have to die to gather the necessary wisdom. Rather, you need to die to the desire to use your power only for yourself, and learn to share it with others. If you cannot share, then you must at least use your power wisely so that you hurt no one in your personal quest. Sexual energy is a profound source of pain and pleasure for you. Physical contact with a partner is often necessary for your well-being and health. When you deepen a connection with another person, you transcend your normal perceptions and enter a space where life is illuminated by more than physical senses. Ecstatic experience may first be found in sexual union, but that is only the beginning. You may find that any experience can evoke the memories, the feelings, even the peak of sexual ecstasy.

### **Aspects of the Sun**

Your good fortune, seemingly accidental in character, is more likely the consequence or effect of your aspiration to express love through wisdom, and wisdom through love. People are

comfortable in your presence. Your personal power can make you arrogant. If you believe you can use force to control others, then you turn away from higher spiritual values. Instead, develop awareness of power as a currency that flows between you and other people. Sharing it is essential in the pursuit of self-realization. Associations with other people, and indeed with spirit animals and powerful plants, provide you with a comfortable stage upon which to express your developing spiritual character. You learn from others in a natural, fluid way. Who you are, and what other people see in you are very different. You undermine your self-confidence until you set your sights on spiritual values.

## Core Beliefs

Much of the pain and limitation we experience is the result of being taught so-called "truths" that are incompatible with our core beliefs. Family and society train us, and sometimes little is done to nurture our individual realities. It is up to you to identify and nurture the values that are meaningful to you. When the filtering process is undertaken, you uncover a "truth" that is unique to you.

### **The Moon**

The Moon reflects the soul. It governs fluids in your body and imagination in your mind. It generally represents a less conscious part of your being, and reflects the quality and flexibility of your memory. If the Sun indicates the most likely course of your spiritual path, the Moon indicates some of the qualities of the path itself.

With the Moon in Sagittarius, your secondary mental style is primarily the Intuitive type. Your internal intuitive style is very different from what you show to the world. People may feel the fire of your passion and not know what is behind it. They see you are "fired up" and wonder what is going on. Sharing the fire can be difficult, especially in the early stage where you feel it but don't know the direction it will take. You often know what will happen, and probably have déjà vu experiences frequently. If you focus on these experiences, you will find that you have them more often than you thought, and you begin to learn how to interpret intuitive or psychic signals more clearly. As you pay more attention, you find that what were once perceived to be anxiety attacks now are signals from your unconscious about present or future events. It is often helpful to share your insights, even in the early stage when you don't have the full picture. By doing this you gain intuitive skill.

Your core beliefs were good for your family and society of origin, and therefore they may be good for you too. However, you consider change when those beliefs conflict with perceived reality.

### **Aspects of the Moon**

The spirit within you expresses itself in the world almost without effort. Others can see the values you hold most important in your actions, hear them in your words, and therefore come to respect your opinions. Emotional friction in your activities can make you feel separated from

your inner being. Use your physical energy to push through emotional barriers by finding ways to work out feelings without hurting others. Stick with each feeling until you understand how it motivates you. You are happy to consider new ideas, and you are also happy to end situations that no longer work for you. You can become embroiled in spiritual or religious conflicts if you do not resolve them first within yourself. You demand discipline from yourself, and you expect it in others. You may have had harsh teachers. Your spiritual path focuses on compassion for others, and you have to develop compassion for yourself as well. When others provoke fear in you, look also for the love they struggle to express. You are deeply sensitive to the energies around you, and often know how others feel before they show any sign. Your spiritual gift is to be subtle in your interactions. Be compassionate, but not gushy, and use your imagination to facilitate creative change in others, and within yourself.

### **The Fourth House**

The sign on the Fourth House cusp indicates the filter through which you view your core beliefs. It is the wellspring of all the best, most creative and most powerful ideas you will have throughout your lifetime. It indicates the refrain that the inner voice sings to you when you are sad or filled with joy, when you are pessimistic or optimistic, when you are afraid or when you are experiencing the power of love in your life.

You have Taurus on the Fourth House cusp. The heart of Taurean core beliefs is desire. As a small child you saw objects and wanted them. You developed skills to get them. You gathered things to yourself as all children do. That is only the first expression of desire. As you have grown, you have developed aspirations - desires that can be sought in the near or distant future. These aspirations include career, family, friends, romance, anything you decide that you truly want. The key to acknowledging your core beliefs is to understand that the best actions are based on spiritual aspirations and not physical desires.

