

# MOON

## MOON BY SIGN

### Natal Moon in Aries

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

#### Static

When you habitually seek to be in control of situations relating to personal independence, you can be competitive to the point of 'winning' by withdrawing from interaction with others. You may avoid asserting your needs and then working it out with the other person, due to not wanting to risk losing the Aries independence. This nonassertion leads to repressing your independent impulses and creating situations where others dominate you. If you unconsciously need others' permission before leading and initiating, you may experience insecurity and loss of personal power. This leads to a resentment of others because you feel they are responsible for your inability to act. You may react to their outbursts by withdrawing and feeling violated when they are insensitive to your repressed emotions. This situation adds to your own state of angry, unexpressed, and tightly controlled feelings

When you hide your emotional needs in order to maintain distance and control the circumstances, you lose touch with the power of your own independent, inner core. If you are unwilling to assert your needs and feelings and work it out with others, you may find you are not able to work it out at all. As a result you may withdraw from participation. Such an action leads to frustration and anger, at feeling unable to express and accept recognition for your natural executive abilities.

#### Dynamic

When you take responsibility for creating the independence you need, you may notice that repressing your feelings and letting others have their way does not lead to your feeling in control. The truth is that others cannot provide sensitivity to your emotional states. You are the one with the gift of sensitivity to underlying foundational feelings. Your lesson is to acknowledge the need to feel close by initiating a mutual awareness of basic human feelings and needs. You can accomplish this by moving your attention away from yourself and toward perceiving the human insecurities and feelings of others.

Avoiding judgemental thoughts about another's lack of sensitivity enables you to recognize the true nature of one's own feelings behind the outward expression. This knowledge leads the lunar Arian to become sensitive to others as individuals rather than taking their expression personally. Thus, the basic insecurities of others can put you in touch with your own underlying feelings in an objective, balanced way. You then possess the clarity you need to work constructively in relationships.

You can show your sensitivity and vulnerability to others' insecurities. When you reveal your feelings and needs, your innate power is acknowledged, and you win the emotional support of others. You can then express feelings successfully, since you are sharing yourself with diplomacy borne of awareness of another's sensitivities. Consequently, you are able to feel close by having your true feelings accepted and shared. Then you can work out situations with others. When you support the authority of other people to handle situations, you reinforce their self-confidence.

Thus, your own independence and initiative are spontaneously recognized, respected and appreciated.

## General

Unconscious fears of battlegrounds, direct physical combat and competition for the attainment of your personal needs have made issues of personal survival strong for you. You are always on the alert, but camouflaged so that you can spot the enemy without showing your own strength. In order to maintain this disguise, you must suppress your strength, which actually invites provocations and attacks from the outside. By suppressing your spirit, you invite others to walk all over you.

Due to these unconscious fears and the tendency to view everything in terms of personal survival, you interpret any opposition in life as a direct threat to your own goals. Thus, you may respond either with vehement resistance or by 'cutting off' the other person entirely and going your own, independent way.

The lesson you are learning is to incorporate the resistance of others into your plan, to see it as a means of actualizing your goals more efficiently. You are learning to be objective enough to welcome the input of others. By taking into consideration their objections, needs, and feelings relative to your own plans, you can expand your objectives to ensure genuine partnership and harmony in working together toward a mutual goal.

As you learn to stop projecting your identity (either positive or negative) onto other people, you can begin to see them objectively and take them into account. Then you can 'be first' in a way that allows other persons' needs to be met as well. Your own identity is strongly-developed, and you are not accustomed to easy co-operation with others in the context of joint projects and team efforts. Rather than feeling that you need to compete with others to get your own way, you are learning to include others' desires and fears in working out solutions that are fair to both parties.

You are naturally inclined to high-speed activity, without time for tact and diplomacy, leading to a certain naiveté and directness in fulfilling your personal needs. This makes your intentions clear for all to see; thus, those who feel threatened by your goals may try to block or manipulate you in some way. When this happens, you feel you have to fight to survive and get what you want, in direct opposition to the other person. The only other alternative you see is allowing the other person to be the conqueror and to totally suppress your own needs. You don't realize that your impatience and carelessness are creating the very opposition you fear.

As you learn to be less naive and direct in your speech, and more diplomatic in communicating your wants and needs, others will not feel threatened and so will have no need to oppose you. Through this new tactfulness, you will encourage others to feel that they are also winning by going along with your plan. You are learning to enlist the support of others in going toward the goals that fulfill your own personal needs.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Aries, the Moon stresses independence, drive - a need for self-assertion. The Moon in this, the first zodiacal sign, tells us the native's personality is colored by a desire to get at the truth, which can be abstract. It can be a symbol, something to aim for rather than to attain. Maybe the truth is constantly out of reach. The Moon in Aries is not discouraged, but continues the quest. In a way, this makes for idealism and high principles, but not necessarily for concrete results. The Moon here may cause others

to lose patience with the native - because he is forever concerned with what should be, instead of 'making do' with what exists.

The astrologer, of course, must combine the indications for the Moon in Aries with the House position occupied by the Moon. Such a combination means using the art of synthesis. And this, as we continue to repeat, is the backbone of the art of astrology.

So the Moon here stresses a seeking of the truth as the native sees it. What kind of 'truth' does he see? It could be that he sees the truth only as it is convenient for him to see it. This, of course, depends upon other factors in the chart, including aspects and House positions. But, taken alone, the Moon here makes for one who can fight for the truth as long as the 'truth' is of practical value - concerning his home, his future, his security. 'Truth' here can be narrow and limited. The native inclines toward a headstrong attitude, one which can bring about conflicts, resentment, envy and actual physical battles if the temper is not controlled.

The native must learn to develop his abilities through study, experience, perhaps travel. Then he must stress an enlargement of his horizon, a wider point of view - and self-improvement. This is not a crusading kind of drive to improve others - it could merely be a negative expression of the Moon in Aries. Let the native first improve himself and his own life; then, perhaps, he can inspire others to greater accomplishments. There is a tendency here to be selfish, headstrong, so sure of being right that the vision is narrowed down and only limited pictures are observed.

These people have plenty of push, drive and energy. They can fight for what they believe to be right - and they refuse to be pushed around. They have great potential, especially in inventiveness and originality.

(Tracy Marks)

Those of us with Moon in Aries need to express ourselves honestly and openly, to assert our individuality, and to be enthusiastically involved in new projects and activities. Aries is not an easy position for the Moon; we are likely to have counter-dependent tendencies, often denying our needs for closeness and intimacy and attempting to be emotionally self-sufficient. When deep feelings and needs emerge, we may unconsciously fend them off with anger, with impulsive action, and sometimes with sexual expression.

Most likely, an Arian parent was quick to respond to our wants and desires, and allowed us the freedom to pursue our own interests. Such a parent encouraged our independent nature, possibly because he or she was independent and / or self-absorbed and did not wish to be burdened with responsibility for our welfare. He or she may have imparted attitudes of 'be strong' and 'be tough', but such attitudes may have had less to do with an urge to further our development than they had to do with defences against closeness and the expression of need and vulnerable feelings. Our parent may have encouraged our individuality while simultaneously failing to really affirm and support who we were. Sometimes an Arian Moon indicates a submissive parent who catered to our whims and impulses, but never really acknowledged or met our true needs, or helped us to develop the the frustration tolerance we needed in order to mature and adapt effectively.

One of our tasks may therefore be to learn how to differentiate impulse from deeper wants and needs, and to come to know what we really want beyond the thrill of momentary satisfactions. This may also involve learning how to value and fulfill our deeper needs, maintaining our basic independence while also allowing ourselves to experience and come to terms with our own dependence as human beings. Having

Moon in Aries also suggests that we need to become rooted in our physical and instinctive natures, experiencing profoundly 'I exist' and 'I am' in a manner which gives us reality and substance, so that we are not continually in search of excitement and stimulation in order to experience our vitality and aliveness.  
(Haydn Paul)

The Moon is not especially comfortable placed in the active sign of Aries; and you will discover that a tranquil life is not to your taste; nor can you settle into mundane complacency and routine behavior patterns. You prefer to follow spontaneous impulses to action, and hope they will lead to exciting experiences and make you feel more alive. You will be ambitious, seeking challenges where you can assert your uniqueness before other people; your aim is to become number one, standing out from the crowd.

You have an independent spirit; and, while you may disguise feelings of personal insecurity, you are determined to follow your chosen path of action, irrespective of whether your decisions are proven to be correct or incorrect. You may react against well-intentioned advice from others, trusting your own light and often deliberately acting in a contrary manner as a form of self-assertion. Eventually, close friends and family will realize that this is your way, and will just let you get on doing whatever you intend to do anyway, right or wrong!

There are contradictory personality tendencies; and most of these relate to a probably denial of the Moon nature, favoring the Aries qualities. One example of this is changeability of moods, emotions, and feelings, resulting in a lack of consistency on that level, which can erupt as emotional volatility and impulsive ill-considered actions. As inner pressures accumulate, you tend simply to act as a way out of a 'decision logjam', hoping that action will resolve matters. It is unusual for you to display regular forethought and planning, so the consequences of these actions often surprise you. This can be due to the Aries-influenced self-centered naivety or innocence, although it still doesn't enable you to evade any negative repercussions or wrong moves in the game plan of life.

You can be overly sensitive to others' reactions, yet this does not dissuade you from your way; it only irritates and slows the forward movement for a few moments of self-doubt, which are then ignored because entertaining such thoughts may open an area of your nature (the Moon realm) which you prefer to forget. If really pushed, you try to dominate through assertion and fixed attitudes; and there may be occasional outbursts of temper if someone is effectively presenting a viable argument against your decisions.

Adjustments may be required to meet inner needs. Feelings and emotions have to be accepted; evasion only forces them into the unconscious mind to agitate and fester. As an integral part of your assertive needs, you have to learn that these feelings also require expression, release, and acceptance; and any attempt at emotional self-sufficiency will only impoverish your wellspring of emotional vitality and feeling responses. Due to this uneasiness with your deeper lunar needs, you may display resistance to relationship intimacy - not necessarily toward physical or mental intimacy, but toward the powerful emotional exchange that can occur through the affinity of mutual love.

Yet it is dealing with your complex emotional nature which will open the door to greater fulfillment and satisfaction once you become less insistent and defensive about your needs for independence and freedom. Self-expression is very important, but feelings and emotional needs must be respected, and steps taken to satisfy them instead of choosing to respond first to those impulses for action and novelty. Deeper

integration into your individual foundations and physical reality is needed; once the connection is established to the Moon roots and a flow of fulfilling experiences develops through relationships and self-nurturing, the need for compulsive activity will diminish and be replaced by a feeling of wholeness and balance.

(Skye Alexander)

Regardless of your age, you're still a child at heart - playful, fun-loving, enthusiastic and rather naive. Each day is new to you, and full of adventures. You have an irrepressible joie de vivre; and people like you in spite of themselves, and might describe you as a bit of a scoundrel.

However, you also can behave like a spoiled brat at times. Argumentative and assertive, you are known for your emotional outbursts and your quick temper. Your anger is usually short-lived, though; and once you've aired it you're ready to get on with the business at hand. You could engage in a no-holds-barred fist fight then go out for a drink with your opponent when it's all over.

Fiercely competitive, you like nothing better than a good challenge with a worthy opponent. Most probably, you have natural athletic ability and are happiest when on the playing field. You probably possess boundless energy and vitality, enjoy a game of backyard softball with your 'jock' friends and wouldn't miss the Superbowl to have dinner with the President.

However, you tend to see everyone as a potential opponent, and every interpersonal interaction as a contest. Your relationships sometimes resemble boxing matches - figuratively or literally. Intensely individualistic, you find it almost impossible to see another's point of view. Nor are you willing to compromise on most issues; and diplomacy is a foreign word to you. Brusque, abrasive and often tactless, you rarely hold your tongue and can hurt other people's feelings without realizing it. If you're involved with someone who also relishes an occasional shouting match (an Aries or Aquarian, for example), you'll probably be best buddies, though you'll never convince your neighbors of it. You aren't likely to stay with a partner who won't stand up to you, however. Strongly sexual but not sensual, you approach love and relationships with gusto, but fall short when it comes to romance and affection.

You live in the here-and-now; you never look back and rarely more than a few weeks ahead. As a result, you don't learn from your mistakes. You also have a great deal of trouble making plans or laying the groundwork for future projects. In truth, you don't want things to be too carefully worked out in advance; it's the unexpected that makes life exciting.

You never learned to play by the rules, and might be considered something of a renegade. Your successes in life come from taking chances, or as Tom Wolfe put it in his book *The Right Stuff*, 'pushing the outside of the envelop'. You are both courageous and reckless. As a result, you tend to be accident-prone, for you never look before you leap.

There may have been lots of turmoil, competition or aggressiveness, even violence, in your family when you were young; and heated arguments were frequent. Or, perhaps you were raised in an athletic or military family. Because Aries represents one of the archetypal male energies, your parents probably encouraged traditional male values and behavior rather than female ones. Your mother may have been the dominant parent and somewhat masculine; at least she was strong, independent, feisty and assertive.

You adore children, partially because you've never entirely grown up yourself. You especially enjoy playing with them, but can be a bit rough at times. When it comes to discipline, however, you are a little lax. (You're not very good at disciplining yourself, either.) You also tend to be irresponsible, and may not be very good about such things as making child support payments, helping with homework or being there when your kids need you.

Women with this placement are anything but 'feminine' in the traditional sense. Strong-willed and assertive, you rarely back down from a contest and don't believe there's anything a man can do that you can't do better. More comfortable with men than with women, you probably have many male friends who think of you as 'one of the guys'. Some men project their Arien-Moon sides onto the women in their lives and are attracted to independent, brash, outspoken, dynamic and / or athletic women.

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

You respond to life as if it were an adventure, and you are open to new ideas. You relate to experience as a means for self-realization. You have much natural and sincere enthusiasm, but you must consciously work to develop patience. Your temper is uneven; you flare up quickly but soon forget the cause of your outburst.

You often assert your 'me first' tendencies. Your quick but changeable mind is brilliant and acute, but you also have a susceptibility to a hot temper, nervousness and even headaches.

You seem to be emotionally detached from the people around you. Your feelings are acute and sharp, and you often use them as a conscious instrument for your own benefit. You hide a sense of insecurity behind an aggressive exterior; you should develop the ability to ask for help when you need it. Your independent nature can make you courageous to the point of foolhardiness.

When you are interested, you are very warm; when you are not inwardly stirred, you are impersonal. You feel with your ego.

Your mental impressions and reactions are very quick. You trust your sense perceptions, and you are apt to act immediately without reflection; you jump into action from your quick feelings rather than from reason. You are not methodical; you resent authority, and you don't like advice.

You excel in positions where quick decisions are vital. You are changeable in your enthusiasms (even more than a person with the Sun in Aries). You have great originality, inventiveness and restlessness, but you do not have much persistence. You take the initiative in many activities, and you show excessive confidence as well as insufficient forethought. You try to dominate others emotionally and usually gain authority because you make a better leader than follower.

Ambitious and pioneering, you live and gain by fits and starts. You dislike detail. You do not listen to advice, and you find discipline hard to accept. You need to cultivate perseverance. Your senses are well developed, especially your sight.

Others are impressed by your dynamic, self-reliant attitude.

This position of the Moon in a woman's chart may indicate jealousy and a need to dominate the partner. In a male chart it often attracts a dominant partner.

Since the Moon in the chart represents the mother, your mother, in your eyes,

embodies many of the Aries traits: resolute, independent, active, outspoken, and a strong influence upon you.  
(Sasha Fenton)

The sign of Aries is masculine, positive, fiery and cardinal whilst the Moon, through its association with the sign of Cancer, is feminine, negative, watery and cardinal. This Moon position gives its owner an underlying need for power and a desire for leadership. This may lead you to reach for the top in your career or to become the leader of whichever group you find yourself in. Women with this Moon placement face emotional conflict within their personality due to their highly assertive inner nature, and they frequently resolve this by choosing weak partners so that they can reverse the traditional man / woman roles. One such woman is Bernadette.

Bernadette is a hard-working and successful businesswoman who travels far and wide to earn the money which her family needs. Her sensitive and artistic husband has a rather humdrum job in a local garage and is super-supportive and caring towards the children. 'I didn't choose this way of life', says Bernadette; 'it just seems to work out better this way. David cannot take too much hassle, and he is really much better with the children than I am.'

Some choose single life and a demanding career in preference to housework and motherhood. Carol is now in her late thirties and is running a successful public relations business of her own. She has had long-term lovers but has never married. 'Some years ago I debated whether to have a child and bring it up on my own because I knew by then that marriage was not for me. In the end, I decided to stay as I am, but I'm not always sure that I took the right decision even now.'

Both sexes have an inner power pack of energy, forcefulness and courage; the cardinality of this sign means that you rarely allow the grass to grow beneath your feet. If faced with a problem, you would rather sort it out immediately. You may actually get others to do this for you, but help is appreciated when it is given. Your mind is highly original; and, given other encouraging factors on your birthchart, you may be able to turn your ideas into money-making projects which could give you the means to get yourself up the ladder of success; however, you may be so idealistic and enthusiastic as to be unrealistic. You have a tendency to do things on too large a scale sometimes; over-optimism can cloud your brain and make you unrealistic in your expectations. You need to have an element of risk in your life which may be reflected in the job you do or in your personal life.

Being quickly responsive to any situation, you can be relied on in a crisis; you're not embarrassed by the sight of people who are in trouble; indeed, you will do what you can to help them. Your emotional reactions are fast and instinctive; and your behaviour can be over-impulsive, but time and experience of life may soften some of the rough edges. Care should be taken not to be critical and impatient with those who see and do things differently from you, as this can lead you into a narrow-minded and bigoted stance. You quickly become irritated, and may have difficulty in keeping your temper due to the combined blanketing effect of the watery Moon and the fiery impulsiveness of the sign Aries. This tension may be released in sudden outbursts of temper and biting sarcastic remarks. Your energy, if there are some Aquarian traits on your chart, could make you an energetic social reformer. You prefer other people to be forthright and honest in their dealings with you; and unless there is a very good reason for secrecy, you prefer to be direct and honest yourself. Your excellent sense of humour gets you out of a lot of trouble, and you have the ability to take a joke against yourself.

Your ability to put ideas into action can be an inspiration to others; also, you can

motivate people by your optimistic outlook and your faith in the future. You know instinctively how to raise the spirits of others. However, you can go 'over the top' on occasion and plunge into action without weighing the consequences; and therefore, you need to cultivate a sense of proportion. When being carried away on a cloud of enthusiasm, be careful not to override the feelings of others; however, it is never your intention to hurt anyone. You have little patience with people who withdraw into their shell, sulk, and won't tell you what's the matter with them. Your own hot temper can make you insensitive at times, but you don't hold a grudge. The lunar Arien heart is warm, and you are the first to help and comfort those who are in trouble. You respect the beliefs of others, and are happy to preserve their independence; your broad mind make you able to relate to people of all classes and colours. You really cannot stand neurotic people who whine for nothing. You will help anyone who has practical problems but have little patience with emotional doubts and worries, and you tend to avoid having them yorusef.

You are more of a city person than a country type, but you like to get away into the fresh air, and love being in the sun. It is a fact that many lunar Arians are excellent sportsmen and sportswomen. The fiery quality of Aries indicates a need for excitement and change; a monotonous job may pay the bills, but won't satisfy you for long. This need for excitement can also make steady relationships appear unappealing; and this may even lead you to choose unreliable partners. Some of you, on the other hand, seek to steady your own inner nature by marrying a much more placid and reliable personality than yourself; a few of you may possibly destroy a relationship simply because it has become boring. I have a theory that Moon in Aries subjects of both sexes prefer a younger partner; this suggests that you would enjoy moulding them to your own design. Many of you choose a partner who is careful with money because you don't seem to be able to trust yourself not to overspend. You enjoy the pursuit of love, and fall in love fairly easily; but the flame can burn out quickly. A relationship based on friendship is more likely to be enduring than a swift passion, but there must be excitement, sex and warmth or it will not work at all. Women with the Moon in Aries have a touch of masculinity at their core; that is not to say that they are all budding lesbians, just that there is dissatisfaction with the traditional feminine role. Whatever your gender, if you have this Moon placement, you may be hard to live with at times, because you can fall into the habit of being picky and fault-finding due to unreasonable fears based on imagined threats to your independence.

You can be quite a good homemaker as long as you have time and money to spare; but if you are short of both, you will ignore your surroundings. You enjoy buying gadgets for the home, and you can put up with noisy or messy environment better than most people can.

You are a caring parent, but unfortunately you could belittle any child whom you considered weak and silly. You do your best to see that your children have all that they require, and will move Heaven and Earth to get them a good education. You may not actually wish to spend too much time with youd children; the relationship works better if you have a fulfillinf job and can, therefore, direct most of your energies away from the home situation. You will never hesitate to spend money on your family's appearance, as you consider that good clothes give a good impression.

Sexually, your attitude should be straightforward, but you may wish to dominate your partner and control him or her. Talk of sex excites you, but background music during love-making may put you off! You enjoy fun and laughter while making love; but, above all, you need friendship with your partner as much as you need sex.

Many of you love the arts, especially music and dancing; some of you will find your

way into an artistic career; certainly you need a measure of creativity in your work. Many subjects with the Sun, Moon or Ascendant in Aries have a lifelong desire to study music or art, but somehow never quite get around to it; perhaps the fear of failure is too great.

The position of the Moon on a birthchart rarely determines one's actual career, but can show inner motivations. You are happiest in a job where you can make your own decisions, and may prefer to be self-employed. If not too impatient, you can rise to an executive position in a large and well-structured organization. You enjoy wielding power, and should make a sensible and benevolent manager or employer. You have the ability to delegate tasks to others and then leave them to get on with the job. Taking orders from someone you don't respect is impossible for you, and you would respond very angrily to anyone who tried to bully you; however, you, in turn, must try not to bully or to laugh at others.

You need to be able to use your initiative. You would find it impossible to work for a 'wet blanket' type. Work in the military or paramilitary field might appeal to you, as might engineering, electronics, or work which influences the public. You may enjoy working in the media and being in the public eye so that you can receive open adulation. Marketing, promoting, and thinking up new ideas come easily to you. Your Achilles' heel may be that you are susceptible to flattery. If there are other good indications on your birthchart, you could make quite a good teacher. Your love of mechanics and vehicles makes you a good driver, and even a good pilot. The modern technologies of computers and telecommunications would come fairly easily to you. You could make a living from sport or dancing, possibly as a teacher.

This Moon position shows a difficult relationship with the father. You may have loved him and hated him at the same time, and also tried to emulate him. Whilst growing up, you probably found yourself in a number of nose-to-nose shouting matches with him. There is a fight for emotional supremacy in this relationship, with the father seeing the child as being unrealistic, and the child seeing the parent as being overly restrictive or unhelpful. Sometimes the father actually shows contempt towards the child. Your mother may have been cold towards you, or just too busy to take much notice of you. The family itself may be attached to a large and very structured organization such as the armed forces or the civil service. The Aries Moon child may follow his parents into the same organization, but would only be happy in that environment if he quickly gained a position of rank and decision-making.

Your parents encouraged you to stand on your own feet at an early age. They would have applauded and encouraged any physical activity (sports, swimming, dancing) and wanted you to do well at school. You don't have much attachment to the past or even to your own family; this is especially true if you feel that they don't appreciate you.

Your mother might have had to face some kind of circumstances where she was forced to leave you to cope alone. This was probably due to problems at that time; however, it is possible that she was vain, selfish, and all too easily bored by the tasks of motherhood. The Moon sign sometimes jumps back a generation; therefore, some of the circumstances given here for your childhood could actually apply to your mother's experience when young. There may even have been jealousy and bitterness between you and your brothers and sisters.

Insofar as the Moon sometimes reflects continuous or chronic health conditions, any trouble in this case would be in the area of the head, eyes, nose, ears, (upper) teeth, and throat. Your impetuosity may lead you to have silly accidents such as cuts, burns, and possibly bruises as a result of dropping things on your feet.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Reactions are extremely quick, and the individual will usually respond emotionally (and sometimes rather too drastically) to issues that arouse passionate feelings. There is much that is positive in this placing, and very little chance that the subject will allow any grass to grow under his or her feet. He or she also has a strongly instinctive need for action, that sometimes results in too much haste. A very quick temper can be a problem if the Moon receives negative aspects from Mars or Uranus. In this case, the emotional energy level is very strong and needs to be channeled in positive directions.

The subject may be accident-prone, because in dangerous situations, or at times when brave, sudden action is required, he may respond by risking life and limb. It is a good thing, therefore, for him to learn lifesaving, rescue and first aid techniques. An advanced driving course is another good idea, as those with this placing like to drive very fast; and while their reactions to danger are excellent, their driving can become rather aggressive when they are angry.

If impulsive tendencies can be controlled, the subject will be marvellously decisive, and have an excellent broad grasp of most situations. The placing bestows a need for independence and the ability to encourage others to do things for themselves.

Sexually, these people are excellent partners, but, as in other spheres of their lives, they can easily become bored, so need to experiment with the adventurous. There is a need for patience, especially when dealing with those who are slower than themselves.

Selfishness, the worst Arian fault, will emerge when subjects are challenged in personal matters: they will instinctively put themselves first. However, once other levels of their personality take over, they may regret what they have said or done, and make amends in the manner of their Sun or rising sign.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis S. Acker)

The Moon in the sign Aries inclines natives toward volatile, emotionally impulsive natures. People with this Moon position often behave in precipitous ways without due consideration to the consequences of their actions. They can have sudden flare-ups of temper, but these are temporary and soon forgotten.

People with this Moon position are very independent, insisting on following their own chosen paths of action, right or wrong; and they will not tolerate interference from others. They have a tendency to dominate others emotionally. They are prone to take the reaction other others personally.

(Robert Hand)

You are very high-spirited and quite courageous, although other people may not realize this until they have made you angry. Even if you are ordinarily quite shy and retiring, when your feelings are aroused, you are a fighter for what you think is right for others as well as yourself. The force and energy you display may sometimes come as a surprise to people. You are quite independent, and you don't follow along with what others do unless you have concluded that they are right. And you do not care if anyone agrees with you.

However, there is another side to this. When your feelings are aroused, you are impulsive and careless. You may act before you think and regret it later when you have calmed down a bit. You may have quite a temper; and when you are provoked, your anger takes over and makes you say things that you don't really mean. However, when you settle down, you forget your anger very quickly and don't hold a grudge. As you grow older, you must learn to be more in control of yourself. You may hurt the feelings of those who are very sensitive to the anger you display when aroused. Others may not understand that you aren't as angry as you seem and that your mood will pass quickly.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a brave and impatient soul. You need to be emotionally independent - without being emotionally insensitive. You have an instinct to confront Other and break new ground, but to avoid prolonged strife. Your mother is seen or expressed as one who is strong and independent, and / or insular and inflexible.

You naturally respond towards Other with directness and childlike simplicity, thereby precipitating and clarifying emotional situations. You respond spontaneously to complex or pressuresome predicaments in order to resolve them. You respond to danger by pushing on through it.

Your inner child reacts with brief but frightening displays of temper when frustrated by what seem to be Other's blocking or evading tactics. It responds impulsively to situations that really require some waiting and consideration of Other. It responds to conflicts in a manner that actually exacerbates them.

You gravitate towards Others who need to be led out of their apathy or victimhood; to Others who try to tame, control or 'civilize' you, forcing you to assert and defend your own emotional space; and to wild, argumentative Others who reflect your own, possibly unconscious, need to fight for your right to be your own person.

You can get caught up in relationships with Others who, having been shown their teeth, bite you first; in relationships where you are compromised and torn by the need to be emotionally recognized (having not been as a child); and in battles between 'worthy opponents' where the winners are those who define and defend their own and Others' 'soul-fields'.

When alone, it is rather as if you are stuck or cast out into the wilderness, rather like an emotional scout behind the 'enemy's lines' (still in Other's emotional range but without the security of him / her being on your side). This means that your instinctual search for your own 'soul-field' - that is, where you have inner independence - has taken you to a place where by necessity you must have only yourself for company. How else could you win such a prize? Looked at from Other's standpoint - something which you may also have to learn in the process of determining and establishing your own - your apparent self-centeredness has probably antagonized him / her to the point of him / her leaving or neglecting you. Or his / her subsequent possessiveness has made you leave or distance yourself from him / her. If you have been alone like this for quite some time - or have even always been so - then that search for inner independence must have reached critical status. Being a loner tends to go with the territory, ie your own and nobody else's territory, for that is what you are after.

(Grant Lewi)

You are best satisfied by a picture of yourself as an independent thinker, a mental force, a picture of intellectual or physical daring and courage. The turth is important

to you - the truth, that is, as you see it individualistically, which may or may not bear a relation to proved facts. Your message to yourself is: 'be strong, be forceful, be independent, be brave'; and so powerful is this lunar position that you are likely to become these things in some degree even if your Sun sign tries to make you a Caspar Milquetoast. The meek and mild gentleman with the bar of steel inside him is very likely to have Moon in Aries; likewise the sweet lady who looks as if bitter wouldn't melt in her mouth and nevertheless rules the roost unequivocally. This is one of the positions in which the Moon can be strong enough to take dominance from the Sun and cause you actually to become in the outer world what you imagine yourself to be. You may do this slowly, with quiet firmness, or swiftly, with bluster and braggadocio. You think well of yourself; and any trend to inferiority-feeling indicated elsewhere in the Vitasphere is more than likely to meet its match here. This is a weak position only if the Sun is in Libra, in which case the dictates of the Sun must be followed and the lunar instincts ignored. In any case, the studious development of mental powers, through formal education, and a willingness to use your mind power to rule yourself rather than to rule others, is essential to your success and happiness.

(John Townley)

You are a highly responsive person who tends to make lightning decisions in matters of the heart. You aren't likely to lose a lover through making up your mind too slowly, but you may on occasion rush into an affair that you should have avoided. It doesn't hurt to look before you leap.

With you, an affair does not usually build up gradually; it begins full-force and continues with high-keyed intensity. You enjoy nonstop emotional involvement, but you may do well to learn to pace yourself. Your lover may not have as much energy as you, and may find your pace wearing after a time. Also, a relationship that is too intense may become obsessive or burn out prematurely. Remember, you have the rest of your life to enjoy it.

You have a strong appetite for anything new and exciting in a relationship, and you have a special talent for keeping the spirit of an affair fresh. You try anything for the fun of it, not necessarily because it is far-out, but simply because it's new, and why not give it a try? This can lead to endless adventures, but take care not to leave your lover behind, still trying to catch up with your last experiment.

A natural leader in love, you always have fresh and interesting ways to express yourself and your affections. Just be sure that your partner can keep up with your stride.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Emotional responses are energetically expressed.  
Symbol: Water heated in a kettle boils vigorously.

A person whose Moon is in Aries is like an explorer navigating dangerous rapids in a small canoe. He must keep moving in order to maintain equilibrium, but the effort may require so much attention that he hardly notices where he is headed. This is a vibrantly emotional, instinctive, and restless individual who is easily converted to new enthusiasms. Overtly, he may conform to convention, but subconsciously he longs to be a leader and to strike out on his own, even if it means paddling a flimsy vessel through dangerous waters without assistance.

It is hard for 'lunarians' to remain calm, for everything stimulates them. Nervousness

and excitability are the price they pay for accomplishment. Yet with the passive Moon in this vigorous Mars-ruled sign, they can generate power through a dynamic linking of opposite polarities.

The sharp contrast between the Moon and Mars indicates the special abilities which derive from a keenly honed temperament, but it also causes a certain edginess. The capacity for working up a head of creative steam is often accompanied by a low boiling point, so that the energy engendered may be dissipated through fussing over trifles. Pressure aroused by the effort to relate antithetical elements can induce either a breakdown or a breakthrough. The problem facing the astrologer in any such meeting of opposites is to ascertain whether the individual can summon the inner strength required to resolve the conflict he faces. Since free will is always a factor, it can be very difficult to judge whether the contending forces will pull the person apart, or whether he will have the strength of character to pull them together into a new and more dynamic synthesis.

People having the Moon in Aries can project their desires with sufficient force to impress others, regardless of the rights and wrongs involved. As a result, they often get their way and then regret it when they find themselves speeding off the track. They are fast reactors who thrive in a heady atmosphere where quick decisions are required. For them, to feel is to act; and they waste little time weighing alternatives.

Moon-Aries people are often impelled by a crusading zeal, but they need to learn to persist at one thing long enough to achieve concrete results. Otherwise, the fitful Moon and impetuous Mars expend emotional energy as inconclusively as the tides surging back and forth each day. They should cultivate equanimity and pause to contemplate the implications of their acts, lest enthusiasm turn to rashness and idealism to fanaticism. With care and consideration they can channel their high spirits into real spiritual power.

(Isabel Hickey)

Aggressive spirit. Temper. Quick reactions. Spontaneous, direct, inclined to impulsive and quick temper. Feelings are keen and intense at the moment. Courage, but foolhardiness. Hides a sense of insecurity behind an independence and an aggressive exterior. Poor judgement. Jumps into action from feelings rather than from reason. Makes friends quickly, but often finds it difficult to keep them because of emotional instability. In a male chart it attracts a dominating woman as a partner.

(Arlene Robertson)

The Moon in Aries, no matter what house it is placed in, is basically uncomfortable in the fire sign ruled by Mars. For here, with the Cancer placements always three houses behind, creating a natural square aspect, the Moon is at war with itself. It has left its comfortable home to skim over to the house of self and personal fulfillment, qualities at odds with the Cancer clutching and caring, the mother holding on to the baby.

Here, the last thing the Moon-in-Aries person wants to do is hold on to the babies, since babies demand constant care and deprive you of independence and the pursuit of happiness. You are not especially interested in nurturing others, except in the early years of your parenthood, for others are not the most important ones in your life. You are the most important one, and your emotions are all-powerful, self-motivating and sometimes self-defeating.

Paradoxically, your emotional security is invested in the recognition by others of your

emotional responses. 'Don't fence me in!' you shout. 'Let me be!' In daily life you want action. 'Let's get started. Let's move. What are we waiting for?' is your constant cry. You are impulsive, make decisions quickly, and act on them immediately.

With this approach, you can accomplish a great deal if, in this rush of movement, you haven't trampled on the sensitivities or the rights of others. You are impatient with those who sit and ponder, weighing and balancing the alternatives, getting one more estimate on the bedroom carpet.

You always know exactly what you want and how to proceed; and if this hasty action occasionally backfires, you shrug it off and plunge into another activity. For all your flamboyant behavior, you constantly look for feedback from others. If they approve of what you're doing, you're delighted. If they withhold approval, you wonder out loud why they are doing so. Your emotions are like wash hung on the line, flapping in the breeze for all the world to see.

If you are a woman with this placement, you will handle motherhood in a sensible way. You will bestow on it all your energies and enthusiasm while the children are small, teaching them self-reliance and encouraging them to explore their limited worlds.

But your patience can wear thin with their constant demands on your time and their ever-varying needs. After all, you have other places to go and things to do. If you feel trapped in this physical bondage, you may chafe impatiently until your young ones are grown and able to fend for themselves. Then you can move along to the fulfillment of your plans and the enjoyment of your independence. You, of course, have your 'impossible dream', and you want your chance to take a whack at it.

From your husband you want most of all an understanding of your need for freedom. You don't want to be taken care of in the usual sense of sticky-handed restrictions and overpossessive impositions. You need room to romp around, follow your interests and hobbies, whether it's socking a golf ball, laying bricks for a harden walk or running the local arm of ERA. You want a buddy, a pal, a lover, a partner, someone to laugh and share life's glorious moments. You do not want a mate who will treat you like a pea-brained bit of fluff, someone incapable of reading a road map, grappling with a screwdriver or filling the gas tank. Possible you can handle a screwdriver better than he can. Of all the Moon placements for a woman, you with the Moon in Aries need to play out your emotional reactions fully or run the danger of turning into a demanding, hysterical tyrant.

If you are a male with the Moon in Aries, you will better handle the basic ego drives, for they channel themselves easily into the usual male prerogatives. That pulsing energy and enthusiasm can flow into your work so that when you relax at home you can express your sense of adventure, love of outdoor activity, and outrageous fun with your wife and children. They will respond to and enjoy your natural leadership qualities.

In your childhood you may have had a strict, domineering mother who rapped out orders like a drill sergeant. As you matured, you avoided this type of female; in fact, you may be repelled by them. You are also uncomfortable with the motherly type. You probably appreciate and look for the finer Arian qualities in a mate - the enthusiasm, zest for life, eagerness to experience and explore as long as, in expressing these traits, your partner doesn't trample on your strong ego needs.

You Moon-in-Aries people find your greatest emotional security in your dependence on self. You are seldom concerned with what the neighbors say about your impulsive,

flamboyant actions. Let them talk, you say, shrugging it off. You'll do as you please. For you are well aware of the fact that you chart your own course, that you can do it better than anyone else, that when some crisis stares you in the face you are supremely capable of wrestling with it by yourself. After all, you've known from your earliest years that in life's mad adventure you are truly all alone.

## **Natal Moon in Taurus**

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

### Static

You might habitually seek others to provide the Taurean need for attention, pampering, and love by supplying material and sensual comforts. This dependency may create an impression of personal inadequacy in order to induce others into giving you their tangible resources. By your projecting a helplessness in obtaining material goods, they may furnish you with comforts. When this happens you tend to feel loved, secure, and worthwhile. But in displaying an image of helplessness to others, you also begin to believe it.

Your self-worth can be undermined when others respond by contributing to your sustenance. Their aid reinforces the belief that you lack the energy or abilities to provide your support. When your security is dependent upon the material aid of others, you cannot be creative or capable for fear that these comforts may be taken away. This results in feeling helpless and unable to actively establish your material sense of worth in the world.

### Dynamic

You may notice that relying on others for creating your self-worth has not worked. Others cannot provide this sense because you possess a supply of personal resources that are not being used. The lesson is to contribute your resources to the world, thus earning the Taurean comforts and establishing self-esteem. You can accomplish this by recognizing other people's emotions coming into expression. This recognition can inspire you to get in touch with your creativity.

You can gain a deeper sense of inner stability and self-worth by supporting and contributing to the material stability of the environment. In choosing to sacrifice the role of pampered child, you create goals and objectives that motivate you to establish a set of values. When you notice that the people who feel good about themselves are those who are contributing their talents and resources in a tangible way, you are inspired to manifest and establish your creativity. When you appreciate your ideals enough to manifest them, you find the confirmation of self-worth that you need.

### General

Your psychology unconsciously draws you to seek material security above all else. You associate having a strong financial base with emotional stability and ease.

Because you are accustomed to accumulation, you can have a difficult time letting go of anything, even things that are holding you back. This can impede the flow of money coming into your life. The first things you need to let go of are your ideas: the idea that you have a difficult time with money; the idea that you have to earn every penny on your own and that it's going to be a tough process; and the idea that you have to do everything yourself, in exactly your way, for your needs to be met.

You can have such a strong fear of losing your material security that you actually create a 'poverty consciousness' in your life, feeling that resources are limited and that you must be careful as to how you spend every penny. Your lesson is to learn to trust the universe and be open to the flow of money coming in and out of your life. You can do this by not focusing so intensely on your financial restrictions (that is, exactly how much this month's bills are) and by simply being open to the universe blessing you with prosperity! You need to focus your creative mind less on financial worry and more on visualizing the universe's just pouring money on you and your joyful response. In this way, you can open yourself at last to the abundance you seek.

You are also learning to accept the gift of money by allowing the resources of others to enrich your life without feeling you have to 'pay back every penny'. You need to be open to the joy of freely accepting money from other people and releasing the ego identification, not feeling that you have to do something in return.

You have strong physical desires for sensuality, touching, and physical contact in life. Once again you are learning to accept the natural healthiness of your needs and to be open to having them fulfilled by others. In this area as well as in the area of finances, you are learning to focus less on your needs and to be more aware of the enrichment that the universe is offering you through other people.

You are also learning to accept the idea of 'bargaining' and 'discounts', and not assume that you have to pay the 'full dollar amount' for everything you want. Through being aware of others' motives to 'sell', your capacity to 'buy' what you want at discount is enhanced.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Taurus, the Moon indicates that the native has a good idea of what he thinks he desires: he tends to become overinterested in material things and luxuries, and can become bogged down with possessions. At times he has an obsession with collecting things. He is not necessarily a self-starter - he requires stimulation. This comes in the form of an aggressive partner or friend; or it can take the form of actual stimulants, including alcohol. He is attracted to the physical, passionate - he wants to be admired, needs attention and feels there is not so great a need for action if it makes one uncomfortable. The native has the ability to bounce back, to ride with the blows of fate, and to shift and adjust until he is secure.

The Moon in Taurus paints the picture of one who can be determined to the point of obstinacy. Idealism in itself will not move him - but it will show him where he can gain, help himself or make his position more secure. He is reserved, but loves the 'good life', including parties, excellent food and drink. His intuitive intellect, finely honed, has great 'staying power'.

The Moon here takes what comes, analyzes it to suit his own needs, and then 'lives with it'. This includes relations with members of the opposite sex. Some key words are voluptuous, indolent, and self-indulgent.

On the positive side, this lunar position gives the ability to appeal to popular tastes, to adjust to changing social conditions and capture the imagination of the public. The native is romantic, appreciates what he possesses, and can make a little go a long way.

The astrologer would do well (all other factors in chart being considered) to encourage the native to look beyond the immediate to make full use of a fine sense of what people want, need and are capable of obtaining. With the Moon in Taurus, the

native should be encouraged to read, to broaden his horizons, and to realize that indeed 'a house is not necessarily a home'.

(Tracy Marks)

We who have Moon in Taurus need to experience a solid base of self-esteem and internal security, to gain confidence in our internal resources and our capacity to earn what we need and utilize what we have, to experience physical and emotional warmth, to know the pleasures and pains of living within our bodies and sense, and to maintain contact with the earth. When our essential Taurean needs have not been met, we are likely to overcompensate by indulging ourselves, compulsively clinging to other bodies, food, money and external sources of satisfaction. We may become indolent, greedy, overmaterialistic, and bound by our insistence upon security to a routine, risk-free and ultimately sterile existence.

A Taurean parent figure may have influenced our security patterns. Positively, our parent may have been earthy and well-grounded; able to provide the warmth, stability and constancy we needed; to comfort us; and to help us gain confidence functioning in the physical world. Negatively, our parent may have been ensalved by his or her senses, attempting to chain us likewise to a predominantly physical level of existence. We may have been overindulged rather than deprived; provided with excess food, money or other comforts of living without our needing to ask, so that we came to expect to be provided for; or we may have been dominated by a possessive parent and learned to resist intrusion by dawdling or by turning to possessive and clinging behaviors ourselves.

We may repeatedly give ourselves messages about our lack of value or competence; about holding on rather than letting go; about the necessity of earning more money and maintaining our job security; or about the importance of purchasing and enjoying all the comforts and physical pleasures which soothe us. We may coddle ourselves into too easy a lifestyle or defend against our needs by maintaining too rigid a self-sufficiency. To successfully reparent our Taurean inner child, we may have to reassess those internal messages which keep us bound in unsatisfying habits and behaviors, and to develop new messages which: a) build our self-confidence, helping us to trust and discover our internal resources and internal security base; b) encourage us to experience and satisfy the most essential needs of our bodies rather than become mired in patterns of laziness, sensual gratification and physical or material greed; c) allow us to relax and surrender to our deeper beings, so that we may let go of our possessiveness or compulsive self-sufficiency and experience our capacity truly to give and receive warmth and devotion.

(Haydn Paul)

The Moon is exalted in the sign of Taurus, and this will be displayed by an emphasis of Taurus and Moon patterns of personality and behavior. The concept of roots will be extremely important and meaningful for you. Through creating an organized life-style routine, you will feel more secure and inwardly stable.

Change is viewed with unease; you react against external threats to disrupt your established lifestyle and behavior patterns. As you rely on traditional cultural attitudes, beliefs, values, and behavioral standards, you reflect the dominating customs of society and peer-group associations. Those who would bring radical change to this static social pattern are seen as dangerous; and because your identity is so attuned to this social collective consciousness, your attitudes are usually conservative and uphold the status quo. Your peace of mind comes through repetitive routine, where consistency is an important quality. You hate having your

habits disturbed, and resist having to make changes at all; in fact, you can find it challenging to alter inner patterns.

You have materialistic and pragmatic views, relying on tangible aspects of life and evaluating things through this perspective. You may tend to dismiss artistic or intellectual styles of expression as too abstract, and feel uncomfortable with more subtle, intuitive types of feelings, as they hint at rather than give clear messages. Financial security is essential to your emotional peace, and you should have good financial skills to satisfy your desires for a physically comfortable environment. Once attained, the enjoyment of sensuality and luxury may make you a little apathetic and lazy. You may need others to prod you into new activities and projects, although, once provoked into action, your commitment and persistence should ensure success.

Intimate relationships are important for emotional well-being; and these have to be well-founded, secure and reliable for you to feel content. Your energies are applied toward creating permanence in life: a comfortable home, economic security, stable employment, marriage, family, and barriers to fend away any threats to this stability.

Within your inner life, the same tendency exists; there may be denial and repression of any impulses or feelings that cannot be easily categorized and fitted into your life pattern. You may try to impose self-control over your emotions, as volatility is considered highly threatening; you will not want anyone close who displays emotional changes, moods, and unpredictability, as this is a reminder that you cannot control everything.

Underlying these tendencies is the probability that you feel personally insecure, having doubts about your self-worth and abilities, afraid of letting go, and an inability to cope without familiar life-style patterns. Such external supports include the family circle, relationship dependency, food addictions, money, and status. While you freely give support and physical affection to your family, you may also treat them possessively; their important role in building your security buffers should not be underemphasized.

You may need more flexibility in both inner and outer behavior patterns. Your security is actually fragile and vulnerable, and liable to be disrupted by the vicissitudes of life. More self-sufficiency and faith in yourself is required, as you become confident of your personal strength and in your ability to exploit talents and personal resources.

Habit patterns should not be perceived as emotionally inviolable; and greater flexibility should ideally be built into them, as a risk-free life is virtually impossible. Possessive tendencies may need to be reduced, as does personal rigidity, which only inhibits experience and self-expression. Slowly, such barriers need to be dismantled, feelings accepted and shared. A willingness to acknowledge the reality of life's more subtle dimensions is required, as this will be enriching. Focusing just on security needs will repress feelings and negatively condition your worldview with fears, anxiety, and insecurities. Learning how to satisfy deeper needs and how to relax into enjoyment will release higher personal qualities and assist in unfolding your potential.

(Skye Alexander)

Easy-going, even-tempered and good-natured, you are a pleasant companion and a devoted friend. It takes a lot to make you mad; you're a lover, not a fighter. You don't waste a lot of emotional energy worrying over trifles or engaging in life's intrigues and melodramas.

Your needs and desires are simple, down-to-earth and of a practical, physical nature. Sensual and strongly sexual, you have a direct and unabashed enjoyment of sex, and an innate understanding of what makes people feel good. You are nurtured by all kinds of physical contact, and are especially fond of hugs and back rubs. With friends and lovers you can be quite demonstrative, and even like to touch casual acquaintances and total strangers when you talk to them.

No lover of yours will ever feel starved for affection, though he / she might feel smothered at times by your possessiveness. You understand the world in terms of material goods and ownership, and tend to forget that people are not possessions. Generous with those you care about, you need to guard against trying to buy love. Not above being 'bought' yourself, you might be of the opinion that it's just as easy to fall in love with a rich man / woman as a poor one; and the road to your heart may lead through Tiffany's. You tend to measure someone by what he / she owns, and are inclined to look only at a partner's physical appearance and portfolio; thus, you can be quite superficial in your choice of mates.

Your fondness for wealth and innate understanding of the material world might result in a natural business sense of a gift for making money.

You need stability, predictability and a sense of permanence in your life. You don't make changes easily, aren't interested in anything new or 'different', and are anything but spontaneous. Once you settle in - to a job, a home or a relationship - you want to stay put, forever. Consequently, you are a loyal and steadfast partner. However, you are also terribly stubborn. Like a large, slow-moving oil tanker, once you've set your course it's almost impossible to turn you around (mentally, physically or emotionally).

This characteristic may show up in your socio-political attitudes. You are inclined to be cautious, conservative, and concerned with material, practical, day-to-day issues.

You love your creature comforts and appreciate beautiful clothing, jewellery, furniture, art, good wine and food. Extremely indulgent, especially when it comes to sensory pleasures, you hate to deny yourself anything and are usually in debt. Your possessions also give you a sense of self-worth and stability.

You have innate good taste; your home seems to be waiting for House Beautiful's photographers, and your wardrobe is right out of Vogue magazine. Your 'good taste' usually includes fine food and drink, and if you aren't a gourmet chef, you at least enjoy cooking and eating well. Your motto might be 'eat, drink and be merry'. And since you're not fond of exercise, you have a tendency to put on weight.

Most probably, you possess some artistic ability and good color sense. Your natural talents probably lean toward sculpture, interior decorating, theatre set design, pottery, or other art forms that involve three-dimensional objects and the use of physical space.

The home in which you were raised was probably stable, materially secure and relatively placid (unless Mars, Uranus or Pluto is in hard aspect to your Moon). Intellectual stimulation may have been minimal, but your physical needs were always taken care of (unless the Moon and Saturn are in hard aspect). Your parents might have emphasized material things; either they were financially well-off, or they were eager to appear so. Your mother, in particular (or your nurturing parent) was probably affectionate, attentive to your needs and dependable. She also may have been a good cook and was dedicated to making the home as pleasurable as possible.

However, you might have felt a bit limited or smothered by your mother, and she probably tried to keep you tied tightly to her apron strings.

With your own children, you also are loving, affectionate and overly protective. You can't imagine your children as independent entities, and might even think of them as your possessions. You want them to have the best of everything, lavish them with gifts, and probably spoil them shamelessly.

Women usually respond to this energy easily and openly. Men sometimes project it onto the women in their lives, and may be attracted to women who are affectionate, domestic, earthy, strongly sexual and sensual.

(Marion D. March and Joan Mc.Evers)

Centered in the material plane, your emotions are attracted to material comforts and possessions. With a Taurus Moon you want the best of everything, and you rarely settle for less. The Moon is exalted in Taurus; this brings out the reflective and steady side of the Moon and de-emphasizes the Moon's changeable side.

You will stick to your ideals through thick and thin. You are blindly faithful, sentimental, affectionate and basically timid. You may lack originality, so try not to be too fixed in your ways.

Your reactions to sense impressions are slow but strong. You have an accurate memory. You will ponder over an action for a long time, using premises, ethics and ideals; and you assimilate and act upon information in a slow and steady manner. It is difficult for you to change your mind, and you resent any interference once you have reached a decision. You are a determined person, with well-developed intuition and sound judgement. You want to excel in whatever you do. You are acquisitive, not only in land, art and other possessions, but also in friendship.

Your sense of touch and taste is highly developed, and you probably have a pleasant speaking and singing voice. Fond of music, art, dancing and all the things that make life more pleasureable, you need to gratify your physical appetites. You only welcome those ideas which are compatible with your stable temperament. You may be narrow-minded, and you are conservative and conventional. Pride, laziness, jealousy and too much stubbornness must be guarded against. Once set on a course, you forge ahead slowly but unswervingly.

You seldom succeed in leaving the family tradition or training and ideals that were imposed upon you by your mother, with whom you are closely, though not necessarily happily, linked. You have loyal and lasting relationships in friendship, love and marriage.

This position of the Moon may indicate gardening ability. In a man's chart it attracts a loyal partner who encourages his ambitions.

(Sasha Fenton)

The Moon is fairly comfortable in Taurus, adding a measure of stability to the personality and bestowing an uncomplicated response to sensual pleasures. You enjoy eating, drinking, making love and listening to music. The feminine aspect of this placement prevents you from being much of an initiator; indeed, you prefer to spend your life sailing along a steady course rather than for it to be full of storms and disruption. The fixity of Taurus stabilizes the natural restlessness of the Moon, making you very purposeful and determined, particularly when it comes to getting

what you want or hanging on to what you have. You try at all times to maintain the status quo; you may find that the circumstances of your life force you into this position. You might even find yourself putting up with a long-term lifestyle which is not of your choosing. The Moon is said to be 'exalted' in the sign of Taurus, which gives an inner sense of strength and resilience. Lunar Taureans, therefore, are noted for their generally robust health and their ability to obtain practical results in all that they undertake.

People who have the Moon in an Earth sign love the natural world, which means that you make a hobby out of botany or animal biology. You could become involved in some scheme that seeks to preserve the countryside (this is more likely if there is any Aquarius on your birth chart). Even if you are not actively involved with these pursuits, you will love getting out into the fresh air and into your garden. Many lunar Taureans choose to work as representatives or even milkmen, so that they can be out and about and keep in tune with the seasons. You have a strong need to build for the future and create things which will be useful and long-lasting; this could be reflected in your choice of a career. You like the sea, but not with the same intensity as the solar or lunar Cancerian; you wouldn't have any great urge to run off and join the navy. Your affinity with nature could lead you to take an interest in the old religions of earth magic and the 'craft'.

You don't enter into relationships lightly; the fixity of Taurus plus your inner urge to build and preserve leads you to take any form of emotional commitment very seriously. Most astrology books tell us that this Moon position leads to possessiveness and jealousy; and, to some extent, this is true. Possessiveness is more of a problem than envy or jealousy, but this is a rather subtle concept to grasp. You don't envy the things that other people have or the relationships that they enjoy, but if your partner were to leave you for another, you would be very jealous indeed. If the object of your love promised to leave his or her partner for you, you would believe him / her; if you then found him / her dragging his / her feet, you would become very upset and would remain that way for years. It is not easy for you to give in gracefully and accept defeat, especially in the face of what you see as a form of betrayal. This tenacity and endurance are both the strengths and the weaknesses of this particular Moon sign placement.

Your senses are strong, especially touch and smell; you love the scent of flowers and the feel of velvet. Your musical taste is well-developed; one Moon in Taurus lady told me that she hates the sound of a 'murdered song' but loves the sound of laughter. Obviously this sensuality leads to a love of sex with all its scents, textures and passions; however, relating is more important to you than sex for its own sake. You love to be cuddled and stroked in both a sexual and an affectionate manner; and ideally for you all this snuggling should take place within marriage.

You are, under normal circumstances, reliable and steady in relationships. You prefer to be faithful to your partner, but if for some reason you find this impossible, then you would try hard to wait for your children to grow up before actually leaving the family home; you try to do your duty for however long it takes. Oddly enough you are quite a flirt but this is 'social' flirting which is not intended to be taken seriously. You don't flirt in order to make your partner jealous; you do it just for the fun of it. You can appear to be intrusive or possessive to those who are close to you ('Where are you going, and when do you intend to be back?'); this is not intended to irritate them or to show any lack of trust on your part; you just need to make sure that your family is safe. My Moon in Taurus husband, Tony, likes me to be around. He isn't afraid that I will run off with someone else; he just worries about me. When a friend commented to him about this he told them, 'If Sasha is not home at the time she says that she will be, I start to think that she has had an accident. I have to get up early for my work,

and if I am kept awake worrying about her, then I get annoyed'. There is no way of changing this person's nature; one just has to be grateful that they care - there are plenty who don't.

You take naturally to parenthood; you love your own children and have patience with those of others. If you marry someone who already has a family, you cope with this very well. You take a responsible attitude towards those who depend upon you, both older and younger members of the family, even pets, without making heavy weather of this. You are very loving and caring, and really enjoy looking after, even waiting upon, those you love; but you become understandably resentful if this care is taken for granted and not appreciated. You are good with sick people as long as there is not too much mess to clear up; the one thing you really hate is the sight of blood (especially your own). Sometimes this practical type of caring is not enough and you may miss some essential element in your partner's make-up and fail to give him or her the understanding that he / she needs. Bethany, a really sensitive and intelligent friend of mine, summed this up by telling me that 'I just couldn't figure out what it was that my ex-husband really wanted from me half the time. I obviously missed something but, even now, I'm not sure that I can see what it was.'

You yourself strongly need the closeness of a family around you. Your sense of loyalty makes you jump to the defence of any member of your family who is criticized by an outsider. However, you yourself are convinced that you have every right to criticize them! Your own deep attachment to your family, your occasional misplaced pride in them, and your desire for them to have the best and be the best, can make you over-critical and even tyrannical at times (especially when you are in a bad mood). A strange fault of yours is that you seem unable to cope with people who lack confidence in themselves. You could even squash the little that they have. You need a certain amount of standing up to. You could actually belittle a partner, even belittle your own children if you suspected too much weakness. You respect strength, possibly because you need to 'tap into' the strength of the other person. You are not necessarily competitive though, and would help a partner or workmate to get ahead. Above all you need a stimulating partner who has similar interests to yourself. You are emotionally habit-forming, not keen on too much change or excitement. You must beware that monotony does not seep into your sexual behaviour.

You are attracted to beauty and people who have cheerful, pleasant natures. Your pet hates are fatness, ugliness and people who wear dirty, tatty clothing. Both the people around you and your own surroundings must be clean and attractive.

You have the quality of basic common sense (rare sense perhaps?). You like your bills to be paid on time, are careful with money, and like to have some savings to fall back on; but despite this, you are not unduly lucky with money and can be taken in by a confidence trickster. There are times when your judgement deserts you. Occasionally your patience deserts you and this can be an interesting experience for those around you as your temper is really fearful when it is unleashed; it can overwhelm you and cause you to cut your nose off to spite your face.

You control your feelings very well and are adept at hiding them from others, probably due to childhood training; Taurus being a feminine and emotional sign, this repression can lead to moodiness. You may break out in a sudden angry response; if someone were to push in front of you in a queue, for instance, you may react differently from one day to another. Being naturally rather cautious, you prefer to allow new acquaintances to do the talking; it is only when you know people better that you can relax and open up. You are not above a bit of manipulation in social circumstances, but will generally use it in the form of humour to defuse a tense situation. You usually guard your tongue well, and rarely run off at the mouth. Once

you have formed an opinion it is hard for you to alter it. You can have the rather unfortunate habit of laying the law down to others.

You are undoubtedly ambitious, both for yourself and for your family. Women with this placement seem to be given the message by their parents that they should stick to the old-fashioned idea of the feminine role; and, therefore, often start out as secretaries, nurses or children's nannies. All the lunar Taurean women to whom I have spoken tell me that they resented this bitterly, and also resented the associated implication that they were not as bright or as important as their brothers. They have all subsequently drifted towards less overtly feminine forms of work.

In common with the other Earth signs of Capricorn and Virgo, lunar Taureans of both sexes have to put aside their dreams and ambitions for the sake of practicalities. Later on in life they may not bother to revive those dreams, which I think is rather a shame. One lady told me that she always dreamed of carrying the Olympic torch. Many of you dream about being a musician, dancer or singer; but with a bit of luck from elsewhere on your birthchart, you may just be able to make it into showbusiness. Your practical side leads you to supply people with the things that they need; therefore you may deal in food, furniture, household objects, or even the things which help people make themselves and their homes attractive. Other typical Taurean trades are building, architecture, farming, market gardening, make-up artist, musician, artist and dancer. Because it is the Moon that we are dealing with here, you will not necessarily follow a Taurean trade at all; however, the need to be useful, get out and about and help to create something which is both durable and pleasing to the eye is a strong motivating force. You are not drawn to speculative ventures, which is just as well as you are neither a lucky gambler nor particularly good at handling business crises. You are not keen on sending memos or making up office reports - for one thing, you hate anything to be too cut-and-dried; however, if you have to produce these, you will do so thoroughly.

A couple of final comments on attitude to work. You prefer to find a steady job and stick to it. You finish practically everything you start; and although not terrifically analytical, you can deal with details without becoming bored. Your persistence makes you good in the field of sales; your flair for beauty could lead to a career in marketing (especially luxury products). A lot of this depends upon the rest of the chart, as a touch of Pisces, Aquarius or Sagittarius for instance would add the ingredient of imagination. You hate to be rushed; you can cope with anything when left to work at your own pace.

According to most astrology books you should have good parents and have enjoyed a happy and peaceful childhood. My experience as an astrologer tells me that this is just not so. Whenever the Moon is in a fixed sign there is at least one parent who has a bullying or intransigent attitude towards the subject. This may be due to the fact that the parent has had a hard life him- / herself, and has subsequently developed a hard and unsympathetic outlook. A high proportion of lunar Taureans have at least one parent born under the sign of Aquarius, which leads to total lack of understanding and communication. All this leads to an almost Scorpionic ability to keep your thoughts and feelings away from your parents. This is fair enough as a survival mechanism, but the danger is that this behaviour will be carried over into other relationships or later dealings with 'authority' figures.

It seems that one of your parents grew up in some kind of deprived circumstances. This is more likely to have been poverty, a lack of opportunity and a lack of material security than lack of love (although that could apply too.) This parent, therefore, is left with the feeling that things are safer than people, and that one must obtain goods and money in order to survive. There seems to be little space in the parent's head for love, understanding and sensitivity to the child. You may have come from a

comfortable home where your practical needs were taken care of but there will have been some lack of understanding. One of your parents may have been ill, a hypochondriac or just weak-willed. You probably harbour feelings of contempt for this parent, and these are very well-hidden - even from yourself. You may feel that the weaker parent could have done more for you, and more for him- / herself as well.

Most women with this Moon placement marry quite young and have children early. Lunar Taurean judgement being what it is, the first marriage might well turn out to be a mistake. It appears that you are attracted to exciting types who in your eyes complement your own stodginess. These types are too exciting to be good family men; therefore the disappointments are a kind of double blow. The result of this can push female Taureans into exciting careers as a result of the need for financial survival.

Insofar as the Moon influences health on a birthchart, an afflicted Moon in Taurus would bring problems in the area of the lower jaw, ears, throat, voice and tonsils. There may be thyroid problems and even, just possible, diabetes. You may have that famous Taurean tendency to gain weight, but this will be mitigated if there is a lot of air on your chart.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

According to tradition, the influence of the Moon is particularly powerful in this sign, because it is exalted. Bear this in mind when reaching conclusions about the interpretation of the Moon in Taurus.

A secure background to life is needed by Moon sign Taureans, both materially and emotionally, and those with this placing will respond very quickly and defensively when their background is threatened. Even if they are not particularly concerned with building up a good bank balance, or if they rely too heavily on their partner for support, their instinct will be to spring into action when in difficulties, and do everything in their power to ensure that their world is kept intact.

The conservatism and conventionality of Taurus may well clash with other areas of the subject's chart. Self-absorption will definitely be seen; and an independent, freedom-loving person can suddenly make a complete about-face.

If a strict adherence to convention is indicated elsewhere in the chart (a Capricorn Sun or Ascendant sign, for instance), the characteristics of this placing will blend into the personality, and the instinctive responses will not be a source of conflict.

The emergence of possessiveness, the worst Taurean fault, may need countering, but this will be hard to do. Practicality will be considerable, and a common sense approach to life will be a great asset, especially if a certain adventurousness is indicated by other planetary positions.

The stubbornness common to this sign will be present, but again this may only be an immediate reaction, with flexibility present on other levels. If there is a preponderance of fixed signs, bloody-mindedness and getting in a rut can become on-going problems.

The Taurean love of good food and living, and a need to surround the self with beautiful, comfortable objects, may be apparent. Since the Moon is related to the health, it is necessary for the subject to realize that - especially when under stress - he or she is likely to indulge in chocolate bars and other comfort food. Weight gain can be the result. The throat, too, is rather vulnerable - link any such comments in

your interpretation to the fact that this area of the subject's body may easily react to stress or general infection.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The Moon in the sign Taurus indicates a need for financial and material security in order to attain emotional well-being. The Moon in Taurus is very strong because it is in the sign of its exaltation. The emotions tend to be steady and placid. There is a great deal of common sense in handling financial and domestic affairs. This is also the 'green thumb' position. The position demands stimulation from other people to launch new projects, but once projects are begun there is steadfastness, and the persistence to see matters through to their end. New endeavors are not usually started until old ones have been completed.

This position of the Moon attracts wealth and the good things of life. As a rule, natives are fond of good food and seek material comforts. A stable domestic situation is important to their emotional security.

If the Moon is afflicted in Taurus, there can be unwillingness to change established emotional attitudes. Often this affliction can indicate a tendency to laziness and an excess attachment to material comforts.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a steady though stubborn soul. You need to be physically satisfied, but this may give rise to your being psychologically unaware. You have the instinct to find material security - which could necessitate enduring emotional limitations. Your mother is seen or expressed as one who is a provider, but could also be seen as a burden.

You naturally respond towards Other with a sense of emotional permanence and stability; in a physical, material or sensuous manner, providing Other with the necessary creature comforts; and in a very real, substantial way, giving value for value.

Your inner child reacts with a great resistance to any change that might threaten, even when such changes are in aid of (re-)establishing security; by withholding or overlooking emotional and intangible favours; and by wanting to possess Other as if he / she were personal property.

You are unconsciously drawn towards relationships that are based upon material stability and physical gratification rather than spiritual growth. You gravitate towards the pleasures of the flesh, or Others who spice up your life, by way of compensation. And you are drawn to Others who are in great need of material support or physical affection or attention.

You can get caught up in relationships where Other is more dependent upon what you have than what you are; in relationships where stagnation and meaninglessness begin to reign, forcing you to review your motivations, or to stray; and in being heavily depended upon.

When you are alone, or simply being made to feel alone, it will be down to the factor of worth. Taurus Moon emphasizes the importance of material stability and of relationships having a permanence to them. This is all very well, but 'man does not live by bread alone', meaning that what is also needed to keep a relationship alive are more intangible qualities like mutual creative involvement (as opposed to child-

rearing), personal growth and change, or romance (whatever that might mean to you). And so there can come a time when the absence of one or more such qualities in your relationship starts to make the relationship 'bottom-heavy' in that it has all the 'things and trappings' but no zing or meaning to it. It just rumbles along, very slowly, and eventually comes to a halt. If you have not found a suitable Other at all, it will be because such overly basic values have prevented this from happening. Alternatively, you may lack a sense of self-worth and therefore not attract an Other. But it would still come down to assessing yourself merely by material values.

(Grant Lewi)

Your image of yourself is flattering not because of any special quality you select so much as because you just think well of yourself. This can make for smugness, conceit and laziness; and it always warns you not to take too seriously what you tell yourself, but to keep your eye on what other people think of you. Follow your Sun-nature energetically or you will be lost in relaxation and uselessness. You have such a good time being pleased with life! You need to stimulate yourself consciously, for you are not a self-starter. You're likely to be popular because, demanding little of yourself, you also demand little of others and are the most agreeable of companions. You are not likely to be ardent in human relations; you take what comes, especially if it isn't too much trouble. Your assumption that you have the good things of life coming to you generally is carried out by the facts; you seem to make your picture of yourself as a luxurious creature come true in material affairs. When you have learned to follow your solar urges aggressively, when you are determined to be the best that your Sun sign has to offer, you go far. You then turn self-satisfaction into active self-confidence, and you can have the world at your feet. The danger is that, sensing this, you won't ever do anything about it, will remain content in knowing you could do if you would, and thus never be anything but a gracious, affable and charming person. And, of course, that's not to be sneezed at.

(Robert Hand)

You like warmth, comfort, and the security of familiar surroundings. You like to be near a fire or in a favorite chair, and you enjoy good food. A very loving and affectionate person, you also need love and affection from the people around you. It is important for you to know that everything around you is going on as usual. you are not very fond of changes, especially in your own little world.

But you are very patient and do not get upset easily. When other people are angry and emotional, you can keep calm and make everything all right again. Even while you are young, others may come to you for help and advice because you are supportive.

Sometimes you find it hard to get going. You may be reluctant to leave a comfortable situation and go out to get some work done, or you may have trouble getting up in the morning. And when you do get going, you move a bit more slowly than most people, which may be rather annoying to others, but that is just your way.

Emotionally you are very stubborn. It is hard for you to change an attitude that is fixed in your mind, even when you have learned that it is not a correct attitude. You prefer familiar attitudes, just as you prefer familiar objects.

When you have money, you spend it very conservatively, except on things that you really like. You hold on to money, and you try to find ways of earning more, not because you are selfish, but because you like security.

(John Townley)

You are a person of great emotional substance, and you provide an excellent shoulder for an upset lover to cry on. You are not easily or quickly angered, but once your ire is aroused, you are a formidable antagonist with a long memory for grievances. Therefore it is a good idea to air any differences with your lover right away, because otherwise they may mount up and damage the relationship later.

You do not rush into a love affair, preferring to build it in careful stages. Then, even after the affair is over, a warm and lasting friendship will continue.

Your preference is for straightforward simplicity in a relationship. Elaborate courting rituals are not your style, for they just seem to confuse the situation. You may not insist on total fidelity, but you want your partner to tell you the truth at all times so you know right where you stand. In return, you are scrupulously honest with your lover, even when it hurts, for you believe that a long-lasting relationship must be based on honesty and must live up to that ideal.

In a relationship, you are the salt of the earth; a friend and lover your partner can always depend on, even in difficult times. You don't commit yourself lightly, and when you give your word, you stand by it, particularly a commitment given in love.

(Arlene Robertson)

Since the Moon is exalted in the Venus-ruled, fixed earth sign of Taurus, this placement is generally a comfortable one. The usual insecurities of the Cancer influence fade into the misty distance; and in their place comes a stabilized, solid response to the variables of daily living. You, with the Moon in Taurus, react to everyday events with an earthy practicality based on the belief that common sense will bring any upheavals or unpleasantness into line with everything perking along at its accustomed pace. You are probably a delight to have around - a refreshing antidote to the hysterics and dramatics manifested in other Moon signs.

Because you are so practical, your securities rest in the possessions which you collect in order to function, and, in some instances, to function superbly. Owning many valuable things makes you feel secure. Anything involving real estate, which primarily means a home, is a joy - for what could be more secure than a home to return to at the end of the day - your own home and your own plot of ground? The Taurus bull needs the earth to give him sustenance. Here you share something in common with the Cancer Moon position as ruler of the fourth house where your roots come from, for surely your roots in your own home go deep into the ground and feed your soul.

Using your native practicality, you often say, 'What is more practical than money in the bank?' - or, as a second choice, valuable belongings like gold and jewellery which can be traded for money. When you are assured that the bills will get paid and that no bank will foreclose on your mortgage, you can relax and enjoy your emotional life.

Your ability to size up business opportunities is invaluable, for here your common sense takes over. With your strong feeling of self-worth, you know instinctively that none of life's favors is going to drop pell mell in your lap, that they are invariably acquired through hard work, not from some nebulous fairy godmother. You also know that you are capable of the labors needed to attain them, and the security so necessary for your peace of mind.

A negative reaction to the lack of possessions would result in clutching, hoarding,

holding on to even the most meager of your belongings. You might also become miserly and so fixed in response as to become rigid in your feelings.

You, the Taurus Moon person, expect others, especially family members, to behave toward you in a predictable way in your daily association. When on occasion a loved one responds in an unexpected manner, unfamiliar or alien to your expectations, you are emotionally wounded. 'You're doing that to hurt me', you might say. Or, 'If you really appreciated me you wouldn't act that way'. Your embarrassment mingles with your sense of disappointment and loss of power.

If you are a female with this placement, you look for a mate who will bring you financial security which, in turn, assures your emotional security. Or, if you are one of the new breed of career women, you are capable of climbing the ladder of success on your own and are thus able to obtain this necessary stability. If you are a mother at home with your children, you bestow on them a steady strong affection, a warmth, a sense of always being there when they need you.

If you are a male with this placement, your feeling of self-worth is very strong as you toil steadily for your family, your home, your piece of real estate. Deep within, you understand that the success you crave will come to you only because of your hard work.

Once this is achieved, you are also capable of relaxing and enjoying all your fruits - a beautiful home, bountiful food and wine, expensive clothes, the sleek luxurious automobile resplendent in the garage. As a father, you are indulgent, proud of your children and eager to give them every opportunity to enjoy life. But you also teach them how imperative it is for them to earn their own way.

If both partners in a marriage or close relationship have this same need for emotional security, achieved through love of home and possessions, their life together will be far smoother and more rewarding than one in which one partner is indifferent to possessions.

Keynote: An abundance of materials suggests constructive activities.

Symbol: A housewife, surveying her food-laden shelves, plans a party.

A person with the Moon in Taurus generally has a faculty for being both resourceful and well-equipped. This is a fortunate position since the Moon, which rules the realm of responses, can make use of the substance supplied by this sign of material plenitude.

Just as the power of the Sun is reinforced by the outgoing energy of Mars, the absorbing capacity of the Moon is supplemented by the ingathering magnetism of Venus. Consequently, the Sun is exalted in Mars-ruled Aries, and the Moon is exalted in Venus-ruled Taurus.

In Taurus, the inconstancy of the ever-changing Moon is made reliable. The emotional sensitivity of the lunar temperament is steadied by the earthy sensibility of this pragmatic sign. The female of the species is reputed to be capricious, yet women everywhere are remarkably unwavering in their desire for domestic tranquillity. In general, the negative or feminine signs serve as conserving forces in the economy of the zodiac. The restraint which the slow rhythm of Taurus imposes upon the Moon's fluctuations can be a steadying influence, just as a certain degree of reticence is becoming to a woman.

Lunar Taureans are attached to their families, and are often preoccupied with their

ancestral homes and traditions. They have an instinct for business which enables them to amass money and invest it sensibly. Even when not personally wealthy, they are assisted by well-to-do supporters. Funds are plowed into worthy enterprises which grow, bear fruit, and propagate. These individuals can sense what the public wants and is willing to purchase. They prosper in work connected with food, such as restaurants, grocery stores, and farming. They also take an interest in real estate, and like to deal with tangible assets, such as land and houses.

People with the Moon in Taurus are often attracted to occupations involving the use of the voice, such as singing, public speaking, and broadcasting. A pleasing appearance and an agreeable manner contribute to their success. Their memories are retentive; and once something has impressed them, it is seldom forgotten.

Wherever Taurus dominates the scene, difficulties can arise because of an undue fondness for the good things in life. Overindulgence in food and drink may lead to a weight problem.

Lunar Taureans hesitate to launch new ventures. The Moon needs to be stimulated by outside forces since it has no initiating power of its own. The prudent Taurean seldom welcomes new ideas, although he enjoys seeing the old ones dressed up as the latest thing. Often, he will persist in a course of action merely to avoid upsetting the status quo. Taurus is one of the four zodiacal 'power signs', but much of its potency depends on sheer physical bulk. The charging bull, once aroused to action, is not easily swerved from its course. Similarly, Taurus makes up in momentum what it lacks in maneuverability.

The prototype of the undeveloped lunar Taurean is the stolid peasant who cannot see why it should not be possible for him to have more of the things he wants without the mental discomfort of having to make radical changes to his ingrained habits. The Moon represents the pull of the past, which in Taurus can harden into stubborn prejudice. However, the higher types of Taureans are deeply sympathetic and ready to give practical help to all who are in need. They do not offer lip service to their ideals, but faithfully nourish, sustain and maintain the verities they hold dear.

## **Natal Moon in Gemini**

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

When you seek others to provide an emotional escape from the isolation of your mental gymnastics, you embark on a search for the perfect person. This may lead to the frustration of never finding a single relationship that can satisfy and provide release from idealistic mental visions.

If you lack confidence in your instincts, you may fear losing one option by choosing another. Such behavior does not bring stability in relationships. Constant disillusionment can result in an endless series of relationships, a scattering of energies, and loss of identity.

It can be difficult to see inspiring influences that you can trust and aim toward. This results in a loss of confidence in your ability to be spontaneous. You may hold back in communicating, due to fearing that others will judge you; thus, you lose the benefit of others' abilities to put your ideas in a practical perspective. You may deprive yourself of the very solutions you seek by withholding the truth.

## Dynamic

You can create an atmosphere in which you get your point across by noticing that logical methods have not worked. The truth is that others cannot accept ideas that are not relevant to the practical solutions they are seeking. The lesson is to allow the needs of others to direct your mental talents so that you can share ideas they can accept. This is accomplished by focusing beyond the threat of others' motives. Then you can see the disorder in their lives and their attempts to organize themselves.

Sacrificing the assumption that you know what is right in the long run enables you to accept the needs of others. This acceptance allows their goals to guide your intuitive talents for mutually beneficial and practical results. When you realize that in order to achieve happiness it must be given to others, you experience what you are giving in the process. This interaction brings about wholehearted participation in assisting others to find their answers.

When you pay attention to problems others are having in their daily lives, you can make a commitment to serve on a practical level. Thus, you discover the very solutions that are next on your own path. You gain the spontaneous faith you need by encouraging others to believe in themselves. The power to direct your life is finally realized as a by-product of inspiring others; and your own role as a mentor is appropriately exercised. The realization that your excitement comes from serving and inspiring others develops unshakable self-confidence and a sense of variety in all relationships.

## General

You have a feeling of incessant restlessness. You feel the urge to move on, thinking that there is always something new and exciting over the next hill or that the grass is greener in the next location. What actually lures you on is the feeling that the next piece of information to be gained and shared with others is to be found in the next town. Thus, the urge for continual movement from person to person continues.

You are constantly seeking new mental stimulation and may have a difficult time settling down with one person in a family relationship. An internal restlessness drives you on with the lure that the best relationship is just over the next hill. This idea can lead to a feeling of dissatisfaction in whatever relationship you are in, no matter how idyllic or healthy it may be for you.

You are learning to relax, to deepen your mental connection with those in your immediate environment so that the stimulation you seek can be satisfied at deeper, more profound levels. You are learning to exchange a quantity of ideas for the quality of a deep rapport by integrating the dimension of feeling into your arena of mental exchange. In this way your desires for constant communication take on a new dimension of satisfaction and fulfillment.

In order to develop deep mental connections with others, you are learning that you must first develop a connection with your own spiritual, intuitive processes. Once in touch with your intuition, you will have access to the information you need, when you need it, without the restless feeling that you continually need more information in order to feel secure. Then you can share ideas with others with a feeling of ease based on the joy of exchanging those energies that release both people into truth.

(Tracy Marks)

Those of us with Moon in Gemini need to communicate verbally, to interact with a

variety of people, to awaken and satisfy our curiosity, to train and utilize our minds, to develop basic skills, and to be open to and engaged by a stimulating environment. The deepest needs of our Gemini Moon pertain to experiencing and expressing our feelings in relationship, and to cultivating a network of people and activities which truly nourish us rather than simply pique our interest. We also benefit by feeding our hunger for knowledge and developing our capacities as thinkers and communicators.

When our real needs are not met, we may lose ourselves in compulsive Gemini behaviors - we may talk incessantly and superficially without making real contact; we may scatter our energies widely, shifting from person to person and activity to activity without experiencing fulfillment anywhere. We may seek refuge in knowledge for knowledge's sake and intellectual activity as an escape from feeling.

Negatively, our Gemini Moon suggests that we experienced one or both of our parental figures as changeable or inconstant, as overly identified with the mind and inclined to rationalize and intellectualize rather than directly express feeling. Such a parent may also have been high-strung, nervous, and preoccupied with trivia. Positively, our parent may have encouraged and supported our verbal and intellectual abilities and provided us with considerable stimulation and challenge.

If our parent did not provide the nurturance we needed, we may have internalized messages which incline us to deny or explain away our feelings, and to remain open to too many outside influences at the expense of learning to make commitments or develop an area of expertise. Feeling insecure in our bodies and emotions, we may have exercised our mental capacities to such a degree that we have become adept at rationalization and prone to use words and superficial interactions to defend against our needs for real contact, intimacy and communication. Our task may be to reconnect with our feelings and bodies in such a way that we may think, communicate and structure our lives to make our mental activities and relationships truly nourishing.

(Sydney Omarr)

The Moon in Gemini is indicative of one who is mentally alert, keen on self-expression - perhaps a literary buff, a reporter, one who can tell a good story, is adaptable, versatile, and has a tendency to scatter his forces. Seems to move about constantly - if not physically, then certainly mentally. He can see various points of view, but doesn't often go too deeply into any one subject.

He can be perceptive, can hit at the truth in a lighthearted manner; he would make a good satirist, for he is flexible, tends to doubt the seriousness of his own acts, intentions, statements, writings. He would make an excellent humorist, but when things are not going just right, he is inclined to nervousness, brooding, self-suspicion, doubt, envy, and perhaps even a 'persecution complex'.

He is articulate, seldom at a loss for words; but he might spread himself too thin, at times becoming involved in absurd causes, attracting 'tricky' friends, flirting with the underground or passing a bit of money under the table.

He possesses a great amount of curiosity, but once he finds the answer, or thinks he has, he tends to lose interest. He does not have the staying power of the Moon in Taurus, but he is a better self-starter - more active and more likely to do something about changing an unpleasant situation.

Self-control is essential. Greater self-discipline is also necessary if the native is to be more than merely an attractive but superficial individual.

The native finds it fun to use his hands skillfully, such as in sleight-of-hand; he is fond of short journeys, getting around and contacting people. He would make an excellent salesman, is capable of living by his wits, and is willing to experiment with an occupation.

His strong points: versatility, curiosity. His weak one: a tendency to be superficial and flashy rather than thorough and knowledgeable.  
(Haydn Paul)

You will feel an important need for mental stimulation, verbal communication, and a variety of relationships with others. Satisfying an alert curiosity and a desire to know will be a high priority, and your intellectual life will be a continuing sequence of 'fascinations', as exploring areas of human knowledge attracts your interest. While, over time, you can acquire a broad knowledge base, you may tend to develop only superficial knowledge, lacking real expertise in any particular subject. But the Gemini influence is like the magpie's activities, and accumulation is the game played; this may partly satisfy the lunar need for acquisitiveness. Displaying a fund of information will be enjoyable, and you hope that others will be impressed and respect you more.

Mental stimulation enlivens your life, although, with the combined Gemini restlessness and Moon changeability, interest will wax and wane in most subjects, only to be reawakened by the next exciting set of ideas. Indeed, words, ideas, and symbolic conceptual structures may be especially attractive; and in these you can almost become lost; the danger may lie in the trap of misrepresentation, where you focus on the pointing finger instead of that toward which it is pointing.

You may favor the Gemini dimension of this astrological relationship, and there are benefits from following this. Mental development through training and constant use can help your responses to a highly stimulating environment; and any knowledge acquired can always have a potentially practical application. Rational analysis can be used for decision-making; and a higher quality of interpersonal communication may also be achieved when involving the intellect.

Yet there are also the more negative aspects of a Gemini-placed planet. Since Gemini characteristics are favored, the Moon influence receives less expression and acknowledgement. The negative attributes of an unbalanced Gemini Moon can include a lack of mental consistency, unduly influenced by every temporary attraction. Ideas and projects may suddenly be dropped due to more exciting ones appearing. The inability to sustain interest and complete things may be a weakness, both intellectually and in relationships. You insist on the freedom to change, and tend to express this by seeking variety, even to the point of being fickle with lovers and friends. You may find difficulty remaining committed to any idea or person for long; and being easily bored and restless does not help to create stability.

The Moon's influence and needs are probably denied to some degree, and yet will still filter into your life despite attempts to block them. Your emotions are changeable, and represent an unintegrated realm of your nature, one with which you prefer not to have to deal too often. Their subtle influence often distorts your reasoning faculty - even without your conscious realization - and helps to form judgements, decisions, and personal values, even if you do disguise these in apparent rationality. Begin to examine your defensive arguments, and you'll observe a deep emotional bias to them; what you are really protecting are unacknowledged lunar tendencies.

You may also attempt to rationalize away feelings, reducing their impact or covering

their inner messages - avoidance tactics. Ignoring instinctive feelings can lead to expressing more compulsive and negative Gemini-type behavior, such as excessive talking, continual information acquisition, engaging in a whirl of nonstop superficial social activity, or a general scattering and dissipation of personal energies.

If this happens, there may be an unconscious attempt to convey a message of confusion derived from previously ignored feelings and instincts. Often these are related to unease with the demands of your physical and emotional natures. Your mind has become overly dominating and out of harmony with other parts of your self. To redress this imbalance, you may need to reduce involvement in any wide diversity of activities and interests, and, at least temporarily, recenter yourself; stop displacing your identity into external interests and activities.

Relationships need transforming so that you become free to experience and express whatever you really feel, perhaps by concentrating on the quality of interpersonal communication with a more select and intimate group of friends and family. Essentially, you may need to re-evolve the Moon qualities in yourself, integrate denied feelings, and allow them release and acceptance. Intellectual activity should not be used as an escape from or substitute for personal feelings. You may need to reconnect to any repressed instinctual feelings, satisfy emotional needs, and integrate your personality, rather than believe that fulfillment can be still found by repeatedly ignoring inner promptings. These needs are also an integral part of you, and require acknowledgement.

(Skye Alexander)

You are generally easy-going and good-natured, and rarely stay angry or unhappy for long. Friendly, gregarious and sociable, you probably have a large circle of friends, lovers and acquaintances. You enjoy parties and get-togethers of all sorts, and will find any excuse to socialize. When you can't visit with friends or family members in person, you call them on the 'phone or write them long, chatty letters.

All types of communication interest you, and you are never at a loss for words. You probably enjoy reading, writing, languages, word games, and of course, talking. Many people with this Moon placement have natural writing ability.

You are always eager to meet new people, and want to experience as many different kinds of relationships as possible. As a result, you find it almost impossible to remain faithful to one partner for long. You might miss out on something! Quantity is more important than quality to you, and you are inclined to be fickle. You'd prefer to have two (or more) partners simultaneously - if you can keep them from finding out about each other.

Emotionally shallow, you don't tend to form strong attachments or get deeply involved with anyone. Though you may marry or maintain long-term relationships, you never become really intimate with your partner(s). Unless you also have water signs prominent in your chart, it's almost as though you think your emotions rather than feel them. You aren't very introspective and don't examine life below the surface. Consequently, you tend to misinterpret other people's needs, motives and desires. Unless you have Scorpio or Capricorn energies prominent in your chart, you can be quite naive and are easily duped.

Freedom is important to you, and you don't want to be restricted by emotional demands. Jealousy and possessiveness have no place in your relationships, and if a partner becomes too clingy or serious you might start looking for someone new.

Infinitely curious, you want to know something about everything. A life-long student, you enjoy taking classes, reading, going to museums, attending lectures, socializing with people who can teach you new things, and sharing what you know with others. Ideas nourish you, and your minds never stops buzzing. Your interests are many and varied, and you'll try just about anything once. However, you have trouble sticking with anything for long, and don't usually become proficient in any area. Nervous and high-strung, you are rarely still, and tend to flit from one thing to another like a butterfly sampling flowers.

At an early age, you displayed your cleverness and your ability to learn quickly. You probably impressed your parents, who encouraged you to develop your mind. Perhaps your parents, or at least your mother (or nurturing parent), were intellectuals and valued mental ability. Your earliest recollections might be of your mother reading you stories or teaching you the alphabet. Your parents may have sent you to good schools and praised your mental acuity, but neglected to nurture your feeling side.

You strive to teach your own children all you can, and try to instill in them your love of knowledge. Though you enjoy talking with them, taking them places and playing games with them (non-physical ones), you aren't very comfortable showing them affection. Any sort of physical closeness can seem cloying, and your children may not get enough hugs and kisses from you.

Your physical home isn't terribly important to you, and you may never choose to own property; you don't want to be tied down or be responsible for maintaining it. Probably you change residences more often than most people. Other than books, you don't tend to acquire many possessions, and your home may seem rather stark and uncomfortable to those whose nesting instincts are stronger.

Because the Moon is an embodiment of female energy, women usually respond to it more easily than men do. Women with this Moon placement are likely to demonstrate their Gemini characteristics readily; men sometimes project this part of themselves onto the women in their lives and are attracted to women who are friendly, communicative, intelligent, high-strung and somewhat superficial.

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

You are interested in the intimate contact of the moment. Your emotional personality requires variety and novelty rather than duration and depth of feeling. You are generally incapable of long-sustained feelings or of undivided loyalties. Though at times you can be insensitive, your perceptions are quick and accurate. You sustain impressions through thought rather than feeling.

Your senses serve the intellect rather than the emotions. This results in an ability for dispassionate observation and reasoning. Your mind is changeable and at times chaotic, but you can assimilate an indefinite amount of detail. Being versatile and adaptable, you may have two or more vocations, often at the same time.

You have a fondness for action and movement, either physical or mental. Your hands are able, facile and skillful, and you have a well-developed sense of smell. You are not intuitive, but rather you are observant, quick to form impressions, and usually able to verbalize these impressions.

You are drawn to artistic and literary professions or any area involving communications. A preference, even a need, to do several things at once is important for your psychological well-being. The intellectual ability of this placement often

makes you an avid reader or a talented artisan.

You are reserved in personal matters, and at times others find you cold; you are more interested in the here and now than in the past. Torn apart by changing feelings, you can spread yourself too thinly and scatter your forces; this can manifest in nervous tension. You know how to play up to others, and at times you may be too shrewd for your own good. Your restless nature is always in search of something new.

This position of the Moon may indicate superficiality and a lack of domesticity in a woman's chart. A man with this placement is attracted to an intellectual partner who can fit herself into any social role.

You see your mother as emotionally detached, social and versatile, yet supportive of your education and early attempts at conversation.

(Sasha Fenton)

The Moon is not really comfortable in this sign, and this may lead to some conflict within the personality. The instability of Gemini plus the fluctuating nature of the Moon could make your emotions a little too changeable and your nerves jumpy. If you have something steady such as Leo or Taurus on your Sun or Ascendant, then the Gemini nervousness would just be confined to bouts of irritability. You are impatient with demanding people and cannot cope with those who are chronically ill. Your own health is not all that good but you try to ignore bouts of illness and hardly ever take time off work to recover or recuperate.

The mutability of this sign gives you a fascination for new and interesting people and places, and this leads you into the kind of job where you continually come across new people and get around from place to place. You like to be in the swing of things, and hate to miss anything that is going on. Your private life is probably less changeable, but you certainly have many friends and can usually be found on the end of a 'phone somewhere.

Women with the Moon in Gemini need to be out at work. This is even stronger with the lunar type than in women who have the Sun in Gemini because the underlying nature is highly ambitious and rather calculating. Both sexes like the home to be clean and orderly but are not interested in doing much housework themselves. Both sexes like to look nice and tend to feel confident if they go out knowing that they are well dressed. Your mind is very active and you may be intellectual; even with very little formal education, you would be a deep reader and a self-educator. Your mind (unless Mercury is badly placed) is very quick and acute; and you have a fine, fast sense of humour and a gift for making amusing and witty comments. The reverse of this coin is that you may become sarcastic if irritated. Lunar Geminians think fairly deeply and are less likely to be content with surface knowledge than are Sun in Gemini subjects. However, in addition to this depth of thought, you also have a dustbin-like mind full of rag-tag bits of knowledge. Although chatty and friendly to every new face on your scene, you do have strong relationships with your family and you will keep your most personal friends for years. Your moods change quickly but you don't sulk, and you have no patience with those who do. Your attention span is strange; people who moan about their problems or go on at length about their pet subject bore you, but an interesting book or TV programme will hold you riveted for ages. Your thought processes are logical and you learn in an orderly fashion, but you can blend this logical approach with instinctive or even psychic awareness if there is help from other areas of your birthchart.

There is a kind of Peter Pan aspect to this Moon position which I think may also apply

to the other air signs of Libra and Aquarius. Somehow you never see yourself as quite grown up, and can continue to display quite babyish behaviour when away from the outside world. The reverse side of the coin is that you do seem to keep your youthful looks and a young outlook to life far longer than most. You have creative and artistic ability, and may paint, or make ornaments or interesting clothes. You may be interested in model-making or computer techniques. You have strong dress sense and a good eye for matching up an outfit.

If given the opportunity, you learn to drive a car while you are in your teens, explore your own neighbourhood, and then travel the world as soon as you are able. Cities appeal to you more than the countryside, and you particularly enjoy visiting foreign cities. You are resourceful and can usually find a way to solve practical problems. You are probably quite good with your hands.

Although not a social reformer, you hate racism and ill-treatment towards those who can't stand up for themselves such as children or animals. As a parent you would make quite sure that your own children were being well-treated, but would not want to spend all your time looking after them. Your worst fault is a certain inner coldness. You really cannot take to people who wish to lean upon you, and may give the appearance of having very little depth of concern for others. You can give practical help when it is needed, but you may find people's emotional problems hard to cope with. Being logical by nature, you cannot see how or why they fell into their particular emotional mess in the first place. Care must be taken to watch that your witty tongue does not spill over into sarcasm.

Oddly enough, you can suffer from depression at times, and can become so down-hearted that you feel life to be a total waste of time. One case of those feelings might be when you are suffering from exhaustion, because you have few reserves of energy to call on and you have the habit of going beyond your limit if there is work to be done.

Some of you may delay marriage or parenthood until you feel that you are sufficiently grown up to cope with it, but when you do take the plunge, you are quite serious in your attitude. You make a delightful parent because you never quite grow up yourself; therefore, you relate easily to children. You will break the bank to provide them with a good education, and your children will never be short of books, materials of any other kind of mental stimulation. You will try to remain close to your grandchildren, as you value family life.

You can have a real problem in the realm of relationships, leading a very busy life which leaves you too tired and over-stretched for much relating. To some extent this is a mechanism which helps you to avoid the reality of responsible relating. This 'busy-busy' business could hide a deep well of unspoken unhappiness. You may avoid emotional commitment, preferring to keep your contacts with the opposite sex on a somewhat shallow level. You could attract (or choose) a rather weak, dependent type of partner who would be drawn to your inner strength - remember Gemini is a positive sign, but you are better off with one who can stand on his or her own feet. Helen, a young Moon in Gemini travel agent, tells me 'I'm not so much afraid of commitment as bored by it. I still feel at my age (early twenties) that I want to play the field. I have to admit that to some extent I dread the thought of being tied down.' Perhaps you need to get in touch with your own feelings before being able to handle those of others. You could be a theorizer and, as far as emotions are concerned, you may prefer to read about emotional matters and to rationalize them than to feel the reality of them. To some extent this derives from a mistrust of the opposite sex and possibly a lack of sexual self-confidence. You don't like to be emotionally fenced in. Malcolm, a high successful Sales Manager for a vehicle hire firm, told me recently

that he had just fallen in love for the first time at the age of forty-eight. 'Why?' I asked him, 'why now?' 'Well', he replied, 'I suppose I was always nervous of being somewhat vulnerable or of committing myself totally. I did go through some really stupid escapades with a number of totally mindless women at one time - escaping reality, I suppose.'

You don't suffer from jealousy if you see other people making a success of themselves; and, like most of the lunar masculine signs, you measure your own successes against your own achievements. Not being jealous or possessive yourself, you strongly resent being on the receiving end of this behaviour by others. You are proud of your achievements however, and also proud of your family. You could push your children educationally, and will make sacrifices in order to help your family.

Sex has to start in your mind and, if you are not careful, it can stay there too; like lunar Pisceans, you may be happier fantasizing about sex than actually indulging in it. If you find a compatible partner who encourages you to relax, you can bring all that sexuality down from your mind to reach the parts that the other signs cannot reach, and then you could become the lover you always wanted to be. You are easily put off by coarseness. Your nerves are sensitive; therefore, a quiet atmosphere, an amusing lover and a couple of drinks will work wonders. You may possibly experiment with bisexuality, and may privately enjoy rude books and even blue films! Oddly enough, both solar and lunar Geminians are tactile. They enjoy hugging, touching and being touched, as long as they are not smothered or held too close. Before leaving the fascinating subject of sex, it is worth noting that anyone with Gemini strongly marked on his chart can do two things at once!

The position of the Moon will not indicate any specific career, but will show your inner motivations. People, mental activity, words and travel are essential ingredients for your working life. You may work in sales, telephone or telex communications, or marketing. Writing, especially journalism, may appeal; also all forms of teaching. Your own education may have been of almost any quality, but many of you do teach yourself, then others, possibly in the realms of sports or dancing. You are generally respected by others both for what you know and for your pleasant way of handling people.

Your mind should be orderly (unless there are other indications on your birthchart) and you can organize both yourself and others. Travel appeals to you, especially air travel; and many lunar Geminians work in the airforce or the travel industry. You all seem to love driving, and may be able to pilot a plane as well. You have a quick grasp of new ideas, and can communicate them well to others. You are very good at handling people and make a wonderful manager. You can be canny and crafty in business; you love wheeling and dealing, and you may not always be a hundred percent honest. You are at your best when teamed up with a practical partner. As this sign rules the hands and arms, you could be a super craftsman, printer, manicurist, or even a palmist.

Oddly enough, religion and mysticism may interest you, but only on a surface level. You may enjoy the social side of a religious group rather more than the deeper elements of its philosophy.

(Sasha Fenton) (contd.)

The chances are that you had one parent, probably your father, who tended to lay down the law to you. This gave you an awareness of the need to be obedient and to conform with the parent's ideas of behaviour. Your childhood home was probably filled with books and educational aids; and your parents will have been quite happy

for you to have tuition in practically anything. There would have been good conversation and interesting visitors in your home. You should have been born fairly easily and may have been the youngest child in a small family or the only one of one sex among a family of the opposite one. There is some evidence of deep unhappiness in childhood, and a sense of not fitting in anywhere. This may have been within the family or at school. You may have been on the receiving end of racial or religious prejudice! You may have been compared to other brothers and sisters, a dead child or even one of your parents, and found wanting. It is possible that you fancied working in the services or in a hospital but somehow this either doesn't happen or just doesn't work for you when you try it.

An unusual mother is indicated for you. She may be a career woman, highly intellectual or just plain eccentric! Your mother would have shown you, either by direct reference or by example, that women must be able to stand on their own two feet in life. This will influence you, if you are female, to become a career woman; if male, to choose a career woman for your partner.

The problems associated with this placement could jump back one generation and apply more closely to one of your parents's experiences of childhood.

This is not a healthy placement for the Moon, especially if it is also badly aspected by other planets. Your lungs may be weak; also there could be problems with your hands and arms. Some lunar Geminians suffer really horrendous accidents which affect their arms, hands, teeth and faces. This lunar position can lead to bones and features having to be rebuilt! You can suffer allergies and may have one or two ailments from among the range of nervous or auto-immune diseases. This could be asthma, eczema, rheumatism, migraine, psoriasis, ulcers, colitis, etc.. Your nerves may be your worst enemy. You need to find an outlet for your nervous energy; sports, fresh air pursuits or even sex could help!

(Julia and Derek Parker)

A very quick verbal response to situations is characteristic of the subject who has Moon in Gemini. He or she will, especially when young, often express him- or herself in such a flurry of words that they can sometimes tumble out in an incoherent muddle.

The versatility of Gemini is present, and will be seen particularly when the subject is confronted with several tasks. Rather than consciously deciding on a particular order of preference or importance, the tendency will be to start all of them at the same time,

Our emotional responses are powerfully influenced by the Moon, so there can be conflict, when a contrary instinct to rationalize argues with emotion and intuition. The individual must come to terms with the fact that intuition and objective rationalism must merge and flow positively.