You, more than most people, recognize that you have a physical body, a vehicle for your being. Existence in the physical world requires the satisfaction of basic desires for food, clothing, and shelter. At the second level you recognize powerful desires for friendship, romance, physical love, and personal satisfaction in work, whether in the form of money, fame, or simply self-satisfaction. On a higher level you desire to be fully creative, to leave a lasting impression on the world through your children and your works. Finally, spiritual aspirations are part of your core beliefs. You believe in the power of Spirit. You can find within yourself a sense of purpose that goes beyond the ordinary and reaches to touch the sky.

Your core beliefs include an even deeper understanding of the power that is yours. After your ordinary physical resources are exhausted, after you have gotten your second wind from emotional and mental resources, when you feel you have used up every ounce of courage and will that you possess, there arises a third source of will. This source is your soul, the divine element deep within you that provides strength for the occasional struggle that is well outside the limits of your physical being. By cultivating your awareness of this deeper well of energy, you are able to teach the people around you to place their faith in the universe, in God or the Goddess, and not in themselves.

You may feel very alone as you explore your core beliefs, and even as you take action in the world. The challenge is to clarify what part of your beliefs were given to you by others, and what

of those are truly congruent with your deepest beliefs. As you set aside beliefs that don't work for you, you separate yourself from family and friends to some degree. As you gain understanding, you find that you come full circle and can embrace those people again, even though their beliefs are very different from your own.

## **Communication and Mental Development**

Most of us were taught a set of "truths" in childhood and we were expected to accept them. To supplement what you have been taught by your parents, teachers, and the world at large, you need to develop a spiritual learning style that works for you. If you then decide to teach others, you must develop communication skills that let you share these experiences clearly and meaningfully with your students.

### **Training Your Conscious Mind**

Three factors contribute to your ability to train your conscious mind for spiritual development:

- \* the natural direction of your thinking
- \* training to take advantage of this direction
- \* training your nervous system, and learning to respond to it

### **Element of Mercury**

The angel Raphael is associated with healing in the Bible. The capacity for both companionship and healing forms the essence of Mercury's expression.

With Mercury in Libra, your communication style is primarily the Thinking type. Your healing focus lies in words and skillful communication. You use your intellect to examine conflict, discover its significance, and illuminate the path toward resolution. Adept in the technology of communication, you may have impact over long distances. Whether you focus on oral traditions, written word or artistic communication, you use logic in the mediation between or among people.

Training the conscious mind involves reasoning on the conscious level. Spiritual Education teaches how to engage your intuitive function. Intuition can be trained. Mercury reflects a specific way for you to learn about intuition. See the section on Uranus for more information on your intuitive ability.

Your sense of harmony comes into play when intuition arises. You want to fit the new information into what you already know so that you can use the head start it gives you. By knowing the emotional tone of situations in advance, you will learn mediation skills - Because you have the feelings ahead of time, you can be calm when the moment comes.

Your Mercury is in the 8th House. You have two weapons (or tools) for your spiritual

journey - the capacity to develop practical skills, and the capacity to speak. If you use your tools to tear apart the work of others and to engage in sarcastic tongue-lashings, then you are operating from a material basis. If you are able to pursue difficult solutions through careful examination of the elements of a problem, and if you speak the truth, wrapping its potent blade with the silk of compassion, then you are well along the spiritual path. You will have extraordinary endurance, whichever way you use your tools. You function very well in formal settings. Among them are banks and other financial institutions; any location where funeral arrangements and services are held; insurance offices, and hospitals or offices where surgery is performed. Your best classroom is an arena where your students are practicing what they are learning, and not merely being taught theory. Another appropriate setting is a place where psychic activity occurs or where psychics work with their clients.

### **Mercury Aspects**

The spirit within you expresses itself in the world almost without effort. Others can see the values you hold most important in your actions, hear them in your words, and therefore come to respect your opinions. Your critical nature is put to good use when you save it for essential situations and let people relax into their own strengths the rest of the time.

## **Self Esteem and the Development of Spiritual Partnerships**

The power of mind is unlimited, except by our own thinking. As you proceed along the spiritual path, self-esteem grows. Relationship with another person is a powerful force for the development of self-esteem and for spiritual growth.

Venus has been called the alter ego of the Earth. Very close to the same size as the earth, Venus has an atmosphere inhospitable to human life. The inner reaches of the unconscious mind were long thought to be inhospitable as well. Modern psychology has delved into the mechanism of mind, and religious mystics have long studied the rocky terrain to be found within each of us. The consensus is that to evolve spiritually, we must first look at ourselves. One way to do this is through relationship with others.

Romantic, business and other relationships all offer us the opportunity to project our thoughts onto other people. The evolutionary nature of a relationship allows us to explore our desires. Then we can achieve spiritual connections that transcend sexual expression.

Right relationships between people provides inner awareness that helps us to mediate between personality and soul, between physical life and higher consciousness. Only through fusion of these apparently separate facets of your being can you approach true knowledge.

The Planet Venus provides indications about your best approach to spiritual partnerships.

With Venus in Scorpio, your best approach to healthy partnering is through the Feeling function. You gather concrete knowledge by talking about the subjects that interest you, and then listening. You like to know the name of everything, and often just the name tells you far more

than most people learn through more serious study. You use the power of your mind to direct your feeling energy to help others.

Your physical and sexual intensity can overpower other people who are not ready for the surge of raw power you can generate. You also suffer when you allow your full energy to be released. As you develop the ability to modulate your physical energy, you find that spiritual ecstasy is better than physical lust.

Your Venus is in the 10th House. You are quite capable of using your magnetic attraction in your career and public life, and you do this without confusing sexual interest with your other goals. You may find that alliances with older individuals help you early in your life, and that you later form alliances with people much younger than yourself.

### **Venus Aspects**

Your powerful artistic gifts can provide the media for your spiritual expression. Sometimes you are driven by physical compulsion to produce tangible works. While it is good to think well of yourself, it is a mistake to become conceited about your accomplishments or looks. Recall the feeling of falling in love and apply it to all your activities, spiritual or otherwise. Love may hurt, but it also inspires your spiritual process.

## **Doubt, Resistance, and the Development of Psychic Ability**

The spiritual path has a number of potential pitfalls. Some of the most treacherous of these lie within our own minds. Our innermost thoughts become a prison, trapping us within walls of our own making. These may be the karmic result of the past, or they may be the result of recent actions. There are several ways we cause our own difficulties:

1) Secrets - Privacy and secrets are part of the picture. Children love the feeling of independence and power that comes with a secret. Problems only arise when the secrets we keep are detrimental to ourselves or to others.

2) Doubts - When a situation causes you to doubt, it is largely because it is incongruent with what you have learned in the past. You want something new, but your unconscious is in turmoil. You feel naughty, anxious, reluctant, or undeserving. Because of what you have learned from people you trust or from what you have read, you doubt your own decision-making ability.

3) Resistance - Resistance is not all bad. If change were too easy, we would have no stability. We could be talked into all sorts of things. What we need is a way to identify resistance for what it is, and then find ways to work with it.

Where your spiritual path is concerned, Neptune reveals how you handle secrets, how doubt arises for you, and also how to resolve resistance. One strategy involves your psychic ability.

### **Developing Your Psychic Ability**

We use our psychic senses to understand the world of the present. You can train yourself to be more aware of the nuances of psychic awareness, and Neptune indicates how you can develop this ability. You will then connect with the earth and other people in new ways, and also confirm the significance of your spiritual values.

With Neptune in Virgo, your private, psychic style is primarily the Sensation type.

You understand people at the intuitive level, but may find that their outer actions baffle you. While you can be completely logical, the psychic information you obtain may need to be examined fully before its internal logic is revealed. Your interest in healing certainly extends to the emotional, mental and spiritual healing that many people are seeking. You may find that this healing inclination arises in the spiritual realm and seeks grounding in the material. You have the capacity to heal, but only when you have completed a thorough self-examination and remove the blinders of your own ego.