The Geminian tendency of not entirely trusting the emotions will be apparent; and, because we are dealing with the Moon, the traits will not be far from the surface when the subject is challenged.

The natural instinct to speak up will be very strong. For example, the individual will rush to telephone the local radio station in order to join in a discussion on a topic in which she has an interest or firm views. Indeed, this is one of the planetary placings that indicates a chatterbox!

A certain impatience and restlessness will also be obvious. While the individual may well be aware of this and do much to counter it, nevertheless it is to her advantage to realize that her resources of nervous energy are very high and must not be allowed to stagnate. This is where difficulties can be encountered, especially if other areas of the chart suggest a much slower, more stolid personality.

In theory, there should be the ability to get the best of both worlds, with the Gemini Moon adding a natural quickness of response and the heavier traits contributing stability and patience. Good aspects between the Moon and other personal planets will help, and there could well be a positive or negative link as a result of Mercury's influence.

Sometimes nervous strain and pressure can lead to periods of tension, and digestive problems may be one of the results. In certain cases, because of the Gemini connection with the lungs, asthma (again as a result of tension or worry) may be a problem.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis S. Acker)

The Moon in the sign Gemini indicates an emotional nature that is likely to be vacillating, although quick-wittedness and resourcefulness are also present.

Persons with the Moon in Gemini tend to talk incessantly, sometimes to the point of annoying others; they are the type of person who never gets off the 'phone. They are inclined to rationalize their emotions, so that sometimes they do not know what they really feel. There is a great deal of restlessness, with frequent changes of residence and many short journeys. These people are often nervous and fidgety.

With this position, there is a tendency to spread oneself too thinly; to become excited momentarily but many ideas without being able to follow through on them. If the Moon is well-aspected and other factors in the chart indicate practical ability, there can be resourcefulness in thinking up solutions to practical and domestic problems. If the chart is favorable, this Moon position can subject the emotions to rational analysis. However, if the Moon is afflicted, the emotions can distort reason. Heavy afflictions to this Moon position indicate excessive vacillation, superficiality, and confusion.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a friendly though potentially flippant soul. You need to be in communication with Other - but without resorting to rationalizing emotions. You have the instinct to acquire knowledge - but should avoid overlooking feelings. Your mother is seen or expressed as one who is quick and light-hearted, and / or shallow and cynical.

You naturally respond with a carefree lightness that gives Other the impression of your being fun, interesting, and easy to be with. You respond to Other's problems and questions with a ready wit and an informed mind. You respond with bright ideas and alternatives that refresh and stimulate Other.

Your inner child reacts by skipping over or trivializing deep or difficult feelings that you or Other might be experiencing or presenting; with clever quips or fast and easy remedies that are ultimately ineffectual; and in a contrary way that disputes or twists much of what Other thinks or says.

You are unconsciously drawn towards Others who are emotionally uncomplicated and who feel no need to plumb the depths of the soul; towards Others who (also) appear

to be flighty, naughty and hard to pin down; and towards Others who are mentally stimulating and 'in the know'.

You can get caught up in relationships which lack the 'X factor' or the opportunity to reach the part that you find, through dissatisfaction, you want reached; in 'curiosity killed the cat' situations where you get in over your head and so have to become more emotionally earnest; and in 'all head and no heart' situations.

When you are alone, it is more than likely to be because you find it hard to commit to a relationship deeply enough for it to be sustained, and you have flitted on to another flower, or are in the process of doing so. Having said this though, it is quite unusual for Moon in Gemini to be on its own because you are so adept at making new contacts, friends and lovers - as well as keeping things interesting. However, if you are alone, or caught between two Others, as it were; or if you are feeling alone within a relationship, it will be because of that reluctance to commit. Consequently, Other could give up on you for sitting on the fence too long; or no Other would be forthcoming at all because you are putting out this 'non-committal vibe'. Behind your fears of commitment is a predisposition to avoid confronting what is called the 'dark twin' - that is, the side to your personality that you don't want anyone to know about because you believe it to be unacceptable. But this is possibly down to your mother not recognizing this facet of your personality. So it is not really 'bad', but just made to feel that way through not being acknowledged when you were little.

(John Townley)

Your style of lovemaking is very supple and adaptable; you happily participate in any kind of loving that pleases your partner. Indeed, you could become a true expert in sexual technique.

Do not let the physical elements of sex interfere with or overcome the emotional side of loving. Sometimes deeper communication gets lost in the complexities of a pyrotechnical sexual performance, and for that reason it may be better to keep it simple and sincere.

Many people find it hard to talk about sex, but you should have little trouble in discussing it openly, finding out just what your lover's tastes are and how you can best please each other. Your partner should have a good sense of humor, because someone who takes sex very seriously is seldom willing to talk much about it, oddly enough.

You should choose a partner who is not too possessive, for you need to know that you have freedom, even if you don't choose to exercise it. Be careful about making a personal commitment, for a lover may take it more seriously than it is meant, which could cause harm inadvertently. A few words spelling out your expectations from time to time will make the relationship go more easily.

### **Natal Moon in Cancer**

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You may have an impulsive tendency to trample on or ignore the feelings of others when you habitually seek to fill your emotional needs first. If you indulge in the Cancerian world of self-centred emotion, it may be difficult to see beyond your own needs to the solutions offered by others for emotional balance. Wanting others to pay attention to you can lead to feeling crushed if you are rebuffed. This can result in a

negative self-image, of feeling unable to create positive and nourishing emotional situations in your life.

### Dynamic

When you take responsibility for creating the emotional closeness you need, you may notice that the methods you have been using do not work. The truth is that others cannot provide your fulfilment because you already have a surplus of emotional fullness. Your lesson is to empty your own cup first so that it can be refilled. You can do this by discovering the other people who exist in your universe.

After first choosing to sacrifice your emotional demands, you can fill the cups of others by discerning their needs for self-confidence and by encouraging them to assert their feelings. When you give your attention to others and fill their needs for personal closeness and empathy, you find yourself experiencing the tender intimacy and security you want.

### General

You have a basic insecurity and fear of needing to be taken care of by others. You fear needing someone else's sympathy to survive. There are active subconscious fears of sustaining a physical injury or handicap that might prevent you from being able to take care of yourself; or you fear becoming too old to take care of yourself of having to rely on family members to do things for you.

Such fears lend urgency to your need for an emotional 'parent' figure to rely on for protection and care. Thus, family is extremely important in this incarnation and is subconsciously related to basic survival. This insecurity results in unhealthy patterns of manipulation through dependencies, clinging, and controlling family members by being overprotective.

The lesson here is to enjoy the nourishment of intimacy and empathy without accompanying debilitating bondage. To do this you must learn to rely on authority within yourself. Tendencies to cling need to be redirected to 'clinging' to goals and ideals that are larger than your personal life. Then the sense of dependency will shift to depending on yourself to hold true to your goals and ideals.

Since you are learning that there is a 'higher authority' you can rely on to take care of your needs, you are able to release family members from these debilitating dependencies. In this way you open yourself to experiencing true intimacy and loving closeness because the clinging attachment has been replaced by an atmosphere of freedom, support, and confidence in your family member's ability to achieve great heights and to take care of him- / herself.

(Tracy Marks)

If our Moon is in Cancer, coming to terms with our lunar needs is particularly important, since Cancer is the sign of the Moon. Our basic well-being is therefore dependent upon our connection to our lunar source. If we were either deprived or over-indulged as children, we may have become excessively attached to food, home or nurturing figures who cared for and comforted us. When we are in touch with our needs and feelings, we may be inclined to: a) eat or seek oral gratification; b) expect others to cater to us; c) cry incessantly, either in self-pity or in an attempt to compel other people to be more responsive to us; d) cling to people or possessions; e) withdraw into a private world. An alternative pattern is to seek vicarious satisfaction through compulsively nurturing others. It may be easy for us to become helpless little

girls or boys or even Big Mommies or Big Daddies, but difficult to experience full satisfaction or to respond to others in ways which do not infantilize them but instead respect their integrity and individuality. If we have squares or oppositions to our Moon, we may have erected powerful defences against our needs both to nurture and to be nurtured, and may as a result experience psychological or physical (often related to the stomach, uterus or breasts) problems which require us to learn to care for ourselves more fully.

Our Cancerian Moon suggests that one or both of our parental figures may have been maternal, protective and empathic, capable of internally perceiving our needs and satisfying them. However, if our Moon is afflicted, our lunar parents may have unconsciously been influenced by their own unmet needs and encouraged us to remain helpless and dependent upon them for gratification. Such parents are frequently martyrs, doing for us what we needed to do for ourselves, or paying excessive attention to their own emotions and physical ills in an attempt to gain from us the sympathy and consideration which we ourselves may have needed to experience.

As a result, we may have learned to give ourselves internal messages which lead us to feel sorry for ourselves, to indulge our pain, to expect too much from others, or to become overly attached to food, home, loved ones or other external forms of security and gratification. One of our most important tasks may be that of fully mourning the symbiosis our inner child never had or inevitably had to relinquish as part of maturation. We may have to experience the depth of our needs to nurture and be nurtured, and as adults to establish patterns of behavior and interaction which fulfill those needs without catering to them. Our lunar lessons may also include: a) contacting and communicating our real needs and feelings; b) building an inner foundation of security; c) overcoming behaviors based on helplessness or which use helplessness and neediness as weapons; d) learning to support the adult as well as the child in other people, and to love without possessing; e) devoting ourselves to self-nourishment rather than giving undue attention to giving and receiving in relationships.

(Sydney Omarr)

The Moon in Cancer takes himself seriously, feels he is 'destined' to fulfill a certain role, and is loyal to family tradition, or at least to family members. He may battle them himself, but will brook no interference from outsiders. He must think of how outsiders feel, think, react.

There is 'unconscious' selfishness evident. The native appears to feel that others are too sensitive to accept favors or show appreciation. The astrologer should attempt to make him see the situation as it exists and to see persons in light of their everyday problems. The Moon here depicts one who seems, somehow, to believe that others truly understand what he means by some kind of osmosis. The native should be taught greater respect for hard, cold facts, including the economic ones. He needs to be taught to have greater interest in what others think, feel, need, hope, dream and aspire to accomplish.

The native reacts inwardly; he takes a kind of fierce pleasure in brooding, pondering the 'toughness' of the world in general and his associates and friends in particular. His family and security mean much - but he often appears to do everything in his power to endanger his chances of success. He is a puzzle, but an interesting one - he wants to know himself and the world. He is creative, sensitive, strong in the belief that he is 'special'; but he seems fated to wander in many directions. He wants comfort in his home but tends to complain if things go too smoothly.

The native, a bit like the Sun in Leo, needs an audience, wants to impress others and requires recognition, but is suspicious of the source once it is received. He can do more to harm himself than any enemy would dream of doing.

His need for a creative outlet is evident: he would make a good writer, painter, one who deals in an unusual manner with liquid, food and the thoughts of others. He can be found in news, advertising and public relations, and in affairs connected with security, marriage and real estate.

He is a complicated individual, although he will deny it, insisting that he is simple and easy to get along with if only others would understand him. The astrologer's job is to make the native play his part in the role of understanding - including family, finances, and members of the opposite sex who want to receive as well as give a feeling of well-being. The Moon in Cancer is sociable, emotional, changeable, and sensitive to the point of being psychic.  
(Haydn Paul)

The Moon rules the sign of Cancer, and this emphasizes your experience of deep emotional intensity. One likelihood is that as childhood conditioning influenced the development of your later adult personality and behavior, you will have stronger connections to parents and your current domestic or family life than do people with other Moon placements.

Your foundations exist in emotional depths, so you have a great need for security and stability within anything that evokes emotions and feelings. Relationships need to be reliable, trustworthy, and relatively predictable, in actuality as well as in appearance, because you possess a degree of psychism that operates on feeling levels; if a partner is unhappy and discontented, even if this is not openly communicated, you will feel it through the subtler senses. Excessive absorption of others' moods and feelings, both positive and negative, will influence your behavior and state of well-being. This will probably register through the stomach / solar plexus / heart area of the body, and you may be advised to psychically protect yourself from all external and unwanted influences.

As most of your life is conditioned by deep feeling responses and childhood behavioral patterns, you will benefit from a greater understanding of them. Look especially toward your mother's influence on the formation of your values, attitudes, and beliefs. Review existing memories related to emotional suffering - those about which you may still brood - and look at any unresolved emotional wounds; note how you often overreact to others' personal comments, how you tend to imagine 'what they think / feel' about you; and explore the fluctuations in how you relate to people. Observe how you evaluate others and experiences through emotions and intuitions; realize how your attitudes, beliefs, and values are connected to emotional biases; see the emotional power shaping your major decisions, and how your reactions are generated by emotions.

You may experience emotional instability, ranging from denying needs to emotional possessiveness, dependency, and suffocation of intimate partners and family. Accepting the needs of Moon in Cancer is vital, as they will persist through your life. Only an understanding of how they operate within you will diminish the compulsive unconscious nature of much of their activity. With greater clarity, you should perceive these patterns activated within you, then choose how to respond more consciously, instead of simply allowing the dominance of automatic reactions.

You need to love and be loved, to experience a deep contact between yourself and

partner or family. Allowing this will strengthen your sense of security. Excessive dependency should not be indulged, because these traits will make you too vulnerable to others' inconsistent behavior and liable to emotional manipulation. Your tendency to retreat into an inner shell should be modified, so that it does not prevent expanding your social activities or releasing personal potential beyond a restricted familiar environment. You need greater self-confidence to move beyond challenging situations and make new progress, instead of remaining within repetitive habitual circles.

(Skye Alexander)

You are highly emotional and very sensitive. From day to day, your emotional state fluctuates noticeably, and you might discover that the Moon's changing phases affect you significantly. Unless many of your planets are in air and / or earth signs, you may 'wear your heart on your sleeve'.

Inclined to let your heart rule your head, you can have trouble making rational, detached decisions. Actually, your intuition is quite keen and you'd be wise to trust it. You have the ability to tune in to what other people are feeling, and are quite psychic.

Security is of primary importance to you, but often you feel your life has no inherent stability. Thus, you may attempt to find security in external things: family, country, money, your home, traditions. Your family provides a sense of belonging, as does your country on a larger scale. Your home offers protection from the dangers of the outside world. Because you fear being dependent, you can be overly concerned with having money, and believe wealth will bring you the security you desire. Or, you may look to your partner to take care of you.

At the centre of your universe is your family; and your children are your pride and joy. Naturally maternal and nurturing, you adore all children, not only your own, and are a strong supporter of the traditional, nuclear family.

The emotional attachments you form are strong and binding. You cling tightly to other people and it is almost impossible for you to separate your own needs from theirs. This is especially true in the case of your partner and / or children. This Moon position symbolizes the archetypal mother, but your tendency is to be a 'smother' to those you love. You are willing to devote yourself entirely to your loved ones, but your love is not unconditional. You never want your children to grow up. With partners, you can be every bit as possessive and jealous as someone who has Moon in Scorpio. Even friends and employees are seen as part of your extended family, and you expect their complete loyalty and dedication.

Because you feel vulnerable and defenceless, you sometimes imagine threats to your security that are not real. A difference of opinion or lifestyle can seem downright dangerous to you. For this reason, you find it hard to tolerate individuality and diversity - in your family, workplace, city or country - and tend to view others as being either with you or against you.

Both the Moon and Cancer are associated with the mother, and your mother is very important to you. Regardless of your age, it is unlikely that you've severed the umbilical cord. Your tie to her can be either positive or negative; even if you were orphaned at an early age, the loss of your mother is a significant, underlying dynamic in your life. If you live near your mother, you probably see her frequently; if career or other demands take you far from home, you undoubtedly miss her greatly.

Your own role as a parent is very important to you, and you are protective, nurturing

and devoted to your children. However, you may have trouble seeing your children as individuals, and need to guard against thinking of them as extensions of yourself. You also worry too much about your children and can be overly protective of them.

Providing nourishment to others is one of your fortés; you are probably a good cook, or at least enjoy cooking. The 'Jewish Mother' cliché certainly describes you, and you demonstrate your love for family and friends by feeding them. You enjoy having family and friends over for dinner, and no-one goes away from your home hungry. You also like to eat and appreciate fine food. However, you must guard against a tendency to use food as a substitute for emotional nourishment, and try not to overeat when what you really want is love and attention.

Going out on the town doesn't appeal to you much; you'd rather stay home with your family or partner, and prefer that others come to visit you. You especially like to celebrate holidays in your home. Your home is important to you, and you want to own the nicest one possible. Your home serves many functions for you: security, status, stability; a place where those you love can gather. Because permanence and family traditions are important to you, you'd probably like to continue living in or near your childhood home even as an adult, if possible.

Since Cancer and the Moon embody one of the female energies, women usually respond to it more easily and express it in a more obvious manner than men do. Women with this placement enjoy being mothers and homemakers, and are comfortable in traditional female roles (unless they also have Aquarius or Aries prominently figuring in their charts). They show their emotions openly and are able to empathize with others' feelings.

Men with this Moon position may project this energy onto the women in their lives, and might seek mates who provide them with the maternal nurturing and emotional support they desire. You may attempt to find a substitute mother in your partner. Like the woman with this placement, you are a devoted and protective parent, but are less likely to reveal your feelings. Frequently, the man with Moon in Cancer attempts to satisfy his needs for security by working with a large, established company where he can feel he is part of a bigger family.

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

Maternal, sympathetic, but sometimes patronizing, you naively trust your feelings, but you are apprehensive in matters outside your control.

Your sense impressions are very accurate, but you do not often act upon them. Your mind is meditative and your reactions are slow and uncertain. Sensitive to outside influences, you pick up negative vibrations from others; this can make you moody and unhappy if these feelings spill over into your personal relationships. You hide your true feelings and strong emotions under a hard shell.

You have a great deal of placid affection and passivity that results in a special love for home and family; this is your primary attachment. You are inclined to gentle, peaceful, romantic love rather than grand passion. This position of the Moon promises a very deep and strong bond with the mother. If the umbilical cord is not severed in time, relationships may be problematic.

You are very intuitive and overly sensitive to outside influences; you sense conditions, both consciously and unconsciously, and are often psychic. You are easily imposed upon, and when this happens you feel a deep resentment.

You love your home, and you always need a home base to retreat to; yet you often travel and make changes in your life. Your domestic, nurturing nature likes to take care of others, and you are very understanding of their feelings.

The Moon in Cancer is thrifty, economical and careful with property and money. You don't like to see these misused or wasted. Artistic, creative and dramatic, you have a natural flair for music, poetry and dancing. Your love of home and family can also express itself in true patriotism.

In a man's chart, this placement of the Moon can be a bit too emotionally sensitive. In looking for a partner, he is attracted to a woman who is more mother than mate. A woman with the Moon in Cancer is easily hurt and tends to dominate the home situation.

(Sasha Fenton)

The Moon is the planet which rules Cancer; therefore it is quite at home here. The Moon rules the inner person, therefore like those who have the Sun in Cancer, your reactions to people and places are very strong, and this will automatically be taken into account in any decisions which you make. Your feelings are very sensitive, which means that you link in very quickly to other people's feelings to the point where you can feel whether they are unhappy or in pain. You can sense a 'funny' atmosphere as soon as you walk into a room. Unless there are very conflicting forces on your chart, you should have the usual Cancerian ability to listen sympathetically. In business, you would have an instinctive feel about a deal which was about to go wrong - or go right!

The negative side of this coin is over-sensitivity. Like the other feminine water signs of Pisces and Scorpio, you can take things too personally, brood, sulk and shut yourself off from others. They say that Cancerians' moods change with each tide, but this is an exaggeration. Women with the Moon in any of the water signs will be very susceptible to period problems and hormone-related mood swings. The very worst aspect of this placement is that you may indulge in emotional blackmail by shutting off from others and sending out disapproving vibes. On a very bad day, you might be beset by feelings of paranoia or the kind of envy which would make you behave in a thoroughly resentful manner. You can also be over-critical and fault-finding on occasions. This kind of behaviour is rare because you are much too kind and thoughtful a person, far too receptive to the needs of others to be this unpleasant for long.

You have the ability to adjust yourself to your surroundings and fit in fairly well with other people (water signs find their own level). You may complain about the situation you find yourself in, but you will make the best of it and will often find a way of changing and manipulating the circumstances to suit yourself. Remember Cancer is a cardinal sign and the Moon represents one's instincts. Your instinctive reaction is to put things right and create a better atmosphere. Some people are starters and others are runners; the ability to initiate projects and / or to see them through would depend upon a variety of factors in your birthchart, but your instinctive reaction is to set things in motion and then encourage others (or find someone else) to see them through. If you are really stuck for an answer to your problems, you can always look a bit pathetic in the hope that someone will take pity on you and help you solve them.

You are considerate towards others, especially your family, whom it would be almost impossible for you to desert - you would only do so under extreme duress. I think that you would try several times to put things right before giving up on them. You have patience with children and young people, and are probably very fond of animals. You are not entirely selfless; it is only when you are settled and satisfied that you can

relax and give sustenance to others. Your greatest requirements are for emotional security, for example through a partner you can rely upon, harmony in the home, and friends who help build up your confidence. Lack of confidence in your own abilities and feelings of relative worthlessness are your worst enemy, and it's these that can make you feel jealous and resentful towards others, often quite without justification.

You like children and enjoy having them around you, and are not only good to your own children but kind to other people's as well. However, you greatly resent having other people's children being dumped on you. Your gentle inner nature responds to the vulnerability and honesty of children. You may remain a bit too close to your own children after they have grown up, or you may want them to be independent but find that you can't get rid of them! Alternatively, your own mother may continue to smother you long after you have grown up! It may be quite difficult for you to forget your own childhood as you have a slight tendency to live in the past.

You react to any difficult situation by worrying. You genuinely worry about your family; also money, health, the state of the nation and the imminence of nuclear war. There is a tendency for you to attract parasitical people who hang themselves on to you and make demands upon you. This is most evident among those of you who have your Sun or Ascendant in a steady Earth sign or an enthusiastic Fire sign. Fortunately for you, you are astute enough to be able to spot these types coming and to off-load them far more easily than, for instance, a soft-hearted Moon in Pisces person could. When you care for someone you are very good to him / her if he / she is ill; being kind and sympathetic, you can become worked on on his / her behalf if you think that he / she is being hurt by someone else. Unfortunately, unless there is a lot of strength elsewhere on the chart, you won't actually do anything practical to help.

You might be sensual but you are not greedy. You don't have a large appetite for food; you prefer small amounts that are very well cooked and presented. Your sensitive stomach may reject spicy foods. (One Moon in Cancer friend tells me that he cannot eat raw onions.) You probably enjoy good wines, but there is no evidence of this Moon placement leading to overindulgence. You could be a good cook yourself, but this will depend upon other factors in your birthchart, and also upon your lifestyle. You hate scenes and rows, and are easily upset by harsh, discordant noises. You can put up with any amount of chaos around you at work, but you need peace and harmony in the home. You may have the Cancerian trait of collecting things, ranging from valuable antiques to junk. You don't like losing anything - or anyone.

Your senses are all strong, especially that of hearing - you really hate discordant noises. The senses of smell, touch and taste are well-developed, and you could be long-sighted. Sexually, you absolutely come into your own. The whole concept of an experience which involves all the senses plus love and affection is just too much for you to miss. Being basically kind and thoughtful, you should be a considerate - even a practised lover. The fact that you are the faithful type possibly mitigates against much variety in sexual experiences. Two of my friends who happen to be married to Moon in Cancer subjects tell me that their partners are good lovers.

You enjoy the company of new people and visiting new places, but also you have an attachment to old ones. You enjoy gossiping almost as much as your Gemini cousins do. You have a habit of observing the behaviour of others as a form of self-protection. Being emotionally cautious, you are slow to fall in love and open yourself to the prospect of hurt and rejection. Others may fall in love with you because you have an immediate understanding of their problems. You seem to know others psychically. If the one who falls for your sympathetic attitude expects you to go on and solve his / her problems, he / she may be disappointed. This rather depends on your Sun and rising signs.

Being cautious, you may react in a slightly hostile manner towards new people. If you have something very outgoing, such as Sagittarius, on your Ascendant, there will be an open, confident attitude; however, the caution will still be there hidden away underneath. You are basically honest both with your money and in most other senses; you can be trusted in any kind of confidential situation and with any information. However, one less pleasant attribute is that you can occasionally display a touch of smarminess, flattering those whom you wish to get around or out of whom you wish to make capital. This is a successful ploy in most cases, but it won't wash when dealing with people who are particularly perceptive.

You can be slightly mean in small matters. This peculiarity also applies to the Moon in Pisces and Scorpio. My friend Linda tells me that she gets annoyed when her children waste toothpaste and she saves the last bits of used bars of soap, jamming them together so that they can be completely finished off! Both solar and lunar Cancerians find it hard to get rid of anything. Once in a while you decide to turn out the cupboards only to put almost everything back again. There is too much sentiment attached to your junk for you to be able to throw it out. You need a base to operate from; therefore, not only your home but also your office are important to you, and you don't want these to be disturbed or 'cleaned-up' too much. Unless there is a strong dose of Libra or Virgo on your birthchart, you are not over-fussy about the appearance of your home; you could make a home anywhere.

Your likes and dislikes are strong. You also have courage in odd places where others lack it. For instance, you are adept at asking questions, probing, finding out what makes people tick and keeping up-to-date with the local gossip. You are not above giving a gentle form of 'third degree'.

Lunar Cancerians have a long memory; therefore, you can hold a grudge if you are hurt, but you also remember those who have helped you. Being rather sentimental, you like to remember birthdays and anniversaries and you feel peeved if yours are forgotten. Your intuition is very strong, and this may just be a helpful tool in everyday life, or you can actually be drawn towards psychic work of some kind. Quite a few lunar Cancerians have paranormal or psychic hobbies. Because you can be trusted with secrets, you could work as a psychic consultant of some kind where you have to listen to people's confidences. You like the countryside and really love the sea. If a Cancerian Moon is very prominent in your birthchart, you could choose a job on or near the sea. Another of your interests is the past. You may study history or collect things which have been around for a long time such as antiquities.

In relationships, you play the part of parent and may take an over-responsible attitude to others and try to organize them too much or dictate to them too much, or play the child hoping to be forgiven for bad behaviour just one more time. This too many jump back one generation, and you may be on the receiving end of this behaviour rather than dishing it out yourself. It is natural for you to worry about those about whom you care. If backed up by other planetary factors, you could be a blamer and complainer in a relationship - this would be especially true if there was a strong Pisces factor somewhere on your chart.

Unless there are other factors on the chart, such as an emphasis on the sign of Libra, you will be a hard and conscientious worker. Your inner nature leads you towards the kind of job where you can be helpful. Many lunar Cancerians work in hospitals, in schools and with the elderly; others are attracted to the world of business. Some of you are drawn towards the field of antiques, rare coins, stately homes or genealogy. Insurance may attract you because of its 'protective' image. Many of you retrain later in life if your original career ceases to be viable or if you find that you lack certain qualifications which would help you to get up the career ladder. Many solar and lunar

Cancerians run small businesses, shops and small agencies. Being good with your hands, you could work as a plumber, carpenter etc.. Lunar Cancerians make excellent teachers too.

You will not stand in the way of a partner who wants a career; in most cases, you are only too willing to see him / her get on, and you will help if you can. Your sensitivity means that you could make a good salesperson or business executive, personnel manager or counsellor. Politics may appeal, as could accountancy. Most of you have a theatrical side to your nature, and might be drawn to the world of entertainment or sports. The drawback to this is the irregularity of work and the general uncertainty of this field. Being a worrier, you would probably be happier in a secure job while singing and dancing during your time off. You would be a good partner for a very go-ahead person, but you haven't really got the stomach for high-risk or slightly criminal ventures.

The Moon in this position suggests that your mother gave birth to you easily. Your parents' home will have been comfortable, and the relationships there will have been pleasant. The chances are that you are the eldest in your family (although this is much more likely if the Ascendant were in Cancer). The background and history of your family is important to you, and you may try to trace your family tree. The family may travel a bit, taking you with it, but there is no evidence that you moved home a lot. Mother may have been traditional and ordinary, but possibly over-protective towards you.

This Moon position suggests strong health with good recovery from illness and operations. The weak areas associated with the Moon in Cancer would be chest, breasts and stomach, but the Moon is not the most obvious indicator of health in a chart.

You are very much in tune with your body; therefore, you would feel pain almost before something began to go wrong! Unless the Moon is very afflicted and there are other very important factors on the birthchart, there is no reason to suppose that you are any more susceptible to the dreaded disease of cancer itself than any other sign.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The Moon is always the third most important factor of a birth chart; but because it rules Cancer, its influence is considerably increased when placed in this sign. The well-known natural defensive system, which is such a prominent characteristic of those with a Cancerian Sun sign, will be equally - if not more powerfully - present. Defensiveness will be the immediate reaction, not only when the individual is challenged, but also in less threatening situations.

The emotional and intuitive levels are second-to-none, and those with this placing should learn to trust in and rely on them - their instincts will not let them down. However, it is important that you look for other practical, down-to-earth indications in the chart, so that these marvelous facilities can be controlled and not allowed to dominate in a negative way.

The Sun or Mercury in an Earth sign, for instance, or perhaps a trine aspect to Saturn from the Moon itself, would be of enormous help. Such a stabilizing influence is necessary because, in addition to a powerful intuition, there is plenty of imagination that, triggered in a negative way, can be expressed through worry.

When worried, the individual will tend to think that the very worst has happened. He or she may not necessarily have a depressive outlook, but apprehension over loved

ones can cause these powerful responses to build up out of control. For instance, if a child is unexpectedly late home from school, the subject will soon imagine that there has been a serious accident. Nevertheless, both sexes tend to make excellent and loving parents.

From a physical point-of-view, the digestive system will be upset by worry, and it is frequently the case that those with this placing have very sensitive skins, whatever their ethnic coloring. Caucasians will quickly turn beet-red in the sun, while the other races will find it difficult to get rid of even quite minor scar tissue. Protection from the sun, and additional care over cuts, insect bites and so on, is absolutely essential.

The past is a frequent subject for reflection and nostalgia; and the subject's childhood background may be allowed to dominate his / her outlook on life. Coming to terms with the attitude and treatment received from parents, whether that was beneficial or difficult, may take longer than for other Moon sign placings.

The family instincts are very powerful indeed, and these people often have to face problems when their children have grown up and want to leave home. Such an occurrence runs contrary to much that is of instinctive and genetic importance to them. At such times, they will have to call upon other, more forward-looking, areas of their charts to help them through any period of emotional and physical readjustment that is needed.

The Cancerian tendency to hoard is another strong instinct for the subject with this placing. As a result, clearing out the resulting clutter can be a chore that is avoided at all costs, perhaps because hoarding such items adds to the individual's much-needed sense of security.

There may be quick changes of mood, which can frequently be disconcerting for loved ones to witness. Women with this placing may suffer in an above-average way from premenstrual tension, but should try hard not to let it dominate their lives.

The face is usually round, with a quite literal moon-like shape and glow to it. When the Moon is placed in Cancer, no matter what its house, it can influence the individual's facial expression: a tiny frown-line may appear between the eyebrows.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The Moon in Cancer is in the sign of its rulership, indicating depth and intensity of the emotions. There can be strong ties to the mother, the family, and the home. Natives with this configuration may be good cooks and homemakers and concerned parents. Domestic security and marriage are important for their emotional well-being.

Individuals with the Moon in Cancer have a sensitivity to the moods and feelings of others that can border on the psychic; their extreme sensitivity to others' opinions and reactions may lead them to imagine slights, even when not intended. Consequently, they are inclined to withdraw and brood.

If the Moon is afflicted in Cancer, there may well be excessive emotional instability and a tendency to smother the children with love, to the point of wanting to dominate their lives.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a caring though potentially clinging soul. You have the need to be safe and

secure with Other - but this could become dependent and suffocating. You have the instinct to make home and family - but there can be a restrictive resistance to the unknown. Your mother is seen or expressed as being very maternal, but could be emotionally manipulative.

You naturally respond towards Other with a strong urge to make him / her feel he / she belongs and is cared about. You respond to Other's emotional situations with great sympathy and support. You respond in a hospitable and congenial manner that puts Other at his / her ease.

Your inner child reacts with hurt and sulks if Other should fail to appreciate your subjective idea of what an emotional relationship should be like; by swamping Other with the attention that you need rather than the space that he / she needs; and in a cloying and overly sentimental fashion, in an attempt not to feel threatened.

You gravitate towards Others who need mothering or supporting in an emotional way and / or who tie you to the home; Others who act as a mother figure to you in that they look after you instinctively; and romantically-minded Others who seem to be one or more of your dreams come true.

You can get caught up in relationships which lean on you with little thanks, recognition or return, thus forcing you to be more self-motivated or selfless; in being overly dependent on Other, who eventually wants his / her own space, and so then rebels; and in situations where you have mistakenly put all your eggs in one basket, so that you have to learn to cut your losses.

When you are alone, it is usually a highly unpleasant experience for you, and so therefore something which you try to avoid at all costs. This is because for you life means always having someone close to you, be it a whole family or one Other in particular. You simply do not like being alone, and can often limit or undersell yourself because of such a need to belong. Being alone is rather like being a little bird who has been tossed out of its nest by a cuckoo. But should this highly unwelcome situation come upon you, it will be because your self-diminishing neediness has reached a critical point where those needs much be looked at for what they are, and why they have come to rule your life so much. In 99.99% of cases, it will be something to do with your mother. She gave you either too much or not nearly enough - and so you would have to find a way of breaking those ties and being more, but not too, emotionally self-sufficient.

You take yourself very seriously, as a person to be reckoned with. You feel that you understand others and that you deserve to be understood yourself; yet you frequently feel misunderstood. Things are very clear to you; your intuitions are powerful, and whether right or wrong, they convince you utterly and are likely to control your actions. Sometimes your hunches are way off track, especially if emotions are involved. You regard your inner nature as something precious, to be guarded from the 'slings and arrows of outrageous fortune'; and are all too likely to think the slings and arrows are aimed at you when no-one else in the world is even thinking about you. You exude a desire to be understood, to be loved - also, to understand, and to love, if you have objectified your approach, which you must do if you are to be happy or successful. Your tendency is to withdraw, to meditate; and meditation often turns to brooding, brooding to depression. Activate your sympathies by becoming interested in others. Deserve their understanding by acting so that they can understand with approval. Forget yourself, your emotions, your reactions; harness your instincts to other people's problems or to creative work in business, science or the arts. To use, to become, to prove, to love must replace in your nature the deep tendency to be content with to have, to be, to know, to expect. No doors are closed to you when you have turned your understanding outward to the world - and no doors

are open to you when you turn it exclusively inward. Know your self first, through pain and struggle if necessary; and once you know it, don't brood about it; get to know something else.

(John Townley)

You have a very sympathetic nature, and you are always willing to listen to someone else's problems and sorrows. While you are young, you may be very involved with people who are in emotional difficulties, which can be a great drain on your personal strength. As you get older, you learn to avoid such people even when you are attracted to them.

The best way to handle this problem is to take a middle road, if possible. You will derive great satisfaction from helping and comforting a troubled lover, which is fine as long as you can avoid letting your partner's problems take over the affair. In a balanced relationship, you can be a refuge for your partner without becoming a doormat.

You may find that you are often involved in several relationships at once, not because you want variety but because you are so unwilling to let go of a relationship that is finished. Old lovers tend to linger in your imagination, which can get in the way of current involvements. Once you have established a relationship, although the quality and nature of your love may fluctuate considerably, it will never die.

(Robert Hand)

Because Cancer is the sign most strongly connected with the Moon, you can be very strong and secure emotionally. Being close to your mother is especially important, and you need a lot of love and affection from her as well as from others in your family. When you're older, you'll be very good at giving the same kind of support to others and taking care of people in need. Even in youth, you may do this with your friends or younger brothers; and you probably like to play games in which you pretend to be the mother or father. Later in life, you may play the role of parent to many people.

Feelings are more important to you than logical thinking, which seems cold or boring. You get very attached to certain ideas, points of view and even objects, for reasons which others don't always understand. They don't realize that if the things you care about are not worth it, you will find out for yourself soon enough.

You are easily hurt by criticism, especially if you feel that someone is criticizing you rather than your actions. It's not that you are weak or fragile, but that you are unusually sensitive to other people's feelings. You often know how they feel before they say anything; and you care very much how they feel.

(Arlene Robertson)

The Moon in Cancer is the strongest position of the twelve, for here in its own sign it operates freely with no contradictory, defeating or frustrating characteristics to diminish its natural function. The best placement is in the fourth, where it performs with undiminished power.

You with the Moon in Cancer respond to daily life on a highly emotional basis. All the commonplace events filter through your instincts; and much of what occurs is unconsciously linked with past conditions as far back as childhood happenings. More than any other sign, you, the Cancer native, were shaped and molded by your early

experiences. As a child, you absorbed the atmosphere, whether pleasant or unpleasant, loving or no-loving; and these instincts are a deep part of your adult responses to life. Any unfamiliar emotional events may cause much stress and unhappiness, for you do not know what to tie them into from your past.

You are, consciously or unconsciously, psychically tuned in to others, picking up their reactions, moods and feelings. Sometimes this ability can be helpful in understanding them, but at times it can be overwhelming, so that all their hurts and pains are absorbed as your own. Your greatest instinct expresses itself freely in your desire to care for others - your children, your mate, your family, your friends. Whatever their problems might be at the moment, they are assured, in talking with you, of a warm, sympathetic response.

You long to have your loved ones close by so that you can reach out and touch them, hold them in a snug embrace. For a woman, such closeness can often be exaggerated into rampant negativity. There is the familiar sight of the mother who clutches onto a grown son, discouraging his attempts to break away and function on his own. She may often substitute his presence, his companionship, for that of a husband lost either through death or divorce. Or she may enlave a daughter, keeping her in bondage to insure against the loneliness of old age. The negative part of the Cancer Moon is unable to face being alone, bereft of family. This type of woman may resort to all kinds of subtle or overt manipulation, including financial ones, to bind the son or daughter to her until she dies.

The Cancer father, while he may not depend on such emotional extremes, is often deeply loving of his daughters, and may find it difficult to accept their departure from the household when they marry or strike out on their own. But for you, the Moon in Cancer person, whether male or female, these energies can be used positively to maintain the family circle in a close, rewarding relationship.

Because of your love of home and familial history, you hold onto possessions, collecting memorabilia about the family, old photographs and letters, which you carefully tuck away in a safe spot. You are wounded and upset at any well-meaning tactful suggestion that you weed out and discard some of this accumulation. These mementos, links to the past, represent a necessary part of your emotional security. You are also frugal, able to construct something out of very little. Women are especially adept at creating decorative pieces, and often manufacture articles out of bits and pieces that a Moon-in-Virgo person would have long since thrown out. In a choice between spending money for luxuries or family activities, you choose the family activities with no hesitation. This frugality, however, does not necessarily carry over into food, for you love cooking and serving bountiful meals for your family and friends. Whether male or female, this is your way of telling them how much you care.

Your home is your retreat, your sanctuary, your refuge against a brusque and heartless world. Throughout your life, it will be extremely important to you. Many times you will not care to leave it for the pleasure of traveling. Being in alien surroundings, strange motel rooms and unfamiliar beds does not appeal to you at all.

If you are a female, you look for a mate who will enthusiastically share your love expression and who is as much of a homebody as you are. You need someone who can reinforce your efforts to beautify your home, often with do-it-yourself projects - sewing, needlework, handwoven rugs, canning the vegetable crop, painting the kitchen, building a garden walk - and who will understand your dedication toward making it a place of beauty and serenity stamped with your personality and individual touches. You would be miserable with a husband who didn't care about the furniture

arrangement, was bored with your discovery of an antique bedstead, cared nothing about gardening, and was inept at household repairs.

If you are a male, you desire a wife who expends her energies in the home, who devotes her time selflessly to you and the children, cooks superbly, and delights in planning family get-togethers. While you appreciate and love her for her womanly qualities, you would definitely discourage her from any participation in the women's liberation movement.

Your emotional security depends on allowing your feelings to show. When you feel like crying, you cry. When you are depressed, you withdraw and sulk. Whatever your emotion of the moment might be, you allow it full sway and always expect your loved ones to respond and understand what you might be experiencing at the time. You vitally need such reaction, for you seek emotional expression in love - in a warm giving and receiving, hugging, kissing, handholding, cuddling the babies - all very physical, all very real.

(Isabel Hickey)

Too sensitive. Must not react to feelings of those around them: subject to moods. Easy-going and sociable. The need to mother others very strong. Everything experienced held in feeling memory. Introverted on subjective levels. Conservative. Operates in a deliberate social way. Can be carried away by tides of emotions. Far too sensitive in response to environment. In a male chart, would attract a feminine more mother than mate.

## **Natal Moon in Leo**

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you subconsciously seek to confirm your worth by superiority, you may expect others to come to you, like the king waiting to receive his audience. You may use the pretence of objectivity to ensure that others will admire you on your pedestal. If you unconsciously select associates on the basis of their ability to increase the Leo material status, you can experience the discomfort of relating without inner affinity. Thus, in needing others as tools to further your own values and goals, you close the door to receiving rewards that are beyond your expectations or defined objectives.

Needing to be entertained, you can go on 'automatic' and unconsciously use your charm to increase your material position. This is borne of an inner attitude of 'what can you do for me?' and costs you your self-confidence in expressing truly spontaneous feelings. You may hoard resources, begrudgingly sharing them with those who are close. Concealing assets causes you to lose status in their eyes, and, consequently, in your own. Confidence in others is eroded when you seek to take advantage to enhance your material position and feel superior in comparison.

Dynamic

You can create the self-worth you need as you notice that old methods for achieving admiration from others do not result in success. The values projected may not be what others want or need. You must first relinquish the position of director, producer, and main character in your life drama. This enables you to get in touch with the audience and find out which of your many talents and resources are appropriate to the situation.

When you approach relationships thinking, 'It's not what you can do for me, it's what I can do for you', you experience an unshakable sense of your own worth. When you open yourself to the desires and needs of others, you gain insight into the role you can play. By inspiring others, you not only are entertained, but also gain a sense of self-worth in the process.

Choosing to focus on others' needs frees you to express the flamboyant, generous Leo nature in a way that supports the worth of others. In the process, your worth is validated. As a by-product of contributing your talents to uplift others, you find enjoyment and happiness. The loyalty and love of your family are earned when you support their values and needs in establishing their worth. Stepping out of your drama and realizing how much fun you're having in your dramatics lightens your whole outlook on life.

### General

You have a need for recognition, approval, and praise. You take naturally to applause; and insecurity results when you feel ignored or not treated as someone special.

This insecurity can result in feeling that you must perform according to other people's standards and to further other people's goals in order to gain applause. You can be almost childlike in your need for approval, totally dependent on being with people who will flatter you and pamper your ego. Your need for constant reassurance can tax the energies of those who love you, and rob you of your freedom and self-confidence.

During your life, you are learning to dedicate yourself to more universal causes that allow you to do your part in furthering the evolution of the race. When you focus on the larger drama and allow yourself to be a vehicle for an energy that furthers the goals of humankind, your powerful ego assumes a lovely balanced role. Seeing yourself as a channel for helping your brothers and sisters allows you to accept your childlike qualities and be more tolerant of your mistakes because you know your motive was of the highest.

Regarding those you are close to as friends, rather than subjects or your private audience, allows you to support their special life force, which will naturally result in their freely acknowledging you.

Clarity about the ideals of humanity that you support allows you to offer approval and vital support to others without expectations of loyalty. This opens the gateway to a flood of unexpected appreciation of your generosity of spirit when you least expect it.

(Tracy Marks)

Those of us with Leo Moons particularly need to feel loved and appreciated, to be treated specially, to play, and to express ourselves spontaneously and creatively. We need warmth and devotion, and are able to give abundantly from our hearts as long as we are also being fed with love. Otherwise, our lunar nature may become distorted and compulsive in its insistence upon attention and / or power. Negatively, we may be unable to relinquish centre stage, may overdramatize in order to impact others, or may become dominating or bossy in our attempts to maintain command over ourselves and others.

A Leo Moon suggests that we had loving parental figures who prized us highly, became enthusiastically involved in our activities and triumphs, and were capable of

encouraging and sharing our playful spirit. However, an afflicted Moon may indicate parents who either overindulged or deprived us. At one extreme are the mothers who spoiled us with too much attention and too many special treats, preparing us to live our adult lives only as princes or princesses. At the other extreme are the narcissistic parents, the tyrant queens or kings who sought only that we become obedient subjects, or who overly identified with us, urging us to live their dreams and adamantly discouraging our individuality.

As a result of our childhood upbringing, we may have internalized messages which support attention-seeking, childish, demanding and / or dominating behavior patterns. We may act as if we deserve to be the centre of everyone's universe and not just our own. We may, because of past unmet needs, become compulsive in our desire to prove our value and gain acclaim.

A Leo Moon has much to give provided it is able to bask in the sunlight of warmth and affection. Those of us who have Leo Moons may need to feed ourselves emotionally rather than always expect others to provide for us. We need at times to give ourselves our full attention and appreciation, to be our own audience, and to encourage and delight in the spontaneity and zest of our inner child. If we are to experience emotional satisfaction, we need to keep our hearts open to pain as well as joy, and to become capable of loving others not only because they love us in turn, but also because we truly love ourselves.

(Sydney Omarr)

The Moon in Leo makes the native want to give the impression of nobility. In his desiring to present such a picture, his very actions and thoughts often do become noble. This native has drive and ambition; he wants to better himself. Security in itself does not satisfy him. Ambition is a key word here. Like the Moon in Taurus, he loves luxury. But there is more 'fire' to his make-up - he is dashing, and popular with the opposite sex, and tends toward extravagant gestures. He is prone to 'emotional hangovers'.

The Moon in Leo tends to sit in an 'ivory tower'. He tells himself that he is merely an interested spectator. But very often he becomes more involved in situations than the actual participants.

The astrologer must know that the native has an inner feeling of strength. He doesn't call on it because he feels it is there whenever he needs it. This could create the kind of situation which is hopeless - something like this: the writer who begins to hang out in 'dives'. He tells himself he is there to gather material. But soon he is one of the local characters - providing instead of gathering stories. The Moon in Leo requires discipline; otherwise, he slips into the easiest path, never really living up to his potential. The tendency here is toward 'snobbery'. The rules are fine, he is apt to feel, but they don't necessarily apply to him. He will associate with anyone but keep a part of himself to himself. On the positive side, he holds something in reserve. On the negative side, he thinks he is holding something in reserve. A fine point, but it could create disillusion, dissipation and unhappiness.

Generally, the native is honorable, and generous with time and money. He needs to feel he is special. In dealing with members of the opposite sex, he seeks one who finds him charming, irresistible. He shows appreciation of and ability in artistic, creative fields, including music, painting, poetry. He loves to explain, display and criticize the arts. He is never satisfied with burying his 'light' in a bushel.

(Haydn Paul)

There is a strong sense of individuality within this position, often indicating a more self-contained emotional nature, which nevertheless is attracted toward the emotional gratification of the spotlight of approval and applause. Attention is an emotional fuel, and you may display childish petulance if this need is denied, perhaps through emotional displays whenever your demands for attention are ignored by family, friends, or colleagues. Your ego and vanity are easily wounded, especially through sensitivity to criticism; and you become moody and brood in response to negative comments.

Compulsive needs exist for success and public attention, which may have roots within childhood and your relationship with parents. You need to be self-assertive, although to some you may appear too confident, too self-assured or forceful. This is an expression of inner strength, and you are often guided by this feeling of integrity, responsibility, and sense of purposeful direction. Leo as a fixed sign implies an ability to concentrate your will once a direction is determined. You can be single-minded, bending only when absolutely necessary, instead of being intrinsically flexible.

You want close, loving, and intimate relationships; you need to love and to be loved. In a loving relationship, there is the opportunity to express and receive admiration and appreciation. Your emotional self-determination, linked with personal magnetic charm, can make you attractive to others, especially to those looking for a stronger partner, or to others equally independent in nature. Your stubbornness may cause friction and conflict when wills clash, particularly if you try to dominate a partner or family member; and at times like this, your emotional immaturity is often revealed. Once the moment has passed and tempers have cooled down, you can objectively see the overreaction or emotional button that has been pressed, and resolve that 'next time, I won't rise to that bait again'. Time will tell.

If the Moon nature has been denied, signs of compulsive activity may occur, especially tendencies of self-adulation, hogging the center stage, ego-inflation, and attempts to dominate any who are unable to resist; the 'superiority complex' is one which is often seen in social / employment hierarchies. This is when insecurity hides beneath the surface, and self-esteem needs to be derived from positions of status or from the attention of others. There can be a susceptibility to flattery and a need for social approbation.

Your potential is to develop a constructive, optimistic approach to life's experiences and to fulfill personality needs. You may have to create or discover appropriate ways to satisfy your needs, rather than relying on others. Your nature requires acceptance, so that you can appreciate, value, and exploit innate talents and qualities. Pay attention to satisfying emotional needs and feelings; succeeding in this will reduce your compensatory need to play center stage and make you less vulnerable to audience reaction.

(Skye Alexander)

Self-confident, cheerful and optimistic, your outlook on life (at least your own life) is generally sunny; and not much dampens your spirits for long. You always assume that things will work out for the best, and usually they do. You have a knack for attracting into your life people and circumstances that will benefit you. You are a natural leader, and others follow you because you project an aura of knowing what you are doing.

For you, love certainly makes the world go 'round; and in relationships, you are romantic, affectionate, generous and enthusiastic. You love the idea of being in love.

Being the centre of a lover's attention feeds your sizeable ego, and you like nothing better. Flattery will win out over every time, and you are rather naive when it comes to affairs of the heart. A wily partner could separate you from everything you own, simply by doting on you and keeping you entertained.

Self-centred and rather vain, you believe everyone is as fond of you as you are of yourself. You probably flirt with everyone you meet, but it's because you thrive on constant attention, not because you are inherently fickle. Once committed to a relationship, you are generally a loyal and devoted partner. You desperately need to be loved and approved of; and nothing hurts you more than being unappreciated - unless it's being humiliated in public. The one offence you can't forgive is someone stepping on your pride.

You have an innate sense of the dramatic, and always do things with a flair. A natural showman, you can be quite entertaining and are often the life of the party. Perhaps you dress in an exotic, flamboyant manner, or in the height of style. Perhaps you are a talented actor or entertainer, always ready to perform for an audience. However, you need to be careful of being loud or showy simply to get attention.

Your natural abilities probably include some sort of artistic talent, and you are quite creative. In addition, your self-confidence allows you to keep on believing in yourself, regardless of what others think - a necessity in fields like art or the theatre.

It is quite likely that you use your creativity to make your home a showplace. You may have a gift for interior design, and are good with color, though your taste is never subtle and can tend toward garishness. Your home is your castle, and you want to live like a king / queen. As a result, you are inclined to overextend yourself financially to impress others with your house and lifestyle. You enjoy entertaining at home, and are a generous and gracious host / hostess.

When you were young, your mother (or nurturing parent) probably showered you with attention and reinforced your efforts so that you grew up believing you could do anything. If you displayed talent early, she / he may have enrolled you in acting or dance classes, or arranged for you to take art lessons. Though you were a bit spoiled, you were nonetheless a loving and good-natured child and perhaps the family favorite. You learned quickly that you could get almost anything you wanted without much effort. As an adult, you expect things to continue being easy and can be quite lazy.

You adore children, and especially playing with them and entertaining them with your antics and theatrics. A loving, devoted and affectionate parent, you are inclined to spoil your children. However, they never doubt that you love them, and you aren't the type to put a business trip ahead of your son or daughter's Little League game. The one thing you demand, however, is respect; and you won't tolerate insubordination or disobedience. Consequently, you might earn yourself a reputation in the family as a benevolent dictator.

Women with this Moon position are usually affectionate, strong-willed, self-centred and excessively concerned with their appearances. Men sometimes project this side of themselves onto the women in their lives, and may be attracted to women who are dramatic, creative, vivacious, glamorous, even a bit gaudy.

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

Self-sufficient and self-reliant, you will leave things alone unless you are personally concerned. Once you have decided to act, you are resentful of interference and

criticism. You are emotionally attached to anything that belongs to you or reflects on your ego personally.

Your sense impressions are well-developed, and you are able to make quick, accurate evaluations of other people and their motives. You have a fiery temperament, and you can quickly cut other people down to size.

Self-centred and somewhat pompous, you may lack objectivity and have a blind spot in your emotional perspective. For you to truly enjoy any relationship, your heart must be involved.

You usually lack curiosity; but when you are motivated, you learn quickly and accurately, although all your learning is colored by your feelings. Leo lends a nobility to the emotions, but this placement also makes it difficult to back down or to compromise. You are hard to convince; but when you do open your mind and heart, you learn the quickest of all.

You have a need to be admired and applauded. Despite your basic loyalty, if you feel unappreciated you will seek appreciation and satisfaction elsewhere.

People with the Moon in Leo are sexually magnetic and charming, but may also be overbearing and arrogant. In a man's chart, it makes him romantic, fun and sexy, or he may tend to conceit, arrogance and an overbearing ego. Both men and women with this placement are attractive and attracted to the opposite sex. The man will seek a woman with flair, enthusiasm and good taste.

The Moon in Leo brings positions of authority and leadership, which you accept seriously and easily. You are ambitious and status-conscious; you want prominence and acclaim. Your straightforward honesty is apparent, and your organizing ability is prominent, but take care that it doesn't become bossiness.

You love music, the arts, luxury and children; and you usually have a sunny and self-confident disposition. Your emotions are powerful, your affection is given generously, and you usually favor sophisticated pleasures.

You see your mother as a strong personality who dominated you in your youth. She tried to give you good moral and religious values.

The sign of Leo is masculine, positive, fiery and fixed, while the Moon, through its associations with the sign of Cancer, is feminine, negative, watery and cardinal. At first sight it doesn't look as if the moon would be very comfortable in Leo, but in many ways it is.

The power of the Sun seems to dominate the Moon, permeating the deepest layers of the personality with Leonine characteristics which then bubble their way up to the surface. If you have this Moon placement you are basically kind, generous and honorable, with an instinctive need to encourage others. There is a real touch of Leo nobility deep down inside you. Being naturally dignified, honest and trustworthy, you would find it hard to behave in a callous or crafty manner, and you are far too proud to scrounge off others. Your need to appear honest and honourable may not reflect reality; but if you are caught out in a cowardly or underhanded act or if it becomes obvious that you harbour jealous feelings, you can react in an angry and aggressive manner. You can get on your high horse if your dignity is pricked.

The fixity of the sign gives you the determination to see things through and to finish everything you start. It is possible that you may dig your heels in too much and try to

lay the law down to others. You could be stubborn and unbending at times.

You sometimes appear to behave in a distant and superior manner; this is your shield for those times when you are in unfamiliar situations. When hurt, you retreat into something which you see as dignified silence and others see as the sulks; however, under normal circumstances you are cheerful, friendly and open. You occasionally have doubts about your own self-worth; also occasional feelings of intense superiority. The emotions are always held under control when the Moon is in a fixed sign, and therefore they may break out strongly from time to time. You could become quite aggressive if pushed, or if you are on the receiving end of aggression from others. If hurt enough, you would become jealous, full of hate, and revengeful.

Lunar Leos can be surprisingly self-sacrificing towards loved ones, but heaven help them if the loved ones don't appreciate the sacrifices. You place the objects of your love on a pedestal and feel hurt when you discover that they are only human. Your intense feelings give you a longing for excitement, drama, romance and passion; with a bit of luck, you will find this within a steady relationship; if not, then you will look for romance, passion etc. outside marriage. You may even create tension within a relationship to keep it alive. For the same reason, you must have an exciting career; you can put up with an insecure one but not a boring one. Too much contentment bores you.

Your mind is broad, and you are unlikely to follow any of the more fanatical religious or political beliefs. You may have a religious and philosophical outlook which is different from that of your parents; but this should not be a big problem in your life. Although not in any way bigoted, you may find it hard to change your mind once it is made up, and you can have rather entrenched views.

The Moon is associated with the home; therefore, yours will be attractive with an interesting sort of décor. You are very fussy about your own appearance, and may even be vain. (Men with this Moon placement are actually worse than women.) The one thing which is the bane of your life is your hair. You may consider this to be too thick, thin, wiry, curly, or, even if male, too bald! You may be vain about your body and even your sexual performance. One lady who is married to a very nice Moon in Leo guy tells me that he doles out sex as if it were a treat! As a lover, you could, like Sun in Leo, be bossy and demanding, but also comfortable, relaxed and kind. It would be most unusual to find an out-and-out pervert with this Moon placement. Being romantic, you enjoy dining out, giving and receiving presents, and remembering birthdays. You are fussy about your choice of partner; nothing less than the best will do for you. You have a strong sex drive, but couldn't cope for long with a relationship based on sex alone. You need romance and passion, and you need above all to be loved. Even so, you would find it difficult to live without the comfort and release of sex; life without love, in all its applications, would be too cold to contemplate. You don't mind taking the lead sexually, and can encourage a partner who is less experienced than you. Your senses are strong; therefore, everything about sex appeals to you as long as you can perform with a certain amount of decorum. The back seat of a car in a rainy car park is just not for you (except maybe a Rolls Royce!).

You may feel a need to attach yourself to some source of power. You may work with powerful and successful people, or with large and powerful animals; alternatively, you might be fascinated by the power of magic and the spiritual world. This would enable you to enjoy risk-taking at second hand, which is a lunar trait. Your courage, fire and enthusiasm could lead you to learn from the powerful people around you and put their lessons into action for yourself, which is, of course, a solar trait.

You will do anything for those whom you love, but you need your generosity of spirit to be appreciated. Leo being a fixed sign, you resist change, and would find it hard to admit defeat in any situation; therefore, you would find it difficult to cut your losses and start again. You can put up with the wrong job for far too long, and also hang on to a rotten relationship long after the time has come to end it. You are possibly a little too good at maintaining the status quo, especially in emotional situations. You may be self-centred emotionally, and possibly inclined to hang on to those you love - this applies to your children as well. Laura, a gentle and skilled palmist now in her mid-forties, recently left her paranoid and violent husband after many years of abuse; but still feels that she is unable to make the final break and divorce him. 'It's too final', she says.

Unless there are very different characteristics in your Sun and Ascendant, you are sociable and enjoy being entertained; but, being much shyer than the solar Leo type of personality, you can only entertain others in a quiet way. Sports and the company of young people appeal to you. You might become involved in some organization like the Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, the Territorial Army or the Red Cross. There is not need for you to be the centre of attraction in the world outside, but you do like to be in the centre of things within your own home. If you did find yourself in the spotlight, you could cope with it, but you don't seek it consciously in the way that Sun in Leo would. You like to know where the various members of your family are, and to make sure that they are all right; you have an inner need to organize them and keep them on the right lines.

Your inner nature, unless you are feeling hurt, is playful, sunny and friendly, which makes you popular in a quiet kind of way. You appreciate beauty, creativity and art, and have an instinctive sense of style. You are proud of your loved ones, and even of your friends. You prefer not to be surrounded by dirty, down-at-heel types. You never forget a hurt, but your strong loyalty means that you remember those who have helped you too. You need to belong somewhere, and may be attached to one particular set of bricks and mortar, or to an area of the country with which you feel a particular affinity. Needing space, you hate cramped surroundings. You love to get away into the countryside and to take your holidays in a warm and pleasant place. You need holidays and breaks because you tend to put a lot of effort into your job and into life itself. Your vitality is never drained for long, as you have inner reserves of strength.

You make an excellent parent, often treating your children as young adults and always preserving their dignity. You don't seek to hang on to them when they grow up. You are able to teach and encourage them through play, but you may not be too patient with them at times. You can be relied on to give them a cuddle whenever they are down-hearted or ill.

Both solar and lunar Leo subjects learn more easily after leaving school than before. You may take a quite demanding course when already busy with a career, home and family; this may be in order to get yourself a better job or just to fulfil yourself. You lack confidence in your abilities; therefore, any achievement that you make will help you to go on to further successes. Even if you do not have much formal education, you understand people and learn well from life. You have an inner need to be in an executive position; and if your circumstances mitigate against this, you could be self-employed, the king of your own field, although you might need someone else around to help you cope with the details.

You make a good employer, with an understanding of the need to preserve the dignity of others.

You are career-minded; and with your good concentration and good organizational skills, you can climb the career ladder in a steady manner. You need to gain a reputation in some kind of creative field, and may strive hard to perfect something which will bring you a quiet kind of renown. Your ability to make the right impression could lead you to fields of marketing, personnel work, the display of works of art, or antiques. The biggest problem is that you could have big dreams but may be too lazy to make them come true. You want to come out on top of your field, but are strangely uncompetitive, being too self-centred to worry about others. Your own high standards would give you enough to compete against. You are very good at calming people down and dealing with touchy situations; therefore, some kind of social work with troubled people, especially troubled youngsters, might appeal. Your attraction to glamour might interest you in some form of showbusiness. There is a creative side to you which means that you would take to dancing, singing or artistic work of some kind. Being drawn towards children and young people, you could be a teacher (especially if there is Gemini, Aquarius or Sagittarius on your chart). You might prefer to be a nursery nurse or probation officer. Your love of the good things in life could make you a good restaurateur or hotelier, but you might be best employed out in the front. you would be all right behind the scenes organizing others, but under no circumstances would you want to be the one to do the cleaning and cooking.

You are competent and capable as long as you are allowed to work at your own pace, but you detest being hussled and put under pressure.

The chances are that your father was autocratic, authoritarian, or just unable to relate to children. You probably got on much better with your mother. You yourself might be too ready to push your own children, but this may reflect back one generation, meaning that you were pushed by your parents and that they expected more from you than you were able to produce at that time. The background may have been traditional, even religious in some way, involving rituals and certain kinds of behaviour. At the worst end of this spectrum, you may have been afraid of your father, or made to feel that you couldn't live up to some impossible image of perfection. He may have been a very successful man himself, or he may have achieved a great deal while he was still young. Lunar Leos are far more likely to succeed later in life. You need parental love, encouragement and appreciation; and if you get this from at least one parent plus brothers and sisters, fine - if not, you could become something of an emotional cripple. The last thing you need is a cool, intellectual air sign for a parent.

You need to keep your intake of food and drink down, and to take exercise and lead a moderate life, because your heart may be weak. There could be spinal trouble; this is particularly prone to occur when you are unhappy or worried.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The immediate instinct of those with the Moon in Leo is to take over. While there is an active and happy enthusiasm, and a need to express emotions in a positive way, it is all too easy for people with this placing to appear bossy, dogmatic and stubborn. But at best they can be an excellent source of inspiration to others, with the ability to get the most out of them - pack leaders who enjoy the role!

Their belief that they can do anything as well as or better than anyone else is a mixed blessing. While they will inevitably find plenty of outlets for all their potential (indicated by the characteristics of the Sun sign), and will achieve their aspirations (indicated by the Midheaven), they can tend to overstep the mark and become somewhat overwhelming.

If shyness or a lack of self-assurance is shown in other areas of the chart, there will be a conflict which will result in the subject covering up the inhibited areas by showing off, perhaps even feigning extroversion and confidence in a way that can be embarrassing for loved ones. If you are working on the chart of a child with this placing, it will be necessary to encourage the parents to steady the youngster's natural exuberance, which at its best is lovely but can become bombastic.

There is a special need to make the right impression, especially when these people are young, and as a result a great many of them will learn the hard way. In spite of this, there is determination and a sense of immediacy which is much in their favor. They will cope extremely well in any emergency that arises, for the powers of leadership and organizational ability attributed to the Sun sign Leo are always present and will be called upon and expressed at just a moment's notice.

The emotional forces are strong, and the intuition and imagination powerful. These can be expressed creatively through any art form sympathetic to the Sun sign. The tendency to show off, at any age, must be countered by other less extrovert indications in the chart. This is a placing that needs a steadying hand, not only elsewhere in the chart, but also from those with influence over the subject. Even so, this placing is often found in the charts of big achievers, especially when the Moon is near the Midheaven or situated in the tenth house.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The Moon sign Leo indicates an emotionally proud individual with a flair for dramatics who will often seek the spotlight. There is an unconscious need to be admired and appreciated. These people need romance and affection. They are fond of children, parties, art, sports, and entertainment in all forms. Because they may be self-centred, they can incline to stubbornness. Sometimes they act like prima donnas, out of the need to dramatize their feelings. There is a tendency to dominate others, especially those within the domestic scene. Their susceptibility to flattery sometimes appears as childish self-importance.

The tendency to self-dramatization would be unbearable if these people were not sincere in their efforts at self-improvement. Their need to love and be loved is a healthy emotional drive and makes for a sunny disposition and constructive expression in most cases. Persons with this Moon position want their children to be well-groomed and their homes to be showplaces of beauty and art.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a noble, though potentially vain, soul. You have the need to live in style with Other - but this could mean being greedy for ease and luxury. You have the instinct to win admiration - but without meriting this you'd always be seeking attention. Your mother is seen or expressed as one who is unconditionally generous, and / or spoils you as her child.

You naturally respond towards Other by making him / her feel very special; the 'only one'. You respond to children and party situations with playfulness and enthusiasm. You respond to Other or others generally in a warm, dignified and loyal fashion.

Your inner child reacts with sulks and tantrums when Other does not find you beyond criticism; with indignation and melodrama when things are not going your way; and by taking it very personally when Other is indifferent for reasons that possibly have nothing to do with you.

You are unconsciously drawn towards Others who appear to have a style or wherewithal that is above average; to exciting, dramatic Others - especially when you are the focus of their attention; and to Others who want to go up in the world and so are impressed by your classy style - and you cannot resist such admiration.

You can get caught up in relationships which demand more of you as a person on all levels - emotional, physical, mental and spiritual; in childish, jealousy-inducing scenarios that you must rise above if you are not to be sunk very low; and in relationships that bring you down to a more real, unglamorous, emotional level.

When you are alone, you are like a banished king or queen. What could be wrong? Is no-one good enough? How wronged you feel! At some point, given long enough, you may get round to asking yourself where you are going wrong. If so, this would be a highly important point in your emotional development. This would especially apply if you had been alone for quite some time, or have never been properly involved at all. If this is the case, it is most probably because you sense, possibly unconsciously, that you would have to get a lot more realistic on an emotional level than the romantic idea you have of love and relationship at present. If, however, you have recently separated, it is very likely that there were warning signs of trouble some time ago, but your ego refused to see or acknowledge them. In any event, you probably feel cheated and forsaken. But if you wish to avoid a similar scenario, then you must review your part in all this. This will have something to do with your being very generous to Other in some way, hence the 'forsaken' feeling. But ask yourself what you were after in return, and if it was realistic. If it was nothing, then why the bitterness?

(Grant Lewi)

The portrait you paint of yourself is heroic, and towers above the world you inhabit. To live up to the level of your inner picture is a lifetime job requiring energy, courage, and considerable sense of the drama of existence. Private satisfactions are not very important to you; you are less introspective than most. You want to see the tangible evidence of success, and like it best if the rest of the world can see it, too. You are a bit of a show-off, but since you are utterly honest with yourself, you can laugh at your own vanities, even when they remain important. You want valuable possessions, well-groomed children, good clothes, accomplishments, and evidence of accomplishment that others can applaud. Your desires are basically simple, and your methods of getting them are direct; you know what you want, and are willing to make sacrifices for them. You won't sacrifice personal integrity, however, or honor, which are the intangibles that do matter to you. Education, culture, art, and music, however, matter less. You can take 'em or leave 'em alone; and ten to one, if you do take 'em, it isn't because they really feed your soul, but because you think evidence of such a soul will in some way add to your prestige. Throughout your life, you will strive to fulfill an image of yourself which is less a portrait than a statue dominating the landscape of your life by its size, its beauty, the dramatic quality of its setting and the colorful beauty of its trappings. And in becoming this statue, you are likely to become many other more spiritual things which you don't even desire, and which are added to you because of the honest workmanship that goes into your self-sculpture.

(Robert Hand)

You consider yourself important, and want to do things that will make other people proud of you. But most of all you must be proud of yourself, and you will avoid any situation that would make you look bad to yourself.

You like to be the centre of attention, and will often act in a way that attracts

attention. In a group, you try to be the outstanding person one way or another. You take your feelings very seriously, and are inclined to emphasize or exaggerate them when talking to others. You also may exaggerate other things, which you should be careful of, because the result may be that people will not take you seriously when you want them to.

Above all, you feel the need to be yourself, and you do not easily act as other people want you to. You can be quite stubborn, which is perfectly well and good, but others also have the right to be themselves, and you may not allow them to.

You are emotionally very warm; and if you like someone, you let him or her know it. But you need love and affection too; and, above all, reassurance. The better you feel about yourself, the less you feel the need to show off.

You are very fond of playing games, either athletics or indoor games. Often you prefer to play rather than work.

### **Natal Moon in Virgo**

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

#### **Static**

If you want to be perfect in the eyes of others, you may use the Virgo analytical powers to defend your behavior when others question you. When others do not behave according to your expectations, you may feel affronted and react with sarcasm or cold silence. You might withhold helpful opinions and valuable perceptions because you fear criticism from others.

Often, you may refuse to share your internal reactions with a loved one, and unwittingly create a secret barrier. As a result, you sacrifice integrity in order to be accepted, at least momentarily. You may then feel guilty and not know why. Relating superficially deprives others of the value of the Virgo perception and deprives you of the opportunity to feel useful. In violating your code, you undergo severe self-criticism which, in turn, takes away the security needed.

#### **Dynamic**

You can communicate the Virgo standards in a way that confirms your goodness and perfection. When you let go of your standards and notions of what perfect behavior ought to look like (yours or the other person's), you rid yourself of ideas that prevent closeness.

As you empty your mind of the judgements that cause separations, you experience joy and closeness in the communication you want. You can do this by casting aside the need to have others think of you as perfect. This frees you to have faith in your intuition. Then you can tell what, for you, is the truth in the situation expressed as your own point of view.

In releasing scattered pictures of what you think service to others ought to look like, you are able to speak with integrity and transcend superficiality. You first need to sacrifice judgements of your 'rightness' and others' 'wrongness'; then you can discover that what you formerly judged as imperfect behavior in others was only their lack of information needed to put their lives in order. You can satisfy your own need to feel useful in relationships by looking beyond fears of personal rejection and sharing what you see.

When you use the Virgo practical ability for analysis to share your reactions and assist others in dealing with their emotional systems, you experience a sense of your true ability to serve. This gives you the self-acceptance you need to feel close.

## General

You have a gentle humility and the desire to serve. You are concerned with the details of perfection in your work. Thus, you have a tendency to feel that all aspects of your behavior and performance must be perfect before they can be allowed expression. This attitude can interfere with the flow of your charitable deeds in the world.

You are learning to express whatever piece of the puzzle you have at the moment, without having to see the 'whole, complete picture'. When your piece of the puzzle has been added, the larger vision becomes clearer for all concerned, and others can co-operate more easily with you in attaining mutually beneficial results.

You feel that your behavior has to be exemplary - and example of perfection above the behavioral standards of the rest of mankind. You may feel separate from others due to this inflated sense of 'rightness'.

You are learning to relax, to dissolve your rigidities, to trust the perfection of the universal unfoldment of events, and to be responsible for simply doing your part. By freely adding your piece of the puzzle - whether it be a feeling, thought, perception, or momentary desire - without it needing to be perfect before expression, you are co-operating with the people and events that flow through your life. And you become an example of perfection to others by operating from the integrity of expressing yourself fully and innocently, piece by piece, along the way.

(Tracy Marks)

If we have a Virgo Moon, we may be adept at using our minds to defend against unwanted feelings. We need organization and predictability in at least some facets of our lives; we need to experience ourselves as useful, as providers of valued services in our work and our personal activities; we need mentally to assess and structure our experience as well as care for our physical wellbeing. We have high standards for ourselves and others, and must maintain personal integrity at all costs.

If we lose touch with our deeper emotional and instinctual nature, our constructive Virgoan traits may become destructively compulsive. We insist on a degree of order and efficiency which destroys the spontaneity and vitality in and around us; we become workaholics, unable to relax and at the mercy of our compulsion to keep busy at all costs. We fuss, worry, nag and intellectualize incessantly. We subordinate ourselves to others, compelling them to utilize our services. We rip ourselves apart with self-criticism, and likewise are unable to allow imperfection in other people.

Having a Virgo Moon suggests that we experienced a significant degree of Virgoan energy in one or both of our parent figures. A nourishing Virgoan parent may have encouraged our mental development, taught us constructive personal habits, and enabled us to experience a safe and orderly early environment without crushing the spirit of our inner child. Such a parent may have taught us how to use reason and common sense to master rather than repress our feelings and desires, and was probably helpful to us through providing many of the little but significant services of daily living.

On the other hand, a Virgoan parent who was not a positive influence upon us may have exposed us to a degree of super-efficiency, criticism, analysis, perfectionism and / or pettiness which frustrated and inhibited our emotional growth and fragile self-esteem. The 'should system' of our childhood years may have become an internal structure which continues to enslave us as adults. Our sense of not being good enough impairs our ability to function personally and professionally. A subservient slavish parent may have catered to us too frequently; a hypochondriacal parent may have focused so obsessively upon ill-health that we ourselves became sickly or hypochondriacal in order to receive attention and care.

We may need to revise the internal messages we give ourselves, which continue to keep detrimental Virgoan patterns in operation. Our task may be to learn how to experience and value all our feelings and needs while also utilizing our analytical capabilities and creating order and discipline in our experience. We may need to develop new standards for ourselves and others, standards which fully accept our imperfectly human behaviors while also valuing our occasional moments of superhuman goodness or accomplishment. Choosing to love ourselves, choosing to discover the wondrous perfection in our imperfection, may nourish our souls so profoundly that we do indeed become more giving and capable human beings.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Virgo, the Moon position stresses the intellectual approach. Where the Moon in Leo would be content to feel, the Moon here finds it necessary to understand. This native wants his family (and the world could be his family) to adjust to what he can understand!

The astrologer can readily see that this creates some difficulties. He must learn whether the native's range of understanding is narrow or wide. The stress is on sincerity, a job well done, powers of discrimination. The native can be fussy, stubborn and demanding, but he never asks others to do what he himself would not do. He tends to be a censor. If he doesn't feel something is good to read or see, he feels it is logical to assume it is not good for others. The astrologer must work to help the native broaden his vision, open his mind, and welcome new experiences.

The native is excellent when it comes to analyzing. Difficulties arise when he analyzes to such an extent that he is frozen into periods of absolute inaction. He wants to know: but this drive toward knowledge can shut out the intuitive intellect; it can make the native ultraconservative. Indications here are good for teaching, reporting, analyzing reports, statistics.

He feels tremendously gratified when others ask questions, ask his opinion, or show appreciation for his efforts. He is easily taken advantage of by those shrewd enough to play on his need for affection, appreciation, understanding.

The native is loyal, persistent; he possesses the desire to overcome obstacles and arrive at a goal. Here the astrologer has an important key: the native must have a goal. Nothing discourages him more than aimlessness. He often is intolerant of those who are 'abstract', who do not appear definite enough, or who are 'waiting for the right time'. The Moon in Virgo needs to be busy. He consults, he reports, he makes trips, he writes letters, he arranges meetings. He is a wonderful agent, diagnostician, technician, host - if the party is for a reason.

He wants to be of use. He admires others who are dedicated and tends to ridicule those who can relax. What is the astrologer to stress? Taken alone, he views the Moon in Virgo as an indication of one with tremendous potential. The native can

make himself reliable and needed, but can find himself buried in a maze of details, overlooked for the promotions, the 'bigger' things, including the kind of fulfillment which brings greatest personal happiness. The native, reacting negatively, is finicky about food, sex, and new experiences.

He needs to learn to loosen up. Then he becomes discriminating in the best sense: he recognizes quality and enjoys what he has, instead of constantly reaching out for something else.

(Haydn Paul)

With Moon in Virgo, you prefer a life-style that is externally and internally ordered, disciplined, and controlled. You tend to follow repetitive behavior patterns which produce feelings of stability, if only through predictability. While you may rationalize such behavior, or justify it by reference to religious, philosophical, or moral tenets, the hidden impulse behind this self-protection is fear of chaos, or the fear of releasing uncontrollable emotional forces. You may inhibit self-expression, restricting physical, emotional, and mental behavior to whatever you consider socially acceptable.

As part of this self-structuring, intellectual theories and philosophical or religious beliefs attract you, those which seek to impose meaning and order on the mysteries of life. Science may be one approach, or the self-creation of a logical, rational, and objective perspective. The main danger from this is the formation of a rigid mind-set that refuses to accept or allow any different or contradictory worldviews.

A perfectionist streak is likely, often associated with preferring the detail, appearance, and minutiae of things. In focusing on the parts, you may fail to see the whole picture; analysis can be fascinating, but revelation and meaning lies in the act of synthesis.

You can be self-critical and unforgiving, chastizing yourself for failing to meet exacting standards; if you impose these standards on others, this may cause interpersonal friction, as not everyone will consider that your priorities and evaluations are valid for them. Your perfectionism may not always be appropriate, and some may find your attention to detail irritating and unnecessary. As you will be a conscientious and practical hard worker, you may be an exacting taskmaster, but your workaholic tendency and devotion to duty may also stifle comfortable relationships with work colleagues. Trying to contain life energies within categories and efficient order can often strip them of all vitality, turning them into lifeless energies; predictable and controlled, yes, but of reduced future value.

It is important for you to feel you are of use; and you can be one of life's unsung servers due to a quiet, reserved, and retiring nature. With your work ethic, you may find relaxation difficult, and may become obsessively active, attempting to feel useful and to avoid facing other less satisfactory areas of yourself and life. Work can become a time-consuming substitute. Other areas of life that may also reflect obsessive traits are those related to health, diet, and hygiene.

One weak spot is that you often lack feelings and emotions behind a tight intellectualized mental barrier, using your mind as a defence against feelings, denying their validity and trying to ignore their promptings. At worst, you could become a dry and sterile personality as a consequence of prolonged repression; by your losing contact with your feelings, instincts, and emotions, those Virgoan characteristics would present their negative qualities throughout your life, affecting all relationships and your state of mind.

To avoid this, you need to accept your whole nature, not persist in emphasizing

mental control and denying physical and instinctual needs. Through self-acceptance, you will expand tolerance and understanding of others, becoming more flexible and able to experience your human nature to the full. Rigidity of thought and worldview can be dropped, and a new universe of potential will emerge, untainted by your attempts at limitation. Acknowledging feelings, emotions and instincts as real and as part of you, and respecting their needs and messages, will offer immense personal dividends.

Rebalancing your nature will lead to wholeness; and blocked inner energies will freely flow again. Initial stages in this may be painful; you may feel threatened by slowly dissolving self-erected barriers and want to reassemble them again, but if you persist, you can be reborn, capable of consciously using the beneficial qualities of Virgo in harmony with the self-nurturing needs of your Moon. Self-esteem will naturally grow through personal development, rather than being a vulnerable and fragile construct protected by various inner defences against the encroachment of world and emotions. Learning to trust yourself and the world is the first step to take toward progress.

(Skye Alexander)

You are not unemotional, but it is difficult for you to express what you feel. Consequently, others might consider you cold, detached, perhaps a little prudish and stuffy. Actually, you are quite sensitive and your feelings are easily hurt. To hide your vulnerability, however, you try to give the impression of being aloof and coolly professional - even in situations that call for warmth and openness.

Overly critical of yourself (and others), you assume that people will judge you harshly and find you lacking. Whether or not it's true, you probably feel that people don't like you, and may even believe there's not much about you to like. So to avoid the pain and disappointment of rejection, you keep your emotions under wraps and can be quite stingy about sharing them.

Even when your feelings are engaged, your shyness makes it hard for you to be demonstrative with your affections. Instead you express caring by doing things for the people you love: cleaning, mending, repairing a leaky faucet or running errands, for example. You want to make yourself indispensable to your loved ones so they won't be able to get along without you.

You have trouble accepting praise for what you do, and perform your tasks so efficiently and modestly that others - especially your family members - don't always notice how much you do for them. This can cause you to become resentful, and you may feel you are unappreciated. When this happens, you are inclined to become irritable and complaining. You need to realize that because you tend to take on more than your share and don't stand up for yourself, you make it easy for people to take advantage of you. Be careful of falling into the role of martyr, especially with your family members. Because you feel guilty when you refuse to do something for someone else, you may allow your children, parents and / or partner to turn you into their servant.

In truth, you enjoy serving others and derive a sense of satisfaction from being able to help someone else. You are concerned about the welfare of all, particularly those who are most vulnerable or helpless. You are at your best when you are taking care of the sick or needy, and are willing to do even menial chores that most people find distasteful. Hard-working and conscientious, you never shy away from responsibility. Your kindness is not limited to humans, and you are probably an animal lover. Many people with this Moon position put their compassion, practicality and efficiency to

work in the healing fields or social services.

As a child, you were probably the one who tried to 'fix' whatever was wrong in your family. If you grew up in a dysfunctional family, you tried to make things right. If your family was poor, you may have begun working at a young age to contribute your share. If you were the oldest, you may have taken on adult responsibilities or extra chores to help out. As an adult, you're still the one family members call on for assistance, whether it's picking the kids up after school or caring for an elderly parent.

This Moon position usually indicates deep-seated feelings of inadequacy and lack of self-esteem. Perhaps when you were a child, your parents were overly-critical of you or expected you to be perfect. If you feel you haven't lived up to their expectations, you might not be satisfied with yourself or your accomplishments. You may view your mother (or your nurturing parent) as being particularly fault-finding and fussy. You also are critical of her yourself.

With your own children, you can be rather picky. Extremely neat and orderly yourself, you may find their messiness irritating. Though you probably don't care if your home is lavish or beautifully decorated, you want it to be clean and organized; and others (including your family members) might think you're a bit neurotic about it.

It is most likely that you are interested in health and nutrition, and are very particular about your diet and your family's. Some people with this Moon placement are susceptible to allergies and digestive problems, and must be careful about what they eat. Others are fussy eaters.

Your cautious, meticulous and methodical nature enables you to excel at tasks that require neatness, precision and attention to detail. You have a natural aptitude for order and organization that can be utilized in such areas as accounting / bookkeeping, tailoring, woodworking, drafting, needlepoint, model building, dentistry, or working with precision instruments.

Because the Moon is the embodiment of one of the archetypal female energies, women tend to express its characteristics more easily than men do. Thus, women may readily display their Virgoan qualities, while men sometimes project these characteristics onto the women in their lives. Or, they might attract women who are modest, efficient, helpful, meticulous and / or perfectionists. Men with this Moon position also can be quite critical of the women in their lives, and of women in general.

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

You respond to encouragement and appreciation, and you have a deep hunger for sharing experiences and self-realization with others. However, this makes you emotionally overeager; you may be prone to dictating the course of all your relationships. You are insistent and you can even be petulant. You are generous with your time and service; you want to serve people, but you have trouble understanding their feelings. You want what you want, and just the way you want it.

This placement of the Moon emphasizes your mental qualities, but here the restless mental qualities of Gemini are replaced by steadiness and practicality. You don't value knowledge for its own sake, but you seek it in order to use and apply it. Your memory is excellent. You analyze and criticize all sense impressions with care. This is not the most sexual position for the Moon.

You have a fondness for science and / or the occult. You can be clairvoyant or psychometric, and you have great intuitive abilities if you choose to develop them.

You can be temperamental at times. You prefer to earn everything by your mental ability and your fertile imagination. Despite the Virgo tendency to be picky and argumentative, you appear quiet, shy and unpretentious. Although you are basically proper and conservative, your religious inclinations surface in a broad-minded way. With this mutable Moon, you have many acquaintances, frequent changes in your life and numerous short trips.

You are an excellent teacher. You do not ask personal questions unless necessary, and your curiosity only surfaces in relation to work and practical affairs. Interested in diet, health and hygiene, you have a tendency to worry and to develop a nervous disposition; your digestion may suffer as a result. This is often known as the 'medicine chest Moon'.

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers) (contd.)

You are shrewd, with good business sense and meticulous attention to detail. You could do very well in psychoanalysis or diagnosis of any kind. You should try to counteract fussiness or a lack of self-confidence.

This position of the Moon in a woman's chart often indicates emotional insecurity which expresses itself as a lack of warmth and at times inhibition. In a man's chart it attracts a detached, non-clinging mate, because he does not want emotional demands made upon him.

Your mother may seem critical and cool to you.

(Sasha Fenton)

There is an uneasy alliance between the sign of Virgo and the energy of the Moon. You may find it very difficult to shape your world the way that you would like. It seems that the cardinality of the Moon (cardinality implies action) is halted in mutable, negative Virgo. If you cannot make your job work for you, create the right kind of environment or find the right partner, you could retreat into fiddling about and fidgeting. You may never quite finish decorating your home, you may try out one partner after another, or you could become your own worst enemy at work. If thwarted, you will develop a tendency to meddle, criticize, ruin, lose or destroy the very things which you most need. You could over-analyse yourself and everything around you and then hide your fears and phobias under a layer of fussiness. Be careful not to fall prey to a psychological need to organize every detail and prepare for every eventuality so that you program out not only life's unexpected problems but also its pleasant surprises.

Virgo is a difficult sign to understand, and the Moon in this placement adds to the complications. Virgo being an earth sign suggests an inner need to serve people in a practical way; therefore, you will prefer to work in a field where you can be useful to others. You feel more comfortable in the workplace than in a social setting, especially if your talents are being used to the limit. Being dutiful and caring towards your family, you show your love for them by helping them in a practical way or by giving them material things, rather than by open displays of affection or of verbal love. You are especially helpful and understanding if they are ill. You are reliable, businesslike, tidy and efficient in all that you do. Being loyal and trustworthy, you would never betray a confidence. Most lunar Virgoans are early risers and seem to be more alert

in the morning than in the evening. Your mind is very clear and logical. Your thinking is usually along realistic lines, and you prefer to think before acting. You could be quite imaginative if there were something like Pisces or Leo on your birthchart, but the imagination would be harnessed to some kind of structure - writing poetry, making a garden, or computer programming, for example. You enjoy debating when you are among people with whom you can relax. You never swallow what you are told without verification. Be careful not to spend too much energy on details and miss the main point. Also try not to let problems revolve round in your head growing out of all proportion. Some lunar Virgoans are vigorous social reformers, especially if there is any Aquarius on the birthchart or if the Sun or the Ascendant are in fairly confident, outgoing signs. You can take practical decisions almost instantly, and will go anywhere at the drop of a hat; when decisions have an emotional content, this is not so easy. Oddly enough, although the mind is quick, your bodily movements may be slow. Female lunar Virgoans are good homemakers, often loving their homes, but they need an intellectual outlet and the chance to work and earn money of their own. Although your thought processes are particularly logical, you can be very psychic. There is an acceptable logic to psychic matters which you seem to grasp more easily than many other people. Religion may not interest you overmuch, and blind faith is never acceptable to you.

Virgo being a mutable sign suggests that you can fit yourself in to almost any type of company. You are unlikely to be prejudiced about race, religion, etc., because all people interest you. Lunar Virgoans rarely manipulate others for their own ends. You are shy at first but very sociable when you feel that you can relax. Although hardly likely to be the life and soul of the party, and even less likely to get drunk and make a fool of yourself, you do enjoy socializing, especially in the company of witty and interesting people. Despite being shy, you like to welcome new people, but will sit back and analyse them later on.

I very much doubt whether you see money in terms of the power it may give you; and you have little desire to waste your hard-earned pennies on flashy things - you prefer to pay your bills on time and then have a bit left over for treats. A favourite treat for you would be a trip out into the country and a nice meal out. You like the fresh air and the seaside; and you enjoy physical exercise of a fairly gentle nature, such as walking, dancing or badminton. Being an Earth sign, you find gardening appeals to you, especially growing your own fruit and vegetables plus filling the house and garden with sweet-smelling flowers. Your senses of taste and smell (and your stomach) are easily upset; therefore good home-grown produce is a favourite with you. Reading and listening to music provide you with a passive form of escapism. One active form of escapism which is very popular among both solar and lunar Virgoans is acting. Here you can forget yourself for a while and take on a completely different personality. This gives you the opportunity of behaving foolishly or even outrageously without having to risk being taken seriously.

Relationships can be a minefield for you; you tend to make yourself useful to your partner and then wonder why you are being used. In a way the most successful relationship for you would be with a partner who has an important and interesting career of his or her own where you could help to smooth their path for them. There must be a mental rapport between you and your partner. Shared interests or work in common will help. You are prepared to make an effort in a relationship. Some of you attach yourselves to a glamorous, glittering personality and enjoy being a part of his / her life. Any relationship based solely on sex wouldn't hold you for long. Many astrology books suggest that solar and lunar Virgoans are sexless; this is just not true; however, there can be some really vicious problems associated with sex and sexual relationships. I think the trouble stems from two sources; the first being that you are easily embarrassed by the apparent ludicrousness of the sex act - you find it

hard to relinquish your dignity and make the necessary adjustment which would enable you to surrender to your feelings. The second problem is that you may be ashamed of your own capacity for passion, possibly due to early childhood influences and incidents. Anyone who has any of the personal planets (Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus and Mars) placed in Virgo will immediately freeze up if criticized for his or her performance.

You may fill up your time with work in order to avoid dealing with the whole relating and sexual scene. Shyness doesn't help here, but most of this can be overcome if you find yourself a kind, encouraging partner. One thing which does help is your ability to adapt. All mutable signs will try to fit in with other people's requirements; therefore, given a chance and much tender, loving care, you could realize your sexual potential, especially with the 'right' lover. Coarseness puts you off immediately. Criticism will squash you, not only sexually but in every other way. You have intensely critical feelings towards others; but being the lunar, inner side of your nature, they probably are kept to yourself - unless you become very angry, when it all bursts out.

If a relationship goes wrong, you can become desperate, even suicidally depressed. You have to beware of self-fulfilling prophecies where you tell yourself that you are going to be let down and then allow yourself to become so; lack of confidence and too little faith in the future can actually bring this about. You may go too far the other way, keeping your emotions on such a tight rein that you never allow yourself the luxury of love and romance; this is a shame because you do need a partner and also a family.

You may find it hard to relate to your own children, and may pay too much attention to their practical and educational needs and not enough to their need for love and affection. On the other hand, children may be the ideal outlet for your bottled up love, giving you the opportunity to give and receive affection unreservedly. You may be able to romp, roll around and act out parts for their amusement in a way which you could never do with adults. Teaching comes naturally to you; therefore, you enjoy opening your children's minds to the world of books, museums and nature. Given a secure and loving partnership, you will gain confidence and really begin to blossom.

You have an acute sense of humour, which so often is able to save you from much of the unhappiness associated with this sign. If you can find an intelligent partner to laugh with, then you are really made. Being loyal yourself, and having very high standards of behaviour, you may expect others to be the same with regard to you. If your partner makes a habit of wandering off and leaving you alone whenever you go to a party, you would be most put out. You need to be hugged and comforted, especially if things are not going well for you; and, most of all, you require a feeling of solidarity in your relationships, a feeling that your family circle will stick together and stick up for each other against the world.

The sign of Virgo will dominate the personality in such a way that you identify yourself far more by what you do than what you are. There are enough wasters and losers in this world already; perhaps we could do with a few more lunar Virgoans to prevent us from losing and wasting what is left on our planet. You learn quickly and like to keep your mind and body occupied. Even your leisure pursuits are healthy or useful ones such as working for a charity or a political organization. You have a creative side which can be expressed in sewing, carpentry, cooking or writing because you like problem-solving and the bringing together of separate parts in order to make a whole.

Skills such as typing, driving and accounting come easily to you. You make an exemplary office worker, being neat, efficient, quiet, clean, practical and helpful.

Given that your Sun and Ascendant are placed in an outgoing sign, you may enjoy a life in a skilled branch of the armed forces. Learning and coming to grips with highly technical matters would hold no terrors for you.

The whole field of health comes naturally to you. Lunar Virgoans make good nurses, doctors and dieticians. Although unlikely to make much display of your own feelings, you are able to understand the pain of others. Your interest in health is not just in the field of caring and healing, but in that of preventing disease from taking root in the first place; therefore, you advocate diet, exercise and moderate living. You yourself could be a hypochondriac or could genuinely suffer from a series of minor but irritating ailments and nervous disorders. Having a clear, logical and analytical mind, you would be a natural for computing, accounting, systems analysis, and electronic weighing and measuring. Research, especially in the medical field, would please you. Teaching might appeal - teaching either infants or older students who are highly intelligent, quiet and ready to learn. Maths and science subjects would suit you, but languages may be a problem. You could learn the grammar all right; it is the speaking that would get you down unless you had something fairly uninhibited like Sagittarius on your Ascendant.

It may be difficult for you to manage others because delegating requires confidence in one's own leadership plus in the ability of others to do a good job on your behalf. You tend to become angry when faced with an attitude of uncaring inefficiency. You may not be overly ambitious, but you like to do things well and to be appreciated for it. The success of others doesn't upset you. At best your childhood would have been a fairly cool affair; at worst, it may have had nightmarish qualities. 'Nightmarish is just about right', said Anne, an elegant, divorced systems analyst. 'I used to study my father to judge which rules I should be playing by; and just when I got the hang of the game, he changed the rules. I could never win; my place was always in the wrong.'

To start with, being born wasn't all that easy; therefore the relationship between you and your mother probably started badly. There was a great deal of discipline in your childhood; an emphasis on being on time for meals, washing behind your ears and doing your homework. You may have been compared to other children and told that you were not as good, clever, pretty, tall etc. as them. If you were a diligent child, naturally tidy, quiet, organized and clever at school, you would have pleased your parents and would therefore have had an easier time of it. You may have only been able to win their approval by success in exams or winning medals at sports, dancing, etc.. Some of your self-esteem and lack of confidence results from having been nervous or even afraid of your parents; you found them hard to please. It is even possible that you were a naturally timid child with rather boisterous parents, or one of your parents might have been particularly hard to get on with.

If your parents were born under the signs of Aries, Scorpio or Sagittarius, they would have been far too impatient, lacking in understanding and quick to criticize. This lack of praise and encouragement caused you to feel resentful, worthless, lonely and repressed. You may have been shoved aside for other reasons, such as family problems, a handicapped sibling or a lack of money. You may have learned how to hate early in life. Your hatred of being accused of laziness is a hangover from childhood. Your shyness and repression may have been the result of severe and prolonged illness in childhood rather than awful parents.

There is always the possibility that the Moon's position reflects the mother's experience of life, so the interpretation could be an indication that your mother had a hard time while young.

Both solar and lunar Virgoans are strong and healthy, but the nervous system is delicate. Ailments include migraine and asthma, allergies, skin conditions and stomach ulcers. Tension and overwork is your enemy, and you must take exercise in order to relax. Severe Virgoan health problems which sometimes arise are appendicitis, typhoid, peritonitis and anaemia. Tall subjects may have back problems.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Some similarities with the characteristics of the Moon in Gemini will be obvious with this placing, inasmuch as the individual will be extremely talkative when nervous or challenged. If anything, however, there will be even greater resources of nervous energy. If this is positively expressed, the individual will have a great deal of practical ability and, because of some extremely quick responses to situations, will be in a good position to keep abreast or ahead of competitors.

Worry and a lack of self-confidence may well be present; and because the worry springs from the deepest instinctive level, the subject can develop rather mysterious stomach upsets or digestive problems without realizing what has caused them. Unconscious concern over a problem will probably be the root cause, affecting the subject in a physical way before he or she is consciously aware of what is wrong. Children with this placing will all too often become ill and have very severe, and indeed real, 'schoolitis' when there are problems (perhaps an unsympathetic teacher may be the cause?)

The subject will be fundamentally rational, but this extremely practical approach and her instincts do not always marry. Her reactions are very quick indeed, which is a great asset, as are the characteristic reliability, a great measure of common sense, and considerable helpfulness.

Literary talent is often present with this placing, and should not be ignored - it is here that any creativity shown in other areas of the chart may be expressed. There is also a critical streak and, especially if the Moon receives a square aspect from Mercury, a tendency to gossip. More positively, because of the sharp reflexes (usually expressed verbally as well as in practical action), there is talent and an incisive quality in debate; in any kind of argument, the individual can stand very firmly on her own two feet.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The Moon in the sign of Virgo indicates an exacting, hardworking, practical nature. There is great regard for neatness and cleanliness in personal hygiene and housekeeping. These people are particular about food and diet, and concerned about health. They are good cooks, but health is as important to them as taste.

Natives with the Moon in this sign are usually shy and retiring, preferring to work quietly behind the scenes. They pay attention to detail; they wish to serve. They do not ask personal questions unless necessary; they are curious, but in relation only to their work or practical affairs.

If the Moon is afflicted in this sign, there can be excessive preoccupation with inconsequential detail, and a carping and critical attitude. Perfectionism about detail can blind these people to larger issues.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a helpful, though potentially critical, soul. You have the need to be clear

with and about Other - but this could make the relationship rather sterile. You have the instinct for establishing emotional order - but this could amount to denied feelings. Your mother is seen or expressed as one who is clean and efficient, and or sour and restrictive.

You naturally respond towards Other with helpfulness and consideration, with a view to healing his / her ills and solving his / her problems. You respond in a conscientious and attentive fashion, being of great practical value to Other; and in a manner that is mindful of pure and correct behaviour.

Your inner child reacts in a sniffy and carping manner when Other finds your 'help' is more about your own neurotic ends than his / her welfare. It reacts by threatening to withdraw the input with which you have made yourself indispensable; and with aversion or priggishness to anything Other does that is unfamiliar to you.

You gravitate towards Others who are in some sort of fix and who could obviously benefit from your ministrations; towards messy or unhygienic scenes, or, conversely, meticulously ordered ones; and towards relationships where you can operate in a modest fashion or background capacity.

You can get caught up in relationships which become increasingly chaotic, forcing you to be more tolerant or to know where and how to draw the line; in situations where you need to do all the tidying - or learn to be less tidy; and in relationships where Other takes you for granted, forcing you to express your deepest, darkest feelings.

When you are alone, it is because Other has ultimately been unable to meet your exacting requirements of him / her, or you have found yourself not good enough for Other, using the same exacting criteria. Either way, it could be time to change your criteria! But as is always the case with the Moon, there are deeply ingrained habits and maternal conditioning behind such requirements. So you are alone expressly in order to have a good look at yourself, sort your wheat from your chaff, but not be so discriminating as to put yourself permanently out of the running - or, for that matter, to give up on yourself and go downhill with self-neglect by way of over-compensation. However, it has to be said that, as Virgo is the sign of the Hermit, you are rather good at being all on your own - it sort of suits you. But be careful because, unlike the anchorites of old who would be avoiding the darkness of the Dark Ages they lived in, you would probably just be making a good job of avoiding your own inner darkness. Bring this into the light of consciousness, and stop judging.

(Grant Lewi)

You look upon yourself as an intelligent and useful person, and pretty generally turn out to be that, if not also a great deal more. You have no desire to rule the world or other people, or even to make a great splash before them. In fact, you prefer not to be in the limelight; and if you find yourself in it, it is by accident, because you have earned it by the integrity of your private labors. Your wish is to serve; and in whatever sphere you may be, you will find the chance to do it. Your personality, while strong and stable, does not obtrude itself on others; you don't make loud noises or ask personal questions, yet people feel your presence, value your reserve, and are likely to make you their confidant. You have an acute sense of your own worth which you base in a sense of your own intelligence. Yet you can value other people who are far from intelligent. You are an intellectual snob only so far as you are concerned, and here you apply the theory of noblesse obligé to realms of the mind, demanding of yourself that you belong to the aristocracy of the intellect so that you may better understand all things, and serve those who can't. In fulfilling this quiet and modest

picture, you are likely to run into some pleasant surprises. You don't really expect other people to take you very seriously, and are therefore delighted and amazed when they do, and when you see your dreams of yourself coming true in the sight of the whole world.

## **Natal Moon in Libra**

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

### **Static**

When you habitually expect others to notice your sensitivity to discord and aggression, you respond with emotional touchiness if confronted in any way. You may compromise your own direction and sense of fairness in order to appease others, expecting them to reciprocate by providing the rapport needed for your stability. When your manipulations don't work, you can revert to an abrasive attitude of independence and carelessness, or give vent to wounded feelings to gain their attention.

If you depend on others to be compatible with you, you are easily thrown off the centre of harmony when unpleasantness occurs. Thus, you swallow your own feelings and appease everyone for fear that otherwise you may offend them or they may consider you unfair. This action may invite them to take the advantage until finally all unacknowledged previous difficulties burst forth from you in a disastrous tirade. Such frantic emotional smoke screens may repel others who do not know how to penetrate your defences. The result is that you are unable to understand when these actions keep others from trusting you.

If you are afraid of creating scenes, you may withhold sharing your internal reactions to others' emotional demands. Then later you wonder why they are not more considerate. As a result, you may lose confidence in their trustworthiness and your own ability to discriminate. Indulging in this Libra tendency to internalize and identify with the disharmony from others may also result in sudden emotional outbursts.

### **Dynamic**

When you take responsibility for creating the internal balance you need to feel close in relationships, you may notice that your methods of compromising and expecting others to create peacefulness and fairness have simply not worked. The truth is that you may be unable to experience harmony because you are waiting for others to initiate it. Those who are not attuned to your sense of fair play may be unable to treat you fairly until you state the injustices you perceive (that is, 'I don't feel good about this...'). This gives you strength and completeness in your own direction.

Pledging yourself to a goal external to the relationship can supply confidence to state your needs for support of that goal in a direct, objective, and organized way. This gives others the opportunity to co-operate with you in attaining the goal. You can commit yourself to the integrity of your own direction in relationships by trusting that the outcome will be for your highest good. The result brings you the self-respect you need to put yourself forward and declare the truth of your feelings regardless of the consequences. When you thus assert yourself, the situations around you automatically come into balance according to their highest plan, regardless of outer appearance. When you realize that the supply of people is absolutely unlimited, it encourages you to express your own identity and display who you are. This acts as an automatic means of attracting people who are akin to you.

If you give voice to the reality of your independent point of view, you will attract appreciation and love for the person you truly are. This, in surrounding yourself with people of true affinity, you experience the joy of knowing that you are valued simply for being there in the present moment with them. When you trust your own perceptions and act on them to create an inner equilibrium, you add the peacefulness of your presence to the situation.

When you go to your deep self and then express the balance and stability that is there, you silently invite others to go to that place within themselves. The power of your harmony impels others to go to their depths also if they wish to relate to you; in this way, through claiming your centre, you create harmony.

## General

You have an identity based on sharing; you feel the need for a sense of inner emotional accord with your partner. You may find yourself compromising your true identity in order to maintain the feeling of internal accord with your mate or partner.

Your lesson now is to learn to express yourself - to be yourself - in the context of a relationship. To do this, you must become aware of your own needs, realizing that if your needs aren't met, the relationship as a whole will suffer. You are learning to put yourself back into the picture so that a fairness of exchange can take place. This requires that you let your partner know verbally what you would like to have occur in the relationship in a way that invites a response about what your partner would like. Once both persons' needs are out in the open, you are naturally able to suggest a solution or plan that is mutually satisfactory.

However, you need to learn not to overassert for fear of not getting your way. You have a defensiveness based on resentment, and assume that others are going to object to your having your own way. Thus, when you do assert your needs (which is rare), you have a tendency to do it in a rather harsh and defensive way that cuts off the honest response of your partner.

Through fear of compromising your own needs, you sometimes overcompensate with unnecessary forcefulness. Unknown to you, this actually provokes the other person's resistance to co-operating with you. This leads to a reinforcement of the sense of separation in the relationship; the feeling that you can't relax and be yourself but have to be always on the alert to either resist or accommodate the nonverbal needs of your partner.

You can be so afraid of losing the relationship altogether by not keeping the other person's emotional state harmonized at all times that you subvert your own identity in order to keep the partner pleased and content. Your instinctive self-suppression, that you fear necessary to support and flatter the person in power, can harden into a resentment that can erupt in the future with rather violent consequences.

You can learn to share your needs with others as an equal, with the confident expectation that they will want to please and accommodate you in the relationship. You need to realize that others want your harmonious, pleasant, happy disposition around them; and to keep you, they will go out of their way to make you happy.

You are also learning to assume the role of manager in relationships by objectively equalizing the injustices that are the cause of social discontent. You do this best only after your own needs and goals are verbally expressed and the other person's corresponding needs have been solicited on the verbal level. In this way, a fair and

bananeed plan that fills the needs of both partners can be realized.

(Tracy Marks)

We who have Moon in Libra crave the experience of beauty and peace; we seek to co-operate with others, to please, and to establish one-to-one relationships which are mutually gratifying. We also find satisfaction in using our minds, particularly our powers of objectivity and synthesis. A parent who valued us highly, and enjoyed pleasing us; who encouraged our aesthetic and intellectual development, and who was willing and able to appreciate our points of view... may have helped us to become attuned to the constructive dimensions of our Libran Moon.

If, however, our Moon is in difficult aspect, or if its trines or sextiles suggest a parent who was only superficially available to us, we may be attempting to gain from a partner what we were never able to experience from our parents. We may become overly dependent upon others, seeking to win their favor by being indispensable and satisfying their every desire. We may also be inclined to avoid confronting our anger and pain, suppressing emotions because we fear any threat to our relationships which might force us to acknowledge our separateness and aloneness. These patterns may have been influenced by a parent figure who placed too much emphasis upon appearance or surface harmony, who was unable to tolerate discord, or who led us to believe that relationship always means subordinating oneself to another. Such a mother or father may have brought many unfulfilled needs into parenting, expecting us to compensate for deficiencies he or she experienced in childhood or marriage.

Although our Libra Moons suggest that our emotional fulfillment requires co-operative relationships with others, we can only build truly satisfying connections by first developing a secure relationship with ourselves, accepting as valid our own feelings and needs, and being willing to assert ourselves, even when it means experiencing temporary discord for the sake of deeper and more authentic contact. We need to apply our openmindedness and our capacity to identify with many points of view in relation to both ourselves and others - to listen to and affirm each of our internal personalities, willingly entering into disharmony and imbalance when necessary in order to create the more enduring harmony and balance which is so vital to us. At the same time, we need to honor our Libran need for beauty and peace, creating environments and relationships which, whenever possible, soothe and uplift us.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Libra, the Moon finds expression in public relations, advertising and law. He is also found in real estate, in constructing buildings for sports contests, etc.. The native has vision - he sees beyond the immediate indications. He possesses the charm to win his way to select circles, and can convince investors that he has his finger on the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

He wants to be in on events and happenings, including news and rumor. He is fond of people, is gracious, and can be a remarkably good host. He has fine taste when it comes to furnishings, food and wine - contingent on his background and other factors in his horoscope.

This Moon position inclines the native towards successful partnerships, including marriage. Often he is described as being elegant. There is (as in the case of Moon in Taurus) love of luxury, the 'good life', companionship, conversation, and exchange of ideas.

He is basically gentle and understanding, and attracts others to him with their problems. This is one reason he would succeed as a lawyer, public relations counselor or advertising expert. He tends to see the best in others, and this could lead to disillusionment - he might be attracting those who seek to take advantage of his good nature.

The native works well with others; much of his success (or lack of it) depends upon the people he attracts. The astrologer, knowing this, must prod the native toward a degree of selectivity. He must be taught to exercise care in granting his trust, confidence, and material goods. The native thirsts for society, people, places and challenges. He needs these things and must choose the best, or choose to the best of his ability.

Grant Lewi has called this a 'Cinderella position' because the native is capable of making hopes and wishes turn to realities. He can overcome odds to rise to the top. He rises above his environment. He seeks beauty, refinement - and does all in his power to be worthy of these things. The astrologer must also stress the necessity of recognizing desires when they appear. Otherwise, the native simply daydreams and achieves nothing but an introverted kind of vision.

He should be encouraged to read and to seek higher education, even if in night school or through church or social organizations. He is sensitive; inclined to brood. He requires those close to him to have faith. He must learn to attract those whose 'faith' is worth striving to acquire!

(Haydn Paul)

With Moon in Libra, feelings of self-worth will be connected to social acceptance and personal relationships; self-perception often depends on what you believe others' opinions of you are. If others are critical, or you are experiencing disharmonious relationships, your health and vitality are affected, as well as your self-esteem and confidence. You may have dependency traits; and to achieve emotional well-being, you need to feel loved, liked, appreciated, or admired by others, especially by those closest to you, such as intimate partners, family, or work colleagues. You can find it difficult to self-nurture and fulfill instinctual needs without having to rely on others.

Social conditioning, cultural and group attitudes, beliefs, and values have a profound influence on you, especially those which have high ideals. It is often by these standards that you evaluate others; but this judgemental perspective also puts you under the pressure of being judged by others, thus placing your self-esteem at risk.

You are aware of class and social status, and may be motivated by desires to improve your social standing, perhaps through association with certain types of people, or by creating an elegant, sophisticated lifestyle and prosperous home environment. In several ways, you try to build a lifestyle which excludes aspects of life that fail to match your standards, trying to protect sensitivities against the harsher realities of existence. Reflecting the Libra need for a harmonious home environment with charm, elegance, and beauty is important for you; and you will enjoy sharing this in congenial social gatherings.

A weakness may lie in dependency on others; and as self-confidence can rely on their approval, this can make you too influenced by others' attitudes and values. By conforming to peer pressure, you may choose to mold yourself into an acceptable reflection of the group, rather than expressing your individuality, listening to inner promptings and needs, or taking full responsibility for decisions. In effect, situations may occur where you choose to follow the group path rather than your own due to a

fear of becoming ostracized or alienated from group acceptance. You need to belong, and this need is projected onto social relationships; but perhaps the deeper need is to be seen and express your true nature. In trying to please others and by being 'indispensable', you may repress areas of your nature - especially the Moon qualities - resulting in denying emotions, feelings, and instincts.

To minimize disharmony, Moon in Libra tends to evade all types of conflict, especially painful areas of self and life, and prefers to ignore or run away from them. This is often the situation where the alternative is to face up to relationship realities, where direct confrontation is needed to resolve growing differences, and for better communication to clear the air. As relationship is so vital to the Libra nature, the fear that must be avoided is the fear of being alone; if this exists, then dependency is also present. Sometimes, you are satisfied merely with maintaining surface harmony and appearances, rather than ensuring a deeper relationship harmony. While the Libran tendency is toward mind, intellect, and objectivity, Moon needs must not be ignored. It is essential to honor these too, to become self-confident and assured of your own value irrespective of what others think of you. Your feelings, emotions, and needs must be accepted and recognized as requiring satisfaction, because, by respecting these, you will be able to respect the needs of others. Mutual dependency is never as strong as self-responsibility and interdependency.

You need to listen to all inner messages and find your own unique path, rather than following the overcrowded path of the masses. Being self-assertive does not mean the loss of relationship; indeed, it can bring more satisfying contacts based on mutual respect for each individual. Follow the way indicated by your feelings, do not settle for superficial harmony as the best alternative to disharmony, and look for the depth that potentially offers real fulfillment. Trust the Moon messages to guide you to greater integration, and these will provide a sense of well-being and personal harmony that is not reliant on any external supports. Otherwise, the Libran balance is always tilted toward dependency on the outer world, instead of resting in equilibrium between the inner and outer realities.

(Skye Alexander)

Balance, harmony and domestic tranquility are important to you. Unless you have several other planets in water signs, your emotions are rather shallow and controlled. You don't experience intense feeling yourself, and might even be offended by any strong display of emotion in others. Somehow this seems undignified to you. Though you may be romantic, you are almost courtly in your relationships; you behave according to protocol, and your affection seems to be ruled more by your head than your heart.

Even-tempered, congenial, sociable and well-mannered, you are well-liked and probably have many friends and associates. In social situations you are at your best; and, while you aren't the 'life of the party', you are always a pleasant, thoughtful, tactful and good-natured companion.

You go out of your way to be nice to everyone, and can't stand to have anyone mad at you. Arguments, animosity or confrontations of any kind disturb you deeply. You'll do almost anything to avoid a fight. Peace-loving and diplomatic, you probably find your friends and family members look to you to solve disputes and negotiate compromises.

Too willing to compromise, you frequently allow others to take advantage of you, or you sacrifice your own wishes for someone else's. Often you're so busy trying to figure out what someone else desires that you can't decide what you want yourself. You can always see both sides of any issue, and weigh decisions endlessly before

making up your mind. As a result, you usually have trouble being decisive or assertive or standing up for yourself, particularly with family members and partners.

Relationships are important to you, and you don't like being alone. You'll devote much time and energy to pursuing and maintaining relationships of all kinds, and are a devoted, faithful and attentive partner. Not inclined to play the field, you want one stable, reliable, congenial companion with whom you can go to concerts, the art museum, nice restaurants and civilized parties with other intelligent, refined people. For you, passionate, whirlwind love affairs are exhausting, frightening and just a little bit unseemly.

You are concerned with what others think, and with doing what is correct or proper. Therefore, you are quite conventional in your social and romantic relationships, and usually prefer marriage to living with a lover.

Because you don't like disagreements and because you want to maintain stability and constancy in your emotional life, you don't express dissatisfactions you may have with your relationships until the situation is terminal. You might walk away from a twenty-year marriage, leaving your partner in a quandary; he / she didn't know you were unhappy since you never even had an argument! For this reason, you may be accused of being unfeeling, even cruel.

Most probably, you have some natural artistic or musical talent. At the very least, you appreciate art, music and the finer things in life, and might be a patron of the arts. Your home is probably tastefully, if somewhat conservatively decorated; and you want to surround yourself with as much beauty as possible. You also can be fanatical about cleanliness and neatness. If you have children, you are always picking up after them or are upset by their messiness.

Unless your Moon is in hard aspect to Mars, Uranus or Pluto, your childhood home was probably stable, orderly, harmonious, civilized, perhaps aesthetically pleasing, and seldom the scene of a discouraging word to be heard. Your mother may have been the 'perfect lady' for whom nice manners, a pleasing personality and good standing in the community were all-important.

Because both the Moon and Libra are astrological representatives of archetypal female energies, this placement is usually easier for women than for men to express. Women with this Moon position are usually gentle, peace-loving, sociable, thoughtful, artistic, ultra-feminine and very concerned with their looks. They can be quite vain and devote much time, energy and money to beauty treatments, clothing and other physical adornments. Men also tend to be fashion-conscious, or at least excessively neat and clean. Some with this Moon position project these characteristics onto the women in their lives, and seek partners who are beautiful, kindly, refined, artistically-oriented and even-tempered. Even if the Moon is not really at home in such a strong sign as Libra, its cardinality will give you the inner dynamism to put things into action albeit slowly. Being an air sign, your thought processes are logical; and, provided you have a fairly active Sun sign, you could achieve a high position in life. You are both ambitious and lazy at the same time, but you should be able to motivate yourself enough to get things done. You never lose sight of your objectives, and never give up on a goal. Your mind is fair and balanced; and you hate any form of injustice. Some of you will take up a cause which champions the underdog. You object strongly to any form of racism. When others argue, you seek to be the peacemaker; but you can argue like a Jesuit when the mood takes you. You're always open to new ideas, but will not swallow what others tell you without proof. A surprisingly large number of people who have the Moon in Libra also have Aquarius strongly represented on their charts, thereby emphasizing the need to be independent.

You seem to need a touch of glamour in your life, and could be drawn to work in some kind of glamorous or luxurious trade. You make sure that both your home and your working environment are comfortable and attractive, with a pleasant, peaceful atmosphere. You have no patience with ugliness in any form, especially ugly or dirty people. Being fussy about your personal appearance, you are also rather inclined to be vain about your own good looks. Indeed, while you are young, your partners may be chosen for their looks rather than their personality.

Whenever the Moon is in a masculine sign, the native is naturally competitive and a high climber, but is only really impressed by his own measurements of success. With the Moon in Libra, you could have a similar 'what right do they think they have to tell me to do?' attitude to the one which would be expected from Moon in Aries. Although charming most of the time, you can be extremely sarcastic and hurtful when provoked, showing a grasp of vocabulary worthy of any solar Gemini!

Your nerves can sometimes let you down; therefore, you need peace in the home environment. Both sexes of this Moon placement are good homemakers, and are attached to their own plots of land and their property. You enjoy do-it-yourself jobs, cooking, mending and gardening; however, a life made up purely of housework would stifle you. Your good taste will ensure that your surroundings are always comfortable and elegant. Some subjects may have artistic talent, especially in the field of music. You could have a nice, deepish speaking and singing voice too. You certainly enjoy listening to music, and hate discordant noises. All your senses are strong, but sight could probably be the strongest; if something doesn't look right, you couldn't live with it.

Being an Air sign, you need the stimulation of meeting new people, and are usually welcoming towards newcomers. Travel is liked, as long as you can do it in comfort; you feel perfectly at home in the world's nicest hotels and watering places. Although you enjoy your own company from time to time, you really cannot live or work alone for long. There is a need to keep in touch with the world and to keep your mind stimulated with new people and up-to-date experiences. You enjoy being part of a group, and seem to need the approval of your peers, but you wouldn't necessarily wish to lead the group. Given the chance, you prefer to be fairly near the top so that you could delegate the more distasteful chores to others!

You are excellent in a crisis, but unable to give sustained help because you quickly become bored with problems. You have no patience with fools, although you can hide your irritation under a layer of urbanity. Your mental responses are surprisingly fast, and you can be quite calculating when necessary.

Your pet hates are loud, discordant noises, and, according to my lunar Libran friends, being travel sick! Perhaps this has something to do with your need to control your own environment, or maybe it is because you have delicate eyesight and hearing (through the reflected association with Aries). You like the sea and the countryside, but are really a city person at heart, liking to be in amongst it all, where it's all going on.

Relationships are really where you come into your own; not that you are easy to live with. You can be critical, fussy, demanding, and occasionally downright childish. However, you need to love and be loved; you also need friendship with people of both sexes. You can be capable of using, even manipulating others; but you need to be needed; therefore, you also allow yourself to be used by those whom you love. As a young person, you can be inconsistent in emotional relationships, wanting the challenge and excitement of new faces practically every week. You enjoy the opening

phase of a romance more than the later stage of commitment, because you don't like to be emotionally fenced in. Later on, your need for the security of a family and the love of children will encourage you to settle down into domesticity. Even then, you will always be a flirt! Apart from the need for an attractive partner, you need one you can take anywhere: a classy type who can be relied upon to be the genial host or gracious hostess who will help out with the social side of your career. You need someone with a gentle and witty sense of humour, as you hate coarseness or hurtful remarks. I have actually seen Moon in Libra subjects become ill because they were unhappy at work or home. Men with the Moon in Libra have a curious split in their personality which, on the one hand, gives them a somewhat 'macho' image, while, on the other, endows them with an almost feminine gentleness.

Lunar Librans are very clever with intricate machinery; and, like the other Air signs, they all seem to have a love affair with vehicles and speed. Another facet of this complex placement is that you are careful and gentle when around small children and weak people. There is no evidence to my mind of your being an animal lover, but you couldn't hurt an animal or see one hurt by others. Your gentle manner with those who are weaker than you adds to the attractiveness of your personality. You respect the dignity of others, and treat them with tact and charm. Those of you who have a strong Sun sign may hide strong feelings and opinions under this charming exterior, but those who have an unassertive Sun sign may need to develop your own point of view and learn how to make a stand.

Sexually speaking, you could turn out to be one of the best lovers in the Zodiac! This, of course, depends upon other factors in your birthchart. However, given a fair crack of the whip, leather underwear, luminous suspenders and an exuberant and co-operative partner, you could live out your fantasies to the full. Your sensual nature cannot be denied, and with a bit of luck you will find fulfilment within marriage. If this is not so, you will still seek fulfilment even if it is at the expense of your marriage. You could actually relate well to a difficult partner who keeps you on your toes- someone unpredictable enough to give you a few lively arguments and passionate enough to satisfy your strong sexual needs.

Knowing instinctively when your partner is ill or unhappy, you rise to the occasion and do all that you can to make him / her feel better; you don't really like to see anyone down-hearted. You are good at providing little treats, but cannot always be relied on to remember anniversaries etc. - this is because your giving is spontaneous rather than organized. Lunar Librans need to give and to receive affection, tenderness and sympathy; also to alternate at being the 'parent' of the 'child' in a relationship. If you have the Sun or Ascendant in Fire signs, you could be a little too dependent on the approval of others. Some lunar Librans can be easily influenced and swayed by others, but most of you have a mature outlook and can make up your own mind about life; most of you try to keep your emotions under the control of your mind.

You want a job which gives you scope to express your creativity. This may be in an artistic or semi-artistic world such as architecture or fashion. You are persuasive enough to make a good salesman, but unless there are strong factors elsewhere on the birthchart, you would not have the kind of sustained energy which selling requires. Public relations and marketing would be better.

The world of catering might appeal; certainly, glamorous hotels and restaurants are your natural habitat. Being good at calming others and even better in a crisis, you could make a good negotiator. You have a talent for arbitration, and your quick mind and sense of humour can be used to defuse potentially dangerous situations; therefore, you might succeed as a union negotiator or as a particularly urbane

politician. Personnel and recruitment are also possible career ideas. You can appear to be lackadaisical while working furiously behind the scenes. I call this the 'duck' syndrome because a duck looks as if it is gliding along the surface of the water while it is actually paddling like fury underneath. You are a good listener, so long as the person who is doing the talking doesn't go on too long.

You enjoy money for what it brings, but can have something of a 'convenient' memory when owing money to others; this memory is far less 'convenient' when money is owed to you. You don't need to have power, but you do need a largish income to really enjoy life; therefore, you will aim for the top anyway. The only thing you really cannot do is rough and dirty work among coarse people.

You get on well with workmates and colleagues. With your logical mind, you would make a good engineer. Driving and even flying come easily to you. Finally, you could earn a few pennies as a spare-time musician.

There is some evidence from this Moon position that you were born easily. You may have had a father who pushed you educationally, and possibly a rather peculiar mother! This does not mean to say that you were unhappy as a child; you seem to have been loved and understood by your parents, and even overindulged a little. Your charm, even as a baby, will have got you everywhere. Your mother was probably ambitious, clever or even eccentric; she may have forgotten to feed you or wash you on occasion, but she never forgot to love you. The home was a stimulating place full of books, conversation and interesting visitors. This means you grew up without having to develop a suspicious attitude or a strong shell to hide behind. Nevertheless, you are happier to be an adult; this could be because your schooldays were not a very happy time for you. It is possible that you found exams. troublesome because they test what you know rather than the power of your personality!

You are generally strong, but may develop diabetes, cystitis or skin problems. You need to take exercise and keep your weight down (and not smoke) or you could develop both chest problems and arterial or arthritic problems. Hay fever and farmer's lung are other possibilities.

## **Natal Moon in Scorpio**

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

When you habitually require others to give you their unconditional loyalty and allegiance, you may become crushed, insecure, and angered when they don't. You may unconsciously respond with defiance, exercising the instinctive power you have over others, and subtly attempt to enforce loyalty and control. Therefore, in your eyes, they lose power. In this process, you lose your capacity to feel the joys of equal interaction, and consequently create emotional stagnation for yourself.

If you feel insecure about losing control, you could attempt to have all the answers for everyone in a way that creates a dependency in them and assures you of one-upmanship. In diminishing another's power, you unknowingly lessen the potency of the relationship. Thus, it cannot provide you with the emotional intensity, change, and new levels of depth that you may need for personal fulfillment. When you sense another's vulnerabilities and provoke that person's response, you get to be powerful but may feel isolated. There is a basic Scorpio tendency to feel insecure in financial and sexual relationships. This can lead to a need to manipulate everyone to prove

potency.

## Dynamic

When you take responsibility for creating situations in which you can experience the deep feelings of joy, vitality and intensity that the Scorpio energy needs in relationships, you may notice that relying on others to recognize your worth does not work. The truth is that others cannot renew you. You are the one withholding the depths of perception that would bring this about.

Your lesson is first to release manipulative control of others; and then you can experience the combining of resources that results in the regeneration of your own energy and creativity. You accomplish this renewal by pledging your loyalties to those ideals and potentials for growth that cause you to feel good about yourself. By releasing your vision of being in command, you are able to find out what others are really made of. As you enter onto uncharted ground and are willing to take risks by letting go of power, you can combine with another in a manner that is exhilarating for you. When you choose the stimulation of change over a stagnant status quo, you are able to go forward. Then you can gain knowledge of what enhances self-worth through an exciting process of risk and the unpredictable mystery you need for fulfillment.

You may realize that you can gain more knowledge and strength only by first releasing what you already have. This encourages you to contribute your inspiring insights generously, exposing perceptions that awaken others to their hidden resources. As you communicate your recognition of others' hidden abilities, it empowers them to reach their own objectives. This creates deeper, more satisfying camaraderie. You can then allow yourself to participate spontaneously in the direction others want to go rather than resisting the current. This enables you to interact with them on deeper, previously unknown levels.

Committed to freedom through renewal, you can realize that the way to win the most is to share the power. Thus, you reach deeper levels by releasing the Scorpio tendency to control. Finally, in the process of expressing loyalty to your ideals, you contribute potency by exposing your hidden perceptions to others. You can then experience your inner worth and the fun of your transformative process coming into expression.

## General

You have great emotional intensity and can find yourself in battles for power. You have an overdeveloped survival instinct. The threat of crisis and betrayal gives you an attitude of distrust, and you are attuned to the possibility of others having evil motives. This is so strong that the power of your belief (and resulting unconscious provocations) can actually bring out the worst in other people, which only heightens your feelings of emotional isolation.

To compensate for severe loneliness, you seek that one other person you can trust, your soul mate, sensing that this will somehow bring you peace. But because of unconscious fears, your approach to relationships is so obsessive and demanding that it often becomes mutually destructive. Instead of finding the peace you seek, you again experience being wounded.

You are learning to balance your attraction to intense experiences with a feeling of peacefulness and serenity. To do this, you need to discover what it is you want to build with another person. Then you can bond with a trustworthy person who is

interested in building the same kind of solid, mutually nourishing relationship. With the focus on what you want to create, in terms of a spiritual goal, you can use your power and intensity to build the life that will bring you peace.

For successful fulfillment of the long-sought soul mate relationship, you must build step-by-step, and not skip any stages in laying the foundation. And by your taking the other person's desires into account, the foundation will receive the benefit of both people's creative energies. You need to remember that it may take only three weeks to demolish a skyscraper by three years to build one. By going slowly and keeping your mind on the goal, you can enjoy the process of mutually creating a solid relationship.

(Tracy Marks)

Having Moon in Scorpio indicates that we value our privacy; that we are capable of considerable emotional intensity and passion; that we need to probe beneath the surface of experience in order to secure a deep and solid foundation for ourselves; and that we need to experience our power to use our own and other people's resources effectively. When our real feelings are denied or our real needs unmet, we may easily resort to detrimental Scorpio behavior patterns - obsessions with sexuality or money, expressions of revenge or destruction, or demanding or manipulative behaviors. One of the difficulties of a Scorpio Moon is related to the fear of losing control or surrendering. Because of this fear, we may deny or conceal the softer, vulnerable facets of ourselves, thereby preventing ourselves from experiencing the real communion or union which we seek.

We may have internalized messages from our parents which enabled us to develop resourcefulness, endurance and strength of character, as well as the capacity to plumb the depths of experience. Our sexuality may have been awakened early through the intensity of family interactions, so that we were forced to come to terms with our own life force and death force. A Scorpionic parent, however, may have negatively influenced our ability to receive nurturance and to nourish ourselves. Perhaps such a parent was hostile and punitive, so that we developed considerable mistrust and learned to hide our feelings. He or she may have been dominating, intrusive or sexually provocative, leading us to fear being possessed or overpowered. Coldness or undue stoicism, as manifested in a 'be tough' attitude, may have prevented our internal child from receiving the tenderness and care he or she needed. Sometimes a Scorpio Moon suggests the early death of a parent, or a premature confrontation with realities of death or violence.

We who have Moon in Scorpio can reparent ourselves by recovering, accepting and expressing our feelings and emotional needs, not just our sexual desires. We need to contact our own core, to possess ourselves rather than others, and to learn how to constructively channel our passion. One of the tasks of our Scorpionic Moon is that of discovering our inner power and drawing upon our own capacities to meet our needs rather than manipulating others to give us what we are unable or unwilling to give ourselves.

(Sydney Omarr)

The Moon in Scorpio is intense, dynamic, perhaps best described as 'all the way or nothing at all'. The native is self-reliant, serious, and often described as a penetrating person. He is attracted to the hidden or the occult; he may be a detective, or extremely fond of mystery, and attracted to the solution of crimes. He is very energetic - at times abrupt, acting on impulse, especially in connection with members of the opposite sex. Once he starts, there is no stopping him. He gets up steam and

goes on, moving forward, digging deep, leaving broken hearts and disillusionment. But this is the negative response to the Moon in Scorpio - and these people, in the long run, hurt no-one as much as they injure themselves.

On the positive side, the Moon in Scorpio native inspires confidence, creates solutions to touchy problems, and provides for the security of loved ones; he is virile and passionate, speaks out for his principles, and can be found battling for the underdog.

The astrologer must watch for one basic trait - a tendency to go to extremes in eating and drinking and in affairs of the heart. This is no halfway person - the Moon here is complete and committed.

The native has strong convictions; once he has been convinced, it is difficult if not impossible to change his mind. He can be irritable, on the negative side - or creatively angry, on the constructive side. He must find a creative outlet for his energies, or his emotions build up, spill over and burn himself and others.

The native seems to possess extrasensory perception or at least a highly developed intuitive sense. He can perceive when something of importance is about to occur. He can look at an individual and size him up - he can gaze deep, and sense when the entire story has not been told. He can annoy people, and get under their skins. He is expert at making others lose their control - and thus blurt out what was supposed to be a deep, dark secret.

The native is intense, and reaction to him is the same - either one of great fondness, or near-hate. The Moon here has great attraction for members of the opposite sex. Alan Leo says it favors marriage in a male horoscope, but threatens disharmony in the married state. The Moon in Scorpio is indicative of money by inheritance, marriage or partnership.

The native apparently must learn by experience. Like Rasputin, he perhaps feels one cannot be saved unless he has sinned. He is very serious, and needs to develop a sense of humor and throw aside the idea that he is some kind of secret martyr.

There are not light bruises for this native. When misfortune occurs, he takes it hard and personally. He may even feel fate has it in for him - quite a fascinating lunar position!  
(Haydn Paul)

The Moon is in its fall in Scorpio, and your emotions will be intense, powerful, and volatile. You try to keep the lid firmly shut on those potentially seething passions for fear of allowing them unrestrained expression. Maintaining emotional control seems essential for you, as you are aware of vulnerability on that level. You may appear quite cool and collected to others who fail to see through the facade; they see the inscrutable Scorpio mask, which very rarely slips to display the emotional intensity behind the strict control.

In relationships, passion and intensity of feelings are sought within total involvement with a lover; you will invest relationships with great seriousness, becoming heavily, emotionally committed, even though you resist surrendering to full intimacy. Before you fully realize it, you're hooked. Falling in love is like a descent into your underworld - fascinating and obsessive, evoking great riches and pleasures when things are going fine, but exacting great suffering if the relationship fails, since your heart (and mind... and soul) has been projected onto your lover. It's possible that you may be able to resist such intense experience, but this will be at the cost of denying

full emotional involvement. Through efforts to protect or conceal vulnerable emotions, you may inhibit deeper and more satisfying intimacy.

Jealousy, possessiveness, obsession, and sexual preoccupation, are likely to emanate from the Moon-Scorpio energies; and the impulse to discover union will be strong, especially sexually and emotionally. You may look for absorption in the other, or to absorb a partner under your own domination. You take rejection hard, entering emotional turmoil and confusion, and may plot revenge, brooding over emotional hurts and holding grudges until time heals the intensity of betrayed feelings. You may recognize this, but changing or redirecting these powerful energies can be extremely difficult. Through personal insecurity, you may experience fears as to the long-term continuance of any relationship, and this may result in attempting to dominate partners or family life by trying to impose your will and control on others to keep them 'in line'.

If you repress your real feelings, this energy may re-emerge as a tendency to manipulate, dictate and dominate, especially through your sexual or financial power, perhaps erupting as revengeful behavior, spite, and malicious action. Denying unfulfilled needs will distort your natural expression; and willful desires energized by strong emotions can awaken compulsive behavior as unconscious needs begin to direct your life. Wherever your desires are, your emotions are also activating them incessantly; satisfying these desires is a way to gain emotional respite, although doing so at the expense of others is not the right way to proceed. Will-desire-emotion is the source of your motivation; if you can define your objectives, little can stand between you and success. If that triangle of energies is not fully activated, you may fail to act decisively and effectively.

You need to understand your inner psychological dynamics, learn how to accept and handle this volatile emotional powerhouse, so that instead of diverting energy toward repression, you discover how to channel it creatively, constructively, and positively for self-development. Feelings provide guiding messages and should be listened to and respected, with appropriate steps taken to satisfy deeper needs. Ignoring them only fans emotional flames even higher, until there is a real danger that they can ignite an inner conflagration which causes damage to yourself, your life-style, and others near to you.

The path descends into your depths, a search to discover the deepest root of your identity where trust and secure foundations can be established. Your potential is considerable, but to discover this requires a transformation through which innate resources and qualities can be demonstrated. Emotional pain may be the initiating source for this redirection, and a key factor for inner change will be related to recovering and accepting unresolved or repressed emotions, feelings, and instincts. Bringing them back to the surface of consciousness is the first step toward healing them and acknowledging your deepest needs for self-nurture. Focusing at your root centre, you should be able to direct your powerful energies instead of being a victim of their power. You could then learn how to harness these energies, holding the reins of knowledge in conscious control, as the Charioteer does over his horses in the tarot card. Through emotional self-understanding, you will be able to meet your own needs instead of manipulating or relying on others to do so for you.

This may not be an easy path to follow, but attempting to do so will offer potential inner riches and emotional stability. Harnessing emotional power can be the key to achieving your life's dreams, and at least will ensure feelings of ease and contentment with your nature. Self-acceptance brings a relaxation which assists the emergence of more satisfying relationships. You hold the key to your own fulfillment; inserting it into the lock of your nature and opening the inner door may become the

most important action in your life.

(Skye Alexander)

You are extremely emotional and highly sensitive, though you hide it from others. Aware of how deeply you can be hurt, you refuse to share your feelings with someone until you are certain your affection will be reciprocated. You are almost pathologically secretive, and never reveal yourself entirely; and no-one knows very much about what really goes on inside you.

Intensely passionate (about all things, but especially relationships), you probably are considered highly sexual. You exude a powerful and almost mesmerising sensuality. However, your passion is never merely physical. With your lovers, you want nothing less than total merger - emotional, spiritual and physical - and while you may settle for sexual merger when that's all you can get, casual sex doesn't satisfy you.

When you become involved with someone, you throw yourself completely into the relationship and actually feel that you and your partner are one entity. Therefore, if the relationship ends, you are devastated; it's as though you'd lost a piece of yourself.

This is also the reason behind your infamous jealousy and possessiveness, for you can't conceive of your partner as an independent individual. Power struggles and issues of control often arise in your relationships. Because your inner, emotional life can be chaotic and overwhelming, you feel a strong need to be in control of the people and situations in your external life. At times, you are domineering, authoritarian or manipulative toward your partners.

When you feel you've been betrayed, you can be vindictive and ruthless in seeking revenge. You are not an adversary to be taken lightly, for once you've made your mind up nothing stops you from achieving your goal. A genius when it comes to understanding human motivations and weaknesses, you always know intuitively what your adversary's greatest fears and vulnerabilities are, and readily take advantage of them.

You are intrigued by what lies beneath the surface; and your desire to understand the innermost workings of people, governments and the Universe can result in an interest in psychology, espionage or the occult. Your keen perception, insight and intuition make you appear to be psychic - and perhaps you are.

You are an extremist in all you do, and you never pursue anything (or anyone) half-heartedly. Once you begin something - a job, a sport, a diet, and especially a relationship - you can be obsessive about it. If the situation turns out to be detrimental to your well-being, you still refuse to give it up and can become self-destructive in your obsession.

Your childhood and early home life were probably difficult, fraught with intense emotional outbursts, intrigue, manipulation, domination, even cruelty. Your mother (or your nurturing parent) may have been authoritarian and repressive, never allowing you much freedom or individuality. The threat of violence may have been there, even if it was never acted upon. Or, you might have been threatened instead with alienation, isolation and loss of parental love if you didn't obey. Though your mother may have loved you very much, she had trouble expressing it. Or, she might have manipulated you with subtle (or not so subtle) sexual suggestions. Regardless of whether you feel positively or negatively about your mother, you are strongly attached to her, and her influence continues long into your adulthood.

The hidden demons, the subterranean emotional turmoil, and the unspoken fears and hostilities that were never brought out into the open, were perhaps the hardest things for you to deal with when you were young. As a child, you knew that things weren't right in your family, but you couldn't talk about it. There was probably some deep, dark family secret - alcoholism, violence, insanity, sexual abuse, criminal activity, or something less dramatic - that was kept hidden.

Though you probably love your own children deeply, you may have trouble showing it, because you guard your emotions so closely. Often you find yourself behaving badly toward them even though you don't mean to, especially when they've made you worry about their safety. Intensely protective and possessive of them, you can't bear the thought of losing them. As a result, you can sometimes become overbearing, controlling and smothering.

Women with this Moon placement usually find it easier than men do to express their Scorpionic characteristics. Men sometimes project this part of themselves onto the women in their lives. As a result, you may attract women who are strongly emotional, sensual, passionate, willful and powerful. Or, you may be terrified of women because you see them as devouring, controlling, manipulative, sinister or deceitful.

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

Your emotions are intense and are often based on willful desire. You are impatient, moody, and even given to brooding. Easily hurt, you can become jealous, hold grudges and take revenge. You often judge others too quickly and feel a need to dominate through subtle means.

You will not tolerate opposition to or interference with your goals, but often you will sacrifice a great deal for kindness. You have executive ability and are resourceful and enterprising. Although abrupt and impulsive, you have self-confidence and the ability to attain success. You usually get what you go after; however, you might find that you have achieved a hollow victory.

Since you are so jealous, proud and possessive, this position of the Moon doesn't promise a harmonious marriage. The wish to dominate is often reflected in your relationship with your children; it can be the result of a parent's domination or of your over-idealization of a parent, usually the mother. With this lunar placement, a mother can be overly possessive, and she may have trouble freeing a child, especially if male.

Medical matters appeal to you, and you are not easily upset by the sight of blood. Your patience with things (as opposed to people) would make you a fine surgeon; psychiatry would also come naturally to you. Any work which brings you to the heart of matters will appeal to you; and, therefore, you could find yourself involved in the legal, forensic or political field. In business you can make spectacular gains and even more spectacular losses on occasion.

Many lunar Scorpios love the sea, and can make their living on it as sailors, fishermen or swimming and diving experts; and also, of course, in the navy. A life in the armed services appeals to many of you as it requires the kind of skills and dedication which come so easily to you.

There is evidence that your birth brought a problem to your parents. Many lunar Scorpios are born into some kind of 'inconvenient' situation and are adopted soon after birth. On the other hand, some of you are born to families who already have a number of children and don't really want any more. There is no doubt that you are on

a different wavelength (possibly even a different planet) from that of your parents, and you will have been constantly misunderstood as a child. Your experience may have been poor because you were not really the type of child that they were hoping for, or you may have been compared unfavourably to another child in the family. 'My parents always seemed to have much more time for my brother than they did for me', says Lorna, an attractive and active lady whom I meet regularly at the swimming baths. 'Being male gave him a head start, of course, but then he was also considered to be the 'clever one'. You know, looking back over our lives now, I think that I have done just as well in the long run even without academic qualifications or the unqualified love of my parents. No, I don't feel bitter; not now.'

You could, at the worst end of the spectrum, have been bullied by your parents, subjected to violence or sexual abuse, or just made to feel thoroughly inadequate. You may have been told, or have been given the silent implication, that you could never live up to their exalted standards. Negative attitudes die hard in fixed signs; and you could, if not careful, go through life never shaking off the hatred and anger of your childhood. You may still feel yourself to be a nuisance to others and wonder why they put up with you. Nevertheless, many lunar Scorpios do love their somewhat inadequate parents very much and take a really caring if rather dutiful attitude to them later in their lives.

One peculiarity associated with either the Sun or the Moon in Scorpio is there could be a death in the family at the time of your birth or soon after.

You may have been either very good or very bad at school. Sports and artistic subjects come easily to you, but you could have had difficulty coping with the pace and imposed discipline of normal school lessons. Some of you will have worked hard when reaching your teens in order to overcome childhood shortages of one kind or another. Some of you will marry in order to improve your position in life.

Although very fit, you can be a worrier over your health. Your weak spots are your arteries and veins; and you could suffer from high blood-pressure later in life. You may suffer from headaches and migraine; also other forms of allergies such as hay fever. The main problem seems to be in the reproductive organs; many women with this placement have terrible periods, and may have to have a hysterectomy in the end just to stop the endless outpouring of blood.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The emotional energy resources, which are strong when the Sun or Ascendant sign is Scorpio, are in some ways even more potent with a Scorpio Moon. They will surface at once when the individual is challenged; and the response to all kinds of situations is influenced in an extremely powerful way. Because the feelings are so instantly on tap, the subject can overreact when provoked; all kinds of reaction, both positive and negative, will be faced with vivid emotion. There may be outbursts which will surprise those confronted with them, since other areas of the personality usually present a very different sort of person.

Not only emotional but also physical energy is boosted by this placing, which adds determination and the instinctive urge to achieve. The subject can also encourage others (particularly loved ones) to achieve more. Laziness in a child, for instance, will be denounced by the Moon-in-Scorpio parent; and in the end the child will be bullied into action. There may also be a tendency to show a certain harsh reaction - such as taking an extreme line in the discussion of the treatment of criminals. Here, the immediate response of the Moon will home in on the cruel streak of Scorpio.

It is very important indeed that the subject realizes how many situations in life will prompt his instinctive response of jealousy. Rather as the individual with a Taurine Moon will react possessively and regret it, so the subject with the Moon in Scorpio may well loathe expressing any form of jealousy, but will simply not be able to help it. Again, it is the powerful influence of the Moon encouraging an immediate response and reaction. It will not be easy for the individual to control this negative trait; and the feelings will most certainly be heartfelt.

An awareness that jealousy can be very easily aroused, however, is essential, and will help the subject to cope with it. This will also enable the partner to fully understand the reaction of the loved one; and if you, as the astrologer, can explain this both to your subject and to his or her partner, you will be fulfilling your role very well indeed. If these extremely powerful sources of emotional energy and intuition can be channeled in positive directions, there will be great inner strength and resourcefulness.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The Moon in Scorpio indicates strong, biased emotions based on willful desire. This is not considered a favorable position for the Moon, because here it is in the sign of its fall.

There is a tendency to take personal affairs very seriously, which sometimes leads to possessiveness and extreme jealousy in some cases. When it is carried to extremes, the natives can hold grudges and plan to take revenge at an opportune time; in any event, they do not easily forget personal affronts. The inclination toward brooding and revenge is a serious character defect that can go with this Moon position, and it should be avoided at all costs. These individuals sometimes desire to restructure the family and domestic situations. They may want to dominate others through subtle means. They can also be very stubborn, on account of emotional attachment to their own desires. However, if clear direction and right motivation are present, they find no sacrifice too great to achieve a worthwhile objective. They have definite motives for all their actions, though these drives may not always be apparent.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a deep, though potentially paranoid, soul. You have the need to be intimately involved with Other - inextricably linked to a fear of abandonment. You have the instinct to seek out the hidden in Other - but equally a dread of being exposed. Your mother is seen or expressed as one who is close and powerful, and / or denying and manipulative.

You naturally respond in a positive manner towards Other when you intuitively know him / her to be emotionally genuine. You respond with passion and single-mindedness towards an Other who is attractive to you. You respond quite irresistibly to an Other with a powerful personality.

Your inner child reacts by closing down completely at the first sign of emotional weakness in Other, which is a sign of emotional weakness in itself. It reacts with a fear of betrayal almost as soon as you are initially attracted to Other. And when it suspects that the power it sees in Other could control you, the control games begin.

You gravitate towards an Other who is in need of being emotionally transformed or taken in hand; towards situations where you have to prove your emotional tenacity and resilience; and towards triangles of jealousy and other negative emotions.

You can get caught up in relationships with Others who turn out to be every bit as emotionally intense as you thought you were emotionally in command; in complex or deeply distressing experiences that stand to purge and deepen your emotional make-up; and in having to establish once and for all where you stand emotionally.

When you are alone, it is because it is simply the most effective state to be in for confronting you with your deepest and most central fear - that of abandonment and betrayal. Being alone is more often than not a testament to the self-fulfilling prophecy that you created. This is because you have a belief conditioned into you that sooner or later whoever you are with will leave you in the lurch or do the dirty on you in some way. The ghastly truth, however, is that either you did not commit deeply and completely enough, and so Other gives up out of sheer exhaustion, or you obsessively possessed Other under the guise of 'love', leaving Other having to escape in order to breathe. If you are alone and you disagree with the above reasons, or they simply do not make sense to you, then it has to mean that you are in denial of your own emotional nature, and make what is difficult to relate to even more so. Either that, or you have decided to sit this one out.

Keynote: Feelings are hidden but intense.

Symbol: A psychoanalyst helps his patient to relive the past.

The genius of the Moon-Scorpio person lies in his ability to see into the depths of things. He is a natural psychologist who can bring out the best or the worst in people and who appreciates the power of the unconscious factors which underlie everyday behavior. He is apt to be preoccupied with sex, and his problems frequently have obscure sexual origins.

Although highly charged emotionally, he may be so deeply reserved that he betrays no sign of the tumult of feelings which fight for control of his nature. This inner pressure keeps him restlessly on the go despite a tightly maintained control over his instincts. Often the most vital part of his life is carried on below the surface in fantasy and dreams. Because his psychic energies are engaged in the task of self-exploration rather than in practical work, it may appear that he is unable to express the best that is in him.

The Moon is in its detriment in Scorpio because the lunar function of growth is incompatible with the sign's function of elimination. The Moon rules the public, while Scorpio holds sway over such strictly private matters as generally pertain to the bedroom or bathroom. Lunar Scorpions are reticent about their personal affairs - often with good reason. They prefer jobs where they can shy themselves in private offices and work quietly and efficiently away from the spotlight of attention and the intrusions of strangers. Their retiring nature may deny them the recognition they deserve, even though they are ambitious to succeed in whatever projects they undertake.

The lunar Scorpion's capacity for dogged persistence makes him willing to tackle difficult but essential jobs. These individuals often succeed as psychotherapists, critics, proofreaders, analysts, chemists, laboratory technicians, exterminators, and sanitary engineers. They like to be by the sea or a large body of water, and prosper in businesses relating to liquor or liquids. The Moon-Scorpio housewife runs a scrupulously shipshape home, largely because she does not hesitate to dispense with articles which have served their purpose.

Because the watery or psychic element is so prominent in their nature, these people are liable to go to emotional extremes. Sex becomes an issue, not only because their appetites are insistent, but because the primary libidinal drive may be diverted into

devious channels, resulting in strange impulses, compulsions, and fetishes. There is a danger of turning to drugs, alcohol, or promiscuity in order to release pent-up feelings. However, when the deep-seated forces of the personality are given legitimate outlets, lunar Scorpians become faithful workers for causes in which they invest themselves body, mind, and soul.

This position often shows a peculiarly difficult life. The problems which boil to the surface may seem inexplicable, but to the esotericist they represent karmic liabilities brought over from a previous existence. Hence, they are unavoidable and inexorable in their demand for remedial action. Unconsciously, the individual has chosen to expiate former transgressions and to purify his nature through suffering. Sooner or later, he finds himself forced to renounce something he craves or to which he has become compulsively attached, as he learns to relinquish sensual satisfaction in order to regenerate himself from within.

(Arlene Robertson)

Even though it is in a water sign, the Moon in Scorpio, moving quietly on the surface but turbulent in its depths, knows exactly where it is going. Here your emotional security is bound up in the need to be in control of the self - always. The mere thought of being in a situation, however temporary, where you have lost control - an accident, an illness, a natural catastrophe - brings on a feeling of panic. Your energies leap into action to grapple with the details that confront you, wrestling them to the ground until you are once again in command.

You learn early in life how to respond to daily situations in order to safeguard yourself and function to your capacity. You carefully consider every event and each person of any importance who comes your way as you probe for any unexpected, subtle, unseen forces at work to threaten your safety. If any are detected with your psychic radar, you drag them out of their hiding place, closely look them over, and eliminate those of no consequence. You, the Moon in Scorpio person, are an excellent eliminator of any persons or circumstances that do not enhance your long-range purpose.

If another person tries, successfully or not, to dominate and drive you into subjugation, you are decidedly uncomfortable. You must have your own way or follow your own road map; and no-one, loved or disliked, had better try to interfere. All these inner pressures are seldom apparent on your usually calm surface.

Generally you hold your emotions in check until you feel secure in expressing them, however discreetly, to a chosen few. You have carefully calculated how much you will show. You certainly don't want anyone to know how you react to various situations; for if you knew, they would then understand how to control you.

Many times you retreat into secretiveness to maintain your inner composure. Because of such self-discipline you cope well with emergencies or any sudden distressing events. On rare occasions when you are driven by happenings beyond your grasp, you may veer dramatically from one extreme to the other. Such behavior confuses and shocks others, for these outbursts are alien to your normal conduct and seldom are they referred to again. You also seek security in knowing how to subtly manipulate others to do as you wish, for then they are under your domination and you are assured of the desired reaction.

You are capable of loving deeply with your whole heart and soul. To you, love is touched with pain, for you seem to fall in love with those whom you try to change to conform to your pattern. If the loved one is incapable of changing, your loyalty

endures even to and beyond the point of suffering. You need to learn how to release the beloved from your grasp without concern for the concept of a winner or a loser. For your consuming emotions and needs either drive the other one away from such frightening intensity, or cause you to reject another as soon as you experience intimacy, for fear of being rejected yourself.

'If it doesn't hurt, or if it doesn't have the power to cause hurt, it must not be true love.' This is how a Scorpio Moon person feels, and that is why so many of you have intense tragedies in love affairs. You stay in the relationships until you are wounded beyond endurance, or until your mate can no longer tolerate the pain.

If you are a female with this placement, you rarely display your affections openly with extravagant words and gestures, but hold it back for the privacy of intimate moments. You look for emotional feedback from your partner to reinforce your sense of self-worth. You expect loyalty and a certain amount of freedom, an understanding that you must be your own person with your own control valve. You do not want to be dominated, consciously or unconsciously, as many women do. Quite the opposite. You consider yourself equal to your man in the full sense of the word.

As a mother, you take your responsibilities seriously, and use much of your emotional energy in protecting and raising your children according to your Scorpio code. You respect their individuality and, as they mature, allow them freedom to find their own way and discover their own talents. Your love is deep and strong.

If you are a male with this placement, you look for assurance from your mate that you are indeed in control of everything - the home, the finances, the children's education, the kind of car you buy. You expect your spouse to understand your moods, your need for privacy, and to allow you to withdraw into yourself when you must. Even though you enjoy the close family relationship, there are times when you must find a peaceful retreat to inhabit so you can restore serenity to your turbulent emotional nature. 'Leave me alone', you say. And she does.

What do you, the Moon-in-Scorpio person, depend on? It's the ability to master any emotional situation by controlling yourself, submerging the more painful feelings and using the more positive ones to solve your dilemmas. You, of all the signs, have the inbred strength to survive under the most staggering physical, mental and emotional conditions. You know that you are strong, yet you keep this to yourself. Your hidden sources of strength and stamina are always there for you to dredge up and use when life hurls you a devastating blow.

(Isabel Hickey)

Dominating and aggressive. Impatient and moody, given to brooding. Easily hurt and can be jealous. Impulsive. Desire is the motivating force. Strong pride and will. Intensely passionate in response to life. Set in ways and very stubborn. Apt to be disappointed in love. Apt to demand too much and not give enough of understanding. Sit in judgement on others too quickly. Greatest need: to learn to forgive and forget. Strong physically. Sensual. Extremist in temperament. Strong, deep feelings, but they need handling. Needs to achieve an optimistic attitude toward life. Go after what they want, and usually get it and then find out it's not what they really wanted. In a male chart, will attract a possessive and jealous mate if Moon is afflicted. A magnetic feminine.

(John Townley)

You are especially sharp at focusing on what is important in a situation, particularly

in a long-term affair, and in acting upon it accordingly. You have probably learned that what is obvious to you is not always obvious to others; therefore, you should be fairly discreet in expressing your opinions until you are quite sure of your partner's views.

This ability may be helpful in the long run, but it may cause you to miss some opportunities if you wait too long for a potential lover to open up to you. At the same time, however, it will save you the annoyance of inadvertently becoming involved with a prying or overdemanding lover.

Very probably you will choose a partner who takes life less seriously than you do, someone who will provide daily enjoyment and happiness and let you handle the larger problems.

Sexuality is likely to be a very intense and deep means of expression and communication, through which you show your greatest affection for your partner. In an ideal relationship, you may totally transcend your personality in sexual consummation, making it an almost religious experience. If this doesn't work out, however, don't hold it against your lover, who probably cannot participate at your level of intensity. When the time and circumstances are right, the experience will be all the more satisfying.

## **Natal Moon in Sagittarius**

(Jan Spiller & Karen McCoy)

### **Static**

If you feel the need to strive perpetually to confirm your intellectual superiority, you may become obsessed with feeling you have to obtain a tangible result. You may seek the ultimate 'grand vision' that will empower you to put your physical universe in order. You might believe that by your demonstrating perfection in all aspects of your life, others will bow to your moral knowledge and bestow the faith that you need.

You may unconsciously search for the elusive ideal of the perfect solution that gives you proof of your righteousness. In the absence of an ultimate ideal, you may feel unable to act, and can become lost and confused, lacking confidence in your perspective.

### **Dynamic**

When you take responsibility for creating closeness with others, you may find that spreading your theoretical conclusions does not result in effective communication. You can become so preoccupied with imperfection that you fail to see your perfect image in the eyes of others. The truth is that others already see the nobility of your striving. Work on ridding yourself of judgements and evaluations so that you can accept your own perfection. You accomplish this by concentrating on the deeper messages of others, thus experiencing their perfection, which puts you in touch with your own.

By sacrificing the Sagittarius need to prove superior knowledge, you can hear what others are asking. Responding with spontaneous intuitive answers enables others to find the truth and source of their own perfection. In this way, you also find security and the closeness with others that you want. By putting others in touch with their completeness, you experience your own.

You can communicate innocently by sharing your Sagittarius vision and allowing others to apply it in their own lives. This technique allows you to contribute to them in a way they can accept; and this acceptance is the acknowledgement you need. When you discover that you are able to communicate truth, you experience your own security along with the idealistic closeness with others that you desire.

## General

You may have a blind spot regarding some social mores. Until this is understood, there may be blundering in your life, accompanied by (seemingly unfair) social punishment and retribution. If this is the case, you are learning not to put yourself above social laws and the ethics of appropriate conduct. Once you decide to cooperate with prevailing social mores, the blind spot is removed and you will no longer experience society as unexpectedly inhibiting your desire for freedom.

You feel socially isolated from others, and have a sense of loneliness and wanting to be understood and accepted by others. You want to be able to share truth and inspiration, hoping that the vitality of this exchange will reconnect you with your own source.

When you come off your philosophical mountaintop and learn to relate, you will realize that to be understood you must first seek to understand others. You are learning to drop isolating self-righteous attitudes and to use your mind to discover the unspoken rules of personality interactions that others take for granted. When you accept these boundaries of socially accepted behavior, you will be able to share your philosophical awarenesses with others in a way they can accept and appreciate.

(Tracy Marks)

If we have a Sagittarian Moon, we need to be free to expand our boundaries - to discover and actualize new possibilities, to travel, and / or to develop our understanding. We have a generous heart, and seek to give from our own bounty; we also seek to rise above our difficulties through humor and enjoyable companionship.

When our real needs are not met, or when we come into contact with feelings or needs which threaten us, we may express our Sagittarian nature in a defensive or distorted manner - procrastinating or avoiding immediate issues by focusing upon the future, abstract realms or escapist activities; becoming preoccupied with ideals or goals rather than current tasks; intellectualizing or philosophizing incessantly; joking inappropriately; or moving restlessly from activity to activity or person to person on an endless quest both to escape from responsibility and to fulfill our inner emptiness.

Most probably, our mother or significant parent figure provided us with a constructive philosophical framework by which to view life, and imbued us with a love of both internal and external exploration. But such a parent may have been fearful of emotional closeness and taken refuge in distant realms rather than responding to our real needs or feelings or to the difficulties or burdens we experienced. She may have indulged us rather than given us real nourishment. She may have preached rather than gently taught, issuing 'shoulds' or religious principles which may not have been in keeping with our own nature and development.

Those of us with Moon in Sagittarius may need to reparent ourselves by creating our own philosophy and morality apart from our parents and by using our philosophy to help us come to terms with rather than suppress our feelings and needs. Our tasks may also include learning to give to ourselves as well as others, developing the internal freedom capable of existing within limitations and commitments, and

discovering and maintaining contact with the God within or an internal guiding spirit which leads and inspires us.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Sagittarius, the Moon tells of much activity, physical and mental - of high ideals, of travels both physical and mental. The native wants to learn, to spread knowledge; he wants to give of himself, and attracts people with trouble, inspiration, and a message to impart to the world. He can be buried in the ambitions and problems of others to his own detriment if he does not take care to avoid such a situation. He loves adventure and he creates idols which, at times, prove to have the feet of clay - he is a natural student, and is attracted to reading, writing, publishing, advertising, publicity, and understanding various peoples of the world. He is generous, charming, and fond of the outdoors and of animals; and he wants to discover things and people.

He has much imagination - which on the positive side leads to solid, creative expression. On the negative side, this leads to daydreaming, and unorthodoxy merely for the sake of being different. The native is frank, expresses himself clearly, and is able to combine irony with humor - he loves to tell stories and to recall past events; and he is attracted to history both as a hobby and as a profession.

The native tends to feel limited. He would like to soar to the heights - but there is danger that he will be aimless, soaring merely to get moving, to create changes, to feel free, and to throw off the weight of basic responsibilities. Much travel is indicated, including overseas - and the native often becomes an expert on another country, even if he never actually visits the nation in question.

He is inclined to be restless. Thus, numerous changes of residence are indicated. He also has changes of heart and emotions with members of the opposite sex. He is difficult to understand because he does not, in the long run, find himself easy to comprehend. His moods and interests are subject to change. He is in constant need of mental stimulation. The purely physical soon bores him. He is attracted, first and foremost, by the intellect - by another person's ability to express himself.

Much talent is indicated along lines of philosophy - much interest in the subject of religion, even if the native is not a religious individual in the orthodox sense. He is attracted to mysticism - he wants to find out about the lives of men who changed the world. Thus, he would make an excellent researcher, teacher or writer. He wants to publish, and to spread information and knowledge. He can be found in advertising, creating propaganda, and is also the constructive critic of the efforts of others.

He has either two occupations or a hobby which so absorbs him that he might as well have two fields of endeavor.

The astrologer must help him learn some of the hard facts of life - learn the value of money and strive to be more practical in his outlook.

(Haydn Paul)

With the Moon in Sagittarius, the dominating impulse will be toward freedom - physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual. The need for 'freedom from...' may be easily recognized, but 'freedom to...' may be unfamiliar. You have a powerful expansionary urge which needs to transcend barriers and boundaries, although this may work against requirements for commitment and perseverance as an escapist tendency is ever-present when obligations become too oppressive. Part of the expansionary impulse is to exploit personal potential in whatever way is favored. You

may display a behavior pattern that demands that options be left open, prefers to avoid making firm decisions, and insists on mobility and freedom of choice. Relationship ties in particular may be resisted.

Intellectualism and idealism are likely to be present, as well as futuristic and optimistic attitudes. The need for a distinct belief system with high aspirations will be noted. This belief system may not be conventional or traditional - although you may have absorbed one from earlier social conditioning - provided that it satisfy your idealistic nature. Most beliefs are ambivalent in their actual application to real life; and, with your outlook, this is likely to be the case, whether the beliefs are expansive and universally tolerant or narrow and sectarian. Looking through the rose-colored glasses of your perception, social beliefs will be heavily influenced by unconscious emotional factors, and may lack objectivity. Sometimes a trusting gullibility may let you down or involve you in directions that may not be in your best interests.

You will probably be socially gregarious, enjoying intellectual company, and will often be generous to friends and colleagues in various ways. Mutual companionship is important; and even in intimate relationships, this will be a vital component. Understanding the multiplicity of individual differences may, however, be less evident, and could constitute a blind spot. You may fail to recognize individual needs in the same way that you often fail to acknowledge your own. You may gain self-esteem by finding social influence through your intellect, perhaps garbed in the robes of a teacher. The expansionary impulse may lead you to explore other countries through curiosity and love of travel; you may react against being stuck in an overly familiar physical location, and when you feel trapped, you may escape by running far away in order to reassert freedom.

There is considerable self-belief, and you will often feel lucky, testing this by taking risks in your life, through relationships, career changes, home moves, or financial speculations.

Yet the weak area lies in your Moon nature, where deeper emotional, feeling, and instinctual needs may not be met and satisfied, since you tend to evade them by social activity and diversionary mental interests. You may not feel comfortable accepting your emotions; it is hard to fit them into a belief structure, and they are unpredictable. When activated, emotions tend to involve you in intimate and emotional situations which could threaten freedom and flexibility. You tend to see duties, responsibilities, and obligations as inimical to your freedom, hearing warning bells whenever anyone crosses over that invisible dividing line, fearing that 'prison bars' are going to clang shut on you forever. So you often inhibit and repress emotional involvement or, if in emotional relationships, you may start looking for reasons and ways to escape.

If inner barriers are continually erected against contacting those agitating feelings, the higher Sagittarian qualities may become distorted. You may impose a rigid belief system on your worldview; you may physically seek escape from the situation, running away from commitment to your decisions and to people. You may avoid confronting issues by adopting the ostrich position, putting your head in the sand and hoping that problems will go away. You may dream about long-term plans, instead of applying your efforts in the present to achieve them. You may evade making decisions, defer your actions, absorb yourself in idealistic fancies rather than accept a less glamorous reality, or amplify your intellectualism at the expense of your repressed feelings.

A reorientating balance between Moon and Sagittarius energies is needed, so that the higher qualities of both can be expressed and the needs of each equally honored.

Independence and self-responsibility need cultivating, so that an external belief system is not used as a shield against facing the real world and your own hidden, unexplored nature. A degree of self-reflection is required for access to your instinctual and emotional nature, and to allow their expression. You must listen to its whispered messages and subtle movements of feelings, which indicate what your real needs are and how you should be satisfying them.

These Moon messages can act as an inspirational guide; and acknowledging their validity and importance can become a vital step toward integration. If you need to retain a worldview, try to form one suited to your individual needs, one that incorporates the totality of your being and does not just reflect a dominant part. Maturity involves balancing personal freedom with the inevitable restrictions and limitations of daily life; exploration can occur wherever you are and in any circumstance, as freedom is a state of mind and not dependent on external environments. It is an inner realm of freedom that will offer you the deepest sense of a satisfying sanctuary.

(Skye Alexander)

You are good-natured, fun-loving, optimistic and sociable. With your easy-going manner, wit and sense of humor, you attract many friends and acquaintances, and are rarely without companions. You don't like to be alone, and surround yourself with people and activity whenever possible.

Though your circle of friends and associates may be large and diverse, you have difficulty forming close, emotional bonds. Even with your partner and family members you are not really intimate. Family ties are rather loose; and you may either live some distance from your parents, siblings and / or children, or spend much time traveling, working or engaged in activities that keep you away from home.

Perhaps you have an avid interest in sports. Although your love of the game may be sincere, it's important to realize that you also might be using this to escape from reality and to avoid anything more than superficial interaction with others. Many people with this position do have natural athletic ability; but even if you aren't particularly good at playing any game, you are probably an 'armchair athlete' and enjoy watching sports. You're not averse to placing a bet now and again, especially on the horses.

Your love relationships probably are romantic friendships rather than deep emotional commitments. You can be affectionate and enthusiastic, but your emotions are somewhat shallow and you are probably happiest with a partner who will play, socialize and go places with you. One of your deepest, most fundamental needs is to be free and unfettered; and intimacy is a bit frightening to you. As soon as you start to care about someone you begin to feel trapped. When this happens, you usually end the relationship or simply keep your emotional distance. Obviously, this can cause serious problems if you are involved with someone who is more serious and intense emotionally, such as a Scorpio- or Cancer-Moon individual.

You are always eager to expand your horizons - through personal experience or vicariously through the experiences of others. You enjoy learning from others and sharing ideas and adventures with them. Afraid of missing something, you are reluctant to limit yourself in your relationships. All sorts of people intrigue you, and you may have trouble remaining monogamous.

Optimistic and idealistic, you can always see the silver lining inside every cloud, and believe things will turn out for the best. The future may seem dismal for others, but

you never doubt that your own will be bright. Though you can be something of a 'Pollyanna', your positive attitude and belief in yourself often bring you good fortune. You have a way of attracting people who can help you in life; and because you focus on success rather than failure, you are ready to take advantage of opportunities that come your way. Consequently, you seem to be naturally lucky. Even when you fail, you don't give up, and you bounce back from defeats easily. However, because you never look back, you rarely learn from your mistakes.

You also have a tendency to scatter your energies, and to fail to finish what you start. Your intentions are good, but you need to be careful of promising more than you can deliver. Your inclination to think big and to overestimate yourself can lead you to go too far out on a limb and end up disappointing others. As a result, you can earn yourself a reputation for being unreliable.

You probably love to travel. If you aren't able to travel, you probably long to see the world and try to satisfy your desire through reading and watching TV / movies about faraway places. When you were a child, you may have moved frequently, lived abroad or traveled extensively. As an adult, you may be reluctant to buy a home of your own or to spend money furnishing it, since you don't believe that you're going to stay in one place long. Physical possessions would only tie you down.

This planetary position truly represents the rolling stone that gathers no moss. You are happiest and at your best when you are on the go, and are actually nurtured by movement. Driving appeals to you, but you tend to drive too fast and take too many chances on the road. If chained to a desk, or forced to stay indoors performing the same task day after day, you'll be miserable.

You need physical outlets for your restlessness and energy. Running, skiing, dancing and bike-riding in particular might appeal to you. Exercise can also help you keep your weight down, since you have a tendency to overindulge in food and drink.

Your mother (or nurturing parent) was probably quite lenient with you when you were a child and encouraged you to be independent and adventurous. Perhaps she also inspired you to seek knowledge and experience wherever you could find it. As a result, you are eager to expand your understanding of the world in which you live, and might pursue philosophy, psychology, religion or metaphysics to broaden your perspective. It is quite likely that you want your own children to be free to experience life to its fullest, and encourage them to learn and explore everything they can. You see yourself more as a friend to your children than as an authority figure, and enjoy playing with them. When it comes to discipline, however, you can be a little lax. You might be a bit irresponsible about some of your other responsibilities to them too, such as providing material support or being there when they need you. If Saturn stressfully aspects your Moon, you may see your children as inhibiting your freedom.

Women with this Moon placement are usually cheerful, sociable, perhaps a bit 'scattered', with many diverse interests and activities filling their lives. Men with Moon in Sagittarius might seek partners who fulfill this side of them, and be attracted to women who are fun-loving, friendly, optimistic, athletic and / or philosophical. However, you have a tendency to be too idealistic about your partners, and may spend most of your time searching for the perfect lover rather than settling down with any one of them.

(Sasha Fenton)

Neither the planet nor the sign has anything in common with the other; therefore, each will work against the other in some way. Problems which result from this will be

felt in the area of your emotions and in your relationships with others. If this is your Moon sign, you probably didn't receive much physical affection from your parents. Maybe they weren't the kind who went in for touching and cuddling, or you yourself may have pushed them away. There are some children who hate being kissed and smothered by adults, although most children do enjoy receiving comfort and affection from their own family. It's possible that your parents had to work hard and didn't have much time to spare for you; all this could lead you, in later life, to separate the feelings of love from those of sex. I have found this to be a greater problem for male lunar Sagittarians than for females. You may shrink back from being touched by others in normal daily life, or you might find it difficult to caress and stroke your partner when making love! If all this seems to be all too true, then don't despair, because you, above all the signs of the Zodiac, have the brain and courage to face up to your problems, seek help, and eventually sort yourself out. Those of you who don't have this problem are so cuddlesome that they actually prefer to choose a chubby partner for themselves!

Any physical problems which you may experience are more than made up for by the excellence of your mind. Everything interests you, but you accept nothing at face value. You enjoy reading and, on the rare occasions when you watch the TV, you enjoy programs which have something to say. Some of you are deeply philosophic in your manner of thinking. You may have been brought up in a religious family, rejected their ideas, and later on found others which suited you better. There are many solar and lunar Sagittarians in the spiritualist movement and also in the psychic world, all trying to make life that bit more meaningful for others. You are intuitive, exceptionally clairvoyant, and probably a good healer as well, although you may not yet have discovered that you have these gifts.

You need personal freedom and independence, needing especially to be in charge of your own life rather than being under someone else's thumb. You must be able to come and go as you please. You cannot be cooped up anywhere; indeed, you may even suffer from claustrophobia when travelling in a lift or in the back seat of a two-door car. New faces fascinate you and you need plenty of friends because you become bored if you have to spend every day in the same company. Sagittarius being a mutable sign, you can adapt to most situations and enjoy all kinds of people. You are broad-minded and never racist or bigoted. Like most mutable subjects, you do need to get away on your own from time to time in order to think and to recharge your emotional batteries. You have exceptionally clear vision, and can see to the heart of a problem when others can only see muddle. You are resourceful enough to solve most problems both for yourself and for others, although you do appreciate a helping hand when it is offered. You will help anybody who is in trouble and in a crisis. Being sure of your own abilities at times of trouble, you may push others out of the way so that you can get on with sorting the problems out by yourself. This behaviour is not always appreciated by those whom you are pushing!

Solar Sagittarians are sociable and outgoing, but lunar ones are shyer. This depends upon the kind of Sun and Ascendant you have on your birthchart; but nevertheless, you will have some of the typically Sagittarian characteristics. You may be a good actor. Certainly you have the ability to interest others, fill them with enthusiasm and motivate them. The traditional Sagittarian careers of the church, the law and teaching may not apply directly to you; but you often find yourself teaching others in some way or another, and your own codes of honour and ethics will be high. You may have the traditional Sagittarian tactlessness as well, but the Moon being sensitive to the feelings of others makes this less likely. You are sensitive to atmospheres - for instance, you are aware as soon as you go into a room if there has been an argument going on in there. You may over-react to people who show hostility towards you. Your temper is explosive and your tongue sharp and articulate; therefore, you could make

an unpleasant, if not actually dangerous, adversary. However, like most Fire signs, you don't hold a grudge, and prefer to forget bad feelings and look towards the future with optimism.

The Moon is associated with the home, and Sagittarius is a dextrous sign; therefore, you should be good at do-it-yourself jobs and also cooking. This might at first seem a peculiar thing to say, as the vast majority of you will spend as much time away from the home as you can, and would hate to spend your lives decorating and cooking. However, I have noticed that all lunar Sagittarians are absolutely inspired when it comes to cooking for guests; and, even if you don't actually do the decorating yourself, your tastes and choices in materials and décor would be perfect. If there is some Cancer on your chart, you would definitely go in for home carpentry work. Whatever you do, you don't like mess and dirt, and cannot stand living in chaotic surroundings. You need peace and calm in the home, as you expend a lot of energy in your career, and need to refresh yourself in a peaceful, loving atmosphere at home in order to rest your delicate nervous system.

You enjoy sports and may be a good swimmer. You are too active to spend your spare time sitting about, so any form of sports or dancing would appeal to you - this also brings out your competitive spirit. Although you may be a little on the shy side, you enjoy singing, music or artistic hobbies, but probably would prefer to be among a group rather than out on your own as the solar Sagittarian would. Your active nature would make you choose a job where you have the chance to move around and meet people, and also where you are up on your feet rather than sitting about. Your pattern of working may alternate between manic activity and apparent laziness. This is because you are not good at keeping to a steady routine, but will go at something hammer and tongs while you are inspired, and then recoup your energies, probably whilst planning for the next burst of activity.

If you have to leave your home for any reason, you would set about making another attractive place for yourself as soon as possible. Being attractive and rather vain about your appearance, you enjoy buying nice clothes, and may tend to spoil yourself while conveniently forgetting that there are bills to be paid. Your appearance and your body are very important to you, as activity is so much a part of your nature.

There is, as with most of the mutable signs, a strange duality about you. You want something passionately and then go off it once you have got it. You need security at the same time as you need freedom; this can make you appear irresponsible to others, but somehow you always find an answer and seem to be able to pull the irons out of the fire when things go wrong. You are no stranger to debts, but hate to be in debt. You can soon put other people's problems in perspective for them, but you may be hopeless at sorting out your own muddles. A friend of mine who is just about typical of this lunation is responding to the fact that her husband has left her by giving up her job and spending money on clothing and nice things when it is the last thing she ought to be doing. This is an almost Piscean reaction in refusing to face reality - because reality right now is too much to face! The last split is in your attitude to personal relationships. You need and want to love and be loved, but you may find it hard to be faithful because there are so many interesting people out there who will be equally fascinated by your looks and your charisma. You need a really understanding partner. Another oddity is that you really prefer friendship to affairs anyway, so you could appear to promise much and not really deliver anything at all! Very strange. You couldn't cope with someone who lays the law down to you: under those circumstances, you would assert your independence.

You can be a bit dual in the world of work too. You are highly ambitious, but not necessarily money-minded. You need money to pay the bills and to make life fun, but

not for power or to impress others. Women of this lunation like to control their own finances. You need to work at something which you enjoy and which keeps you in touch with people. You can appear lazy to others because you have a habit of preparing your work at home either before or after your normal working hours, thus hiding the actual amount of effort which you put into your work. Metaphorically speaking, this gives you the appearance of a duck - which, as we know, glides effortlessly over the surface of the water, but is actually paddling away like mad under the surface! However much you love your job, you also need to relax and socialize, and are not as a rule a workaholic. You are, in all but shape, a well-rounded person. Women of this particular sign can become wrapped up in causes, and will be found saving the whale and banning the bomb. This could cause problems on the domestic front as there will sometimes be too little time left for the family. Being slightly bossy, a woman with the Moon in Sagittarius would need a very understanding husband, but she is wise enough to find the right one for herself, and if she didn't do so the first time, she will have another go. Both sexes love children; but spending your days looking after small children wouldn't stimulate you enough mentally. Many of you are brilliant with older children; and you may involve yourself with the scout or guide movement or something similar. Lunar Sagittarians make excellent teachers.

Your sense of adventure means that you could take up anything from hang-gliding to mountain climbing. You enjoy every experience that comes along. This is the sign of the traveller; and, the Moon being associated with travel, especially travel over water, means that you take every opportunity to travel anywhere at the drop of a hat. You are fascinated by desert and mountainous areas where you can stand tall and see for miles.

Anyone choosing to live with you would find you a happy and optimistic partner for as long as you have the freedom to do your own thing. You cannot stand people who try to dominate you or control your actions; neither could you live with a partner who whines and nags. The worst type for you to have to cope with, either at work or in your personal life, is someone who is critical of you whilst considering him- or herself to be perfect. Your intense need for freedom and independence means that you spend time away from the home, possibly travelling around in connection with your work. You would be happy to be married to someone rather like yourself, as you wouldn't seek to tie your partner down either. If you have an ambitious partner, you help him / her to get ahead in his / her career. If you are allowed freedom and trust, you will probably choose to remain faithful; but if restricted, you will show your resentment by straying from the straight and narrow. Your unpredictability can make you hard to live with.

You don't give up on a relationship at the first hurdle; you try to do all that you can to make it work. You will adapt your own nature and your own needs to that of the partner as far as you can in order to make the relationship work. There is a possibility that you could find yourself stuck with a partner who suffers from some kind of mental illness. I discovered while researching this book that lunar Sagittarians have many connections with mental illness, whether through senile parents, a schizophrenic child or a dotty spouse. There are times when you are so busy trying to adapt to their unrealistic behaviour that you begin to wonder just who is the dotty one!

You may choose a partner who is out of the traditional mould, for instance someone older or younger than yourself or of a different racial or religious background. You may strongly attract people of a type which you cannot really stand; or you may find yourself attracted to someone who pleases you in one way and repels you in another.

It is hard to find someone who is right for you in every way - that is, mentally, physically and spiritually.

As a parent, you are proud of your offspring and will do all you can to help them get on in life. You respect their need for space and a separate identity, and also their dignity. There is a possibility that you could live apart from them for some part of their childhood, either due to work which takes you away from home or as a result of divorce.

Many of you will have parents who were born in a different country from the one in which you live. This is actually more often the case when the Ascendant is in Sagittarius, but also applies to the Moon quite often. There may be Irish connections or Jewish ones - emigration or just living away from home are equally possible. This may to some extent explain some of the splits in your personality - if, for example, you were educated in a different manner from those around you, brought up in a religion which is anachronistic in your present country, or even speaking a different language when with your parents. I asked my friend Susan about her childhood, which was spent in a variety of different countries; and she told me that it was hard always to be the child who spoke the wrong language or who had the wrong accent.

In career, your greatest need is for freedom of action and the ability to communicate with others, possibly on a rather large scale. You are a natural teacher; and if you don't work directly in education, you would still enjoy helping and guiding others and passing on the knowledge which you have accumulated over the years. Most of you are surprisingly modest about your work and your achievements, and tend not to promote yourselves very well; therefore, it is only when one gets to know you better that we learn just how knowledgeable you actually are.

You would enjoy a job in broadcasting or publishing, or even as an entertainer. Many of you are good actors and singers; but, unless you have a fair dose of Leo or Aries on your chart, you may be too shy to push yourself forward in this way. You are adaptable enough to get on with anyone and to work anywhere; but you have high standards and a strong sense of your surroundings, and therefore you couldn't do anything which was really down-market or under-handed, or which involved working in dirty, messy surroundings. You are stubborn enough to finish what you start, but you may start too many projects and then become worn out from trying to do them all at once.

The travel trade would attract you, as you love to expand your horizons in a practical sense as well as in a mental one. Some of you can work on dicey projects which involve intuition and the ability to guess right. This could be something like the futures market on the stock exchange, or any other business connected with gambling. Your being over-optimistic at times, this could occasionally run you into trouble. Whatever you do, and even if your own confidence deserts you at the wrong moment in your career, your pixilated sense of humour will always see you through. Lunar Sagittarians are excellent salespeople as long as they believe in the product they are handling.

Your relationship with your parents was good but distant in some way, possibly because they were busy or because they didn't encourage closeness. 'I just couldn't keep my parents' attention', says Joe, a salesman for an electronics company. 'My father led a busy life which took him travelling, rather like I do I suppose. My mother was always preoccupied with her church cronies.' Joe's story is typical even down to the fact that the lunar Sagittarian's experience of parenthood could turn out to be similar to his own parents' experiences.

Your parents may have come from a different country with a different culture from the one in which you are now living; possible just a different part of the country, and with a different outlook on life or a different religion.

You did well at school - if not in academic studies, then in something else such as art, dancing, music or sports. The greatest and most important part of your education will come later in life. Your pleasant appearance and friendly, open attitude will make you popular at school.

You could suffer from some of the Sagittarian ailments of leg and hip problems, varicose veins, phlebitis, rheumatism and blood disorders. Women of this lunation may have period problems followed by a hysterectomy.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

People with this placing will respond in a very positive, optimistic and enthusiastic way to circumstances (especially those that are challenging), for the sheer enjoyment and need of challenge is a quintessential Sagittarian characteristic. These people give the impression that they will not worry or bother too much with the pros and cons of a situation. In fact, that are not very good at recognizing small details or problems, and will tend to ignore them when they are pointed out by others.

The urge to move forward physically and intellectually is very strong - impatience when waiting in traffic jams, for instance, is common! These individuals will enjoy feeling that their intellect is being stretched, but can sometimes give the impression of knowing and understanding much more than is really the case.

Hope and optimism run high, until other, more sober elements of the personality take over (if they are present elsewhere in the chart). Balance is needed if the individual is not to incline towards bluster, with blind optimism clouding common sense. Nevertheless, he or she has general keenness and enthusiasm, and is the complete reverse of the 'wet blanket'!

A tendency to be off-hand is a fault that often emerges with this placing, however. 'See if I care' is the sort of statement that is characteristic of the Moon in Sagittarius, usually followed by a turn and toss of the head, with the individual already thinking of something, or someone, else.

Sagittarian restlessness will almost inevitably be present, and must be countered, or recognized at the very least. There is marvelous potential, especially intellectually; and it is up to the individual to develop a consistency of effort by fully using other areas of her personality. She must aim to calm her reactions, even though these are positive, so that the Sagittarian sage-like qualities and the subject's own sound, possibly even unique, philosophy of life can be used to their full and best advantage.

Digestive problems and biliousness can affect the health, as those with this placing like to enjoy food which is a little too rich for their systems.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have the soul of a gypsy, but potentially a naive soul. You have the need to be having fun with Other - but this could find you being emotionally indiscreet. You have the instinct to find a positive direction - but sometimes this could amount to restlessness. Your mother is seen or expressed as being free and philosophical, and / or indulgent or sanctimonious.

You naturally respond towards Other with great enthusiasm, giving Other a boost in the process. You respond to Other in a manner that expects freedom of movement as well as allowing it; and you respond in an innocent and trusting manner that brings out the best in Other.

Your inner child reacts with offhandedness and dismissiveness when Other does not want to play your game; irresponsibly and outrageously when in any way restricted or obligated; and gullibly or opportunistically to any offer that appears to be better than what you currently have.

You gravitate towards expansive, cosmopolitan Others where travel, abundance and sophistication are the style; towards Others who are outgoing and exciting, often with strong opinions and beliefs; and Others who are easy going and fun to be with.

You can get caught up in relationships which promise far more than they deliver, showing you that indulgence or a want of ease makes for being a poor judge; in situations that have no meaning and drive you to despair until you discover what you believe in for yourself; and in a relationship with an unstable Other.

When you are alone, it is most likely to be because you or Other have found your relationship too confining, or conversely too open-ended to feel secure in - and so something has had to give. But because of this inclination of yours to want both security and freedom within a relationship, it is just as likely that you find yourself stuck with Other for reason of needing the one (security) but not enjoying it at all for reason of not getting the other (freedom) - that is, you are alone but with someone. The reason behind all this - if you have not already spotted it - is that you have been seeking a set of requirements in a partner that are contradictory at best or hypocritical at worst. In other words, don't expect or promise security when there is still some roaming to do on either of your parts. If you really are, or have been left, alone, then it is because you have to look for and find a more philosophical approach to relationship and / or a more spiritual reason for being. Until you do, you will be naively expecting Other to be more understanding than is presently possible for him / her.

## **Natal Moon in Capricorn**

(Jan Spiller & Karen McCoy)

Static

When you unconsciously need others' reassurance that you are the most important part of their interpersonal situations, you may unknowingly manipulate them emotionally to gain respect. This can lead to needless dramas of personal suffering that force them to acknowledge and admire your ability to survive. You may instinctively guard your image and try to appease others by becoming, for that moment, what they respect.

In sacrificing your 'self' for the respect of another, you may lose your own identity. Indulging in the Capricorn tendency to control the relationship can rob others of their authority and ability to give you the admiration you want. Simultaneously, in order to feel loved you may need constant reassurance. This tendency gives your power to others and may leave you insecure and bewildered.

Dynamic

When you recognize the Capricorn need for establishing control in relationships, you

notice that past methods of having others validate your identity have not led to self-respect. The truth is that others cannot give respect when you are so busy cloaking yourself with their personalities. This process leaves you with no identity available to receive recognition!

The lesson is to relinquish control over others in order to see to whom you are relating. This is achieved by acknowledging the uniqueness of the person with whom you are dealing. As a result, this action can give you insight into your own unique being and appreciation of yourself as different from others.

When you give others confidence in developing their ability to take charge of their lives, you become aware of your power. Your sensitivity can nurture others and reflect back to them your assurance of their ability to succeed and get on top of their emotions. Then you find that their self-esteem enables them to rise to the occasion. This technique of support allows you to experience your ability to organize others to reach a goal.

When you encourage authority and leadership abilities in others, you recognize those qualities in yourself. In respecting the needs of others to establish their identity, you can honor your wants. This gives you a sense of self. As you pursue the personal needs of your identity, you can choose independent action. When you make a commitment and follow through on it, you gain confidence in your authority, as well as the respect of others.

## General

You feel that you must have absolute control in order to be emotionally secure. You expect to receive respect, deference and automatic co-operation from those around you. When this isn't forthcoming in the present incarnation, you feel that something is missing, and you experience insecurity in your relationships. You seek to 'plug the hole' in order to feel that the foundation is firm, and so you can enter into relationships with the confidence of knowing you can handle any situation.

Unconscious tendencies to close down emotionally and be invulnerable by virtue of noninvolvement will not bring the emotional satisfaction you want. You are seeking emotional control; but the first step in gaining control is to be open to experiencing and expressing your feelings in the moment. Even though you don't have all the pieces under control at the onset, you must be willing to walk through the process of experiencing and integrating the male and female parts of yourself (emotions and control). You must be willing to 'walk the path' to obtain the desired result of emotional involvement in relationships balanced with a calm sense of self-authority.

As you learn not to judge or invalidate your feelings, you can simply express them to others in the spirit of sharing self-identity. This allows the other person to share his or her feelings, leading to a positive, alchemical change in the relationship. Then you can identify your desires and the desires of the other person, which gives you a sense of clarity and allows you to view the relationship from an entirely new perspective.

Once you gain this new perspective, you can see a vision of yourself in the future - a new sense of self that is emerging through the relationship. This is the important thing for you to work on. Through expressing your feelings, you come into a new sense of balance and adjustment between yourself and your circumstances. You also gain the confidence of knowing that, no matter what comes to you, you will know there each particle belongs in the overall scheme of things. From this, you will derive a solid sense of your own authority in relating to the world.

(Tracy Marks)

Those of us with Moon in Capricorn need the security of organization and structure, and the satisfaction of maintaining commitments and achieving our aims. We take pride in our work, and want recognition for our accomplishments. Capricorn is the position of the Moon's detriment, and is therefore a particularly difficult position for experiencing emotional nourishment and developing self-nurturing behaviors. When feelings and needs emerge, we may not even allow them fully to enter our consciousness. We may be too afraid of our vulnerability or weakness, and too judgemental of our inner child. Repression of the deeper facets of ourselves may lead us to wallow in depression, negativity or self-criticism, to work incessantly, or to isolate ourselves from fulfilling connections with other people. We may continually give ourselves 'be tough' messages which support our self-sufficiency but prevent the real contact with ourselves which makes close relationships possible.

It is most likely that a parental figure helped us to learn to control our emotions, take responsibility for ourselves and make adult rather than childish decisions; and also provided the consistency and safety we needed in order to feel secure. However, having a Capricorn Moon suggests that we were never allowed to give free rein to our feelings, and that we probably did not receive much tender nurturance. Our parent may have been cold and rejecting; he or she may have neglected us or imparted to us that our feelings and needs had little value. Perhaps he or she was also a perfectionist we could not satisfy, and whose acceptance was conditional upon a high degree of achievement and success. As a result, we may feel a sense of worth only for what we accomplish, but not for who we are.

We who have Moon in Capricorn need to create our own standards for ourselves apart from our parents' standards, and to give up compensatory striving which actually does not meet our real needs. Our task involves developing our internal source of security and giving ourselves the validation and recognition we may have originally sought from others. We may only experience the fulfillment we seek when, by accepting our feelings and needs and allowing ourselves to be vulnerable, we discover strength and self-sufficiency which embraces rather than denies the sensitivity of our inner child.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Capricorn, the Moon indicates one who is earthy, and who tends to be materialistic, ambitious, and very sensitive about his standing in the community. The native takes responsibilities seriously but is much too aware of what others think about his efforts. He needs to devote more attention to his loved ones; he must learn that impressing others is secondary - the important thing is to have self-respect.

He can handle authority, and expects others to do as he says, not as he does. He thinks of himself as tough, practical, stubborn, and determined. He is embarrassed by displays of emotion.

The astrologer needs to instill confidence in him - the confidence to attain his goals. Otherwise, the Moon in Capricorn becomes depressed, frustrated, resentful. This is a fascinating lunar position because the native inwardly feels he is chosen for the role of leadership. If he doesn't attain it, he chooses one of two courses. The first is that of putting forth greater effort. The second is that of throwing his hands up in the air in a futile gesture. The astrologer, naturally, must encourage the first course.

The native serves the public and is served; demands and receives prestige. This takes time, but this individual has time on his side - if only he can be made to realize it. He

is often accused of being cold or materialistic. Members of the opposite sex are forever trying to reform or change him. The more the effort is made, the more he resists, despite outward appearances or promises.

There are indications of a difference in age or social position of the marriage partner; some difficulties are experienced in this area. The native may marry for money and then miss love. His parents experience difficulty - there may be separation, or early death of one parent.

Obstacles must be regarded as challenges; the native thrives on controversy, being true to himself, and is attracted to those who have overcome odds to achieve their goals. He feels, inwardly, that he must fulfill his destiny.

He comes to the attention of the public. Some people swear by him - others at him. He is attracted to power for the sake of power, not necessarily money. He wants prestige as some people want money, and needs recognition as some require alcohol. He must be himself and not attempt to play someone else's role. This is a 'tough' lunar position because the native is demanding and must meet numerous demands.

(Haydn Paul)

The Moon is in detriment in Capricorn; and the emphasis of your inner need is toward gaining others' approval and establishing a position of social status and recognition. This may be through achieving financial or community influence and power. Much of your self-esteem and confidence will be derived from this social relationship. As you have an innate insecurity and doubts regarding your personal value, you need the respect, recognition, and approbation of colleagues and family to help you to begin loving yourself and accepting your nature as it is.

The source of these inner doubts may lie in a childhood perspective of feeling unloved; a perspective that may have been real or colored by an unconscious tendency to amplify times when you felt a lack of loving contact with your parents. There may have been insufficient affection and loving care displayed, the feeling exchange of the relationship may have been unsatisfying, or perhaps the display of emotions was controlled and inhibited. The result is a lack of emotional ease, as suggested by the Moon-Capricorn placing, which indicates tendencies to relegate or repress emotions.

You may lack trust and faith in life and exhibit a reserved, cautious attitude which sees life through a serious perspective, adopting a more materialistic philosophy emphasizing success in the external world. You may try to buttress feelings of personal insecurity or inadequacy by gaining social power, strengthening your ego through positions of authority, prestige, and influence over the lives of others. You will be ambitious to succeed, both for the status and financial security that can be achieved, and for the self-validation and justification that you seek.

You will be a hard worker, perhaps believing that you are moving toward a personal destiny. If this is so, it will concentrate your efforts even more, by dedicating you to fulfill that 'mission', even if it has a distinct personal bias. Work is important, and receiving appreciation and recognition is necessary for you to feel fulfilled. Following your path may lead to friction with others, especially if you become too egocentric about your purposes or begin to abuse positions of responsibility. You may lack awareness of others' feelings and behave with insufficient sensitivity, tact, and diplomacy. Excessive manipulation and tactical calculation may not always work to your advantage either. You are sensitive to the comments and opinions of others, but

fail to apply this same sensitivity to those close to you.

Underlying these tendencies is a need to feel wanted, yet you may express this in a distorted manner. Feelings are often denied and ignored, reminding you of parts that are not under control, areas which are unknown realms and which you fear are threatening. You can feel weak and vulnerable, afraid of emotional rejection. You prefer to deal with the material world rather than with the shifting flux of emotions, and try to focus attention on building a solid and secure organizational structure around you as a foundation for achieving those compensatory aims.

You need to acknowledge those needs and develop ways to nurture your self through allowing deeper emotional exchanges. You need to release feeling instead of repressive control which may create symptoms of depression, meaninglessness, negativity, and self-criticism. You need to risk opening to the world as you strive to contact a deeper sense of self-validation and esteem. Security is to be rediscovered within rather than misidentified in external status or possessions. People will not love you just because you may have achieved something; you will be loved for what you are. Apply yourself to awakening your potential, integrating your totality, and developing a unique path which includes the vitality and warmth of genuine human relationship.

(Skye Alexander)

Expressing your emotions is difficult for you, and others may view you as cold, rigid or unfeeling. It's also hard for you to relax and let go. All work and no play, you can seem terribly serious and even depressing at times. You fear you will be rejected if you show someone how you really feel about him / her, and thus are cautious and defensive, keeping your emotions carefully under wraps. Underlying your practical, 'in-control'- persona is an insecure, sensitive and very shy side.

In relationships with others, you are loyal, devoted and dependable. However, you aren't very demonstrative. If you tell your partner you love him / her on your wedding day, you don't feel you need to say it again until your Golden Wedding Anniversary. You show your caring for someone else by doing practical, physical things for him / her, by coming home dutifully every night, or by providing financial support.

Hard-working, practical and conscious of your responsibilities to others, you build carefully for the future and make certain that whatever you build - a house, a relationship, a business or a country - has a solid foundation.

However, you often do things for others out of a sense of duty rather than because it's what you truly want to do, and this can leave you feeling put upon or resentful. For example, if your marriage is not working out you may 'stick it out' anyway because you feel you've made a commitment or because you have responsibilities to the children. You don't expect life to be easy or happy, and accept hardship as a necessary evil. Unwilling to make many changes in your life once you've settled into a routine, you are more likely than most people to endure an unsatisfactory job, home life or relationship long after you should have ended it. And, because you are both secretive and self-reliant, you aren't the type to seek outside help from a therapist or marriage counselor.

At an early age, you found it necessary to become independent and take care of yourself. Mature beyond your years, as a child you seemed to be a miniature adult. Probably you couldn't wait to grow up, and may have assumed adult responsibilities when you were still quite young. Perhaps your family was poor and you had to go to work to help put food on the table. Or, if you were the oldest in a large family, you

become a substitute parent to your younger siblings. Possibly your mother (or the nurturing parent) died when you were still a child or was absent for some reason, and you took on her role and duties.

In some way, your early home life was hard or barren. Even if your physical environment wasn't bleak, your emotional one certainly was. It is quite likely that your mother (or the nurturing parent) was unavailable to you when you needed her. Either she was physically absent because she was working, dead, or ill, or because your parents were separated; or she was simply an unexpressive, restrained, serious person. You may describe your mother as severe, unloving, distant or very strict. But she also was dependable, conscious of her responsibilities to you, hard-working and efficient at managing the household. Perhaps she was the family breadwinner and also the disciplinarian. If she was a professional person, you might be proud of her career successes even if you feel you suffered emotional deprivation as a result.

With your own children, you are likely to be strict and demanding. You want them to grow up to be self-sufficient, responsible adults, and don't believe that being lenient would be doing them any favors. Though you may love them deeply, it's hard for you to show your feelings for them, to be affectionate, tender, playful or even openly encouraging. You might long to be more expressive and emotional, but are rather cut off from your feeling side and don't know where to begin.

Security and stability are very important to you. You might try to achieve this by making lots of money, establishing yourself as a pillar of your community, or marrying someone who will take care of you. Your physical home also is a symbol of security; but even if it is expensive, prestigious or historically significant, it probably isn't very comfortable or inviting. Your tastes tend toward the traditional, and you might choose to live in an older house or furnish it with antique pieces. It's also possible that due to Capricorn's conservative, practical nature, you may live in relative austerity, eschewing all 'luxuries' and making do with only the bare essentials.

Both men and women with this Moon placement hold rather conventional, traditionally-oriented attitudes about male / female roles and are inclined to glorify the past. Men often seek partners who will stay at home and manage their domestic / family lives. Women may marry men who have sound portfolios, stable jobs and good reputations, and who will take care of them physically and financially - even though these women are more than capable of taking care of themselves!

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

You want to be recognized as an important and powerful person. Emotionally, you are supersensitive, and at the same time you are critical of others; however, you are untiring and considerate when you are interested or involved.

The Moon is in its detriment in Capricorn, in opposition to warm, nurturing Cancer. This lunar position emphasizes reserve and coldness. You are shy and insecure about your own worth; you have many subconscious fears, and you can be oversensitive to real or fancied slights. You seek to justify yourself by acting with personal dignity and by your great ambition to succeed. Thus, you are neither truly sympathetic nor very emotional.

Your mind reacts quickly to sense impressions, but often with anger or antagonism. This position has produced people with fanatic or obsessive ideas or causes.

The combination of Saturn (the ruler of Capricorn) and the Moon can show a morbid

and melancholy tendency to brooding, but you can also achieve popularity or even notoriety.

This position of the Moon, more than any other, will react to the rest of the chart. The down-to-earth feeling of the Moon in Capricorn will pick up the best of a chart with easy aspects, or the worst if there are too many challenges. When well-aspected, it gives leadership and administrative ability. Difficult aspects often result in a lack of creative energy, although your ambition is strong. If you do not learn to handle this position, you may incline to alcoholism, a surrender to the appetites or a calculated need to achieve power at any cost without concern for anyone else. You make enemies easily, whether they are earned or not, and this can cause trouble with your reputation.

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers) (contd.)

The Moon in Capricorn indicates a strong parental influence. Your mother was quite traditional and conservative in raising you. She was practical and efficient, though social, and encouraged you to succeed in all your endeavors.