When you consider your own behavior, you may notice that nagging others arises from an internalized message about your own behavior. Obsessing over details may reflect behaviors you learned in childhood. You internalized these behaviors more or less unconsciously, but you can now examine them and begin to set them aside in favor of more positive communication styles. As you learn to be more generous with yourself, you find you relax around other people. As you curtail your nagging behavior with others, you find that you are generally more satisfied with your own efforts.

Neptune is in the 7th House. You are idealistic about partnership and love. Through strong relationships you are able to pursue your spiritual path. Weak relationships can lead to serious disappointment. Therefore you will want to use your head as well as your heart when you enter into what you expect to be a long-term union.

### **Neptune Aspects**

You are deeply sensitive to the energies around you, and often know how others feel before they show any sign. Your spiritual gift is to be subtle in your interactions. Be compassionate, but not gushy, and use your imagination to facilitate creative change in others, and within yourself. Weakness of physical or spiritual strength early in your life tends to push you toward the lessons you need. Indeed, you get help at the right moments to carry you forward on the spiritual path. As you gain experience, you take on the planning of your path as a conscious effort. You seek the company of visionaries, as you appreciate their ability to speculate on the future and to develop something radically new and different out of something well established. You either succumb to your impressionability, and gullibility, or you learn to discern the motives that drive others and then make your own decisions. You are often fully aware of the suffering of others, and tend to take it into yourself. This can make you rather moody, or it can serve to strengthen your spiritual resolve. It is important for you to sort out your own neurotic behavior before you take on the problems of others.

### **The Twelfth House**

The sign on the Twelfth House indicates how you color issues of doubt and resistance. It also reflects your most direct approach to your psychic insights.

You have Capricorn on the Twelfth House cusp. Your practical side can be helpful in

remembering, recording and analyzing your dreams. Once you discover the rich source of information to be found there, you will want to keep a dream journal, or at least record your most memorable dreams for future reference. Your spiritual growth benefits from conscious attention to how you mediate between selfish material desire and effective action where others are involved. Your dreams can act as an amplifier for your inner spiritual voice.

## **Death and Transformation as Spiritual Processes**

Pluto, Scorpio and the Eighth House in the birth chart deal with issues of death and transformation. On the spiritual path a shaman must undergo a death-like initiation in order to come into his or her shamanic powers. In our own lives we continually experience the death of old ways of being and the birth of new possibilities. Transformative events can teach lessons concerning your spiritual growth:

- \* They are signposts to indicate progress.
- \* They allow you to modify your behavior in positive ways.
- \* They remind you to be gentle and kind with yourself.
- \* They remind you to accept yourself as you are, and to move forward.
- \* They remind you to support and encourage the child within yourself, just as you would encourage another person.

The Eighth House in your chart defines the mechanisms for change and self-acceptance that are most appropriate for you. By understanding them you develop a sense of self and a set of behaviors that lead more directly to your goal. You discard behaviors that no longer serve you in your journey on the spiritual path.

Scorpio is the natural sign on the Eighth House, and the associated planet is Pluto. How appropriate that Pluto, mythological ruler of the underworld, should be the planetary ruler of the Eighth House of death and transformation.

Yet Pluto attracts the living, though it cannot hold on to them for long. So it is with life. We are attracted to one way of doing things, but we know that change is the only certainty in life. As we travel the spiritual path, we find that each ending is the source of a new beginning, and that we often benefit from even the most traumatic events. By descending into the world of darkness and pain, we borrow a bit of Pluto's power, so that on the next step along the path we are stronger and more courageous.

With Pluto in Cancer, your approach to death and transformation is primarily through the Feeling function. You have the innate capacity to engage feelings appropriate to the nature of events. If you have been discouraged from expressing those feelings, you may attempt to bury them deep within yourself. This is not helpful in the long run because the feelings resurface later or eat away at you internally. What works better is to find suitable ways to express your distress, fear, anger - even your joy. This involves having the conscious experience of feelings and

evaluating them for yourself instead of suppressing them. While this is no easy task, it is possible for you to become a stable rock in the midst of a river of change. You have your feelings and continue to manage the tasks before you, and you may surprise yourself at how well you handle even severe traumas.

The influence of family and heritage is strong in your choice of personal direction in career, relationships, and spiritual matters. Yet you have the capacity to change the emotional parameters, and take off in a direction very different from your family.