You are cautious in money matters, and you have common sense and practical ability. These traits can become extreme, leaning toward over-caution, gloominess and austerity. You need to cultivate warmth and tenderness, and you must learn that giving freely, without expecting anything in return, can be more fulfilling than self-seeking demands made on others. At work, you show application; you can take responsibility and earn a high position through your persistent effort.

Women with the Moon in Capricorn tend to get the blues and feel 'No-one in the world likes me'. The man with this lunar position seeks a mate who can help further his social ambitions, run a comfortable home, and balance the family checkbook.

(Sasha Fenton)

The Moon is said to be in its detriment in Capricorn because the sign is opposite the sign of Cancer, the Moon's natural home. This means that the emotional side of your life could be a little suppressed.

Whatever you appear to be on the outside, inwardly you are sensitive, vulnerable and shy, especially where your personal feelings are concerned. The earthiness of Capricorn makes you practical and sensible; therefore, if you find that an idea works for you, you will use it, otherwise you will reject it. Even if you have an extroverted sign on your Ascendant, you will be shy when you are young; but later in life you will cover this up with a layer of polish. Nevertheless, inwardly you are rather deep and unfathomable. You resist serious illness and have, in addition to bodily strength, considerable strength of character. These strengths enable you to survive almost anything, plus give you the kind of tenacity and determination which allows you to finish whatever you start. You rarely take time off from work, even when you are ill.

Many of you go into business for yourselves, thereby giving yourself the opportunity to create something of your own which will stand the test of time. You learn self-discipline early in life, and feel inwardly that life is a serious business. You have the feeling that you should work to build up your finances while you are young, so that you can relax and enjoy the result later on. As you will probably live to a ripe old age, you are right to think like this. Another reason for self-employment is the fact that you enjoy being in a position of responsibility, and you carry authority well without throwing your weight around.

You need security. Your idea of hell would be to be dependent upon others, because

you hate to be a burden or to suffer the embarrassment of having to ask for help. You are resourceful and hard-working, but could be a little scheming and just a dash dishonest when chasing a goal. Your serious nature is relieved by a delightfully dry and witty sense of humour. You don't make hurtful jokes about others, but just see the world in an off-beat way which those who enjoy your sense of humour will find very funny. You enjoy the company of humorous people, too.

You learn well, and may be academic, but practical subjects really suit you best. You can think and plan on a large scale and in a structured manner. Rules and methods come easily to you, whether they be mathematical, engineering, or the pattern made by a series of dance steps. You prefer not to gamble on life, but to plan your course, moving forward and then consolidating your position for a while.

Although your values are material rather than spiritual, the most important aspect of your life is probably your relationship with your family. You are very caring, and you take your responsibilities towards them very seriously. You are dependable and faithful in marriage, and will try to make almost any kind of situation work. Your work may occasionally come between you and your family; but if they are ill, they get all of your attention immediately. Oddly enough, you really enjoy hearing all the local gossip, and not just family gossip either. You can really get your teeth into a nice, juicy piece of scandal, but you yourself would hate to be in the middle of any scandal.

Lunar Capricorns can find it difficult to form relationships due to shyness, but the intensity of this problem would depend on the type of Ascendant and Sun sign which you have; nevertheless, you are easily hurt and embarrassed. Being cautious, you take care to find yourself the right type of partner. As a parent, you are gentle and caring, and although you would be unlikely to join in rough games with your children, you will do your best to teach them about the world in which we live, and to open their eyes to the possibilities which life has to offer. You may be a little old-fashioned in your approach when they reach their teens, but you will try to see things from their point of view. At least you would always be aware of your children's need to be treated with dignity.

You exert considerable control over your own inner nature, sometimes too much so, in order to prevent your feelings from getting the better of you. Your somewhat formal manner protects your vulnerability. It would be impossible to imagine you getting drunk and making an ass of yourself. Like the other Earth signs, it takes a lot to make you lose your temper, but when you do it is over-poweringly destructive. Making friends is a slow process with you, and you keep for years the few friends whom you do have. You adapt better to new places than to new people, and can fit in almost anywhere. Your pet hate is to be embarrassed and humiliated. A spell in a hospital which is staffed by insensitive people would be dreadful for you. Another pet hate is coarseness or vulgarity of any kind. You are kindly and helpful towards other people, especially in a work situation; and you would make a good financial adviser or a good teacher on a small group basis. You need a strong and independent partner who can, to some extent, protect you. Your hidden sensitivity can give you nervous ailments such as skin problems, asthma, rheumatism or a tendency to have colds. You listen to any advice which is offered to you, but in the end you prefer to make up your own mind.

You have a love of beauty and grace in all things, and a hatred of any kind of ugliness, from an ugly appearance to ugly behaviour. Being reserved, you don't readily reach out to touch people, but you love to be held and touched by your partner and your children. Earth signs are sensuous, and this could show up in your case as a love of flowers, music or the seasons of the year. If you are insulted or pushed aside in a queue, you would, as one lunar Capricorn friend told me, 'fume

inwardly'; but you are too polite to say much.

Where sex is concerned, you improve with age, and also with the overcoming of your shyness and inhibitions. You are fastidious and very particular both in your choice of partner and in your behaviour. One night stands are definitely not for you. The feeling of closeness while making love is as important to you as the act itself. You may choose to marry someone who is older than yourself; but whoever you choose, and whatever his / her age or appearance, you will feel protective and caring to him / her. You even like to work together so that you can share the same problems.

Most lunar Capricornians are great holiday-makers. You need to get away from work from time to time, and you really enjoy a break. You are not too experimental with foods, as you are a sparing eater, but you enjoy good surroundings with well-cooked and presented foods. Comfort is a necessity for you when travelling, and you are not likely to be found on a camping site.

You begin by being very close to your mother, and then losing your idealized picture of her. There may even be tragic circumstances involving death of a family member or a spell in a home due to illness or divorce in the family. As you grow up, you may realize that your mother is a loving woman who did her best under the circumstances. Peter explained the situation to me: 'My parents were very caring towards me, but there was just too much for them to cope with. My father never got over being shot up in the war, and mother had to work hard during those years. The love was there, but they were elderly and up against it. I felt it would be wrong to make too much noise or to bring other noisier youngsters into the house. I doubt whether they would have stopped me, but I would have felt bad about it, that's all.'

There could have been some conflict and aggression between you and your father which accounts for your slight air of watchfulness when around new people. This Moon position suggests difficulties during childhood through poverty, too many other children in the family or a loss of some kind. Oddly enough, this may jump back one generation and be not your experience of childhood but your mother's experience. Your parents loved you and were kind-hearted, but they could have been slightly insensitive and critical of your school work. A conflict could have arisen if they wanted you to work in the same line as themselves and were disappointed when you chose not to. They, possibly due to their upbringing, taught you to be careful with money and highly realistic in your dreams. You would have learned to value (possibly over-value) material security and possessions.

Being a quiet and obedient child, you did well at school and gave the teachers no problems, but you would have found sports difficult, possibly due to poor health and short-sightedness. Many of you go on to further education, especially of a practical nature.

Lunar Capricorns prefer to do something-useful career-wise; this could be anything from structural engineering to making medical supplies. You could be drawn to accountancy, the law, or politics (especially if there are any other political indications, such as the sign of Cancer or Libra somewhere on your birthchart). Being interested in business, you might find that the world of insurance appeals to you, or some kind of work in a government department. You prefer being in a position of management.

Travel and transport, or a chain of shops, are possibilities too. Being slow, thorough and efficient in all that you do, you become annoyed by petty inefficiencies in others - for instance, buses being late or paperwork which has not been properly done. I have noticed that most people with the Sun, Moon or Ascendant in an Earth sign are early

risers. You are highly ambitious and will climb slowly towards the top of your career.

Your weak spots for health are supposed to be the bones, especially the knees; therefore, you could have rheumatism later in life. Hearing problems are a possibility, especially tinnitus. You may have skin problems, even alopecia, and could be short-sighted. Generally speaking you should live a long and healthy, if rather hard-working, life.

For you, the most important aspect of sexual expression is sincerity, not great heights of physical prowess or technical achievement. Forced attempts at sexual variety may simply get in the way of meaningful personal communication.

You have a significant ability to sublimate sexuality into other realms of affection. You may find much emotional satisfaction in caring for your partner in ways that are not physically sexual: gifts, favors, meals and financial support, for example.

However you express it, your affection is basically unswerving. The best relationship for you is one that is long-lasting, so that you have ample opportunities to express your love over a long period of time.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Feelings are disciplined and restrained

Symbol: An elegantly attired older woman studies her family genealogy.

At best, the Moon in Capricorn translates responsiveness into a sense of responsibility. At worst, it is coldly indifferent to human sentiments. Since the Moon is in detriment in Saturn's sign, this placement may diminish the capacity for feeling and response. Unswervingly ambitious, these people are often wedded to their work. Since they have a tendency to rely on authority and to cling to precedent as a guide, the early years are especially important in structuring the pattern of their personalities. Frequently, they encounter troubles in childhood owing to the inadequacy of one or both parents, although their problems generally relate to the mother.

Whatever the source of their malaise, lunar Capricornians are often haunted by the feeling that their lives are predestined to be austere and difficult. This sense of being a pawn of fate can lend them an air of solitary remoteness. Outwardly, they may be poised and charming, but inwardly they are beset by fears, melancholy moods, and shyness.

The Moon is so sensitive and Capricorn so weighty that the unconscious mind can be indelibly imprinted with whatever complex - usually involving power or work - Saturn determines to stamp upon it. A rigorous adherence to duty may stem from a sense of being 'chosen' which is so compelling that there seems to be no choice except to take the hard way out and tackle an awesome job head-on. Thus, although this is considered a difficult placement, it can lead to remarkable accomplishment.

Less competent people with the Moon in Capricorn can easily become frustrated, depressed, or resentful of the burdens thrust upon their shoulders. Sometimes their troubles stem from a hidden pride which imparts a strong desire to gain status and to be noticed by others. When this drive is thwarted, it can be distorted into cringing and servility, a martyr complex, or even political fanaticism.

This placement is decidedly more difficult for women than for men. The Moon should be motherly, soft, and yielding, but Capricorn's ruling planet Saturn is hard and authoritarian. The effect may be to force the mother to abandon her biological role

and become the family disciplinarian and breadwinner. A Moon-Saturn combination can promote the interests of a dedicated career woman, but she will have to make a special effort to retain her feminine charm.

Men of this type are apt to marry older women. Frequently, they do not find much emotional fulfillment in marriage, although it may advance their careers. They are likely to succeed in public affairs, business, or any enterprise in which they can take command. These individuals may have considerable scientific ability, but this will usually be directed toward the physical rather than the theoretical sciences. There is a cautious ambition which seldom neglects the security of the family and prefers not to take unnecessary changes.

Lunar Capricornians should examine their deeper motives in order to make sure they know why they want what they want. They need to guard against acting out of blind compulsion or in compensation for emotional lacks. They have the ability to materialize their plans and ideas. Therefore, they must take the utmost care to use their powers for worthwhile purposes.

(Arlene Robertson)

As many astrologers have pointed out, the Moon in Capricorn is as far away from its home base as it can get. Because of the distance and the opposition involved, one may presume that the ingrained, loving warmth of Cancer has all but disappeared, and in its place is a subliminal Saturnian coldness. Thus, the struggle churns within you as these two contradictory forces wrestle for the control of your emotional makeup.

The Moon in Capricorn generally manifests in the personality as ambitious, disciplined, calculating, cautious, and persistent in the pursuit of its goals. Instead of caring primarily about your home and family, you, with the Moon in Capricorn, are constantly concerned with your image in the world, and the impression you make in that all-important world. Most of your desires and demands, your sense of emotional stability, are contained in this urge to be number one in whatever field you have chosen. In order to achieve success, you require steady reassurance about your ability and performance, while your unspoken yearning for financial security runs swiftly and silently underneath your controlled exterior. You hunger to be told that you are indeed a worthy person and one to be admired for your achievements. Otherwise, how do you know who you are and what you have accomplished unless the world tells you so? It is not enough for your loved ones to encourage you and be proud of your success. You want to hear it echoing from the mountaintops.

The hard-working Capricorn Moon propels you forward to absorb knowledge and to sharpen your skills for additional security. For if your knowledge and training are extensive and your abilities saleable in the executive suite, you are assured of earning your way and becoming financially stable. But no matter what you have, you always want more, and no matter how much praise is lavished on you, it is never quite enough.

Your deep-rooted insecurity may stem from the Saturn influence in childhood which may have manifested in the attitude of a parent. An overly-strict mother may have disciplined you so much and set such high standards for you that you were left with a feeling of futility in trying to live up to her rules. Your father may have disappeared from the scene giving you the impression that you weren't worth the bother of bringing up. This vulnerability marked your early years; and by the time you matured and got a hard look at the universe and how the banks operate, you were determined to succeed just to show them all that you were a person of worth. Perhaps the

emotional trap is set here in the constant need for feedback from others in order for you to relax and feel secure.

If you fail to receive these verbal rewards, you may become cold and unsympathetic toward others. You turn away from listening to their problems or from helping to heal their emotional scars. You are afraid of being hurt or possibly sidetracked from your goals, so your defence against an unpredictable world lies in controlling emotions. You can be calculating at times, showing your feelings only when you know it will get you something you want. For one of the worst disasters that can befall you is to expose your naked emotions to a ruthless and disinterested world.

If you are a female, in your role as mother you are concerned mainly with giving your children the advantages of a solid family background, a fine education and an understanding of the social amenities. They must be prepared for the future. You patiently show them where the ladder of success is placed, guide their feet to the bottom rung, then point out the prizes that await them at the top. You would like a career for yourself, of course, as soon as you have fulfilled your maternal duties and can then concentrate your Capricorn persistence in the direction which brings recognition and financial rewards. You understand quite well where your assets and talents lie; and during periods of your life you may have been quietly waiting and honing your skills for the day when the timing is right.

If you are a male, you are possibly the number one achiever in the zodiacal circle. You have all the attributes necessary to become a smashing success - controlled emotions, caution, persistence, and an eye on the main chance. With Saturn on your shoulder, you are well aware of timing your moves for the best result. In marriage you will look for a woman who will reflect your finer qualities, understand your goals and feel comfortable in the public eye - as your helpmate, of course.

In your daily life, you react with caution in almost every situation. By proceeding carefully, you are not apt to make mistakes. Everyone knows that costly errors can ruin a person's chances. So you approach each new circumstance slowly, with a degree of suspicion, doling out your emotional response meagerly, until you thoroughly understand the situation and have decided in which direction to move. If others try to rush you or plunge you into some activity before you are ready, you become acutely uncomfortable and, in defence, wrap around yourself the forbidding Moon-in-Capricorn mantle. You must guard against reacting out of hidden pride and cold compulsion in order to compensate for any emotional starvation.

On the positive side of this placement, the Cancer flow of intuition can mingle productively with the Capricorn practicality and drive, providing you with a daily existence that runs smoothly along the track.

(Isabel Hickey)

Poor place for Moon, and especially so for a female. Works against itself. Conservative. Strong ambitions. Power complex. Security of subconscious lies in authority. Contest is bread of life. Wants to win recognition as an important and powerful person. Needs to watch tendency to harden ego complex in a shell of self-centered ambition. Not a happy person as a rule. Rigid and crystalline feelings. Not a truly sympathetic and emotional person. Parental influence very strong. Subconscious fears need to be brought to the surface and dissolved through understanding. In a male chart, attracts a serious and quiet type of partner.

## **Natal Moon in Aquarius**

(Jan Spiller & Karen McCoy)

## Static

When you habitually seek the feedback of others to supply your need for feelings of self-worth in your personal and emotional situations, you can inadvertently relinquish power and self-control. You are attuned to the hidden motives and desires of other people. If you use this knowledge to manipulate your worth and value in their eyes, you may find yourself unable to maintain your integrity and identity. Consequently, your self-worth can be at the precarious mercy of the outside world and the success of your manipulations of it.

When you look to others for feedback, you may be left feeling uncertain about what action to take. Needing validation leaves you uneasy about your material and sexual connections with other people. Thus, you may feel afraid that any intimate relationship might put you in a vulnerable position where unexpected emotional rejection could be experienced.

To avoid this, you may create emotional drama that ensures others will stay at a distance. This game results in a negative self-image and emotional isolation.

## Dynamic

When you take responsibility for creating loving relationships, you may notice that past methods have brought about a consistent feeling of being worthwhile to others. Others cannot provide you with idealism in relationships because in seeking their approval you may not be aware of what they offer to bring about your ideal. Your lesson is to release the need for others' approval in order to determine what is valuable to you in other people.

Having a sense of your own worth puts you in touch with your value systems. At the same time, doing what you feel is worthwhile and needs to be done automatically enhances self-worth. Then you have something to offer other people, and the relationship with them automatically begins to meet the idealism you want. As a by-product, others give unexpected approval without your consciously seeking it.

Getting in touch with the spontaneity of your own inner child enables you to express yourself in ways that invite others to play with you. Performing those values that keep you feeling a sense of fun about life keeps you in touch with your own vitality and worth.

As you inspire confidence in others and encourage them to express their talents and abilities, you see them furthering your ideals of brotherhood whether or not they are aware of it. In this process, you can create the many loving friendships you want, and experience the fulfillment of seeing your own humanitarian ideals and values being actualized.

## General

You have self-awareness in the context of group situations, so your emotional stability tends to be dependent upon maintaining mental accord and harmony with those around you. You may compromise your own individuality in order to keep the peace with others, since you fear that you may need to count on these friendships at a later date for survival. You are too dependent on your peers for support, to the extent that you may concentrate on friendships to the exclusion of more intimate involvements.

One lesson you are learning is to make yourself strong. By becoming more aware of what it is that you want and then exercising your creative power to bring about the fulfillment of these wants, you revitalize your attachment to disassociation and get involved in life in a healthy way. You are learning to take hold and enjoy the creative process by using the tools of excitement, romance and playfulness to enlist others to follow your lead in creating mutual goals that are for the common good.

Since you have fears of a lack of wholehearted personal love, and a sense of impersonalness, you naturally feel insecure about entering into deeply personal relatedness. You are learning to infuse your more personal, intense relationships with humane treatment of the other person to create closeness while working for the common good.

You have an inborn sense of what is for the good of the whole, and a natural predisposition for doing what is best for others. Yours can be the highest form of friendship. You are learning to combine this awareness with a realization of what you want to create in the relationship, and then to joyously go about creating a structure that encompasses the needs of both people.

You are learning to create what you want, giving attention to those relationships that are important to you, and carefully monitoring the situation to see that it is still headed in the direction of your goals. Having a goal in your relationships is important; its creation and attainment validates your effective participation. You need to learn that giving attention to a relationship makes it thrive, while withdrawing attention allows it to wither. Then the other person will go somewhere else, looking for involvement that is more constant.

Your natural humor allows you to take the more selfish foibles and perspectives of others in stride; and this serves as a safety valve in the event that your experimentation with close personal involvement occasionally goes awry.

(Tracy Marks)

Our Aquarian Moon indicates that we need to experience and express our individuality, to be free to interact with a wide range of people, and to use our intuitive, inventive and abstract mental capacities, as well as to contribute meaningfully to society. The energies of Aquarius do not mesh easily with the Cancerian Moon principle. We may have difficulty acknowledging and validating our needs and feelings, and fear closeness and intimacy. When threatened by emerging emotions or needs, we may rationalize or intellectualize, may rebel or loudly proclaim our self-sufficiency, or may become overly preoccupied with stimulating activities. Sometimes, Moon in Aquarius may lead us to make sudden abrupt changes in our lives in order to overcome the internal suffocation of too much closeness or feeling experience. Cultivating a network of friends, and / or dedicating ourselves to a cause in which we believe, may fulfill us, but may also be a compensation for unmet personal needs.

It is most likely that a parent encouraged our Aquarian qualities. He or she may have been intellectual, humanitarian and individualistic, and supported these traits in ourselves. We learned to take pride in our uniqueness and originality, and in our social and mental skills. However, such a parent may also have been emotionally detached or cold, and unable to nurture us physically or emotionally, while nonetheless remaining responsive to large groups of people and social involvements which were less restrictive and emotionally demanding than ties to family. One or both of our parents may have been unpredictable or erratic when relating to us, so that we were unable to develop trust in secure and stable relationships, and learned

at an early age to defend against intimacy.

We who have Aquarian Moons need to experience and value our own uniqueness, while at the same time creating for ourselves our own society of intimates, one in which our emotional needs are respected and met rather than suppressed. We need to develop and trust our intuition, and to use our minds to help us understand our feelings and discover how to meet our needs, rather than escape from them. Other tasks of our Aquarian Moon involve cultivating the internal freedom which results from full openness to our emotional natures, and learning to be our own friend rather than submerging ourselves in social interactions because of our discomfort with ourselves.

(Sydney Omarr)

With the Moon in Aquarius, the native is generous, broadminded, attractive to members of the opposite sex, and popular in general, but he often lacks the strength to be practical enough to fulfill his hopes and wishes. He loves applause and praise, but secretly doubts that he is really as capable as others might imagine him to be. He needs to be determined, but should avoid being stubborn. He must learn to accept criticism and not constantly seek the company of those who flatter him.

The native is interested in social mores; he wants to improve world conditions, but often neglects his own neighborhood or family.

There are numerous contradictions in his nature. He recognizes these, and they cause him more than a little concern. The road to Hell, as they say, is paved with good intentions. Perhaps this very well fits the Moon in Aquarius. No doubt he wants to do good. But in trying, he steps on toes, and is often harsh in his efforts to get in a position where his influence will be felt. He needs to feel he is helping others - and in trying to do so often convinces people that they are not really as happy as they think.

He is attracted to 'far out' subjects, including astrology, magnetism, dream interpretation, psychology, sociology, social theories, hypnotism, television, space flights, etc.. He is given to fantasy, fascinated by science fiction (even though he may profess to be 'above it all'). He is very sensitive - and if the Moon is in poor aspect to the Sun, may have an eye defect.

He is considered unconventional - and he is proud of it! His public image is that of a humanitarian who often makes himself appear ridiculous by going the long way around.

The astrologer's task is to make him realize that his first duty is to make himself happy. He must help himself before he can really earn the respect of others.

(Haydn Paul)

The Moon in Aquarius indicates that a powerful social awareness influences you, and that many of your personal needs will be connected to social groups or organizations. Involvement with socially active groups will attract, although these may be more modern, radical pressure groups rather than established social organizations, because of your rebellious natures. The idealistic vision and values of such groups are especially appealing to you, both intellectually and emotionally; and as Aquarius is the sign of group consciousness, you will, at least mentally, align yourself with such progressive groups. Yet as you perceive yourself to be highly individual, actually working within groups may not be so suitable, since you are determined to pursue an iconoclastic approach. You can enjoy the freedom of remaining on the fringes as an

observer rather than becoming involved in real participation.

Socially, you like to build a wide network of friends and acquaintances in which there is a breadth of various relationships based on a commonality of social and creative interests. You enjoy variety and constant mental stimulation; and your home life is often turned into a meeting place for like-minded individuals. The revolution may occur only in your mind, but you do like to reflect the changing world and to express the new perceptions, if only to see the effect they have on people. Yet you may become dedicated to a cause or belief; and your attitudes are genuinely held, even if the eventual application may sometimes be lacking.

Relating to humanity as an impersonal whole is easier for you than relating on a one-to-one basis, especially in intimate contacts. Emotions are not particularly well-integrated; and sometimes your social whirl serves as an excuse to evade fears of emotional closeness. You intellectualize emotions rather than directly experiencing their power and intensity; feelings are diverted into a mental examination, otherwise you may feel threatened by their wildness. By demanding emotional freedom in relationships, you are just trying to keep emotions at a distance. This can manifest in fears of commitment, even though you may actually need that commitment for growth.

The Moon is not at ease in Aquarius, where the combined energies may confine and conflict. Lunar emotions, instincts, and feelings try to break free of Aquarian impersonality and mental focus, searching for greater emotional closeness and seeking to fulfill often unacknowledged needs. Aquarian energies may stimulate sudden, radical life-style changes as an escape from family responsibilities or emotional suffocation.

Moon and Aquarius may be brought into deeper harmony if you begin to honor emotional and instinctual needs. Your sympathy with the needs of humanity is genuine, engaging a heartfelt response; but these feelings also need to be liberated throughout your life. Releasing your potential also means working with your whole nature, recognizing emotions and feelings as a vital part of your individuality; cutting them off makes as much sense as chopping off a leg. Let your natural emotions flow more easily. Follow their messages, instead of just paying attention to your intellect, logic, or philosophical belief systems. Otherwise you pollute and damage the ecological system of your being; and like all stagnant water, it will grow poisoned and foetid, distorting your advanced social perceptions and destroying your own humanity.

Allowing emotional vitality to flow will also awaken intuitive perception and release your natural inventiveness; this may enable you to make a greater social contribution and vitalize inner realms through improving the quality of your intimate relationships.

(Skye Alexander)

Emotionally, you can be quite unpredictable, excitable, even explosive. Given to temper tantrums and sudden outbursts, you express your feelings with uncensored candor. You are most upset by social injustices and inequities, and might be more passionate about causes than people. Although your anger is easily aroused, it doesn't last long; once you've vented it, you see no reason to hold a grudge, and may behave as if nothing had happened. You can't understand why others might be hurt by your harsh words.

In truth, you enjoy a good confrontation now and again, and don't really want things

to go too smoothly. Tense and high-strung, you like to keep the emotional pot boiling and don't want your home life or relationships to become routine or predictable. For you, boredom is the deathblow to a relationship. If you are involved with someone who has Moon in Aries or Aquarius, you might fight a lot but still get along famously. However, you are likely to trample or bully people whose Moons are in more gentle or emotional signs. Stubborn, brusque and willful, you can be insensitive to the feelings of others.

Though your emotions are easily engaged and displayed with great force, they aren't very deep. With those who love you, you sometimes seem detached and aloof, and it's difficult to be truly intimate with you. Intimacy and emotional closeness smack of possessiveness to you. You demand freedom to come and go as you please, and to associate with whomever you choose; and anyone who doesn't like it isn't worth your time anyway.

Although you may change lovers frequently or have several simultaneously, you are intensely loyal to your friends. Friendship, in fact, is far more important to you than romantic life; and you probably have many friends and associates. Casual companions and relationships that don't make too many demands on your emotions are more comfortable for you. Above all, you expect honesty, equality and fairness in all your relationships.

Your childhood home was probably chaotic, constantly changing and / or unstable in some way. Perhaps you moved frequently. Your parents may have fought a great deal, or split up when you were still young. Most probably, there was something unusual about your upbringing and / or your parents.

Your mother (or nurturing parent) might have been avant-garde, unconventional, or in some way different from her contemporaries. Though she probably encouraged you to develop your intellect and become independent as soon as possible, she wasn't very nurturing or supportive of you. Possibly she found parenting too restrictive, and resented being tied down with children when there were so many other exciting things to do. She may not have been there when you needed her, and had trouble showing affection, sympathy and compassion.

You want to be a friend to your own children rather than an authority figure. When they are very young, you can be quite impatient with them. You don't like their dependency, and want them to hurry and grow up so they won't make so many demands on you and you can have more freedom. As a result, you may 'push them out of the nest' too soon. Unless you have several planets in Taurus, Leo, Cancer or Pisces, you aren't very affectionate with them and prefer reading them bedtime stories to rocking them to sleep. Unless Capricorn or Scorpio is prominent in your chart, you probably aren't much of a disciplinarian and your kids might be a bit rebellious and wild.

Because of your deep concern for humankind, you might want to initiate programs to protect and feed the world's homeless orphans and take care of all who are in need. Even if you have no biological children, you may feel as though you are 'mother' to many.

Your physical home isn't very important to you (unless you have Cancer or Taurus prominent in your chart). You may change residences frequently or have an unconventional living arrangement, such as sharing a home with an odd assortment of other people. Some might describe your lifestyle as 'bohemian'. At the very least, your house is probably decorated in an eclectic, ultra-modern or off-beat fashion; and housekeeping isn't your most obvious talent.

Both men and women with this Moon placement revel in being 'different' and will go out of their way to shock the more conventional members of their families. Men with Moon in Aquarius enjoy women who are strong-willed, independent, unusual and intelligent. Women are not particularly maternal and usually aren't happy in traditional roles or relationships that aren't 'equal'.

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

You consider experience a proving ground for yourself. You react to everything on a utilitarian and, at the same time, idealistic level. Release is very necessary for you, as you tend to overload yourself emotionally. You need a cause or project to release tension, or you become frustrated. This can lead to restless wandering and search or to spiritual enlightenment.

Your sense impressions are quick, and your mind and emotions react together; thus you have mental clarity and involvement. Your blending of religious, humanitarian, sexual and scientific instincts is good.

You have a universal quality and are ahead of your time. You are a charming friend and companion and an interesting conversationalist. Women with the Moon in Aquarius can become too eccentric and experimental, and both sexes must avoid being too impersonal or detached. A man with the Moon in Aquarius seeks a rather liberated mate, especially in sexual matters.

You may be inclined toward politics or education or unusual subjects such as astrology and the occult. You are likely to show originality, ingenuity, inventiveness and scientific ability. Your imagination is fertile, and you have a lot of creative energy; if you are not careful, your abundance of emotional energy can cause your nervous system to suffer. You are a born mixer and joiner, especially for a cause.

You prefer the unconventional, and you value your personal independence. You are idealistic and broad-minded; but behind your friendly, outgoing manner you hide a good bit of selfishness. You must consciously control erratic behavior, aloofness and unpredictability. Your early training in ethics and moral standards will bring good results.

This placement of the Moon overemphasizes friendliness, humanitarianism and kindness. Your need for emotional independence can lead to loneliness and difficulty with emotional relationships; you may brush these off with seeming indifference. Your feeling nature can be cold because you do not understand the emotional needs of someone else. You act warm and friendly but not especially intimate, suggestive or penetrating.

You see your mother as a friend and companion. She raised you to stand on your own feet; she is a humanitarian and is not a run-of-the-mill mother in her general behavior.

The power of the Moon is rather muted in this sign, the greatest effect being to reduce the feeling element from the emotions. Inwardly you are detached, independent and rather cool. Although controlled and possibly a little bottled up at times, you like others around you to show that they need and want you. When meeting people for the first time socially, you are pleasant and affable if a little shy; meanwhile, you are weighing them up in a slightly watchful manner. You have a strong inner sense of self which would lead you to take a calculated risk in a career or even in a relationship. Although sensible, you are not over-cautious; therefore, you

would accept most of life's challenges whether they put your finances or your feelings at risk. This ability to inwardly weigh and measure could be confusing to those who fall in love with you because, although you can discuss feelings in an articulate manner, one wonders just how much you are actually able to feel yourself!

Your inner nature is off-beat. You could find yourself travelling in a different direction from everyone else. Like your solar Aquarian cousins, you are educationally-minded and will choose a career where you can stretch your mind and also broaden the minds of others. You are kind, helpful and humanitarian, but this may be directed more towards the world in general than to those who are closest to you. Although you are helpful in practical ways, there could be an element of embarrassment and helplessness when you are faced by the sight of other people's emotional pain. You are afraid that if you allow weak people to latch themselves on to you they will drain your energies or, worse still, bore the daylights out of you! Your general outlook is balanced, optimistic and cheerful. To all except the most neurotic you would be a good friend.

Your mind is excellent, and it doesn't matter whether you are educated and academic or shrewd and streetwise: either way, your thinking processes are fast, and your intuition is strong. You possess a dry and intelligent sense of humour. Your ideas are often excellent, and you have the ability to put them into practice.

Being strongly independent, you prefer to cope alone with your own problems, however harrowing they may be. One Moon in Aquarius friend of mine wouldn't allow anyone to go with him when he went into hospital for a major heart operation. You could reject outside help in case accepting it makes you appear weak and incapable. You may even view help as a form of interference. You're not at all keen on people who try to own you or to manipulate you, although you can be adept at manipulating others. Another pet dislike is of being falsely accused - you are willing to admit to your own errors, but will not carry the can for others. Your attitudes can sometimes cause others to stay at a distance from you, which can consequently cause misunderstandings both at work and at home.

Your friendliness is universal, and you would not reject anyone due to colour, age, race or religion. Many lunar Aquarians belong to clubs and societies of one kind or another. You enjoy committing yourself to group activities. Most of your hobbies involve people and ideas which are sociable and charitable, such as youth work. There is one hobby which many of you enjoy entirely alone, although the results of this involve other people, and that is cooking. I have met some truly inspired solar and lunar Aquarian amateur chefs.

You can take any amount of chaos going on around you at work, but you need peace in your home, where you can be in control of your own environment (creating a little bit of chaos for others maybe). You enjoy visitors but don't appreciate people who dump themselves upon you. Many of you are clever handymen (and women), enjoying the challenge of working on your home and garden, and often finding imaginative and original ways of solving practical do-it-yourself problems.

Your memory is also rather original, and may be strangely selective, easily recalling things you find interesting but 'tuning out' from irrelevant details. However, you don't duck really important issues, as you have high standards of honesty and integrity. You don't as a rule go in for petty jealousies, and nor do you make mountains out of molehills. If your pride is hurt, you can be quite spiteful and very sarcastic. You really do need a creative or useful outlet, or you can become bored, gossip or aloof.

Some of you are lazy and too easygoing, especially if there are planets in the sign of

Libra on your birthchart; yet others can be truly very eccentric, especially if there are other planets in the sign of Aquarius. For the most part, criticism brushes off you. You have a strong ego, and you feel that everyone is entitled to his or her own opinion, even opinions of you. You are not likely to change your ways in the face of criticism anyway.

In close personal relationships, you are kind, pleasant, thoughtful and passionate; you could even be rather romantic. Aquarius being a fixed sign suggests that you don't easily walk away from situations. You may stay in the same house, the same job or the same relationship long after the time when you should move on. However, if the day comes when you do move on, you seem to be able to do so in a decisive manner, looking mentally forward rather than backward. If necessary, you can wait years for the right person to come along. If this paragon does not appear, you spend years of your life alone. If you become bored with your permanent partner, you may look outside the relationship for change and excitement. If you fall in love with someone while you are still married, and especially if you have children, then you will be terribly torn between the need to be loyal and the need to be with the one you want. However, your famous Aquarian detachment may come to your aid here and allow you to work out logically what would be for the best. There is no doubt that you need an interesting and stimulating partner. Another very important ingredient would be shared interests and mutual respect. Without shared interests, you would gravitate towards interests of your own, and this would begin the process of allowing the marriage to drift into failure and loss. There is just a suspicion that lunar Aquarian males might find a very successful career-girl type of wife too much of a good thing. There could be just a tinge of jealousy creeping in here. You can be strangely blind to both the needs and the feelings of those you love. You may never really get to know them on a deep level.

Women of this lunation must have some kind of interesting work outside the home. Neither sex seems keen to have a large family, but the relationship between lunar Aquarian parents and their children is usually very good. There is a natural sensitivity to the needs of children and young people, and you would offer help without making undue demands upon your children or smothering them. It is just possible that you could expect too much of a very timid child, but for the most part you make a successful parent. You are always ready to stump up cash for education or hobbies, but you might be a little absent-minded about some of the practical details, such as making sure that they have a clean shirt for school.

Both sexes with this Moon sign are attractive rather than beautiful. In fact, your features are more likely to be rugged and bony than soft and sweet. None of this matters much because your friendliness, charm, sex-appeal and humour are far more effective with the opposite sex than any amount of sterile beauty would be. Being rather shy, you might have a little difficulty in breaking the ice; but your interest in people soon helps you to overcome this. Anyway, you always have the option of meeting people through mutual interests such as your work or social activities rather than, for instance, at a disco. People with fixed Moon signs can cope with a lot. It would take a great deal for you to break up a relationship; but when you do, there isn't a backward glance. In relationships, as in all things, you need freedom and independence, and may demonstrate this by being deliberately forgetful, erratic and hard to pin down with regard to mutual arrangements. You seek an intelligent and independent partner, and often are happiest with one who is much younger than yourself, so that to some extent you can advise or mould him / her. Be careful that when your good advice is taken and your pupil begins to blossom you don't then become resentful. If your partner started laying the law down to you and restricting your movements, your first impulse would be to get out of the relationship.

Sex for you is a by-product of love. You can indulge in sex for its own sake, but are much happier when love is the main motivating force. This may surprise many readers, but this lunation produces amazingly sexy people! Your special combination of action, imagination and stamina seems to bring something special to the act of love. Friends who are married to lunar Aquarians have told me... well, let's draw a veil over that! It's strange how the supposedly non-tactile air sign people seem to become so good at touching and cuddling when there's the chance of a bit of sexual activity.

Your temper can be a problem when you are young; but later you learn to sit back and control it. However, if hurt, you retain the ability to wound verbally. There may be a lack of adaptability in your attitude to others. You will only go as far in order to fit in with their wishes. You are inclined to consider that other people ought to take or leave you just as you are. Your partners are chosen to some extent because they have the right appearance. Fatness turns you right off, as does dirt and mess. A lively person who has many outside interests would attract you; if he / she has a sense of humour and also looks nice, better still. Lunar Aquarians of both sexes prefer an equal partnership, and will do all they can to promote the interests and job of the other, even trying to help the partner to enjoy his or her hobbies. There is evidence that you wouldn't be so happy if the hobby was particularly noisy one, because you hate loud, discordant noises.

Needing a pleasant home and a nice garden, you have no special preference for the town or the country. I think you would make the best of it wherever you were, as long as you are not isolated from people or fenced into a very small space.

You take work seriously, and don't like chopping and changing jobs, preferring to find a career into which you can settle. You are interested in ideas and willing to learn; therefore, you do well at school and continue to learn later on. Certainly your parents encouraged you to progress; but like all lunar masculine signs you are inwardly quite goal-orientated. You enjoy work which is useful to the community, and you also like making things which are needed. You can pursue a goal persistently; therefore, you can close a deal if someone else will open the door for you.

Working with children might appeal to you, either directly in education, or in something tough such as the probation service, because you have patience even for the awkward ones. You take well to challenges, and can ride out most problems without falling apart; therefore, the armed forces or police may appeal. Your incisive mind may lead you into the legal sphere, medicine, psychiatry or even astrology. Being impatient with fools, you could find delegating difficult. You usually learn from your own mistakes, and are fairly forgiving towards others for theirs, as long as the mistakes do not occur too frequently and are not too obviously stupid. You solve problems in an original way, but must learn to keep lists and use your memory rather than your forgettery.

You seem to be happiest when working in large enterprises; you may wind up in the civil service, a large commercial firm, the teaching profession or the government. You have, in common with the other fixed signs of Scorpio, Leo, and Taurus, the determination to finish what you start. You don't like being pressurized by others, preferring to work things out in your own way and to do things slowly and thoroughly. Some of you enjoy being attached to some kind of glamorous or powerful enterprise where your own dynamism can come to the fore. There is a reverse side to this coin, in that you can run a small enterprise on your own as long as you have total control. Although ambitious while young, you are prepared to settle for something comfortable later in life.

You are clever with electronics, computers, radar and other modernistic ideas, and may even dream of being a spaceman. You are capable and inventive, and will give the whole of your attention to the task in hand; therefore, you can create some highly original and very workable methods of production.

Most solar and lunar Aquarians have a need to do something worthwhile, to put something back into life. One lunar Aquarian friend of mine raises money for handicapped children. He does this very quietly despite being one of the most prominent members of this country's civil service. Another is in the scouting movement. There is an inner desire to bring a sense of love to all people.

One occasionally runs across the type of Moon in Aquarius subject who is languid and arty, unambitious and lacking in self-discipline. There are a few others who may be theorizers, never quite able to put their theories into action, and too eccentric to fulfil any ordinary kind of role. Most of you, however, enjoy a challenge and will get a kick from making something succeed. Some of you are drawn to the arts or the world of drama; and, if there are other encouraging factors on your birthchart, writing may come naturally to you.

On the face of it, you have a good childhood. Certainly your practical needs were attended to. If you came from a background where there was little money to spare, your parents would have made sure that you had enough to eat and were dressed and equipped in a clean and decent manner.

Your mother may have been a busy career woman or may have poured her energies into some personal interest. One lunar Aquarian friend of mine had parents who were actively involved in the Salvation Army. Some of you will have had the kind of mother who did very little outside the home, the results of which had the reverse effect of making you feel that families are definitely better off when the mother has outside interests. Another Moon in Aquarius peculiarity is that you may have had religion rammed down your throat in childhood, which put you completely off the idea of formal religion later in life.

It is possible that you loved your father but inwardly considered him to be weak. He may have had poor health. Oddly enough, many Moon in Aquarius subjects seem to have fathers who suffered from stomach ulcers. Mother would have been the more organized and capable parent, especially as far as money is concerned. You probably come from an average family of two or three children, and would have been the older and / or more capable one of the group or of a different sex from the other children. You were taught not to make scenes or allow your emotions to become a nuisance to others. It is possible that you were never really able to feel very close to your parents. It is even possible that this is a circumstance of your own making. People who have the Moon in Air signs do tend to be rather emotionally self-contained, and you may just have been born that way.

Your parents took a reasonable view of your educational needs. They encouraged you to learn, but didn't push you unduly. They may not have been so accommodating in respect of any hobbies you wished to pursue, which may have been due to shortage of money or conflict with their moral or religious views, for instance if the activity involved participation on the sabbath.

Healthwise, you are basically very strong. Blood-pressure could be a problem, especially for women during pregnancy. Allergies such as hay fever, asthma, eczema, psoriasis and hives can occur; also migraine, menstrual problems in women, rheumatism and diabetes are possibilities. The weakest part of the body is the lower legs and ankles, which could involve problems with veins, phlebitis and thrombosis;

also leg ulcers later in life.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Those with this placing are magnetically attractive, yet send out signals suggesting they are cool and distant, and don't want the rest of us to come too close. That is there immediate reaction, and it is only when we break through this brittle, bright but somewhat frosty barrier that we actually experience the characteristics of the Sun; and, eventually, the Ascendant. It is as if, in some ways, the subject is on the defensive, and wants to appear enigmatic and mysterious.

The flow of emotion is very controlled, although if anyone needs help the subject will immediately respond and want to do as much as possible, just like his or her Aquarius Sun sign cousins. The subject's reasons for helping will be severely practical, and he will at once see a way through any difficulties that may cloud the issue for the person in trouble.

The unpredictability of Aquarius will be seen when the subject is confronted with any aspects of life that could be considered controversial. His reaction may be totally unexpected, and quite different from what was anticipated. Similarly, the subject may take an unexpected line of action, on the spur of the moment, that is completely out of character with other areas of his personality. In retrospect, he may well have problems attempting to justify this to himself.

Anything glamorous will strongly appeal to the subject, who, interestingly, also has a romantic streak. However, this is detached; and the way the emotions are expressed, especially in love (as opposed to strong feelings relating to worldly issues) must be assessed from the positions of Venus and Mars, and their strength in the chart as a whole.

Originality and ofte a spark of genius are present. Sudden bright ideas should be acted upon and carried through to completion. If stubbornness is shown in the positions and aspects of the other planets, it could become a serious problem, for it will not blend happily with a tendency to unpredictability. Nervous tension can also cause problems, the likelihood of which will be affected by the influence of Uranus in the birth chart.

The humanitarian qualities of Uranus, linked with kindness, will be very evident and contrinute much that is positive in the subject.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The Moon in the sign Aquarius indicates a capacity to sympathize with the needs of humanity. Occasionally there are flashes of intuitive knowledge. Persons with this position are friendly to all, in an impersonal way. They seek freedom of emotional expression, and demand freedom to come and go as they please within the domestic situation; thus, they are likely to have unusual family relationships. Their homes are gathering places for friends and group activities. The negative aspect of this position can give a tendency to emotional perversity and stubbornness, or an irrational need for freedom at all costs. There can also be fear of personal emotional involvements because of the threat they pose to personal freedom.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a humanitarian, though potentially detached, soul. You have the need to be your own person with Other - which at times finds you feeling on your own. You have

the instinct to emotionally experiment - but Other could find you emotionally disrespectful. Your Mother is seen or expressed as one who is open and friendly, and / or remote and unmaternal.

You naturally respond towards Other by initially relating on a friendly, mental level while maintaining your emotional distance. You respond to Other by using your natural psychological awareness to give him / her plenty of space to express him- / herself as he or she likes. You respond to other with great tolerance and intuitive understanding.

Your inner child reacts by being unavailable should it detect the slightest sign of being needed by Other more than your inner child ever felt needed or loved. You can antagonize other by not really responding at all - just hedging your bets as your mind plays with unreal ideas and infinite possibilities. You can also antagonize by relating with your head rather than your heart or gut, thereby giving Other a false impression of yourself and your intentions.

You are unconsciously drawn towards relationships that first appear to put a minimum of pressure upon you to deliver emotionally; towards an unusual relationship set-up that appeals because its uniqueness constantly stimulates you and Other; and towards any Other who excites you emotionally for reasons you cannot figure.

You can get caught up in relationship with an Other who fails to recognize your true emotional nature or needs - forcing you to recognize them yourself; in relationships what are unpredictable and therefore feel insecure, or are boring because they're safe; and in situations that shock you into cutting out emotionally at critical times... why?

When you are alone, it is because you have made yourself unavailable - or, more to the point, too unavailable. This probably harks back to some emotional break or trauma in childhood, and so you are quite inclined to continue to keep your emotional distance. But until you hop back into how you are really feeling - rather than how you think you are supposed to be feeling - you can perennially find yourself cut off from anyone who might really know you or get to know you. You are disposed to keeping yourself as an emotional cipher in order to prevent getting intimate enough to jog your memory back to that time in your early life when you got emotionally detached. But your unconscious keeps playing the same old records until you hear what they're saying, whether you are with someone or all alone. Either way, you have to wake up to how you truly feel.

(Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas)

Keynote: Original and unusual ideas arise out of the unconscious mind.

Symbol: An intelligent woman conducts a panel discussion on television.

People having the Moon in Aquarius are endowed with the divine gift of imagination. Their capacity to visualize can cause them to fear the worst, but it also gives wings to their inventive genius. They understand the implications of the axiom 'Energy follows thought', and instinctively respect the power of ideas to produce changes in circumstances.

Many of the lunar Aquarian's most inspired insights come directly from the realm of the unconscious. As he learns to plumb the depths of his own psyche, he may release unsuspected creative forces. These images and concepts may take so powerful a grip upon the mind that the individual begins to feel more like his / her instrument than

his / her originator.

In the fixed sign Aquarius, the restlessness of the everchanging Moon is stabilized, and its sympathies are broadened. Human inconsistencies can be viewed in a calmly detached manner. Although lunar Aquarians themselves usually appear to be sensible and well-adjusted, they can understand people who are not. Yet they become deeply involved in the causes they espouse, and will throw caution to the winds when the necessity arises to voice their opinions. They are original, not because they say what no-one has ever said before, but because they say exactly what they think. Occasionally, they appear more radical than they are, simply because people are not used to such plain speaking.

Since these individuals like to vent unusual ideas, they are often found in professions such as writing, filmmaking, and public relations, where they can influence people's moods. Every so often they like to surprise and shock an audience in order to shake them out of their complacency. They want to jolt others into an awareness of current happenings even though the process may prove painful.

Lunar Aquarians are as broad-minded as their solar counterparts, and can apply their scientific impersonality to the study of human problems. Men of this type tend to hold themselves aloof, and are frequently misunderstood. Women may be too intellectual and independent to seem completely feminine unless other influences compensate for the lack of softness in their nature. Both sexes are liable to suffer from physical and mental tension if they allow themselves to be overstimulated by the energies which course through their nervous system.

This combination often engenders an interest in astrology, metaphysics, parapsychology, occultism, and all manner of arcane subjects. There is a preoccupation with the strange and unusual, not for the sake of novelty-seeking, but because of a genuine desire to understand the whys and wherefores of existence. The Aquarian seldom accepts the limitations others take for granted. His fundamental faith in man and nature assures him that the human mind is capable of uncovering the most startling secrets of the universe, and that nothing is too amazing to be real.

The lunar Aquarian seldom craves to be a master over men. He wants to illumine minds, not to dominate them. He values his liberty too highly to want to interfere with the liberty of anyone else. The Aquarian Age has already demonstrated that modern scientific technology can set man free from the drudgery of menial chores and provide the leisure to explore the widening vistas of outer and inner space. It is also demonstrating that true democracy is a system which cannot be sustained by Saturnian laws alone. Each system must undergo a Uranian transformation of mind and heart which enables him, through the planetarization of his consciousness, to envision a society of freely co-operating groups and nations. Only then can the Aquarian ideal become a reality.

(Arlene Robertson)

The Moon, in the most intellectual of the three Air signs, skims lightly over the surface of the water as it blows in a fixed direction. Air and water do not mix as we consider them astrologically, but the air can cool the water and the water can cool the air. What are we dealing with here? The house placement becomes most important, for when this Moon is in a natural Air house it overwhelms the watery Cancer influence and veers toward a more intellectual response of the emotional being. When in a Water house, it loses some of its dry mental quality and becomes even on the board, a combination of Air and Water, which suggests that the emotions are sometimes expressed with Aquarian fixity and sometimes with the more

instinctual Cancer feelings.

Considered in its pure Aquarian state, it is possibly the most unemotional of the twelve Moon placements. You with the Moon in Aquarius do not ruffle easily, manipulate others, subtly try to get your own way, or slink off in a corner to sulk when your feelings are hurt. Frankly, your feelings seldom get hurt, and you couldn't care less about such behavior. You want to get on with the present project, engage your friends with helping out with your newest brainchild, and, if there's a difference of opinion or misunderstanding, you discuss it calmly. You simply do not understand what all the handwriting, sobbing and pouting is all about. To you, such conduct is a waste of time.

You Moon-in-Aquarius people need freedom to express your Uranian self. You are truly the maverick of the zodiac, unhampered by much of the emotional baggage clinging to other signs. You tackle daily life from a detached but fixed level of operation. Any mishaps, changes, upheavals are looked upon calmly and taken in stride. What, for heaven's sake, you are wondering, is all the fuss about?

You depend on this detachment and your ability to observe others from an impartial viewpoint to make your daily life run smoothly. When some unfortunate occurrence crashes down on your head, your solution is simply to shrug it off, walk away from the mess and expect someone else to straighten it out. You're not going to concern yourself with it. Onto your next project, which is a far more brilliant and exciting project, anyway.

Since your mind rules your emotions, your feelings are often considered somewhat shallow and superficial. Your reactions are sometimes difficult for your loved ones to live with. Usually they expect more response from you, a warm, heartfelt interest in their problems, a deep sympathy for their emotional ups and downs; and usually they are disappointed. You pat them absently on the shoulder, listen to their wails with a faraway look in your eyes, and not briskly when they come to the end of their recital. So what else is new?

If you are a female, you may discover in the course of everyday life filled with a demanding job or caring for children, placating an insistent husband and shoving the chicken in the oven, that the ability to remove yourself from the uproar may be invaluable and, in highly distressing situations, save you from going to pieces. Even though you may be cool and unemotional with your loved ones, you secretly hanker after some ardent display of love for yourself. It's just that you can't be gooey over babies, adore all the kids on the block and greet your husband with a passionate embrace. You're thinking about something else all the while, like organizing the next anti-nuke demonstration.

In a mate, you look for one who will appreciate your intellectual qualities, respect your need for personal freedom, and absorb your more startling Uranian ideas without flinching.

If you are a male, your Moon in Aquarius will stand you in good stead in the business world. You can play poker face with the greatest of ease, outstare the next guy and sit quietly while analyzing each prospective rival down to the threads in his suit. What's more, they will think you a great chap - easygoing, relaxed, delightful sense of humor, non-threatening. But wait until they pass out the raises and the changes of command, and they may not believe you to be so harmless any more.

At home you express your affection to your wife and children by discussing many subjects, from the demographic composition of the Republican party to the

possibilities of taking a ride in space. You are proud of your children, and allow them to pursue their interests and find their own way. If your daughter wants to study electrical wiring or your son takes up the study of crocodiles, you encourage them and find nothing at all unusual in these vocations. It's all fun and very low-key, so low-key that the young ones won't realize, until they are punished for some infraction of your fixed Aquarian rules, that you definitely mean what you say. Your mate understands that you show your affection in unexpected ways; by bringing her a bunch of violets in February, a load of cinnamon bread from the bakery, or a jug of raspberry wine from Portugal. She enjoys your stimulating mental companionship. One thing she knows well - you're never dull.

You, the Moon in Aquarius person, find your emotional security primarily within yourself. The rest of the world is out there for you to look upon with a bemused tolerance. You know exactly what you are capable of; and no matter what horrors might befall, you can deal with them from your emotionally detached level of perception. You have great respect for yourself and your abilities; and even if the world doesn't know it, you know it - and that's what's important.

(Isabel Hickey)

Progressive. Can bring difficult lessons through erratic and ill-considered actions. Good minds, but erratic and unstable. Much originality of thought if it can get out of rigid thought patterns. A very cold feeling nature because of not understanding the other fellow's needs. Aquarius is a mental sign, not emotional at all. Feelings are cramped and limited, and do not operate freely. A strong selfishness behind a friendly manner. Often has arthritic conditions in later life due to rigid will and crystallizations of emotions. In a male chart, attracts a fixed and stable partner that cannot be pushed but can be coaxed.

(Grant Lewi)

You'd like to be a force for social good, and will strive in whatever sphere you move in to live up to this ideal of yourself. Whatever errors you make are likely to be forgiven because people know you mean well. They may tire after a while of good intentions gone wrong; but you'll be given another chance where less whole-souled mortals are condemned or laughed off. You are a poet of life, rather than a philosopher: you feel instinctively the needs of human beings and that they must be satisfied. You may be a social theorist, but more probably you are just a social worker, as a humane avocation and hobby, if not as a profession. In helping others, you satisfy your deepest inner needs; and thus you don't even care if you are imposed on. That money has been misused is less important to you than that your heart was in the right place. In fulfilling this image of yourself as 'friend of all the world', you can become a great force for good; and in whatever circle you move, you will be sure to make your influence felt on behalf of a humane understanding of human needs and human relations. Outside charity itself, your understanding extends to social life, to make you charming, gracious and lively. To make the world a better and happier place is your path to satisfying your picture of yourself - and a pleasant path it is, as anyone who shares it with you knows.

(John Townley)

Although your temperament is fairly even, there is potential for unlimited variety in your responses to a lover, depending on your partner and the location. You do not simply go along with whatever your partner asks, however. In every situation, you are truly creative and responsive, an equal partner in the emotional and sexual inventiveness of the relationship.

You prefer a partner who provides a challenge rather than one who presents a ready-made framework for an affair. If all the shots are predetermined, you feel too cramped. You will be happier if you can work out the problems together and come up with the specific sexual style that best suits your personalities. In a way, you are a role-player who creates the roles instead of trying to fit into those created by society or by other people.

A lover who is verbally clever would be ideal for you. If the two of you can analyze your affair in some detail, you will understand it and enjoy it more. Much of your sexual response is filtered through your mind, and if you're in the dark about what's happening you won't be up to par sexually.

You will be happiest in a relationship that has plenty of time to develop. In affairs of the heart, time is on your side.

(Robert Hand)

You value your freedom very highly, and demand the right to do whatever you want at all times. When others try to force you to take a certain path, you can be extremely stubborn. You want to be free to try out any new idea or way of doing things that you come across. You are fond of experimenting with your life, but on your own terms.

You like to be with a group of people, especially your friends, because your own ways and desires have more meaning if you can share them with others. This doesn't mean that you are a follower, but that you take the trouble to find people with whom you fit in. You can be quite an exciting person, and you enjoy being with other people who, like you, are ready to try anything.

You feel that you can control your own feelings, and you don't like to be around those who can't. Great displays of emotion bother you. You like to believe that you rely on your brain to solve problems, rather than on moods, feelings and impulses. This does not mean that you suppress your feelings, however. Once you get to the point of feeling at ease with your emotions, you will reveal them quite spontaneously to others, and you may even get impatient with those who try to hide their feelings. However, other people's emotions are often much more powerful than your own. They find it that much harder to control their feelings, and therefore are more reluctant to display them. You must learn to be tolerant of these and other emotional differences between yourself and other people.

## **Natal Moon in Pisces**

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

When you habitually seek the behavior of others to automatically validate your concept of universal perfection, you may refuse to see life as it exists. Living in your vision of universal perfection on Earth, you can unknowingly lose yourself in ivory tower beliefs. These beliefs prevent you from listening to people and seeing them in a realistic and unpredictable way.

When others fail to live up to your Pisces vision of their perfection, you might feel personally betrayed. By seeking a higher perspective to make them or yourself wrong, you may create self-isolation in the process. This constant disappointment brought on by others violating your expectations results in self-invalidation,

confusion, and an inability to cope in relationships.

### Dynamic

When you take responsibility for imparting your vision of other people's perfection, you may notice that past methods of theoretical communications have simply not worked. The truth is that others cannot provide the perfection you seek. They are preoccupied with thinking about their own imperfection. Your lesson is to heal the negative thoughts of others so that there is room for the positive solutions within them to come forth. Then they are able to alter their behavior and align themselves with their inward perfection.

You can heal negative beliefs by noticing the reality of other points of view. You can relate on an equal and sharing level when you encompass the point of view and thoughts behind the other person's action. By opening this door, you experience the unconditional love you seek.

As you create a positive atmosphere, you reassure individuals with your trust in the perfection of things as they are. You can supply a larger picture of the appropriateness of their specific process. When your perceptive powers are used to discern where another is feeling a lack of self-protection, you can contribute the communication that promotes the faith and self-acceptance. In this process, you validate your vision and are also healed.

### General

You have an idealistic and naive approach to life. You seem to float through the harsh realities of daily routine, smelling only flowers along the way. Deep disappointments can result when the world does not live up to your idealistic standards of human behavior, but before too long you pick yourself up and put on your rose-colored glasses again.

You have certain material dependencies that you feel are necessary to maintain your healing spiritual consciousness. You are used to having others take care of you, cook for you, and set your daily routine. You have never developed self-discipline, which is a lifetime task; you are learning to accept your responsibilities and set your own schedules.

You are accustomed to living in a timeless reality, but you need to learn the practical value of infusing celestial reality into daily life by sticking to a routine and by paying attention to being on time. These factors can make your life strong and give you confidence in relating your spiritual consciousness effectively to daily living.

You are also learning to pay attention to diet and health. You are learning to be responsible for your own nutritional well-being. You are learning to discriminate and to ingest those foods that give the body a feeling of balanced strength, which allows your spiritual consciousness to flow without interruption.

You are inclined to trust the universe completely and to merge yourself with total reliance on the universal flow. This patterning has been overdone, however, and has led to a certain stagnation. It is only by learning to apply your sense of faith and unconditional love in daily life that your bliss feelings can be regenerated. Again, focusing on your clearly defined goals and applying the needed discipline are necessary.

Your destiny is suited to using the fruits of your spiritual practices - unconditional

love, the ability to heal, your vision of loveliness - to freely and effectively work for the good of those in your circle of influence. You will serve or suffer in life. You can choose either to actively and constructively serve society or to suffer behind the private walls of feeling misunderstood and walked on by the world. When you have taken responsibility for setting up the necessary structures in your life, this will act as a support system through which universal emotional energies can flow in a balanced way. Then you will be on the path to emotional fulfillment in life.

(Tracy Marks)

Having Moon in Pisces means that we need space in our lives to drift and to dream, relationships based upon empathic bonds, and openness to sources of inspiration inside and outside ourselves. The watery energies of the Moon are easily expressed, and sometimes overly emphasized, by a Pisces Moon placement. When we experience our feelings and needs, we may even indulge them through long bouts of crying, self-pity, or elicitation of sympathy from other people. With or without awareness, we may seek to escape from ourselves through fantasy or idealization, or through such addictions as alcohol or drugs. Many of us with Pisces Moons may vicariously experience our feelings and satisfy our needs by continually focusing upon the feelings and needs of others and devoting ourselves to their welfare.

A parent who was a Piscean influence most probably responded sensitively and compassionately to us and encouraged our inspirational temperament. However, if our Moon is afflicted, such a parent may also have had a detrimental influence upon us. He or she may have overindulged us, catering to our aches and pains, or too frequently played the martyr, giving to us wholeheartedly but also invoking guilt or seeking complete dedication in return. He or she may have been hypochondriacal, or of an ethereal nature which could not easily come to terms with physical reality. A Piscean parent may have been victim to his or her own addictions, or tangled in dreams or fantasies and not fully emotionally or physically present.

We who have Moon in Pisces may need to learn how to respond constructively to our own feelings and needs, to serve ourselves and give to ourselves rather than attempt to lose ourselves in others. Often, because we suffer from a divine discontent, we may have difficulty accepting and adapting to the realities of an earthly existence; we need to be able to translate our visions into action, to live those dreams which are viable, thereby forging a link between our practical and spiritual or creative natures. We may seek to experience oneness in close relationships, but we are not likely to know wholly that oneness unless we cultivate our attunement to our own creative and / or spiritual source, and open our hearts to the fullness of both the love and the pain within us.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Pisces, the moon indicates the native is restless, sensitive, impressionable, subject to brooding and changes of mood, and fond of travel, yet needing an anchor, a place to remain in happiness and contentment. He can be self-indulgent; also very capable of sensing moods in others, even of perceiving their thoughts. He can be found working behind the scenes, including behind a camera, or in institutions, hospitals, etc.. He looks constantly for some kind of Shangri-la, and dives into seclusion when hurt - he wonders when others will recognize the loftiness of his motives.

He is only truly appreciated when he appreciates himself, and this is not accomplished unless he lives up to his highest ideals. There appears to be no middle ground.

He tends to be too easy-going, too willing to change the course of his action if obstacles appear, and too willing to back down. The astrologer must help him see the folly of making so many 'zigs and zags'.

The native is fascinated by the occult - he is called 'psychic' by many of his friends. It is necessary for him to adhere to the highest principles. Otherwise, he begins to suspect his own motives, and then his entire framework of confidence crumbles like a house of cards. He is affected by the moods and feelings of others, and can be sent into a fit of gloom by observing family members as they quarrel.

He wants to be surrounded by happiness - but cannot seem to put his finger on his own salvation. His worst enemy: indecision. His best friend: confidence in his own ideals.

(Grant Lewi)

To achieve wisdom, to dwell in the high, secluded valley of Shangri-la, to know yourself and your relation to the Universe, to be in tune with the infinite, and to be recognized as a person of understanding: these are the constant aims of your life, in fulfillment of which you satisfy most truly your esoteric picture of yourself. If you want material things, it is so that your study and contemplation may be comfortable, untroubled by worry over security; and if material things are hard to get, you are capable of achieving a philosophy that makes them unnecessary to your contentment and self-development, which is always the kernel of your nut of life. On the other hand, if material things come easily, if circumstances and your total personality conspire to start you on an upward spiral toward success, your inner nature will tell you that success and luxury are, for some deep spiritual reason, your due; and the comfort they bring your spirit may lend you power in getting more and more of them. In no case, however, are material concerns of first import to your deepest and truest self, whose search is always for self-knowledge, self-understanding and self-fulfillment in the intangible sense that depends on nothing outside you. You are unhappy only when you violate, in action, thought or word, some truth that is essential to you, or when you realize you have acted counter to the dictates of your own self-taught wisdom. Too continuous violation of your own code causes brooding and deep unhappiness, and thus your only sure path to contentment, which is your success, is to make sure that you adhere always to the wisdom already acquired, and build stone by stone toward that high pyramid of wisdom in the completion of which is your success.

(John Townley)

Your emotions are very intense and finely tuned, and you can usually see into the heart of an affair more quickly than your partner. But your flashes of insight are not steady. You are likely to have considerable mood swings and changes of heart within a relationship until it has settled for a period. Only time can give your affairs more concrete definition.

For that reason, you should find a lover who is more stable than you. Such a partner will see through to the real you underneath, and won't be thrown off by your seeming inconsistencies.

Because you are more concerned with a lover's internal values than with their external expression, others may think that your friends and lovers don't match your style. But you are hardly aware of any inconsistency, because you see directly to a person's heart, ignoring external trappings, which few others can do.

Concerning physical matters, you are likely to be rather impractical. It would be good to have a partner who can handle the bothersome petty details of existence so that you can then attend to the more meaningful issues in life without being distracted. Under such circumstances, you can transform love into a clear, pure vehicle for personal understanding and revelation, both for you and for your lover.

(Robert Hand)

You are a very sensitive person with strong feelings. If someone makes a harsh remark, you take it very hard. In fact, one of your tasks in life will be to develop a thicker skin. Not everyone is so sensitive as you or so considerate of people's feelings. But your sensitivity is good in some ways because it makes you kinder and more considerate of others, and less likely to hurt anyone. You like to take care of people and animals, especially if they are sick or hurt. But you should stay away from people who are always negative, because you pick up and react to their feelings very quickly.

You have a rich and lively imagination, which can make you very creative. But you may spend too much time in your own private fantasy world and avoid dealing with the important matters of the world around you. It is much easier for you to daydream than to face up to the real world.

As you get older, you may develop an interest in the occult and supernatural - not in the horrible aspects such as witches and vampires, but in subjects such as ESP and clairvoyance. You are very interested in the mysterious aspects of the world around you.

As you get older, you should learn how to stand up for yourself and resist people who are more aggressive. You are very likely to avoid conflicts, even when you should defend your own ideas. If you do not stand up for yourself, you may attract people who will exploit you and take advantage of you.

(Haydn Paul)

Moon in Pisces suggests you may be an emotional dreamer, highly sensitive to the tidal vacillations of your feelings and those of others around you. This heightened sensitivity verges on a psychic ability, and you will be empathic, receiving impressions from the collective emotional psyche, almost like a psychic sponge, leaving yourself vulnerable and impressionable on an unconscious inner level. Without realizing it, you often reflect moods and feelings of those close to you, incorrectly believing that they are your feelings; you may carry the emotional burdens of many, and this can weigh your spirit down. Some may take advantage of your self-sacrificial attitude, turning you into a victim or martyr for them, so you may need to guard against this unconscious tendency.

Real life is not really to your taste; it can be too harsh and demanding, making too great an impact on your malleable feelings and wearing you down through constant emotional agitation. You may seek escape through imagination, fantasies, dreams, and addictions, such as alcohol, drugs, and sexual activity. Prolonged exposure to your private dream world may make you less able to deal with the demands of human existence; and time and effort may be spent in dreaming of a better future rather than actually working to make it a reality.

You will have close access to your unconscious mind, and this may pose certain problems. While it can inspire imaginative creativity through channels such as poetry, art, or music, this needs to be carefully disciplined and focused. If such

outlets are not available, they could be developed; yet, if you have no way to direct these energies, they will circulate within your nature. This implies that they will further amplify your sensitivity, emotions, and feelings, and probably make you more psychologically vulnerable. The danger is one of imbalance and of overstimulating some of the more negative Moon-Pisces tendencies. Feelings may arise of persecution, guilt, sacrifice and martyrdom, hypochondria, or losing touch with mundane realities as dreamscapes take over. The unconscious may flood a personality and swamp it, creating neuroses and psychoses.

But equally, there is a positive dimension to this which can be released through your choices. Mediumistic abilities may exist, and these should be developed through modern techniques of channeling, whereby inner teachers can be contacted for guidance and support (although discrimination must be applied to ensure that the messages are genuine and reliable).

Your feelings and emotions are easily expressed; few blocks exist in you, and you are most familiar with following the messages of these impulses, even to the exclusion of rationality at times! Natural empathy can be developed into giving practical aid to and supporting others through counselling, healing, or teaching. Your ideals and dreams of a better world can be made real by actualizing your visions and by manifesting spiritual realities into the physical level.

Cease any tendencies to live through the vicarious feelings and experiences of others, and reabsorb your projections back into yourself, so that you achieve greater integration instead of allowing disintegration to occur through losing yourself in others. Take a more positive approach to honoring feelings as being important, rather than acquiescing to the greater importance of others' feelings. Value your empathic contribution to relationships and appreciate the sense of intimate closeness that this brings. Learn how to fulfill your need to serve others, not through self-sacrifice, but as a means of empowering them to accept their own emotions and feelings; by showing them how to live with these, you help them gain the benefits of a sensitive response to the mysteries of life.

By transcending a tendency to protect your emotions, perhaps through social shyness, you may learn how to take advantage of this sensitivity, both in a constructive attitude toward your emotional dynamics, and in compassionate service to others. Your path through life lies in the watery realm of feelings; learning how to navigate those sometimes stormy waters may help you to guide others across their own inner seas.

(Marion D. March and Joan McEvers)

You are very responsive to the depths of human experience, and you have understanding and affection for all people. You are emotionally naive and continually overlook other people's shortcomings and deficiencies. However, you can be easily hurt, and you tend to cry or feel sorry for yourself at the drop of a hat.

You don't like to face facts coldly and subjectively, and your relationships will suffer because your feelings are so sensitive. At times, you may lack humor and common sense, and you can be like the proverbial Russian who loves to be sad.

Your senses can deceive you because of your over-developed romanticism and optimism; you wear the original rose-colored glasses. Because you want to believe the best about everything, truth and reality upset you. You usually have musical, poetic and artistic talent.

Depending on the aspects, this can be the worst or best position for the Moon. If this placement is favorable, it gives true vision; if the placement is unfavorable, it can cause total illusion or disillusion. You are quiet, retiring, amiable and sympathetic to the underdog. You are gentle, at times easygoing, unworldly and dreamy. You change your mind often; thus, you can be undependable, easily discouraged and depressed.

This is the most psychic position of the Moon; yet there might be sorrow and many obstacles in reaching your goals. You need to feel sheltered and loved, and you like beauty, harmony and comfort around you because you suffer in adverse environments.

In a woman's chart, emotional excess may bring health problems. A woman with this lunar placement may marry late. This position often adds a silent magnetism that attracts men.

A man with the Moon in Pisces wants a devoted, affectionate and sympathetic mate, who is likely to be a strong influence and indispensable in his private life, but not necessarily in his career.

In your eyes, your mother is sympathetic, but she may be very involved in her own life. You don't always see her clearly, at times over-idealizing and at times underestimating her.

(Sasha Fenton)

To some extent, the mutability of Pisces weakens the active, cardinal nature of the Moon. The Moon is associated with one's innermost feelings and underlying emotions; and the sign of Pisces, being devoted to emotion, suggests that even if the subject's outer manner is confident and capable, there will be a terribly soft heart hiding deep inside.

If this is your Moon position, you will spend some part of your life searching for answers to deep and indefinable questions. You will contemplate the meaning of life and the possibility of an after-life, and could even be drawn to a religious or quasi-religious way of living. Your energies to some extent will always be directed towards trying to improve the quality of life for others and to introducing people around you to a gentle and healthy understanding of their minds, bodies and spirits. Life may disappoint you as it may never match up to your idealistic dreams and indefinable yearnings. Yet, somehow, life must go on; and you will probably wish to live it to the very full; therefore a particularly Piscean form of practicality often seems to combine with your desire for perfection, and the requirements of the hereafter.

You can be surprisingly ambitious. This ambition may take the normal route of upward mobility in the working and the suburban community, or it may take a totally private form. You could push yourself to improve your performance in a creative capacity. Either way, you have the long-term patience to achieve your goals. You also have the gift of creative visualisation. The only real drawback to your reaching your goals is your lack of confidence and your fear of making other people angry with you for competing with them. A sarcastic remark can wound deeply and is never forgotten.

On a more mundane level, you are extremely sensitive to the needs of others. Nobody is kinder, more thoughtful and considerate; you seem to feel other people's wants even before your own, and you can soak up other people's moods and desires psychically. There is a definite need for you to assess your own feelings from time to time to make sure that they are yours and not those of the people around you. You should also note that it doesn't always do to rush in and smooth the path of others; it

might do them more good if you were to allow them to solve their own problems from time to time. Not everybody will want your intervention - although, human nature being what it is, most people will take advantage of free help when given the chance. If you become a permanent listening ear for neurotic friends and relatives, you will become worn out, depressed, and even physically ill. There are people who don't want their problems solved because this would stop them from attracting the attention and sympathy of others. You must make a special effort to avoid the truly mad, bad and sad for your own mental health's sake, even if it means abandoning some of those who call themselves friends.

Like all those who have the Sun or Moon in mutable signs, you have an inner streak of resilience and can usually find a way round your own problems. If absolutely pressed, you can stand up for yourself very well and dish out a surprisingly devastating dose of criticism. People tend to forget, just because you are so ready to sympathize and to understand their needs, that you also see their faults and inner motivations. If you are wounded, you withdraw into your shell. But if the problem is too great, you can be very spiteful and destructive. Destructive behaviour does not come naturally. You prefer to take the role of counsellor, teacher and guide.

Like Moon in Cancer subjects, you can be a really monumental worrier, beginning with worries on behalf of your family and friends, your health, money, the state of the nation, and the imminence of nuclear war. You could be mean in small ways, smoothing out paper bags for reuse or moaning about small expenses. In a way, you can be penny-wise and pound-foolish because you are never mean about large issues. You are always broke but usually manage to do the things you want. You will spend money on musical and recording equipment, books, dining out and trips. Most astrologers will tell you that you like to be on or near the sea; but where travelling is concerned, you don't actually mind where you go as long as you don't get too worn out in the process.

You will not tolerate injustice in any form; and, if you see a child, an animal or a person of a different race being badly treated, you truly go bananas. You value loyalty above all things, and hate to let anyone down. Friendship is terribly important to you, especially as some of you have difficult or demanding family members, thus making friendship outside the family essential.

All solar and lunar Pisceans are creative; many are artistic; and you need to express this creativity somewhere in your daily life. You work at your own rather strange pace, often like a dervish for a month at a time, and then switching off for a week in order to recharge your batteries. Most of you enjoy some kind of sport; swimming is probably high on your list; also dancing, tennis or just walking the dog. Every lunar Piscean that I have come across is a naturally good dancer, especially ballroom dancing. Some of you can be serious athletes or dancers, but this will require strongly competitive elements elsewhere on the chart. Those of you who have a very ordinary job will probably have a creative interest on the side. Some of you will privately work in the psychic or even the magical field, often without the people at your place of work having any idea of this other interest. You see omens in everyday events, and may be superstitious and fearful of unexplainable dark forces which sometimes seem to gather around you. Even the most practical among you can feel patterns in events which seem to occur.

You are not as changeable in your moods as most astrology books would suppose. Oddly enough, people who have the Moon in fixed signs are by far the moodiest. However, when you do become emotional or upset, the feelings go deep. You are able to hold a grudge for ever, but you are equally apt to remember those who stand by you in times of trouble. If someone hurts you gratuitously even in a minor way, you

will never quite be able to trust or really like that person again. Women who have the Moon in water signs can often attribute some of their mood swings to pre-menstrual tension - I'm not quite sure what men can blame their moods upon. In some ways, your apparent moodiness stems from your inability to get the whole of your life together at any one time. It seems that if your work is going well, your love life will be in a state of collapse and vice versa. Even if everything is going well, you can be discontented due to boredom!

Your home is your haven, and it is also a haven for a good many other people. Many of you work wholly or partly from home, which often involves people coming in and out. The place is also permanently full of friends and neighbourhood children. Lunar and solar Pisceans are supposed to be loners, but I have yet to see any evidence of that: your 'phone and your doorbell are always ringing. Many of you literally don't bother to shut your door as there are so many people pounding in and out. Your home is attractive and comfortable but not over-decorated or cleaned to the point of sterility. You love warm colours, interesting textures, pictures and music; you fill your home with these plus, of course, books, books, books! You read almost anything, but probably novels, books about the occult, history, psychology, health and magic will be lying about somewhere on your shelves.

You can be so adept at hiding your inner nature that your kind heart might be buried under a shield of efficiency, toughness or even sarcasm; this is mainly a self-protective shield. You are slow to reveal your own inner feelings, and it takes some time for you to get to know and trust someone. Some lunar Pisceans even go through many years of marriage without their partner ever really being let into their innermost hearts. You can be a little manipulative at times, either to prevent yourself from hurt or in order to benefit those around you. When you are entirely comfortable with someone, you can be surprisingly bossy in a rather mother-hen way, but you do it for their own good.

Both solar and lunar Pisceans have an all-or-nothing relationship with vehicles, either being fabulous drivers or hating the whole business of learning to drive and not bothering with it. Some actually do learn and then avoid driving whenever possible. Very strange.

In marriage you are so supportive that you can spend more energy on your partner's behalf than on your own, and you really have to beware of becoming a martyr or a doormat. You tend to maan a bit about your partner, especially when you are feeling tired or depressed; but this is almost an expression of affection, and often doesn't mean much. You certainly need love and approval; and although you can live alone, you far prefer to have someone to love and be loved by. Not receiving the love and understanding which you need in childhood, you actively chase after it in adulthood. Some of you are so shy and repressed that you never get the love you want, and then you may retreat into a life of daydreams and illusions which would make a Walter Mitty appear down-to-earth. Your powerful imagination is both your most valuable asset and the point of your greatest weakness. If you can channel this into creative pursuits, spiritual development or work in the counselling field, you could overcome most of this.

You make an excellent parent because you understand the needs of children and are happy to spend time playing with them. I'm not sure about this, but I think it's probably that you don't relate to babies as much as slightly older children who can talk and play. Certainly you find no difficulty in playing 'Let's pretend'. You are probably way ahead of them on that one anyway. Your children are encouraged to respect adults but not to be afraid of them. You respect the dignity of children. You could be so busy teaching them about the universe and the world around them, and

giving them all the love that they need, that you overlook their need for clean shirts and breakfast cereal. Don't worry, they will survive and will love you all the more for it.

Your greatest fault is your over-sensitivity to criticism. Nobody likes to be criticized, but you really do seem to suffer. Your self-esteem is low enough to begin with; you don't need to have someone else giving it a further battering.

Although you are friendly and non-hostile in your approach to new people, if you really fancy someone, your first reaction may be to run in the opposite direction. You fear rejection, ridicule and loss. You are afraid to become close to someone, in case you learn to rely on him / her and then lose him / her again for some reason or other. Love relationships make you nervous because you are aware of your great need for emotional sustenance and of your vulnerability. Adolescent relating can be very painful; later on, you learn some protective techniques, but these may be ultimately manipulative in that you may not allow yourself to take a chance on expressing your genuine feelings - this again is due to your fear of rejection. Do try, if you can, to be yourself in a love relationship, and not the pseudo person whom you think your lover wants you to be. In most cases, it is better for you to connect with someone whom you know on a friendly basis rather than to jump deeply into a new relationship. Being incredibly romantic, you appreciate little presents, birthday cards, candle-lit dinners and shared memories. You have a stock of romantic melodies and catch-phrases which you link to your lover.

An important ingredient in the lunar Piscean's nature is curiosity of all kinds. Sexual and emotional curiosity strike early. I can't really find any way of putting this delicately, but the fact is that you love making love. The act of sex is a great outlet for you because it combines all your favourite feelings and sensations. Your senses are terrifically strong, especially your psychic sense; love-making gives expression to every one of them, including your powerful imagination. It may be a cold-blooded thought, but your nerves are delicate and often over-stretched, and therefore sex gives you a tremendous release of tension. A pal of mine tells me that he is 'horribly romantic' and couldn't enjoy sex without love. I think that goes for all the other lunar Pisceans too; there must be affection and fondness, if not outright adoration, for you to be able to really relax and enjoy yourself. My friend Nina says that she likes to have poetry read to her while she is in bed; I like poetry anywhere!

You might try too hard to please your partner both sexually and in other ways. Remember, the relationship stands more of a chance of lasting if both of your needs are being satisfied. Another difficulty for you is that you don't like being possessed. You yourself can be possessive, especially when in the early stages of a romance; possessive, hungry for love, and desperate to be reassured. There may not be enough touch, comfort or words of love in the world for you, but you can in your turn fill your partner with love and reassurance until the cows come home. You need affection even more than you need sex; you need to be cuddled. You need to play a little and to have fun with your partner. (Welcome to the pleasure dome!) Oddly enough, you don't much like to be touched by strangers. You need to keep a little distance between you and 'touchers'; this may be an instinctive need to protect your rather sensitive aura!

Some men are better avoided by Moon in Pisces women. The first is the self-destructive type, such as the confirmed alcoholic. You may wish to reform this person, to teach him by loving him endlessly to mend his ways. This will get you nowhere and will only deplete your small reserves of psychic energy. Another is the paternal type who appears over-protective but who is in fact threatened by the

possibility of your becoming independent or taking control of your own life. The two Piscean fish can make you stupidly romantic and earthily practical both at the same time.

Here are a few more oddities from the Piscean wash-bag. You like fresh air and the countryside but not when the weather is cold: then you prefer sitting by an open fire. You can be too serious at times, and you should let your friends encourage you to let your hair down and have some fun. You need to have good clothes and may be fussy about the type of shoes you wear.

You are creative, inventive and easily bored; therefore, a routine job will not satisfy. Not having endless reserves of strength, you tend to work in fits and starts; therefore, you need a job where you can work at your own pace. Many of you have an urge to do something useful, and find work in hospitals or even in prisons. Many solar and lunar Pisceans can be found in the world of music, acting, dancing and art. Creative work obviously appeals. Floristry and cookery are typical interests. Glamorous work such as fashion interests you, as does the more up-market kind of public relations work.

Many of you are skilled engineers, electricians, telephone engineers and precision sheet-metal workers. This is because the work is detailed and creative, requires problem-solving techniques, and involves drawings. Obviously, drawing office work appeals, and many of you can be found working in aircraft factories!

I belong to an organization called the British Astrological and Psychic Society, which has nine people on the committee. We all have different Sun and Ascendant signs, but all nine of us have the Moon in water signs. Two of the group have the Moon in Cancer and the other seven have the Moon in Pisces. This must be significant, mustn't it? Some of us work full-time in the psychic field; others work on a part-time basis. One can find among our collective skills astrologers, palmists, tarot readers, numerologists, clairvoyants, aura-readers, graphologists, sand-readers etc.. All lunar Pisceans are natural psychics, but it is surprising how many are drawn specifically to work in the field. If you have Sagittarius, Aquarius or Gemini on your birthchart, you will probably want to teach. It seems that the Pisces connection gives one the urge to give gratuitous information to the world. Healing is also a naturally Piscean gift which many of you have.

You may have been born with difficulty, and could have been the youngest child in the family or perhaps an only child. The general feeling is that you were not an especially wanted child and were viewed right from the start as being a nuisance. Your parents would have been up against difficulties when you were very young; these could range from severe financial problems, deaths and tragedies in the family to the kind of situation where one half of the family doesn't talk to the other. There is, actually, strong evidence that you had early experience of the shortness and fragility of life due to the death of a parent or of someone close to you. Some of you would have been born at around the time of a death in the family; wartime births probably occurred during bombing raids!

One way or another, your childhood was rather lonely. Some of you felt yourself to be 'different' in some way, possibly being the only artistic and sensitive child in a household full of very rugged and practical people. Even with nothing tragic or 'out of gear' in the childhood, there was a need to withdraw into your imagination, to get away and spend time on your own. Most of you are avid readers, often attracted to stories about magic or science fiction. Finding it hard to make friends, you could have been badly bullied at school or, worse still, badly bullied in the home. You may have felt embarrassed by your appearance, ie too tall, short, fat, thin, etc.. Somehow, you

found it hard to relate to your parents, and may have been afraid of them or of other people around you. There may have been an overemphasis on a particular kind of moral or religious observance, or there is the possibility that you were or you may have been pushed at school further and faster than was comfortable. This would be a difficult situation as your natural inclination was to please your parents and teachers. A few of you were rebels at school and hated authority.

You developed a watchful approach to adults, and learned how to gauge their moods and how best to please them. This could be carried into adult life, making you adept at finding out just how to please people and to manipulate them to suit your own ends. More likely, you would manipulate yourself to suit the other person, and, therefore, never really learn to develop honesty and a sense of reality in personal relationships.

Adolescence is likely to have been a minefield as you learned to adapt to one person after another, not learning to appraise yourself of your own realistic needs and make them plain to others. All this can be sorted out later in life with an increase of awareness and self-awareness; and, to give you your due, you do go to considerable lengths to discover what's wrong and to put things right. Pisces is a sign which is associated with illusion - as you grow and learn, you should learn to channel your illusions into artistic or creative work and out of your dealings with others, especially in the personal sense.

If you have this Moon placement, you may not enjoy the best of health. You could have been weak as a child and have spent a good deal of time alone because of this. Later in life, the legacies of your childhood have a habit of lingering on. Your energies are quickly depleted, and your nerves are delicate. You can suffer from nervous ailments. The traditional problem area for Pisces is the feet; also the lungs. Heart trouble is a possibility; also skin allergies, migraine or asthmatic problems. You may retain water or have blood disorders. I have not yet come across a lunar Piscean with a drink problem, but smoking seems to have a bad effect. An old-fashioned astrology book of mine tells me that you are susceptible to social diseases! Anybody who works with people in a counselling capacity will be able to tell you that social diseases are pretty common and don't apply to any one sign of the zodiac or any one planet.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

This placing of the Moon shows the coming together of two forces that are extremely highly-charged. The emotional content of Pisces is powerful, and when the Moon falls in this sign, the responses to all situations will also be emotional. This is not the type of emotion found, for instance, in fiery Aries: it is a very different force, discharged through very different channels and for different reasons.

The individual is easily moved, whether to great happiness or sadness. He or she may be moved to tears by a piece of music that rings nostalgic bells, or affected in an above-average way when scenes of disasters flash onto the television screen. The response will be to do something kind and charitable, perhaps sending hard-earned cash to aid those in distress, even to the point of self-denial.

If creativity is shown in other areas of the chart, this placing will add sensitivity and imagination to the way in which it is expressed. However, the Moon in this sign may weaken the character, encouraging the subject to take the line of least resistance, especially when challenged. As a result, there will be a tendency to tell lies and to be very deceptive - not only towards others, but to the self as well.

When the subject does deceive others, her excuse will be that lies are less hurtful than the truth, and those lies will be told with an astonishing spontaneity. Parents with children who have this placing must be kind and understanding, but very firm indeed, in making their offspring realize that truthfulness is essential.

A warning should be given to the subject that, like those with a Piscean Sun sign or Ascendant, she may react adversely to medically administered drugs. When under stress, she must be strong enough to resist the extra cigarette or drink. Giving way to any form of negative escapism can become a habit that is hard to break.

The positive, caring, sacrificial qualities of this placing will contribute much if the individual has a sense of vocation. They are also valuable traits if she is involved in any of the caring professions, since the subject will have an understanding of those needing help, and an ability to give a favorable and sympathetic impression to anyone who is underprivileged.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The Moon in the sign Pisces indicates a supersensitive emotional nature which acts like a psychic sponge, soaking up the thoughts and emotions of others. This extreme impressionability on the unconscious level makes the person feel psychologically vulnerable, with the result that he withdraws into seclusion to protect himself emotionally. There are strong psychic and mediumistic tendencies; but without consideration of other factors in the chart there can be no guarantee that impressions received are reliable. People with this position have a vivid imagination which can result in poetic, musical, or artistic output. They are generally kind and sympathetic because of their sensitivity to the feelings of others. However, they can be easily hurt and may develop a persecution complex. If the Moon is afflicted in Pisces, there can be neurotic or psychotic tendencies, and irrational dominance by the unconscious mind. In some cases, excessive shyness is indicated.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You have a sensitive, though potentially evasive, soul. You have the need to be selflessly involved with Other - but this could necessitate acute suffering. You have the instinct to go with the flow - but if there is too much pain you may crave escape. Your mother is seen or expressed as one who is willing to make sacrifices, but could play the martyr.

You naturally respond towards Other with great sensitivity and empathy, thus finding a place in Other's heart and what goes on in Other's mind. You respond to difficult and painful experiences in the spirit of redemption, for you know that suffering ultimately heals. You respond to Other's longings, for they resonate with your own.

Your inner child reacts with intense sulks, despair or evasion when it is discovered that your feelings are not understood at all. Therefore, you must seek to understand / express them better yourself. It reacts with a refusal to face the hard facts of the situation; and it reacts when it finds that Other's fantasy turned out to be your nightmare.

You are unconsciously drawn towards Others who are weak or wounded, sensitive or poetic, and therefore seem in need of your selfless assistance; towards Others who initially promise to be your saviour and the answer to your dreams; and towards Others who are sensitive and subtle, but possibly misfits or escapists - or mad (ie insane).

You can get caught up in relationships which suck you dry, teaching you to be more discerning and self-preserving in future; in trying desperately to maintain the illusion of how you initially thought Other and the relationship ought to be; and in sorting out reality from fantasy.

When you are alone, it is most probably because you simply cannot take the risk of being hurt any more. However, if you are still hooked on Other and cannot seem to get free of him / her, your time alone would be best used building up a stronger sense of who you are as a separate individual, knowing where you begin and Other ends. This is a prime necessity for you, because without this strong sense of self, that 'melting into one' type of relationship that you crave can merely turn into an identity crisis (again). This is what that hurt actually stems from - getting addicted to Other as a substitute for something that should be your very own. And so some form of creative pursuit or spiritual quest is necessary to achieve this important objective of making one thing of yourself - for you certainly won't make one of yourself and Other until you have done so.

(Skye Alexander)

Your emotions are like the ocean: deep, mysterious, rich with life and constantly changing. You are reluctant, however, to reveal this vast and complex inner side of yourself to even your closest friends and family. Your feelings are easily engaged and easily hurt, so to protect yourself you hide your vulnerability behind a veil of secrecy.

Like a chameleon, you take on the color of your environment, at least in an emotional sense. For this reason, it is important to you for spend as much time as possible with congenial people in harmonious surroundings. You have a tendency toward depression and morbidity; therefore, cheerful, upbeat companions can stimulate more positive feelings in you. Meditation also can help you to centre yourself and develop inner tranquility.

Highly sensitive, you connect with others on an unconscious, emotional level. You actually feel what they feel. This produces a sympathetic and compassionate nature. You cannot bear to see anything hurt, and identify with all the world's weak and helpless creatures. In an effort to help alleviate the suffering of others, you may become involved in humanitarian causes or social programs.

You appear psychic since you seem to 'know' things without being able to explain how. This extrasensory ability can be developed to a high degree, but you must be careful because you are also very impressionable and lack discrimination.

You expect yourself to be perfect, and are unforgiving of your own shortcomings. In your heart-of-hearts, you feel unworthy, and it is easy for you to become a martyr. Pisces is sometimes called the sign of self-undoing, and you are all too willing to sacrifice your best interests for someone else, especially for lovers and family members.

You have a vivid imagination and are highly sensitive to color, sound and rhythm. Many people with Piscean Moons possess artistic talent. In particular, you might be drawn to painting, photography, poetry, music, and film-making or screen acting. Your ability probably revealed itself at an early age, and you seem to express it almost effortlessly. However, you can be lazy about developing your talents. You prefer to dream about the symphonies you'll write or the films you'll make one day rather than working to bring your dreams to fruition.

Somewhat shy and reclusive, you like being alone some of the time. For the artist, this is absolutely necessary. It is also important for spiritual development; and many people with Moon in Pisces are involved in religious pursuits of some sort. Be careful, though, that your retreat into solitude is not an excuse for escaping the demands and harsh realities of the 'real world'.

Your home is a refuge from the stress of the outer world, a place where you can recharge yourself with peace and quiet. You don't really enjoy entertaining at home, and when you do, prefer to see one or two close friends at a time rather than giving large parties. A lover of beauty, you might collect art and other things that appeal to your keen sense of aesthetics. You are less concerned with neatness, however, and your home may be in constant disarray. Some Pisces-Moon people feel that acquiring earthly possessions is materialistic, and spurn creature comforts to live in monkish austerity.

There was probably some instability in your childhood home: an absent or alcoholic parent, poverty, mental illness, or perhaps parents who were not emotionally supportive of you. You may have felt helpless or defenceless, alone, even fearful. As a result, you grew up with a sense of insecurity that still exists, deeply-rooted, in adulthood. Perhaps your mother (or the nurturing parent) was weak, ineffectual or ill. Perhaps she was absent from your life, physically or emotionally unavailable when you needed her.

The forgiving nature of Pisces, however, will let you apologize for your mother's ineptitude; and, regardless of the facts, you probably believe she was a kind and loving parent - even a saint. In some cases, this can be true, for Pisces is also the sign of the saint. Indeed, your mother may have been a kindly, compassionate individual who was always raising money to help the poor, or doing charity work, or caring for others in some way - while neglecting her own children.

With your own children, you are usually too lenient. Though generous and loving, you sometimes fail to provide them with the structure and discipline they need. You also tend to worry too much about them and can be overly protective.

Your 'mothering' is not limited to your own family. You want to nurture and protect everyone in need; stray animals, homeless street people, and starving refugees in third world countries. People with problems seek you out, and you always offer a shoulder to cry on. Easy prey for the unscrupulous, you need to discriminate between those who genuinely need your help and those who are taking advantage of you. You also must learn not to feel guilty if you refuse to help someone.

This is especially true in close personal relationships. Sympathetic to those who have problems, you believe your love can cure them. The expression 'love is blind' can be applied to you. Romantic and overly-idealistic, you have difficulty seeing your partners as they really are. You prefer to view them in the light of your fantasies, as your fairy princesses or knights in shining armor; and you constantly seek the perfect lover.

It is usually easier for women with this Moon placement to express Piscean characteristics. Men who don't connect with the energy in themselves might be drawn to women who are gentle, submissive, idealistic, artistic, and / or spiritually-inclined.

(Isabel Hickey)

Visionary. Dreamer. Romantic, sensitive, emotionally posited with a divine discontent

that nothing of this world will take away. Poetical and mystical, if unafflicted. Makes a great gentleness in the person, but doesn't help in a worldly sense. Good for musicians and artists for this gives a greatly heightened sensitivity to life. A great sympathy for the underdog. Suffering through the emotions, for this position of the Moon is difficult. Needs to strengthen the will in order to withstand the impact of negative vibrations from others. In a male chart, attracts a sensitive and sentimental feminine. Not overstrong physically.

## **MOON BY HOUSE**

Natal Moon in 1st House (1)

(Haydn Paul)

Your self-perception and responses to people and the environment will be strongly influenced by feelings, emotions, and instincts. Life will be experienced and interpreted in terms of emotional reactions, where these biases of affinity and disaffinity will shape your life-style and decision-making. When choices need to be made, they will be referred to your instinctive feelings.

With such a dominant subjective response, you may lack an ability to understand others who have a different nature. This can cause misunderstandings and diminish potential relationship with those who relate to life through different perspectives, for instance those who evaluate experiences intellectually.

You have a sensitive and receptive lunar personality, which may create a phase-type quality to your temperament, through 'internal waxing and waning' creating changeable moods which can at times disconcert both yourself and others, especially where issues of emotional relationship or commitment to aims are involved. Finding a life direction may prove difficult, as your preoccupation is toward satisfying emotional needs, and you may find that the direction which develops is shaped by the paths of anyone you rely on for emotional support.

This can create dependency situations in which your attitudes and values are highly influenced by others, so that, through being impressionable, you reflect only what others want to see. Part of this may have developed during childhood conditioning by parental influences, especially by your mother's. Through your deep need for approval, you chose to behave to satisfy others' projections onto you. In so doing, you may have built a life-style that reflects the wishes of others rather than fulfilling your own needs.

Becoming clear as to your needs, desires, and ambitions may not be easy to achieve, yet it is essential in order to break negative dependency or become free from relationships where you have to deny your feelings in order to satisfy someone else.

Your lunar qualities form a sense of emotional connectedness with people; and at times this sensitivity can be close to a psychic or mediumistic talent which allows you to receive 'messages' from people or the environment. You may feel emotional empathy for some, and will have considerable sympathy for those suffering emotional pain; but you may have to guard against too deep an involvement with others through your empathic 'fusing' of feelings and emotions. Your presence can be supportive, although a dispassionate and objective type of counselling is not your natural style, due to your inability to distance yourself from feelings. This can distort your perception of others' needs.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

With a rising Moon there is a powerful hunger for personal significance and strong intuition about the trend of future events. Once the restlessness and moodiness of this position is brought under control, this can lead to amazing achievements.

People with this position are generally too sensitive for their own good, and tend to go to extremes, especially in youth. They usually have large, expressive eyes, a wide, expressive mouth, and a responsive face. They have a hard time masking thoughts and feelings, which flit rapidly across the face (though less so in Scorpio or Capricorn). They are inclined to think out loud, to speak whatever is passing through their minds at the moment, no matter how out of context or inappropriate it may seem to their listeners. Actually, they are always talking to themselves.

People with a rising Moon tend to marry young, and may fall in love too easily throughout their lives. Each new love does not diminish the emotional hold of past loves, though, which can make their love life pretty complicated until they begin to understand themselves. They love best those companions who cherish them for what they are, allow them to ramble on, and then set limits for them. They know that limits must be set, but have a hard time setting them for themselves.

They are pretty much incapable of objectivity. Even sympathy is hard for them as they do not see others clearly although they can become them, or feel them - that is, identify with them through empathy. This can make them appear cold when they turn away from persons or situations that are painful, because they have no buffers to protect them from the intensity of their own responses. They are generally not thinkers, because their intuition is capable of giving them all they require to grasp concepts and figure things out. They can come up with answers without any notion of how they arrived at them.

Extremely self-conscious in youth, they feel that everyone is looking at them and thinking about them all the time. They have a hard time getting over this, always giving themselves more importance in the scheme of things than is realistic. Yet this quality invests them with a natural authority, so that people tend to look to them for answers, particularly during a crisis. They are so self-oriented because their minds constantly fill with ideas and images and they must continually seek outlets or they become mentally and emotionally clogged.

They may seem unrealistic to less sensitive and less imaginative people. In fact, given a few other placements in that direction, they may acquire a reputation as a first-class eccentric. However, they generally have a circle of friends who enjoy their idiosyncracies, for although they appear to be paying no attention to anyone but themselves, their listening powers are tremendous. They can absorb more about others than most, and are capable of astonishing feats of memory and thoughtfulness. Even so, they are hard on intimates as they require constant outlets for their ideas and emotions, and so require a large social circle so they can go from one to another as they wear out each person.

They are usually very expressive in art, writing, speaking, acting, and music, but frequently have a hard time staying with one effort long enough to bring anything to fruition. They need a strong Saturn in their chart or they will blow all over the pond. They are usually very clever at spotting trends and coming up with the 'next big thing' that will please the public. However, they will need disciplined partners to help them take advantage of this gift or nothing will come of it.

If harsh aspects from Mercury show mental or emotional problems, there may be a

danger of mental illness with this position, in which other people appear only as mirrors that reflect back the self. Surrounded by self images, they can find no objective reality to grasp hold of. At some point indicated by progressions, mental or emotional illness may even claim them as a permanent casualty.

In general, though, the rising Moon gives a great potential for growth and change throughout the lifetime. After the roller-coaster ride of youth slows down a bit, these people should be able to get a grip on themselves and put their great gifts to use.

(Bill Herbst)

Self-expression: Here we have a paradox: when the Moon is in the 1st house, the natural and active projection of self is inverted, so self-expression becomes 're-active' or, more properly, responsive. Your natural personality radiance is emotional, sensitive, maternal, and subject to the ebb and flow of moodiness. Needs are immediately projected from the surface, visible for others to see. When your needs are not met, there may be explosive tantrums, defensive shutdown, or collapse into hysteria, all major pitfalls. In general, however, this placement correlates with a 'softness' of personality. You are protective toward those you love or feel drawn to, with urgent sensitivity to those individuals' needs; and you're subtly defensive toward strangers, who may seem alien or threatening. The challenge is to make sure you're safe, then open up.

Natural persona: Your natural face is soft and maternal, almost 'moist', either sympathetic or needy, and sometimes both. This is especially true when the Moon occupies an expressive or emotional sign; it is less true when the Moon's placement is in a sign like Capricorn. There the moist quality may be replaced by a solid wall of seeming passivity.

Your name-tag says, 'I am responsive. Tell me what you need, and I will provide it for you, for needs are the most important thing in the world'.

Self-awareness: Spontaneous projection of emotional receptivity births awareness of the central, core self. Radiating yourself outward as either 'mother' or 'child' - defending, protecting, feeding, needing, clinging - reveals to you whatever your inner nature actually is. Awareness ebbs and flows in tandem with feelings. Once you're in touch with your needs and have discovered your inner self in any momentary setting, then come through your persona and act on what you've realized. Responsiveness to the outside world makes you aware of what you truly are, and what you truly want to do.

Boundaries: You buffer the tension between internal and external realities by being sympathetic to the needs of others. Insensitivity or lack of emotional expression disconnects the two different realities, creating a numbing alienation from self, while compulsive mothering or unconscious neediness destroys the distinction between the two, causing a sense of perpetual hunger and emptiness. The challenge, however, is to nourish yourself and your environment without creating dependencies. The positive result is contentment.

Vitality: Vitality is directly linked to emotional well-being. Proper diet and emotional comforts maintain your life force, although there may be heightened sensitivity to fluids, as well as vulnerability in the digestive or reproductive systems. You must learn the meaning of action in order to balance your tendency toward reaction. The force of habit has a profound effect on your stamina, either protecting and maintaining it, or disrupting and draining it. To heal yourself, discover what your habits are and reroute the imprints. Your relationship with your own mother is one of

the most important of these factors, whether the connection is current and ongoing, or merely the result of childhood experience long buried within.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your mood depends on your feelings at the moment. When you are emotionally high you are outgoing; but you are shaken by any unsettling experience. Because of your emotional nature, you tend to lose your composure under stress. You become aggressive only when you have to protect yourself from abuse. It is essential that you improve your self-image, which you do by getting a formal education. This will allow you to compete successfully and will help you cope with your personal relationships. You must be able to deal objectively with the problems of the real world and not allow abrasive situations to disturb you emotionally. You need to develop your creative imagination in order to be productive. You must raise your credibility by capitalizing on your gifts. Education will help you find a way to express your understanding, compassion and concern for less fortunate people.

You want friends who understand your moods and feelings of inadequacy; but you often assume that people want your friendship only because you are so willing to help them. You are deeply concerned about your future and whether you will have sufficient resources to sustain yourself in later years. You are anxious to translate your ideas into tangible rewards so that you needn't depend on others. Although you should set up a plan to achieve your goals, you tend to dawdle. You may feel that you are always making concessions to others, but you aren't really sure what you can do without them. Making concessions is a way to maintain contact with people; but it does make you feel inferior, which may cause some discomfort.

Your family-ties may be so strong that you don't have a life of your own. Breaking with the past will be difficult, but it must be done if you hope to become self-sufficient. Your goal should be to pursue your own destiny and to like yourself for what you can accomplish. It isn't easy for you to secure a position in your career, because you aren't sure you can succeed on your own. But remember, you cannot afford to deny yourself the benefits of using your talents imaginatively and purposefully. Loyalty to family is admirable, but not when it interferes with your destiny. When it does, it becomes slavery. No one has the right to expect you to put your own destiny aside in order to help realize theirs. Coping with these deep frustrations will not be easy, because their roots are buried in your early conditioning.

You willingly help people who need your tender loving care, but you should understand when to conserve your energy in order to avoid exhaustion. You are too eager to be available when someone says he / she needs you, perhaps because you want human companionship at any cost. Direct some of your energy to developing your own creative potential. Sacrifice some of your time for others if you want to, but remember to put yourself at the top of your list of priorities.

Don't underestimate the value of your creative imagination, which can help you solve your own and other people's problems. You have a calming effect on people in their time of need; they feel protected in your presence. Since you are insecure, however, you must be firm and refuse to allow others to dominate you. Learn to accept reality and use your talents to build tangible assets that will sustain you in later years. Don't feel sorry for yourself, and don't bury your talents.

(Howard Sasportas)

Any planet in the 1st house is amplified as if the volume has been raised on that

principle. According to its sign placement, the Moon there energizes the emotional, instinctive and feeling responses of the individual. Unless strongly modified by other aspects in the chart, the person will radiate lunar qualities - sensitivity, receptivity and a kind of child-like openness to which others are naturally drawn.

While the Sun in the 1st wants to exert a dynamic impact on the environment, the Moon in the 1st is more inclined to stay fused with mother and surroundings. All little babies instinctively know that winning the love of the caretaker helps to ensure survival; and therefore they adapt to the mother likes or wants. But those with the Moon in the 1st - even later in life when survival is not dependent on the presence of another person - may habitually act as if their lives depended on being what others want them to be. Consequently, they exhibit a radar-like ability to pick up and read signals emanating from those around them. However, the interpretation of these signals is often distorted by a high degree of subjectivity. They can be so swaddled in their own needs, feelings and emotional complexes that they are sometimes incapable of viewing life or others at all objectively. In extreme cases, all they care about is what they want, and they can't easily give another person anything unless it fits in with that.

Nonetheless, the Moon in the 1st bestows an almost animal-like intelligence - instinctively knowing what to do in certain situations. They can 'sniff out' opportunity, 'feel' danger or 'hear' trouble.

The house with Cancer on the cusp or contained within it will be connected in some way to a 1st house Moon.

Natal Moon in 2nd House (1)

(Haydn Paul)

What will feel essential to satisfy your inner needs is material and financial security associated with a stable life-style. The foundation for this will be establishing a loving family home; and achieving this will be a preoccupation. You prefer a controlled life, minimizing the threat of unsettling changes; and you erect barriers to keep those changes at a distance. Money is important in this respect to protect against financial concerns, although this is unlikely to be absolutely secure, due to the lunar fluctuating nature. If the Moon is placed in a fixed sign, then your financial situation may be more stable than if it is in a mutable sign.

Home is seen as a castle protecting you from the storms of life. Sitting there, surrounded by family, material possessions, and comfort, you feel a sense of solidity, emotional security, and well-being. If anything threatens this, you feel extremely vulnerable, as your center of identity has been displaced into the external world. Your feelings have been projected onto family and possessions, and they become the center of your life, the heart on which everything depends. Losing a favored life possession becomes emotionally damaging, reminding you that life cannot be controlled and that instability lurks around every corner, pointing out the impossibility of erecting inviolable barriers. If this need for emotional security is allowed to become too powerful, it can become claustrophobic and suffocating to loved ones, and can leave you too vulnerable to the independent actions and choices of others.

These needs may have developed during childhood, where you felt protected and nurtured by parents; you wish to recreate this feeling in adult life. You may have received social or parental attitudes related to security and stability needs; perhaps beliefs concerning the maintenance of the status quo and conservative attitudes in

life were stressed, or perhaps pursuing financial prosperity was emphasized as an essential adult objective. Certainly, such attitudes and values have influenced your adult behavior.

If you develop some flexibility within these security needs and withdraw any projections onto others or onto possessions, a more sensible balance can be achieved, one that is less vulnerable to being shattered by unexpected experiences. The sense of emotional well-being should be found within, through integrating feelings and dependency needs, and by an awareness of what is necessary for self-nurture. The most fulfilling roots are those which exist within yourself, not in the external world.

You may be attracted toward mankind's history and heritage, or to family traditions, a trait which could be used for personal interest or for business purposes. You may have an instinctive talent for understanding the marketplace, using your affinity with material possessions and comfort to sense what consumer products people need or can be persuaded to desire. Such a perception could be exploited effectively through business concerns for your future prosperity.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

There is a quality of reserve or silence to this position. Still waters run deep. The Moon here absorbs impressions but does not easily find ways to give them outward expression. This is a good placement for artists and writers who will use their craft to translate their impressions into effective ideas and images. Generally well-spoken in any given situation, people with this Moon will usually not be the first to speak, nor will they speak often, or long. They delight in plain, straight-forward speech, direct and to the point. Sometimes they are masters of the witty aside. Garrulousness with this position is an indication of serious sexual frustration.

Sexual fulfillment is extremely important to this position. They are generally powerfully attracted to potential sexual partners. If, for some reason, this attraction does not bring them a fulfilling relationship, it will cause a variety of mental and emotional problems. Both sexes seem to radiate sexual energy. They are very aware of sexuality in others from an early age. The Moon's sign and the aspects to it from other planets will show whether this is a positive and healthy development, or if it leads to repression and a fear or hatred of sex on the one hand, or to a cynical exploitation of it on the other. In our sexually confused society, children with this location need a lot of healthy physical love in babyhood to avoid the pitfalls that a second house Moon can bring to those without a strong early foundation.

Men with Moon in the second house will be attracted to sexual partners by their sexuality, by their possessions, or by both. If the Moon is in a fixed sign, they will be too possessive of partners. Some men deal with the sexual pressures of this position by turning to prostitutes.

Some women with this position are so afraid of sex that they hide behind ugly clothes, unbecoming hair styles, and off-putting facial expressions. Others revel in it and have no qualms about taking anyone who pleases them to bed, maintaining all the while a virginal façade and a total and lifelong silence on the subject, even to best friends (whose partners may number among their conquests). Then there are others who advertise their sexuality through tempting clothing and attitudes, whose only real pleasure is the material gain they receive from their lovers. Conversely, some may be the prey of such persons.

For men, the intense sexuality of this position can lead to homosexual episodes, though more often it leads to a fear of potential homosexual tendencies in

themselves, or a paranoia towards homosexuals and a fear of possible homosexual advances from friends and acquaintances. With the Moon in Cancer, the sexuality may be so responsive and intense that it results in bisexuality or bisexual episodes.

Love is very necessary to these people, although it may or may not be directly connected with sexuality. If others show it, they may make fools of themselves for love. Powerful attractions that are hard to deny and may last for years occur. Artists with this Moon position will seek a 'muse' or love object for their talent to revolve around.

A second-house Moon creates a strong instinct for acquiring money and property. For less highly evolved souls, this might mean acquisition by illegal or immoral means. On a higher level, there may be an appearance of disinterested love or affection that somehow results in the fortuitous acquisition of wealth or property. The most highly-evolved souls will cheerfully acknowledge their love of beautiful, valuable things and an interest in acquiring the means to obtain them. Along with the acceptance of this acquisitiveness as a natural desire goes a willingness to use property for the benefit of others and the desire to take good care of it.

If there are stressful aspects to the Moon, there may be long bouts of poverty, particularly in childhood or youth. This can result in intensified efforts to acquire money and property later. It can also result in a painful awareness of the inherent injustice of a social structure that allows the rich to get richer while the poor get poorer, and an interest in the reform of property laws.

(Bill Herbst)

**Self-worth:** With the Moon in the 2nd, the psychological evaluation of self-worth is linked with the ability to emotionally respond to needs. If you protect yourself (and others) in a sensitive way, you'll feel good about yourself. However, even in the best living, the Moon is connected to the ebb and flow of the temperament. There will be fluctuations, mood shifts from good to bad feeling, and back again. These are cyclic and should be understood as temporary. Flow through the changes. Also, when personal needs for comfort or security go unfulfilled, good feelings invariably decay. The challenge is to provide yourself with what you need, not as others define it, but as you feel it.

**Possession:** The experience of 'mine' is tied to personal security more strongly here than with any other planet in this house. There is an attitude of sentimentality attached to possessions; and the older they are, the more attachment is likely to be felt. On the other hand, the sense of 'mine' tends to wax and wane - when needs are strong or go unmet, possessiveness is heightened; when needs are fulfilled, however, the grip of ownership fades quickly. Thus, possessions tend to come and go with momentary tides of feeling. Don't get stuck demanding a particular type of possession; try one thing, and if it's unsatisfying, move to another form. The pitfall is conscious possessiveness, while the challenge is to recognize ownership as a tangible way of grounding the emotions.

**Money:** Money is a primary source of security, an issue of regular daily concern. To feel comfortable, you need to know that you have enough. The pitfall is a feeling of constant 'hunger' no matter how much money is stockpiled. Fortunes tend to fluctuate, and your anxiety level mirrors the monetary ups and downs. Don't just sit around and worry - you'll make yourself crazy. Channel your concern into pragmatic, disciplined efforts to acquire the wealth you need. The challenge is to protect your personal security by conservation of your finances. Save, but do not scrimp; and when you spend, get your money's worth in full emotional satisfaction.

Self-exertion: Work is strongly influenced by changing moods. As with the Sun, there is considerable immersion, but here it is not the center of the consciousness that is immersed, but instead the level of personality we might term 'habitual' or 'automatic'. You need to exert yourself physically in order to remain centered in the flow of day-to-day well-being. The pitfall involves inconstancy; working only when you feel like it. The challenge is to moderate effort in tune with the ebb and flow of inner feelings.

Sensuality: You need sensory pleasure to feel nourished, to maintain regular emotional balance. The pleasures of physical movement, of muscles and skin, trigger interpersonal warmth and sensitivity, producing a maternal consciousness. Conversely, feelings are palpable sensations, linked strongly with the body. Whenever you feel responsive, it's natural to want the pleasures of touch. You need sensory stimulation, for it's a kind of food, and will satisfy many hungers. The challenge is to fulfill basic needs through adequate sensation, to see the necessity of physical pleasure in life, and to luxuriate in the comfort it provides.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your worries about security are unnecessary, for you can convert your creative talents into tangible assets. You never refuse any unsolicited gifts, though you may not reciprocate. It isn't that you aren't generous, but that you are anxious to have the necessities of life. You are preoccupied with having what you want always at hand. You enjoy life's comforts and feel that if you don't take care of yourself, who will? Because you are a deep-feeling person with unusual sensitivity to the pain of unsatisfied desires, you seek a career that will provide security and fulfillment. In your career, you do whatever is necessary to achieve stability and security and to get everything you want. You easily win the approval of your superiors for your efforts, and you know they consider you an asset. You would work well before the public because you can identify with people's problems, and you earn appreciation for your accomplishments. You learn new skills easily and adapt yourself to the requirements of any situation. Basically honest and sincere, you win the respect and admiration of your fellow workers as you handle your responsibilities with patience and dedication.

You are compassionate to the needs of less fortunate people; and although you do not give material gifts, you give of yourself to help those who truly need you, and that is a far greater gift. You realize your social obligations, and you do extend yourself when others won't. But it is just as important to develop your creative ideas for your own sake and to indulge yourself in them. Don't let your preoccupation with security interfere with your social life, however. You may be lonely if you sever the lines of communication with people who can make your days happy with the joys of sincere companionship.

Avoid making comparisons with other people's success and what they have gained thereby. This will result only in much inner tension as you try to match their accomplishments. You have to live up to your own potentials and capitalize on your resources to achieve financial security. You are attracted to people who seem in complete control of their destinies; but you can do just as well if you focus on exploiting your own talents. Don't be afraid to take measured risks on occasion, if only to reassure yourself that sometimes that pays dividends. Although you prefer friends who don't make demands, by being an isolationist you are likely to miss many opportunities.

You know your earnings will increase if you are well-informed; and you are willing to work if necessary to pay for your education. But you are a realist and will probably select a course of study that can easily be translated into increased security and even

provide tenure in your occupation. You are not the most adaptable person, but you can adjust to learning new skills when necessary. You are responsible and trustworthy, but you are suspicious when people make demands, and you are curious about their motives.

Your fear of asserting yourself may allow people to try to take advantage of you. Learn to be more aggressive in promoting your ideas and programs; and don't be afraid to let others know that you won't allow them to use you. It isn't wrong to concentrate on accumulating material resources; but this should not take all your time.

(Howard Sasportas)

Whereas the Sun in the 2nd enhances its sense of identity and power through money and possessions, the Moon in the 2nd is content with the emotional security these things bring. The Sun must find its own value system, but those with the Moon here might swallow whole the value system of the family of origin or those around them. The Sun projects prestige onto possessions; the Moon projects feelings onto what it owns. There can be a sentimental attachment to objects, especially those inherited from the family or linked with the memory of key people or situations in life. Often there is an interest in heirlooms and antiques - anything from the past.

Like the changing Moon in the heavens, financial circumstances might fluctuate. Money can be earned through professions related to the Moon such as those which serve public needs, careers in catering, pub or hotel work, child-care, housing and real estate, or even work at sea. This position suggests inner resources of adaptability, sensitivity and the ability to instinctively know what others want or need.

Natal Moon in 3rd House (1)

(Haydn Paul)

Communication and thought patterns will be influenced by emotions; and attitudes, values and beliefs are derived from the bias. This can be displayed when making rational decisions, yet the decision has already been made by your dominant feelings, or within intellectual disagreements when rational thought dissolves into a passionate and emotional defense of a personal viewpoint.

One area of difficulty may lie in establishing consistency of thought or concentration, as the lunar fluctuating nature may result in changeability, and lack of persistence and application. Repetitive routine bores you; and regular changes of mental stimulation are needed to satisfy your curiosity for knowledge. Information is required, as you feel it helps to satisfy your security need, almost believing that the more you know about the world and people, the safer you can feel. Absorbing this knowledge will be a task that attracts you throughout life. This, associated with a retentive memory and imaginative abilities, may provide a source for opportunity and exploitation, especially if you continue to develop your talents for communication and literary abilities. You may have a tendency to fantasize and enter daydreaming states. This could be applied in a more concentrated, imaginative focus for creative expression.

Your environment and relationships will play an influential role in your life. While you may be capable of adapting to various types of environment and relationship, this is achieved mainly through a process of reflection and remolding your nature to accommodate changes. This can be through adopting the worldviews of those closest

to you as your own and then reflecting them out again. The demarcation lines between yourself and intimates dissolve; and your thoughts and attitudes become indistinguishable from those of whoever is a major influence at that time. You may imaginatively project yourself 'into others', and instinctively sense whatever they are feeling or thinking. This derives from an emotional need to feel connected in life, both through discovering knowledge and through empathic relationship.

Your experience and perception of life is conditioned by the state of your feelings, emotions, and instincts at any give time. These deep emotional complexes are the source of your decision-making, even though you may try to disguise this by logic and justification. If your life is not satisfying and fulfilling, ro decisions, aims and relationships are failing, be advised that self-exploration can bring clarity regarding the emotional biases which are secretly shaping your life.

Identifying the roots of your attitudes may enable wiser future decisions. Transforming any negative complexes would be extremely valuable, and is likely to release considerable blocked energy when healing has occurred. Holding onto negativity is foolish and will spoil your life; moving toward a more positive outlook will improve life. Learn how to observe and listen to yourself in communication and relationship; signs of inner needs will be there to be realized. Recognizing them is an essential step toward being able to consciously fulfill them, instead of failing to recognize your own messages to yourself.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

The Moon in the third house gives a hunger for self-expression, and for community and an easy give-and-take relationship with others. Without afflictions, these people express themselves easily and early in life, choosing their words carefully with attention to the effect on their audience; and are natural and spontaneous in speaking to groups. Uusually humorous and entertaining, they are not inclined to reveal themselves or their inner workings, but aim to communicate by means of stories, anecdotes, and jokes. If they are artists, their works will show this, plays and novels being a series of episodes. If teachers, they use anecdotes to get a point across.

They are usually pleasant companions, rarely putting pressure on others. They are very sympathetic and understanding of the human condition. Throughout their lives, they accumulate stories of people and keep account of the sum total of valor and suffering. They are quite objective about their own place in the scheme of things, and are usually modest and self-deprecating. If the Sun is in Cancer or Virgo, or either of these two signs is rising, there may be too much modesty. They will not think well enough of themselves, or will be afraid to push forward in life, continually asking that others evaluate them.

With the Moon in Capricorn, lack of understanding can damage rapport with others. There will be the desire to entertain, but not the understanding of how to do it. Stories will be off the mark. With bad Saturn or Pluto aspects, bitterness, self-pity, and jealousy may distort their evaluation of their relation to the world. Their anecdotes will reflect this, the point of every story being how he or she 'showed them'. There may be times when their balance and good humor prevail and other times when the humor is sour and self-pitying. If other factors in their charts show a drinking problem or mental / emotional troubles, this lunar placement will intensify it.

With the Moon in Scorpio, emotions may get in the way at times, leaving them silent in groups, wishing they could join in spontaneously but finding it difficult to begin.

Those with the Moon in the third house are very people-oriented. They believe in the old adage that 'the proper study of Man is Mankind'. They often become teachers, or reach part-time for the fun of it, because they communicate so easily.

Men with this Moon placement will be attracted to witty, communicative partners: teachers, writers, librarians, or students. With the Moon in Aquarius, Gemini, Pisces, or Sagittarius, they may find their partners hard to hold. Women with the Moon in these signs will find it hard to stay faithful, at least in youth. It generally indicates a talkative and / or intelligent mother.

(Bill Herbst)

**Outreach:** A 3rd house Moon indicates that you need motion and movement on a daily basis more strongly than other types. Curiosity is linked to emotional temperament; and since the Moon is strongly people-oriented, there is usually a desire to interact with others at the level of feelings rather than facts or figures. Interestingly, your maternal instincts are often directed at relative strangers as much as or more than at intimate family. It's almost as if the very sense of family becomes a function of the immediate environment. Thus, when people enter into your world, they are first approached with caution, but are soon welcomed with open arms. However, as they become less a source of curiosity and more three-dimensionally human, your interest may fade. So this placement embodies a blend of depth and superficiality. The challenge is to fulfill your needs for diverse stimulation while also providing interactive stability.

**Concrete mind:** You have a sense of cunning, a kind of 'feeling' basis for mentality, rather than the cold logic of sheer rationality itself. Needs are conditioned by the influx of information; and, conversely, perceptions are heavily influenced by emotional needs, which can be wonderful or terrible, depending on the situation. The pitfalls surround misinformation or misunderstanding through substitution of feelings for logic, while the challenge is to combine emotions and mentality into a mutually supportive and seamless whole.

**Curiosity:** There is a hunger to know, to understand; and you 'eat' information. Depending very much on your particular temperament, this can lead to profound temporary satisfaction, or it can produce an invisible 'mental indigestion', which will register in uncomfortable feelings. Curiosity waxes and wanes accordingly. When the need to know goes unsatisfied, your security dissolves; so, do everything you can to find out what interests you. However, deeper insecurity can produce a condition where nothing will satisfy your need to know, in which case you must look within for the knowledge. Distinguishing between these two conditions is a real challenge.

**Basic education:** Early education is conditioned very much by the maternal figures through whom the child forms imprints. The mother's bent shines through in the child's attitudes toward school and learning. There is real appetite for knowledge; and when this appetite goes unfulfilled, the relationship to the real world is gradually damaged, first through frustration, then through disinterest. The challenge is to learn something new every day, and this is no less authentic than any physical need such as hunger or sleep.

**Communication:** Speech and emotion flow together into a seamless whole, with each influencing the other. The voice is often pleasing in tone, soothing to the ear. Emotional defensiveness can be heard as well as felt. Both thinking and speaking reflect the emotion of the moment; the mind is often the servant of the temperament, directed according to the current status of your feelings. In addition, what is said feeds

back to and influences the emotions. The only surprise here is that both speaker and listener are often fooled into believing that what's being offered is 'objective' data. If others want clear communication with you, be sure they understand your underlying emotional state before they interpret what's being said.

(Robert Pelletier)

Because of your natural curiosity, you accumulate considerable knowledge about many subjects. While your ability to retain information is notable, you sometimes have difficulty discriminating between fact and fiction. This is mainly because you allow your feelings to interfere with logic, which results in an emotional bias even in important matters. In your eagerness to communicate what you know, you often take liberties with the facts, especially when you want to impress people. At times you truly believe that events occurred as you have related them. Your gift of creative imagination only needs development to help you realize your goals and give you financial security for your later years. Pay more attention to your friends' suggestions for achieving your goals. You are on good terms with most or all of your friends, and you are happy to do favors for them, knowing that they will reciprocate.

Because you like people and have a talent for dealing with them, you might seek a career in communications. You indulge in much self-analysis, which has made you reasonably familiar with people's motivations. You could capitalize on this knowledge in a career that uses social contact as a tool for communication, such as writing or journalism. You easily show people that you are well-informed, and you stimulate them to enter freely into conversation with you. You should direct your attention to those who need your understanding and compassion.

Your fear of rejection and not being loved causes you to remain in an obscure position until you gain greater self-confidence. In this area, your imagination works against you. Pay more attention to others; they have their hangups and fears too. Then apply yourself to becoming proficient in your career to take advantage of every opportunity. Your most urgent priority is to get a formal education, so you can learn to use logic rather than emotion when you are faced with problems involving people. You must know as much as you can about human behavior in order to make accurate judgements. Don't take the chance that your feelings will give you the necessary information for making proper decisions.

You should not have any serious problem in winning approval from your superiors, because you are usually available for extra duty. You assume that it is your obligation to volunteer, because you feel you must do more than others to get the results you want. In spite of this, you become defensive when superiors show an interest in you, for you suspect them of insincerity. Personal involvement with people is part of your destiny; and it is the best investment you can make to win deserved appreciation for your efforts on behalf of others. You may experience some uncertainty and anxiety about the best way to satisfy your partner's desires.

Take advantage of your natural talents to gain the security you need to feel truly comfortable with your accomplishments. This might cause some discomfort and strained relations with your parents, if they disagree with your plans. The worst thing you can do is to yield to the pressure of family ties and deny yourself the privilege and opportunity to prove that you are capable of succeeding without interference from them. Your progress and success depend largely on establishing your independence and self-determination.

While the Sun in the 3rd bursts in on the scene and wants to create an impression on the immediate environment, the Moon in this house reflects and is shaped by the

surroundings. As there is the ability to 'feel' what others are thinking, those with this placement may have some difficulty in distinguishing between their own thoughts and the ruminations of others around them. At times, they may believe that they are being objective and rational when in actual fact they are reacting on the basis of some emotional complex. Situations will be coloured according to their moods and sensitivities. If they are in a positive frame of mind, then they will interpret everything positively. If they feel touchy and vulnerable, the same environment will be interpreted quite differently.

The mind is imaginative; and there is usually a retentive memory. The Sun in the 3rd house believes that knowledge is power; the Moon in the 3rd craves knowledge for the security it brings to truly know how something works. Since the Moon is associated with influences from the past, there may be a fascination for such subjects of study as archaeology, genealogy and history. This placement gives a certain adaptability to changing environments, but the mind may wander or fluctuate from one interest to another. The relationship to siblings - especially female relatives such as sisters, aunts or girl cousins - is worth examining for clues to the psychological make-up of those with this placement. Comfort and security is sought through a sibling or a relative, or they may have had to be 'mother' to others around them during the growing-up years. The actual mother may be related to more like an older sister than a parent.

The Gauquelins found that this placement confers some degree of writing talent. Unless the Moon were in an Air sign, the writing would be likely to display heartfelt emotion or describe personal memories and experiences. Public speakers with the Moon in the 3rd should be able to sway the feelings of the audience. Teachers with this placement can relate to the deeper feelings and needs of their students.

#### Natal Moon in 4th House (1)

(Haydn Paul)

Your home and family life will be highly important, anchoring personality roots within the domestic environment so that you feel stable and secure. It will be your family experience that most dominates, rather than your physical environment.

To feel emotional security, well-being, and inner peace, you require a satisfying life, and you are prepared to devote considerable effort to building one; this is probably the most meaningful area in your life. Having a positive and loving home is your dream. If this is achieved, your worldview will be correspondingly positive and constructive. However, if your family life is having difficulties, your perspective similarly suffers and is tainted by emotional pain and concerns. Creating a safe family and home structure to act as a sanctuary from life's insecurities is a vital task for you, and you love to retreat into the protective embrace of the family.

Childhood experiences have been very formative influences; and your relationship with your parents has contributed to adult needs for nurturing and security. Aspects made to the natal Moon are significant, as they indicate the probabilities of harmony in your childhood home; challenging aspects may suggest environmental disruptions or a lack of harmony with a parent - perhaps a lack of emotional resonance with your mother. You may have preferred your father; or his influence may have proven more influential in your later development. In adult life, this may affect the type of intimate relationships that you prefer: a woman may look for a strong father-type figure; a man may look for a partner capable of performing a mothering role.

You may feel inwardly uneasy, spending time looking backward instead of forward,

reliving the past as an experience of security and repetition. Ties to parents may still be important factors in your adult life, both in a physical sense and by influencing attitudes and needs. You are not always comfortable about your feelings; and those which fail to fit into your 'ideal life-style' may be denied and repressed. Sensitivity to people and the quality of your environment will influence your moods; so awareness may be needed to register your reactions to certain people or places.

If you are unable to create or experience your ideal home and family, you may feel lost in life, personally unanchored, and lacking a firm and stable foundation. You urgently feel a need to belong; and this can become an urge demanding action lest you feel insecure. During such periods, conditioning patterns derived from your childhood may be activated, manipulating choices and decisions. A positive step is to realize their nature, so that, when the situation has stabilized in the future, these needs can be taken into account, enabling appropriate self-nurturing to satisfy those emotions and feelings.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

The Moon in the fourth house gives a great hunger for emotional security. People with this position will pour all their emotional energies into securing the steady, protective maternal kind of love that they must have in order to go out and achieve something. Love relationships are dangerous for them because they do not play around and can be wounded to the depths of their being by the apparent treachery of loved ones whose emotional needs are not as deep as their own. This attitude can be repressive to others. They are the children who required an official 'best friend'. If they feel secure in the love at home, they can rise to great heights of accomplishment as they have a deep instinct for people and business, and their need for security is a powerful driving force. If the Moon is in an Earth sign, physical security is also very important to them, and they will do whatever it takes to own land and have a substantial savings account.

There is a shyness with this Moon, a fear of the limelight. In a creative chart it will show one who plans or works behind the scenes; if they actually step onto the stage, it will be only under the utmost creative compulsion. They usually feel completely at ease only in the immediate family circle and among long-time friends. They are self-conscious in front of groups, and they are always cautious about revealing their true feelings about things. This insecurity gives them an instinctive identification with underdogs and all victims of injustice. The rights of individuals are important to them. Someone victimized by a machine-like social institution can cause them to stick their necks out where nothing else will.

They go through emotional cycles and have dark moods during which they brood over the betrayal of lovers, the ingratitude of family or friends, and man's inhumanity to man (or woman). In some cases, their standards of devotion are so high that they can turn aside from all long-term emotional commitments out of fear of being hurt. Also, if betrayed, their love can turn to hate, and they will bear grudges and be exceedingly vindictive towards former loved ones.

They need to be baited at times. Men with this position usually want their wives to stay at home and keep house and not go out to work or have a separate circle of friends. It may mean that the mother was more important than the father, or played the father's role in some way.

(Bill Herbst)

Microcosm: In the 4th, the Moon reveals that your inner sanctum is truly emotional in

nature. Security, self-protection, and privacy are key issues. The ebb and flow of daily emotional needs and their fulfillment is more important for you than for others. Maternal imprints form the walls here, both for better and for worse. The pitfall lies in overly defensive emotions, feeling too insecure to risk fulfillment with others; the challenge is to provide yourself and all your loved ones with a firm, enduring emotional groundwork.

**Personal security:** The nesting instinct is strong, deep, and permanent. Giving security to family and taking security from family cannot be distinguished from the safety of your loved ones. The pull of the past is persistent; and the imprints are both conservative and traditional. The pitfall lies in the risk of giving up too much of your life to achieve and maintain security that may be illusory, or, at best, temporary. The challenge is to learn that taking care of yourself begins within, since control of the environment is an ineffective way to make yourself feel safe. Instead, regulating personal emotions and understanding your early relationship to your mother aids fulfillment.

**Emotional imprints:** Early conditioning was a river of wet and warm emotions coursing through an otherwise forbidding landscape. Imprints were absorbed largely through feeling-empathy. You felt it necessary to become a nurturer yourself, for someone around you seemed to need protection, so you learned to take care of yourself by taking care of others. Early habits die hard; they cling long after they have outlived their usefulness. Nourishment and protection form the core of these imprints.

'Inner-link' parent" The mother is ultimately important with the Moon in the 4th. She is very likely to have been the most dominant influence in your life. It's almost as if there had been a direct transfer of instinct between mother and child, for you are polarized not only to your mother's perceived traits, but also to her role in the family. Although the Moon's house associations always have basic relevance in the life-structure, this one in particular is immensely potent in what it reveals about personality. We cannot predict the actual relationship with the mother; that depends on factors that go beyond simple planet / house connection, but what we can assert is that her role as a symbol in your psyche extends far beyond normal expectations.

**Private intuition:** Private intuition ebbs and flows on a daily basis, sometimes profoundly strong, other times conspicuous by its absence. Don't lose contact with the emotional self within, for your inner guides are guardians, the source of your protection from harm. Curiously for a placement indicating such strong self-absorption, there is often an inversion: you interpret what you intuitively receive not in terms of your own life, but rather as instructions surrounding protection or nourishment of others, especially those you love. This is because your sense of self does not end at the physical boundaries of the body; your psychological territory extends outward to embrace all those with whom you have emotional attachments. In a very real sense, you consider them part of you.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your early family conditioning caused you to develop strong personality ties. This is fine in itself, but it may deny you the opportunity to grow to maturity with enough self-confidence to become secure in your individual achievements. You tend to submit your plans to members of your family, hoping to win their approval and support. You must acknowledge the importance of becoming self-supporting and on your own as soon as possible. You will learn the value of your natural talents when you are forced to use them imaginatively to solve your daily problems. Once you stop feeling sorry for yourself, you will be able to extend yourself to people who are less fortunate or

capable, and to learn how competent you are in dealing with such situations. Your natural compassion for those in need can be used best by getting an education so that you can make a worthwhile contribution to help others. When people need help, they naturally turn to someone like you.

Your emotional dependence on others makes you greatly preoccupied with financial security. You assume that if your material needs are satisfied, you will be more stable; but unless you truly believe that you can form personal relationships without family interference, that stability is only an illusion. Develop goals that are within your reach and work diligently toward them. You can achieve the long-lasting security you want if you plan realistically and work for it.

The first major crisis you must deal with is learning to live with yourself and, if possible, on your own, especially if you always ask for your parents' approval or if they insist that you should not do this or that. Once you decide that you will make your own way, it will be easier to choose your own career direction. You will never be indifferent to those you love, but it is essential to put past, present and future in proper perspective. A partner will give you the initiative to accomplish more than you might otherwise. Knowing that your partner appreciates you will provide sufficient reason to extend yourself in your career. If you accept competition as an opportunity to demonstrate your capabilities, your victories will be even sweeter.

Getting an education to reveal your talents is the best investment you will ever make. Your compassion for others means little unless you are trained to help them deal with their problems. When you can confidently help those who need your skills and understanding, you will also have the comfort of knowing that you can make your future as secure as you want it to be.

You have many intangible assets that you can draw on when you need to. Once you learn to convert them from ideas to definitive action, you should succeed in your chosen career. But be careful that you don't indulge in daydreams or wishful thinking. Put your anxieties on the shelf and stop delaying your progress by being apathetic and indolent. You should feel guilty only if you refuse to develop your creative potentials or if you underestimate your talents. This same negative attitude can make you assume that you aren't loved because you do not deserve it. It might be easier to wait for others to demonstrate their feelings before you make any commitment, thus reducing the possibility of romantic disappointment.

(Howard Sasportas)

Whereas the Sun in the 4th struggles to free itself from too great an identification with the family, the Moon in the 4th finds security and a sense of belonging within this structure. Refuge from life's battles is sought by withdrawing back into the home. Even when they have a family of their own, those with this placement may pack their bags and run back to the family of origin when difficulties arise. They need the home to be a kind of retreat and sanctuary, and therefore they are highly attuned to the undercurrents and changes of atmosphere in that environment. Nonetheless, they may not always make their own feelings obvious to others. Often they regress into their early childhood behavior patterns when the struggles of life become too much. I know one person with this placement who whenever he is upset has an intense craving for chocolate chip cookies because that is what his mother gave him to make him feel better as a child. It is as if there is a mechanism in the psyche which says 'All right, I've had enough growing up for now; I'm going backwards for a while'.

A child normally looks to its mother for security and containment; but with the Moon

in the 4th it is possible that the father emanated a safer feeling than the mother. Some with this placement may still be searching for a father to make life secure for them. In the long run, the parent needs to be found on an archetypal level from within the self. Depending on the aspects to the Moon in this house, qualities of caring and nurturance might have been learned from the father rather than the mother.

Sometimes the 4th house Moon wanders restlessly in search of the home or even the country in which it feels the most safe or has the greatest sense of belonging. Sometimes it is the conditions within the home itself which fluctuate. Often there is an interest in family lineage, real estate or archaeology, and perhaps a strong desire to live by water. The conditions surrounding the end of life may be shown by the aspects to the Moon in this house.

#### Natal Moon in 5th House (1)

(Haydn Paul)

Your lunar requirements will manifest through creativity, love affairs, children, and pleasure. Romances may play a pivotal role; emotional fluctuation is related to love affairs, arising from your innate changeability. This is especially likely if your Moon has challenging aspects, as these can diminish clarity of feelings and the recognition of deeper needs. There may be parental interference in your romances, perhaps not objectively, but through shaping attitudes, values, and beliefs absorbed during childhood, or through living in the psychic atmosphere of the parental marriage relationship.

These sometimes unrecognized needs will influence your adult relationships, possibly emerging as imaginative desires, or through idealizing a partner. Emotional dependency will probably be projected onto any lover; and becoming reliant may leave you vulnerable to later disappointment and suffering if the relationship fails, or if your partner proves to be less reliable and trustworthy than you believed.

The role of children is highlighted, and you will greatly enjoy their company. It is probably that your 'creativity' in this area will potentially be fecund; having a large family is likely, or at least a family structure that becomes highly demanding of time and attention. As a parent, you may tend to repeat parenting patterns absorbed from your own childhood experience.

Artistic creative talents are probably present, although it may require determination to exploit them; if undeveloped, they will remain latent and unrealized, which would be regrettable, especially as you would feel good when expressing creativity. It could be through this route that you become known publicly, if your creative endeavors and communicative abilities enter the public domain and attract attention.

You are self-confident, perhaps possessing a 'lucky streak'; and this can encourage impulsive speculative adventures in business, the stock-market, or gambling. Such activities can generate excitement, especially if progress and good fortune occur at first, although their unpredictability may later tax both your emotional stability and your financial security.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This is a very strong and positive position for the Moon, as it is often trine both the Ascendant and the Midheaven. It gives a strong sense of self and a competitive nature with a hunger for creative self-expression. These people have a great desire to

accomplish something; to be better-looking, smarter, quicker to make money, or faster to turn out more work than anybody else. There is a great desire for victory against competition, yet not to the point of damaging competitors. They know instinctively that a strong competitor is the best means to their own improved performance.

Men with this position will be attracted to and try to win the prettiest girl, the one all the others want. A woman with this position wants to be that girl, and probably will be. She will want to be more than that, though, and will probably try to handle both a career and kids. These people have a great love of children. They make good teachers, particularly of small children.

They also love sports and games. They like sports where they can participate, as well as watch and take sides. They generally like to gamble, although they aren't inclined to become steady gamblers because they don't enjoy losing.

The Moon in the fifth house adds an aura of self-confidence that is very attractive to others. Romance will be very important; and there will be romantic episodes from early in life (though they may be quite brief if the Moon is square its dispositor). If the Moon is trine the ascendant or a rising planet, the personality is very powerful and attractive to others. There is a theatrical flair to it that is excellent for actors, politicians, salesmen, entertainers, and athletes. It gives the power to attract an audience, or a broad circle of admirers. It is also good for novelists, screenwriters, playwrights, directors, impresarios, and others of that sort, because it gives a theatrical imagination.

Men with this placement of the Moon will be attracted to younger lovers. Both sexes have a lifelong sense of romance, and will be on the lookout for romantic adventures or, rather, for adventures with romantic overtones, for the love of home and family usually prevents real philandering. They just want to be assured from time to time that they can get it if they want it. Once youth is past, they are generally too busy being creative in a thousand other ways to keep playing romantic games. In an Earth or Water sign, there is bound to be a 'green thumb' that can grow anything. Actually, there is likely to be at least one hobby at which they excel, and possibly several.

(Bill Herbst)

Conscious persona: The 5th house is an area of active radiance and conscious behavior - life as a stage with the ego as star. The Moon is a psychological function of responsive caretaking and habit-oriented behaviors. How can you be the star in what is - by definition - a supporting role? How can you be conscious and unconscious at the same time? You often adopt a role coming from childhood imprints, especially those surrounding protection. The pitfall is overly self-centered nurturing - seeing others as needy when in reality it is you who has the need - the need to give, to feel necessary and important. The challenge is to make these emotions as conscious as possible, and to respond in a way that offers others what they truly require. Give boldly, but only when it is requested.

Romance, giving love: You're drawn to courtship like a moth to a flame. It is one of the basic necessities of life, like food and shelter. Love is more automatic than conscious, more a product of habit than an intentional pattern of action. Even desire is to some extent automatic. Characteristically, your romances are based on security - yours, your beloved's, or, more probably, both. If there's one pitfall to watch out for, it's the syndrome mentioned above: fostering neediness to create an artificial sense of dependency on your strong, capable shoulders. The challenge is to nourish your beloved, but to do so in a way that promotes healthy, independent adulthood.

Sexual performance: This is the placement of 'mother-as-lover' (or vice versa), and it carries with it all the complications implied in such a melding of roles. Sexual activity is seen as food to quell inner hungers. But since your sexuality is responsive in nature, you often have to manipulate your beloved to initiate the contact. The sexual tone is emotional, lodged more in feelings than physicality; and you are rarely happier than when sexuality is ongoing. You judge your performance by how 'full' your partner feels. Literal fertility is more emphasized here than in other placements. The challenge is to respond in appropriate sexual ways, without creating the pitfalls of codependency, and to fulfill your personal needs for security through warm and moist sexual expression.

Personal creativity: Creativity is second-nature to you. However, it does tend to be somewhat more synthetic than original, in that it emerges out of the stockpile of everything you've ever absorbed. This is not to suggest that there is anything invalid about what you create, but rather to emphasize that the act is aided by processes occurring beneath the level of your conscious awareness. If you have children, much of your creativity is likely to be directed toward their upbringing; and while this may be somewhat more emphasized if you are a woman and a mother, it is still a strong likelihood even if you are male.

Competition: You need to be competitive, and yet the whole notion of risk is antithetical to the Moon's basic function of security and self-protection. Paradoxically, you can only protect yourself by continuing to risk your ego. The Moon shows how a person stays fluid and well-fed, and here that method involves stepping beyond the ordinary boundaries of self, out into the world, onto fields of battle or play. However, your caretaking can both obscure and complicate the natural competitiveness of the placement. As a result, you often support others by challenging them, and this may or may not succeed.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your imagination is stimulated by learning about people who have succeeded by exploiting their talents. A romantic at heart, you daydream about having public attention for your achievements. There are many outlets for your creativity, but you must get formal training so you can meet the challenge of competition. You have many ideas for putting your imagination to use; and you only need someone who is already established to provide inspiration. Your sensitive romantic nature makes you especially vulnerable to the distractions of personal relationships. Your major problem is to establish your priorities and then plan your life accordingly. Once secure in your profession, you will be more free to indulge personal desires. Love is very important to you, because you feel secure only when you know you are loved. You must dedicate yourself to developing and using your creative gifts.

You have a flair for meeting and talking with people easily. You learn much from the people you contact every day, because you are very sensitive to external conditions. You easily accept the challenge of competition because you understand people's frailties and can establish your own position more firmly. You are romantically drawn to people who enjoy conversation and who are sympathetic with your objectives. You need to know you are loved, and you will do almost anything to show that you appreciate it. You want a partner who will support you in your efforts at self-expression, and you want to work toward goals that will be satisfying to both of you. You spend much time trying to find the proper medium for your creativity; and because you have considerable potential, you may have several choices.

You dream about the future, when you will reach your goals, gain financial security

and be satisfied with your accomplishments. But before you can achieve that goal, you must learn to balance your finances to avoid a drain on your resources. Indulging in romantic affairs or gratifying your taste for pleasure will keep you from acquiring enough money for the training you need. You should make your creative talent available to others, but this demands self-discipline. You want the public to consider you worthy before you extend yourself, because rejection is very painful to you. But proper training will make rejection unlikely. Living up to public expectations will be your greatest stimulus, motivating you to achieve even more.

If you underestimate your creative potential, you do yourself a disservice. You must accept responsibility for developing your skills. Although obscurity may be painful, it is only temporary. Sacrifices are always necessary when you establish a goal. It doesn't mean you aren't talented; it just means you aren't ready to assume the position you want until you are properly trained. You have to make an investment of yourself so that you will be secure in the position you aspire to.

Take advantage of the assets that your parents provided, and use them for your own development. The worst thing you can do is to lose interest in achieving your goals because you are used to having others take care of your needs. You might justify your inactivity by saying you are obligated to your family. It is imperative that you develop your creative potential and apply your skills so that you can be completely independent.

(Howard Sasportas)

The Sun in the 5th stresses and strengthens its individuality through tackling hobbies, romance and creative pursuits; those with the Moon in this house, however, engage in such outlets in the search for comfort, security and relaxation. While 5th house Suns struggle to be creative, 5th house Moons feel most 'at home' when creating. Often artistic expression is innate and natural. An inborn sense of importance and specialness allows them to enjoy themselves - they don't have to prove anything. Of course, aspects to the Moon must be examined in this respect to see with what degree of difficulty or ease this principle is operating.

Unless the Moon is difficultly aspected by Saturn or the outer planets, there is normally a desire to produce children. We meet the mother in whatever house the Moon is in. In this case, patterns established with the mother during the growing-up years may be re-enacted through their own children. For instance, if they felt that mother didn't like them when they were small, they may then fear that their children won't like them or they may be afraid that they won't like their children. The Moon in any house evokes old memories and associations. Similarly, issues around the mother could be relived through romantic entanglements.

Very often, those with 5th house Moons have a great appeal to the public in general. Their way of presenting themselves is pleasing, engaging and usually non-threatening to most people, as if there is something vaguely familiar about them.

Natal Moon in 6th House (1)

(Haydn Paul)

Lunar activity will influence health and employment; and you may observe that any unfulfilled feelings and emotional needs eventually have a detrimental effect. Diminishing physical vitality and psychosomatic responses may occur through unresolved emotional stress; and your health quality will fluctuate depending on the nature of your emotions.

When your outlook is positive, health will be good; when you are more negative, then diminished vitality will occur. If you persist in maintaining a dissatisfied mind, then hypochondriacal worries and uncomfortable physical symptoms will increase. Obsessions with health, diet, and appearance may develop if this goes unchecked. If this occurs, you will move away from a natural body balance, having failed to listen to inner messages which suggest ways to maintain a healthy, free-flowing energy connection between the levels of your whole being.

It is within your emotions that a shortcircuit is actually occurring; and you may need remedial action to transform accumulated moods and emotional anxieties. If depressions become regular, you may need self-therapy and personal exploration to become objective about the roots of such feelings and discover how you can release or resolve stress blockages. Altering diet and becoming conscious of the interrelationship of body-emotion-mind is important for your well-being.

Work will be affected by your emotional state, and will often prove an unsatisfactory experience unless you are fortunate in entering employment that can fulfill your need for emotional involvement. Pursuing a career alone will not fulfill unless it also satisfies your emotional needs. A Moon placed in a mutable sign may indicate employment changes; a fixed Moon may indicate being stuck in a position, which could be equally unsatisfactory, although you can favor continuity and repetitive life-style / work patterns in daily life. You find security in the familiar and predictable, and you prefer to take well-known paths through life. Meeting strangers and having new experiences arouses feelings of unease and fear, as you cannot rely on repetitive responses to deal with these situations.

Service or vocational activities may fulfill certain inner needs related to nurturing others. If this path were to become your employment, you might find it fulfilling and personally beneficial; any tendency to self-obsessiveness with your emotions and health would be redirected into caring for others. You are likely to possess good practical abilities related to the health and healing of others. You enjoy feeling wanted by others and being of some use. Satisfaction is received from feeling connected when working directly with others who are in need. Taking this direction may be the road to greater meaning, purpose, and integration in your life.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

With the Moon here there is an immense hunger for significance, for worthwhile work and service. There is a great capacity for hard work; but unless other aspects show it, these people are not often self-starters. They usually need someone to work for, someone they respect. They have a strong desire for accomplishment, but by someone else's lights, at least in youth. Unless other chart factors indicate the contrary, they may lack the self-confidence to work on their own, setting their own standards. There is a great desire for an ideal boss, one who will set standards and limits, who appreciates hard work and rewards results. Unfortunately, this is an ideal that is not often found, which causes them a great deal of tension that can result in disorders of the stomach or the glands.

Often these people are not paid what they are worth. There is a selfless aspect here, a desire to work for the love of it, purely for the results and not the personal gain. Either that, or the effort of asking for raises in salary brings up issues of self-worth that they find painful to deal with. Therefore, they often wind up working for non-profit organizations, volunteering in charity organizations, or even going into religious orders; sometimes because they believe in the work, and sometimes because this way they can avoid issues of self-worth (and possibly both).

These people are deeply concerned with their purpose in life, and will continually keep an account of their record, which creates a lot of internal tension. 'Did I do as much as I could have done? Would Thomas Merton (or Albert Schweitzer, or Mother Theresa) have done more?'

Often, in childhood, they felt they could get their mothers' love only by proof of accomplishment, hard work, and success. The attitude may persist, consciously or subconsciously, that love is the reward of hard work, not likely to come for free (and when it does come for free, it must not be the real thing). If the Moon is under pressure of bad aspects, this constant striving can cause a health breakdown at some point, resulting in a total inability to work, generally because of a desperate need for approval.

As they get older, these stresses can lead to one of two things. On one hand, they may finally realize that no boss will ever fulfill the ideal they have been seeking, and that if they are to function as effectively as they wish they must figure out some way to be their own boss and serve humanity in their own way, a process that may involve a good deal of emotional suffering and painful self-understanding. On the other hand, if they continue to work for someone else, they will probably stop looking for perfection sooner or later, and come finally to view their co-workers like family, forgiving them their faults and working to bring about a happy family atmosphere at work, socializing outside work with colleagues, and organizing office birthday parties and company picnics.

If the Moon is close to the seventh house cusp, or if it is trine the ascendant, these people will be more aware of public needs and will be more likely to rise to a position of importance.

(Bill Herbst)

Disease and healing: Disease is often linked with feelings, habits, and needs. The gastrointestinal system is especially vulnerable, so diet has primary relevance. The most significant disorders revolve around chronic problems resulting from long-standing habits. Any neuroses surround security and issues involving the family, the origins of which may possibly be traced to a difficult childhood relationship with your mother. You didn't feel safe to express needs with her, and as a result have grown up mistrusting others, while remaining needy inside. The pitfall lies in rejection of your 'inner child', which creates hidden hysteria and secret compulsions. The challenge is to learn appropriate fulfillment of your needs. Healing involves the simplicity of taking good care of yourself.

Unequal relationships: All unequal relationships reflect the basic mother / child scenario. When you perceive yourself in an inferior posture, you amplify what you felt as a small child. If you were frightened, you could be terrified. If you were resistant, you could be defiant. If you were angry, you could be rageful. When in the superior position, you tend to parody your mother. If she was supportive, you'll tend toward caretaking. If she was overly protective, you may be smothering. If she had difficulty providing emotional support, you might refuse to give any, abandoning those around you when they're needy. The pitfall is remaining stuck in these memories forever, while the challenge is to grow through them. Become a mature adult by learning to recognize your inner child; and then invite that child to come home to you.

Duty and service: Helping is compulsive, something you don't actually choose, but simply do because it feels so natural. You seek out individuals who seem insecure or uncomfortable, and in supporting them feel more secure and comfortable inside

yourself. The pitfall rests with your tendency to 'help' others whether or not they wish it, like the boy scout so eager to get his merit badge that he pulls the old lady across the street even though she doesn't want to go. The challenge is to perfect yourself by serving the real needs of others through the emotional support you provide.

Technical mind: Thinking is akin to eating a full meal. You have a personal need to dissect the world around you, to reassemble it, to pay full attention to details. You want to understand how everything works, but only insofar as it has personal relevance to your own emotional life. The pitfall is being drawn off-course by feelings that resonate through and around you, like a scientist studying trees in autumn only to be overwhelmed by the beauty of the multicolored leaves. The challenge is to blend insight and warm feeling. Thinking would be moist rather than dry.

Discipline and routines: Your entire system is sensitive to regularity. Once you form habits in your daily routine, they become part of the hierarchy of needs, and any disruption in the pattern has immediate emotional effects. Any time you need good feelings, it's helpful to immerse yourself in the measured pace of real work, the rhythm of a task with a definite goal. The pitfall involves imprisonment into random or self-defeating habits, while the challenge is to provide yourself with a steady flow of positive, productive routines.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are generous and warmhearted toward people in general, but especially toward those you love. Because you feel insecure about your ability to be self-sustaining, you try to compensate by accumulating material comforts. For the same reason, you want to be financially independent. You are usually involved with people who are glad to give you opportunities to show how much you care for them. But sometimes you resent it when they expect too much from you, for you know they are imposing on you. You are attracted to people who seem stable and whose actions indicate that they have the high human values that you admire. You may neglect to get an education on the assumption that you can learn everything you need through experience. This may be true, but it will make the road to success in your career more hazardous and time-consuming.

You take pride in serving the needs of those around you; and your early conditioning gave you the belief that efforts on behalf of others are never wasted. You have some difficulty in serving your own needs, however, because you lack self-confidence. Because of your low self-esteem, you relegate yourself to obscure positions or those that bring limited recognition for your accomplishments.

In view of this situation, wouldn't it be a good idea to seek work in an institution or with some social program? Your sincere concern for people in trouble or in a precarious social predicament would be an excellent basis for making a worthwhile contribution to improve their circumstances. You don't usually seek the limelight of public recognition, but you accept it humbly if it comes, knowing that you did what anyone else would have done in the situation. If you implement your many good ideas, you should be able to earn a comfortable income. You can succeed as well as others, but you won't, unless you are convinced of your abilities.

You owe it to yourself to improve your self-image. You make more concessions to others than necessary because you feel obliged to serve them as they indicate you should. Remember that you also have obligations to yourself, and you will need security later on when you are no longer gainfully employed. Don't allow friends to distract you from this goal, because you will come to resent them for it. Another

consideration is your health, which varies according to your moods. You feel fine when your spirits are high, but when you are depressed you may have all kinds of irritating ailments, such as digestive problems or nervous-tension headaches.

There are many worthy uses for your creative imagination if you recognize that you must develop your potentials. You have no difficulty using your skills to benefit your children, so why not boost your spirits by using your talents when your own career interests are at stake? You usually compensate for it when your mate slips into lethargy, but you must make it clear that each of you has to share the burdens in your relationship. Unless you let your partner become self-reliant, the marriage will suffer from lack of mutual respect. Indulge your mate because you want to, not because you've become a doormat and it's expected of you.

(Howard Sasportas)

Those with this placement find security and comfort attending to daily routine and administering to the needs of the body. Daily rituals like making the coffee, taking tea at four, and the bath last thing at night give them a feeling of continuity and well-being.

Physical health and their ability to function and cope with everyday contingencies will vary according to moods. Aspects to the Moon in this house reveal how successfully a person can contain the kinds of anxieties that crop up from day to day. A trine from Saturn could indicate, for instance, that the physical vessel is a hardy container, remaining steadfast in situations to which others might overreact. A square to Mars, though, suggests that the person 'acts out' every little anxiety - the body just cannot contain or support the stress that quietly. There may be a connection between how the mother coped with daily tensions and the way in which this person does the same. Those kinds of illnesses which can be inherited or which 'run in the family' should be noted, and preventative measures are worth taking. They should be careful about diet - eating problems or overindulgence in alcohol could arise at the onset of emotional difficulties. The body has an instinctual wisdom of its own which they can learn to respect and recognize without too much effort. If they take the time to notice what their bodies register when they walk into a room or meet someone for the first time, they will realize just how much can be intuited through bodily sensations.

There is a need to feel emotionally engaged in work. Usually a job which involves interaction with other people is better than working in too isolated a situation. Sometimes they find themselves entangled in the personal life of co-workers or servants. Those with the Moon in the 6th are adept at fulfilling the practical and emotional needs of others, and are well suited to any employment in which they can play 'Mother'. Unresolved mother issues may be projected onto the dog or cat. More seriously, a pet to love and care for and who is there when they come home could contribute to both psychological and physical health.

Natal Moon in 7th House (1)

(Haydn Paul)

The nature and quality of your relationships, marriage, and partnerships are important and emphasized; and your experience of these will be influenced by feelings and needs.

Feelings of security and well-being are sought from a partner; and you may believe that security comes from togetherness and companionship. This encourages your

search for a fulfilling intimate relationship. There is a danger that these needs will dominate other valid concerns, such as real compatibility, or tend to unbalance a relationship through either dependency or domination. Wanting to 'belong' to someone is not a suitable attitude for an evolving relationship. Nobody is a possession; and this may make you vulnerable to abuse and exploitation by a less solicitous partner.

You need to look clearly at your deeper needs. Just what do you want in a partner? Do you even recognize what your needs actually are? What is essential for you to receive from another in order for you to feel nurtured? What can you offer to a partner; and is that what he or she needs?

Are you looking for a surrogate mother or father figure, capable of protecting your hidden child-nature and making all the important choices for you? Do you adjust your will, emotions, feelings, and desires in order to accommodate those of a partner? Is your identity dependent on a partner, or can you stand alone? Is your focus on satisfying your partner, even at the expense of your own needs?

You will be highly sensitive to others and, if unprotected, this could diminish your emotional stability. As you are liable to experience emotional fluctuation anyway - through moodiness, inconsistent feelings, and restless impulses - additional external influences can only exacerbate this tendency. Yet you will continue to look for emotional sustenance through relationships, as you believe a search is necessary to discover a suitable partner. Resolving your dependency need and learning to respect your needs as equally important in a balanced relationship may prove to be a key for future success.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Here the Moon gives a hunger for response. The life may seem to be fated, or strongly marked by destiny. People with the Moon here, opposite the Ascendant and square the Midheaven, often seem to struggle all their lives against a tide of circumstance that forces them into the same kind of situation over and over. This is wearying, but develops emotional strength. Others do not struggle against the tide of destiny, but learn to flow with it. They may avoid much suffering in this way, but also may not develop as much emotionally and spiritually.

People with this Moon are very aware of and sensitive to public opinion. They often wish they could change themselves and be more what others seem to want them to be. Sometimes it works the other way, and they become very defensive of their individuality. They have a strong feeling for the needs and desires of the public and, given other factors, can achieve success as a public figure or a performer. Even if they do not rise to a level where they can address the public and manipulate them, they may have a sense of public destiny, an inner call to serve the public in some way. Usually they develop a strong personal style in response to the sensation of being the focus of public attention. Where other chart factors show a public career, this position gives a big push towards success. These people feel married to the public, and often have a hard time with personal relationships as their true partner is their audience or constituency.

With the Moon in Capricorn, there may be a Peter Pan complex - a rejection of the ugliness and phoniness of adult behavior, a clinging to the purity and values of childhood. These people often become teachers or counselors of children, or work with them or for them in some way. It takes them much longer to grow up than others, and they shouldn't marry young. Sometimes they never marry.

A seventh-house Moon gives a special emphasis to the relationship with the mother. In some cases, she is gone early in life (dies or deserts), so that they spend the rest of their lives seeking a substitute. Or she may acquire too much control over their lives, in some cases becoming their only true partner. Other factors will tell which variation is more likely (absence of death of the father, for example).

These people are not usually successful in attempts to choose a mate; usually they are chosen by others. There can be many strange and fateful circumstances surrounding their mating. If they feel they are being forced to marry against their will or have doubts about the marriage, they should certainly wait until they feel more positive because it is probable that marriage won't be good for them under the circumstances.

In a woman's chart, this lunar placement may be a partial testimony to homosexuality, bisexuality, or homosexual episodes, because the powerful need for feminine love and affection causes them to keep seeking it until they find it. Mothers of children with a seventh-house Moon should be aware of the difficulties that can follow a lack of physical affection in childhood, particularly the first four years. At the same time, they must be careful not to cling to this child as he / she grows older, but give him / her the freedom he / she needs to learn through trial and error to make the right choice of his / her own companions.

(Bill Herbst)

**Mirrored awareness:** In the 7th house, the Moon reveals that relationships are the vehicle to awareness of your needs. They are not an end in themselves, but the means. If you succumb to the pitfall of believing that others are the actual source of your fulfillment, then you remain a child, seeking out only partners who reflect the real or idealized qualities of your mother. Your challenge is to let the awareness that comes through relatedness awaken sensitivity to your needs, so you can then fulfill them for yourself. Whenever you lose touch, move back into relatedness for more stimulation. Alone and together ebb and flow. Discover what you need with us, through us, then take care of yourself.

**Equal partnerships:** Unlike the Sun's meaning in the 7th, where simple existence of a relationship is often enough to fuel the self, the Moon's significance is radically different. Mere existence is not enough; here there must be regular and frequent contact with the partner, a kind of 'checking in' to reestablish the feeling of secure togetherness. The pitfall involves creating dependencies in partnership. Too much regularity or predictability may seem wonderful, but it is also a very addictive 'emotional drug'. The challenge is to create working partnerships that are both stable in structure and flowing in content. Self-protection is always a double-edged sword; keep your sword with you, but be awake - don't cut yourself with it.

**Contracts, commitments:** Your commitments are not mental experiences, but reasonable, well-thought-out decisions. This is not to say that you misunderstand commitment or enter into relationships out of faulty motives. rather, it indicates that the natural reasons for commitment are emotional, based on deep feeling. Commitments change over time as your needs for security, certainty, and support grow toward maturity. If your needs are not being met, then by all means change your commitments by altering their level or their form; but remember also that a promise is not something to be taken lightly.

**Co-operation:** What passes for co-operation is often compliance or caretaking. You are so hungry for shared experience that you sometimes are willing to give in. This is compliance, and in the extreme leads to a collapse of sharing as you gradually retreat

into a defensive shell. Taking care of your partner - or vice versa - can be natural and loving, but it can also be habitual and deeply unconscious. True co-operation is the experience of willingly mutual support based on good-faith negotiations, with each person taking care of him or herself. The fact that a healthy relationship helps fulfill your most basic emotional wishes and makes you feel good is reason enough to learn to co-operate well.

Natural partner or partnership: Your natural partner is a very emotional person, perhaps even moody. He or she gladly responds to your true needs, and expects you to do the same, but does not prey upon you by fostering dependency in either direction. Your mate willingly shows you his or her innermost softness, even if it is shown to no-one else.

A natural partnership has an emotional immediacy, a here-and-now presence. The relationship reveals something universal about emotion. Though you must guard against the tendency to become overly dependent upon the partnership for safety and support, the relationship teaches you a great deal about the validity of those needs, and the importance of creating a vehicle for their fulfillment. The image is a clear stream, surrounded by woods of lush, dense foliage.

(Robert Pelletier)

You have a deep need for meaningful contacts with people at the personal level. You often make concessions to allow these relationships to develop, and you maintain a low profile to avoid being rejected. You sometimes feel that people are not interested in you, which isn't true, of course, but it would be hard to convince you otherwise. Your initial discomfort about being with others in a social environment will change as you learn to express yourself more freely. Being a good listener will give way to actively participating in conversation, which will show that you have many creative ideas to share. You might suffer some disappointment in marriage if you imagine that it will provide the key to all of your dreams and expectations. Certainly this is possible, if you and your mate have a sincere desire to understand each other and can make allowances for each other's imperfections.

You will face life and its abrasions more easily if you have a formal education. Because you are so sensitive to the highs and lows of your daily affairs, you must learn to be more objective about life. Finding a suitable career may be a problem, but you should consider an occupation that brings you into close contact with the public. Your compassion for people's problems and your willingness to offer assistance qualifies you for this type of work. You like people, and you don't hesitate to tell them so when they win your approval. You hope they feel the same way about you, because you are so anxious to have people like you.

Your greatest liability is that you are too closely tied to your family, so it is difficult for you to meet people objectively in social situations. In your desire for personal contacts, you might marry early to escape the painful prospect of remaining in your parents' limited environment. A strong mothering urge is always at work in the background of your consciousness, so that you want to take care of others; but that is not the most desirable motive for marriage. You must gradually detach yourself from the home you grew up in and take your place in society, where you will have greater freedom to choose your destiny without being challenged. You might use your understanding and desire for personal contact in a career that allows you to help people solve their problems.

While it is admirable to help those who deserve it, you must always be on guard against people who would abuse the privilege and use you as a doormat. Don't get

too deeply involved in the affairs of those you serve. The burden might be more painful than you could endure and even affect your health. If you must make sacrifices, do so for the person you share your life with as an investment in a more secure future.

You are very talented and can do many things that others can't do. This certainly wins the attention of possible suitors, who know you will do your share to make a partnership work. If your mate appreciates everything you do and the effort you put into the relationship, you can truly be on a 'high'. You need someone who just cannot do without you, so that you feel important and necessary.

(Howard Sasportas)

Those with the Moon in the 7th may be over-sensitive or over-adaptive to the needs of the partner, deriving their identity too much from what the other person wants them to be.

Conversely, they may be looking for a mother in a mate. Early emotional patterning around the partner might be projected onto the partner, clouding an objective perception of the here-and-now reality. A host of problems arises if a partner (male or female) is confused with the mother in this way - not to mention the fact that even the thought of sex with the mother is taboo. Marriage may be sought for the security it offers and the promise of a cosy home and family which provide the person with a sense of belonging. The Moon is not that concerned about being a separate individual. Getting married is what most people do - so why shouldn't they follow suit? Hard aspects to the Moon from Saturn or the outer planets may render the fulfilment of these basic desires most difficult: while the Moon in the 7th is definitely inclined towards relationship, other parts of the self may not be so co-operative.

The partnership itself may need the kind of nurturing and caring that a small baby would be given. The fluctuating nature of the Moon could manifest in a number of ways. Those with this placement might experience many moods and changes of feelings in connection to the relationship. In some cases, the Moon in the 7th describes a restless, unstable or emotionally idiosyncratic partner. As with any planet in the 7th, the person is advised to reflect on why he or she has attracted those particular qualities in another person. What is the other person 'living out' for him or her?

### **Natal Moon in the 8th House**

With Moon in the eighth house, the mother is associated with tragic loss or suffering. The native may have also seen the mother as dependent or emotionally manipulative. Emotional sensitivity is increased, and particularly with a water or perhaps earth Moon, or an association to Neptune, there may be psychic abilities. The native is likely to feel an intense need for intimate union with another, and be emotionally demanding in relationships. As a result of repeating patterns from childhood, there can be much suffering in relationships and financial matters before the native learns to control their impulses and avoid negative attitudes.

(Howard Sasportas)

This position gives an innate openness and attunement to hidden forces operating personally or collectively, which might express itself as the ability to sense evolving social currents, especially subtle economic or business trends. However, those with the Moon here could, at times, be confused or 'taken over' by powerful unconscious complexes which grip and overwhelm them. As

children, they would have been extremely sensitive to undercurrents in the home environment, especially the mother's deeper feelings, moods and frustrations, which they may still be 'carrying around' inside them. Present relationships will reawaken earlier emotional patterns and there is the need to delve into the past to uncover the roots of these problems.

Early experience with sex or death may have strongly affected the character. Sex or intimacy could be sought primarily for emotional security or as a way of getting the struggles of the world. This placement is usually very responsive to the sexual or emotional needs of the partner and will probably not find it difficult to adapt to these. Very often, there is a natural capacity to help others discover a greater sense of their value and worth.. They may literally 'care for' other people's money, or nurture others through times of trauma and transition.

If the Moon is difficultly aspected, divorces, endings or separations may be messy and fraught with more than the usual degree of anxiety, although hitherto untapped resources and strengths could be discovered through such breakdowns and crises. On a more mundane level, there is the possibility of inheritance of land or property, most likely through the mother or the partner.

### **Natal Moon in 9th House**

(Haydn Paul)

You may need a new mental paradigm, a worldview or personal philosophy through which the world can be perceived, experienced, interpreted, and understood. This is an internal structure that can help to increase feelings of security and stability. You may have absorbed influential belief structures during childhood - perhaps from religious, political, social, or parental sources - which have conditioned your adult opinions and viewpoints.

You will have deep emotional connections to this conditioning; and any attacks made on it by others will often be met by an immediate emotional defence, as your convictions are rooted in feelings rather than derived from intellectual analysis. In a religious sense, they may be associated with 'faith'. This emotional identification with your beliefs prohibits real rational discussion, and may restrict your ability to progress into deeper understanding due to mental barriers. A narrow-minded and dogmatic attitude may emerge at times, especially if your Moon has challenging aspects.

However, you do recognize the importance of clear values for both individual and family life and, as this is the house of the higher mind, you could move beyond earlier limitations into a higher expression of these tendencies. This involves applying imagination and intuitive inspiration to exploring new horizons. You may stretch beyond the parameters of traditional beliefs into unique personal experiences, perhaps through meditative contemplation and a spiritual quest in search of meaning and life purpose. As you approach life through feelings, you may discover that you can utilize this sensitivity on less rational levels, through working with symbols and images which evoke your imagination and feelings. Often, your type of sensitivity can be more effective than a rational intellectual one, enabling you to feel inner presences and subtler energy vibrations. Prophecy may be a latent talent.

If you evolve a personal mental paradigm, your life will change accordingly. Travel may become prominent, and the concept of 'journeys' may be emphasized, although

whether this is in outer or inner worlds remains to be seen. Much depends on how you develop your spiritual path. However, you should guard against using an inner path as an escape from real life. The real spiritual path is never an escape route; it includes and embraces every aspect of human existence, and is never exclusive in nature. It may be that, eventually, your insights and understanding can benefit others; and you may serve to indicate paths for others to follow, lighting the way like the Hermit in the tarot cards. But all this may depend on moving beyond childhood conditioning and transcending any inner and outer barriers which initially resist your progress.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

These people love truth and adventure, and can never get enough of each other. To them, home is where the hat is, or the heart, and is not connected to land or buildings (unless the Moon is in an Earth sign). They are never content to sit by the fire - at least, not for long.

Men with this placement are inclined to be attracted to partners from faraway places, or from a culture very different from their own. They may also have a hard time holding onto them. Most men with this position of the Moon lose a partner or important love relationship at least once, and possibly more than once (unless the Moon is in Cancer or Capricorn). Often, the relationship seems to fade away while he is involved elsewhere, at work, or on a long business trip. Women with this location of the Moon are adventurous and daring, even if they hide it, and will strike out for faraway places or adventure at least once or twice in their lives.

These people are usually good storytellers and appreciate good stories. They want to hear about life from the horse's mouth almost as much as they want to experience it themselves and tell others about it. They are attracted to various systems of thought, and will try one after another, seeking the truth within each as they seek the essence of life in adventures. They are somewhat inclined to lose sight of goals and get carried away by passing enthusiasms unless there are balancing features in the chart. Their search for the meaning of life can lead them into almost any field. They may be drawn to the ministry, but be put off by its restrictions on their freedom.

With the Moon in a Water sign, they will have deep insights into natural laws. In Capricorn, they may be attracted to a public career. In Air, they will be able to see into human nature. In Fire, they may work to become a virtuoso of some sort.

In any sign, they will have insights into life often enough so that seeking and nourishing their insights will be part of their lives. Trips will be important to them. Many of the important events of their lives will occur on or because of a trip to a faraway place, or because of a visit from someone from far away.

This Moon position often gives a wise, religious, or refined mother, one who stimulates their interest in knowledge, learning, and the truth; although, if there are bad aspects, the mother may also bring grief, have mental or emotional problems, or have a life situations that will isolate them from her in some way. Thus enters the element of search, especially in a man's chart.

These people like to teach, but often lack the patience for it.

(Bill Herbst)

Conceptual frameworks: In the 9th, the Moon reveals that you nurture yourself mentally. The higher mind is emotionally satisfying; and you need to move into those

airy realms of pure thought in order to feel safe and certain, every single day of your life. Your interest in thinking is automatic and habitual, although your thoughts are not. You also nurture others by providing the same mental food for them, offering the comfort of wisdom. This is one of your strongest traits, though it can also be a pitfall. People don't always appreciate mental generalizations when they're needy, no matter how true or optimistic the message may be. Your challenge is to learn about the protection of maternal images, including the Earth herself. Feed yourself from her wisdom.

Cultural perspective: Security comes from making the unknown known. You need to travel to fulfill an inner longing, to scratch and emotional itch. You may explore vicariously, by education rather than by direct experience. But even so, you still feel pressure to literally see what's over the next hill, to protect yourself by enlarging the vistas of your experience. What you most enjoy are sentimental memories of your travels, like creating a living museum. The challenge is to bring everything back home, to make the world familiar.

Higher education: Your education is stimulated by the movement of temperamental emotional tides. You phase in and out of higher education, putting it aside whenever your emotional life is stable, picking it up whenever there is an emotional crisis. Each period of your life brings new emotional challenges, causing you to look more deeply into systems you already understand and use, but also to reach out for new ways of seeing clearly. Of the two approaches, you are more comfortable with expanding previous knowledge; but keep in mind that there are times in life when we must make a significant shift into new understanding. Remember that however insecure it may feel to embark on an alien path, this is sometimes the most productive course.

The search for truth: Where truth is concerned, the world will provide you with the questions. You provide the answers. This is not as immense a task as it seems, for there is no requirement to have easy or simple answers; nor are you expected to know every answer. It is perfectly all right to admit that you don't know. What is critical, however, is that you be willing to let the truth come through you, even if you can't see its source. Your truth changes from moment to moment, from setting to setting; so flow with the changes to stay in the middle of the current. Don't rationally figure out what's true - feel it. Avoid the pitfall of telling others what they want to hear. It's more nurturing to respond authentically. Emotional integrity is the challenge, both in understanding and in communication. Enhance your own creativity by blending objective honesty with emotional sensitivity. Truth is security.

Ideal society: You believe society would be a better place if it were safer for all of us to open our emotions, to express our needs more honestly. There would be no hunger, neither physical nor emotional. Pure mentality would be relegated to a back seat, used only as a tool for better communication of feeling. You idealize a more secure culture where family values are sacred, but not limited to mere biological relatedness. You want the world to become one huge family, where the predominant concern is for children, either literal young ones, or the child within each of us. As Ruler of the World, you would be warmly maternal, firm in discipline, but willing to take us back into the fold.

(Robert Pelletier)

In your desire to make the most of your potentials, you utilize every opportunity to increase your knowledge and skills. You know that success depends on having the proper training when a job opening is available. Your intellectual interests are unlimited, so you can adapt to many kinds of opportunities and handle them adequately. Because you absorb new information readily, your development on the

job usually proceeds well. To enhance your career position, you will probably consider taking extra educational courses. Mainly you are attracted to persons who, like you, are not content merely with a basic education, and who show much promise in their continuing development. Working with children would be especially meaningful, for you can impart the enthusiasm that children and young people need to exploit their potentials. You generally give people the benefit of the doubt and allow them to demonstrate that they can succeed.

A good listener, you get along well with people if they have something substantial to say. You are easily annoyed with trivia, for you consider it a waste of time. You make a generous contribution to every conversation, because you are so well-informed on many subjects. Your keen imagination is blended with creative inspiration; and you constantly think up new goals and objectives for yourself. You are drawn to friends who have similar interests and who are equally enthusiastic in pursuing their aspirations.

Solving your own day-by-day problems and helping others with theirs will add much meaning to your life. You always want to be an active participant; and you abhor people who lack the backbone to get involved in the important issues of their environment. Your career should bring you into close contact with the public. Never assume that you know everything there is to know about people, because dealing with the public effectively requires you to be at least one step ahead of their demands. Purely physical work is not for you because it would not allow you to extend yourself to the fullest of your potentials.

You will be much happier if you learn to be self-sufficient. It may be quite difficult for you to achieve independence from your family, for they may try to make you defer your own needs and fulfill your obligations to them. But you must establish that your own destiny requires you to be more detached. Getting an education may require some personal sacrifice, but the results are certainly worth it. A career in education, travel, politics or financial management would be especially well-suited to your temperament.

Maintaining a high standard of ethics in your job and in your dealings with the public is very important. Otherwise you risk severe chastisement, which could undermine your career. Your superiors may ask you to take liberties with what is legally acceptable in your career, but you must refuse. You don't need that kind of harassment, and you can surely succeed without it. With your resources, you can always offer your professional services to people who need them. Your career could be in family counselling as well as in counselling groups or individuals about their financial affairs.

(Howard Sasportas)

The Moon in the 9th often exhibits an uncanny ability to foretell the outcome towards which events are leading. There is a natural receptivity to the realm of philosophy and religion, and an intuitive grasp of concepts and symbols. The feelings give access to what the mind cannot rationally comprehend. Although those with this placement may rely on a faith which has been inherited via the family or culture, they have an ability to adapt the philosophy to changing influences and conditions.

Ninth house Moons may reside in a foreign country for periods in the life. Travel is connected to the emotional life - some people yearn for their spiritual home, or feel a special link to a particular culture other than their own. Travel, adventure, fanciful dreaming or philosophical pursuits could be used as a means of escaping from stressful situations of the struggles of everyday life. They may feel most 'at home'

when contemplating the meaning of life, praying in church, or when they are about to board an aeroplane or embark on a new venture or enterprise.

Their way of caring for others may be through sharing philosophical or spiritual insights, or inspiring potential disciples with new hope, vision, meaning and direction. The image of God may have a matriarchal slant, although this will be strongly coloured by the Moon's signs and aspects.

In men's charts, there can be close relationships with foreign women, or women who somehow broaden or expand their horizons. Difficult aspects to the Moon in the 9th could indicate problems with female in-laws. The Gauquelins found a correlation between the Moon in the 9th (just after culminating) and writing as a profession.

### **Natal Moon in 10th House**

(Haydn Paul)

You may feel a need to achieve recognition, public status, and success; and these high expectations are influential and motivating forces which determine many of your eventual choices and decisions.

The primary source of this may come from childhood experiences, where your parents held high ambitions for your future, whether realistically or not. This may be related to your 'social class', and to parental aspirations. You may have received projections of parental wish-fulfillment, especially from your mother, who may have wanted you to achieve or experience something that she was unable to reach. It may be that the life you have been living is a reflection of parental desires rather than resulting from your own needs and desires. One way of determining this is to evaluate how satisfying your life-style feels. If it does not satisfy, first define your attitudes and try to establish if they are actually yours or have been absorbed unconsciously from others. If they are conditioned attitudes, consider if they are still suitable or should be changed. If they are your attitudes, reconsider your objectives and aims, or refocus with greater determination to achieve them.

You seek approval from others, as if you were a child wanting reassurance from parents. In so doing, you conform to others' expectations of you, and often deny your feelings, instincts, and freedom. If social approval is achieved, you feel more secure, developing a sense of community and belonging; you need to feel wanted and safe, and may gravitate toward careers that have a high social profile or status. Becoming an authority in some sphere is attractive, and having others rely on you also appeals.

You are extremely concerned about what others think about you. By trying to ensure that only good opinions are formed, you create a persona that reflects a social image appropriate to your role. If taken to extremes, this can cause severe personality repression of characteristics that fail to match this ideal. This can also create personality fragmentation, and should be avoided.

Become a whole person; acknowledge your totality and do not condemn any part as failing to meet expectations, your own or those of others. You need greater self-insight, identifying deeper needs which demand satisfaction and nurture, and taking time to fulfill them. The result will be extremely beneficial and will allow integration through defining your identity. Self-denial is a route toward fragmentation, and is an unwise action which sows seeds for eventual suffering. You need to accept and love yourself, becoming less dependent on the transient or inaccurate opinions of others; living from your own light is more revealing than living through reflected light.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

Here the Moon gives a hunger for success, prestige, and renown. People with the Moon at the top of the chart often have most success working with or for women. A woman - whether their mother or someone else - may influence their choice of a career and help them get started.

Women with this position rarely remain financially dependent on their husbands. Usually they start early to earn their own living, and even with children, generally keep on working, often managing a full-time career. They are usually good at organizing and managing others, especially other women. Often, they marry men who depend on them, at least the first time, as it is a pleasure, at first, to be looked up to as the organizer and protector. Later, they usually want to escape from such a relationship; not to one where they are dependent on a man, but to a wider sphere for their managerial talents. They don't relish dependency, and have little respect for those who do. With the Moon in a Water sign, they may understand emotional dependency - but they will still want out.

Men with the Moon in the tenth often marry women with more drive and ambition for them than they have for themselves. Often, they will go into business as a team, with her providing the ideas and drive. In any case, she generally 'wears the pants'. Such men often have strong-minded and ambitious mothers as well. It is usually best for men with this lunar position to wait until their careers are established before they marry. This way, they will meet their mates working in their own career field, and the working relationship will be the foundation of their emotional lives. Whatever their relationships with women, they will find it hard to keep them private. Somehow the spotlight always finds them.

People with the Moon in the tenth house have a feeling for the public. They know instinctively what 'the people' need and want, and are clever at molding themselves into an image that will arouse public enthusiasm. The public gives its heart to those who somehow can express what it feels but cannot express for itself.

This placement is a very strong testimonial to a public career, although supportive aspects are necessary to make it permanent and successful because there are facets other than popularity that must be present. With just a tenth house Moon, there may be too great a hunger for popularity for its own sake. If so, they may appear to have no strong will of their own.

With squares, oppositions, or inconjuncts to the Moon, there is a tendency to a loss of self-control under pressure that can bring unfortunate results.

(Bill Herbst)

Collective responsibility: Maternal energy is quite powerful in your personality, although you may not always recognize it in operation, since it's so natural for you to express. Taking care of others is a deep imprint, a responsibility you took on early, usually in reaction to your mother. In moderation, she may have been a constant presence, an unflagging model of dignified, receptive strength. In the extremes, she might have been strong and overly protective, or she could have been missing, weak, or inadequate to your needs. In any condition, you learned that it was your job to take care of others. Your protection is not limited to those in your personal life; it goes much further. It is a need to be responsive to the troubles of the world. You draw out the child within everyone, and this can be heartwarming or tragic, depending on how you do it. Your challenge is to be responsive and nurturing in ways that foster strength, and to do so spontaneously without conscious effort.

Professional ambition: Your orientation toward social status will typically be somewhat conservative, since safety is very important here. Any you may be subject to worry or greater than ordinary day-to-day concern with keeping your career world in smooth running order, since regular maintenance is at the heart of this placement. As for the actual profession you might choose, it's more natural to provide a service than to produce a product, since you're more oriented toward people than toward things. You could succeed in any profession where protection, survival, or the fulfillment of personal needs is involved. Ambition is linked with personal security.

Missions and messages: The combination of vulnerable softness under a strong, defensive surface is so radiant in your personality that others receive a universal message. Your personal emotions are sometimes downplayed to near-invisibility; but your continual concern for the care of others' feelings is very visible. Our awareness of the basic human need for protection is stimulated when we're in your presence. We learn about mothering from you, either how to do it well, or how not to do it. In either case, your mission is to show us the meaning, process, and effects of maternal influence, the power of early imprints, and the importance of security, for better or worse.

'Outer-link' parent: The classical parental roles may have been reversed in your family. It's likely that your mother played the dominant role in your external conditioning, in the imprint of beliefs about the outside world. It's possible that your father was a feminine figure, more of a warm nurturer than a firm structuring force; but this is somewhat less likely than the first condition. The reversal itself does not present any particular problems, although it does tend to unify what are ordinarily differentiated roles of fathering and mothering.

Authority: You believe that the correct role of authority is to protect, to make secure, and to provide strength in emergencies. Your own need to be in an authoritative position is strong, but not totally conscious. In fact, you may experience conflict when you have to make a conscious choice about authority or power, since you're more comfortable just responding instinctively to what you see as others' needs.

(Robert Pelletier)

You have a strong need to be involved with the public in your career; but you are easily distressed when people react unfavorably to your efforts. You sincerely want to be helpful, so don't worry if others criticize your methods. That happens to anyone who works with the public, so don't feel you are being singled out in this regard. When you see human suffering, you react instinctively to get the wheels turning right away to provide whatever help is needed. It makes you happy to know that you have provided a valuable service when it was needed most. Since you are devoted to the demands of your career, it should be spiritually uplifting to know that many people consider you indispensable.

No one understands people as well as you do; and your sympathetic concern makes you qualified to help them with their problems. Because of this faculty, people seek your advice, for they know you will do everything you can for them. All your life you will have to cope with this kind of situation. You may dream of the day when you can think only of yourself; but probably there will always be someone who needs your help, and you won't have the heart to refuse. For your own protection, however, it is imperative that you insulate yourself somewhat to avoid the crisis of becoming so overburdened that you lose contact with reality. You have to learn to allow yourself time and energy to use in the way you want; you need to reserve space for yourself. You should not feel guilty when you say 'no' to people who always expect you to agree

to help them - it's a matter of personal survival.

You face the dilemma of trying to accommodate the demands of your career with your family's needs. You are bothered by the fact that your career sometimes intrudes on your close relationships and causes distress to your partner. If your partner is understanding, this situation should not cause too much tension between you. It is important not to lose your own identity while helping others. While it is good that you consider other people's needs as most urgent, it may mean that your own priorities will have to come second. But don't feel guilty for not doing all you can under the circumstances.

With your skill in management, you will find a way to satisfy your responsibilities to your children and family and still remain active in the career that you have chosen, which is commendable. But don't forget that you are important, too, and that you have an obligation to develop your ideas so they will serve your goals and ambitions. You shouldn't sacrifice your objectives simply because others feel they deserve your attention.

You are probably more qualified than you know; and you will receive deserved recognition for your accomplishments. Because of your natural feelings of inadequacy, you will always try harder than others to live up to the public's expectations. You have a vast storehouse of valuable information that will help you when you need it most and expect it least. Don't forget to put aside time and space for yourself; and don't let people talk you into indulging them. You deserve some time to indulge yourself without feeling guilty about it.

(Howard Sasportas)

As children, our well-being depends on our mother loving us. Those with the Moon in the 10th project the 'mother' onto the world: their safety and security needs are linked to issues of profession and status. They are extremely sensitive about their reputations, standing before the public, and what people think about them in general. No matter how mature and self-sufficient they appear, inside is a little boy or girl looking up to the mother / world and asking to be loved. Squares and oppositions to the Moon in the 10th denote other parts of the person which frustrate or do not necessarily gel with what winning that approval requires.

The person with the Moon in the 10th often exhibits, through gestures and movements, a close identification with the mother. As children, they are exceptionally responsive to her physical and emotional life. Later on, some people with this placement may even become like mothers to their own mothers. At some point, they need to sort out just where mother ends and they begin, by defining their own space and physical reality.

The career or profession may reflect mothering qualities: serving and catering to other people's needs, feeding them, housing them, nursing them, etc.. Career issues will elicit and expose their feelings and emotions. Bosses or authority figures may be the target for unresolved problems with the mother or parents in general.

Some may look to the world to mother them via the welfare state. There will be a sensitivity to the moods of the public, and a potential to sway the feelings of the masses.

## **Natal Moon in 11th House**

Howard Sasportas

Those with the Moon in the 11<sup>th</sup> seek security, comfort and a sense of belonging through friends, groups and organizations. They could be very impressionable and should exercise some discrimination in the choice of people or circles with whom they associate. Unless the Moon is strongly fixed, they have the capacity to blend in with many different crowds.

They may like to 'mother' friends and likewise expect a fair degree of support and nurturing from others when needed. Some may keep friends as far back as childhood. If the Moon is in a mutable sign there may be some changing acquaintances and fewer lasting friendships. Early hurts or disappointments with friends are worth exploring if the Moon is difficultly aspected as problems may have established patterns which need to be examined and cleared. Women with hard aspects to the Moon in the 11<sup>th</sup> often complain about getting along with other women. It is possible that 'unfinished business' with the mother could be projected onto female friendships with women. The mother may be experienced more as a friend than an actual mother.

Many people with the Moon in the 11<sup>th</sup> involve themselves in group activities and social outings as a way of relaxing and unwinding from the struggles in other areas of life. Others join groups which promote causes about which they feel very emotional. Some may play 'mother' in the group, making sure everyone else is comfortable or they may even open their own home as a meeting place. There is the potential to stir the feelings of large groups of people.

Goals and ambitions could fluctuate with moods, and are perhaps too easily influenced by other people's opinions about what would be best for them. Provided heated emotional issues don't cause too many problems with others, this placement is indication of those who could accumulate a 'family of friends' with whom they share ties as strong as those of blood.

## **Natal Moon in 12th House**

(Haydn Paul)

You may encounter various difficulties related to oversensitive emotions and feelings. There are close connections made to your unconscious mind, and these influence your moods and sense of well-being. There may be unresolved experiences from childhood and parental relationships that have had a powerful impact on you, especially those involving your mother. The approval of your parents may still be important in your adult life; and your life-style may reflect their wishes and desires for you. You may follow a path first indicated by them; or, alternatively, your life-style may be a deliberate reaction against and rejection of their influence. You may consciously pursue a different path designed to display your independence.

Look at your parental relationship and see how it has affected your life. Determine what it now means to you, and see how this has shaped your choices and decisions. This may not be easy, as the roots of some of these patterns lie deep within your unconscious mind and may not be easily accessible. But if parental shadows still loom large, insights can be found from such an exploration. Your mother's role is especially crucial in this context.

You often feel very vulnerable, and are sensitive to others and empathic to their inner

suffering. You may attempt to veil this heightened feeling nature from others, and may also repress it from yourself through self-control and emotional denial. You may be afraid that your emotions could be too powerful to contain, unless you restrict their release. This can create reluctance to enter emotional intimacy and relationship. As a form of protection, you may lock emotions away, refusing to open and embrace life. You can feel uncomfortable dealing with feelings, afraid that, by expressing them to others, you may reveal your vulnerability.

You may erect a 'shyness barrier', or develop an atmosphere around you of distance and disinterest in social relations. Your identity boundaries can be extremely diffused, lacking a stable inner center. You may feel inwardly exposed to the presence of others and fail to establish your identity. Often, you will simply react to the influence of others, instead of to your own inner messages.

Psychic and intuitive perceptions are likely, and you will be highly sensitive to the intangible realms of life. The nature and quality of your environment is important, and will also influence your feelings of well-being.

You may experience some difficulties in coping with the demands of daily life; city life may be particularly challenging and stressful. You tend to withdraw into the privacy and seclusion of your home, seeing it as a personal sanctuary and retreat from the world. You hope to relax into the vibrancy of an inner life that appears more attractive than does the outer world.

This preference can have either positive or negative effects. It can become a world of evasion, fantasy, delusions, and neuroses if the emanations from your unconscious are not resolved through self-healing. In extreme cases, this could eventually precipitate a descent into mental imbalance. Or, used positively, this can become a valuable resource for greater life enjoyment, perhaps even for creative inspiration. Dreams may become prolific and meaningful; new ways of living may be intuited; you could become a channel for inner guides, able to unlock the doors to an inner storehouse of wisdom through a contact with your spiritual self.

What is likely is some type of inner crisis, created by the clash of inner and outer energies, between inner messages and impulses and the necessity of coping with daily life. This could be triggered by any transiting planets (especially Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto) moving through your 12th house toward the Ascendant and your image of identity. You need to ensure a positive conclusion to such possible experiences, so that results are transformative, beneficial, and integrative, rather than disintegrating your sensitive personality. You may need inner healing, which releases unresolved patterns and blocked energy and cleanses the accretions of the past. This would enable you to face your future with renewed confidence and personal stability.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This placement is similar in many ways to the Moon in the first house. People with the Moon in the twelfth are highly impressionable and sensitive; the mind floods with ideas and images, and is open to inspiration. However, there is usually some constraint. Either they do not feel free, for some reason, to translate their inspirations into meaningful efforts, or these efforts meet with little or no success. The early life may be so turbulent with emotional crises of various kinds that they can't stick to anything long enough to bring it to completion. When there is success, it is often tinged with loneliness.

This is a rather lonely position in general. Men with this Moon placement often have

a hard time maintaining a close relationship with a partner, or with anyone. If they do have a good relationship, the partner will often have to carry the burden of responsiveness as the man will cloak himself in self-isolation from time to time, and it will be up to the other to penetrate it. This usually comes from a painful relationship with the mother, the loss of the mother early in life, or the lack of her nurturing love.

Women with this position also find it hard to maintain a close and constant relationship over a long period of time. They have a great need for privacy. They are inclined to break off a relationship that threatens to become too intimate without explanation; to move, or take a job in another town and leave no forwarding address. Both sexes are often sentimental about love, but deep down they don't enjoy intimacy, and many times would rather do a disappearing act and keep the memories than go through the aches and pains of maintaining a long-term relationship.

This Moon gives deep insights into people and the truths that lie below the surface of appearances. It is good for creative efforts, especially the kind that are accomplished alone, or partly alone. There is an ability to appeal to an audience at a subliminal level. Often they cannot explain how they do it or even understand themselves why it works. This is a good position for detectives or for anyone who must seek answers below the surface. It is good for politicians because it gives the ability to appeal to the deeper needs of the public, although the public life may be marked in some way by tragedy or failure. They may have secret love affairs that bring sorrow or disgrace.

With a twelfth house Moon the public may be painful in some way. These people may be excessively shy, suffer from claustrophobia, or have a fear of crowds. Their freedom may also be restricted in some way.

They do not like to be stuck in one place, and will go from job to job until they find one in which there is a lot of mobility, where they must drive a lot, or can travel. If their job won't let them do this, they will save up for vacations in faraway places. They usually enjoy school, particularly the social facet, and continue to learn and study one thing after another all their lives, though the formal side of learning, with its degrees and so on, is usually of little interest (unless the Sun or its dispositor is in Capricorn). They generally relate well to children and have a way with them. They keep a youthful, eager approach to life, and rarely get overweight or out of shape.

(Bill Herbst)

Imagination: You are not entirely comfortable in your body; you need time every day to relax the ordinary effort of self-awareness. Immersion in fantasy provides you with a way to rejuvenate your willingness to be human. It's necessary; and if you don't get it, you break down emotionally. Imagine being in the womb, completely safe, with no troubles. You may not be aware of your need for release from the pressures of ordinary life, and as a result could go on autopilot, dreaming unconsciously without emotional benefit. The challenge is to nourish yourself with conscious fantasy. Dreams are the background source of manifestation, so go to the well often. Just don't fall in and drown.

Unfocused intuition: Intuition is instinctive; how you use it is the question. Early imprints with your mother or other maternal figures fostered a high sensitivity to intangible information. Now your intuitive radar is second nature. Channelship can replace fear and confusion with safety and certainty. The pitfall involves boundaries. Your own emotional opinions often intertwine with intuitive messages. You may identify with feelings not really your own, or presume your feelings to be messages. The challenge is to identify what is truly yours in the realm of emotion, to separate personal feelings from intuitive information.

Withdrawal or isolation: No matter how vibrant your personality nor energetic your life may be, you become more softly translucent in solitude away from the world. You float with the emotions that surface in withdrawal; they take you somewhere else, other than here, other than now. You need to slow down and pull off the side of the road to let yourself cool, so you can remember the mystery of things. This placement requires sleep to 'knit up the ravelled sleeve of care'. Rest is exquisite when you're in your natural flow; but if you encounter periods where sleep is troubled or denied, you suffer terribly, becoming run down almost immediately. Then you must consciously pull away from life.

Selfless giving: Your maternal feelings are easily aroused, so much so that you may be regarded by others as a 'soft touch', someone whose sympathies are easy to gain. And this is as it should be. Strength does not arise from a hard edge or steely demeanor. On the contrary, your greatest strength is your deep willingness to feel the predicaments of others' lives, and to respond gently. Avoid being overly self-effacing; false humility serves no-one. Sheltering the poor, comforting the sick, and calming the disturbed are all acts of compassion. But don't be swept away by sympathy. Remain a safe harbor in the storm, an emotional beacon, like a lighthouse, guiding others to shore. It is not your task to rescue, but to provide sanctuary, so others can save themselves.

'Past lives': The pattern of your emotions and needs is strongly connected to other realities, which have bled into this life to be understood and resolved. There are significant and deep karmic connections between you and your mother, as well as other individuals who touch maternity and nourishment from your life. Examine these relationships carefully to discern any patterns 'from the past'. There was a tendency toward unconsciousness or habitual behavior in prior incarnations, as if you didn't really see what was unfolding as you created it. Those rhythms have been brought in this life so you can let go of them and get on with the full development of conscious choice.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are well aware that you must learn to stand on your own, but your overactive imagination plays tricks and creates fantasies out of ordinary circumstances, which distracts you from this task. Certainly some of your reactions to external conditions are inaccurate, and that keeps you from developing resistance to people who try to intimidate you. You don't have to take a submissive role, as you will discover if you invest in yourself and learn the skills you need to deal successfully with challenges. The public will gladly pay for your services when you are well-trained. Perhaps your feelings of obligation to your parents kept you from developing your own ideas about what you should do with your life.

You should try to prepare a program to guide you in your affairs, and be sure to include a plan for increasing your financial resources. You can lessen your feelings of inadequacy by freeing yourself from anxieties about security. Take enough time to decide on a career that will give you satisfaction and make you feel that you are providing a worthwhile service. Stop comparing your skills with other people's, because that will only intimidate you further.

You may need professional help in choosing a career that will be rewarding and give you a comfortable living. If possible, get a formal education so you can more effectively meet the challenges presented by your competitors and thus enjoy the more abundant lifestyle that they have. A service-oriented profession seems best suited to you, but that decision is yours to make. You are well qualified to be a

specialist in any field in which you feel comfortable. Your feeling of inadequacy makes you overreact to the challenge of your competitors, and you will probably become more qualified than anyone else.

By applying some discipline in developing your creative potentials, you can derive many benefits; you cannot afford to neglect this task. You must be aware that you are qualified to provide unique services to the public. Finding an appreciative patron will give you greater self-confidence. Be careful not to overindulge your children so that they expect you to sacrifice your needs to satisfy theirs.