### **Pluto Aspects**

Your personal power can make you arrogant. If you believe you can use force to control others, then you turn away from higher spiritual values. Instead, develop awareness of power as a currency that flows between you and other people. Sharing it is essential in the pursuit of self-realization. Your powerful artistic gifts can provide the media for your spiritual expression. Sometimes you are driven by physical compulsion to produce tangible works. You have the capacity to reshape your life into whatever you desire. In the long run you transcend base desires by recognizing power and working with it, not by trying to own it. Use sound judgment in the use of force. Spirit guides you, but cannot always protect you against your own recklessness.

### **The Eighth House**

The sign on the Eighth House cusp indicates the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual approach you take when dealing with birth, death and transformation.

You have Virgo on the Eighth House cusp. Your adult transformation process is grounded in examination of details, but in an analytical, not an emotional, way. You seek to understand a situation fully, and you may wonder why others can't see the reality you see. When a situation occurs that is outside your capacity to grasp the details, you tend to take one of two paths (or you may even try to take both paths at once). One path is to laugh it off, making light of what may be a serious problem. The other path is to engage in conversation that is designed both to elicit the information you need and to draw upon your own flexibility, and the adaptable capacity of the other person. When you do this you feel split into two parts, and later you go back to the Virgo examination of the situation in order to understand what has happened. You often need to think things through on your own before making final decisions.

### **Planets in the Eighth House**

#### **Sun in 8th House:**

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### **Eighth House Aspects**

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## **The Development of Intuition**

Intuition is an ability beyond logical thinking. Through it you can consider future outcomes. In the Buddhist tradition, intuition is a mental ability, equal to intellect that can provide direct insight. In mathematics intuition is the capacity to "guess" the answer to a problem, skipping the regular logical processes.

Intuition is more than your inner voice. Intuition is one of the methods by which you understand the world. It is a skill you can develop and use consciously. Intuition often surfaces during meditation. When the mind is quiet, then intuition can be heard. Once trained, you can access intuition by stopping your normal waking process and entering the calm that you have

cultivated.

The planet associated with intuition is Uranus. With Uranus in Taurus, your intuition works best through the Sensation function. Your intuition comes to you in very concrete images. For example, you can see a piece of land and clearly envision a house, a road, or a bridge being built there. You actually see the finished product in your mind's eye, and then take the practical steps to achieve the result you see. You also can find multiple uses of tools, and can usually handle an emergency with whatever materials and tools you have available.

You use your intuition to create equilibrium in your environment. People enjoy being around you because you anticipate their every need. Practical planning is your natural direction. Financial activities benefit from your ability to see future paths and outcomes.

Your Uranus is in the 3rd House. Your intuition arises through contact with siblings and peer group. At first it seems that communication occurs through sounds or visual signals. Later it is difficult or impossible for outsiders to detect any communication, but you understand each other even when separated by great distance.

### **Uranus Aspects**

You find yourself brushing up against dangerous situations. Spiritually you learn from each one, eventually learning how to help others without taking unnecessary risks yourself. Sudden changes in direction have dramatic effects on your personal, social and spiritual life. Harsh events can be the source of spiritual growth.

## **The Midheaven: Self-Awareness and the Use of Intuition**

How can you use your self-awareness to access intuition, a presumably involuntary, less conscious capacity? To take the direct, conscious path is challenging at best. This method only works if you can consciously enter unconscious territory, and by definition, that territory is unconscious because you cannot access it directly. You can rarely dive in intentionally.

You can wait for intuition to arise naturally without doing anything. Or you can practice meditation. It is fairly easy to learn and requires no particular physical or mental skills, except the ability to focus the mind.

In addition, you have specific avenues, or points of focus, to aid you in the practice. The sign on the Midheaven indicates an area of the subconscious that you can access through meditation, thereby identifying spiritual keys to your development. By going within, you find the higher values most suited to your own path.

With the Midheaven in Scorpio, your self-awareness and your path to self-realization are primarily through the Feeling function.

Beneath the subconscious desire to establish comfort and stability in your life, you find the capacity to see the dimensions of spiritual life. You experienced limitations to your comfort in

childhood, and you learned how family members expressed their desires, and in addition, how they sought to fulfill those desires. You were also able to observe how the selfish desires of one person caused pain and unhappiness for someone else. In this way you began to understand the duality of existence more objectively.