Don't feel obligated to 'friends' who try to take advantage of you. You are always willing to help those in need, but that doesn't mean you should play host to every parasite who wanders into your life. You have the rare gift of sincere compassion for people in need of help, which you might utilize by following a career that requires close contact with people. You deserve a fair return for your efforts, and you must be firm in demanding to be paid accordingly. It is a waste of time to doubt that you can achieve your goals as well as others do. All you need to do is establish goals that are within your abilities and right for you. You have all the resources you need to get everything you want out of life, and at the same time you are willing to commit yourself to serving others.

(Howard Sasportas)

Like the Moon in the other Water houses, this placement suggests an innate psychological openness and vulnerability. A thin line exists between what they are feeling and what others around them are feeling. Like psychic vacuum cleaners, they 'suck in' what is circulating in the atmosphere. They may believe they are experiencing their own emotions, when, in actual fact, they have absorbed those of someone else. Without foregoing their inborn receptivity, they would be wise to develop ways of strengthening their ego-boundaries in order to protect themselves from being too invaded. They need to master and use their sensitivity rather than be overwhelmed by it. Some may require periodic seclusion to re-establish their inner peace and equilibrium.

The root of emotional problems is deeply embedded in the unconscious and not easily accessible to the conscious memory. Psychological difficulties could stem from very early infancy or even pre-natal experiences. Reincarnationists would maintain that hard aspects to the Moon in the 12th suggest that present life problems are directly connected to unfinished emotional business from past lives. These could manifest in difficulties with the mother, children, and women in general, or may reveal themselves in the house with Cancer on the cusp or contained within it.

In any case, the Moon in the 12th often indicates a complex or unusual relationship with the mother. The 12th house knows no boundaries: the child would have been very receptive to the mother's feeling life and would continue to be so even when physically separated. Through dreams, mediumship and visions, many people with 12th house Moons are still closely linked with mothers long departed from the world.

While those with this placement have vivid feelings and dreams, they may carefully conceal their emotions and exude an air of mystery. In certain cases, there are secret love affairs or emotional liaisons which are kept hidden for any number of reasons.

There is a natural capacity to care for those who are limited or afflicted in some way. As with the Sun in the 12th, some may be so overwhelmed by deep-seated phobias and complexes that they have great difficulty in leading an ordinary day-to-day existence. In some cases, an institution may have to 'mother' them. Sometimes early

experiences in hospitals or childrens' homes would have affected the character significantly.

In general, the Moon in the 12th indicates a fairly prevalent desire to regress back into the bliss of a womb-like existence. Those who had difficult pre-natal experiences or who were deprived of the mother at an early age may need to heal these wounds before they can accept incarnation and say 'yes' to life.

More positively, the Moon in the 12th often indicates direct access to a storehouse of wisdom available to the individual at those times when insight and inner resources are most needed. Some will act as vessels to mediate mythic and archetypal images for others. The Gauquelins also found a correlation between 12th house Moons and careers in writing and politics.

## **MOON BY ASPECT**

### **Natal Moon conjunct Mercury**

(Haydn Paul)

All Moon-Mercury planetary contacts are concerned with the relationship and dynamics of the Moon's instinctual, feeling, and emotional tendencies, with the analytical, lower mind, and communicative abilities reflected by Mercury's natal chart position. This connection can imply the type of inner relationship between the more unconscious personality functions and those of the separative conscious mind and ego.

The close conjunction of Moon and Mercury suggests a relatively open channel between your unconscious mind and your rational mind; exactly how this relationship works may, however, be variable, with both the strengths and weaknesses of each planet displayed over time. Much depends on the sign and element of the conjunction. If it is in Water or Earth, the Moon will probably be more influential; if in Air or Fire, then Mercury is likely to be the stronger partner, at least in your conscious experience.

If the Moon is more dominant and acting from a deeper personality level aligned with the unconscious mind, this will influence the formation of habitual attitudes, beliefs, and life perspective. Choices will be shaped invariably by underlying emotional needs, but presented as apparently rational decisions; although, if challenged about these decisions, your rational façade crumbles to reveal emotional reactions as the real decision-maker. Another indicator of hidden lunar influence is a strong emotional reaction to experiences, where rational response is absent and almost disregarded when you are facing important decisions. A preference for 'gut reaction' and the insistent message of emotions is present.

If Mercury is the dominant partner, then instead of emotions superceding clarity and understanding, a tendency for intellectual analysis and overevaluation of issues can interfere with instincts and feelings when you are responding to decision-making, situations, and people. Rationality assumes higher priority; and possible conflict may revolve around times when lunar messages contradict Mercury messages. Repressing either Moon or Mercury principles is always possible; and much may depend on the whole chart configuration to indicate a bias either way.

Yet, potentially, opportunity exists to use these planetary qualities and abilities creatively and positively - for instance, through relationships and social communication skills. You can be friendly and sociable, with others relating to you easily, and often trusting you as a confidante, as they recognize your sympathetic understanding. You tend to co-operate well with people, especially in work environments; and your personality is flexible and adaptable enough to fit easily into new working partnerships. Confidence in your abilities and knowledge is usually present, and this helps a positive assertiveness that leads to beneficial and constructive results for all concerned. You also recognize limits, rarely overstretching your abilities and talents beyond the breaking point, and are able to acknowledge when you need the additional knowledge of others who are more expert than yourself.

Ideally, you want people to see you as both intellectual and emotionally sensitive, thus honoring both Mercury and Moon in your nature. You can be a little hypersensitive at times, and emotionally touchy, especially when personal remarks are aimed toward you, as this activates defensive postures and attitudes related to

the Moon. You are uncomfortable with criticism and will act defensively, either by excessive rationalization or by emotional denials and personal disagreements. At times, you may sense intangible criticisms and be sensitive to others' hidden thoughts which evoke an immediate but unconscious emotional reaction, even when you are unable to determine any objective reason for this 'inner feeling'.

The Mercury dimension appears as intellectual and imaginative abilities, as well as a positive attitude to life's experiences. You believe that lessons can be usefully learned from whatever happens and that 'experience' is truly the best teacher. You can benefit from formal study, as you are able to absorb information relatively easily; but the ideal type of study is one which also involves a positive emotional response, so that the Moon is also included. Favoring a more Mercurial type of intellectual activity or abstracted type of study may create an imbalance. You may see life as offering a multitude of fascinating avenues of enquiry; and through this attitude, interest can continually be stimulated and renewed. It is a 'growth attitude' which leads to creative change and helps you adapt to new circumstances. The main challenge is to unite both Moon and Mercury qualities consistently so co-operation results, and not conflict. You need to distinguish between opposing inner messages, identifying those associated with the Moon - habitual security, instinctual and emotional patterns - and those which the Mercury-influenced logical mind presents. These messages can be either complementary or conflicting; and to evaluate which requires your self-understanding. Real success only comes when the partnership is harmonious.

Family life and private domesticity will be important, both as a retreat allowing you to attune to certain Moon characteristics, such as self-nurturing, security needs, daily habit patterns and life organization, and as a safe environment for expressing strong emotions to loved ones. You have a natural affinity with young children, and could become a good parent. Certainly, you will devote much energy and attention to ensuring that your foundations in life are secured and harmonious.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon conjunct Mercury means that you are sympathetic and understanding. A person of strong emotions, you are never without ways to show how much you care for those close to you. You have a rich imagination and the intellectual know-how to express it in a variety of ways. It is comparatively easy for you to enjoy people and to relate to them. You are prepared to accept whatever happens to you as an opportunity for enlarging your total worth. You learn more from experience than from deliberate study, although your capacity to absorb information through traditional learning is greater than for most people. Probably your early training stimulated your interest in acquiring knowledge, and because of this you will never suffer from boredom. You adapt easily to changing conditions, and look forward to the new opportunities they provide for growth.

You may have some difficulty in keeping your feelings and intellect from contaminating each other. Sometimes your emotions alter the clarity of your understanding, and at other times your intellectual evaluation interferes with what should be a simple emotional reaction. You don't want to be thought of as either an insensitive intellectual or an unreasoning emotional person. This should not cause you any serious problems, though, because most people will simply regard you as being human. You are sensitive to criticism and sometimes read more into someone's reaction to you than is actually there.

Because you are friendly and easy to get along with, it is easy for you to work with people, even those who are in competition with you. You rarely feel threatened by challenges because you are sure of what you know. You don't take on a challenge

unless you feel certain you can succeed. People feel comfortable in conversation with you. They may even tell you their innermost secrets, because you are a good listener and gain their trust. With this planetary combination, you have to be careful that you don't accidentally violate that trust.

You will be a good parent and will impart to your children the same advantages you acquired from your parents. Young people feel comfortable with you, for you can identify with them. Neighbors' children might form closer ties with you than with their own parents, because they feel they can talk freely with you.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Neither the Moon nor Mercury is noted for stability, and this gives great liveliness and restlessness - to a degree that depends on the sign involved. The receptivity, emotionality and impressionability of the Moon can color thinking and the way in which these people arrange and analyze facts, and also the way in which they speak.

Quite often, in Mercury / Moon aspects, we find a capacity to take things in easily; the Moon retains many impressions and helps the memory, although here again the sign is the deciding factor.

Moon / Mercury conjunction people talk or write freely about whatever touches their emotions. They are always inclined to see and analyze things emotionally, according to the way in which they have been conditioned (the Moon). At the same time, they are able to pick up the feelings of others and find they can converse with others on their own terms. It is so easy to 'get inside other people' that problems can arise. The Moon always represents the search for a feeling of security; and getting under someone else's skin can rob people with that aspect of that feeling by exposing them to alien influences. There is a danger either that they shall act a part, or that they will be changeable and fickle.

To make these people more secure, they can activate Mercury, however, and may engage in contemplating and analyzing things or in talking them over with others, or they can do some writing (by keeping a diary for instance) or make up poetry. In short, these two planets go well together and the only drawback is that they give a double dose of restlessness.

(Betty Lundsted)

This conjunction indicates a person who talks a lot about feelings, one who is interested in communicating what he feels, and one who talks when he is emotionally involved. The reaction to life experience will come from the sign in which the conjunction takes place.

The conjunction can indicate a closeness to the mother and an ability to communicate with her, unless it is afflicted by other planets. This person is a 'gut-reactor'.

(Charles Carter)

This is often the indication of an unusually active, penetrating understanding; a powerful brain and a fertile imagination. It occurs in the charts of people of high intelligence, and its only disadvantage is its sensitiveness. Sometimes there is a certain whimsicality and eccentricity in those born with it.

It inclines to make the native careful about, and interested in, matters of hygiene, the effect upon the health and nervous system being apparently beneficial.

## **Moon trine Mercury (Haydn Paul)**

The trine indicates an opportunity to reconcile the Moon's instinctive, emotional energies with the mental and communicative energies of Mercury.

You should experience few direct conflicts between emotional messages and mental messages. A channel exists between the conscious and unconscious personality; yet these do not often pull you in different directions or amplify stress and psychological conflicts.

In order to determine your reactions to experiences, you will need to evaluate emotions and feelings; and this underpins your Mercurial intellect. You approach life with a relatively open heart and mind, and see all experience as contributing to self-development. Even though your Moon may resist life's sometimes harsh lessons, you can see the positive value that can emerge from difficult times. Through this attitude and heightened sensitivity, you can acquire insight in addition to knowledge, particularly when perceiving the interconnectedness of information and new ways of using it. This provides a new foundation for ongoing creative expression.

You can be inspired by a desire to utilize natural talents and abilities for social benefit; and your 'common sense' reflects a progressive, optimistic attitude, yet one which is not overly idealistic or blind to life's realities. You recognize that all is not either light or darkness, but that much of life exists in the shadow or gray area between. Instead of dwelling on the negative, you prefer to look toward more positive future possibilities, hoping to ensure that hard-won lessons from previous experience are applied when dealing with present situations. Experiences from the past can serve as stepping-stones taking you progressively onward.

In social and intimate family relationships, you will be appreciated for your sympathetic understanding. You have genuine concern and compassion for others, and a love of fairness and equality of opportunity. You help others less fortunate than yourself, and those who are passing through traumatic times of life disruption. While privately acknowledging your problems and weaknesses, you tend to keep them private, dealing with them by trying to resolve emotional unease through self-objectivity and rationality. Emotional anxieties are usually kept hidden, although, in your sharing and helping others, your previous experiences and lessons may be deliberately mentioned if they serve to support or illuminate problems. You are not the type, however, to unload any current difficulties onto the shoulders of others.

Reason and logic are strong personality components, although these are colored by your instinctive emotional valuations of people, situations, and circumstances, forming a uniquely personal viewpoint. With a good memory and ability to apply knowledge positively and constructively, there may be business talents present and waiting to be exploited, talents which could be effectively released through modern communication media, perhaps involving your fluency of speech, literary skills, and communication abilities.

## **Moon trine Mercury (Robert Pelletier)**

The trine of the Moon to Mercury indicates that you are willing to accept all your experiences as ways to enrich your consciousness. You evaluate your reactions to people, events and situations quickly. Since you derive more significance from your response to stimuli than most people do, you accumulate a vast storehouse of information. This forms the basis for your creative development and expression. Your emotions are well integrated with your intellect. You are warmly sympathetic toward

everyone and show a high degree of comprehension in your dealings with people. You have an amazingly retentive memory, and your ability to recall past incidents is remarkable. However, you don't allow the past to distort your reactions to current events; instead, you make good use of the lessons you have learned from the past. You show great eagerness to make your life useful and expressive. You search for new ways to exploit your talents and usually find them.

Your circle of friends is large because you are flexible enough to make allowances for people's undesirable traits. You earn the affection of everyone you deal with because you are fair and never too busy to offer assistance when they need it. Young people are especially attracted to you, and you make them feel quite comfortable with you. Because you don't expect more from them than they can do, they don't feel threatened. You are never so preoccupied with your personal affairs that you can't spend time with them.

You can succeed in your professional interests because you know how to apply your knowledge to get the best results. You look at problems objectively and are willing to ask for help if you cannot solve them. Realizing that you don't know everything, you are not afraid to admit it.

You may have some emotional anxieties, but you are completely aware of them. You don't generally reveal your personal problems to anyone except your most intimate and trusted friends. You don't dwell on negative thoughts; and, with your compassion and sincere concern, you can often help those who do.

Your life should be happy and filled with close friends, pleasant social activities, and comfortable domestic conditions. You will probably realize the goals you only dreamed of yesterday. You may have periods of difficulty, but you have the ability to cope with them, so they will not be long-lasting.

#### Moon sextile Mercury (Haydn Paul)

With the sextile, the Mercury qualities are often more emphasized, as this aspect is associated with the mind, information, understanding, and communication.

The lunar personality foundations are usually well established and not disruptive or unduly intrusive. You should be able to express your Moon's qualities in ways which also enhance Mercury qualities. Information and knowledge will be especially appealing; and perhaps you will have an almost insatiable curiosity and need for wide and extensive intellectual exploration. For you, the world is like an immense storehouse of fascinations, your mind lighting up with interest as every new one comes into view. You could become a 'perpetual student', loving to explore each topic to the greatest possible depth, and perhaps becoming expert in limited areas of knowledge. Alternatively, this could result in a dilettantish tendency, sampling many varieties of knowledge but rarely exploring deeply. Both memory and comprehension are likely to be above average, thus creating a well-stocked intellect.

What can emerge as a motivation is a need to be socially useful by contributing to your community. To achieve this, you hope to discover ways to transform thoughts and ideas into practical results. The sense of value and pleasure this gives serves to encourage increasing your knowledge. The issue of right direction may arise in this context; and you may decide to become involved with civic and social groups, pooling your assets and abilities with those of others to achieve group objectives. Generally, you look at ideas as sources for practical action and possibly personal profit, as you possess an effective business and organizational ability which could also be successfully exploited.

You can be an effective communicator, conveying ideas and presenting them in a clear and persuasive manner, being articulate and literate, entertaining and interesting. This can manifest in writing and lecturing, and can be beneficial in social communication, especially in activities which increase contact with groups. This can extend your influence and increase friendships; your personality is sufficiently flexible and tolerant to relate to many types of people. You may possess a sensitivity to others' thoughts and feelings, almost like a psychic intuition, but which operates through a Moon affinity of sensitivity and emotional rapport. This can act as an 'early warning system', indicating when people or situations are less genuine than they appear; so trust these inner sensations and feelings whenever they arise.

This sensitivity helps you to be tactful and diplomatic, whether in social contexts or within the family. Others can recognize your thoughtful and caring nature; and, provided that you do not become obsessive about manifesting your ideas, you should be able to co-operate and harmonize well with partners and family. Fortunately, your emotions rarely enter into direct conflict with your mind and ideas, but usually work with them in tandem, so that positive attitudes assist optimistic plans to become productive. This emotional and mental accord minimizes distracting inner conflicts and enables problem resolution to be achieved more smoothly.

Your Moon's emotional warmth and protective concern is an asset for family members and intimate relationships; and domesticity will be well organized, founded on close and effective communication. Home is important; but wider social involvement will be equally so, as this is often the environment in which you intend to apply your ideas practically. Both emotions and mind are recognized as offering valid messages; but ensure that neither becomes imbalanced through overemphasis, as each performs an important role in different circumstances. Intimate partnerships, marriage, or love affairs will involve a high level of mutual communication and sharing; enriching both participants' lives and contributing to achieving personal aims.

You will be attracted to similarly intelligent and optimistic partners who are able to exploit innate talents, especially those who conceive ambitions and then strive to achieve them. A danger is that, if two people are chasing individual goals and dreams, then conflict may occur if their paths begin to diverge rather than run parallel.

Moon sextile Mercury (Robert Pelletier)

The Moon sextile Mercury

gives you a sensitive and thoughtful disposition. You absorb information almost greedily, your level of comprehension is highly developed, and your ability to recall is above average. You have a strong desire to be useful to the people you deal with, which motivates you to continually broaden your knowledge. Because your emotions are rarely in conflict with your intellect, you can successfully deal with your problems without complicating them further. You enjoy the friendship of many kinds of people because you are flexible enough to make allowances for them. Fascinated by anything that arouses your curiosity, you aren't satisfied until you have explored it thoroughly. You are well read on many subjects. A delightful conversationalist, you inject charm and humor into any discussion and never fail to keep your listener's attention. You are so sensitive to the thoughts of those around you that you can 'feel' it when they are dishonest or insincere. Your positive and happy disposition seems to spread to everyone around you.

Your talent for communication can be useful in many professional applications. Public

relations would be ideal for you, but you could succeed in any endeavor that brings you before large or small groups of people. You make others feel comfortable with your genuine concern for them, as you imply that they are the most important people you have ever dealt with. Your tact and diplomacy are so great that even your competitors have to admire you for these qualities. You are never too busy to take care of the endless details that most people find obnoxious.

Emotionally drawn to persons who are educated, bright, and cheerful, you can relate best to an individual who has defined a goal and has laid a plan for achieving it. You always insist on total communication and believe that silence is dull rather than golden. You want to share in your mate's plans for the future and participate in making the memories you will some day look back on together.

You can enrich your life with many interests. Although you seem attracted to hobbies you can pursue at home, you would enjoy the added social factor of outside interests. Perhaps you are a joiner and will find time for civic activities, or you might prefer functions that involve active participation by the whole family. In any case, you impart a broadening quality to those you love and to the environment you create for them. Moon trine or sextile Mercury (Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Despite the harmonious nature of this link between the Moon and Mercury, the restlessness inherent in each easily shows itself. This can make it hard to concentrate on something until the individual becomes emotionally involved in it. When this happens, thinking is both animated and intense.

With harmonious Moon / Mercury aspects, the individual often has the ability to express fluently; he or she gets meaning across well and very quickly grasps what others mean; and this can make for rapier-like sharpness in debates. The individual is very quick at picking up facts and figures, and at putting two and two together. And with the harmonious aspects between Mercury and the formative principle (Moon) descriptions are clear and explicit. The individual has an innate gift for the spoken or written word, so this is a fine aspect for writers and journalists.

The Moon and Mercury are both very mobile. When combined harmoniously, they impart great flexibility of mind and body. But because they both tend to lack a sense of direction even their harmonious aspects may cause one to blow with the wind.

Memory and assimilation are very often outstanding with these aspects. The Moon, which has so much to do with the past, with the tried and trusted, and with the way in which one is conditioned by upbringing, naturally builds up a store of impressions, a store that is constantly being enriched through the inquisitiveness of Mercury. Therefore this individual is well suited to work involving data processing and the general handling of information.

Moon trine Mercury (Betty Lundsted)

This trine indicates a mother who easily communicates her feelings and is interested in dealing with her child. This forms the individual who has the trine into an adult who enjoys relating, who enjoys the social graces and sharing both thoughts and feelings. It bestows an intuitive creativity, an interest in expressing the emotional self.

However, this aspect can be outweighed by afflictions from stronger planets to the Moon. For example, if Mercury trines the Moon but Saturn squares it, the Saturn aspect will be the stronger one, especially in the early years. This type of combination will indicate that the child had a good talking relationship with the mother, but not

with the father.

#### Moon sextile Mercury (Betty Lundsted)

The Moon in sextile to Mercury indicates a person who can develop talents that combine the art of communication with feeling, subjective experience. Emotional reactions can easily be discussed, for the mother teaches this child how to communicate feelings early on. In the area of relationships, this aspect is obviously helpful. As far as career is concerned, the tie between the intuitive-feeling process, represented by the Moon, and the mental processes and ability to communicate, represented by Mercury, can help this individual communicate in a nurturing, responsive manner. This aspect may be wasted in pleasant conversation if not trained properly.

#### Moon trine or sextile Mercury (Charles Carter)

These configurations indicate a happy relationship between brain and common-sense, two things by no means always found in unison. There is usually a shrewd, careful, understanding mind, with a good deal of sense and a kindly disposition, the benevolence of the Moon tempering the Mercurial matter-of-fact tendencies.

Often there is nothing strikingly brilliant in the mentality, but it is sound, logical, and judicious. Usually it is honest and straight-dealing. The contacts are excellent for all mental matters and for affairs of the 3rd house, such as writing, lecturing, and all ways and means of communicating ideas, news, and information.

Further, the 4th house benefits through the lunar influence; the mind is fitted to deal with all domestic things; with land, house-property, furniture, and so forth. It is good for an architect, builder, brick-maker, carpenter, plumber, or dealer in furnishings of any sort.

The speech and literary style are usually plain, direct, and matter-of-fact. In monarchs, officials, and governors it seems to make for popularity and a good press. The configuration also benefits health, gives healthful habits, prudence in care of the body, and sound nerves.

To a man the marriage is usually beneficial, unless other factors, such as the 7th house, contradict this. The wife is often clever, entertaining, astute, and helpful in business matters.

#### **Moon square Mercury** (Haydn Paul)

The square aspect between the Moon and Mercury indicates inner tension, stress, and frustration, and a need for a radical inner adaptation to rebalance these two conflicting energies. Conscious change is required to overcome conflict between your conscious mind and protective lunar habit patterns.

One likely imbalance is an unconscious lunar domination of your rational mind, where thought processes are subverted by deep emotions and feelings, with a consequence that decisions, judgements, or objective evaluation are influenced by emotionally charged attitudes. Such unconscious attitudes and values - possibly absorbed during early childhood or from parents - can condition present choices, where issues of the past still dominate your current life.

Simply put, head and heart can be in constant conflict within you; decisions may be made according to which is dominant at any given time. This temporary supremacy

can vary, like a pendulum movement, and may also be related to the sign, house, and element that each planet is in. It may be that one planet consistently dominates, and the other one becomes repressed. If Mercury dominates, then the Moon activity can sink deeper into the unconscious mind, influencing you more subtly and pervasively from a hidden position where the emotional coloration is less noticeable to you than to others. If Mercury is repressed, then rationality and logic may diminish, and choices may be influenced by insistent emotions, instincts, and feelings; habit patterns may often be security-biased. Sometimes you may observe that, when attempting to restore inner balance, Mercury begins to excessively rationalize feelings and emotions. If this is allowed to persist, you may start to deny the validity of your emotions and feelings, and in so doing repress your Moon sensitivity, creating another imbalance.

Inner tension can reflect insecurity and self-doubt, creating highly nervous activity prompted by disharmony between the personality's conscious and unconscious levels. Sometimes this can manifest as psychosomatic illness, especially nervous illness, digestive problems, and diseases related to the activity of body fluids. Another problem could emerge from self-centeredness and separative ways of living and expression. You may rely on fixed attitudes, thoughts, beliefs, and values for a sense of stable security; but these can also create relationship difficulties if you act inflexibly. Whenever someone else's opinion differs from yours, you may react with aggressive defensiveness, without first considering the value of another point of view. You hate suggestions from others that you may be wrong, as this makes you feel insecure. Your response to this is often defiant and compulsively assertive. Paranoid feelings often accompany this reaction; and you can be very touchy emotionally, often triggering off misunderstandings and communication breakdown.

With strangers you always feel insecure and on the defensive; even with closer friends, acquaintances, and family this pattern persists, although with less belligerence. Yet even in the family home, you react against having to change to accommodate others. Self-centeredly, you believe they should change to suit you;; the fact that they may not wish to do so is apparently of little concern to you.

Yet you can often communicate quite well with those with whom you feel safe, often revealing a touching if slightly immature and sentimental emotionality about such relationships. Your hidden dependency on such intimates may not always be realized or acknowledged.

Relationships would improve if you were less self-preoccupied, seeing others' needs as being as important as your own, and giving to others what you are so busy taking for yourself. Attention needs to be directed externally for you to become aware that others have equal needs and difficulties. Through mutual support, all can benefit and have a more enjoyable life.

Sometimes your needs and concerns can become obsessive; and you rarely see that this represents immaturity and lack of integration. Ways that you evade making necessary inner changes can include obsessions with trivia and matters of inconsequence, continual chatter, which can create unsatisfactory relationships and wastes energy instead of using it positively to change internal stress through self-understanding.

Mercury is often repressed by a dominant Moon whenever issues of personal security dominate life, much like a demanding infant wanting immediate satisfaction. Because of this, you can lack rationality and objectivity, as noted in signs of immaturity, a lack of self-understanding, and a surfeit of emotional bias. Sometimes

your ability to discriminate between reality and illusion, fact and fiction, is weak. You can often be full of unresolved questions, uncertain of what you really think and feel about life and people, even though you defend whatever thoughts you are presenting.

There can be a state of 'life-confusion' which persists until inner transformation is achieved; dissolving several internal barriers between yourself and others is essential. This can prove beneficial and help to release previously unexpressed positive, constructive energies. Frustrations can gradually dissolve if you direct energy toward the path of growth and self-development.

#### Moon square Mercury (Robert Pelletier)

The Moon square Mercury indicates that you have difficulty in making reasonable judgements, because your feelings are usually involved. It can be disturbing to find out later that your actions have shown incredible immaturity. It isn't easy for you to be completely rational or objective, for you are overly sensitive and cannot remain impartial in what you say or do. You sometimes have difficulty in separating fact from fancy, and may unfairly assume that people are criticizing you when this is not the case at all. Because of this, you get involved in gross misunderstandings with many people and can become very unpopular.

You are sentimental about those close to you, and attach great importance to the things you own. Preoccupied with trivial matters, you waste a lot of needless effort and energy on them. Your problem is that you tend to dwell to excess on yourself, for you are insecure and fearful that people won't appreciate you, no matter what you do. In a sense, you are selfish; you need to devote as much time and concern to other people as to yourself. Try to rechannel your interests outside yourself. Just the effort of trying will help reduce your almost neurotic attitude about your personal affairs. It would not only be healthier but also enable you to observe that the problems others have are not very different from your own.

After you realize your shortcomings and can relate to people more easily, you can look to the future with optimism. You should find some comfort working with young people or children. But stay clear of people in your own age group until you learn to withstand their criticism, which you see as a put-down. Once you are truly secure in what you know and what you can do, you should think about competing with your peers. Be careful you don't cut people down when they challenge you. Before you launch a verbal attack, re-examine the facts to see if it is justified.

You communicate well with those close to you, because you don't feel insecure. It is quite different with strangers, though, for you feel threatened by them. This is why you don't make friends easily. You resent having to make adjustments or allowances for other people, preferring that they adjust to your particular frail and vulnerable personality. You hold fast to your opinions and are defiant when anyone suggests you are mistaken. Unbend a little - it will be a lot less painful for you and will encourage others to be more sympathetic and understanding.

#### Moon opposition Mercury (Haydn Paul)

With the opposition, friction between Moon and Mercury results in emotions, instincts, and feelings pulling in one direction, and rationality, logic, and conscious mind moving in an opposite direction. This inner disharmony is then reflected through projection onto the external world, influencing your relationships. While this inner division remains unresolved, relationship conflicts will persist. Decision-making can prove difficult, and you may rely on others deciding for you, as you cannot determine which path to follow, whether to choose instincts, emotions, or rationality.

Inner unity, when both messages coincide, is a rare experience for you.

This situation can stultify actions and choices, distorting perceptions and judgement. Confusion often results, with regular changes of mind or heart which disturb and disrupt relationships. Sometimes attempting to break through an impasse may force you to act impulsively and instinctively with variable results. Equally, responses can be emotionally biased, devoid of rational evaluation or common sense. Alternatively, Mercury can dominate, with an extremely cold perception which succeeds mainly in temporarily denying any emotional feeling at all; choices from that perspective can fail once feelings wake up again and decide to react against the current situation which Mercury has brought about!

As a consequence of private confusion, you are often irritated by social life; and inner friction evokes external friction by provoking arguments. You can be insensitive and offensive to others, unaware of a lack of tact, sensitivity, and diplomacy, although you are quick to rise to others who criticize you personally. Like everyone else, there are times (many, many times) when you will be 'wrong' in life, as no-one is infallible. You may need to learn how to admit mistakes, however.

Intimate relationships and partnerships need greater awareness, concessions, and compromises for them to continue satisfactorily. Otherwise, emotional friction and damage are likely as conflicts intensify through clashes of attitude and values. Family life can generate considerable agitation and worry, exacerbating inner confusion, unless you can resolve innate conflicts. Nervous emotional excitement can be activated; and this can have negative health consequences. Compulsive talking can occur as a compensation for effective relationship, although what is often noticeable is that this lacks depth and content. Increasingly imbalanced, unconscious emotional patterns can distort inner messages and life perceptions, diminishing your ability for clear thinking and clear communication.

What is required is self-understanding and integration between your emotional and rational nature. Clarity and awareness is needed regarding these lunar patterns of emotional need, dependency, and the reliance of security and stability. With the Mercury influence, rationality and objectivity are required to help rebalance inner disharmony. The challenge is to integrate these two opposing messages. Until some progress is made, self-expression can be restricted and distorted. Favouring either planet creates conflict; honouring each planet is the route to wholeness, and the key to resolving this psychological imbalance.

Moon opposition Mercury (Robert Pelletier)

The Moon opposition Mercury shows that you have difficulty bringing your emotions into balance with your reasoning; there is distortion between your feelings and your intellectual processes. You react to personal and social situations in a confused way, which produces problems in your relationships. Your responses are sometimes so emotional that it is impossible for people to make adequate compromises with you. At other times, you evaluate a situation involving others with such cold logic that they doubt you have any feeling for them at all. You offend without knowing it, and then wonder why people seem to be alienated from you. This lack of integration between feeling and thinking can be corrected if you will make it a point not to make any decisions until the other persons involved can express their opinions. If you truly care, you will examine the facts they present and try to meet them halfway. This is a more tactful way to act, and will result in more mature judgement. You tend to jump to conclusions impulsively, but if you can make concessions when this urge erupts, you will like yourself more. Also, the people you deal with will be far more comfortable in your company.

You can see from the foregoing that it is extremely important for you to work out this imbalance. If you can learn to be more compromising, your professional endeavors will be much more pleasant, whether you work with individuals or with the public at large. By admitting it when you are wrong, you will earn the close fellowship of those you work with. Try not to take criticism too personally. When people challenge you or question your opinion, take it as an opportunity to correct any misunderstanding of what you mean. As Alexander Pope said, 'to err is human; to forgive, divine'.

Differences of opinion with your mate may cause you some distress in your domestic affairs. You are easily irritated and argue at the slightest provocation. Perhaps you are an impulse buyer who runs up bills for useless items. You worry excessively about family matters that don't deserve so much attention. Stifle the inclination to tell others the details of your private and domestic affairs. Most people have an adequate share of their own troubles. If you want to report the news, get a job with your local newspaper. Don't jeopardize your standing in the neighborhood by circulating stories, even if they are true.

### **Natal Moon quincunx Mercury**

(Robert Pelletier)

With the Moon inconjunct Mercury, your emotions and intellect interfere with each other so much that you have difficulty in solving your problems. You overreact emotionally to situations and so cannot rationalize them properly. When you inject feeling instead of examining the facts, any reasonable evaluation of the situation becomes impossible. You infer that criticism is directed at you when that is not the case at all; your reaction is out of all proportion to the truth. But you are emotionally aroused and take out your hostility on those dearest to you without realizing it. People can easily learn to resent and avoid you at the same time.

You carry tremendous guilt for the way you behave, but nevertheless you repeat the behavior when similar circumstances occur. A vicious circle is established, which can eventually cause you much mental anxiety. You should resist taking action on any problem that develops until you can seek an objective opinion about it. Your initial reaction is most likely to be faulty and unjustified when the facts are examined carefully.

You have an unconscious desire to be of service to everyone you meet, but you are resented for this. Instead of gaining everyone's approval for your deeds, you arouse their criticism. It seems you are not content just to perform a service, but have to bring attention to yourself for doing it. This touches a raw nerve in people, who then feel obligated to you and resent it. To begin with, you should concern yourself with your own affairs, for they are your highest priority. Forget about other people until you have your own problems in order. Otherwise you will run the risk of being used by those you show an interest in and will be hurt when you realize what they've done.

You can work out your desire to be of service through professional endeavors. In your job, do exactly what is expected of you and nothing more. Never volunteer, or the chances are you'll complain of how exhausted you are because of all the work you have to do. You are too sensitive and easily irritated to complicate your life unnecessarily.

In your romantic associations, you try too hard to be desired. You put yourself in difficult situations with the person you are attracted to and are crushed if your efforts

are unrewarded. Try instead to give your prospective partner a chance to demonstrate affection before you assert yourself. Otherwise you may encourage someone to abuse your love and take advantage of you. Learn to let a relationship develop without putting pressure on it.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With the inconjunct between the Moon and Mercury, we are harried by an indefinable restlessness, the source of which is difficult to locate. We feel that the way in which we marshal and communicate facts somehow obstructs our search for peace and comfort. We need to talk but feel nervous and insecure when contacting others. This may even have an adverse effect on health, and may make it hard to concentrate or to perform work properly. Sometimes we simply run around in circles. It happens fairly often that, owing to a need for emotional security, we concern ourselves with things that are completely different from the things we would find mentally satisfying. Uncertainty can make us inquisitive about the lives of others. We may even resort to gossip and caustic remarks as a defence mechanism against insecurity.

The task of making our meaning clearly understood, and indeed our general intercourse with others, can prove something of a problem. We are not adept at expressing ourselves and run the risk of creating the wrong impression. Failure to comprehend the person we are addressing prevents us from emphasizing the right things, and any interview is likely to end in confusion.

So, whenever we feel threatened, we have an irresistible impulse to fall back on the form of behavior that makes us feel safe (Moon). But this impulse runs counter to the need to communicate (Mercury): our lunar behavior starts interfering and the contact is blocked. Much energy can be invested in the struggle to resolve such situations, but, once they are resolved, it can be used very creatively.

(Betty Lundsted)

Any quincunx in the chart shows strain. The strain is not a big, tense feeling like the square or opposition, but it is worrisome. Because the strain is subtle, or gnawing, it eventually affects the health. When Mercury doesn't express the feelings of the Moon, the internal self is not at peace. The qualities of the signs need to be understood; the individual tends to favor one sign and suppress the other, but both qualities need to find expression.

## **Natal Moon conjunct Venus**

(Haydn Paul)

Moon-Venus contacts involve instinctive feeling reactions to social and intimate relationships; and these shape responses to the situations and experiences. The conjunction indicates that you have sociable and friendly relationships, characterized by sensitive awareness and affection.

You will enjoy numerous social contacts, feeling at ease with others and appreciating a diversity of communication, preferring the company of those whose relationship approach is sincere and straight-forward. You dislike social conflict, and try to minimize any discord with others, sometimes through tact and diplomacy, sometimes by compromise or a friendliness that diffuses tensions. Experiencing these interpersonal approaches as reasonably successful may encourage you to adopt better communication as a personal 'ideal', believing that life can be improved if

everyone is more sensitively aware, and avoiding individual gains when made only by another's loss. You offer your hand of friendship, expressing human warmth, civility, and conscious goodwill. With your personality, if the rest of the chart amplifies these tendencies, you are likely to find success in working with the public.

Usually you receive a favorable response from others; and through reducing the superficiality of many social contacts, you can transmit positive attitudes to people. Shorn of unnecessary pretence, your direct human approach can appear almost too simple - some may even feel threatened and suspicious, especially those who prefer to maintain social masks and distance themselves from others. You allow your sensitivity to shine through and, while some may not recognize or acknowledge its presence, others will welcome it. Your genuine interest in others helps to build bridges between people, and, along with your natural sympathetic understanding of human dilemmas, can place you in a position to offer help to those in need. Yet, if brusquely rejected, you are unsure of how to deal with bruised feelings, and your sensitivity shrinks away from negative responses.

Within more intimate relationships, your emotions are highly activated and given priority. Both Moon and Venus require emotional satisfaction and stimulation; and the quality of a loving relationship is extremely important to you. You are probably attractive to others, and often socially magnetic; and, with your combination of grace, charm and artistic sensitivity, you will receive the interest of many, with the possibility of numerous relationships occurring unless you marry or settle into a permanent relationship early in life.

You may allow previous family bonds to interfere with a new or developing relationship. The older lunar patterns may still be overly active; and any residual dependency on parents or family members may affect the evolution of a new family unit; the 'mother-in-law syndrome' may be a classic example of this! Venus can exaggerate any tendency toward self-indulgence and preoccupation with satisfying selfish needs, with a corresponding disregard for those of a partner. Extra self-discipline may be needed within intimate partnerships, especially in areas of mutual sharing. There may be occasional attempts at emotional manipulation, both by a partner taking advantage of your sensitive feelings, and by yourself when attempting to gain your way.

Home life is important, providing a secure foundation to whatever life-style you desire; and personal enjoyment will come from domestic pursuits, especially from a comfortable home, sensual clothes, food, and material possessions. It is important for you to develop a beautiful home environment; and if you take full advantage of prudent financial management, you will be able to devote additional resources to your home. Your artistic sensitivity can also be demonstrated in improving your personal and family home.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon conjunct Venus shows that you relate to people easily and without pretence. You don't necessarily wait for the other person to make the first gesture to meet you, for you know that this is difficult for some. When you meet someone, you are willing to make adjustments if it will relieve any tension that seems likely to develop. A very sensitive person, you feel hurt whenever anyone deals harshly with you. You respond to tenderness and abhor rudeness. You are fond of people and try to be on friendly terms with everyone you have to deal with. For the most part, people appreciate that attitude, as you are aware.

Your early years probably were fairly pleasant, which enables you to look forward

with anticipation to having a home and family of your own. You learned the value of money and how to manage your affairs in order to have some degree of security. You enjoy the comforts of a good home, fine furniture, plentiful food well prepared, and the joy of pleasant guests. You are warm toward your friends and always civil to everyone, regardless of their attitude toward you. Your tact and diplomacy serve your purposes, it is true, but you act that way mainly because you feel it is the right thing to do.

Unless you are careful, you can become too 'nice', which may arouse suspicion as to your motives. Don't fawn over people so that it becomes sickening. Try to remain courteous, of course, but don't overextend yourself to them. If you give them the opportunity to show their interest in you, they will feel more comfortable.

You can succeed in any occupation that requires you to come before the public. You gain people's confidence because you demonstrate a genuine interest in their affairs. Sympathetic to their problems, you usually try to use your resources as best you can to help solve them. You are generous with your offers to help those who are less fortunate than you.

You will enjoy pleasant emotional relationships with those you care for. Love and romance are important to you, but you will carry lingering family ties to your love partnership, which can cause some problems. You may prematurely enter a binding contract before you are really ready to make your partner the exclusive person in your life. You tend to be more concerned with gratifying your desires than with accepting the discipline required to share a total life endeavor with your mate. On the whole, though, you should not have too much difficulty in making the transition from self-seeking to mutual sharing.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The conjunction of the Moon and Venus brings together two factors that are each concerned with safety in their own way. This emphasizes the need for harmony and for smooth functioning in the environment. We endeavor to cultivate a pleasant atmosphere, and aim for a balanced existence. The danger is undue avoidance of confrontations so as to keep everything as friendly as possible, at least on the surface - Moon / Venus aspects frequently figure in the charts of diplomats.

What is often forgotten in interpreting these two emotional factors is that when the Moon and Venus are conjunct, or otherwise well aspected, the emotions are characterized by tranquility. Either we are inwardly unruffled, or we are in the process of restoring our equilibrium as quickly as possible. This inner sense of peace enables us to take things as they come. The conjunction can give balanced judgement and imperturbability; in other words, it reaches out to affect much more than our emotional life.

Since Venus has to do with the aesthetic, a harmonious Moon / Venus aspect (and we may count the conjunction among these) can point to artistry and creativity. Even if we happen not to be creative, it would be strange if we did not have some appreciation of beauty, and hence of color, form and proportion in art; what is more, we may indulge a taste for luxury with this aspect.

Venus is not primarily an active planet, and in conjunction with the Moon can give a certain amount of leisureliness; probably from fear of being rushed and thrown off balance.

(Betty Lundsted)

If the Moon represents the emotional reaction to life and love, and Venus indicates the ability to appreciate love and beauty, the interaction between these two planets is very important in terms of emotional relationships. Venus can also represent the psychological impact of the mother on the child's psyche. The Moon represents the mother in a physical sense. When these two planets are conjunct, the person has an overwhelming tie to the mother that may seem insurmountable. In order for this person to break away from the family and mother ties, he must go through many more internal changes than the rest of us.

This aspect in a woman's chart represents the daughter who can't leave Mommy, who goes into a marriage and lives on the next block and talks to Mommy on the phone every day. Or, the girl who can't have a love relationship inasmuch as she can't share herself with another person because the ties to her mother are too strong. If the rest of the chart agrees, this aspect may indicate a homosexual female. Often, the lady she falls in love with is fifteen to twenty years older than she, since she may be looking for a mother substitute. She has difficulty considering the idea that she may be tied to Mother in some kind of incestuous manner.

We usually consider incest in terms of the opposite sex - the daughter is in love with her father, etc.; but we have trouble diagnosing when the daughter is too close to her mother. Often these desires are not faced on a conscious level, for they are socially unacceptable. If a woman is homosexual and the rest of the chart doesn't look as though she has reason to be, this is one aspect that may help to find the key to why she is the way she is. However, when Venus conjuncts the Moon, it's difficult to talk to her about her relationship with her mother. She doesn't want to hear anything negative about Mom. Even

if the rest of the chart shows difficult family influences, perhaps even an abusive childhood, she will defend her mother until the end.

Often, these children have been hurt more by the mother than the father, yet they see the father as the reason for all their failures. It's a hard aspect to work through, and for an astrologer it indicates a difficult client. This aspect should be approached with tact, gentleness and diplomacy by the astrologer. If this conjunction carries other hard aspects, the client may be helped by entering therapy of some kind; it is not an easy aspect to handle in one counselling session.

When a man has a Moon-Venus conjunction, the effect of the physical and psychological mother influence is overpowering. This man is emotionally close to his mother - usually too close - and it can manifest in many ways. Sometimes it indicates a love-hate polarity with the mother; the son may literally hate or love her. If the man is father-dominated, he may have a lot of guilt about his feelings toward the mother. If he is mother-dominated, he may be angry with her, or estranged from her, or he may be completely possessed by her. A grown man may overreact to the feelings stirred up by the mother image and may therefore try to cut her out of his life. The other aspects to the Moon and Venus have to be taken into consideration when reading this aspect.

Once the mother ties are recognized, the individual can begin to use the energy another way. Venus conjunct the Moon can be used to understand how we appreciate and respond in love situations. The energy of the sign can be used constructively, for our appreciation of love (Venus) and our feeling responses (Moon) can work together because they are in the same sign. The blind spots will be caused by an overreaction to the influence of the mother. Again, therapy can be helpful in working through the unpleasant ties in order to free the constructive possibilities. We are not meant to remain as a child tied to our mother forever. The Moon represents our feelings and

Venus indicates how we appreciate love. We can separate these qualities from the mother in a physical sense and begin to listen to our own responses.

### **Moon trine Venus**

(Haydn Paul)

The trine suggests you have a harmonious and sensitive nature, often expressed through a conciliatory spirit in social and intimate relationships. Working in a mediating capacity or with the public may enable this quality to be successfully demonstrated.

Personal assets include a warm, sensitive, and sympathetic heart, empathic understanding, imagination, sincerity, an optimistic, positive attitude, and a sense of perspective and proportion that heals, calms, and aids communication if conflict occurs. You should be able to use these well for the benefit of all. With your support and encouragement, many a troubled heart can be soothed. You can be a good listener, resisting the temptation to interfere by imposing your perspective on someone. You listen with an open heart and mind, and then help another to gain a deeper understanding of his or her problems by proposing key questions that require consideration for progress and resolution. You prefer straight talking, moving beyond superficiality and evasion to the essence of problems; some may respond well to this; others may find this approach too unsettling and challenging, and avoid involvement with you. But your intentions remain good, and you know that you genuinely desire the best for everyone, often spending time sharing positive and creative energies with others as a consciously supportive action.

You have a confident and positive self-image, valuing your perspective on life. Personal integrity is important to you, so avoid compromising this; being true to yourself has a higher priority than simple personal gain. You believe that positive attitudes benefit all; and you may decide to reject indulging in negative thoughts and emotions, attitudes that can make you useful to others who are more prone to suffer from life's vagaries. As you probably realize, positive attitudes, thoughts, and emotions generate positivity, while negative ones generate only negativity; whichever attitude dominates will shape and create life experiences.

There can be artistic and imaginative abilities; and creativity could be usefully pursued for self-expression or professionally, especially in areas like art, music, acting, singing, or craftwork.

Love, domesticity, and family are important; and you will derive much benefit from ensuring that your intimate relationships are honest, positive, and optimistic. Emotional satisfaction is highly valued; and you need to feel convinced that your emotional commitment to a lover will not be abused or that trust broken. Having children will attract; and you can display a natural understanding of childhood needs. You will have a protective family instinct, and prefer to keep your home life and relationship private, sharing only what you choose to with outsiders.

### **Moon trine Venus (Robert Pelletier)**

The trine between the Moon and Venus shows that you have a gentle and harmonious disposition. Optimistic about the success of your relationships, you feel reasonably secure that your trust in people will not be violated. You are probably an attractive person, either by your physical appearance or in other ways that make you seem so. You don't have to work at having good intentions, because your motives are rarely less than honorable. You are imaginative and inspired in using your creative talents. You have faith that other people can succeed, just as you believe in yourself and

strive for excellence in everything you do.

You can achieve prominence in work that involves handling people, and your talents would be best suited to public relations. You should always remain exposed to the public, where you can assert yourself warmly, sincerely, and imaginatively. Your presence in a group is always desirable, since you energize others when they lose interest. You have a calming effect on people who are distressed, because you refuse to be negative. Your peaceful demeanor is infectious, and an otherwise dull day brightens when you come on the scene. Your judgement is good, but you don't try to override anyone else's opinion. Your values are well organized, and integrity keeps you from forming an alliance with anyone whose integrity can be questioned. You are never offensive or coarse, and vulgarity is something you cannot tolerate. When a vulgar incident occurs, you simply walk away and detach yourself from those who indulge in it.

Your emotional satisfaction is derived from relationships that are honest and sincere. You don't bore people with details of your private life, and you are not interested in invading their privacy. Your mate should be interested in having children, for they would be a source of much joy to you. Young people are drawn to you as if fascinated. You make them feel perfectly at ease because you show that you care for them.

You could find additional pleasure in avocational pursuits such as theater groups, interior decoration, artistic endeavors, or craftwork with children and young people. Sunday school might also be a rewarding way to spend leisure time, and your participation would enrich the lives of those involved because of your effective delivery and sincere interest.

Moon sextile Venus (Haydn Paul)

The sextile is a favorable aspect for domestic and partnership issues; and intimate relationship will be especially important and meaningful for you. Finding a successful relationship will be a powerful motivation; and much of your earlier adult social contact may be directed toward this aim. This need may emerge from a close and satisfying early life, where you highly valued the positive aspects of family life, a state which you hope to rediscover in adult relationships. Maintaining close family associations will remain important to you.

Temperamentally, you are able to sustain long relationships; and once your feelings have been committed to someone, rarely will that commitment be broken or feelings fade and wither away. You may possess an innate knowledge and understanding of relationships, and identify whatever is necessary for them to continue. Communication is vital within your relationships; and the sextile indicates an ability to clearly express whatever you think or whatever is affecting your emotions. You prefer to share and talk through any individual or relationship difficulties, as this creates clarity and mutual understanding. Your genuine loving concern for partners builds a foundation which is secure enough to withstand passing storms. Faith in the power of mutual love and your optimism that all will be well are vital factors in your relationship. They will ensure that energies are used creatively and productively rather than dissipated in anxiety and insecurity fears.

Usually you have a sense of life direction, and this helps to generate mutual purpose, provided that your partner is included in your plans. Considerable relationship benefits emerge from discussions and sharing the journey together. Yet you are also willing to compromise or adapt your ways if clashes of will or habit patterns begin to disturb equilibrium. You expect your partner to do likewise if necessary, as you view continuing the partnership as being of greater importance than individual assertion.

For relationship benefits, you are always willing to apply your qualities, so that your innate resources, intelligence, sensitivity, love, and affectionate understanding are ready to be shared as often as possible. You will hate misunderstandings or personal frictions, and will be eager to resolve any that may arise naturally over time, using common sense, reason, and mutual concession to heal any contentious situation.

In your social life and career, you have considerable confidence in your abilities, and mix easily and fluently with many others, preferring to see the good qualities in all you meet. Your imaginative and artistic abilities may prove invaluable to your progress; and it may be advisable to discover a life path that makes use of your talents. Financial acumen is likely, as is an effective use of whatever resources you possess, although you may be biased toward caution, which may discourage you from taking advantage of all opportunities because of a stronger need to first ensure the protection and security of family needs.

Children are likely to play an important role; and you will probably display a natural affinity with them, perhaps seeing them as the foundation stone of your relationship. You may become involved with other people's children too, perhaps as stepchildren or through groups or organizations which include elements of teaching and sharing. Hating to see unnecessary suffering in life, you may try to share your life experience, knowledge, and understanding with maturing children, hoping they may learn certain lessons without having to experience the pain of doing so themselves. You recognize that these are the adults of the future and that if their future is to be positive and constructive, they need careful guidance during childhood.

Moon sextile Venus (Robert Pelletier)

The sextile from the Moon to Venus indicates both the desire and the disposition for a happy and rewarding partnership. Knowing quite clearly what you want out of life, you freely communicate this to a prospective mate. You know you can offer many personal resources and can use your talents imaginatively to sustain a marriage. In order to add dimension to your relationship and maintain continuing interest in each other, you try to share every experience with your mate. You are creative, sympathetic, tender, and affectionate and will go to great lengths to introduce whatever is necessary to protect the relationship. You are prepared to compromise, and you expect the same from your mate. True sharing is the backbone supporting your mutual concern for each other. You can weather many stormy incidents that may otherwise threaten you, because you are secure in your feelings about the one you love, and this serves as a binding agent.

An extremely sociable person, you can always find something pleasant to say about everyone. You are optimistic that the most difficult situations will work out eventually, so you are not excessively preoccupied with them. There is no problem that cannot be made less burdensome if it is discussed sincerely.

You enrich your free time by involving yourself in social organizations, working with young people, or by teaching and learning new skills on your own. You are fairly clever in handling your financial resources and know how to stretch them imaginatively so that you always have enough money. You may resent it, however, if someone, say a relative of your partner, makes demands on your finances. You are conservative enough not to jeopardize your own family's security to satisfy another's needs. When you feel there is a genuine need, you are not indifferent to it, but you resent being told when and how much you should give.

In general, your affairs should not suffer from any tedious complications. You have

good reasoning ability, you make concessions when they seem advised, and you rarely fail to discuss a problem that develops between you and others through some misunderstanding. You consider silence indefensible if it alienates someone whose differences could otherwise be resolved.

Your own children will enjoy and benefit from having a parent who talks with them and shows understanding of their 'overwhelming' problems and crises. There will be very little generation gap between you and your children, because you make it clear that you are genuinely concerned and always available for serious conversation.  
Moon square Venus (Haydn Paul)

This indicates probably inner stress and tensions related to your social and intimate relationships; your emotions will be the battleground.

These emotions will feel extremely powerful; and your fear of losing control over them may result in repressive behavior which tends to avoid relationships that awaken deeper emotional responses. Yet at the same time, you need this emotional involvement and those intense feelings. With your emotions and feelings being polarized, you often prefer to retreat from commitment, rejecting the personal obligations that may be required from relationship.

These behavior patterns can be seen in a starker light at times when commitment is required in relationships. Because you refuse to acknowledge the depth of your feelings, deep-rooted fears begin to rise. These can include fear of losing freedom, fear of another's power over your emotions, and fear of experiencing love's transformative fires. Once someone begins to impose his or her needs, demands, and will on you, his / her expectations of your predictable behaviour often awakens a rebellious attitude within you. Your insecurity and fears result in contrary behavior that can create relationship conflict just when real progress could be made.

Your reactionary drive for independence and your tendency to reject signs of possessive behaviour or demands for your exclusive loyalty may shatter any potentially restrictive relationship. While there may be valid grounds for rejecting such tendencies, your reaction mainly reflects inner fears and unresolved personal issues, and tends to be negative, resulting in heartbreak and disillusionment for yourself and others, and enforcing an increasingly bitter and cynical view of the nature of intimate affairs.

Other behaviour patterns associated with this square include self-indulgence and sensuality. You may become involved with indiscriminate affairs and unsuitable partners as a consequence of lacking self-understanding, coupled with a deep need for relationships. Often, attempts at breaking free of threatening restrictions only propel you into other, equally unsatisfying relationships. If you adopt a more passive response to your relationship stresses - instead of taking the active and dominating role - you may experience others taking advantage of your initial trust, manipulating your emotions and needs, and using you as a support and foil for their own emotional tensions and confusions.

Sometimes emotions blind you to the real feelings of a partner, until a situation occurs in which, to your surprise, you realize that their feelings are not as powerful as yours. This tendency toward illusions also spills over into your social relationships, where you often misinterpret the honesty and sincerity of others. You can lack understanding of their motivations, so that judgements are seriously affected. Yet this also springs from your lack of self-knowledge; getting to know yourself better will help you to understand others too, and this will enable you to avoid unsuitable relationships. By analyzing the types of people that attract you and the resulting

types of relationship, you can expose your hidden needs and behavior patterns, and become aware of those unconscious traits which shape your choices.

At some stages in your life, you may need to withdraw a little to gain these perspectives, especially when you are trapped in a repetitive whirl of failed relationships. Your needs are still urgent and pressing; but transforming attitudes through self-understanding may be crucially necessary. Certain patterns active in you are probably derived from childhood experiences and conditioning. The relationship with your parents may have been unsatisfactory, especially in shaping emotional responses, which is why you now have ambivalent and contradictory feelings of need and denial when commitment is expected. There may even be feelings of guilt and non-acceptance of your emotions. A withdrawal from relationship commitment could stem from a similar withdrawal of a parent from you during childhood. You may now unconsciously seek to punish a parent by rejecting others who try to get close to you.

Choice of partner is extremely important, and the key to relationship success; but the art of choosing a suitable partner depends on self-knowledge, so that both are complementary and in essential harmony with each other. Your early choices are likely to be unwise; and any early partnership will probably run into troubled waters due to your inner confusions and unresolved issues. New perspectives on yourself and your needs may be achieved through a transformative period of relative isolation from relationships, allowing a pause to dissolve patterns through greater understanding; this can enable insight, emotional maturity, and greater independence. Personal therapy or relationship counselling could be important to progress in future partnerships. The main obstacle to relationship success and sustaining a love affair is often your unconscious patterns; transcend them, and a new world of satisfying experience can open for you.

### **Moon square Venus (Robert Pelletier)**

The square from the Moon to Venus means that you are apprehensive about forming close emotional ties because you fear the responsibilities they bring. You are defensive in admitting your feelings for others, fearful that they will make demands on you if you do. Your deeply ingrained ties with the past were probably etched by your relationship with your parents. No doubt you were expected to show undying loyalty to them, to the complete exclusion of anyone you might choose. It is wrong for you to feel any guilt about trying to transfer your personal feelings, for your parents should not try to hold you to a total commitment to them. Your priorities are distorted, and a change of attitude is in order; otherwise, the danger is clear.

Your rebelliousness can introduce problems in your personal relationships. In an attempt to get away from the restrictions that you feel closing in on you, you may indulge in an affair that is less than desirable. You could become the dumping ground for the emotional anxieties of others, and you would be abused and deceived into thinking that the feeling toward you was genuine.

It would be advisable for you to become independent as soon as you can earn a living and take care of your own needs. You need the companionship of people who don't expect anything from you except friendship. You should develop a new perspective so you can relate to people with greater understanding and mutual trust. If your intense emotional nature requires that you become involved, be hesitant about making any binding commitments. Marriage could be a disaster if you have not overcome the subtle distortions of your early conditioning. You would in a way be 'getting even' with your partner for damages wrought by someone else; you would be punishing the wrong person. You are enormously vulnerable to manipulation, because you tend to be indiscriminate in satisfying your emotional hunger. By assuming that everyone is

honest and sincere, you could be left high and dry when you most need co=operation.

Time is the factor you have going for you, because in time you will gain maturity and judgement. Don't take a shortcut and avoid the laborious process of learning to understand people and their motivations. That would be asking for unhappiness. Become involved in group endeavors that will bring you into close contact with people so you can learn how they behave and how they are motivated in their objectives. You will also learn to understand human failings and to judge more clearly anyone to whom you are affectionately drawn.

Moon opposition Venus (Haydn Paul)

This opposition indicates that a major source of dissatisfaction will occur in social relationships. You may feel emotionally blocked in dealing with others, and uneasy in social company. This may be a pattern persisting since childhood, when you may have felt unloved and misunderstood by your parents, especially your mother.

The opposition implies a psychological

projection of inner unresolved issues onto people and the external world, creating an opportunity to experience these reflected back at you; your tensions and stresses are 'embodied' by others and demonstrated in the nature of your relationships with them. You have a tendency to feel unloved; and this insecurity is communicated in subtle ways to others, who may sense that you are 'hiding something'; this, in turn, casts doubt on your sincerity. As distance enters your relationships, your negative feelings and fears of being disliked are reinforced, and the cycle perpetuates itself. Others may find it hard to relax around you, perhaps may feel uncomfortable in your presence or ready to oppose or reject you, misunderstanding your attempts at contact and communication, and, feeling suspicious of your intentions, generally keep you at a distance.

Because vitalizing and harmonizing feelings are inwardly blocked, they fail to enter your social relationships. People may perceive you as cold, unfriendly, or distant, and find it too much effort to spend time and energy slowly getting to know you. Your impression of reserve and disregard for social involvement works against you. It isn't really what you want; it's just that inner inhibitions are too active to allow you movement across those barriers whenever you want, or to allow others to cross toward you. Your attempts to share and communicate are erratic, often superficial, and lack a recognizable warmth. Even when you are admiring someone's achievements or making gestures of appreciation, there can be an unconvincing delivery, as though you are going through socially acceptable motions but not putting any heart into it. AS you know, this isn't the truth; but the inability to communicate your sensitive emotional nature to others creates a misleading impression of your character.

You may make compensatory attempts to avoid confronting your emotional unfulfillment; and these can include a preoccupation with material possessions, money, and comforts. You may attempt to form an identity and self-worth founded on physical acquisitions, or through a life-style which reflects Venusian tendencies toward sensuality and luxury. Sexual activity without emotional involvement may attract if opportunities present themselves, and may possibly be taken to gain some sense of security and attention from others, as well as for pleasure. Excessive food consumption or denial through anorexia may also act as compensatory actions. Passivity in relationships might be adopted, so that rejections caused by another's displeasure or conflicts created by your assertiveness are minimized.

Despite your efforts, social friction may persist, and often erupts through emotions

and feelings, causing crises of adjustment until you resolve inner tendencies and understand that, despite your need for closeness, it is your unconscious behavior which pushes people away. Inner barriers need dismantling; and moving beyond your inhibiting patterns requires some risks and overcoming security needs. Be open to contact; be more friendly and less distant; share yourself more easily; drop expectations about people; be less judgemental. Try to relate intellectually rather than just emotionally, because your emotions still need cleansing and healing before their agitative vibration becomes more settled.

Learn how to co-operate better by making effective adjustments and mutual concessions. The likelihood is that, over time, the quality of your relationships will improve, enabling blocked emotional energies to be released gradually and safely, as you feel able to open to a new type of contact with people and the environment. Then you may discover that you possess something of great value which can be shared with others for mutual benefit. If you can make the transition, perhaps you can help others who also have difficulty in relating socially; at least when you meet those whom you recognize as being in a similar position, you can offer your hand of friendship across the great divide, helping them to come out of their shell of insecurity.

#### Moon opposition Venus (Robert Pelletier)

The Moon opposition to Venus shows that you are challenged by other people no matter what you try to do. They especially try to take issue with you when you want to show appreciation for favors they have done. You are generous in praising those you deal with, but somehow you try too hard to convince them of your sincerity. In your desire to be loved, you don't want to risk anyone's displeasure. You really want to co-operate with others, but they don't react as though you do. The people you love most misunderstand you, so you are often at odds with them. Others tend to be defensive and suspicious of you when you show an interest in them, because you give the impression that you want something from them.

Try not to expect too much from those you are attracted to. It would be beneficial for you to get involved in enterprises or social endeavors with the people you are fond of. Learn to relate to them on an intellectual level, to understand them and their problems, and to be generous and helpful when they indicate a need for assistance. Let them get to know you and understand that you don't want anything from them except friendship. As you adjust your desires to be more co-operative with others, you will find that they will make concessions to you.

You have a taste for expensive things, and could easily spend more than you earn to satisfy your longing for comforts. The real reason you seek these physical comforts is to compensate for the difficulties you have in achieving emotional satisfaction. You could find that there are always strings attached to the possessions you acquire. You may try to use sex as a device to attract the physical security you want. But this tactic can introduce unhealthy complications in your relationships and could eventually lead to legal problems. You may not like to hear the truth, but your current and future happiness depend on it.

You can be successful in activities that bring you before the public. It might be better not to work at all closely with the affairs of the people you would serve, at least until you can become more detached in your attitude. You tend to personalize incidents in the affairs of others, and your judgement is colored by emotional considerations as if these matters were your personal concern. Learn to mind your own business.

Important emotional crises can occur in your life, which would indicate that

maladjustments continue to exist between you and the people with whom you are closely involved.

Moon square Venus (Betty Lundsted)

The Moon represents the physical mother and how she reacts to her life at the time of our birth, and how she reacts to us emotionally. Venus represents the psychological effect of the mother's concepts of femininity and love that is retained in our psyche. The square between these planets represents emotional stress absorbed in the childhood. This square indicates excessive feelings of resentment regarding the biological role women are forced to play; it therefore indicates that the mother had certain resentments about the responsibilities of motherhood when this child was born. She may have grown out of these feelings; she may have adjusted to the role of motherhood later on in the marriage. But when this child was born, the mother passed on a feeling that women had to justify or prove their existence, that a woman was a second-class citizen.

When this aspect occurs in a woman's chart, it often indicates a deep-rooted feeling of insecurity about her femininity, feelings of insecurity about motherhood, feelings of resentment about the biological role that women must play. The resentment is directed toward the dedication that is deemed necessary in order to raise children, for a woman with this aspect doesn't like the drudgery involved in caring for children. Women with this aspect may not marry, because they are often afraid to admit that they don't want children of their own. They may not feel that they are really womanly or feminine; they resent the freedom they think men have; sometimes they function on a homosexual level in order to avoid pregnancy. If they have little exposure to the concept of femininity on any level, these women may even be prone to hysterectomy, for they are subconsciously willing to give up the physical symbols of femininity. It's very difficult to get mature women to talk freely about this aspect because our culture programs all women to 'enjoy' motherhood. Until recent years, if a woman didn't want children we thought there was something wrong with her. Until now, a woman who didn't want children had to avoid discussing her feelings about the matter; she simply would avoid marriage, for example. She might have dated only noneligible ne'er-do-wells, enabling her to 'righteously' avoid marriage, since it makes no sense to marry an alcoholic, a drug addict or an unemployable. (Her friends and family merely deplored her taste in men.)

There are many ways this aspect can defeat the feminine function. A woman may fall in love with a married man, but the relationship obviously cannot be consummated with children. Or, she may avoid all relationships. Or, she may function on a homosexual level; everyone is so busy diagnosing her 'homosexual problem' that they never look into the underlying cause - a fear of motherhood, a rejection of the biological role. Women who have children in spite of this aspect are often pushed into motherhood by the social pressures engendered by friends and family. They seldom enjoy the early years of motherhood, and resent not being free to have a career. Sometimes this resentment is taken out on her children. How much resentment may be directed toward her children will be shown by the other Moon or Venus aspects in her chart. This aspect is seldom discussed with her children, for she often feels guilty about her attitude toward them and later pretends that she 'loved' her children always.

If the woman with the Moon-Venus square understands that she is afraid of motherhood, as well as the feminine side of her nature, she can then begin to consciously open up to allow herself to examine the 'woman' experience. A 'woman' doesn't have to be our mother's concept of womanhood - especially in today's culture. Today's woman is free to explore her femininity; literature is available about the women's movement, the mythology of woman, the positions held by women in ancient

religions, the female goddesses, and the emergence of woman-consciousness. These doors are closed to her if she cannot first accept that there is a problem to be worked out. Many women think that if they recognize Mom's problem they have to hate her for it. As we mature and as we begin to experience our own life crises, we begin to understand that we, too, may have a child in the middle of a growth cycle and that our growing pains will affect our child as well. When we understand this, we can no longer hate a mother who gave all she was capable of, for she could give only what she knew. Perhaps both the child and the mother learn something from their relationship to each other.

The male born with Venus square the Moon has a different problem because he is a man and not a woman. His mother didn't like her biological role; she resented being stuck with diapers and the 2 a.m. feedings, and she probably didn't get enough understanding or help from her husband when this child was born. The mother may have given up all hope of a much wanted career.

The male with this aspect has a different dilemma from the female who has it, for he will have to make peace with the concept of his emotional worth, or his values regarding women, or both. When he grows up, the chances are that he won't expect a woman to be in his corner, and he may have a closed attitude about the possibilities of any love relationship. He is affected by his mother's lack of respect for 'womanhood' in general. The square indicates that his Mom didn't like or respect other women; and, if she's a woman and she didn't like women, why should he?

His image of woman is not healthy. He may dislike his mother intense, for if Venus indicates the psychological influence of his mother, the square indicates that the influence was not constructive. Venus (the concept of love) works against (square) his normal emotional responses (Moon). He is apt to be confused about love situations. In order to further understand the possibilities of this particular configuration, look at the other aspects to Venus, the Moon and Mars. This will give a picture of the odds as to how he will choose to express himself emotionally. This can be the chart of a man who chooses to express himself homosexually because he really dislikes his mother as well as women in general. This may be a man who overreacts whenever he has contact with women. This aspect can indicate a man who doesn't appreciate (Venus) his own feeling nature (Moon).

Moon opposition Venus (Betty Lundsted)

This aspect is analogous to the square. There is a dichotomy between the physical mother and the psychological effect that she has on the child. There is sometimes a loss of the mother, or of some aspect of the mother's love. Sometimes the child spends time with a grandparent or an aunt in the early years, for the mother may be busy doing something else, or she may be ill, etc..

This aspect works differently in the chart of a woman from in the chart of a man. A woman will be forced to consider her own concept of self-worth as a woman. A man will have to cope with his relation to his anima and how that relationship affects his attitudes toward the women in his life.

The opposition, like the square, indicates the problems a woman has accepting her biological role; it also indicates a susceptibility to women's diseases (hysterectomy or uterine / ovarian problems that can occur in later life). Metaphysically, these types of illnesses can be avoided if she works consciously to develop a sense of self-worth as a woman. If she comes from a generation that faced social pressures regarding marriage and children, she may be difficult to counsel because she may not want to face the fact that she did not or does not enjoy the role of mother. She may often

relate better to her children after they are grown. If a young woman wants to work with this aspect, she must be willing to cope with her fear of being abandoned, for many times the Venus-Moon afflictions occur in charts of children raised by mothers who were abandoned by their men, or who were married to irresponsible men and, therefore, emotionally abandoned. The child carries a subconscious memory which produces a fear that she may be abandoned if she becomes pregnant. Such women seldom encourage relationships with men which might result in pregnancy. I've seen this aspect work in charts of women who married men with children from a previous marriage. A woman may seek a man who has gained custody of his children by a previous marriage, since a man who has custody of his children obviously cares enough about children to help raise any she may have by him. When these women avoid the biological role, they sometimes marry much older men who are not likely to want children. Or, they pick men who have had children by other women; they can then become honorary mothers. They may adopt children so that they don't have to go through the birth trauma.

A man with Venus opposing the Moon has been affected emotionally in an adverse manner by his mother's influence in his early childhood. His feeling responses are inhibited because his mother pushed something on him when he was very young. What that 'something' was varies from family to family. Venus indicates the psychological influence of the mother, so this is the planet to diagnose first since it functions on a more subconscious level.

People with the Moon-Venus opposition don't really believe they will ever have what they want from a love relationship. In order to satisfy their own emotional expectations, they feel they must compromise themselves. The compromise can be worked out, for the opposition is an easier aspect to work through than the square. The square always operates in excess, while the opposition temporizes the opposite sign. The cure requires acknowledgement of the needs of both sides of the wheel.

The man with the Venus-Moon opposition expects that relationships must be compromised; he expects that he can't satisfy his feelings in a relationship with a woman, and secretly resents his mother for making him feel this way. After the age of thirty, the compromise can be more easily worked out from a conscious point.

Emotionally, both the male and female with this opposition have difficulty in relationships. Until the opposition is understood, the female will bring her insecurity about her femininity into her relationships. She will defend her womanhood to the 'nth degree. We only become defensive of something we don't possess, for, when we know we have it (perhaps a sense of self-worth), we don't need to attack others to defend our position.

This aspect may lend to women a proclivity toward picking lovers who really don't like women; lovers who may have had severe problems with mother as well. When a woman with this opposition decides she is no longer a second-class citizen, she will choose a different type of man. When men haven't solved the mother-hate problem, they usually pass on their injurious feelings to the wife or girlfriend.

The male with this aspect is uncomfortable on two counts. He doesn't really like his own emotional nature; he doesn't really like his mother, and he therefore doesn't really feel comfortable with women. This dislike of women can manifest in homosexuality or in the abusive treatment of women. In more sensitive souls, it can indicate a man who must feel totally 'on top of' an emotional involvement, fearing the female take-over that he expects to happen at any moment. This can produce the male chauvinist; the guy who won't be understanding of his wife, and may treat her as though she were 'the enemy'.

His emotional nature makes him feel uneasy as well, but this is an internal problem. The dilemma in his emotional nature causes inner tension. It's painful, but with conscious understanding comes a release from the pain.

## **Natal Moon conjunct Mars**

(Haydn Paul)

Moon and Mars contacts involve the psychological relationship between instinctive and emotional patterns with an ability to act decisively by applying a consistent will directed toward achieving aims.

The conjunction indicates you have strong emotions and feelings which influence perceptions and decisions. Their intensity may often feel uncomfortable and frightening, especially in situations of heightened passion or confrontation. You are aware that unleashing these energies often results in displays of temper, emotional outbursts, and anger, and that your sometimes belligerent style of disagreeing with others is actually a form of self-defence. Being overly sensitive to others' reactions and having emotional anxiety can create a mental state where you imagine that others criticize or plot against you. Before such situations are proven real, you are ready to retaliate.

Until a deeper integration and understanding of these energies occurs, you may find that contentious relationships continue. Those erratic and volatile emotions help to stimulate inner agitation, and this friction spills over into your exchanges with others. While you want to form better relationships, there are often problems with co-operation and trust, at work and in intimate partnerships. You are both attracted to and repulsed by emotional intimacy, often unable to deal with powerful feelings due to emotional immaturity; and others may sense these raging feelings and withdraw from closer contact. Rejection strikes into your deepest core. Reacting against the pain, you often strike out verbally with unkind words designed to damage and wound, or throw childish temper tantrums when needs are denied. You are liable to brood on any rejection, often continuing to criticize someone to friends for a long time afterward. Perceptions of losing erode a fragile self-esteem.

One of your major problems may be self-preoccupation; concerned with your private emotional world, you fail to recognize that others have needs too, and that they are also emotionally sensitive. Your world is egocentric and revolves around your desires, expecting others to serve your needs, and rejecting attempts at compromise. Being unaware of these tendencies is no excuse; failing to acknowledge that others have an equal sensitivity is a denial of reality. If you react against criticism, then so do others from you. You need to realize that others' needs are as important as yours. Compromise between all concerned is necessary to minimize conflicts. Emotional reactions distort your perceptions and evaluations, influencing choices, decisions, and actions; and sometimes these may contradict rationality.

This apparently negative portrayal of Moon-Mars conjunctions can, however, be transformed into a more positive approach. Much depends on an honest appraisal of your relationships, and of how you deal with inner difficulties, especially identifying how you project emotional frustrations onto others close to you, making these relationships fail to satisfy and later collapse. These intense feelings can be directed toward positive aims designed to shape constructive action. If you consciously attempt - even for a short time - to project yourself into the position of others and to imagine how life is from their perspective by seeing through their eyes and feeling through their heart, then your egocentric world may be transformed, and your latent

sympathy and understanding awakened.

Moon and Mars can work successfully together, once inner adjustments are made; and feelings of personal anguish and frustration are reduced by developing awareness of others' needs. Then you may discover a new meaning and purpose to life. There can be a crusading spirit about this energy supported by powerful, assertive Martian qualities, which can increase persistence and opportunities for eventual success. This could initiate a real transformation.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon conjunct Mars indicates emotional anxiety and impatience. Your feelings are strong and always in turmoil, because you are extremely sensitive to what people say or do to you. Your imagination works overtime inferring slights against you that were never made. You defend yourself against these imagined insults by abusing the people you deal with, even though they don't deserve such treatment. In your self-preoccupation, you are sometimes unsympathetic toward people who are trying to compromise with you. In time, they will start to avoid you. When you feel threatened by persons who relate to you aggressively, you retaliate by putting them in their place. You want desperately to establish close relationships, but you don't know how to cope with them when you do. This probably started in childhood, when your parents erroneously accused you of wrongdoing.

This planetary combination does not of itself incline you toward specific professional interests. It does indicate problems in relating to your co-workers, no matter what your occupation is. When you lose, you are not especially gracious and may even imply that your competitor had an unfair advantage. In other words, you're a sore loser. You are so thin-skinned that even a minor criticism is enough to set off a temper tantrum. On the other hand, you can easily launch an almost sadistic verbal attack against another person, and then you are appalled at the response you get. There is a large inconsistency between your overly sensitive response to criticism and your indifference to other people's sensitivity. If you wish to achieve in occupations that involve close contact with the public and / or co-workers, you will have to solve these problems.

You assert yourself in extreme ways to satisfy your emotional needs. When you are rejected, you can be incredibly unkind, even vicious and vindictive. The people you care for need a variety of human companionship, but you are blind to their needs, and your jealousy distorts your reason. You complain bitterly of being 'abandoned' by them. Compromise is something you expect from others, but you fail to see any reason to make compromises yourself.

You have a lot of homework to do before you can expect to attain peace of mind. Start by postponing any decision pertaining to a relationship until you have all the facts. Try to put yourself in the other person's shoes, to imagine what it's like to be on the receiving end of your cruel outbursts. If you are honest with yourself, you will realize that you often behave immaturely and unjustly. You have only yourself to blame if you can't get along with people. Try to assume they are not out to get you; the chances are that you have been imagining it.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When security-minded behavior (Moon) fuses with the extremely energetic, fierce and executive Mars, there is a good chance that in doubtful situations we shall make it our business to go on the offensive in an impatient and quick-tempered, but also brave and enterprising, fashion. The speed of reaction that is virtually automatic in

this lunar aspect may cause ruptures. Language is often forcible, and generally we don't stop to think what we are saying. Once we have had our say, annoyance is soon a thing of the past, but the consequences of plain speaking can follow us for a long time.

A good way to let off steam is physical activity; in a word, sport - preferably highly competitive sport, for Mars favors ambitious loners more than team players. The Moon / Mars conjunction makes a tough fighter, even though sometimes the combativeness is more of the mind than of the body. When contending with someone with a Mars / Moon conjunction, one should be aware that the antagonist has tremendous resilience. For Mars does not rule the idler, and the person whose Mars is conjunct the Moon will battle away without thinking too much about the odds.

The fighting spirit of a Moon / Mars conjunction finds a useful outlet in pioneers and in champions of various ideas. The ideas need not be reformist (or Uranus would be involved), but for them to be worth defending the native must feel they belong to him.

The aggressiveness and defensiveness of this conjunction must not be confused with militarism. The native has little patience with the strict regimentation of the armed forces; he is and remains a free spirit.

(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon represents the physical body; the physical mother of the early childhood years; the emotional nature of an individual and his responses to life experience. Mars indicates how one acts, how one expresses sexuality.

The early childhood experience reflects an emotional mother; a mother who nursed her hurts, who reacted to her husband and children when her feelings were hurt. This child learns to respond in a similar way. The adult with this conjunction will be easy to anger, will act on hurt feelings, will act out emotional upsets rather than thinking them out. He may be seen as self-destructive because he seldom considers his own safety while in the midst of an emotional trauma. As he matures, and as he experiences physical pain because of his emotional reactions, he will eventually learn to think before he acts, but this behavior will be learned.

The conjunction can indicate a person who has a great deal of anger to cope with. He either explodes and takes out his anger on someone else, or he implodes and takes out his anger on himself. The conjunction can operate explosively, implosively, or in both ways. Rather than suppressing the anger, it is more important to understand it - to allow oneself time to work through it (writing letters that aren't mailed, sitting on reactions for several days prior to doing anything about a situation, getting a perspective from someone else) in order to learn how to channel the energy. Mars energy is creative; anger is merely the undisciplined tip of the iceberg.

The conjunction will express differently in each sign. The Mars energy will intensify the sign qualities of the Moon. When the supersensitivity is understood, when the overreaction to the environment is understood, this energy can be used creatively.

(Charles Carter)

Great energies, daring, and enterprise characterise this position, and the native usually takes many risks, both physical and financial. The same two sides of Mars will show forth - the bold and outgoing and the profound and penetrating. There is sometimes a reckless, irresponsible element, moody and resentful, but on the whole

it is a healthy influence, which expresses itself freely and bravely as a ruler, teacher, reformer, or constructive man of business. There is often kindness and benevolence, at least in intention, but there is a tendency to extremes in action. It makes a good martyr if other parts of the chart concur, or it may be a revolutionary or rebel. It makes a combattant, and the character of the adversaries that are chosen depends on the general nature of the birth chart.

### **Moon trine Mars (Haydn Paul)**

The trine indicates that your personality can potentially integrate both Moon and Mars energies. While feelings and emotions are intense and powerful, you have confidence in your ability to handle them; they act more as a vitalizing source of energy which can be directed rather than as a flood threatening to drown you. You may discover how to channel these energies into creative and imaginative pursuits to benefit career or personal interests. You can achieve aims by focused willpower. Attention is rarely wasted on frivolous matters, and you concentrate instead on issues and projects that are meaningful and important.

Your emotional ease is communicated to others; and social and intimate relationships benefit from your open and welcoming spirit. You accept the need for compromise, and know adjustments are necessary for harmonious relationships and better social contact. With your non-threatening temperament and outstretched hand, you can develop a wide range of acquaintances and friends. You recognize that all share a common human nature and display tolerance, sympathy and understanding of people's frailties, with a worldly attitude that prevents suffering from any overidealistic expectations or illusions. Usually your perceptions are accurate and realistic, and you know that people inevitably pass through times of stress and confusion, so that you rarely condemn or criticize others through insensitive comment and attitude.

You are not gullible, however, and will steer away from those who take advantage of others or selfishly abuse their feelings. You share with those able to benefit from your company and support, appreciating others' qualities and allowing for the inevitable weaknesses which will also be displayed. While you are well balanced in both public and personal relationships, you prefer to maintain independence, especially in protecting privacy; you may become touchy if anyone crosses the demarcation lines that you have established. This indicates the lunar need to establish habit patterns and protective barriers; and, if you suspect that your rights are being ignored, you will fight any oppression or be angry at whoever is infringing upon your 'territory'. Your actions may surprise any who have not previously seen your instinctive reactions to such situations.

You meet challenges and difficulties positively, applying effort to transcend or resolve them. However, your self-image is strong enough not to collapse when failures are encountered. Obviously there will be disappointments; you take a philosophical approach to life, shrug your shoulders, and carry on. This attitude is particularly useful if you enter the business world, where your enterprising nature can prove successful, especially when you are following instincts; and acting on those feelings should usually reap profitable results.

### **Moon trine Mars (Robert Pelletier)**

The Moon trine Mars indicates intensity of feeling and emotion, which you relieve by applying yourself to creative activities. You do more than just what is physically required whenever you can. If necessary, you are willing to compromise your desires by making adjustments. You meet people halfway and enjoy good relationships with a

large number of friends, associates, and relatives. You may not be satisfied in all areas of your life, but then who is? On the whole you should be able to deal with people more easily than most. You have mastered the art of relating to people, and can even chastise someone without being abusive or violent. Even when you display temper or fight for your rights, you don't give an impression of hatred. You don't generally interfere with others, and prefer that they respect your right to privacy as well.

Your psychological alignment allows you to function easily with the public and in personal relationships. You are sufficiently sure of yourself that you don't feel threatened by associates or competitors. You have faith in yourself and in those with whom you enjoy a close emotional contact. When challenged, you quietly accept it and cope as best you can, but you don't get uptight if you don't succeed. Your 'easy come, easy go' attitude helps conserve your abundant energy for important matters. You have a good imagination and the energy to express it well in your job and in avocational interests. Children respond well to your influence because you don't expect them to act older than they are.

You are not afraid to express your feelings toward those you care for because you don't have any hangups about your affections not being returned. People can't help but be impressed with your attitude and behavior. You put others at ease and make them feel welcome in your company. But you don't warm up to persons who are dishonest with you, for they are not worth the effort. You are reasonably independent, because you don't feel emotionally obligated to anyone. Nor do you hold others to account, unless they feel it naturally. Permissive to a fault, you enjoy warm, personal relationships with many types of people. You give everyone the benefit of the doubt in fulfilling what you expect of them, but you don't ignore them when they fail. You find qualities to admire in everyone, and you don't categorize them in neat little pigeonholes.

Moon sextile Mars (Haydn Paul)

Both sextile and trine are probably the easiest of Mars-Moon aspects to deal with, although even the sextile can pose some difficulty when trying to juggle powerful emotions with impulses of action and desire.

Often you try to impose mental control over volatile feelings. This is because previous experience has revealed an emotional volcano lurking in your depths, which can erupt aggressively and destructively whenever emotions are provoked or when prolonged stress cannot be contained any longer. Your temper can flare at such times; and, if emotional pressure builds inside, you can become argumentative just for an excuse to release blocked energy; yet, once the energy has flowed outward and the pressure diminishes, you feel much better - the question is, how much damage have you done?

While the Martian energies encourage spontaneous, impulsive actions, the protective lunar instincts tend to pull you back, allowing time to think and re-evaluate your decisions; this usually prevents rash actions which may have detrimental consequences. Often though, the directions of your feelings and your willful actions synchronize well, co-operating to make aims achievable. One valuable asset is the temporary lunar block on impulsive action which ensures that you think before leaping.

You may be skilled with financial matters, attracted toward enterprise and commerce due to recognizing suitable opportunities. Mars increases self-confidence, providing courage and initiative to take advantage of situations, and abundant energy to

combine with emotional desires to help accomplish aims. Feeling confident and secure, you relish life's challenges; and even occasional failures do not diminish faith in your abilities. You take a philosophical view that you can't win them all, and then overcome the majority of challenges. An ability to co-operate well with others is an asset; and work involving co-workers or the public can prove successful, especially as your enthusiasm is easily shared with others, who become keen to participate on common projects.

Your friendliness helps social communication; and you try to maintain decent relationships with all, attempting to resolve any disagreements by a willingness to openly discuss them and an ability to keep them in perspective. If such an approach fails, then an 'agreement to differ' is offered; and you hope that, if stalemate is reached, doors will still be left open for future resolution.

You probably recognize that your first reactions are emotional. This influences ideas and perceptions of others; so minimize this by thinking things through. If still in doubt, cautiously give others the benefit of any remaining doubts. Rarely do you seek conflict, preferring to control inner pressures that can develop through emotional vulnerability. This is something learned through life experiences and then translated into a growing maturity, understanding, and integration.

You generally enjoy and appreciate life, giving a high priority to domestic and family life, seeing home as providing a relaxed sanctuary. You prefer to release strong emotions through intimate relationships which, with a suitable partner, will flow positively and constructively.

Moon sextile Mars (Robert Pelletier)

The sextile between the Moon and Mars shows that you tend to react emotionally when provoked. You are aware of this, however, so you try to keep your feelings in check in order to make a logical appraisal before reacting impulsively. You will still flare up on occasion, mainly when you are feeling argumentative and want to get something off your chest. But the results of such flare-ups should not be difficult to deal with. You don't generally hold grudges, preferring to clear the air between you and the other person by discussing your differences. You will be admired for not ending your outbursts with arrogant finality. Not wanting to close the door to any relationship, you try instead to leave it ajar so you will be able to communicate with that individual in the future. This is a sign of developing maturity.

You are a vital, energetic, and exciting person you can charm people with your infectious and personable manner. You respond to people eagerly, and your enthusiasm stimulates them to respond to you as well. You are a good companion to those close to you and on good terms with most, if not all, of your friends and associates. Knowing that you react to people in an emotionally biased way, you give them the benefit of the doubt in any confrontation. Your emotional vulnerability shows that you are human and not indifferent to the feelings of others. Because you learn from your experiences, your future is brighter with hope and anticipation of continued development.

Your ability to think twice before you act allows you to avoid many unnecessary complications in your dealings with people. You do this because you know that your first response is probably based only on emotion and therefore invalid. You can succeed in any occupation that brings you into close personal contact with the public or with fellow employees. You respond to challenges and are not terribly upset if you don't succeed with all of them.

Whatever your role in life, you will enjoy and appreciate it. You value your rights enough to fight for them when you feel they are threatened. Your domestic affairs are a source of pleasure and contentment, and your home is a refuge when your job puts you under the pressure of competition.

Avoid eating when you are angry, and don't take your job home with you. Psychologically, you are a well-oriented individual without severe maladjustment between your emotions and your feelings of aggression. You should enjoy pleasing contacts with people at all times.

Moon trine or sextile Mars (Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Even the harmonious aspects between the Moon and Mars indicate great application, executive ability and energy. They also confer the fierceness and quick temper of the conjunction. The love of liberty is great in the sense that we will not think twice about defending our right to do whatever we most enjoy doing. We soon get our dander up over anything that irks us, no matter what others might think. On the other hand, we show elation when we feel fine, again regardless of whether it is the right time to do so. With Moon / Mars aspects we are liable to put our own interests first, though not necessarily with any evil intent. We are not easily thwarted and are sometimes startlingly blunt and tactless.

Although these are harmonious aspects, the rashness of Mars is still very much in evidence. We are both bold and reckless. Pioneering and launching fresh projects are in our blood. With Moon / Mars aspects, we do best when working on our own. The harmonious aspects make us good self-starters. Here again, sporting and similar activities are splendid for shedding surplus energy.

A woman with such an aspect is often a bit mannish and would adapt well to military life. A man with such an aspect will feel himself drawn to rather belligerent women.

Moon trine Mars (Betty Lundsted)

The mother influence on this individual is a healthy one. If the child is mother-dominated, or has a chart so aspected that he can accept what the mother has to offer, he grows to be an adult who can receive emotional relationships in a positive manner. He is receptive emotionally, he enjoys relationships, and he looks for healthy emotional involvements. He is that lucky person who picks a lover who is good for him.

He is able to participate emotionally in the work he does, enjoys the interaction between fellow employees, and participates in life from a full viewpoint. Action taken will support his emotional needs. Creative action will be full of joy. Because his emotional and sexual needs are easily expressed, he can be supportive and helpful to those he loves.

Moon sextile Mars (Betty Lundsted)

The sextile indicates a mother influence that was constructive to this person. The action taken by the mother harmonized with her emotional needs. This person therefore will be able to cope with emotional needs and sexuality in a constructive manner. The Moon represents the emotional response capability, and the Mars sextile indicates that action taken will complement the emotional nature. This person is drawn to healthy, constructive relationships. The chances are he will enjoy his work as well, for he cares (Moon) about what he does (Mars).

Moon trine or sextile Mars (Charles Carter)

Both the good and bad contacts of these bodies operate in two distinct channels, corresponding to the positive and negative sides of Mars.

The positive side augments courage, daring, enterprise, and bodily vigour; the negative relates rather to the mental and intellectual parts, and frequently indicates a deep thinker. These two subtypes are very different; the one being essentially vigorous; the other profound. But in both cases there tends to be a practical outlook - it does not incline to a purely intellectual point of view though a large amount of air in the horoscope may introduce this.

For women it is commonly a very invigorating contact, endowing them with what is called 'rude health' and often producing a robust rather than a refined physique, and a tendency to be direct, outspoken, good-hearted and hard-hitting. This aspect, by itself, will often introduce a distinct Arietic element into the demeanour, so that it is easy to think that this sign is heavily tenanted. Such people take life as they find it and usually enjoy it to the full without much thought for the morrow. Occasionally the worse side may appear even with the good aspects.

Moon-Mars aspects generally do not seem to be particularly common in the horoscopes of soldiers, despite the vigour and combativeness they engender. Perhaps they dislike the disciplinary character of army life, and are readier to enlist when war is at hand than to undergo prolonged training in anticipation of fighting at a distant date, or perhaps not at all.

Moon square Mars (Haydn Paul)

The square indicates inner tensions and frustrations related to expressing feelings and taking actions. Conflict may occur when you attempt to direct your will when instincts and emotions are not supportive or are giving contrary signals. These internal stresses may often prevent relationships or career from being fully satisfying or successful. Emotional volatility is likely; and you display periodic temper outbursts when inner pressure overflows in provocative situations.

Your inability to fully control pent-up emotions, and your tendency to interpret all experiences and comments as personally directed, keeps emotions in a state of underlying turmoil, which can later manifest as arguments and confrontation. Sometimes you seem to relish arguments as an excuse for self-assertion, although they are often more a means to release inhibited energy than a real exchange of different viewpoints. In fact, you tend to dismiss others' beliefs and opinions without respectful consideration. This, coupled with a dismissive style which can seem like a verbal attack, succeeds mainly in alienating people. Eventually there is reduced support and help from others.

If contentious temperamental displays become increasingly dominant, then psychosomatic health disorders may be one consequence, stimulated by stress through interpersonal conflict, or through repressed anger. Such symptoms of ill-health are often emotionally caused, tending to affect the intestine and stomach areas, perhaps stimulating the formation of ulcers. You need to discover how to release these agitative feelings and direct them into constructive channels, perhaps by exploring methods of relaxation or mediation, and by gradually understanding your emotional complexity through self-help techniques.

You can be self-centered, intent on pursuing your way irrespective of the impact it has on others. Sometimes you use Martian energies aggressively to gain your way, refusing adjustments and compromises with others, demanding that they appease your will and needs while denying any validity to theirs. You need to realize that 'give

and take' establishes a more appropriate balance and movement of energies within relationships; you might have expectations of what you need from others, but, equally, they will demand some exchange from you.

Often instincts and emotional needs clash with your will for action, and you may feel confused regarding which to choose. This inability to know which way to turn increases frustration; and anyone offering help is likely to be rejected as interfering; you prefer to tread an independent path, even if it is a solitary one.

Fear of possible threats from others often stimulates protective instincts. This unease is likely to persist as an undercurrent through life, even though it is mainly an imaginary fear. It is often your contentious and belligerent nature which arouses the ire of others and makes social relationships complex and unsatisfactory. You need to develop self-esteem based on appreciating your nature rather than on how you make others submit to you; this type of aggressive tactic, designed to achieve a sense of superiority, gains more enemies than friends. This is especially true in a career environment, which is likely to be unfulfilling, and where pressures and self-imposed tensions have a direct influence on the rest of your life and relationships.

Despite your emotional vulnerability and sensitivity, attitudes may still remain immature and unintegrated; as a consequence, awareness and sensitivity to others is diminished. Others should be seen as enriching your life rather than posing hidden threats. You should concentrate more on co-operation and less on divisive competition. Compromise and trust will need developing, as well as a new perception extended to include the reality of others.

Acknowledge these inner stresses, and find constructive channels for energies to move outward, instead of allowing them to contaminate your life and relationships by negative frustrations. Self-discipline may be required to achieve this; you must refuse to indulge in unnecessary argumentative behavior. Attractions toward drugs and alcohol should be avoided, as they may further agitate emotions into greater volatility.

Domestic and intimate relationship problems are likely unless greater understanding and maturity is gained. Men may try to be too forceful and aggressive with women, playing a 'macho' role without much understanding and sensitivity to the female temperament, oppressing through asserting raw power without sympathy, and overidentifying with the Mars energy and denying the Moon. Women may passively respond to a more dominant partner, and, in the process, deny personal instincts and emotions. These may become consigned to the unconscious, where they fester and gain hidden power, waiting for the right time to be unleashed to destroy an imprisoning life-style.

### **Moon square Mars** (Robert Pelletier)

The Moon square Mars indicates that there are great obstacles in the way of successful interhuman relationships. You resist making any adjustments to other people for fear they will take advantage of you if you seem to compromise. Your feelings are vulnerable because you are so sensitive; you are always defending yourself against threats that never materialize. To justify your uncalled-for emotional outbursts, you assert your right to use any necessary tactics to protect yourself. Your lack of control creates problems where none exist, and complicates those that do. There are times when you are simply contrary in your dealings with people. You are satisfied only when others give in to your lack of maturity and indulge your need to feel you've won when you've been challenged.

Eventually you will have to grow up, or you will always suffer from the problems that arise from your lack of moderation in dealing with people. If you understand this problem, you can learn to be more compromising and derive benefits from meeting others halfway. Until you do, you will have a hard time achieving your goals because you will waste so much effort in endless arguments with your competitors. You consider an opinion that is different from yours an affront to your intelligence and competence; those who voice such opinions are assailed with your arrogant and abusive displays of temper. If you are competent, what do you have to fear? Do you need constant reassurances to bolster your sagging opinion of your own worth? If you are not competent, get the training that will enable you to stand your ground with your competitors. Your greatest drawback is your lack of self-discipline.

Your professional distress tends to cross over into your domestic life and cause painful situations to develop between you and your partner. Unless you take steps to relieve these pressures, the scars may heal with great difficulty. It is important to maintain complete separation between your domestic and professional lives to avoid contaminating both of them.

You are forceful in making demands of others, but you are not equally prepared to fulfill what is expected of you. This double standard irks the people who have to work closely with you.

The constant strain of argument and the resulting distress cannot fail to have an effect on your physical constitution. Stomach and intestinal disorders could easily develop from the keyed-up tensions and anxieties of your daily affairs.

Moon opposition Mars (Haydn Paul)

Inner tensions and unresolved issues are likely to be projected into social relationships; and this creates difficult experiences and a scene for crises or turning points.

Your inner pressures are released within relationships, through arguments, dissension, provocation, and antagonism; you take advantage of even trivial issues to turn them into energy-filled confrontations and clashes. This will obviously affect career prospects and domestic life; and these rebellious feelings will always be stimulated by anyone imposing his or her will on you through authority, orders, or criticism. Anyone crossing this line and irritating your feelings is liable to be confronted by an extremely obstinate and stubborn character. Co-workers will soon lose patience with an emotionally erratic colleague, who can suddenly become aggressive when facing criticism or personal comment; and people will learn to withdraw from contact if you behave in this way.

You feel emotionally uncomfortable; and others may find you hard to understand. You need to resolve the difficulty of instincts and emotions co-operating with an active and assertive Martian energy. Sometimes you may favour one of the planets; and, when this is temporarily Mars, you are liable to act impulsively, making sudden decisions which could be irrational, foolish, and lacking in forethought. Yet such actions may sometimes allow you to break free from restrictive situations. Expressing the lunar energy may encourage cautious self-protection, remaining with the status quo, and being afraid to move beyond familiar behaviour patterns. The challenge is to unite both energies, honouring each as equally valid and necessary for a well-balanced personality.

Part of this aggressive and assertive nature may be rooted in your relationship with your mother. Childhood feelings may have been denied through a lack of emotional

contact, or through having to submit to an oppressive home régime of duty and behaviour. In adult life, you refuse to submit to this again, yet unconsciously repeat the pattern by attempting to impose your will on others. Hoping to gain superiority, you may be too assertive in your desire to become a leader and not a follower. This often results in a distorted self-image, both to yourself and to others, as you fall into the trap of becoming 'number one' and behaving in ways which are cold, arrogant, and overly assertive. You hate others resisting your will; and when this happens, you respond with a personal attack. Sometimes such an antagonistic stance may succeed; but eventually its costs far exceed those of other more moderate approaches.

Yet your personality can appear attractive to many; and there is certainly a validity that can intrigue some, even though it is often a distorted expression of the planetary energies. Choosing companions, both friends and lovers, is one area where weaknesses may appear, as you are often attracted to people who turn out to be unsuitable characters with equally volatile emotional difficulties. Intimate relationships may be limited to physical expression, or entered for material reasons, as you may repress the deeper emotional and subtler dimensions of interpersonal contact.

Sustaining relationships is difficult as time passes; and once initial attractions fade, relationships collapse; satiating superficial feelings is easier than dealing with your deeper needs; and you prefer to avoid these. You are drawn toward 'exciting experiences' which lead into dubious areas of life, where 'excitement' may not prove beneficial. Much depends on your choice of fellow travellers, as personality tendencies can dissipate and deplete energies if efforts are not consistently made to reunify conflicting traits. In a similar way, you may fail to fulfill promises made to others through inner changeability; and commitment and responsible behavior may not be your strongest assets.

Routines and partnerships may fail to satisfy; and reactions against fixed life-style patterns may pose relaxation difficulties, creating psychosomatic illnesses associated with stomach tensions and digestion problems.

Repressing genuine feelings is not wise. You may need to acknowledge your lunar qualities more openly, and find space in your life to allow proper expression. Lessons are needed to discover how compromise is important in developing better relations. You may need to find new forms of self-assertion, which recognize that others exist too and should be given equal respect. This can help to moderate your overbearing tendencies. Through greater insight, you can gain relationship clarity, with perspective, realism, and more positive attitudes proving highly transforming as self-centeredness diminishes. Accepting the need to live harmoniously with others can readjust your sense of proportion and help you realize that you can contribute to the well-being of all, instead of merely indulging in alienated antagonism. Transforming this imbalanced side of your nature will bring considerable personal benefits, improving self-esteem and peace of mind. Achieving this will also heal uncomfortable emotions; and, once their stressful, hidden, contaminating effect on you is reduced, you can discover a clarity of thought and decisive action which can be used for your advantage.

Moon opposition Mars (Robert Pelletier)

The Moon opposition Mars indicates that you are constantly involved in crises in the relationships in your life. This will continue to be true unless you can learn to compromise. Even as a young person you got into disputes over the most insignificant matters. Intense in your feelings, you are quick to strike back at criticism, no matter

how innocently intended. You have a sparkling personality and are outgoing and aggressive when you meet people. But in your eagerness you sometimes choose to befriend individuals who are temperamentally unsuitable. You seek physical or material relationships and usually pay little attention to a person's other qualities. Because you don't have the patience to nourish a permanent relationship, you 'love them and leave them'. Those closest to you are alienated by your overbearing attitude. You tend to be emotionally pushy and intolerant of anyone who refuses to submit to your demands. Men with this aspect lack tenderness, while women tend to assert themselves with unusual arrogance.

Your argumentative nature may cause you some problems in your occupation, for you deeply resent criticism. You don't respond too well to authority and act very stubborn when required to follow rules. If you can learn to understand that everyone must follow the rules and that not everyone can be a leader, you may succeed very well. Your aggressiveness can be an asset in meeting competition. But you should tone down your frequent emotional outbursts, which are generally out of order in a business enterprise. You must make a special effort not to indulge yourself this way, or you will find that your fellow employees will avoid you, and your superiors will not be happy about the overall effect you create. People may be uncomfortable in your company because they know that you tend to fly off the handle at the slightest provocation.

You must learn to exercise greater self-discipline in your relationships. If you do not, you will permanently alienate many people who will not tolerate your kind of abuse. Given a chance, most people are willing to meet you halfway. You can get far better results if you assert yourself in a more moderate way and try to compromise in reaching mutual understanding.

Digestive upsets are common with this planetary combination, mostly because you don't know how to relax.

Moon-Mars in opposition shows a conflict between your emotions and your assertive faculties, which can be modified with even a small amount of effort. You can become more serene about your life circumstances and bring them into some degree of order. You will find that the results are much better than the results you get when you are antagonistic.

Moon square or opposition Mars (Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Hard aspects between the Moon and Mars give a sizable dose of unrest. The influence of the Moon, which we so desperately need to make us feel comfortable, is rendered less reassuring by the Martian rashness, dynamism and unrest. It is difficult to use energy evenly, and we are liable to act on impulse. Therefore this is counted as one of the accident-prone aspects. We can harm ourselves through lack of forethought. The harm need not be physical, although this is certainly a possibility. We can also spoil relationships with other people. That is to say, due to the tension we are far too eager to make our presence felt. Self-control is definitely not our strongest point because our energy is sporadic and is therefore hard to manage.

Feelings of insecurity can make us very pugnacious; so that, whenever the emotional temperature rises, we sometimes react too angrily, aggressively or sarcastically.

In athletics, we are inclined to overdo things and are probably best suited to sports like fencing, boxing and judo or to sports which test our endurance.

There can be a certain amount of friction between the sexes: a woman with such an aspect is likely (often without quite realizing what she is doing) to become unusually

dominant over her husband, by giving him regular tongue-lashings or (if the rest of the chart points in that direction) by flying at him in a rage every now and then. A man with one of these aspects is liable to arouse the interest of a fierce, aggressive woman, or to have an independent-minded partner who insists on going her own way.

#### Moon square Mars (Betty Lundsted)

Here the influence of the mother was not particularly helpful to the child in the development of healthy emotional reactions. The child will have to learn to develop these as an adult. The Moon represents the emotions, Mars represents action, and the square aspect represents excessive or unconstructive use of energy. In keyword language, it reads 'I act (Mars) against (square) my emotional needs (Moon)'. Sexual relations may not be emotionally fulfilling.

This person has similar traits to those of the Moon-Mars conjunction or opposition, for the action taken often stems from an overly emotional response to a situation. It may be that the person with this square is exposed to physical violence or to violent explosions of temper in the childhood years. The mother may be emotionally distraught for reasons known only to her. She may be living a life that is either uncomfortable or unhappy. The child emulates this emotional response for he knows no other.

Because Mars indicates anger, the person with this aspect is easily angered. He can react with anger and violence to unpleasant situations he encounters; or he may suppress his anger and implode, causing much internal stress and tension. Impulsive energy causes weight problems and other delicate health problems to manifest. The emotional patterns need to be examined, for this person is apt to pick partners who are emotionally ungratifying, or he may even become involved with violent types of people. (It seems that when there are hard aspects between the moon and Mars, and the individual is not physically violent himself, he chooses a partner who is.) A woman may express the Moon-Mars square by choosing to live with a man who beats her; a man with the same aspect might beat his wife and children. Both the male and the female may choose a partner who doesn't satisfy their emotional needs. The excess of this aspect tends to make one angry, and the anger is eventually vented on the loved one.

#### Moon opposition Mars (Betty Lundsted)

The key here is compromise. Any opposition indicates a compromise to be made, and the Mars-moon opposition indicates that action taken may be compromised because of the emotional reaction to what is being done. The mother of this individual feels sexuality is restricting, that her personal needs are different from her professional needs and that she can't have both. She has difficulty expressing her emotional needs, and she may have violent emotional outbursts. Action taken may be ill-planned or have unhealthy results. She may make foolish decisions based on hurt feelings. The child sees this reaction to life as 'normal'.

The Mars placement indicates how we act, how we develop our career, how we function sexually. The Moon indicates our emotional needs, our emotional responses. The conflict of the opposition is expressed as a compromise between the professional action at the expense of personal relationships or vice versa. or the sex drive (much like the Mars square) is at odds with the emotional needs.

People born with a Mars-Moon opposition may compromise several ways. The work (Mars) may be separated from the emotional life (Moon); the lover may satisfy the sexual needs (Mars) but not the emotional / affectional needs (Moon); they may

choose a partner who shares affection (Moon) but is sexually unsatisfying (Mars); an overreaction to emotional needs may take place; the energy can express in violence.

Men and women use this energy differently. A man with the opposition may take out his anger on women; a woman with the opposition may take out her anger on her self-regard as a woman by becoming involved in basically unhealthy relationships. Both can be physically violent or draw physical violence to them in some way.

The aspect causes so much emotional sensitivity that much time can be wasted blowing minor issues out of proportion. The misuse of energy takes place because, as a child, this person saw no other approach to life. The energy can be rechanneled whenever the underlying causes are understood.

Moon square or opposition Mars (Charles Carter)

The most usual effect of these aspects in the horoscopes of 'nice' people is ill-health - it is rare to find accidents under the Luni-Martian aspects than it is under those in which the Sun is implicated. Often the health is not robust, there are many illnesses of greater or lesser severity, and life is not likely to run its full measure, though one may point to such a case as that of Lord Balfour, who after a very delicate infancy lived to an advanced age. Alan Leo is a case wherein, after a healthy life, death came suddenly and unexpectedly. In another class we find the combative and pugnacious side of the contacts in full play.

The tendency to deep thought is common in the bad contacts, but the native is apt to be influenced too much by his emotions, and there is a rebellious and intolerant element which refuses to see any good in its opponents.

A more disagreeable type is the self-indulgent prodigal, with tendencies to drink and promiscuity. There seems always to be a certain degree of kindheartedness, of a rough and selfish kind - the sort that is kind with other people's money, or when no personal sacrifice is involved. Otherwise this contact may go with a pretty considerable blackguard, the native having little self-respect, self-control or refinement. Thus we have the cases of 'Defalcating Bank Clerk', 'Drunkard', 'Adventuress', 'Young Prodigal' and 'Opium and Alcohol'.

Sometimes there is obstinacy and self-will, and probably in all examples there is a liability to hot temper or sullenness, but it is certain that in many cases this is not very prominent.

The effects of this influence on the vocation are to incline the native very strongly to seek his own career and make himself independent of others. It points to one who strikes out his own course, and it is probably that in some of the criminal examples this course of life was adopted to avoid drudgery, routine, and control by others.

It is unfavourable for the parents, either or both of whom may die young or suffer misfortunes which will affect the whole family. Sometimes this influence seems only to extend so far as to make the parent Martian in character or occupation, and sometimes the native is brought into danger by the example of the father, or when following him. It generally denotes that the family history is not altogether a happy or prosperous one.

It is distinctly unfavourable for marriage in the case of males. The wife may be an invalid, meet with accidents, or be of a domineering disposition; or there may be mutual incompatibility.

In the case of women, I think it is unfavourable because of the independence which it signifies; if there is marriage, then I believe that the husband chosen will usually be of the meeker kind, for this contact is intolerant of restraint.

## **Natal Moon quincunx Mars**

(Robert Pelletier)

The inconjunct between the Moon and Mars shows that you lack self-control in expressing your feelings. You tend to misjudge people and to form binding alliances with individuals who take advantage of your indulgence. Even when others abuse and misuse you, you never raise a hand to defend yourself. You feel powerless to oppose the oppressive demands that people make of your talents, and, when they exploit you, you are bitter and disappointed. The most disturbing result of this process is that you may become hardened in your dealings with people. Your greatest problem is to resolve the conflict between your desire to be useful to people and their expectations that you will make up for their deficiencies.

There are many occupations you can follow, for this planetary combination does not incline you in a specific direction. It shows that you are more versatile than most people in being able to handle a variety of occupations. You must be alert to the hazard of becoming locked in a job pattern in which you do all the work while others get the recognition you deserve. You might be the victim of collusion by your co-workers and have to account for their incompetence, as if you were responsible for it. Proving that you had nothing to do with it might be difficult, and you would suffer a loss from that injustice.

Resist the temptation to offer yourself to others. Although it might seem to be the only way to get people to like and admire you, you will actually lose their respect by such gestures. Mind your own business and beg off when people try to get you involved in their affairs. Take care of your own responsibilities and develop the skills that will give you the self-confidence you need to feel satisfied with yourself. You may be criticized for being selfish, but you will save yourself a lot of headaches.

You will avoid a lot of nervous irritability and emotional anxiety by keeping your distance from the people who demand your services and devotion. They need you much more than you need them.

Digestive and possibly intestinal discomforts may result when you get really uptight about situations involving people that defy a solution. Better to lose some so-called friends than take that risk. An intellectual appraisal may reveal that compromise will solve the problem. You must carefully evaluate your priorities concerning others; you may find that you should involve yourself only when your own affairs are in order. You need the calming effect of peaceful relationships and a more easy-going attitude in your other affairs.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Without knowing why, people with this aspect are easily hurt and offended. They are very touchy and need little provocation before they blow up. Anyhow, whatever the reason, they are certainly suffering from tension charged with aggression. Lack of foresight is another feature of the aspect - and not only on the physical plane. Even in associations with others, they are inclined to respond much too quickly and unthinkingly simply because feelings have been aroused. Therefore they run the risk of being manipulated emotionally and of allowing themselves to be turned against people. They react indignantly because they fail to see situations in their true light.

With this aspect, these people are quite capable of standing up for friends, but self-defensiveness gives them problems. One moment they are unnecessarily fierce owing to insecurity and the next moment they back off without striking a blow. All the aggressive tension tucked away inside makes them nervous of their own behavior and so they swing from one extreme to the other. Whenever Mars is activated, the inconjunct creates insecurity because the Moon - which normally gives a feeling of safety - usually fails to come to terms with the Martian energy.

If they learn to control the Martian energy, then, just as in other Moon / Mars aspects, it can be utilized in work, sport and other demanding activities. By refusing to allow themselves to be tossed from pillar to post, they can develop greater self-reliance.

(Betty Lundsted)

Here the subtle argument between the emotional needs and the activity or sexual needs is harder to diagnose. The quincunx represents a strain similar to that of a nagging toothache, one that is not painful enough to go to a dentist about. The emotional needs, the emotional responses to universal energies, and the love requirements, are not fulfilled by either the action taken or the sexual expression chosen. The emotional needs may drive one to spend time with a person who is not sexually satisfactory; the sexual needs may drive one to spend time with someone who cannot fulfill the emotional needs; and the problem is often not discussed or even consciously faced. A hint of aggravation remains. If our actions (Mars) cause us grief, the aspect needs to be worked with. The qualities of both signs need to find expression.

## **Natal Moon conjunct Jupiter**

(Haydn Paul)

You require considerable interaction with people and the environment to stimulate your feelings. This encourages a social awareness and attracts most of your attention. You feel the need to 'expand yourself' into the outer world; and your major concern will be the well-being of society and those around you.

You have an innate faith in the goodness of the universe and your fellow humans, and will try to share a positive and creative perspective on life with others. As a consequence of your attitude, you hope to contribute to society.

Inwardly, you feel connected to the environment, and realize the powerful influence that environmental quality has on your well-being, positively or negatively. Equally, you realize that you can make a difference in the world, and will look for ways to express your caring nature. Your feelings reach out to people; and you are touched by those in genuine need of support, help, and care. Seeing those who are deprived or disadvantaged opens your heart and stimulates you to conceive ways to offer additional assistance. Looking through sympathetic and compassionate eyes, you feel that much can be done to increase the effectiveness of social welfare; and you may believe that you have certain answers or solutions to social challenges.

Sometimes you may respond to social suffering with excessive emotionalism; but this is preferable to no response at all. These emotional reactions may need to be tempered by a pragmatic and impersonal approach, or you may become too personally involved and affected by social experiences, a state which could reduce your effectiveness. The impulse that motivates you is world service, where feelings

are more fulfilled by giving than by receiving, and are inspired by a sense of inner strength and unity with life.

You may become involved with socially concerned groups that have a progressive vision of human potential or are devoted to meeting the present needs of the disadvantaged. Supporting the work of international charities may appeal, or you may decide to work within existing social groups, such as the churches, or educational or political organizations. Medicine or law may also attract. The strength of your convictions may almost feel like a 'mission or destiny'; and you may display compulsive activity in a futile attempt to change the world yourself. This tendency may need careful rebalancing and a modified perspective, restraining over-enthusiasm and zeal, if only to protect your health and inner stability. To ensure a long-term social contribution, times of rest and personal relaxation to renew your batteries are also essential, and a necessary part of your self-healing. Steady perseverance will reap greater results than a sudden burning out in a flash of excessive activity. Changing the world is a long-term project! Spending time with your family and contributing to their development is equally important; and you will feel deep emotional attachments to your home life, hoping to increase social awareness in your children and friends too.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of the Moon to Jupiter denotes that you are deeply sensitive to your environment, which you truly want to understand as fully as possible. Your reactions to outer stimuli are largely emotional; nevertheless, you feel you can make an important contribution to society because you have an intellectual understanding of the solutions to many social problems. Your concern for others is sincere, and you always insist on being given the opportunity to show that you care. Always present when there is an important job to be done, you are ever willing to offer your services, demonstrating your broadly sympathetic nature. You are ingenious in finding ways to care for those who are unable to care for themselves. In your ambition to help people in need, you courageously seek the support of political and religious organizations. You are generous in giving asylum to anyone who really needs it. Although you don't seek the limelight, you gain recognition for your efforts just the same.

Your early training taught you that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and this true generosity makes you appreciated and admired by everyone who knows you. As a parent, you will encourage your children to devote themselves unselfishly to others. Yours is the kind of faith that can move mountains, and you realize this as soon as you turn the first spadeful of earth. You are always hopeful that, no matter how dismal a situation may be, there can be a change for the better. You are strongly convinced that you can always do something to elevate a person's spiritual consciousness. In fact, you regard it as a moral obligation if you are aware of the need.

Your restless nature can find comfort in welfare programs, public relations, acting as public defender, working with the underprivileged, or in managing homes for foster children, halfway houses for parolees, or rehabilitation centres for former drug users. You might travel on behalf of organizations such as UNICEF or the Peace Corps. Medicine, law, and the ministry may also prove rewarding avenues for expressing your abundant sympathy for others. In any of these endeavors, your spiritual insight strengthens you to be daring when the odds against your succeeding seem overwhelming.

Your family and associates hold you in high esteem, while your friends and the faceless numbers you serve regard you with admiration and sincere appreciation. You

will accumulate a rich heritage to leave to those who will carry on your tasks.

Your single most important physical problem is getting sufficient rest and relaxation. No-one needs rest more than you do. Physical exhaustion is almost a certainty unless you exercise moderation in your schedule and get some assistance with your burdensome responsibilities.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Here the optimism and jovial expansiveness of Jupiter enters into the way one looks for a sense of security (Moon). Generally, it makes one very optimistic, keeping to the sunny side of life, enjoying pleasure and panache, and liking to see things from a humorous angle. This is a frame of mind that helps overcome disease, and enables one to put fresh heart into companions whenever they are dispirited.

Now Jupiter always prompts one to seek a synthesis and to turn the gaze to far horizons. Therefore with this conjunction one wants to know the significance of events. The combination with the Moon gives a keen interest in foreign nations, other cultures, religious and educational questions, medical matters and so forth. The individual may be really down in the dumps but, with this aspect in the chart, can easily regain balance and a sense of perspective. Often one has a presentiment of what is about to happen, and, by taking advantage of this, gains a reputation for being lucky. Anyhow, one is always ready for a small gamble. To gain satisfaction, one is inclined to express the Jovian aspect fairly positively in the environment; hence one is always prepared to wade in with advice and practical assistance, even when help has not been requested. This person can be very generous in support of others. However, if the conjunction is overemphasized in the chart, one may become snobbish and opinionated - yet even then one manages to do things in style.

The risk of going too far is inherent in each one of Jupiter's aspects, so it need occasion no surprise to find it in the conjunction, the most powerful of them all.

(Betty Lundsted)

This conjunction often indicates someone who relates effusively in the manner described by the sign involved in the conjunction. The mother of a child with this aspect is indulgent; she indulges in emotional reactions; she indulges her body in some way. The child will too. This indicates a person who may have a close relationship with the mother, who may stay close to her long after the other siblings have left home. This may be a person who indulges in the physical appetites and therefore overdoses in some way - too much food, alcohol, etc.. This individual is open emotionally, open to feeling each new experience, open to relating how he feels to those he knows, open to sharing what he has.

This conjunction often denotes a generous emotional nature, and how the generosity will operate will be determined by the sign as well as the other aspects to the conjunction. This person may want to do so much for the mother that he never leaves home to develop a personal life.

(Charles Carter)

This aspect, like the harmonious aspects, confers great sympathy and protectiveness, as well as success in similar ways. Except that it is more powerful, it does not seem to differ from the trine and sextile, but perhaps it is more restless and given to change and travel. The energies are considerable; and as a general rule the practical abilities are of a high order.

Sometimes there is a spice of vanity and a tendency to consider oneself more important than one actually is.

### **Moon trine Jupiter** (Robert Pelletier)

The Moon trine Jupiter gives you a glowing personality, ease in relating to people, and generosity. You have a vivid imagination and much creative potential. Even when circumstances seem dismal, you always look on the bright side. Your hopeful outlook brings optimism into the lives of everyone you contact, especially in your own family. Your infectious enthusiasm generates a feeling of well-being among the people you are with. You are very sensitive to outside influences, but you always attempt to understand their real significance. You work out solutions to your problems as quickly as possible because you don't tolerate complications in your life for very long. Confident that you can cope with any situation as it arises, you don't try to cross a bridge before you come into it.

Because you are well informed on many subjects, you can hold your own in just about any conversation. Civic affairs hold an interest for you, and you may hold some elective position in your community. You would support programs for solving social problems, because such projects are especially interesting to you. However, you might not become personally involved in their administration, because your day is already filled with matters that need your attention. Knowing how to determine priorities, you become totally absorbed by whatever heads the list.

You enjoy the many avocational interests that fill your life with purpose and accomplishment. Your activities enrich those close to you by stimulating their continued development. The spiritual fortitude that you radiate is comforting to them. Because of this, you might find that you are the advisor whom everyone seeks when they have problems. You apparently have a capacity to take on these burdens without laboring under them. Your opinion is highly regarded because of your vast experience and good advice.

Such fields as public relations, civic functions, travel, or physical therapy could serve as a platform for your creative talents. Working in these or similar areas would benefit others and give you a sense of accomplishment. You are inclined to be self-indulgent, though, and you should limit your activities to a selected number of interests. It would seem imprudent to sap your physical reserves by taking on more tasks than you can handle easily.

You are romantically interested in persons of good moral character who are sincere, honest, and spiritually motivated. A peace-loving person, you enjoy being with people who are untroubled by tension and pressure in their personal affairs. You are greatly devoted to the one you love, and your relationship will deepen with each passing year.

### **Moon sextile Jupiter** (Haydn Paul)

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### **Moon sextile Jupiter** (Robert Pelletier)

The sextile from the Moon to Jupiter gives you considerable intellectual ability, modified by sensitivity of feeling. Therefore your personality is quite varied and exciting, since your emotional responses are accompanied by intellectual curiosity. You are quite effective in dealing with people because you have a well-developed

understanding of their motivations in material affairs and relationships. Very little escapes your notice, and you are capable of absorbing enormous amounts of information. You can hold your own in a social gathering because you can discuss many subjects with better-than-average comprehension. Your friends and associates are kindly disposed toward you because you never forget those who have assisted you in the past.

You derive enormous benefit from every experience and can translate these beneficial responses into tools for future use. You can succeed in many occupations that require intellectual development and the ability to apply knowledge in solving daily problems. Medicine, education, public relations, legal endeavors, financial affairs, stock brokerage, training and rehabilitation of handicapped persons, and welfare programs are some of the fields in which your talents could be used successfully. Your excellent memory serves you well in earning a living. You are sympathetic toward less fortunate persons, and you help them face their problems with greater hope and optimism.

A journal of your life, including your relationships, your problems and their solutions as well as the philosophy you have developed would make quite an impressive book. As a writer you could draw on your vast experience for material that would be both exciting and sincere.

You are warm in your personal contacts, sincere and honest in your efforts to stimulate the best responses in others. You have high hopes for acquiring a true companion in the person you choose to share your life. You want to share both the great and small issues with that person and to know that the relationship enhances each of you. The supreme optimist, you are proud and sometimes vain, but always humble in your genuine desire to be useful and helpful to anyone who seeks your protective guidance.

People are never in doubt about your intentions when you let them into your life. You guide them when you can, or refer them to others when you can't, and you don't generally judge people for their frailties. You can always see the potential good in people, even those who may have gotten off to a bad start.

Moon square Jupiter (Robert Pelletier)

The Moon square Jupiter inclines you to react to your experiences with excessive emotion and to fail in making intellectual appraisals. Consequently, you jump to incorrect conclusions, which causes difficulties in solving your problems. Your reasoning is based on such scanty evidence that you often have to withdraw any statements based on it. The fact is, you lack the emotional stability to pursue your investigations and really get at the facts. You are self-indulgent, not too ambitious, and sometimes irresponsible, preferring to live on the fringes of involvement with people and situations. Your fickleness does not endear you to those who support you because you don't seem to really care whether they support you or not. But if they turn from you because of your indifference, you could become bitter, feeling that you've been deserted. Because you lack emotional maturity, you will be passed by when opportunities come up, especially if they are of a serious nature.

You are generous to excess, so you may find that you are always short of funds when you need them most. Taking a course in financial management would teach you not to indulge in reckless credit buying without any means for repayment. This planetary combination means you prefer to take the easiest route to satisfy your desires, and your planning probably does not go beyond the immediate purchase. Credit buying should be avoided or, better still, completely eliminated. Money burns a hole in your

pocket because you have very little sales resistance.

You vacillate between periods of intense enthusiasm and periods of complete apathy. You have creative inspiration but are not willing to make the necessary effort to develop and apply it. You feel sorry for yourself because you are getting so little from life, but on the other hand you won't make any investment of yourself.

You should develop a program that will give you strict rules for your financial affairs and help you accept responsibility and plan for the future. There is no other way to get your faculties in proper order. Once you do this, you won't have to settle for routine menial occupations that bore you and infest you with additional lethargy. You can look forward to such interesting fields as law, medicine, home economics, restaurant management, or education. An even better occupation would be in rehabilitation of the handicapped or physical therapy. In such areas you could compare your own situation with the lives of people who have genuine liabilities. That may give you the determination to accomplish some objectives and light the fuse of your creative abilities.

Your physical problems are almost completely the result of overindulgence in food and drink. Avoid rich foods altogether; they only bog down your already sluggish constitution. When you run, let it be as an exercise, not an escape from responsibilities.

## **Moon opposition Jupiter**

Moon opposition Jupiter (Robert Pelletier)

The Moon opposition Jupiter shows that you are a highly developed individual with much creative ability and a generous appreciation for the talents of others. You may sometimes question the importance of your own abilities, and for this reason you seek out people who are talented. You hope they will reassure you of your own competence. Lacking the discrimination to make a personal evaluation of your worth, you feel the need for expert advice. But be careful that you aren't misled; casual acquaintances may take advantage of your emotional vulnerability.

There is a discrepancy between your emotional reactions to stimuli and your comprehension of what these experiences really mean. You tend to believe what is least painful to your sensitive feelings, but you can make serious mistakes this way. Generous to a fault, you can be deceived when you bestow your generosity on those who don't deserve it.

You are benevolent toward people who seem to lack the advantages you have. It would seem appropriate to select an occupation in which you could help such people, perhaps through welfare programs, rehabilitation of the handicapped, public relations, physical therapy, or foundations that serve those in need. You would derive an enormous sense of well-being in these endeavors, knowing you are making an important contribution to their objectives. Don't be afraid to develop new techniques for improving your talents.

Your free time could be devoted to church activities or to civic and community affairs. Avoid direct competition with strong character types. They will only depress you by their overwhelming strength in gaining your submission. Accept only those challenges that you feel fairly certain you can succeed in.

You give every potential companion the benefit of the doubt, overindulging their whims in order to win their affection. You are worth a lot more than that, and you

should not make a commitment to anyone until his or her credibility is established. Don't make gestures of love until the individual you care for shows sincerity and honesty in caring for you.

Be moderate in eating and drinking, for you react to rich foods as though they were poison. You may be inclined to put on weight and disinclined to strenuous physical exercise, so caution is advised.

## **Natal Moon quincunx Jupiter**

(Robert Pelletier)

The moon inconjunct Jupiter indicates a discrepancy between your emotional responses to stimuli and your understanding of them. You find it difficult to determine the true significance of events in your life. You know you have a lot to learn, but the process seems to utterly painful because you must endure repeated lessons before you can grasp the full meaning.

You underestimate your abilities, assuming that everyone else is more competent than you. As a result, you take the role of the second-class citizen who is willing to serve others, no matter what they ask. You lack the backbone to tell people to get lost when they attempt to take advantage of your generous nature. However, this problem won't always bother you. In time you will establish personal priorities, learning to take care of your own needs before turning to the needs of others. You simply have to learn that you are worth more than you realize. As it stands, you look to others to reassure you of your competence. You feel guilty when you turn down people who ask for your help. Don't! Your guilt is largely an emotional reaction. Be generous to yourself before others.

There are many ways in which you can serve others and serve yourself at the same times. Occupations related to physical therapy, rehabilitation for the handicapped, travel, or public relations are some ways this twofold purpose can be achieved. You would enjoy some, perhaps most, of these fields. You need to feel free to thoroughly exploit your creative talents. You are not afraid of hard work, but you often bite off more than you can chew. Determine exactly what your duties are and fulfill them, but do no more than that. If you allow it, you will be given tasks that others should do and those that they refuse to perform.

You desperately need interests outside those of your occupation. Develop an interest, if possible, in a hobby that really stimulates your creative ability. Whatever you do will prove beneficial as long as you are not obligated to it except when you wish. This type of activity would afford priceless relaxation and give you a chance to unwind. You might choose to conduct Sunday school activities, or work in community affairs, but the important thing is that you will decide how much you are willing to do.

Above all, make sure that people demonstrate their credibility before you become involved with them. You'll save yourself a lot of unnecessary anxiety.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

As soon as these people try to feel emotionally secure (Moon), the inconjunct with Jupiter confronts them with great insecurity due to a need for expansion. There are all sorts of things they want to do, but they are plagued by a vague sense that there is something missing in life although they are unable to say what it is. Consequently they start looking for it in things outside themselves; or become withdrawn because

of a gnawing feeling that there must be something more to life and they suspect that, whatever this something is, it is probably beyond their reach.

The search for other things can take place on any one of a number of planes. Perhaps they immerse themselves in Jovian matters such as religion, philosophy, foreign affairs, foreign travel, etc., always with the object of discovering deeper values; or they are constantly on the lookout for material possessions, yet never enjoy them since they don't know what they do want. Because they are looking for something outside themselves, they can also grow envious and long to have what others have simply because it appears that these things are making others happy. Then again, dissatisfaction can make them overeat or run to some other form of excess.

However, once they realize that all this searching is being caused by an unnecessary sense of insecurity, they can develop the Jupiter factor with greater assurance. Self-confidence, generosity and the desire to help and protect can then come to the fore; and they may find that they have the ability to become good therapists or, drawing on experience, may find they can counsel others in whom they recognize the familiar feelings of insecurity.

(Betty Lundsted)

The quincunx implies a strain, but one that is not intense enough to cause much action to take place. There is a vague discontent that occurs; the relating ability, the need to reach out, to open up, to expand the consciousness, is hampered by an emotional reaction to it. Both energies need to find expression in some way; perhaps the house placements will provide the key to the mystery.

It's important for this individual to learn to consider the real needs of the self. There are certain benefits from being selfish - 'honest' selfishness indicates a certain amount of sincerity. For example, when we really love ourselves, we are better able to share ourselves with another, for we are able to give more. A person who doesn't love himself cannot give nearly as much because he harbors resentment.

## **Natal Moon conjunct Saturn**

(Haydn Paul)

The Saturn-Moon combination is not a particularly harmonious one; and in these contacts the individual lunar nature is often detrimentally affected.

You can display a sombre, self-restrained, conservative personality. Your social relationships can lack spontaneity, enthusiasm, and naturalness, inhibited by emotional defensiveness, reserve, and caution. Relaxed communication and self-expression can be difficult. Apprehension may restrict social contact, perhaps with an attitude of distrust and pessimism toward life and people. If this limiting and negative worldview exists, then you will also block the release of potential and diminish life enjoyment.

Self-esteem is weakened by such attitudes, which fall like a shadow across your relationships and experiences. One source of this may have been childhood and early social conditioning. Perhaps early childhood was influenced by family discipline, either through authoritarian controls, or through imposed religious, political, or social beliefs. Perhaps there were family upheavals and unsettling discord, or strong feelings that you were not really wanted or loved by your parents, whether or not this was actually true. This may have resulted in a fear of emotional expression, to others and even to yourself. This, coupled with a need to protect your sensitivity, has

associated emotions with painful 'negative experiences'. In adult life, there may be one parent toward whom you still feel resentment, deeply contradictory attitudes, and powerful emotions.

Emotional integration can be lacking; it is part of your nature that remains uncomfortable and relatively immature, and which will interfere with adult relationships that may prove difficult to develop beyond the early stages. A lack of self-confidence, and reluctance to reveal your vulnerable feelings to others, make you withdraw into negative behaviour patterns whenever the possibility of a close relationship occurs. You need to open to intimacy, and face possible rejection in the hope of moving toward potential success; you need to learn how to trust others. Then you can break free from your self-imposed prison. Obviously, making suitable relationship choices is a key requirement; and cautious discernment is necessary in choosing friends and intimates.

Learning how to dissolve past influences is necessary. You may feel emotionally attached to memories and material possessions, perhaps nostalgic or sentimental, even though childhood may not have been especially satisfying. Liberation from the past's chains will bring relief and release; it may not be easy, yet could provide the keys to a bright new future. You may be surprised at how much past experience and conditioning have shaped your adult personality; looking for ways to heal and integrate your inner child would be extremely beneficial and transformative.

Achieving this step could help improve the quality of your relationships. Potential exists for you to enjoy mature contacts with other essentially serious and thoughtful partners, where the relationship has maturity and depth, with a gradual emotional release as mutual sharing increases across every level - physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual. If this happens, you will experience the dawn of a more positive, optimistic outlook, as you release the burden of the past by redirecting emotional energy into new constructive life-style patterns. Others may encourage your progress; and, if they do so, accept their support. You just need others' encouragement to convince you of your own worth.

Despite any inner stress and unresolved emotional difficulties, you are likely to progress in your career through focusing attention in specific directions, especially in early adulthood, when your emotions remained controlled and probably repressed. You tend to isolate emotions into a 'separate compartment', although sensitivity to others would ideally be needed in management positions. Normally, you will be honest, impersonal, fair, competent, and efficient, enjoying roles of responsible authority, and you will expect comparable standards of commitment from others. Areas which may attract include law, medicine, business, politics, and education.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction between the Moon and Saturn shows that you are emotionally defensive, cautious, reserved, and extremely apprehensive about your experiences. Perhaps during your childhood your parents or guardians disciplined you so much that you assumed they did not love you. Because of your extreme sensitivity, you tend to overemphasize negative effects anyway. Almost certainly you did have traumatic experiences with your parents during the early conditioning years, and there is still a residual negative effect, probably caused by the parent who had the most authority in the home. Your early conditioning did not prepare you to deal successfully with the circumstances of everyday living, and you have learned to expect the worst.

Perhaps the guilt projected onto you during the formative years is the cause of the difficulty you sometimes have in forming close, emotional ties in your adult years. It

often happens that you are unsuccessful in developing a partnership. Even so, you must deliberately stop thinking that happiness will always elude you. You must recognise your self-worth in order to project yourself optimistically toward others.

You are very likely to succeed professionally because you focus your efforts in worldly areas where your feelings don't have to function. Because you protect yourself by insulating your emotions, you could achieve success in business. In your professional dealings you are basically honest (sometimes painfully so), and you demand the same honesty from others. Management is your particular strong point, and you should rise to prominence in that area. Women will find you stern but will respect you for your fairness. You demand competence from those under you, and you demonstrate it by your own efficiency. If you have a position of authority you will not hesitate to fire someone who doesn't measure up to your expectations; you regard each person under you as an extension of yourself.

You could work well as an employee of professional people such as judges, lawyers, doctors, industrialists, educators, or politicians. You would gain the trust that is necessary in order to function effectively, and you would also serve their interests capably. It is also possible that you could undertake such a profession yourself. Your emotional detachment would allow you to provide unbiased opinions, which would serve the interests of your clients.

Emotional fulfillment will come about through contact with mature and serious individuals. A permanent relationship is possible only if your partner regards you as a mate in all areas - socially, spiritually, and professionally. It is essential for you to share your life with another, but that sharing must be total. Most important, you must always respect each other.

In the area of health, you may have problems involving your back, which may restrict you on occasion. The reproductive system could also cause you difficulty at some time in your life. Above all, try to look at the brighter side of life. Certain negative experiences may seem dismal at the time, but the lessons learned from them should enable you to become more optimistic as you grow.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Whenever unconscious emotional reactions occur (Moon), people with this aspect experience sensitivity and vulnerability and find it hard to express themselves. Emotional reserve is common with this aspect.

The sense of security is bound up with Saturn, and so these people are inclined to shoulder too much responsibility, work hard and deny themselves many small pleasures. They seek safety in perfectionism and the world regards them as very trustworthy and diligent; yet inwardly they are unsure and easily hurt, and, to tell the truth, are more or less running away from themselves.

They are inclined to restrict themselves to what they see and know. Therefore, when opportunities present themselves, these individuals either let them slip through their fingers or study all the ins and outs before committing themselves. This goes along with rigid ideas and a certain blinkering of the mental vision. Flexibility is slight, owing mainly to a great vulnerability of which others are ignorant. They anxiously hide this vulnerability behind a mask of hard work or, if the chart is passive, behind a mask of gloom and inertia that is hard to penetrate.

Often they feel that they are living under constant pressure and dare not do anything spontaneous. Before showing feelings, they need to make very sure of the other

person, and that can take a long time. The cold aloofness of this aspect is a form of self-protection. Nevertheless Saturn gives almost unbreakable faithfulness and dependability once someone has won this person over; then it would be impossible to think of a more stable relationship. Before that point is reached, however, a host of inhibitions, fears, suspicions and sensitive feelings is waiting to be vanquished.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect is difficult to work through, for it symbolizes a childhood that was less than ideal. The energy manifests in early childhood illness or emotional deprivation or both. The mother of the native is suppressed and restricted by the father in some way. This child is suppressed and restricted by the father as well. The mother's emotions are thwarted; she may not be able to have friends; her 'causes' are put down; her life-style may be completely hampered by marriage responsibilities. The mother may feel depressed and emotionally unfulfilled, and the child absorbs her attitudes and responses. Because the mother is unhappy, the child assumes that this reaction

is 'normal'. Sometimes this aspect occurs in marriages where the mother is a brood mare - raising babies and taking care of a family. There may be no relationship between the parents other than the father being the provider and expecting to be fed at six o'clock sharp. The mother may resent it, but she may not be strong enough to change her situation. Her reasons may be myriad - she may have too many children, she may not have skills, or, like the heroine in 'Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde', she may be psychologically overwhelmed by the power of the Mr. Hyde personality. Each time the mother reaches out emotionally, responding to someone or something spontaneously, the father 'dumps' on her.

The child picks up the emotional deprivation and brings the following characteristics into his adult life: a tendency toward melancholia, quick mood changes that are psychologically or unconsciously based, and a basically unhealthy attitude regarding relationships. If this child is female, she will enter into romantic relationships assuming that she cannot share her thoughts and feelings with her loved one; she doesn't expect men to be nice or considerate or understanding, so she will tend to share her innermost feelings with her friends rather than with her lover or husband. In the chart of a male, the ability to respond emotionally is restricted, for the father restricted this male's emotional development. This aspect also affects his relationships with women, and he may feel that no woman will ever care for him. He forces himself (often subconsciously) to barricade his emotional self, sometimes expressing himself harshly. If his father was physically or emotionally abusive to women, he may be too. He may be drawn to women who cannot give anything emotionally. In the case of the female, if her father was physically or emotionally abusive, she will expect the same kind of treatment from the men she chooses and will stay in unwholesome situations far longer than someone who doesn't have this aspect.

The aspect seems to place restrictions on the body in some way. Saturn symbolizes restriction, and the Moon represents the physical body. Children with this aspect sometimes have skeletal deficiencies or are prone to chronic ailments. The adult with this aspect has a harder time shaking colds or chronic maladies. These people should contemplate preventive medicine, for they can ward off illness by keeping healthy.

(Charles Carter)

This powerful position is on the whole good, from a Saturnian point of view. The native is extremely hard-working, and is often a self-denying Spartan. The temperament is hard, self-seeking, and critical, with few good words for anyone,

though such praise as they may not grudge is usually well bestowed and their criticism is not so much actuated by envy or a carping spirit as it is the outcome of an almost inordinate craving for perfection. In good types, there is a high grade of intellect, but of a practical kind, with a distaste for abstractions. In lower types it tends to discontent, and sometimes to a narrowness that verges towards stupidity, yet it is questionable if the native is ever stupid in that which interests him, and he is rarely frivolous or silly. There is a rather rigid self-confidence, the native usually feeling thoroughly competent in his own work, and instinctively feeling no interest in anything else, lest his insufficiency in other domains might be apparent. As regards occupations and pursuits, the conjunction has much the same effect as the harmonious aspects.

### **Moon trine Saturn** (Haydn Paul)

Potentially, these two disparate planetary energies can be reconciled; and you will probably feel a more positive and optimistic attitude than is common with the other Moon-Saturn aspects.

Your personality is relatively stable; and, in developing a suitable life-style, you will demonstrate resourceful and practical skills. You are reliable, and persevere to fulfil your duties and responsibilities, whether domestic or family, or through career, social, and civic involvements.

Your outlook may be cautious and conservative, respecting social rules and traditions, preferring to live by self-conformity to 'civilised behaviour'. You may view social experimentation and radical ideas to change cultural establishments with unease and suspicious concern, preferring the familiar and trusted ways. However, you also do recognize the renewing virtue of change, and will support change if you believe it will be beneficial; yet change for change's sake you will view with distaste.

Establishing firm life foundations is seen as important. This motivation may have come from valuing childhood stability and permanence, where you felt safe within a secure home and enjoyed the comforting presence of parents. You realize that 'successful building' depends on right foundations. Following this 'pattern' will increase the likelihood of success in any endeavours, whether in business, career, marriage, or family life. You may benefit from inheritance, perhaps in business or through some type of institutional involvement.

You apply shrewd, pragmatic common sense to your affairs, preferring either self-employment or positions of authority and responsibility, where opportunities to express potential are more available. You have creative abilities, although these may be directed along traditional channels, into business or career. The spheres of law, medicine, engineering, politics, management, and education may especially attract. You tend to be a good worker, believing that to gain benefits you need to wholeheartedly commit your efforts to tasks.

You are rarely emotionally effusive; and you may seem austere and privately withdrawn. You prefer to remain in control and be reasonably stable; and yet feelings can be displayed honestly and in a straightforward manner, ensuring that others know what you think and feel about things. Emotional manipulation and distorted relationships are anathema to you; and you dislike anyone acting in such a way.

Friendships are founded on mutual compatibility, trust, and faith in genuine care and support for each other, although each has to be an independent personality and secure in his or her self-esteem; you are not interested in dependent personalities whose emotional vacillations and confusion may agitate the emotional unease that

can be hidden within you.

You are cautious in making emotional decisions, taking time to evaluate your feelings and instincts, knowing that they offer valid messages, and yet also recognizing that you may not listen to them enough. Once certain, you commit yourself, especially in a marriage or partnership context; and you will expect similar clarity and commitment from your partner. Maturity and emotional stability are necessary in a partner, and you dislike emotional changeability; if you find the right partner, much of your creativity will flow into the relationship, so that it develops and progresses for mutual benefit.

Moon trine Saturn (Robert Pelletier)

Although the Moon trine Saturn makes you conservative and cautious, you are nevertheless very creative and for the most part optimistic. Your parents have given you a solid background in training so that you possess a reasonable degree of common sense. You maintain a respect for tradition, but also appreciate the value of change when it seems productive. You are emotionally stable and resourceful and realize that to benefit from something you must make an investment in personal effort. You don't expect to get anything without making a contribution for it. Your friends always know how you feel about them, and you never knowingly violate their trust.

Engineering, industrial management, politics, education, law, and public relations are some of the professions you could follow with reasonable assurance of success. These fields would give you many opportunities to demonstrate how useful you can be even under very demanding circumstances and responsibility. Your retentive memory is a great help at such times. You appreciate any job in which you can exploit your considerable potentials, but you may lean toward accepting a position of leadership, for which you are suited. In fact, the chances are good that you will gain a position of authority in any field you select.

Though your circle of friends may not be wide, you enjoy the lasting friendship of those friends you have. The mutual trust and understanding between you constantly enriches your life and theirs. You respect only those who have self-respect, and you look for the same quality in a prospective marriage partner. You do not make any decisions without a careful investigation, especially where your feelings are concerned. Always one to observe the rules, you are unlikely to consent to a permissive relationship without some binding agreement. But you would agree to a marriage contract only if your partner realized the full implication of such an agreement. Because you bring so much creative effort into a relationship, its success is practically assured. Your mate must also uphold the contract you've made together and be willing to work to sustain your mutual interests above everyone else's.

As a parent, you would be a disciplinarian, but merciful and loving. You would encourage and strengthen the individuality of your children, as long as it is positively directed.

Moon sextile Saturn (Haydn Paul)

With the sextile, this planetary relationship is easier to manage than with the conjunction. While an emotionally restricted expression remains likely, it is less limiting, since your rational mind serves to dissipate inner darkness. You should be aware, however, that resolving emotional conflicts is necessary; and for you to do this, your emotional complexity needs understanding.

While you recognize that you do not have all the answers, you realize striving to understand helps to build bridges - whether within yourself or to others - and so you value the act of listening and are ready to talk about problems with friends or partners for mutual support and benefit. To you, 'a problem shared is a problem halved'; and you know that taking a realistic approach to emotional problems increases the chances that eventually a constructive solution will emerge. Part of this process is self-therapy, because you remain serious, reserved, and cautious, still uneasy with displaying feelings for others, unless they are old, trusted friends and family. Yet others turn toward you for support, not necessarily because they believe you have the answers, but because they recognise that you will honour and acknowledge their pain and confusion. In that mutual recognition a form of supportive healing and acceptance can be transmitted.

You apply an intelligent approach to life, founded on common sense and personal integrity. You will demonstrate efficiency, practicality, pragmatism, and order in whatever tasks you undertake, and will be relied on to perform in an organized manner in accordance with standard procedures. You work well within traditional workplaces where established operational structures exist and conformity to them is expected; this satisfies the Saturn expectations. Attractions to law, medicine, politics, management, local government, and education are likely. There may be financial skills which can be exploited, especially through business endeavours.

You have an aura of respectability and realism. You are not an ineffective dreamer, but a reliable member of society with high behaviour standards. Personal integrity is a quality that you will not compromise, even if this means losing opportunities. If everything seems above board, however, you are usually alert to take advantage of an opportunity. Two of your assets are persistence and determination; and you use these in whatever tasks you are set. You are ambitious, although not obsessively so, and will probably make steady progress.

Self-development, study, and learning attracts, as you enjoy increasing knowledge and understanding.

Although you may limit this to specific interest areas, you can acquire specialist knowledge if you so choose. This could be shared with others through some form of teaching, with your knowledge effectively communicated.

You prefer similar personality types in friends and partners - those who are intelligent, serious-minded, and culturally thoughtful.

Close friendships and trust are important; and you favour a small, select group of confidantes linked also by emotional connections, mutual care, and concern. For a permanent partner, you want someone capable of relating deeply on every level - physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual. Your ideal relationship encourages mutual development, as both partners help each other; this becomes a creative interdependence.

You must not deny feelings, instincts, and emotions, especially when mental preoccupation is more emphasized and active. Feelings are important; and, while remaining vulnerable to their reactions, you would be unwise to ignore their messages. Liberating feelings and listening to signals from instincts should also be encouraged; discover how you can express these feelings and instincts within secure, intimate relationships, and learn to trust their guidance.

Moon sextile Saturn (Robert Pelletier)

Your Moon sextile Saturn shows that you are serious, reserved, and cautious in your feelings toward others. As

a result of early conditioning, you always try to understand the people who mean something to you. Perhaps you were expected to listen and help your brothers and sisters when they brought their problems to you. Now you are always ready to discuss any problem that develops between you and another person. You realize that emotions must be understood before any conflict can be resolved. This realistic approach to emotional difficulties can generally produce a constructive effect.

Your native intelligence, integrity, and common sense should enable you to achieve success in your occupation. Fields such as law, medicine, industrial management, politics, education, or public relations are especially fitting for your talents. You are patient and practical in coping with everyday problems because you are well aware that you achieve the best results that way. You are orderly in your thinking and don't allow yourself to indulge in fanciful, emotional daydreams. You are modestly ambitious and willing to learn as you progress in whatever you choose. However, you would not sacrifice integrity for the sake of ambition.

What you lack in enthusiasm, you make up for in determination. You communicate well, and teaching could be a useful means of expression for you. You are self-disciplined and impatient with 'dawdlers' who waste your time and theirs. Students would certainly learn from you, because you project your knowledge with clarity and authority.

You enjoy the company of selected friends in whom you can confide and whom you trust. Very probably you will find comfort and emotional satisfaction among persons who are similarly dedicated to truth. Your mate will have to be serious and thoughtful. Even if your partner has not achieved success, you will accept someone who has established plans for achieving goals and whose intentions are sincere. You will want to help your mate become successful and would not feel left out if professional demands required his or her absence from you. By itself, a sexual relationship is totally inadequate for you. You respond to persons with substantial resources of mind and spirit and stable emotions.

In your free time, you often read or study, recognizing that growth is possible only if one continues to expand in knowledge. You always want to be prepared to take advantage of an opportunity that could prove beneficial in the long run.

Moon trine or sextile Saturn (Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Even harmonious aspects between the Moon and Saturn give a feeling of vulnerability, and are associated with soberness, industry and the acceptance of responsibility. Again, expressing emotions does not come easy and these people like to put on a front of self-discipline, etiquette and respectability. They are admired for an ability to remain calm and collected in all circumstances, yet inside are full of doubts and fears.

Harmonious Moon / Saturn aspects usually indicate a serious outlook and a practical approach to things. This, combined with the determination to finish everything they start (due to a highly developed sense of responsibility), can take them far in society. But emotionally they have problems; children with these (and other) Moon / Saturn aspects are never really young and playful. They frequently form friendships with older boys and girls.

Women with Moon / Saturn aspects have difficulty in expressing femininity, even when the aspect is harmonious. This can increase emotional insecurity and / or make

them behave in a forceful, mannish way, or else in a motherly, organizing way. They find emotional fulfillment by being in charge; although, even with a harmonious aspect, loved ones are kept at arm's length to some extent.

Men with one of these aspects tend to be attracted by women of the Saturnine type; that is to say, they prefer partners who are rather older and more mature - certainly not women who are sprightly and playful.

People with harmonious Moon / Saturn aspects can often be very constructive within an existing framework. The Moon and Saturn are always the two main form-givers: the Moon of formed content and Saturn of the structure and backbone of external form. When something has to be enlarged, structurally improved and preserved, those with harmonious Moon / Saturn aspects are in their element. They are not required to display initiative, which we would have to look for in other chart factors anyway.

#### Moon trine Saturn (Betty Lundsted)

People born with this aspect will not be as frivolous as those born without it. However, they are not as depressive as those born with the Moon-Saturn affliction. This child arrives in an atmosphere where the father works co-operatively with the mother and vice versa; the parents present a united front, even if it is a rather sombre one. The child learns to work through emotional problems; he offers himself carefully in a relationship, for emotions are not treated lightly. The chance of starting a relationship that works through all the possibilities, that leaves no stone unturned, that explores all its potential, comes out of this aspect.

As far as career is concerned, this aspect makes for a careful thinker, someone who is reasonable in crisis situations, a person who doesn't fly off the handle in spontaneous reactions. This is a diplomatic personality.

#### Moon sextile Saturn (Betty Lundsted)

Any contact from Saturn to the Moon brings slowness, apprehension and seriousness to the emotional self. The father of this native was not a debilitating influence on the mother and did not restrict her ability to nurture the native, but he did take life quite seriously.

People with this aspect can use it to establish steady feelings; once an emotional commitment has been made, it will be taken seriously. They are responsible people. The aspect's energy can be used in careers that need a steady hand and a level head.

#### Moon trine or sextile Saturn (Charles Carter)

These aspects are frequently of a basic character, influencing the fundamentals of the native's temperament. Provided that the chart as a whole is of a good type, the nature is deepened and rendered capable of serious and responsible work, with excellent powers of organising and controlling and a marked degree of personal dignity - that may sometimes destroy the sense of humour when the native's self-respect appears to be in jeopardy. There is often a large amount of matter-of-factness and a practical and limited outlook on life. Duty plays a large part in the motives, and obligations are performed carefully and exactly. The contact is scarcely democratic in its influence, and there is an inclination to like people in their proper places. Similarly, the mental and emotional aspects of the life are organised and arranged. The emotions are usually steady, with some tendency to depression.

There is usually affection and well-merited respect for the mother, but unless both bodies are well-placed she is liable to die early or suffer misfortunes. It seems to lessen the number of children and sometimes cause them to be a heavy responsibility.

It is favourable for business life and for practical work that calls for care and prudence rather than energy or originality - which is often defective. It is good for work in connection with houses or land, and any sort of caretaking or management where conscientious work is called for, but it is not so good where affection is required, as in care for the young.

It is distinctly good for worldly success, or, perhaps one should rather say, for the retention and proper use of success, if the rest of the chart permits of its attainment. Sometimes rank and position result from family connections or are inherited - there is often a sort of relation between family and position, or the native assumes a place as a successor to someone else, but does not create it. For example, a professor who occupies a seat that has been vacated by his predecessor, a minister of state, the president of a society, or the editor of an established paper. Thus the position is usually one of a successive line, and the native inherits some kind of tradition. If the chart is strong, the native develops and improves his office and maintains the tradition with success and dignity, but even when the two bodies are technically in good aspect, other flaws in the horoscope may lead to downfall and the characteristics of the inharmonious contacts.

Generally this combination preserves the health by influencing the native to be prudent and regular in habits, and it is particularly good in old age. But it does not confer robust health.

### **Moon square Saturn** (Haydn Paul)

Limitations and restrictions may occur on opportunities and experiences, often created by unresolved emotional patterns. The source of these may be sentimental attachments to the past, to memories, to experiences, and to earlier relationships. You find it difficult to break free from the past; and previous experiences will influence present choices and attitudes.

You may have grown up with a negative self-image, one which lessens self-confidence and also shapes restrictive worldviews. This may come from unsettling and disturbing childhood experiences. Perhaps you put up protective barriers to defend vulnerable feelings from damage; you may have believed you were not loved by your parents, or you were left with just one parent through separation, divorce, or death. Issues of emotional dependency may have grown, and a mother- or father-complex formed, making it difficult to cut the parental umbilical cord when you became an adult. Taking time and investigating any childhood roots of your inhibitions may shed considerable light on your adult psyche.

You tend toward pessimistic attitudes, linked to a reduced physical vitality, emotional moodiness, melancholic dissatisfaction, and depression. Lacking self-confidence and perhaps seeing the world as a harsh, loveless place, you may feel bitter and cynical, preferring isolation from relationship intimacy. A 'barrier' may be felt between you and others, making contact and communication difficult to achieve.

Family ties bind you. This could suggest that you are older than most when you leave home to become independent; or you could have the onerous duty of caring for an elderly parent. Your family life may turn into an imprisoning environment in some way, perhaps through children, economic hardship, or social isolation. You are very

sensitive to the complexities of family relationships, and, despite your emotional difficulties, will hate to cause anyone else emotional distress. Yet these ties limit your life, and will continue to tighten until you take responsibility to create a more satisfying life.

You may feel uneasy with intimacy, and try to avoid involvement, afraid of not coping, or imagining that your 'inadequacies' would be exposed; feeling unloved, how could anyone feel love for you? Such an attitude turns into a vicious, self-defeating circle; and you may become socially awkward and excessively shy. Dissolving such inner barriers and protective emotional mechanisms is essential, both to liberate yourself from negative conditioning patterns and to free repressed emotional energies to revitalize a hidden emotional wasteland that you have created.

You maintain tensions and frustrations by refusing to release behaviour patterns formed during childhood and within your parental relationship. It is your choice, if you wish, to continue limiting your life, but it is not inevitable; limitations are only imaginary parameters which we draw around ourselves as a barrier; they can be erased or expanded. Your creativity is blocked by emotional repression. If you dissolve the barrier and redirect the energies toward positive and constructive channels, then much could be achieved. Finding additional interests and stimulation would be beneficial, showing that the world has much to offer if you open to its riches. Becoming involved with children could reveal new ways to see things; their enthusiasms and sense of wonder could be transmitted to you. With contemporary self-help techniques, visualization, meditation, affirmation, and the availability of numerous ways to release blocked energies, you can transform your life to face the future with positivity and optimism. Once freed from past restrictions, you can uncover your latent potential.

#### Moon square Saturn (Robert Pelletier)

The square between your Moon and Saturn indicates that you find it difficult to let go of the past and anyone associated with it. Because of your early conditioning, you are overwhelmed with guilt when you express disloyalty toward someone you have known for a long time. Family matters are therefore very important to you, and you forget few birthdays or other commemorative events. These tendencies show that you are emotionally trapped; it is difficult for you to establish your independence outside the confining circumstances of the home and family.

Your parents were especially responsible for your feeling of dependence and your inability to stand alone. Unfortunately, parents sometimes don't realize how damaging it is for their children to be dependent on them. Your creative expression will be deeply limited by your emotional restrictions.

The most likely fields of work for you are those that serve the needs of the elderly. Such fields as nursing, physical therapy, housing, geriatrics, food, and public assistance programs are some possible avenues of expression. These areas of endeavor emphasize domestic circumstances or identification with individuals who bring to mind your parents. You could perform excellent work and be amply rewarded for your efforts, and at the same time know that you are filling an important need.

Your own romantic satisfaction may not occur until you have fully realized how meagre is the scope of your own life. Only when you become aware that time is passing, and that fewer partners are available to you, will you scramble to find a mate.

Try to become interested in some avocational activity. Your normal inclination to melancholy and depression will be reduced as you become involved in creative functions. Children could also be a source of great joy to you and relieve the lonely hours by their frivolity and endless curiosity. You might join an organization that helps youngsters who need a big brother or sister or someone who can substitute for their parents.

Eat wholesome food and avoid eating on the run in the fast food service places that today's hasty social structure offers. Try not to eat cold food, and, if you can, make it a point to eat with others.

Moon opposition Saturn (Haydn Paul)

It is probable that the restrictions and limitations which you encounter are mainly derived from other people or environmental pressures, and that relationship difficulties will occur.

Childhood experiences and parental or social conditioning will have greatly affected you; and your attitudes and worldview are likely to have been moulded by duty, obligation, and responsibility. You see their requirements as necessary for the socially mature individual, but, instead of gradually developing as a result of real maturation, these have been imposed on you, probably during childhood before you were able to properly integrate them. Parental pressure or environmental circumstances may have forced you to 'act grown up' before you were ready, having to conform to these demands. You may have reacted against the discipline of restraining attitudes and imposed rigid behaviour, and may have seen your parents as lacking love or understanding for you.

Life presents a vista of duty and obligation; it is viewed as a serious affair in which 'doing the right thing' becomes important, even if this means ignoring your feelings, instincts, and emotions... or so it seems to you. One result could have been a controlling of childhood feelings, exuberance, and enthusiasm, of not being allowed time for childish play and 'silliness', acting out imaginative fantasies, or refusing to conform.

By adult life, this may have consequences of moodiness, bleak depressions, and negativity. You may display emotional inflexibility, endure phases of stagnation, and have fears of people, experiences, and situations. If this occurs, it is symptomatic of unconscious emotional repression, which now influences your everyday consciousness and reality through interference. Sensing this repression, others may avoid closeness with you, as they sense that your social stiffness inhibits relationships; as your vibration is that of a loner, they may feel uncomfortable.

Negative attitudes can become restrictive and limiting; opportunities can be lost through refusing to take chances, or relationships denied through social unease or fear of emotional intimacy. If you can redirect your attitudes in a more positive and constructive direction, things will open up; making such a shift is likely to prove difficult, yet, if achieved, will be highly rewarding.

Clarifying your life direction is important, enabling energies to be targeted at achieving specific personal aims. While the 'duty and obligation' program dominates you, there can be antagonism toward authority figures such as employers or managers, especially if they provoke your feelings or wound your sensitivity. If you chose not to become self-employed, then work related to medicine, research, social welfare, community service, law, or government may attract.

Relationships can prove problematic. You find difficulty letting down your emotional drawbridge to others, and struggle to express feelings. Sometimes embryonic relationships are destroyed by your allowing previous relationship experiences to interfere, by prejudging people according to past disillusionments. Emotions are protected; and this can prevent intimacy from developing. Older partners may attract, as may those who display a maturity which you believe you lack.

Be careful of becoming dependent on others. It may be inevitable that you fall in love with someone who displays affection but not love for you. This leaves you emotionally vulnerable; and powerful but painful feelings are encountered. Such experiences could prove uncomfortable and traumatic, yet releasing emotions is the healthiest action. If a relationship develops, then you may become less defensive, and your hidden potential may unfold with a loving partner.

Children may help to open you, providing a relationship into which you can pour love, helping you to feel at ease with displaying feelings in a less threatening context. You may find that family obligations create limitations, due to financial constraints and parenting responsibilities. A balanced approach to fulfilling responsibilities in a more relaxed, emotionally responsive manner is required; and much depends on transforming attitudes and feelings. If this is achieved, limitations will progressively dissolve as emotional stress is released, and a new feeling of liberation grows. With emotional freedom comes the dismantling of those inner barriers which have prohibited creativity and imagination; and taking these steps may reveal previously unexplored and unrecognized talents and abilities.

Moon opposition Saturn (Robert Pelletier)

Your Moon opposition Saturn confers depth of understanding, but it also indicates periods of considerable pessimism and depression. These periods develop because of your emotional reactions - you are inclined to be apprehensive and fearful about people and events. You take life seriously, and no event or relationship is ever casual or superficial. In your early formative years, you were strongly conditioned to accept duty and responsibility as an essential part of growing up. However, you found it difficult to accept such pressure, and your emotional sensitivity made you assume that perhaps you were not loved or were being rejected.

You relate better to older people, and even in youth you associated more easily with adults than with those your own age. This may have caused you some loneliness, especially if older groups would not accept you because of your age. It would not be surprising if you had become a loner.

Your professional opportunities may be limited unless you can become more optimistic. Although you accept duty, it is never without some bitter reminder of the parental influences of your childhood. You tend to project this bitterness in your relations with your superiors, so that getting along with them may be a problem. You will function better if you can be self-employed or can at least exercise self-determination in performing tasks. It is important that you establish your own goals and construct a plan of action to realize them.

You could find expression in medicine (especially geriatrics), human research, welfare programs, education, law, hotel and restaurant management, or government service. Learn your craft well, and don't belittle those who can teach you what you need to know. Keep your feelings anchored in professional activities.

If you are still influenced by your early conditioning, you will choose a mate who is an extension of one of your parents. You will probably seek a person who is strong in

character, self-disciplined, and demanding. But you would derive more emotional satisfaction from a relationship with someone who can compensate for the austerity of your parents. If you have successfully modified your attitude toward people so that you aren't on the defensive, you would enjoy having a liberal-minded mate who could help you exploit your potentials to their fullest.

Whichever sort of mate you choose, it is unlikely that your own family environment will be a replay of your childhood. You will want greater flexibility for your children to enable them to become secure, independent adults.

Avoid eating cold lunches, if you can, and use salt in moderation. Frequent rest is advised, and try to get away occasionally from the pressure of everyday routine. Digestion may be a problem if you allow tension to build up, especially from emotional stress.

Moon square or opposition Saturn (Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Tense aspects draw attention more strongly to vulnerable aspects of a personality. When people have the hard aspects, each time they look for comfort and safety (Moon), they are inevitably confronted with their weaknesses, fears, and uncertainties (Saturn). Emotional inhibitions and difficulties with emotional expression are quite common under these aspects. These people struggle with a sense of loneliness and often with an inferiority complex as well.

Anxiety and possibly mistrust will affect behavior. They take a rather gloomy view of everything, preferring to expect the worst because then the unexpected will always be an improvement; and, in fact, are particularly prone to do so where the emotional world (Moon) and the need for security are concerned.

For women, these are difficult aspects. Their femininity is not easy for them to handle. Even though many can create the impression of being superwomen, they lack inner composure. Another mode of expression is very mannish behavior. Saturn's hard aspects can lead to extremes.

Self-control is considerable with these aspects, also the capacity for hard work, self-discipline and level-headedness. People with conflicts between the Moon and Saturn can be very creative in fashioning things. Their inferiority feelings, and their fears that what they make will never be perfect, are likely to haunt them to some extent; but they can produce first-class work once they set their minds to it. Although these are active aspects (which the tense aspects always are), Saturn can be so inhibitive that either the natives' activities are paralysed at the very beginning or they avoid spreading their interests. Given their sensitivity, they cannot afford to risk making too many mistakes. Shyness is common in these aspects, while the persistent search for some ideal form in which to express themselves makes them initially impractical and inefficient: owing to uncertainty they try their hand at all sorts of things when they are young, being unable to settle down anywhere. Dread of the unknown can keep them static and clinging to pet ideas; therefore they strike others as hard and unbending.

However, once these people have made the effort to break out of their hard shells they will be all the tougher for the experience, well equipped to patiently withstand the adversities life may bring, and they will work successfully under the most trying circumstances. For durability and staying power are Saturn's good side, which falls within their reach once we have come to terms with it.

Moon square or opposition Saturn (Charles Carter)

The inner side of these contacts is usually inefficiency, the native being a bad leader and organiser, without set purpose or policy, often not intelligent and confused in his methods, giving himself and others unnecessary trouble. He is careless and imprudent, weak and obstinate, cunning and silly; astute in details, but blind in main issues. Sometimes it causes laziness; sometimes energy without persistence. Depression and discontent are common. Shyness is common also.

With depression there is often a lack of real self-reliance, and the native may be a prey to fear and foreboding, and a feeling of general inadequacy in respect of his obligations and duties. He is apt sometimes to rely on the material supports of life rather than on character.

The entire feminine side of the nature is limited by this contact, and unless other aspects come to the assistance of the Moon, much unhappiness and emotional inhibition may occur. Even the good aspects of the Moon and Saturn sometimes tend to dourness and rigidity, and a dislike of, or inability to partake in, pleasures, particularly if Venus be weak.

On the circumstantial side, which will be the more evident in many cases, there is a dislike of hardship, particularly in early and in late life. The native may easily be misunderstood, and have to endure harshness, severity, and lack of emotional satisfaction.

The relations with the mother are rarely happy; she may be unfortunate, or may die young, be unhealthy, or be a burden to the native; or she may be dominating and stern in her attitude. The home is selfom imbued with a genial atmosphere such as a child needs.

In marriage these aspects tend to unions between persons of diverse ages; sometimes there are social differences and the parents either prevent marriage or urge unsatisfactory alliances based on Saturnian considerations of duty, advantage, and so forth. There are rarely many children.

A correspondent writes from personal experience: 'The main effect is frustration, or victory without pleasure, or unrewarded efforts, probably to teach the native selfless application to duty. The good side of this aspect seems to lie in helping to build inner strength, an ability to sense adversity before it comes, and patience to endure it when it arrives.'

The native may come into contact with violence and ill-health. The opposition seems very potent in this respect. Sometimes there is unpopularity, especially with women and with the masses; sometimes there is a rather senseless popularity that does not last.

## **Natal Moon quincunx Saturn**

(Robert Pelletier)

The inconjunct between your Moon and Saturn indicates an undercurrent of guilt in your emotional reactions to people. You seem uneasy until you can find some way to demonstrate that you sincerely care for them. In a sense this negative reaction is an admission that you don't feel worthy of them. It would seem that in your early conditioning your parents made you feel inferior to them. As an adult, you can change this. What you truly owe is the obligation to yourself to get rid of the burden of submission to others. Don't let others intimidate you by questioning your emotions toward them. At the same time, feel free to question their feeling for you.

Feeling inferior to others will interfere with your goals in life. Establish priorities concerning the matters that relate to others and those that pertain to yourself. Give attention to your own needs before you even think about doing anything for others. You'll find that they will find a way to take care of their problems. Don't be an emotional patsy for persons who will brutalize you emotionally with their guilt and incompetence.

Once you gain a proper perspective on the limits of your obligations, you can plan your future. You may find social service attractive, or education, politics or medicine. Whichever field you choose, you will bring resources and potential growth that will enable you to accomplish your objectives. You are suited to work as a specialist; you have a good memory, you are responsible, and when your efforts are rewarded you try even harder. If you should decide to go into education, consider research sciences as a platform for your talents. Your attention to detail lends itself well to the precision required in such areas.

Your romantic life may get off to a slow start, and its subsequent development depends entirely on whether you can reverse your inclination to let others walk all over you and take you for granted. You should know how capable you are, and, if you capitalize on your assets, others will notice you as a private person, secure and proud in your accomplishments.

You will expect your partner to need you in ways that only you can satisfy. It is essential that there be mutual respect for the individual differences between you and a willingness to serve each other when necessary. Under no circumstances should you accept an arrangement that would obscure one partner while furthering the desires of the other. This kind of burden would grow unbearably heavy and eventually undermine the relationship.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When the search for security (Moon) is linked by an inconjunct with the sensitive area formed by Saturn, the native will time and again be assailed by extreme uncertainty when looking for certainty, yet without knowing the underlying reason. He or she has the impression that something is hanging over his or her head, or that he / she is unable to achieve something, or else is plagued by all sorts of guilt and anxiety feelings that seem to emerge from nowhere. Whatever the case, whenever this person is on the point of finding a safe niche, a feeling of uneasiness arises, and this serves to intensify a need for emotional security - a need that can express itself in countless ways.

One extreme occurs when he or she keeps slaving away for others so that they will give rewards of support and approval. But this no more removes the sense of insecurity than does the other extreme, when the person is cold and withdrawn for fear that exposure to possible adverse conditions might rock his or her shaky foundation.

Characteristics such as sobriety and industry and the like are also found in the inconjunct; these offset the difficulty of emotional expression. And when this person learns that emotion and anxiety need not go hand in hand, the conviction can grow that restraint and security are not really inimical to one another. When he or she realizes that he / she possesses a soundly based inner security, he or she is then in fine position to help others who are emotionally vulnerable to overcome their problems.

(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon represents our emotional reaction to life; it symbolizes how the mother teaches us to respond when we are young. Saturn represents the effect of the father on the mother and his effect on our ability to express emotions. When the quincunx aspect appears, it indicates a strain that eventually takes its toll on health, although symptoms rarely show up before the age of forty. The energy needs to be worked into consciousness, for the quincunx is the kind of aspect that more frequently plays itself out like a small toothache - it isn't important enough to take to the dentist immediately.

The sign qualities of the Moon and Saturn need to be worked into a relationship that allows them both to express. Saturn says 'I lack'; the Moon says 'I feel'. The dilemma may not be noticed by others since it involves internal tension. Often, the symbolism of astrology can bring the tension to the attention of its owner so it can be worked out.

### **Natal Moon conjunct Uranus**

(Haydn Paul)

...to be added; awaiting book...

(Robert Pelletier)

With your Moon conjunct Uranus, you are somewhat of a character, and your personality is exciting. You are very expressive, especially when emotionally aroused. You prefer to have few secrets and thus remain free of the anxieties often brought on by them. Although you may become involved in emotional situations, you always try to examine them intellectually and as realistically as possible. You believe that this is the only way to solve such problems.

In your circle of friends, you are popular because of your tolerance and understanding. You rarely take sides on an issue because you can always find something worthwhile with both sides, and you know that there is common ground for mutual accord. Your basic honesty is what endears you to others. You are so hopeful and optimistic that others feel better in your presence, even when they are experiencing personal difficulties. But you can't always solve your own problems as easily as you solve those of others. When this happens, you may suffer from intense strain and nervous irritability.

Your romantic life is filled with unusual types who run the gamut from saint to sinner. You enjoy the thrill of forming relationships with 'impossible' individuals; an average person never seems to turn you on. Although you are often the matchmaker for others, you may remain unmatched yourself. When you do fall in love, you fall hard, and if the love is not returned you may become distraught.

Being such a free individual, you are impatient with any restraints. You insist on the right to determine your own way of life, and consequently your life-style bears little resemblance to that of your parents. You consider your success or failure to be an exclusive personal matter and will not permit yourself to be the product of someone else's conditioning.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

We cannot expect much tranquility from a Moon / Uranus conjunction, since the

restless, original, sparkling and fickle Uranus is indissolubly bound to the longing for security. These people will not know ordinary security, but that need not pose any problems. They find reassurance by expressing themselves in an individual and unconventional manner. They feel at home with this form of behavior in spite of the fact that it can lead to occasional clashes with those around them.

Certainly, great tension accompanied by alertness and restlessness is observable in the conjunction; these people are also nervy, irritable and quick-tempered. They like to rush into everything at once, and especially into whatever is unorthodox. In fact there is a temptation to be provocative with this aspect.

Changeable and capricious though they may be with a Moon / Uranus conjunction, they can also keep to their chosen course with grim determination. If they are completely sold on an idea, Uranus makes them easily annoyed by criticism, and they cling to the idea all the more obstinately. This apparent discrepancy (changeability and a taste for the unusual being combined with mulishness) is encountered in all Moon / Uranus aspects. In particular, the inability of the Moon / Uranus conjunction to adapt to the environment can only serve to reinforce their intractability.

Inner stability is not a strong point and, owing to the tremendous impulsiveness of Uranus - which is coupled here with a very unconscious and variable lunar influence - they tend to be accident-prone. Also, with this aspect, brusqueness needs curbing. And yet, with the same aspect, these people can retrieve some situation in an unexpected way by striking out on a new path; for it seems that change (and sometimes even radical change) is the watchword.

(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon symbolizes our emotional responses to life, the responses we learned at an early age from our mother; and Uranus indicates a behavior pattern that is connected to the generation we were born into.

If the word 'erratic' can be associated with Uranus aspects, we may surmise that we have erratic emotional responses with this conjunction. The chances are that the mother of the person with this aspect responds to her life in some erratic or eccentric fashion during the individual's childhood. It may be that the mother doesn't respond emotionally unless it's in the form of an emotional outburst; the child may have difficulty determining whether Mom is happy, angry or upset; here the emotional tirades come out of nowhere.

The adult with this aspect tends to make sudden and abrupt emotional decisions that sometimes offend others, for decisions of an emotional nature are seldom discussed before they are made. The emotional responses or reactions may be unpredictable. This can be both good and bad. It gives the individual a close tie to his generation and creates an affinity with peer group goals; so, it often indicates a person involved in healing or social welfare. It indicates a person who responds so suddenly and so strangely to emotional relationships that he leaves a string of broken hearts behind him as he rejects one lover after another, rarely working through relationship problems.

If the rest of the chart warrants, it can indicate individuals who draw violent relationships. For example, a woman with this aspect can be involved in sudden break-ups; this may result in an angry lover trying to break down her door. If these women want to avoid violence, they must consciously learn to share their feelings and hurts before coming to a decision about a relationship. They need to learn to discuss their feelings, for this is the only way a man (or anyone) can understand how

they feel. The constructive behavior pattern will have to be learned, for the child didn't see the mother making reasonable or considerate decisions.

In the case of a man, it tends to indicate an individual who doesn't commit himself to one relationship, who may leave in a huff when the situation is not going his way. He goes from one love to another, or one marriage to another, rather than sharing himself with the person he says he loves. Rarely is he physically abused, since men usually are not physically attacked by women; but it sometimes happens. Should this male be homosexual, however, he may suffer from physical violence in his emotional involvements until he learns how to share his feelings.

(Charles Carter)

This is a powerful and often a dangerous position. There is high emotional tension. Sometimes the affections are strangely and (possibly) tragically bestowed; there is an element of perversity and great determination, which may be directed wisely or unwisely, but very rarely follows any conventional or usual course. The interests are nearly always strange, and both mind and feelings differ from those of ordinary humanity, often giving rise to conditions with which it is exceedingly difficult for another to deal, because the native is deaf to reason and seems unable to help himself, there being a variable paralysis of the judgement. Perhaps it is most perilous in Fire, and least so in Earth and Air, but I have known strange people with this aspect even in the latter element - they are, however, less excitable than those having it in Fire, their vagaries being more often intellectual. Things ordinary and common do not satisfy the nature at all, and the constant search for the marvellous may lead the native into all kinds of fantastic cults. Note particularly the strength of Mercury and Jupiter, for these planets may determine the measure and direction of the influence.

Since the Uranian seldom does anything by half-measures, this conjunction may make a bad enemy, but as a general rule the afflictions of Uranus do not affect the moral nature (except unfortunately that they sometimes cause sexual abnormality), and I have never found those with this conjunction to be unlikeable so much as they are (to non-astrologers) impossible to understand.

It tends very much to an individual sort of life, the native hating routine and being willing to submit to anything rather than loss of independence of thought and action.  
Moon trine Uranus (Haydn Paul)

The trine is similar to the sextile, but also offers the potential to direct this energy toward a wider social influence. You will be curious, and eager to learn, and find comprehension easy. There is an ability to productively exploit the information, skills, and techniques that you acquire through life. Combined with creative imagination, you should be able to channel this toward building new enterprises and businesses; you have adequate energy and enthusiasm to do so, linked with commitment for personal success.

Your attraction toward the new is likely to be for 'group benefit' rather than toward fulfilling private needs and desires. Your vision will have a futuristic attitude and perspective. Here, the Uranian influence will shine through more strongly.

If Uranus remains a dominant planetary influence, your domestic and personal life may appear unconventional and unusual to some, although it will probably seem perfectly natural to you. There can be inner fears that tradition and predictable behaviour patterns could become life-destroying, limiting freedom and exploration, especially when your 'Uranus needs' conflict with lunar needs. While you may not feel

committed to open opposition, you certainly will not feel any obligation to surrender power to tradition by assuming a submissive attitude. Some kinds of authority you can respect; but your attitudes will be rebellious and you will be scathing in your denunciation whenever you believe that abuses of power are occurring.

Using this energy effectively will depend on discovering suitable channels of expression. You may need to create these, or could ally with others in a communal future-orientated venture. This sense or intuition of inter-relatedness acts as a guide, and is very important in your life. Following its signals assists your development, and will satisfy the inner need to build the future now, within the present.

### **Moon trine Uranus** (Robert Pelletier)

The Moon trine to Uranus shows you are inquisitive and eager to know all you can about everything. You are mentally alert and absorb knowledge easily. Your perspective on life is broad, and you rarely concern yourself with superficial matters. Your sparkling personality attracts a wide circle of friends. Since you are a willing listener, you don't threaten anyone's identity, but you can still hold your own in an argument because you are well armed with facts.

Your early conditioning prepared you to accept your future and made you aware that you could cope effectively with any situation. You have a healthy respect for legitimate authority but will challenge anyone who assumes power irresponsibly. Your temperament draws you to occupations that serve the group rather than the individual. You are thus especially suited to teaching, politics, and broad social programs. When you speak in public, your delivery, which is usually dramatic and to the point, stimulates positive reactions in your listeners.

Your outlook is toward the future, and you can easily establish the proper foundation for logical development in the future, to everyone's benefit. Others will thirstily seek your help in defining the goals they should strive for in their lives. Without even trying, you utter profound truths that sometimes reveal spiritual wisdom.

In your thinking, the past is well integrated with your desires for the future. There is no conflict in your circumstances that cannot be resolved easily. The answers you need always seem available, because you are emotionally prepared to accept the truth. Study of the occult would open vast areas of additional knowledge to you. You could also succeed in the professional application of this information.

The mate you choose should also function at your high frequency, or the relationship will dissolve from sheer boredom on your part.

### **Moon sextile Uranus** (Haydn Paul)

Both sextile and trine offer an easier handling of the Moon-Uranus energy relationship than the conjunction. There is a fluency to the energy flow and merger that offers considerable potential when utilized creatively and sensibly.

You may find less reliance upon established behaviour patterns, certainly reduced conflict or confusion, whenever you respond to the future orientation of Uranus. Also your 'head and heart' can beat more in unity, rather than to different discordant rhythms, so relationships should be more successful. In addition, this can improve your decision-making ability.

You will be mentally alert, recognizing opportunities when they arrive and being ready to take advantage of them. You are prepared to take risks and speculative

leaps if required to capitalize upon an idea or venture.

Learning can come easily: you quickly grasp the lessons which experience teaches, and you are able to channel enthusiasm into your projects to increase the chances of their success. Signs of this may have been evident during childhood, where you probably developed and matured earlier than most. A feeling of independence and uniqueness can increase self-esteem. This helps build a stable personality and is also a source of energy to exploit.

Socially, you get on well with people, experiencing empathic rapport and deepening understanding and tolerance. You enjoy inter-personal relating, and could become interested in expanding this into teaching or communication, where you can transmit to others your enthusiastic love of exploration and discovery.

Intimate relationships should rarely be fraught with emotional moods and tensions; and this helps committed partnerships to continue. You remain attracted toward Uranian impulses for change, variety, and novelty; but these demands will be less compulsive and demanding. If you wish, you can follow these urges, but can also control them. You need an intellectual content and affinity in closer relationships, however; and this factor should be considered in your choices. It is also likely that the relative 'success or failure' of your life will be heavily influenced by women, and that they will be important 'agents of destiny' for you.

Moon sextile Uranus (Robert Pelletier)

With the Moon sextile Uranus, you realized early in life that you were different from other people. You were unique in that you understood the significance of your experiences much more than others ever could. You learned something from every situation or event that involved you in any way. Perhaps your parents asked why you weren't like all the other kids. Your emotional and intellectual development was accelerated, mainly because you are not blindly loyal to the past. You respect the lessons of the past, but you set your sights toward the challenging future.

Your best expression is in teaching, because your feeling of excitement in discovery is instantly communicated to others. History particularly comes alive as you discuss, examine, and derive meaning from it. You effectively dramatize the importance of history, which can benefit others. You especially want people to enjoy the freedom from ignorance that serves progress. You encourage them to put aside emotional loyalties that hinder individual development.

Regardless of the particular profession you follow, you have enormous opportunities to stimulate others. You would be capable as a writer, reporter, politician, or a researcher in medicine. In science you would be certain to make distinct progress. However, you are impatient with the laborious effort often required in research and development, and you would probably work best if you could determine your own pace. Your highly developed intuition allows you to solve many problems with amazing ease. For this reason you might have found the usual pace in school too slow for your accelerated learning ability.

You are drawn to relationships that involve your logical nature, realizing that a strictly emotional rapport is not enough to bind you permanently to anyone.

Moon trine or sextile Uranus (Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the harmonious aspects you'll see a great need for freedom and the chance to develop, and usually this need will make itself well and truly felt. These people have

an enormous desire for change, renewal, for breaking established patterns, or crossing demarcation lines.

Every time they revert to Moon behavior, or, in other words, to a search for peace and safety, Uranus springs into action, and the planet, although intervening harmoniously, does tend to make them restless and impulsive. In breaking free they may also want to be unconventional, and interests may include astrology or esotericism, subjects which lie outside the present scientific world-picture. Of course, by no means everyone with strong Uranus aspects will become an astrologer, but they will probably be interested in something pioneering - say some innovative branch of technology like radar.

Once they have found an interest, then they can throw themselves into it heart and soul. They become absorbed in each new bright idea. Not all of these are likely to be usable, but that's not important; what matters is that the idea interests them intensely, and they have scant patience with the comments or criticisms of others. These people always give full rein to individuality and act according to what they think at the time. Possibly they shall bring about reforms in society, but these attitudes can also isolate them. Not for nothing is Uranus called an eccentric, solitary planet; and Uranians feel compelled to push themselves forward in order to express their individuality although, incidentally, they would be scandalized at the suggestion that they were being egotistic or self-centred.

With harmonious Moon / Uranus aspects, people feel at home wherever they can manage to be themselves. But when they are restricted the destructive side of Uranus shows up, harmonious aspects or no harmonious aspect, and reactions can be very uncertain and even unpredictable.

#### Moon trine Uranus (Betty Lundsted)

The child born with this aspect comes into a home where the mother understands the attitudes of the younger generation. The Moon symbolizes the mother and how she responds to life when the child is small. The child learns emotional responses, how to care, how to nurture, and how to feel and respond, from the mother. Uranus indicates the behavior of the generation; it also indicates our point of eccentricity or willfulness. This child's mother is willing to work with her environment in a positive manner, and her children will imitate her creative response to life in their adult relationships.

The only problem coming from this trine can be that of too much permissiveness - perhaps too much support given to people before understanding their goals and purposes. For example, a woman with this trine gave a great deal of support to a juvenile group in her neighborhood. The kids wanted a club house and needed adult support in order to get it. She gave them her endorsement, only to find out later that the club house was a centre for drug activities and was even used for violent situations - several children were physically abused there.

This aspect can be called the aspect of 'positive' eccentricity. It indicates that the individual has a creative bent that bestows an ability to be emotionally involved in any career chosen. It also indicates an unusual emotional nature, one that may enjoy 'new age' relationships.

#### Moon sextile Uranus (Betty Lundsted)

The emotional response capability that the mother shows this child, because of her reaction to life, is extremely positive for the child's emotional development. This

aspect indicates a person who can work through emotional crises, who has original ideas, who can understand many other patterns of reaction than his own, and who brings much positive energy to the environment.

Moon trine or sextile Uranus (Charles Carter)

These bodies have little in common, the Moon being concerned chiefly with the usual and the ordinary, whilst Uranus is of an exactly contrary nature.

The good aspects appear above all to bestow firmness and determination of a singularly unflinching kind, and, moreover, there is a distinct tendency for the native to interest himself in occultism, spiritist phenomena, Christian Science, and various cryptic matters, ranging from the less reputable up to the truly scientific and elevative, such as astrology. Sometimes the effects of the contacts are apparently slight, and the same is often true, I believe, of directions between the same bodies. It seems that the good aspects favour the rigid performance of duty and make the native capable of enduring and sacrificing much for anything that he conceives as being an obligation or an ideal. He will be of the type that cannot be argued with; he seems to get his inspirations and beliefs from another world, or, as is sometimes said, intuitively - a word often used to indicate feelings that cannot be justified rationally and are not to be submitted to rational analysis. Even the good aspects seem to make people too inflexible.

It is probable that they are also indications of help from friends, and in some cases they are certainly found in the charts of persons of extraordinary genius. Apart from such cases, the probability of helpful friends is, I think, almost the only practically useful result of these configurations, for the determination bestowed by them is a dubious boon unless the rest of the chart offers promise that there is judgement and sense behind it.

### **Natal Moon square / opposition Uranus**

Moon square Uranus (Haydn Paul)

The square's characteristics are quite similar to the opposition, indicating a clash of disparate energies and personality signals. Relationships are likely to be a battleground; and your domestic life will remain unsettled whenever you struggle with unresolved inner conflicts.

While you are mentally alert and quite clever, one challenge could be how you apply your talents. Finding a satisfactory outlet could also benefit your inner balance; failure to do so, through lack of discipline and application, will only exacerbate personality conflicts.

You are capable of releasing restrictions from the past; but an idea path for you would be founded on well-established ways (the lunar influence), which also allow enough freedom to explore new horizons (to satisfy Uranus). The problem is how to achieve this balance.

Your usual experience involves relinquishing the past, so that you feel free to experience the new. How to do this without unnecessary disruption or pain - for example, by finishing relationships - is the challenge. This task is fundamentally the same one facing our culture during the transition from the Age of Pisces to the Age of Aquarius.

If you allow the Uranian impulse to dominate, it may sweep away most of your life

foundations. While this can create a temporary excitement at glimpsed potentials and a promise of unrestrained liberty, there will inevitably come the time when a consolidation phase to re-anchor roots is necessary. Unlimited freedom is hard to handle without losing stability.

Within relationships, several vital lessons may need to be learned. These are co-operation, commitment, responsibility, compromise, and shared decision-making. You have no innate right to be always dominant, authoritative, or right, expecting a partner to acquiesce to your will or bow to your need for freedom when you do not allow the partner the same rights. Changing your behaviour patterns to be more positive and creative will work wonders; and intimacy will become more fulfilling for all concerned. Don't reject your life-style as unsatisfying, or be tempted to 'throw it away' in search of new excitement: the key to working with the Moon-Uranus energy lies in using this to transform your existing life.

Ask yourself which areas you wish to change. Evaluate your needs, dreams and desires carefully to see if, by your deliberately transforming your current life, these could be satisfied without destroying existing foundations. Consider how you could change your life to create space for new interests; or consider which attitudes could be changed to renew life or improve your relationships. Most people fail to take advantage of their potential, or refuse to transform themselves and their environment to create a more enjoyable life. It is an individual choice; but for those with a rebellious streak, this energy can be used positively to change whatever is not suitable. An active, not passive, approach is required. Exploring the contemporary self-help technique of N.L.P. is recommended.

#### Moon square Uranus (Robert Pelletier)

The square from the Moon to Uranus shows that you are emotionally impulsive and erratic in your behavior. If someone crosses you, you reply abruptly and may even be bad-tempered with those you love most. Your hair-trigger temper fires away, especially when you are emotionally aroused. You must exercise greater self-discipline in order to control your outbursts, many of which are unnecessary and unjustified. Because you are accustomed to having your own way, you can't stand being challenged. You have many lessons to learn, and the first is submission. The freedom that you demand you must give others as well, or you will encounter many problems in your relationships.

You are bright and ingeniously clever. When you gain more self-control, you can become a smashing success. Your talents are suitable for teaching, writing, research, or politics. You have the ability to successfully handle or represent groups. A born fighter for equal rights, you can vividly depict to others the freedom that they have been denied.

Your impatience and impulsiveness may make you accident-prone. You lack caution in judgement, which encourages accidents. Your restlessness may be the result of early conditioning, when you weren't allowed to assert yourself at will. You tended to defy authority by rejecting responsibility. If others preyed on your feelings to make you yield to them, you may have responded with emotional arrogance.

Marriage can succeed for you only if you are willing to compromise. Because of your eagerness for personal freedom and your rejection of responsibility, you would be totally unprepared for a union except on your own terms. Your concept of marriage is of the old style in which one partner is the sole authority. But this structure has little chance for success today. Actually, you have a desperate need to relate to your partner on an equal basis. If you do, you will delight in your gain rather than malign

your loss.

### Moon opposition Uranus (Haydn Paul)

Challenges will probably occur within intimate relationships. These will reflect the clash between old and new, between familiar behaviour patterns and the attraction of renewal emerging from a chaotic unknown. Your inner life may feel like a battleground, as these two different energies try to influence choices and decisions; and at times of crisis, you may feel almost torn apart.

A tendency toward mental and emotional stress will exist, arising from emotional instability and problems created in relationships through unpredictable and frequent mood changes. The impact of the Uranian vibration may create sudden changes in the erratic mutability of the lunar emotions. This can stir choppy seas into more dangerous storms. If you then release this tension through conflict with those closest to you - which is a common behaviour pattern - relationships could become quite stormy. Others' inability to rely upon and trust you will obviously affect the development of long-term relationships.

Your need for variety can also cause problems. This can be felt inwardly, where you easily get bored and lose interest in your home, employment, marriage, lovers etc., and then enter a phase of frustration if your need for new stimulation is denied. To break free from this tension, you may suddenly 'explode' toward new explorations, attempting to shatter all limitations and restrictions. This can lead to moving to a new house, changing employment or established careers to pursue other directions, or entering affairs or separating from marriage. You find responsibility and commitments hard to bear during times when the Uranian impulse is too strong and capable of breaking through the Moon's established defensive patterns.

What should be avoided is a repressive build-up of inner tensions, because if they 'explode' through you, their destructive quality will dominate, rather than their transformative intent. The first step lies in acknowledging this inner pressure, and then learning to release it slowly and with conscious control, directing it into suitable channels as a natural development of your life. Accepting this impulse for new experiences and interests can be adequately handled, if a continuous element of exploration in your life is sensibly allowed to operate in appropriate ways. This is an essential 'safety valve' to develop for your well-being.

Understanding this tendency will help in choosing a suitable partner, one who accepts this need of yours and is both capable and willing to compromise when necessary in helping you to find ways to safely release tensions. Any progress made in integrating your emotions and mind into a functioning whole will reap considerable dividends. Self-help techniques devoted to personal wholeness could be explored, offering potential positive development. Attempts by you to impose either emotional or rational dominance on your inner life will lead to additional friction created by the ignored planetary energy.

Feelings of instability that often persist also diminish your self-esteem, resulting in insecurity. You may lack a firm personality centre, fluctuating between Moon and Uranus, between emotion and logic, finding a home nowhere. You could find it useful to experience your emotional depths as deeply as possible. Let them rise to the surface; feel and understand their intensity, without cutting them off whenever they become unpleasant by an 'intellectual put-down' as inferior and not part of your preferred self-image. Equally, your mental interests and pursuits should be emotionally resonant, drawing both levels together. As your nervous system is overamplified, attempts like these help moderate and balance the flow of combined

energies, thus making it easier for you to live with others without frequently feeling a restless obsession for change.

#### Moon opposition Uranus (Robert Pelletier)

The Moon in opposition to Uranus indicates mental and emotional stress. You are trying to integrate your feelings with logic to achieve a better balance between your inner and outer lives. You constantly feel the need to make decisions involving others, and these decisions cause you much emotional turmoil. If your feelings dominate, you alienate yourself from others, but if logic prevails you feel crushed. Only experience can teach you to compromise so that both impulses are satisfied. The whole process will succeed if you are patient; this conflict can be resolved.

The crisis lies in your insecurity about projecting yourself in relationships that seem threatening. You are eager to make contact with others who will respond warmly to you. The important thing is to be yourself, realizing that others may have the same apprehensions you have. People will warm up to you and become friends if you give them the chance.

Your occupation should involve you in the personal affairs of others. In helping others to acquire self-confidence, you will increase your own. Teaching is especially recommended because it will force you to project your creative abilities. The constructive results you achieve will make you more totally aware of your potential development.

You may become involved in the most unusual romantic alliances. You tend to innocently form attachments with individuals who are either already attached or at least spoken for. You have a fascination for bizarre or complicated relationships. Perhaps this is your way of avoiding responsibility, which can never develop in such situations. You are emotionally promiscuous even if you never actually indulge in physical promiscuity. Others will insist that you put up or shut up.

Try to get as much rest as you can. Your keyed-up nervous system can seriously affect your digestion. A serene outlook will do wonders to help you avert physical distress.

#### **Natal Moon quincunx Uranus**

(Robert Pelletier)

The inconjunct from the Moon to Uranus shows that you must solve your emotional problems before you can really feel free. You may be distressed by the fact that as soon as you solve one problem, then you discover another. However, in this process you become skilled in dealing with recurring crises. In time, they will no longer occur - and you will be free. The difficulties you experience are a direct result of conditioning by your parents. You were emotionally unprepared to accept the burdens you were expected to carry. Because of this you felt guilty and tried to do whatever you could to rid yourself of this guilt.

In serving others, you overreact emotionally, always hoping to finally be released from the necessity of serving. You develop many skills to enable you to succeed in your job. Your best field would be one that involves teaching groups to develop their potentials. You could also use your talents for optimum effect in medicine, and receive meaningful rewards. Research and development would give you access to constructive avenues for future expression.

Be careful that you are not abused by people who claim that you alone can satisfy their needs. This is a confidence tactic to gain your submission and willingness to serve, even though others could do equally well.

Your sensitive, emotional nature should warn you not to become trapped in distressing situations. Your resistance is low, and you could suffer from nervous ailments caused by the pressure of your burdens. It is important that you prevent this by refusing to do anything beyond what is absolutely necessary. Rest and relaxation are essential and should be an integral part of your life.

In your romantic attachments, you may find that you often play the servant role. You hope to be relieved of your problems by marrying out of them. If you feel no guilt for what you haven't done, there is no reason why you can't succeed in this.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

At the same time as these people look for peace and security (Moon), they are somehow confronted with the opposite (Uranus). The harder they work to achieve an atmosphere of calmness and confidence, the more inclined they are to throw a spanner in the works by sudden uncontrolled outbursts or by creating such tension that others shrink back from them. Also they can adopt a very independent and provocative attitude in order to be themselves; yet, even so, they do not feel comfortable and remain a prey to gnawing uncertainty.

With this rather elusive hard aspect, these people are often extremely restless and are forever seeking new ways of making good. The urge to cross boundaries and to be original play a big, if generally unconscious, role here. If only they would look back on what they have already achieved, they might be struck by how resourceful and creative they can be: frequently coming up with the most unusual solutions - which work well more often than not. Skill and sudden insight are characteristics of this aspect, but these people are unaware that they possess them and therefore have little confidence in themselves. Owing to this lack of self-confidence, they do not take kindly to interference from others or to being told what to do. By way of overcompensation, they can even adopt an 'I know best' attitude.

Once they realize that uncertainty is not inevitable and that the need to be original and individual has a different aim from the need for security, they can achieve much with their inventive-creative way of doing things and with their unusual interests.

(Betty Lundsted)

The physical influence of the mother is indicated by the Moon sign of the child. When Uranus quincunxes the moon, Mom's reaction to emotional tensions and life in general is hampered by the qualities of the sign Uranus is in. The aspect indicates a strain, so she had trouble relating emotionally but it wasn't big trouble. The child will pick up her habit pattern and will have vague feelings of emotional disturbance that eventually take their toll in terms of health. The aspect can be worked out by understanding that all the qualities of the chart need to be expressed in some positive manner.

With this aspect, the emotional needs of an individual may not set well with the peer group requirements, and some comfortable middle ground will have to be found.

## **Natal Moon conjunct Neptune**

(Haydn Paul)

This conjunction emphasises emotional sensitivity and vulnerability to others, especially through an impressionable, sympathetic psychic empathy. The nature of your environment will be highly influential in affecting your inner balance and well-being, so ideally you need to live and work within suitable places and with suitable people, or else you may discover that your spirit and vitality begin to wane through absorbing what are negative influences on your sensitivity.

As your heart is so open to experience life, it is equally likely to experience suffering, anguish and disappointments. Evolving ways of self-protection or essential filters to this sensitivity may be necessary over time, otherwise life could become too painful for you. Through your innate understanding and sympathetic attitudes, you are likely to become a listener and confidante to others' problems; yet a degree of detached impersonal objectivity needs to be developed or else you will take their problems and pain away with yourself. This is not a sacrifice that needs to be made, even though you are rightly willing to offer aid and assistance to those in need. It may be that you are attracted towards employment in the spheres of social welfare and care, where you can serve deprived people and encourage them to take steps of advancement. Certainly that compassionate heart will be a main motivating factor in your life, and it is probably through such a route that you can most easily display your most natural qualities and abilities. Your influence can have a beneficial and catalytic effect on others, stimulating them towards either personal growth or resolving problems. Employment which fixes you into a repetitive mundane work pattern will not be satisfying, and will ultimately be a denial of your talents and abilities. It is easy to recognise when you are stuck in the wrong place: you are beset by the intensification of wishful thinking and daydreaming, of desires to escape, and of a lack of interest in application.

You have a powerful imagination which does not like to be inhibited or denied and is constantly looking for ways to be expressed; there will be considerable artistic and cultural appreciation as well as creative gifts within you waiting to be released. Suitable channels are art, music, poetry, design, ways that preferably evoke an emotional-feeling response in yourself and others. You could develop into being visionary and inspirational if this area was especially focused and all your energies were committed to such a task. Your psychic sensitivities could play a role in this, offering the awareness of more subtle currents in life and the power inherent in symbols and images, or even your dream life with a prophetic quality could be influential. It is probably best to use any such psychic or mediumistic talents only as a support to artistic creation, because you may find that they can be too unreliable or too shrouded in Neptunian sea mists and make clear perception difficult. These tendencies can develop towards religious or spiritual interests, such as the exaltation of the mystic's emotions and heart devotions.