Out of this greater objectivity you learned the value of engaging your mind in thoughtful examination of situations, instead of leaping in with your naked desires. You have a profound capacity for sublimating your desires to a greater good, whether it is personal, social, or spiritual. When you seek to satisfy your physical, sexual desire alone, you feel disappointed in the result. When you instead seek a spiritual union with your partner, you discover an ecstatic state in which your souls merge, resolving and transcending the apparent duality of the physical plane.

### **Midheaven Aspects**

While it is good to think well of yourself, it is a mistake to become conceited about your accomplishments or looks. Recall the feeling of falling in love and apply it to all your activities, spiritual or otherwise. Love may hurt, but it also inspires your spiritual process. You have the capacity to reshape your life into whatever you desire. In the long run you transcend base desires by recognizing power and working with it, not by trying to own it.

## **Karma and Dharma**

Perhaps no single principle of Asian religions has fascinated us more than karma and its link to reincarnation. Karma refers to the cause and effect relationship between what we do and the results we get. Our actions bring reactions, constructive and not so constructive. However, everyday feedback often comes from individuals who are no more clear about their spiritual values than we are. So, what should you take seriously?

How does karma work in your life? Will it be played out in your next incarnation, or will you experience it in the here-and-now?

Certainly you do not have to believe in karma or reincarnation to make progress along your spiritual path. However, if you do astrology can offer insight into what factors in the past may be influencing you today. The following are suggestions concerning past influences. Think of them as relating to family and childhood experience, or you can relate them to your past lives, or both.

With Saturn in Pisces, you experience karma and dharma primarily through the Feeling function. Intelligent activity, for you, is inspired by the feeling component of your mind. You can make a plan using any of the mental strategies, but you evaluate and judge its efficacy through the feeling function. In looking back on your own past, into past lives, or even ancient human history, you judge people's actions by the results they achieved, and you also consider whether those results were worth the effort. Even if the outcome was what people wanted and needed, you evaluate the effectiveness of the action. You are able to learn from the past and to exercise good judgment in almost everything you do. You may tend toward caution in your planning, and you gather information at every step of the process. Because of sensitive

positioning, you are able to make adjustments to suit the needs of the moment. You like to have the time to project your plan into the future to think through the possible outcomes. When you feel rushed into implementing a plan, you may be reluctant if you cannot see a positive outcome. For this reason, it may be difficult to have faith in someone else's plan.

You are generally retiring, and may even decide on a life of renunciation - at least for a time. Your mystical tendencies are well suited to the contemplative life, and you wish to avoid any unnecessary conflict. You are your own best source of recognition, as you are the best person to evaluate the effectiveness of your decisions and actions.

Your Saturn is in the 1st House. Your lessons come from your sense of personal responsibility. You are ambitious in terms of career and material things, and your ambition extends to your spiritual life as well. As you transcend selfish ambitions, you engage instead in the pursuit of higher spiritual aspirations, which are firmly grounded in your ability to learn from all your experiences.

### **Saturn Aspects**

You demand discipline from yourself, and you expect it in others. You may have had harsh teachers. Your spiritual path focuses on compassion for others, and you have to develop compassion for yourself as well. When others provoke fear in you, look also for the love they struggle to express. Your involvement with other people often focuses on the harshest side of human experience. You become aware of destructive energies around you and learn to overcome these difficulties. Your spiritual life can become the source of nearly inexhaustible energy. You face tests through death or separation. In all your business and personal dealings you have the capacity for patience. You keep one eye on the goal and the other on the moment-to-moment activities that lead you forward. You find that while relationships are significant, periods of seclusion are needed for you to integrate the spiritual changes you are experiencing. You are often fully aware of the suffering of others, and tend to take it into yourself. This can make you rather moody, or it can serve to strengthen your spiritual resolve. It is important for you to sort out your own neurotic behavior before you take on the problems of others.

## **Transcendent Values**

Behind what you know about yourself - behind all other considerations of spirituality, lie the transcendent values that are most important to you. These are the values you have worked to discover from among all the rules you have been taught. They are the reason you have read books, studied with teachers, privately pondered and examined the events of your life. They are the fundamental principles that you believe will help you find fulfillment as a human being. As such they are the source of energy behind your self-awareness, the motivation of your spiritual search, and the principles that you apply to your dharma, or life path.

With Jupiter in Sagittarius, your approach to and understanding of transcendent values is primarily through the Intuitive function. You feel more optimistic and more successful when your daily activities incorporate intuition in a meaningful way. Whatever your natural direction,

based on your Sun and Moon elements, you can develop intuition as a spiritual guidance mechanism. You may find that you become physically sensitive in the heart area-you may feel heat in the skin on your chest or back, for example. This change in temperature can serve as an intuitive barometer. When your human energies are spiritually directed, you approach the moment when you are no longer subject to the ordinary limitations of the physical world. Your mind and heart foresee the karmic effects of your actions and you can make intelligent choices. Then you are no longer limited by the wheel of birth and rebirth, and can fully experience the life for which you are intended.

You seek inner spiritual development in everything you do. Your mind reaches far into the future, and such speculation can become its own problem if you don't ground your intuition in something more practical. Contemplative practice can include walking or working meditation that connects you to the material realm directly.

### **Aspects of the Jupiter**

You are happy to consider new ideas, and you are also happy to end situations that no longer work for you. You can become embroiled in spiritual or religious conflicts if you do not resolve them first within yourself. Your good fortune, seemingly accidental in character, is more likely the consequence or effect of your aspiration to express love through wisdom, and wisdom through love. People are comfortable in your presence. Your spiritual interaction with other people is generally quite fortunate in nature. You gain an understanding of a wide range of spiritual teachings through direct contact with others, and you develop the ability to resolve conflicts on all levels of business and personal life in this way. In all your business and personal dealings you have the capacity for patience. You keep one eye on the goal and the other on the moment-to-moment activities that lead you forward. You find that while relationships are significant, periods of seclusion are needed for you to integrate the spiritual changes you are experiencing. You seek the company of visionaries, as you appreciate their ability to speculate on the future and to develop something radically new and different out of something well established. You either succumb to your impressionability, and gullibility, or you learn to discern the motives that drive others and then make your own decisions. Your life is filled with meetings with people who can help you along your spiritual path. It will be your own lack of social skills that causes such relationships to end badly. Tact will serve you in the beginning and at the end.

### **The Ninth House**

You have Libra on the Ninth House cusp. The transcendent value you most resonate with is equilibrium. You experience duality in the physical, mental and spiritual realms, but you seek to maintain balance. You understand duality but are able to rest in a meditative state without engaging in either extreme. A second value is the capacity for judgment. If you can place yourself in the balanced position, then you can exercise judgment that is not complicated by egoistic aims. A third value is desire. Physical and sexual desires have the purpose of fulfilling personal needs as well as transcendent ones. For you, focusing on desire is an effective path to understanding the nature of opposites and the elevation of physical motivations to the level of spiritual aspiration.

## **Mars: Your Spiritual Persona**

Mars indicates an area of life that is vitally important to your spiritual growth. Whatever path you choose, this factor will come up again and again. Others will see how it affects you, but they are unlikely to understand the depth of its significance. You yourself may not understand the power of this influence on your life.

### **The Element of Mars**

Mars is naturally associated with Aries, a fire sign. Traditionally Mars was also associated with Scorpio, a water sign. Thus the expression of Mars shares the nature of these two elements to some extent. The movement between water and fire involves the capacity for discriminating awareness. Mars governs the five senses—touch, taste, sight, hearing and smell. The position of Mars directly reflects your capacity to relate to the world through your senses.

With Mars in Virgo, your spiritual persona is expressed most fluently through the Sensation function. You are generally practical in your activities. If it has no hope of reaping actual, measurable results, then you just won't do it. This practical streak carries over into the spiritual realm as a desire to develop a regular practice that deepens your sense of devotion to a teacher or to a body of understanding about your true purpose. On the material level your actions are designed to help you acquire whatever you need, but also to acquire those material things that enhance your feeling of comfort and richness. On the spiritual level your devotional practice—prayer, meditation, good works—also focus on a goal. Many teachers suggest that meditation has no goal, but in our culture you are almost certainly seeking something from whatever you do, including the spiritual direction you take.

The sign placement of Mars is significant to developing your spiritual persona. The sign colors the message you receive concerning the direction your spiritual path will take. Here are three personality traits associated with Mars in your chart: Discrimination, Moral Strength, Unselfishness. If you consider each trait and consciously evoke it in your daily activities, you will find that the path becomes more fulfilling, more insightful, and easier. By actively devoting energy to the development of the traits of your Mars, you spontaneously develop several traits associated with other signs.

### **House Placement of Mars**

Your Mars is in the 7th House. The focus of your spiritual persona is on issues of partnership. From childhood you have placed high value on close relationships. You demand a lot from an intimate partner, and you throw your energy into returning the favor. The partner is a mirror for your spiritual values, your feelings, and your expression. Your devotion to one special partner provides a path to service. Any contact with the general public is seen as a spiritual opportunity.

### **Mars Aspects**

Emotional friction in your activities can make you feel separated from your inner being. Use your physical energy to push through emotional barriers by finding ways to work out feelings without hurting others. Stick with each feeling until you understand how it motivates you. Your spiritual interaction with other people is generally quite fortunate in nature. You gain an

understanding of a wide range of spiritual teachings through direct contact with others, and you develop the ability to resolve conflicts on all levels of business and personal life in this way. Your involvement with other people often focuses on the harshest side of human experience. You become aware of destructive energies around you and learn to overcome these difficulties. Your spiritual life can become the source of nearly inexhaustible energy. You face tests through death or separation. You find yourself brushing up against dangerous situations. Spiritually you learn from each one, eventually learning how to help others without taking unnecessary risks yourself. Weakness of physical or spiritual strength early in your life tends to push you toward the lessons you need. Indeed, you get help at the right moments to carry you forward on the spiritual path. As you gain experience, you take on the planning of your path as a conscious effort.

## **The Ascendant: Expressing Spirit in the World**

The Ascendant provides a personal anchor for understanding spiritual potential and process in the birth chart. It shows how you express yourself in the world. This is because the rising sign represents choice - you choose what you want to show to the world. Ultimately, however, you come back to the Sun sign on the spiritual level.

Each person learns about the Sun sign's higher spiritual values and cultivates those values by developing the positive traits of the Ascendant. Each sign as it rises brings to light different personality traits, different physical appearance, and a different sense of spiritual direction. The rising sign offers a container for your experimentation with constructive, creative personal choices about how to act in the world. Later you can take this practice back to the Sun sign and master its lessons.

Remember that the Midheaven and Ascendant depend on an accurate birth time. If you have no idea of your birth time, the material included here may help you to focus on a spiritual persona for yourself.

### **Your Rising Sign (Ascendant)**

You pursue your spiritual path along three distinct lines:

1. Self-serving personal aggrandizement that shifts into the service of humanity.
2. Selfish attention to material superficiality that transforms into spiritual activity to serve a divine purpose.
3. Self-conscious activity on the interpersonal level that changes to broader humanitarian awareness.

Each of these three tendencies is expressed in alternating activities, and it may be difficult to sort out what your lower and higher motivations are at any given time.

You have the capacity to think through situations. You can work with your physical desire motivations, your emotional attachments, and your mental processes to discern your typical

behaviors and their motivations. As you do this, you encounter situations where your spiritual motivation is paired with a self-serving method. When this happens, you have the opportunity to change your tactics.

It is the movement that is important, not the precise content or direction. Your rising sign governs the circulation of blood through your body. Allow the metaphor of circulation to pervade your interactions with others and your communion with yourself. Permit the possibility in all your activities that your perceived goal is not the end of a process, but simply a milestone along the larger path.

### **Ascendant Aspects**

Who you are, and what other people see in you are very different. You undermine your self-confidence until you set your sights on spiritual values. Your critical nature is put to good use when you save it for essential situations and let people relax into their own strengths the rest of the time. Sudden changes in direction have dramatic effects on your personal, social and spiritual life. Harsh events can be the source of spiritual growth. Use sound judgment in the use of force. Spirit guides you, but cannot always protect you against your own recklessness.

### **Conclusion**

This interpretation of your life path has provided a systematic look at astrological factors that together add up to a spiritually oriented map. As you come to understand your unique map, you can move forward through life joyously and courageously, knowing that the path is appropriate to your personal beliefs, desires and needs.