In your personal life and intimate relationships, you may need to be wary of a tendency to be excessively romantic, preoccupied with dreams of the ideal lover, always searched for and never found. In real life there are real people, and disillusionment is never far away from the anima-animus projected obsessions which create self-delusions and the experience of being shocked by the reality of your 'dream lover'. Turning men or women into gods or goddesses is a dangerous game; they always fall off the pedestal that you have placed them on. Like Humpty Dumpty, the fall shatters the illusion which can never be put together again around the person. Yet falling in love again with the real person is often much more rewarding and enriching.

There can be tendencies to evade the impingement of harsh reality at times. That isn't the way, but making adjustments to your own attitudes may be the key to deal with this challenge. Accepting reality is a process that we have to continually confront in life, although this doesn't necessarily imply a surrender to the inevitable; it can be the initial action required to determine how to transform an unsatisfactory situation. Sometimes the influence of Neptune dominates the Moon, and the result is a retreat towards private worlds, hiding within defensive shells, unable to face the real world, and living within the glamour of those castles in the air of your imagination, lost in dreaming worlds.

Additionally, Moon aspects indicate an association with the Mother image, symbol and real parent. The conjunction implies a close bonding with your mother or an important influence over your development, but, as with your romantic relationships, illusions can be present which may need cleansing or releasing if they are negatively affecting your adult relationships.

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon conjunct Neptune shows that you are imaginative, emotional, sensitive, and sometimes given to daydreaming. Your psychic ability enables you to respond to outside stimuli that others are unaware of. You are inclined to offer assistance to anyone who seems to need help. However, this may get you into difficulty, for some people will blame you if their problems aren't solved. Disappointments are common in your life, for, even though you suffer with others in their grief, you may be left alone when they experience joy.

Your professional life must have sufficient challenge to keep you alert and reasonably 'on the go'. Avoid any occupation that involves long periods of time spent in repetitious and boring tasks. In such a job you would find escape in daydreaming and dawdling, and accomplish little. You would probably be fired as lazy, incompetent, and indifferent, which would be accurate only in those circumstances. Your latent ability should find an outlet through public-oriented endeavors, such as service and welfare programs, nursing, working with the mentally retarded, or rehabilitation of the handicapped. Working closely with others who depend on you would serve as a catalyst for your energies, and you would participate with attentiveness and vigor.

Your love nature is extremely romantic, and it is truly difficult for anyone to measure up to your expectations. You've mesmerized yourself to escape from the abrasions of reality. Most individuals you meet disorient you, so you categorize them according to your own way of thinking. In time, when their human nature becomes painfully apparent, you are shocked in disbelief. Learn to accept people at their level of development and don't give them attributes they haven't earned or deserved. You will be admired by others for your sympathetic understanding of their 'highs' and 'lows'. You can express your imagination in artistic pursuits - designing, painting, music, or poetry. Help others by painting joy in their lives, by designing activities for them, by letting a song ring out to relieve their stresses, or by sharing tender moments in poetic escape.

(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon represents the individual's physical mother and how she reacts to life when the person is very young. Neptune represents some characteristics of delusion or inspiration, or it clouds the mother issue. In an adult, the Moon indicates the ability to respond to life, and its sign indicates how it will be done. When Neptune conjuncts the Moon, it clouds the feelings, covers them, puts a veil around them, and

it may also cloud the image of the mother so that much of her effect is confused or unclear. This makes it difficult to evaluate the mother's actions, and it deludes the individual about woman issues: how a woman should act; how a woman is expected to behave; what are 'nurturing', 'caring' and feeling'. The aspect affects males and females differently.

In a man, the aspect often clouds his emotions and veils his concepts of what a woman should be, so that when he enters into a relationship with a woman it is often with strange expectations. He thinks women are different from what they are in reality, and he is usually disappointed in their behavior. This man doesn't want to know that women go to the bathroom or wear hair curlers etc.. His mother taught him illusions and delusions, so he is eventually forced to determine from a conscious point what adult female behavior is all about.

He is also extremely intuitive; he will have intuitive feeling responses that he may not consciously understand. This can be both a blessing and a curse. If his body is so sensitive that he picks up too many vibrations from the environment, he may not know 'who' he is feeling - himself or those around him. He may be unsettled because of his intuitive response, for his sensitivity may not match his conception of a two-fisted, hairy-chested male. If he is mother-dominated, his mother can do no wrong; he seldom sees her for what she is, always covering her with a shimmering cloud of perfection. If he is father-dominated, he often bases his idea of what a woman should be on a fairy-tale image of Cinderella / Sleeping Beauty attributes. He has trouble separating his anima function from his wife or girlfriend because he often projects his anima onto her personality. His girlfriend's actions may not be akin to his anima image, so he is constantly disappointed. If he is mother-dominated, his girlfriend seldom acts as his mother told him 'good' women should.

When a woman has her Moon conjunct Neptune it indicates that her mother misled her as far as the behavior of woman is concerned; therefore, she often has a distorted image of what a woman should be. The image of Woman is frequently associated with martyrdom and unrequited love. She falls in love with a person on a spiritual basis and sometimes doesn't notice that the one she has fallen in love with is a hopeless alcoholic or has psychotic disturbances. She feels guilty about sexual involvements and consequently may pick a partner who cannot relate to her sexually, or she can't relate sexually to him. She may find herself in perplexing predicaments, for she doesn't know what earthly love is. The problem stems from the fact that she doesn't know what a woman should be and how she as a woman should react. The result is often too much phoney spirituality and a lot of hurt feelings. Confusion surrounds the nurturing, caring and feeling functions.

Both sexes have some kind of problem expressing their feelings of love on a sexual level. Sometimes it's easier to be sexy with someone you don't love, for love is such a 'spiritual' experience that physical sex can 'defile' it in some way. Men with this aspect sometimes have a woman they love and a woman they sex. Or, if the Moon is in a Fire sign, their sexuality is limited because of their idealism. Women with the aspect tend to choose spiritual relationships that may be emotionally painful - the man may mistreat them, or he may not be able to perform sexually. Sometimes this aspect appears in the charts of women who fall in love with homosexual men, so the relationship is close but the unrequited love aspect is there.

The aspect is an intuitive and sensitive one, and its owners may have many interesting psychic and intuitive experiences. It can sometimes indicate people who have a great deal of healing ability; they become involved in the mental, spiritual and physical healing of others. They are intuitive enough to be able to manifest on a creative level as well, and this source of energy is never-ending once they learn to

tap into it. The creative potential cannot be completely realized until they learn to share their feelings with another human being. This can be a most productive aspect. The blind spot toward the mother can be emphasised by other aspects in the chart; she may be the one who stands between this person and his freedom - and he can't see it.

## **Natal Moon trine / sextile Neptune**

Moon trine Neptune (Haydn Paul)

Both the sextile and trine aspects of Neptune to the Moon are often found in the charts of artistic and creative people, especially those with a personal interest in increasing the amount of beauty and goodness in the environment of social life. This can manifest itself in a variety of ways, from improving someone's living conditions, through more aesthetic cultural appreciations, to enjoying a well-made film or admiring an evocative painting of harmony and beauty.

The trine indicates the potential for a successful resolution of these two planetary energies, so that inner imaginative and sensitive life is intergrated with a suitable form of outer expression. As there is a tendency towards environmental hypersensitivity, you need to discover a way of response that allows you to use this perception in creative ways, through revealing to others this more subtle and perhaps hidden invisible dimension of life, so that they too can appreciate and contact the vitalising, uplifting and inspirational quality of the inner realms. This is why this aspect can often be found in those who are dedicated to film, dance and the arts as revealers of enriched perceptions of life, and where the Neptunian muse works through into the world.

You are likely to possess such innate talent, and, provided that you make the effort to manifest your inner imaginative dreams - perhaps associated with your Venus - then you can be productive. If, however, you have a weak or badly aspected Mercury, Saturn or Mars, then you may have certain obstacles to overcome before your dreams can turn into reality. Otherwise, you may be able to offer rich dramatic artistic creations for the stimulation and enjoyment of others.

Generally, you are a beneficent spirit, warm and compassionate to others and aware of the social dimension to life. Yet you may be more attuned to applying your energies in a distinctly creative manner than to being preoccupied with more direct social action, believing that creativity is the best way for you to contribute towards the advancement of society. Your interest is usually in the unfolding of individual potential, and you can place much effort into encouraging this in others, especially your family and younger people. Sometimes, though, you may be a little self-centred in attitude - especially when under the influence of an artistic muse - and prefer to be freer from social or family obligations in order to concentrate on releasing your creative spirit.

In relationships, you prefer a partner to have independent interests and the ability to be more self-reliant and not excessively dependent on you. Partners should have a corresponding artistic appreciation and sensitivity, culturally developed so that mutual understanding is present.

It may be that your creative spirit is fully satisfied by the creation of projects which can have a direct benefit for others, which contribute to improving social conditions in some way. From these you too would benefit as the quality of the social environment improves, and so diminishes the level of negative impact that it can make on you.

There can be a prophetic element in your creativity; intuition, related to people and directions, can play a vital role in your life, and art can give direction or voice to underlying social needs too. This is the psychic dimension operating; it requires attention.

#### Moon trine Neptune (Robert Pelletier)

With the Moon trine Neptune you sometimes express your creativity in a prophetic way. Your inner and outer selves are well integrated. In other words, you react to outside stimuli imaginatively and creatively. You are inventive in the artistic sense and can dramatically communicate your aesthetic experiences. You are deeply appreciative of the finer things in life, for they enrich you in many ways every day.

In your professional activities, you generate warmth and genuineness. You radiate affection and appreciation for creative efforts. Spiritually you are 'in tune', although you are not necessarily a religious fanatic. You are dutiful and aware of social obligations in your church, social club, civic affairs, or programs that serve worthwhile causes. However, you do not necessarily feel within yourself the need to help those who won't help themselves. Apathy is your singular liability.

On the domestic scene, you would particularly enjoy observing and nurturing your family's creative potentials. However, you may choose not to have a family, merely to keep your present mobility and freedom. Young people are sensitive to you and can gain much from your participation in their affairs. They feel comfortable in your company and will co-operate with your efforts to assist their developing talents.

In personal relationships, you usually require that others have a variety of interests. You offer much to those who interest you, and you are willing to serve their desires if your efforts are appreciated. You are drawn especially to educated and refined individuals. Although you find the negative elements of your environment distasteful, your activities are not inhibited by them. You may even cultivate programs to bring about more acceptable social conditions. Your best development lies in actively contributing your vast resources for the benefit of others.

#### Moon sextile Neptune (Haydn Paul)

The sextile aspect poses less ambiguous problems than the conjunction, and you should find that this aspect is more comfortable and allows the releasing of your potential more easily. There will be the qualities of imagination, psychic and empathic sensitivity which are present in Moon-Neptune contacts, but these are clearer with the sextile and less liable to distortion through personal and outer perceptions.

You will be very responsive to the dimension of social relationships, obligations and service, and this could form the key foundation in your life, both in providing a sphere of employment and as one which allows your intrinsic talents and qualities to emerge. You have a heart response to negative social conditions, whether in terms of individuals, alienated minority groupings or global undifferentiated sympathies. This may attract you towards employment which involves you in dealing with social-problem areas, or at least towards associating with pressure groups concerned with areas of social deprivation and negativity. You can become quite passionate in denouncing man's lack of humanity and care for others, and feel concerned enough to add your support to more positive and beneficial causes.

You tend to be externally focused rather than inwardly preoccupied, and this can lead

you to become a spokesperson for your social objections, attempting to wake the public up to those dangers or lack of care that so offend you as causing people to suffer unnecessarily.. This search to promote social remedies can help you to express your creative spirit through evocative writing, through the dissemination of relevant information such as an educational aid; some may feel drawn to crusading journalism designed to awaken the sleeping social conscience. Having high social ideals implies that one important role that you could perform is as a mediator and enunciator of proposed social progress and development. Working with the burdens of social welfare in some respect would give deep satisfaction, as through your heart response you create alternative suggestions for improvement transmitted via your inspired intellect.

You are less prone to illusions and pedestal building in your intimate relationships, as you should have a more realistic appraisal of the fallibility of human nature, and your tolerance and understanding should lead you to less disappointment in this area. Provided that you create the right channels for external activity, then both your domestic and social life should fulfil. Try not to forget that the Moon will anchor you in deep family ties, both to your parents and to any current family, and that these are probably more important to you than you may realise, especially if you become extremely involved in social action.

As you will be liable to be sensitive to the subtle psychic influences around people and environments, you may need to periodically retreat into isolation and quiet in order to inwardly cleanse and renew your energies. Your inner life and imagination can often indicate suitable directions for you to travel in, or even themes for social action, and probably many of your decisions are taken by acting on your more unconscious impulses. If such actions are taken and result in failures, then you may need to investigate your own attitudes and motivations more so that unredeemed unconscious tendencies are brought into the light, thus diminishing their power to lead you into cul-de-sacs and self-created failure.

#### Moon sextile Neptune (Robert Pelletier)

The Moon sextile Neptune indicates that you have a vivid imagination. You are psychically sensitive and have the intellectual skill for expressing yourself creatively. Your deep feelings urge you to respond to your social obligations in some way. Decayed or otherwise unacceptable social conditions arouse sympathetic anxieties within you. You are reasonably explicit in voicing your objections, and you can stimulate public anger to remedy conditions among the socially or economically disadvantaged.

Your involvement with the outside world provides you with several excellent career outlets. Writing is particularly recommended as a profession, as well as any other work associated with the gathering of facts and dissemination of truth. The essential factor is for you to serve as intermediary for the public welfare. Another possibility would be to work on a newspaper 'task force' investigating the activities of public officials who are alleged to be serving themselves rather than the public. You have a capacity for alleviating people's burdens. As a doctor you could skillfully diagnose complaints; as an artist you could easily convey any message or sentiment; as a nutritionist you could serve the masses by advocating better eating habits.

You are sensible about personal relationships and are rarely upset when people demonstrate their failings. Your understanding and tolerance enable you to fully experience all levels of human expression. Be careful, however, not to overcompensate for those who may deliberately exploit your natural desire to be helpful.

You should enjoy a rich and rewarding life. You are able to fulfill all your domestic obligations in addition to serving your community when required. Save some precious solitary moments for yourself in order to regain physical energy and recharge your psychic batteries.

Moon trine or sextile Neptune (Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Even when the Moon and Neptune are in harmony, they still give sensitivity, great fantasy, and introversion. For the effect of Neptune is to make it hard to see where anything begins or ends. The sole difference between the easy aspects and the conjunction is that with the former there seems to be more stability, self-expression is easier, and the native is more readily understood by others.

Not seldom, he manages (quite unintentionally) to make use of his sensitivity to undercurrents in the environment and in society. Deep down, he will detect that 'something is going on' even if he is not overtly aware of it. What he decides and does will be modified accordingly: he will go where he gets plenty of co-operation and will instinctively follow the latest trends. Therefore, although in principle Neptune has little to do with the material world, the aspects can be advantageous and can promote social and business success. Yet when he is enjoying prosperity the native is unable to say how it has come about.

Spiritual and religious interests are commonly present in the harmonious aspects, too, and the open-endedness of Neptune can give an insatiable hunger for these things. The person can be extremely idealistic and religious, but is in danger of overenthusiasm and failure to reserve a sense of proportion.

As with the other Moon / Neptune aspects, the native can do a great deal of creative work, or can develop a fine insight into the creations of others. He senses references and atmospheres, and has a greater appreciation of the emotional world enshrined in, say, a painting than would be gained by analyzing each brush stroke.

As I have already said, the harmonious Moon / Neptune aspects impart a great need for a personal dream world. Now, because the person with these aspects finds little to distract him externally, he must be careful to avoid absorption by this inner world.

Moon trine Neptune (Betty Lundsted)

This aspect indicates a child born into a home where spiritual development is important to the mother. The mother needs to relate to something in a spiritual sense, and the child sometimes avoids developing spiritually because he thinks that he must walk the same spiritual path Mom did. This person needs to learn that we each find our own paths and determine our own values.

The trine aspect fosters energy for spiritual insight. The individual needs to be creative, needs to learn to meditate, needs a chance to grow spiritually. Out of a meditative mind comes new ideas, inspirations that are received on a feeling-intuitive level. However, creativity is limited as long as the body will not permit emotional relationships. Since the body is the 'temple of the soul', it needs to be nourished and loved as much as the soul it houses. This aspect can cause a person to be so involved with spiritual or universal love that he forgets to live in this world.

The mother was a productive influence in the childhood and both males and females

with this aspect are looking for a spiritual type of personal relationship. However, they may not be prepared for a close relationship, one that involves caring and sharing both mentally and physically, because love may have been reserved for an ethereal plane.

#### Moon sextile Neptune (Betty Lundsted)

The child with this aspect is born into a family that presents a constructive emotional environment. The mother is symbolized by the Moon placement in the chart, and the Neptune energy is handled in a positive way with this aspect. She teaches her child, through her own example, to respond to a creative atmosphere: she works well with her search for spirituality, she moves in a direction that involves her personal spiritual development. The child may not grow up to understand his mother's spiritual interests, but because she had them the child will be free to develop his own as he matures and discovers his direction.

The moon sign indicates how the child will respond emotionally; the Neptune sign indicates the child's creative bent. The house placements of the sextile will indicate the area of creative response.

#### Moon trine or sextile Neptune (Charles Carter)

The contacts of these two bodies are not easy to interpret, for they operate in many seemingly diverse ways. Both the Moon and Neptune affect the emotional nature, and the action of the latter is greatly to sensitise it and as it were enlarge its scope. Perhaps the dominant feature is the desire to do something great and unusual. In the more ordinary types we find chiefly a desire to do comparatively usual things in an unusual manner or on a grandiose scale. In more exceptional horoscopes, the desire takes all sorts of strange forms.

The contacts are undoubtedly beneficial in a worldly sense, tending to bestow wealth and ease, and very often there are more of the good things of life than the native seems to merit; he may benefit considerably by others' brains and toil, and may be a conscious or unconscious parasite.

It is specially good for the numerous Neptunian features of modern business, such as hire-purchase.

In some cases there is much spiritual ambition, inclining, if the rest of the chart shows afflictions, to great unbalance. The aspects have a mediumistic and spiritist side, for Neptune has particularly intimate relations with the so-called 'astral plane'; but this tendency has been exaggerated, and is more commonly found under other aspects to Neptune.

It is a rather unsatisfying configuration, for there is no boundary to the aspirations of Neptune, and we often find an overweening desire to push further and further ahead, without due acceptance of the limitations which mundane conditions necessarily impose upon all of us. (This difficulty of adjusting spiritual longings to earthly conditions is at the root of most, and perhaps of all, Neptunian ordinations.)

#### **Moon square Neptune** (Haydn Paul)

The main challenge facing you with the square aspect is that of discrimination between reality and unreality, between fact and fiction, and the consequences of confusion when these are not correctly perceived and established within consciousness. Volatile and tidal emotions and feelings are often intertwined with

your imagination so that your perceptions are clouded by personal bias and fantasies. There is a tendency to change experiences in your own mind so that they fit more acceptable emotional patterns, yet through distorting real experiences and re-creating your memories illusion spreads until your accounts of the past and reality are at odds with those of others. Attempts to warp realities, especially those concerning others, are never welcomed and are a source of conflict within relationships. Insisting that you are right - even against the recall of several others - will eventually generate antagonism, as no-one enjoys having their reality and memory threatened by others, even if they are family members. Alternatively, you may resort to imaginatively building inner landscapes to escape into that are populated by personally satisfying fantasies; the dangers here lie in their intrusion into everyday reality.

You often feel uncomfortable with your feelings and emotions as they are not easily assimilated and integrated by you, and being liable to moods you find it difficult to feel centred in any stable emotional pattern of responses to people and life. There may have been some emotionally based difficulties in your parental relationships, especially to your mother, where emotional needs were not satisfied or where you imagine failings to have occurred. You tend to resist accepting responsibility, and can display anti-social behaviour, perhaps being contrary as a knee-jerk reaction to those inner feelings of pain and disappointment regarding social expectations, deliberately refusing to express any potential at all, acting only to assert a hurt negativity.. Possibly your earlier home life was one of change, tension, stress and confusion, maybe a broken home or an unsatisfactory parental marriage whose psychic impression has been left on you. In many ways you often feel that you are holding back the floodgates from bursting open, and these can be stresses emanating from your unconscious mind caused by unresolved and blocked powerful emotions which are seeking a cathartic release. Fear can result from this, a fear which manifests itself in a variety of ways, for example that of overstretching yourself or that of allowing yourself to be vulnerable within relationships. To diminish these pressures, some allow themselves to fall into the grip of addictions, drugs, alcohol, forms of sexual and emotional indulgences, searching for those brief periods of blankness from reality.

Yet none of this is inevitable or essential to experience. Changes can be successfully made by working with those intrinsic assets which you may have blocked so far, or whose presence you may have denied, rather than acknowledging them as gifts. Imagination is present; this can be used in positive ways. What you need to do is to build positive images of a 'new you' who has less of a chip on your heart, and who is prepared to change into a more creative and loving person.

Understanding your own nature is the first step towards being tolerant of others' weaknesses and strengths, so some form of inner psychological enquiry is required. Releasing pent-up emotional tension is essential, and should be carefully done, probably with the aid of trained counsellors or psychotherapists, because too great and sudden an emotional explosion of pressures may be more damaging than healing. Types of body work, manipulation and massage could possibly be additionally beneficial too. Acknowledging the hurt or anger in your emotions is necessary, but do not be self-condemnatory about this; accept that it is there and resolve to release it in order to allow healing to happen. Be more open and honest in relationships concerning any feelings of confusion; try not to let them fester inside. Organise your life more consciously, determine suitable directions and aims, although ensure that they are realistic and that you can persevere in any commitment needed to achieve them, perhaps starting with easier short-term objectives. Take things steadily during this period of re-creation, for change rarely happens overnight and always needs a thorough integration into the personality. Be cautious, and begin to relate more

consciously with the material level, allowing those inevitable limitations to become a necessary structure for you to grow within. Work with others, so that you realise that all need support and guidance at times in their lives from others who may be perceptive on a clearer level. Believe in your own potential, and determine to allow it access into your life.

In so doing, you can transform the negative aspects of the square into positive assets. Preferably work with more down-to-earth schools of therapy, which can then ground you better, rather than following a natural tendency towards more imaginative escapism, which can result in involvement with any religious / mystical cults that aim to fly in holy skies of grandeur and hallucinations rather than experience real life. Try to keep away from attempts to develop psychic or mediumistic abilities, as these can throw you back into that confusion of reality-unreality.

#### Moon opposition Neptune (Haydn Paul)

There are several similarities between the opposition's effects and those of the square aspect between Neptune and the Moon, although with the opposition the inner tension and stress is more projected outwards into the world so that it is reflected back by other people and the environment.

You tend to look for the solutions to your problems in the outer world, often by forms of dependency on others, or by misidentification with people, places or material possessions which seem to offer some sense of security and respite from those inner pressures of emotional confusion. By doing this, you are liable to fragment an already fragile emotional nature, and by displacing your centre you are liable to suffer a loss of motivational and directional cohesiveness to your life.

As is common with these planetary contacts, there is an over-imaginative production of illusions, where the boundaries of truth and fiction become blurred at the edges. It is within your more personal and intimate relationships that these illusions are probably most active and observable, especially as they tend to create distortions, disorder and confusion in communication. There can be friction in your home life, partly as a consequence of your projections of unresolved stresses and illusions onto others, and this is likely to continue until you withdraw these projections back into yourself and resolve them.

At times you may feel trapped within your lifestyle, aching to become free of any situations that you feel are oppressing you. You often respond to such feelings by attempts at escapism, tending to prefer 'running away' from problems rather than confronting them in an effort to resolve them. In some cases this leads to the common Neptunian addictions towards drugs and alcohol as easily available 'remedies', which of course they are not: they are just crutches that only add to your existing difficulties.

This psychic emotional sensitivity and empathy to people and environments tends to be very influential, and you tend to absorb all impressions without any protection or discrimination. These add to your emotional insecurity and instability, as well as to that tendency to allow yourself to be used by others for their own advantage. These inner conflicts reflect the Neptunian tendencies towards being a victim, rather than a voluntary sacrifice, and you may find that the inner tensions become reflected externally in your physical body through a psychosomatic reaction.

Yet if such a situation is afflicting your life, then it need not remain this way; it can be improved through conscious change. Underlying the emotional vulnerability and lack of confidence is a reservoir of creative talent that can be used; the difficulty lies in

being able to clear a path for it to flow through into manifestation, and to do so requires the transformation of inhibiting emotional patterns. If you seriously choose to apply yourself, then perhaps through disciplined training and tuition you could unlock the closed doors to this inner imaginative talent and release that frustrated energy.

You need to learn how to stand firmly within your own light, to be powerful and centred in your own being, rather than relying on others or displacing your centre into the external world. Your challenge is to be yourself, not to compare your abilities with others', bemoan your fate and feel envy regarding the successes of friends. You will have enough struggle to reorientate your own established patterns of behaviour, but the effort will certainly be worthwhile and dissolve all those restrictive emotionally based festering inner poisons; the task is that of re-creation and renewal, a second birth. Self-confidence will improve as each small step is taken and you begin to observe the improvements that are happening, and slowly you'll believe that you can exploit that reservoir of hidden potential that is so deeply located within you. You'll start to reclarify your aims and intentions in life, piecing together a new direction to travel, forging a lifestyle that fits you and which does not generate friction through inner frustration and conflict. You'll feel strong enough to follow your own counsel, trusting in the validity of those inner promptings, and finally being able to take advantage of your acute sensitivity, appreciating the perception that it offers of an enriched life, and of how it can be used positively for the benefit and support of others instead of being a source of emotional anguish in an unbalanced and confused psyche. Relationships will improve as clarity deepens through more realistic appraisals and understanding, plus the awareness to make essential compromises and adjustment to live harmoniously with a partner. The joys of a stable domestic life will be revealed, instead of the traps and limitations that you have previously experienced; and your old ideals of perfection will be recognised as illusions that are dissipating in the wind, so that you are not chasing rainbows in the sky but accepting and loving real human nature, that of your partner and yourself. Your projections lose their force and are reabsorbed within yourself to be broken down to liberate that blocked energy. These are the potentials that are yours to grasp with this aspect; living with its negative impact and an unintegrated Neptune is the other alternative if you choose not to make the transformation that is indicated.

Moon square Neptune (Robert Pelletier)

The Moon square Neptune shows that you have difficulty in separating fact from fiction. Your highly developed imagination causes some confusion when you are faced with reality. You often 'adjust' the reality to what is emotionally tolerable to you. When this is not possible, you may artificially create an environment to which you can escape. You tend to reject your responsibilities, feeling that you are being persecuted by them. Your negative reaction to socially acceptable behavior may cause you to become a parasite and wastefully allow your vast potentials to disintegrate. If you will use it, your extreme sensitivity could be put to use in developing organizations to relieve socially depressed conditions. No-one needs to study human nature more than you, and, for this, an education is absolutely necessary.

Your early parental conditioning has not prepared you to accept the challenges of the harsh outer world of competition. Fear of the unknown is the greatest deterrent to your success. Your professional activities should relate to earthly enterprises in which your decisions must be approved by someone else. Be especially careful not to become involved in any suspicious alliances. When in doubt about such an alliance, reject it immediately. You are vulnerable to treachery from others who won't hesitate to dump their negative results on you. Be realistic in your ambitions and aim for goals that can be attained within the near future. Proceed with caution, one step at a time, knowing you can redefine your goals as you achieve them.

You should ask a trusted confidential friend or professional advisor to help you find the proper perspective for your creative potentials. Don't trust to luck to see you through the initial stages of your personal or professional relationships. Believe only some of what you see, and none of what you hear.

Your greatest guilt results from letting misunderstandings grow and fester between you and your mate. What you don't know can hurt you. Eat nutritious food and be especially careful that cleanliness is a habit, not an accident. You are more open to infection than most, and must take precautions to maintain good health.

#### Moon opposition Neptune (Robert Pelletier)

With the Moon opposition Neptune you are extremely talented and creative. Because you respond so deeply to stimuli, you may have difficulty in separating truth from fiction. The illusions you create about yourself and others make your relationships disorderly and confused. You become deeply involved with and even entrapped by the conditions of your environment. You closely identify with other people, places, and things, and in the process sometimes lose your own identity. An escapist, you are trying to avoid finding a solution to your own emotional insecurity and instability.

Although you are creative and have much artistic appreciation, you may find it difficult to express this in a useful way. Others sometimes use you as a means for their own self-expression, which makes you feel abused. You should develop your talents through training. In this way you can define your objectives without relying on people who may not have your best interests at heart. It is important not to compare yourself with others. You need self-confidence to assure yourself that you can succeed without outside help. People will climb over you, if you allow them to.

In your professional skills, you underestimate your potentials and tend to assume that others are more qualified. Because you are extremely sensitive and exquisitely aware of other people's problems, you could be a fine doctor, analyst, counselor, or researcher. You work best alone and can accomplish a great deal when not distracted by others who may be parasites.

Your personal relationships suffer from the same illusions as your other interests. Satisfying romantic alliances require your realistic attention and willingness to make necessary adjustments. The love between you and your mate must include acceptance of domestic responsibilities and human frailties, and the understanding that compromise can avert estrangement. Remember that the ideal is an illusion that rarely exists and that would not be recognized even if it did.

#### Moon square Neptune (Betty Lundsted)

The energy of this aspect manifests itself much like the Moon-Neptune conjunction, except that it is less productive. The Moon indicates how we respond emotionally, and this response is learned from the mother during the first three years of life. Neptune indicates creativity, inspiration and delusion. When this planet squares (or works against) the Moon, it usually indicates that some delusion is at hand. The circumstances of the delusion are an unknown factor of the childhood. The delusion can range from the fact that the mother 'played around' but told everyone that she was a 'goody-two-shoes' to the fact that family members lied about her. At any rate, the child born with this aspect is misinformed either by the mother herself or by the family members.

This aspect is difficult for it means that the person doesn't have a clear picture of his

mother image and cannot see how she did or didn't influence his childhood. If the person is mother-dominated, he may blame the state of his emotional problems on his father because Mother told him he should. The other aspects in the chart will either verify her story or show the individual that Mother needs to be investigated in order to gain freedom from her influence. In the case of the father-dominated person, the mother is not so important and the father may be favored, or the role Mother played may not be considered as important. In either case, the individual needs to understand the mother in order to develop the feminine function, the feeling and intuitive side of the self.

It's especially important to understand the truths of our early childhood when we are unable to live adult lives free of parental influence. If we go from one unproductive situation to another, the root cause is often within ourselves: and it is by determining what kind of 'normals' we absorbed as children that we can ultimately let go of the problem. The investigation of family patterns will not be successful when pursued with vengeance. As we mature, we begin to understand that misunderstandings created between children and parents are done by accident.

#### Moon opposition Neptune (Betty Lundsted)

This aspect works much like the Moon-Neptune conjunction or square except that the opposition seems to also include a feeling of loss. The moon represents the physical mother and how she responds to raising us during our formative years. We learn our emotional responses from hers. Neptune symbolizes the creative instinct, inspiration and delusion. When Neptune opposes the Moon, it indicates that a veil of illusion or delusion clouds our perception of our mother. Either we were told stories about her that weren't true, or she told us she was something she wasn't.

Men get a distorted image of what a woman should be when they have this aspect. This is the man whose mother tells him 'a good woman doesn't do that', and he believes her. Her description of what a 'good woman' is will influence his response to the idea of 'woman', and it also influences his ability to care and feel in his own life. He may be constantly disappointed in the women with whom he comes into contact, for none of them seems to match his mother's description.

A woman with this aspect is not quite sure of what a 'good' woman is. She also doesn't know how to respond emotionally as a woman. The aspect usually sets her up for involvements with men who are unproductive or unkind; or she cannot see that the man she loves is not what she thinks he is. Again, this can sometimes indicate the woman who falls in love but the love affair is not consummated in the sexual sense, or she marries a man who doesn't want to have sex with her after the marriage takes place.

Both the male and female can be drawn into strange spiritual groups and become victims of the 'professional guru' who takes their money and leads them down a path that doesn't get them anything. They both need to determine who they are; they need to define 'woman' and what she is, relationships and what they are, so that truly creative energy can manifest. If they have emotional problems that need solving, this aspect gives a clue as to where the problems originated. When children have been presented with distortions at the formative stages of development, it's difficult to shake the delusion. The aspect indicates a kind of emotional confusion that can be most frustrating, but it also gives an intuitive ability and a creative sense; and a drive for spiritual growth and awareness that can be most exciting.

#### Moon square or opposition Neptune (Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The significance belonging to Moon / Neptune aspect generally also belongs to the

hard aspects in particular, but it is not very easy to come to terms with this energy. There are problems. For one thing, we are oversensitive; for whenever the Moon influences us to look for safety we experience a vague but unmistakable uneasiness because of the undermining, blurring effect of Neptune. Naturally, we tend to lose confidence instead of gaining it. Several unfortunate things may occur. For example, a longing for reassurance may make us too self-sacrificing. Or we may misinterpret other people's feelings - a common occurrence with these hard aspects - and fail to respond appropriately. Often we invite disillusionment, due perhaps to some infatuation; simply because we imagine everything to be more beautiful than it is, as if it were part of a storybook world. Or, by taking things the wrong way, we may sometimes appear to be deliberately manipulative and full of intrigue.

Neptune's hard aspects are supposed to be typical of cheats and swindlers. However, the astrologer should not forget that the reason for the bad behavior lies mainly in defective subconscious perceptions or emotions. Therefore we ought not to assume that the native is out to deceive us. In fact the effect can be more droll than sinister; and the native's Neptunian fantasizing can make events so bright and colorful to him that he revels in things that have not really happened. Needless to say, these aspects can be accompanied by great creativity in art and handicrafts.

Religious and spiritual interests play a part, as in all Neptune aspects. The native is continually searching, since he is very active on the Neptunian plane. With the tense aspects, he can arouse a certain amount of opposition from those around him, but this can be extremely stimulating as it can promote his spiritual growth.

Moon square or opposition Neptune (Charles Carter)

These aspect tend in the case of men to a kindly, rather easygoing character, and the probability of complications with the other sex, and probably scandal. Much must, as always, depend on other parts of the chart, but as a general rule it is a scandal-engineering influence. It also often causes the wife to be an invalid, a recluse, or a nag. Neptune has high ideals, and under affliction is prone to apply them mercilessly, sometimes to the person with the affliction, sometimes to others; perhaps to both the self and others. Discontent and complaints ensue. An inability to rest satisfied with anything short of perfection is a common and a tormenting condition.

In affairs there is a tendency to intrigue, and to seek short-cuts and get-rich-quick methods. There is sometimes a subtle interior laziness, which shuns definite matter-of-fact views, and seeks to meander in fantasy. A legitimate outlet for these romantic tendencies is very much to be desired in such cases.

In women there is a high emotional tension with various forms of manifestation. From a moral point of view they run from the deceptive and untruthful to those who are unreliable owing to the instable character of their feelings. There is also a distinct liability to be deceived by others and to suffer various forms of disillusion. Neptunian traits often appear in the husband even with the lunar affliction, and similarly with the father. This, I know, is quite contrary to accepted teachings, in which the moon is always referred to the mother, but the evidence is pretty clear. Thus, running down my list of six female cases with Moon in bad aspect to Neptune, I find: two cases where the father was a minister of religion, two where he was an artist, and two where he was a muddler.

In the case of men it seems that one or other of the parents is often of a harsh - sometimes a rigid disciplinarian or Puritanic - type. I have noticed this in several cases wherein the Moon was afflicted only by Neptune.

I have known instances wherein the square seems to have denoted a parasitical tendency, the native being of an easy-going, put-off-the-evil-day type, but as a rule receiving help in his difficulties from others.

The tendency to resort to spiritualistic practices is common under these configurations; and this I attribute to the inborn desire of the Neptunian to rise to something above and beyond earthly interests. Moreover, the 'messages' delivered by mediums are often of a comforting and optimistic character, and this is helpful to the anxious frame of mind that Moon-Neptune afflictions are apt to generate. Further, Neptune, through its connection with the 12th house, has an affinity with death and the dead, and these aspects sometimes cause the native to be obsessed by thoughts of the hereafter. These proclivities seem commoner in women than in men, whose activities depend on solar rather than lunar configurations.

### **Natal Moon quincunx Neptune**

(Robert Pelletier)

With the Moon inconjunct Neptune you are sympathetic toward others. You demonstrate how much you care by offering service when help seems needed. Because of your deep-feeling nature, it is difficult for you to remain detached. You are like a mother hen seeking to protect her brood when danger threatens. Unconsciously, however, you are constantly seeking situations in which you can persecute yourself. Thus you are able to spiritually fulfill your social obligations and justify your deep response to them. Your imagination works overtime in creating problems to solve.

In your professional affairs, you overextend yourself unnecessarily, which may anger your co-workers. Such fields as medicine, social programs for public welfare, or counselling at youth camps would enable you to make an important contribution to society. You could derive much satisfaction from such service. Your greatest problem is to find a valid outlet both for you and for those you serve. In any endeavor you must determine the limits of your responsibilities and avoid volunteering for additional tasks. Your physical constitution cannot tolerate abuse. Good food, nutritiously prepared under clean conditions, is absolutely necessary.

Your romantic interests may prove disappointing until you can relate to others honestly and realistically. It is not easy for you to see people as they really are. You tend to project on them qualities they can't possibly live up to, and you feel let down when they don't measure up to your expectations. You are also vulnerable to deception by people who misrepresent themselves. You will have many unsatisfactory alliances until you learn to insist that others establish their credentials before you become inextricably involved.

You are a romantic and can find solace through artistic pursuits or any creative expression. Your inspiration can effectively enrich your private moments with serenity.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the inconjunct, we seldom understand why we are so sensitive and vulnerable. We feel that something is wrong somewhere, but exactly what it is escapes us. In general, we feel very insecure and ill-at-ease, and tend, perhaps more than we would like, to pick up emotional trends in our environment and to reflect them as if they emanated from us. This hardly improves our rather poor self-image.

Neptune spoils endeavors whenever we look for security (Moon), yet, because the forms of behavior represented by Neptune and the Moon have such different objectives, we often fail to understand the problems. In many areas there is often a sense of having no grip on ourselves or a sense of inferiority; and this can result in shyness, or in the need to be subservient, and we may be prepared to be completely self-sacrificing.

In relationships, people with the Moon inconjunct Neptune can so idealize the partner that they doom themselves to eventual disillusionment. Often, they experience difficulty in finding the right partner; and, anyway, they are so vulnerable, and so incapable of being satisfied owing to Neptune's lack of fixed boundaries, that few partners could cope with them (which is also to some extent true of the other Moon / Neptune aspects).

The inconjunct can make these natives over-eager to see things from the other person's point of view. (Unconscious) identification with others can damage self-reliance, but does give them the empathy needed for social and welfare work. As in all Moon / Neptune aspects, originality and artistry are great. Once they realize that self-doubt has no basis, they can invest sensitiveness in outstanding service and creativity.

(Betty Lundsted)

There is a strain between the feelings, the emotional responses and the creative urges with this aspect. The Moon represents the individual's physical mother and how she responds to her child. Neptune indicates the creative inspiration or delusion of a generation. Neptune quincunx the Moon adds a strain here: the need for spiritual development and the dreams and goals in life are often different from the feeling function. The intuitive awareness that comes from Neptune disagrees with the emotional responses symbolized by the Moon.

When this person listens to intuition, he may hear two voices, neither of which is strong enough to outweigh the other - just strong enough to create suspicion within himself. Ideals interfere with emotional needs, and the two kinds of energy need to be expressed in some constructive way. The keywords of the signs and planets can be of help in understanding this dilemma.

### **Natal Moon conjunct Pluto**

(Haydn Paul)

You are likely to experience strong emotions and feelings, whose intensity may dominate choices and decisions, almost as if you lose control over any free will. As your emotional roots are located in the unconscious mind, you may believe there is a compulsive or obsessive fate shaping your life.

Relationships are where you encounter potential transformation and meet your destiny, influencing your life direction. You may try to dominate others emotionally, influencing them and events in your favour, perhaps by exploiting others' feelings for you. There can be periodic crises whenever any repressed emotional energy rises into consciousness, demanding immediate release. This energy explosion can seem like an erupting volcano, causing sudden family friction and confrontation with partners and children, even surprising decisions and dramatic major life changes which apparently occur spontaneously. For you, emotional release is crucial and unavoidable, even if it demands letting go of an established life-style and burning bridges to the past.

You can be quite moody, reflecting the changing lunar tides. This affects intimate relationships, where you seek emotional intensity. You have high ideals for a perfect partner, and would prefer to remain alone rather than become involved with others who do not match this ideal. You hope to find your perfect mate, and believe this is your destiny. You look for a physical embodiment of your inner partner image (the anima or animus figure) which you project onto real people as a means of comparison.

In love, you will be committed to relationships, almost consumed by emotional fire by the strength of your feelings. This may be like an obsessing state for some time, perhaps often difficult to handle, and a total preoccupation for you during a relationship's early stages. You will be possessive and demanding of your partner, possibly too critical once you realize that he or she is not the ideal partner that you believed him or her to be. You will hate rejection, especially if your emotions are still attached to an ex-lover, as the passion turns back on you for want of a recipient, and this 'burns'.

There can sometimes be a thin line between love and hate; and you may understand something of emotional masochism and sadism. Your relationships can often be emotionally destructive, perhaps for all concerned. Passions are intense, and people lose themselves in emotional fires, being changed either positively or negatively in the process, but certainly emerging as different people from the ones they were before the relationship. Regularly evaluate your relationships, ensuring that mutual benefit occurs, and that this is an uplifting energy and not one that enslaves in the name of love.

You can be impatient and domineering. Close friends are likely to be few, including only those who can accept intensity and depth rather than preoccupation with triviality, especially as your emotions are consistently powerful and active. In family life, try to avoid imposing your will on partner and children, and you may need to learn to bend and compromise for family harmony.

If you can allow emotional energies to be expressed properly, and develop relationships and suitable constructive channels for this energy, then most of your difficulties can be resolved. Any emotional repression will create problems, often leading to eventual crises, and should be avoided if possible. Also, you need to realize that your partner has to be a real person, not an idealized archetypal projection by your unconscious. Emotional maturity and understanding are to be discovered, provided that you pass through the emotional self-transformation that Pluto serves to initiate.

(Robert Pelletier)

Moon conjunct Pluto shows that you love deeply and tenaciously. Rather than waste time in casual relationships, you continually look for someone who can respond to you with feelings as deep as your own. You will wait for this rare and elusive person rather than fall in love impulsively. Once in love, you can be very possessive and extremely demanding. If you are rejected, you can be vindictive and callous, even toward the one you love.

Domestically you can be a tyrant and therefore difficult to live with. Unless you are careful and observant, you may permanently alienate your loved ones, thereby creating your own loneliness.

Sex is very important to you, and you will sometimes involve yourself in a physical relationship in order to satisfy your cravings for fulfillment. Even with a totally

satisfying physical relationship, however, you will feel frustrated. You want more; you demand the heart and soul as well.

Your drive to find a complete relationship will force you to continually re-evaluate your partners and yourself. In time your personality may undergo drastic changes, and old acquaintances may find it difficult to recognize you as the person you once were.

This aspect is a powerful one and indicates that you will not appear to be in control of your emotions. A very idealistic person, you want the very best relationship or none at all. You prefer to continue looking rather than settle for second best.

If you don't find that perfect someone, you will wait and suffer, punishing yourself for craving the depth of human companionship that only an intimate relationship can give you.

Even in friendship, you choose only close, select companions, for any kind of superficial relationship rubs you the wrong way. In time you will learn to detach yourself from those who want just a casual relationship.

The Moon here shows emotions, love, and fluctuating moods, and Pluto shows a deep sense of regeneration. The conjunction of the two tells that you have a drive for new relationships, new loves, new romances.

You may live half your life before you discover that a love you had years ago was the most important to you. But this realization comes too late, for you discarded that love for a new one.

Your vulnerability to love allows others to take advantage of you, and your fear of this leads you to be defensive. However, with your drive, you can also take advantage of others. In time, you will need to sort out your various experiences in order of their importance to you.

This may sound difficult and hard to live with, but it can be a blessing when you find and enjoy your true love. If this is the love of your life, it will be deep, emotionally satisfying, and a means for your spiritual growth.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The conjunction of these two factors has a very intense effect. At the same time as we are looking for security and adopting an attitude in which we hope to feel safe (Moon), we are confronted by the very thing from which we are trying to escape or by some other bugbear from the unconscious. Since Pluto represents endeavors to hold our own by gaining control of situations, a sense of safety will be ours only when we know that we are in command. Whenever we feel we are not, we can lash out fiercely or wait for a chance to seize the helm again. Because the confrontation with repressed and unconscious factors makes us inwardly insecure and compels us to do something, we can expect to be involved in some pretty vigorous action sooner or later.

The confrontation this conjunction brings about between the natives and their hidden insecurity is likely to make them bottle up feelings in public. But they have an intense need for emotional contact; and this, combined with a power urge, can cause them to be motherly and protective, the danger being that they may turn tyrant and force the loved ones to obey.

Intensity is the keyword of Moon / Pluto aspects. The Moon is highly charged by Pluto, which enhances its influence. This is why these natives can be so emotionally fierce and demanding. An ordinary relationship does not satisfy: they insist on much more than that. They want depth and intrigue. With the Moon / Pluto conjunction, the grip will tighten on partners until they have wrung the secrets out. By the same token, this is a good aspect for researchers, (para)psychologists and the like. But the natives must take care not to be misled by feelings - an ever-present danger.

(Betty Lundsted)

The Moon represents how the physical mother teaches the child to respond emotionally. Pluto represents the unconscious motivation of a generation. When it ties to the Moon, it usually indicates a manipulative and controlling mother type. This aspect should be read after considering the other aspects to the Moon, for the combination of aspects to this conjunction will tell the story of how the child is overwhelmed by the mother's energy. She is a strong woman; a woman who may be obsessed by something that is going on in her life during the time this child is influenced. The sign involved in the conjunction is important in determining what kind of energy is available.

The conjunction is overpowering; emotional reactions are usually formed in the subconscious rather than in the conscious mind. The aspect indicates a person who responds emotionally (via the feelings, or the responses in the physical body), although the cause of the emotional reaction is actually subconscious. By way of compensation, the individual with this aspect feels that he must be in control of his responses all the time. He will keep a tight rein on his own emotional responses, and will attempt to control any emotional situations around him in order to avoid being surprised or shocked at his own reactions. This can indicate that his mother controlled her environment completely and manipulated everyone around her. This person will become an adult who has difficulty responding spontaneously in any emotional relationship involving family, friends or lovers. He can obsess on any relationship and may surround himself with people he can control. He may surround himself with inferior types in order to maintain control; he may play all the control games possible, from excessive gift-giving to 'smother' love. This aspect may describe the 'smother' love syndrome which causes the person to produce the same kind of emotional responses when he reaches adulthood.

The root of the distortion is control. This is the underside of Pluto manifesting itself; when it is understood, the transformational process can begin. Jung talks of the collective unconscious, that part of the psyche in all of us that remembers what has happened to the species up to this point. The collective unconscious can be linked to Edgar Cayce's Akashic Records, though Jung interpreted it in much different terminology. When the Moon is attached to the energy of Pluto, it gives a person a chance to be tremendously creative, to tap into the wealth of information and ideas that lurk below the surface. This type of creative energy can be called intuitive for it comes from the subconscious. The person has to develop the skill of letting the intuitive energy flow. It cannot be developed as long as the feeling nature is controlled.

Various metaphysical and religious organizations sponsor classes which teach trust in the God-self and how one can get in touch with the creative centre that exists in all of us. Trusting the personal creative energy of this aspect has to be learned, for it is hard to let go of early childhood experience. The circumstances of the childhood and examples of the mother's manipulation and control techniques must be understood so that the individual can evaluate the kind of game absorbed from Mom. With a little effort, anyone can begin to recall early childhood memories. Memory becomes

difficult only when trauma occurs to block the mind channels, for we don't like to recall something that offends our ethics. The ethics can be determined from aspects in the chart and read from planet and sign. This conjunction gives the individual great creative energy. Powerful as it is in the creative sense, it can be as powerful in a hurtful sense.

When a man has this aspect, he attempts to control all his emotional relationships with women; the aspects to the conjunction should be checked to see if there is violence there. A woman with this aspect can draw to her men who are physically violent if the signs are right, or if additional aspects to her Moon indicate the potential for this kind of behavior. An astrologer can warn her that indiscriminate behavior may bring emotional difficulties into her life, but the words should be carefully chosen.

This aspect gives great intuitive and healing ability. The charts of healers and psychics often have Pluto-Moon configurations, and the hard aspects seem to confer more power. These individuals are so empathetic to the feelings of others that they may even assume symptoms of other people's illnesses. When they become aware of this ability, they can learn to channel it; after all, who wants to walk around with someone else's headache? Eventually they may learn that not only can they pick up information from other people without asking for it, but also they can heal the hurts. Those who don't wish to pursue the occult forms of healing can find an outlet in the multiprofessional field of medicine: many physiotherapists have strong Pluto-Moon aspects.

#### **Moon trine Pluto** (Haydn Paul)

You feel a sense of inner security, connected to a self-assured confidence in your strength and ability to successfully deal with challenging situations.

Emotional depth and intensity will be experienced, yet often kept under self-imposed control; you are afraid to allow this power free expression. This fear may arise from previous experiences, where, when provoked, you have temporarily lost emotional control; and you are reluctant to let this happen again.

Intuitive insight into people may be a gift, a penetrating perception of their hidden nature and motivations. This does not, however, leave you cynical about people, as you still retain a caring nature. You will support and aid close friends when in need, and have a soft spot for children. This tendency may attract you toward working with people in a public or social capacity, in which your ability to resolve problems can be useful in areas of social challenge, or which involve financial management skills.

You often apply techniques which involve imagination and creative will, directing these energies toward manifesting your thoughts into reality, intending to create your ideal life-style. You have a natural ability to combine will and imagination that many would envy; make the most of this talent, but ensure that your vision is rightly motivated, or results could be negative for yourself and others.

You often expect high-quality partners for your intimate relationships; and caution is necessary when choosing suitable lovers for long-term intimacy. Your hope for children and family life will have considerable impact, requiring maturity and responsibility. Your feelings will be tied to family and home; and you will work hard at making the relationships successful for all concerned.

#### **Moon trine Pluto** (Robert Pelletier)

Moon trine Pluto shows that you are a deep-feeling individual, but you generally keep

your emotions under control. You do not usually waste your feelings on casual acquaintances, although you are friendly and sociable. You give others the benefit of the doubt when you decide how you feel about them. The friends you do have can count on you for help when needed.

Yours is a special kind of spiritual loving that is not cast freely to the winds. You love people for themselves and not for what they outwardly represent. You have high expectations of meeting the right person who will encompass all the virtues you expect in true love companionship.

You have a fondness for children and young people, for they provide you with much contentment and joy. You put them at ease and bring out their affectionate feelings. In your care they feel comfortable, for you are naturally protective of those in your charge. The young are a source of creative expression for you.

Your capacity to care for others is boundless, and you could express this by serving people who have physical liabilities or social disadvantages. Fields such as public relations, physical therapy, social welfare, financial advice, or creative avocational work would be congenial to your interests.

You have great insight into the uses of power and the effective management of money. Your understanding of the motives behind people's behavior is a protection for you. Working in personal contact with other people could be an excellent medium for you.

Moon sextile Pluto (Haydn Paul)

You are probably optimistic that all will work out well; and this encourages you to persevere to transform your vision and purpose into reality.

You will feel emotionally secure and self-sufficient; and this inner balance diminishes problems with emotional intensity and compulsive behaviour. In relationships, you may appear withdrawn and preoccupied with self, as if you were a little cold and uninvolved. However, this is not the case, as love is important and necessary for your emotional well-being, but indicatest hat you are not dependent upon others. You are biased toward a more intellectual experience and understanding of love, rather than seeking the sheer passion and intensity often associated with Pluto. The sextile suggests that these energies are more naturally and easily balanced. Yet you still possess the ability to renew and transform restrictive emotional and life-style patterns, replacing them with a more suitable expression.

You enjoy observing others, speculating about thier motivations, personalities, and different types of perception. This can help to expand you by awakening you to multiple subjective realities and perceptions, apart from gradually dissolving any limiting fixed attitudes or belief patterns.

You are sensitive to others' feelings, and feel responsibly concerned to encourage social reform to improve the quality of life. You may enter work involving public service, perhaps in an administrative role rather than in a directly caring position, as you have business and organisational skills. Working with younger people may attract, as you have a natural affinity with them and care about their future lives and places in society. You can communicate well in situations which require a moderating and mediating energy, and will choose a life-style that tries to maintain harmony.

In directing your life, you believe in the principle that 'energy follows thought'; and visualising your intention is the first step toward making it real. You believe that

applied thought is an energy that can be directed to achieve your purpose. Seeing this work in life deepens your faith that life is on your side, and provides confidence to follow your own path.

Moon sextile Pluto (Robert Pelletier)

With Moon sextile Pluto, you have an intellectual understanding of love. You always try to understand the motives of others, especially those with whom you are emotionally involved. Love is important to you, and your emotions are powerful. You are demonstrative of your feelings, and expect others to be as well. Hearing someone express their love for you is very important.

Your emotional priorities are reasonably well established. You can provide the warmth and tenderness your children or close friends need, while reserving the ardent side of your nature for intimate moments with the one you love.

You are responsive to the suffering of others and will offer your services to provide relief. Imaginative and resourceful in handling your daily affairs, you readily adopt new ideas to make life easier and less complicated. You are concerned about the environment and about your civic responsibilities.

Your special talent is your ability to communicate with young people in order to better understand them. They confide in you because your sincere concern makes them feel secure. With you they are not threatened by authority, but accept and respect it. You communicate warmth and tenderness, which helps young people become stabilized in their independence as they mature.

You have good business sense and are efficient in management. These characteristics will help you gain financial security. You are orderly and know how to unclutter your life by letting go of nonessential elements that interfere with progress. With your capacity to respond to others, you are suited to any occupation that involves meeting the public, such as public relations, insurance, finance, rehabilitation, or physical therapy

Moon trine or sextile Pluto (Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Whatever holds good for the conjunction also holds good for these aspects. There is the same uncertainty and craving for power. The emotional life is no less intense, and there is an equal inclination to banish uncertainty and to satisfy the power-drive by adopting a 'big mother' role.

And then, no sooner have we settled down with a comfortable sense of security (Moon) than we start fishing around in the hidden and repressed contents of the psyche, and not only into these but into those of the psyches of others. We are not satisfied with superficial investigation; we dig deep. Anything hidden engrosses us and we find an almost magical attraction in unsolved riddles, mysterious old civilisations, the world beneath the ocean and the deeper layers of the mind. It does not take much for our interest to be aroused in such things.

All our digging around frequently gives us a hold on others. Often with Pluto's aspects we impress people as being trenchant and powerful, and are therefore unlikely to encounter open opposition; but this does not mean that we are always in the right. Pluto is a factor that can really distort and above all inflate, and, with Moon / Pluto aspects, we so want to indulge our emotional life that deforming elements creep into it, or non-personal elements from the unconscious puff us up in a way harmful to genuine emotional relationships. Usually, by introspection, we can find out where we are wrong, but care is needed.

Fear of confrontation is not a normal feature of this aspect - we are much too inquisitive concerning the backgrounds and motives of others to worry about what they will think of us. We try to fathom them out in a more or less subtle way, but are very reticent about our own concerns because we have no intention of letting others obtain any leverage on us. In many cases we take command by a show of authority.

Through all our digging around, and through constant contact with our own psychological depths, we can undergo a profound inner change. With the harmonious aspects, the transformation occurs fairly smoothly, although none of Pluto's aspects is completely trouble-free.

#### **Moon trine Pluto (Betty Lundsted)**

Like the sextile, this aspect is a blessing. It indicates that Mom demonstrated a warm, open and co-operative emotional outlook during this person's formative years. Through her action, she taught him how to work with others: how to work through problems with authority figures, friends and family members.

The child will be sympathetic to the needs of his generation, for Pluto also represents the mass consciousness of the era. This can be both good and bad, for it indicates that the child will be receptive to his peer group as he is growing up. Those children born into the teenage drug culture were open to their friends who were selling 'grass' in the suburbs. They may have become a part of the teenage drug culture, or the teenage smoking clique, or the teenage alcohol group, merely because they wanted to join their peers.

As this person matures, the energy gives him a natural 'in' with the media, mass communication, politics, social work and related careers that help service the masses. It can be a creative aspect, for the development of intuitive insights is easy.

#### **Moon sextile Pluto (Betty Lundsted)**

The Moon represents our physical mother as she presents herself during our early years. It symbolizes how we will respond emotionally to friends, to politics, and to feeling / caring needs. Pluto represents the mass unconscious; it indicates the unconscious motivation inside each of us, so it indicates how we cope with feelings toward our fellow man on both a conscious and an unconscious plane. Pluto represents coercion, control and the manipulation of others in all its forms. When these two parts of personality are tied together by sextile, it indicates a constructive energy flow. It means the mother's actions demonstrate to the individual how to work co-operatively with groups, and how to co-operate with others. The sextile is a talent aspect; it indicates that talent is there, although it needs to be trained. Any career involving contact with unions, great numbers of people or the spirit of community effort will bring pleasure. The sextile gives a certain amount of inventive ability that can be developed over the years, but probably not until after age thirty-five.

#### **Moon square Pluto (Haydn Paul)**

Intimate relationships may be difficult, with emotions intense and extreme. An atmosphere of emotional brooding may surround you; and others may prefer to withdraw as they sense elemental danger.

Needs for control influence choices and actions; you believe your environment and emotions need controlling to avoid 'threats' from others. This increases your preference for relationship dominance, often demanding that others acquiesce to your

desires and wishes, yet this will inevitably imbalance relationships. You intend to rule, and will never willingly be submissive. If forced to do so by partner or employer, you will later try to undermine their dominance by subversive efforts to regain control. You can react almost violently toward anyone trying to change you, and may deliberately act in more extreme ways when displaying the behaviour that another hopes to change.

You are a natural loner, impatient and potentially aggressive in attitude unless carefully controlled and moderated. Self-expression is often direct, with a style lacking in social graces and diplomacy, sometimes abrasive and brusque, especially with those you do not respect. This can create work and social problems; but these do not particularly bother you, as you prefer to be true to yourself. What you do need is to retain self-integrity and discover how to maintain a positive relationship with others.

You hate feeling restricted, and chafe against any imprisoning bonds, even if these were self-imposed for reasons which existed at the time. You are ambivalent toward the past, and often want to forget it as having little relevance; at other times, you display an attachment to it, attempting to reinvolve it. At least you know the past; the future sometimes scares you, stirring uneasy feelings, especially as this cannot be controlled.

You may find difficulty dealing with powerful feelings of destructive energy, an urge to smash and break down obstacles that prevent you from enjoying freedom. This inner state generates tensions and pressures which you control and repress, afraid that, if unleashed at an appropriate time, much damage could be caused. It can be hard for others to understand how this sensation of destructive emotional energy shapes and restricts you. You also find it difficult to discover how to release this energy constructively; but it is essential that relationship conflicts be reduced. You may often force issues, releasing this energy in confrontations which create sudden and dramatic life changes, despite intending this simply to release inner pressures which increase whenever you feel as if you are not in control. Your tendency is to explode - or to implode - to stimulate a necessary transformation that can create space for changes to occur.

You need to trust more - your family, intimate partners, and others. Try to communicate your feelings and difficulties so that others can help you to release them less abrasively. Compromise is essential; the world does not revolve around your needs and desires, and living together requires mutual benefit and support. Redirecting self-preoccupation toward helping others could become a way for emotional intensity to flow safely outward, reducing inner pressure.

A deeper self-understanding, perhaps through courses and study in psychology, occultism, meditation, and self-exploration, would benefit you considerably, and give insight into the energies and levels of consciousness which create the complexity of the human personality.

Moon square Pluto (Robert Pelletier)

With Moon square Pluto, you are a deep-feeling person who finds it difficult to let go of the past. You are apprehensive about the future and often withdraw defensively. Early parental conditioning may have been responsible for the way you anticipate danger as you face life's problems. Perhaps the relationship with your parents was strained; you felt rejected because you could not discern the love behind their discipline.

You tend to be a loner, but when you do relate to others you often force yourself on them. The result is that they become intolerant of your demanding nature. You expect others to make adjustments to satisfy your expectations of them. You have a lot to learn about human nature; until you do, you may suffer defeat and emotional anxiety. Try to examine situations intellectually and judge them fairly.

Emotional responsibility tends to be a burden. You want to enjoy the pleasures of love without having any limitations imposed on you. With your ardent nature you are inclined to form close but temporary ties based on physical expression.

You are an extremist in your relationships, and you need to learn the art of tender loving care. You must give others the opportunity to show they care for you without forcibly extracting this response from them. If you can modify your rather negative attitude, both you and your partner can derive mutual excitement and reward.

You should seek occupations involving the public so you can observe how people deal with one another. Learn to compromise when it will help you reach your goals. Recommended fields include rehabilitation and physical therapy, welfare programs, social security, or any occupation that helps the disadvantaged to reconstruct their lives in spite of severe limitations. As you assist others, you will realize how useful you can be when motivated by a concern for others. If you can redirect your self-preoccupation toward others, you will be enriched more than you know.

To stay in good health, you must occasionally unwind and get away from it all. Problems may develop in the generative organs, and you should have periodic check-ups, if only to keep your mind free of anxiety.

Be cautious about indulging in any aspect of the occult. You may be unable to keep the information that you gain in proper perspective without becoming confused.

Moon opposition Pluto (Haydn Paul)

You may experience emotional blockages which inhibit sharing feelings. Emotional energies which cannot find suitable release may accumulate. You maintain tight inner controls which influence relationships, as others may sense an atmosphere of repressed violence and passion. At times, you can be like a coiled snake waiting to strike a target, just so you can unload excess emotional energy.

This tension and pressure can make it difficult for others to relax in your company. Relationships are uneasy, and are not helped by your suspicion of others. You rarely allow access into the sanctum of your personal life, so this distancing suits you. Domestically, you dislike intrusion, and take offence whenever anyone is patronising or attempts to dictate to you; if anyone is going to dominate, it has to be you! You prefer to control your family and anyone else you can, yet dislike having to acknowledge others in positions of authority. You may just barely accept them if they truly deserve such positions, but otherwise show little respect and may even actively undermine their influence. It follows that you are never the ideal employee!

You can find consistency difficult in intimate relationships; not in the sense of loving, but more in how you express feelings. This is due to emotional blockages and control needs; you may appear to 'blow hot and cold' to your partner; yet this simply reflects how your emotional world is at any given time, rather than indicating the depth of love you feel for your partner.

You will be emotionally sensitive, and feel really hurt when another does not respond to your advances; you have a low threshold for emotional pain, which amplifies mood

swings. You tend to store pain; and this increases inner pressure over time, which in turn affects domestic relations, and so on, in a vicious circle. Frustration occurs from your high expectations of intimacy and life; and yet this is often caused by your inner state that inhibits receiving and enjoying as much as you should. Contact with the outer world is through feelings; and as the primary impact is emotional, this colours your perception of life.

There may be disputes concerning finances or family inheritance, and certainly over the question of family authority, and those you intend to win. You do not often welcome others' advice, seeing this as interference or attempted domination; and you intend to make independent decisions and choose your own way. Even if this appears to take you in the wrong direction, the path is still your decision and choice, and, in that fact alone, it is 'right'.

You need to acknowledge others' rights, and their importance in your life. Again, compromise is a necessary virtue to acquire or, through sheer obstinacy, you could lose more than you gain through lack of moderation. Learn to value your partner, become less insistent upon your will and desires, and listen to others more. Inner changes could allow considerable benefits to emerge, ones which cost far less than you imagine and which do not really change you except positively. These can also help redirect emotional energy which otherwise may cause problems if unreleased.

Instead of trying to remake your family and close friends, turn this impulse inward and use it to change yourself for more social harmony, as this is the Plutonic transformation which awaits.

Moon opposition Pluto (Robert Pelletier)

Your Moon opposition Pluto shows you are very demonstrative in your affections and easily hurt if your love is not returned. You may try to get even by using daring methods to dramatize your pain. Your tolerance for emotional pain is very low, and you never seem to get what you want without much hardship. Perhaps you have a memory of some punishment associated with your parents that has left unhealed scars. This could produce bitterness and resentment toward anyone who attempts to control you. You are suspicious of anyone who tries to get too close to you and resent intrusion into your private life.

You are naturally defiant of authority and may have difficulty in dealing with the general public, although your job may require such contact. Try to have consideration for the feelings of those you serve. If you aren't careful you may become cranky and hard to get along with, although you won't realize it.

Because of your strong physical needs, you tend to be somewhat careless in seeking satisfaction. Examine every lover's credentials carefully, or you may find yourself involved with dubious characters who could cause serious trouble and embarrassment to your job, your home, and your reputation. It isn't easy for you to accept advice, but at least try.

In a romantic partnership you tend to be argumentative over money, joint resources, and positions of authority in the home. You are aggressive in love and can alienate a partner whose identity you have challenged. You must learn to be more passive.

You demand a great deal of life and the permanent relationship you seek. It is imperative that you compromise in your expectations, or you will search far and wide to no avail. Don't assume that others only want to use you; you attract all kinds of individuals - good, bad, and indifferent. It is up to you to choose wisely.

## Moon square or opposition Pluto (Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The hard Moon / Pluto aspects have very intense and forceful forms of expression. Whenever we look for security, we have a painful sense of insecurity. All kinds of unconscious and repressed contents obtrude themselves or, at any rate, affect the emotional health, and this is very unsettling.

More strongly than we would with the harmonious aspects, we feel impelled to ferret out whatever is hidden, to discover the source of things; and often we run up against very deep problems in ourselves and others. Since the hard aspects activate us, we feel impelled to do something. We may want to be maternal, but without having to expose our feelings - like a kind of Mother Superior. In everyday life, this aspect can express itself, for example, in the desire to accept, help and emotionally support everyone, while perhaps being very stoical and self-denying.

There is also a penchant for breaking taboos of every kind. Taboos always restrict freedom of action, or so we believe. Transforming Pluto makes us want to do away with limitations in order to rule the situation ourselves. Like the aspects of Uranus, these aspects have something provocative about them, but in a more subtle way. We oscillate between inferiority and superiority feelings, and this turns us into restless seekers. We are not very easy to get along with in our emotional contacts: although we may be utterly devoted to someone, we can be equally demanding. Pluto is never satisfied. Probably the search will extend to the impersonal realm of mystery, the esoteric, the veiled and the invisible. It is possible for us to travel very far in this realm.

We can get people's backs up with our endless demands, and sometimes with our over-direct (even brazen) interest. Folk feel spied on and manipulated; yet we can benefit from our hassles with them, which give us insight into our own behavior as well as that of others, and also teach us about how we interact.

## Moon square Pluto (Betty Lundsted)

This aspect has much of the same energy that is present with the conjunction, except that it may be more excessive or obsessive. The Moon indicates how the mother responds emotionally to her environment when the child is developing his emotional responses. Pluto represents transformational energy: on the one hand it indicates the ability to transform the self; on the other hand, the energy of the square usually manifests in a subconscious urge to control others, to manipulate life so that one always knows where one stands. The low form of the energy shows more readily in the hard aspects.

In order to channel this energy for constructive use, the formation of the original pattern must be consciously understood. The mother of this individual needs to manipulate her universe; she controls her husband, family, friends and neighbors, and this child assumes her response is 'normal'. The area of emotional control can be determined more fully by the house placements and signs involved in the square. In order to be free of oppressive energy, this person needs to understand how he imitates his mother in his own personal life, how he manipulates those around him, and the manner in which he attempts to control others. He got the pattern from his mother. The person with this aspect can be obsessive about people he loves. He needs to learn spontaneity, for he often plans everything in his life and becomes upset when his plans don't work out. Creative and intuitive energy comes out when manipulation and control stop.

Each possible square between the Moon and Pluto can be discovered by working with

the planets and the signs involved in the square. Each of us must discover the interpretation for ourselves, remembering that the aspect looks like one thing to an outsider and feels very different to the person who owns it. The house placement of the square comes into play too, for the emotional responses (other than love) that will involve the critical Pluto energy can be described by the houses holding the Moon and Pluto.

Any square between the Moon and Pluto will be similar in that the mother controlled her universe the best way she could, and her child will imitate her. The person with this aspect will hesitate to embrace emotional involvements, for he wants to maintain control. The differences in interpretation will be the kinds of emotional responses and kinds of control involved in the aspect, for these adjectives come from the signs.

A woman with this aspect may appear to be cold, or she can obsess over any new emotional involvement. A man with this aspect often manipulates his relationships with women and plays all kinds of subtle control games. Anyone with this aspect who is not yet conscious of it can make others feel emotionally drained; sometimes the Moon-Pluto square loses out on relationships because they won't give the loved one breathing space.

#### Moon opposition Pluto (Betty Lundsted)

The Moon symbolizes the physical mother, how she reacts to life when the native is forming his or her emotional self. The mother is not comfortable with her environment when this child is very young, for the Pluto opposition indicates that the mother feels she has to control everyone. A lack of spontaneity, feelings being manipulated, outsmarting the rest of the family in order to maintain control - these are the symptoms of the opposition.

This child learns manipulation and control because it is done to him - so it must be 'normal'. The mother may feel that raising a child is an overwhelming responsibility. She may be in the throes of an unstable marriage, not knowing where she stands. Whatever the cause, she smothers those around her. The child becomes an adult who 'smother-likes', who obsesses over people and feelings, who falls apart emotionally when he feels the reins of control slipping away. One can't truly resent a person with this aspect, for the actions taken on an emotional basis are seldom conscious, and the person who smother-likes doesn't know any other way to behave. He must consciously learn new behavior patterns, for he doesn't know how to respond emotionally without the Pluto controls.

Pluto also represents the mass consciousness and it usually remains in the psyche on an unconscious level. As the opposition energy develops, it can result in disassociation from the peer group for it hears 'a different drummer'. This person may avoid groups or crowds because he doesn't feel in control of himself in a crowd. A fear of crowds, a fear of being trampled by the masses, pertain to all the hard aspects (conjunction, square and opposition) of Pluto to the Moon.

Before one can use the creative energy of the Pluto-Moon opposition, the control and obsessive needs must become conscious and released. It's important to learn to love people without helping them so much that they become helpless. Obsessive love patterns need to change. If other aspects in the chart warrant it, this individual may draw a partner who is also controlling and who drains him. The battle of the two strong individuals is interesting to watch.

When we give up, when we let go, the creative self can emerge, and we no longer have to live our lives guarding the 'Boulder Dam' of our emotional selves. When we realize this, the Pluto energy brings wonderful blessings.

## **Natal Moon quincunx Pluto**

(Robert Pelletier)

The inconjunct between the Moon and Pluto indicates a personality that is precariously balanced. You must learn to temper your emotional compulsiveness with objectivity. Perhaps in your formative years you were expected to yield to all your parents' demands; if you defied them, they said you didn't love them. From this experience you may have assumed that to gain anyone's love you must submit to that person. Thus, you overreact to other people's demands. You wrongly believe that those who use you must care for you in some way. But submission to another only earns you contempt.

Now you may have to unlearn old habit patterns and develop new ones to avoid being persecuted by those who would take advantage of you in a weak moment. You will be at the mercy of others until you gather the strength to say 'no'.

Even in your occupation you must be wary of co-workers taking advantage of you. When you are asked to take on new duties, examine them carefully. Do one thing at a time, and do only what is specifically assigned; don't become a patsy for someone else's incompetence.

You will do well in occupations in which you can work behind the scenes. Stay away from jobs that may require you to do extra work unless you will be paid accordingly.

Be particularly careful about becoming emotionally involved with persons who try to sway you by their charm. They are probably aware of your vulnerable nature. You can be misled by appearances, so get an objective opinion about anyone to whom you are attracted. Your strong desire for a home and family may incline you to lower your standards for a suitable love partner. Examine all potential mates with care and objectivity to avoid disappointment.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

None of the Moon / Pluto aspects seems to be very restful; confrontations and unsettledness are the order of the day. Nor are things much different with the inconjunct, except that the tension and unrest are experienced as a latent sense of discomfort and an impulse to keep seeking. Emotionally we can be extremely tensed up and uncomfortable without knowing why. We tend to mistrust our feelings: because we are unable to identify any inner cause of insecurity, we are inclined to look for one outside ourselves in our loved ones, and sometimes feel they are being unnecessarily difficult.

Usually, because the Moon has so little in common with Pluto here, we don't realize that we are expressing Pluto's power drive or that we are being unpleasantly manipulative at times, and so we can be puzzled by the reactions of others. Our inclination is to treat their behavior as incomprehensible.

All this encourages further digging and probing, so here is a further aspect between the Moon and Pluto in which things hidden are of interest. We seek the essence of everything and try to get at it - an enterprise doomed to failure, although compulsive searching may give us greater depth. Emotional relationships are often strained. We ask a great deal from our companions and from those who care for us, and so we can easily repel them; besides, it adds insult to injury that we seem to have no compunction about being so demanding. Our emotional reactions are often a mixture of playing at hide-and-seek, uncertainty, not knowing how to react, and difficulty in

expressing feelings.

However, we come to see that Pluto's confrontations have their value and that we need not always be undermined by them. Then we can undergo an enormous transformation (often through a crisis) and can give shape to the positive side of this aspect in all kinds of ways.

(Betty Lundsted)

Pluto quincunx the Moon brings the subconscious drives into touch with the emotional nature, but the energy is strained. There is a subconscious pulling or tugging that affects the feeling ability. The energy is not as disruptive as the square or opposition, but the feelings are out of synch. with the inner self. The interplay can be solved by examining the signs involved and considering how the discomfort will manifest within the personality.

**Moon conjunct North Node:** This conjunction brings fortune through the natives' ability to sense and to flow in harmony with the prevailing current of events. In other words, they are instinctively capable of taking advantage of current trends. Carried too far, this attribute leads them to jump on whatever bandwagon happens to be passing, without due concern for the consequences. Natives' enthusiasm brings them popularity. Good fortune in dealing with women or the public is also indicated. Thus, the aspect is beneficial to those in public relations, selling, entertainment, and politics. If the chart as a whole bears out this tendency, natives will be generous and interested in religion. This is a favorable karmic influence, created by generosity and helpfulness to others in the native's past.

**Moon sextile North Node:** This combination is favorable for the effective timing of day-to-day events and the handling of small matters in a way that is harmonious with contemporary society. The natives' socially acceptable habit patterns make them popular. Family background may bring them good fortune.

**Moon trine North Node:** This configuration indicates a harmonious blending of the natives' own emotions and instinctive reactions with the prevailing social trends and attitudes. The natives instinctively know how to navigate the currents of changing popular beliefs to their own advantage.

**Moon square North Node:** This square tends to make the natives emotionally out of harmony with the trends of their society. Very often the flow of events creates petty problems and sometimes domestic problems. There is difficulty in gaining social recognition or fulfilling ambitions if women play a part in this. The natives are likely to incur their disfavor or dislike in some way.

**Moon opposition North Node:** This is a difficult aspect because circumstances in the natives' lives make it hard for them to synchronize their activities with current trends. In other words, the natives are plagued with bad timing due to their own circumstantially imposed inability to be in the right place at the right time, doing the right thing in the right way. Thus they are constantly forced to draw upon their own personal resources. They cannot depend upon the co-operation of others. They are emotionally alone against the world. This isolation leads to depression and a negative emotional outlook which further alienates others. ('Laugh and the world laughs with you; cry, and you cry alone.') Natives are capable of disciplined, well-planned, concentrated effort. Their ingenuity in making the most of meager resources brings solid accomplishments and a strength of character which meets adversity with courage and determination. According to some writers on the subject, this is a karmic condition, created by previous misuse of wealth, position, and popularity.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Moon conjunct North Node: A spiritual link or union with others. An emotional attitude towards associations. Associations or alliance between women, blood-union, any community or association of people in groups small or large as the case may be.

Moon trine or sextile North Node: The supremacy of feeling in a relationship of living together; an inner or emotional attitude towards other persons. Associations and contacts with the female sex.

Moon square or opposition North Node: Lack of adaptability, sensitiveness, an inclination towards estrangements. Estrangements, separations.

(Bernice Grebner)

Moon conjunct North Node: This gives a pleasing physical beauty, especially if in an angular house. This person has a good personality, well-received by the public. The feelings, emotions, and personality blend well with the North Node development and seem well-suited for projection into the new area. In my opinion, Moon conjunct North Node makes it a more familiar territory than other aspects. This means the person has progressed further in his evolvment than a South Node conjunct Moon person. It favors a repeat life like South Node conjunct the Ascendant, or Moon conjunct Ascendant. For a man it can indicate help from women with his North Node area. For a woman it can mean great influence from her mother, or work with women on a personal basis or in an organizational way.

Moon trine or sextile North Node: This aspect gives a calm and steady emotional nature. In a man's chart it attracts a woman who will help him. It gives a cheerful temperament. The health is affected beneficially and the personality comes across well with the public.

Moon square North Node: This can give problems with health most of the person's life. There is much emotional influence concerning the nodal area. There can be a passive intolerance of others' opinions. This aspect can cause some drastic change in the personality. It can exaggerate greatly the femininity of a woman, or can make the woman extremely coarse and rough unless well aspected by Venus. In a man it seems to make him less tender, less refined. Relations with the mother may be poor due to personality clashes. This person's personality can be misunderstood by others in first contact. For a man it may mean marriage or unions with women of diverse age or social background; or marriage may be prevented or delayed. The action and stress seem to come out at the Moon's position and through problems with women. It causes inhibitions in expression and feelings which do not work to the best advantage of nodal balancing and growth. It is best to release the feelings some way.

Moon opposition North Node: This aspect is karmic in nature. This, as the square, can give passive intolerance of another's opinions. Part of the karma can concern home life or can be connected with the public, mother, or women in general. It gives a stronger development of the sign thus located.

(Mohan Koparkar)

Moon conjunct North Node: This aspect provides great internal emotional satisfaction for these people. If not, at least they will provide such satisfaction for others. Basically, this aspect represents better emotional distribution within or without the individual. Support from mother or 'mother-figure' is of utmost

significance for them in this life. The idea of taking something from 'mother' and being a 'mother-figure' to someone is highly under focus. These people go through ultra high and low emotional stages in this category. As a result, it is best not to provoke them emotionally at the wrong time. Vivid imagination and stronger sensitivity towards some of the past-life experiences and their illumination is noticed in this aspect. They may go through typical or unusual emotional experiences which could be a part of their recent life externalization, with a great similarity to reality.

Moon trine North Node: This aspect provides a high emotional satisfaction level with considerable depth of imagination. Assistance from 'women' or the 'mother-figure' is noticed in their life. Emotional strength is really great in these people, and they can count upon it for a lot of achievement. During their past life, their duty as a 'mother' has been well-recognized so that they get to use past credit in this life. Cultivation of imagination and domestic talents are very significant in their life; and they occur very easily without too much effort.

Moon square North Node: This aspect produces a peculiar emotional imbalance in these individuals. At one point, they need to express emotionally; but all of a sudden, they have strong circumstantial restrictions in doing so. Thus, the soul gets confused as to the signals from the higher consciousness projected through the deeper subconscious that are very unclear. As a result of this, one just has to learn to keep their emotional flow instantaneously ready for any action. In their life, certain difficulties from mother and / or from 'women' are very significant but unavoidable. These people also have negative feelings regarding working for the general public. This feeling is not out of any valid difficulties, but arises from some severe experiences from past incarnations. Their domestic activities are quite fragmented or full of outside interference.

Moon opposition North Node: This aspect indicates sudden emotional difficulties or 'emotionally low' profile in the life of this individual. Possible difficulties relating to 'women' or 'mother-figure' are consistent and constant for this individual. They often display seriousness without actual depression. Learning to overcome and build a stronger emotionalism is achieved in this life. Circulatory problems or difficulties with the digestive system are quite common for these individuals. These people have a subconscious fear about the general public; and often they may have difficulty coping with large crowds.

(Donna van Toen)

Moon conjunct North Node: An emotional outlook that attracts relationships that encourage growth. A need to meet people, participate in social activities, etc. stimulates awareness of the need for growth.

Moon trine North Node: Feelings are allowed full expression allowing easy growth on personal and interpersonal levels. Sometimes the childhood environment offers material or less tangible advantages that make growth easier to attain.

Moon sextile North Node: Feelings are more controlled than with the trine. Often there's a feeling of not really knowing yourself or of having to protect your 'good' side from your 'bad' side. There's a need to be aware of the tendency towards a stagnating, non-productive sort of control.

Moon square North Node: The tension caused by nodal imbalance can 'paralyze' the lunar potential, leaving in its place a fear of being made a fool of. Both growth and stagnation become threatening options.

Moon opposition North Node: Often the tendency it towards griping rather than growing.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

Moon conjunct North Node: When there is a conjunction with the Moon, the sensitivity is greater, contacts are taken very seriously, and the native is occupied by emotional matters. Therefore the development of the capacity for friendship and love comes very much to the fore. Love and affection, pampering and dependence are experienced intensely. Because the Moon is a fluctuating emotional element, reversals are often suffered; and there is hurt and disappointment when a cooling off of love and affection occurs followed by disregard.

Moon opposition North Node: In an opposition of the Moon to the Node, we have a possibility of insincere contacts, according to whether the Moon is on the right or left side of the horoscope. If it is on the right, there will be numerous contacts, but they may be inappropriate; that is to say, they may impede instead of assisting the native. Many cannot live without contacts, and are constantly hopping from one relationship to another. If the Moon is on the left, or I-side, the contacts will certainly be fewer. Then it is important to try to come out of one's shell, because the Ascending Node is on the right and its ascent takes place via the 'You'. In each opposition, one should make use of the sphere of life represented by the house occupied by the Ascending Node. This will cost effort, because the Descending Node, which, of course, is conjunct the Moon, responds by encouraging a strongly reflex, almost mechanical form of behavior. The natives is repeatedly entangled in contacts of the same type as before, yet never realizes it.

### **Natal Moon conjunct Ascendant**

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon conjunct the Ascendant shows that you have some emotional hang-ups. You want close, intimate contacts with people, but you tend to keep people at arm's length because you are afraid you will become obligated to them. This fear forces you to deny yourself many rewarding friendships in order to be safe from anything that might develop into an intimate contact. You are a mass of contradictions: making demands on people but complaining when they do the same to you; expecting others to make overtures to you and withdrawing when they do; hoping for warm social contacts, but severing ties before they can be established. When you do succeed in forming a close relationship, you rarely make any commitment of your affection until you have been assured that the feeling is mutual. Although you are highly imaginative, you react to stimulating people in a generally negative and critical way. You are so emotional that it is nearly impossible for you to make a fair evaluation of people's motives toward you. On the surface you are independent, but you yearn for a quieter role in which you can enjoy the comfort of knowing that someone really cares for you. This can only happen when you lower your defensive barriers and learn to compromise by meeting people halfway.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Lunar characteristics are very prominent in this conjunction. Emotional interaction with the environment is vitally important. Feelings toward others are maternal, and we may want to mother and care for them. Our impressionability is great and we shall probably undergo frequent changes of attitude, for the Moon is an unsettling influence. We can be very emotional, too. Frequently we have close family ties, and set great store by home life.

(Betty Lundsted)

This aspect is not an easy one. The Ascendant symbolizes the body according to the house system. The Moon represents the physical body in the language of the planets. When the two are combined it indicates an inordinate sensitivity to any new experience. Obviously a Cancer Moon conjunct the Ascendant will be more sensitive than the conjunction in Aries; but this person is oversensitized to the surroundings no matter what the sign is. The Moon also symbolizes the physical mother and how she carried herself when the individual was forming a personality. The emotional reactions felt by the mother are absorbed by the child, and, in the case of this aspect, the emotional reactions will be directly tied to the pursuit of any new stage of life; new people, new situations, new jobs.

These individuals will acutely feel any sensitive feeling experience, and it's hard to make it past third grade with your peers with this kind of sensitivity. So these children develop a veneer to cover the emotional reactions - and this aspect is often tougher on boys for they are supposed to be the rough-tough people in our culture.

The mother of these individuals reacted emotionally, and they reacted to her - emotional difficulties can be traced back to their response to her. The body is abnormally tense, for it is constantly prepared to cover or hide any emotional shock it may experience in the environment. These individuals are apt to interpret conversations in a most personal way, not understanding the editorial 'you' and assuming that all conversations are directed their way in a personal fashion, and that any criticism is directed at them in a personal sense. This can indicate people who are overly defensive or overly sensitive.

The conjunction also gives an unusually strong intuitive ability which when properly channeled can be most helpful in the decision-making processes. But, it can also hinder the personality if the cultural or ethnic background frowns on intuitive reactions. For example, a boy raised in a 'macho' family may feel insecure about his masculinity if he feels too much, if he is too sensitive. If this is the case, he may become defensive and therefore hard to communicate with.

Each of the signs must be read individually. The conjunction intensifies the activities governed by both the Ascendant and the Moon. Any additional aspects to this conjunction should be considered when discussing this aspect, for hard aspects can alter an interpretation considerably.

(Sue Tompkins)

Moon conjunct Ascendant suggests that the individual will approach the world and those within it wanting to care for and protect. If other chart factors concur, they will appear as being very responsive, adaptable, impressionable, and keen either to satisfy the needs of others or to have their own needs satisfied.

There is often a strong identification with the mother-figure and often the mother role itself. There is usually a very strong female presence in the early years. People with this placement will sometimes have been (or had to be) exceptionally sensitive to the maternal figure's needs, and perhaps had to protect that person. In some cases, they act as mother to their own mother and thereafter go out into the world wanting either to feed others emotionally or to be fed by them.

The individual with the Moon rising, rather like Neptune rising, can be so receptive and sensitive to everything and everyone they meet that they find it difficult to work

out where they leave off and others begin. They absorb whatever they encounter. I have known several instances where the mother had psychiatric problems and the child had to take on the role of mother to the mother from a very early age. To keep her behaviour relatively sane, the child develops what Howard Sasportas describes as a 'radar-like ability' to pick up and read her signals, and quite soon the ability to read signals from everyone he comes into contact with. The ill mother also sometimes copes better with the child whilst it is still a baby or infant and still dependent on her. Thus, as an adult, the Moon rising person often still exudes a powerful neediness and often a childlike dependency. The Moon seems to describe the child in relation to early mother-figures and thus Moon rising people sometimes approach the world revealing the part of themselves which is a needy child, wanting to be protected and cared for.

### **Moon trine Ascendant** (Robert Pelletier)

The Moon trine the Ascendant gives you an easy-going disposition and allows you to derive much pleasure from creative expression. You are imaginative, sensitive, emotionally poised, and articulate in expressing yourself. You appreciate the sense of values that your parents have instilled in you, and you are prepared to take advantage of your sensitive intellect and develop your own mental resources and ideas. Being resourceful, you will find the way to capitalize on your talents, even though it may be difficult to find the necessary funds to accomplish what you want. You may be forced to do without some necessities, but you feel it is worth it if your main objectives can thus be realized. Unless you are alert, people will try to take advantage of your good nature to benefit themselves. You should require your friends to prove their worth before accepting them completely. You cannot afford to be indifferent to your own needs in relationships, whether casual or intimate.

You have sufficient talent to make a substantial contribution to your career. You realize that in order to succeed you must make sacrifices in your personal affairs. This might mean deferring marriage until you can get the education you need to succeed in your professional endeavors. You want to know that you've exploited your creative potentials, and you want the fulfillment that this brings.

Your marital partner must always remain a lover, so that you will continue to make substantial contributions to maintain the fascination and excitement of your first encounter.

You need to know you are wanted, and you are crushed if your efforts are unappreciated, especially by those to whom you've been the most generous.

### **Moon sextile Ascendant** (Robert Pelletier)

The Moon sextile the Ascendant shows that you try to understand why you react so sensitively to what people say to you. You also try to understand the various circumstances in your life, so there is harmony in these areas of your life. It wasn't always this way; until you matured, you felt apprehensive that people were criticizing you, or that you were handling situations less skillfully than you should. Even now, there are times when you have some difficulty in separating fact from fiction, but you are learning all the time. You are not becoming less sensitive, just more understanding. You tend to become overly emotional in your dealings with people and to underestimate your competence in successfully handling the situations that develop. The truth is, most people consider you quite competent, so stop worrying about it.

You have a wealth of ideas, which you should capitalize on. Perhaps in your work you

can make meaningful suggestions that could be used constructively by your superiors. Your work is very important to you. You accept your tasks eagerly and want to prove your competence by performing them well. In reaching the goals you set for yourself, you continually strive for excellence. Once you get over your feeling of inferiority, you can succeed in meeting any challenge from competitors.

In a personal relationship, you hope to be appreciated for the contributions you make to sustain it. You are more than able to share mutual interests without shirking your responsibilities. Most people realize this, and some may try to take advantage of your compliant nature. You have a wide circle of friends with who you enjoy many pleasant social gatherings. You love to be included in social affairs where you can converse with people on a variety of subjects. You are fairly well-read and can make a substantial contribution to discussions on many topics.

Moon trine or sextile Ascendant (Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

We are able to relate well emotionally to others. The emotional life presents few problems, and the environment does not pose a threat to our sense of well-being.

We are solicitous of those around us, and are prepared to help and pamper them; yet we have sense enough not to tie them down but to leave them as free as possible. However, we are very much involved with others and this can sometimes create difficulties, because we would much rather have company than be on our own. Not everyone can live with us on these terms.

Generally speaking, though, development will be emotionally stable as far as environment is concerned, and our need to be caring can be satisfied both in the family circle and in social and other work.

Moon trine or sextile Ascendant (Betty Lundsted)

These are people who have been taught to respond to life in an emotionally constructive manner during childhood.

Moon square Ascendant (Robert Pelletier)

The Moon square the Ascendant shows that you are emotionally biased in your reaction to events and experiences with people. An impressionable person, you have difficulty in realistically evaluating the conditions you react to. Perhaps you are aware of this tendency and are annoyed with yourself for not being more objective. You are a victim of habits that have become so deeply ingrained that they are difficult to change. Emotionally vulnerable to strong character types who try to mould you to their liking, you are often powerless to do anything but submit. Your difficulty in facing reality increases your problems in relationships, because people are never sure how you will react to them. You are a sentimentalist with strong ties to family and home. It is not easy to transfer those ties to other people with whom you can associate in a personal, emotional relationship. But it is important for you to break away from the past and the limits it imposes on your freedom. You will then be able to develop on your own without feeling that you must get someone else's approval.

The abrasive conditions of open competition will always be painful unless you can insulate yourself by learning to cope with people and circumstances intellectually. You will thus learn that everyone has certain feelings of apprehension about meeting challenges and that you are not alone with this problem. If you talk with your friends about this, you will see that they too have similar anxieties. Knowing this might comfort you. Don't take on more burdens than you need to, especially in your career. Get an education, if you don't already have one, for it will help you succeed in

meeting competition. Be wary of associates who may try to get you to compensate for their lack of ability and then leave you holding the bag if things don't turn out as expected.

Above all, keep your personal affairs to yourself. Don't give adversaries the opportunity to learn your weaknesses. And stop feeling sorry for yourself.

### **Moon opposition Ascendant** (Robert Pelletier)

The Moon opposition the Ascendant shows that you try to become personally involved in the affairs of the people you know. Not content with casual encounters or impersonal communication, you seek to be absorbed by others so they will turn to you for sympathetic understanding. Subconsciously, you need someone to need you at all times. You are trying to transfer the parental loyalty of your childhood to people with whom you can become intimately identified. This seems to be the only way you can conserve the emotional security you are accustomed to.

You have a wide circle of friends who think highly of you because of your generous and kindly disposition. Nevertheless, you find it difficult to form individual, binding relationships, because you are never really sure you can fulfill the responsibilities they entail. To avoid this problem, you circulate freely among a number of people you feel comfortable with, who appreciate the favors you do for them. You want to be loved, and you constantly dwell on this fact. Although you adapt fairly well to changes in a relationship between yourself and another person, you secretly worry that you've failed to make a sufficient contribution to sustain the relationship.

Because you function well in a social environment, public relations would be a comfortable field for you. You hate being alone, so any professional interest should involve personal contact with the public. You may have some difficulty in achieving your material goals, however. Your sometimes fickle behavior gives your superiors the impression that you are unstable and therefore unreliable. It is important that you learn to stand alone and secure in your independence. You persist in the hope that everything you desire will some day be realized.

### Moon square or opposition Ascendant (Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The effect of the hard aspects between the Moon and Ascendant is much more uncomfortable and disturbing. We experience the world and everything with which we are not totally familiar as a worrying threat to our safety, and so we do not always react with poise or find it easy to make contacts.

The Moon, as the principle of changeability, can make us moody for reasons not immediately apparent to the outside world, and this can produce a vicious spiral in which we feel hurt, retire into ourselves, get no sympathy, feel hurt, withdraw, etc., etc.. Yet that is the last thing we require, since the Moon / Ascendant aspect gives us a need for emotional interaction with our environment.

Sometimes we are at a loss for how to behave in emotional situations, or in situations where we have to care for and cherish others (for example, as a mother or father). Then we may be inclined to seek the help and advice of someone we trust to solve the problem in some other way. The activity associated with hard aspects often encourages us to explore various avenues.

### Moon square or opposition Ascendant (Betty Lundsted)

If the aspects between the Moon and Ascendant are difficult, these people see life as

a difficult emotional experience. Each new beginning in childhood may have been an emotional trauma - they were afraid to start school, they had difficulty moving to another school during the early years, or perhaps they resisted the various phases of growing up.

If the Moon squares the Ascendant, it indicates that the emotional needs of these individuals are not easily expressed by the 'persona'. The career drive may suppress the emotional nature, or the masquerade that is presented to the public may in fact mask a tender emotional structure. This causes inner tension, for the emotional needs have to find expression.

In the case of the opposition, in some way the mother (Moon) compromised the child's actions - every time the Ascendant reached out to do something, mother stood in the way. The individual will respond to life much as the mother did as far as the emotions are concerned, so the same apprehensions that Mom projected when the person was a child will be projected by the person as an adult. Each new job will bring inordinate trauma; each new beginning will contain trauma.

Moon opposition Ascendant (Sue Tompkins)

Moon conjunct Descendant suggests that there is a very strong need for relationship and all the emotional, familial and domestic security it might provide. A need for relationships which will provide some measure of nurture, containment, protection and dependency. Whatever the real nature of a particular relationship - child-parent, employer-employee, or that between two lovers, those with the Moon Descendant somehow or other find themselves in a parent-child relationship, with them to be found at either end of the spectrum.

People with this placement often find, maybe several years into a relationship, that they have 'married' someone who closely resembles their mother or are re-enacting the relationship they had with her or would like to have had.

Sometimes the early mother figure was experienced more as a wife, either to the child or to the other parent, and it is from this situation that a mother-spouse linkage is formed. In any event, mother issues and relationship seem even more intermingled than usual with this combination.

People with Moon conjunct Descendant are often very nurturant in relationship, and, indeed, in all one-to-one encounters, though, as Howard Sasportas says of Moon in the 7th, it may be 'over-sensitive or over-adaptive' to the needs of the partner. This placement is indicative of the formation of very strong bonds with women. People with this placement who are in therapy, for example, usually feel more comfortable with women therapists.

The placement can also be found in those who meet others through providing some sort of lunar skills; such skills might range from cooking and catering to working in security, or even such things as furniture restoration: those who provide some kind of service which involves caring or providing some kind of protection.

## **Natal Moon quincunx Ascendant**

(Robert Pelletier)

The Moon inconjunct the Ascendant shows that you are a glutton for punishment. You are so eager to show that you really care about other people that you allow them to take advantage of your sympathetic nature. You are emotionally vulnerable to other

people's problems and want to help them resolve their difficulties if you can. Generous with your time and efforts, you can always be depended upon to volunteer your services. You simply like to do things for others, but in the process you may undermine your own health.

Unfortunately, you don't differentiate between people who deserve your help and those who are undeserving. Those who don't merit assistance from you may secretly laugh at you for all your efforts. If you will set a price on your services, you won't have to waste so much energy on those who don't appreciate them to begin with.

You will always be able to earn a living because you know how to adapt to a variety of employment requirements. You won't refuse an occupation simply because it doesn't give you status among your associates and friends; the needs of the moment are of more concern to you. You are attracted to occupations that serve the public. Your superiors think well of you as a competent employee who isn't afraid of work, although your friends may criticize you for doing more than your share. You may not have been interested in getting a higher education, but you can always compensate in other ways. If you do get an education you will still draw upon your experience to derive the most benefit from it.

You like to feel that you are providing something constructive in the lives of those you deal with. You haven't forgotten the assistance you received when you were younger, and the help you give is in some way a repayment. If you are appreciated, it is reward enough for you.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With an inconjunct between the Moon and the Ascendant, we feel least comfortable of all. The way in which we approach the outside world (Ascendant) differs so much from the way in which we try to gain a feeling of security that the contrast makes us very unsure of ourselves emotionally. Behavior is soon affected and, depending on the signs involved, we shall either creep into our shell or else slip into a role. Therefore the world will have little inkling of our feelings and emotions and may treat us as if there were something wrong with us. As with the square and opposition between Moon and Ascendant, a vicious spiral can be set up.

If only we can appreciate the reasons behind our different attitudes, we shall be less troubled by the 'split' feeling and shall achieve a more balanced outlook as we go through life. Then the positive factor in the Moon / Ascendant aspect will be free to develop to the full.

## **Natal Moon conjunct Midheaven**

(Robert Hand)

Your emotions are very powerful, and you are quite sensitive to the feelings of others as well. What happens while you are young will have a very strong effect on your future life, so that the attitudes and patterns you pick up in youth will be very hard to change as you get older. It is also likely that the career you choose will be influenced by your ideas in youth.

Your mother may have more to do with the career you choose than your father. If your relationship with your mother is not good, it could cause psychological problems throughout your life that would affect your work and your goals in life very badly. You need her emotional support very much.

Be careful not to believe passively that the world will surely take care of you. You probably will receive a great deal of help from others, especially women, but, like anyone else, you will have to work to make the best of it. You should be very good at getting along with the public, because you can make people feel that you belong with them. You have genuine sympathy for people, especially those who remind you of people you knew when you were young.

This placement can indicate that in your career you will work with the public or large groups of people. Your profession might involve protecting and taking care of people, or you might be in advertising or public relations.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When the Moon is conjunct the MC, the individual is extremely sensitive to emotional responses from environment and from society at large. This person lives, so to speak, on the popularity he or she courts, for with a Moon / MC conjunction he or she desires approval come what may; the result often being that he or she strikes others as sympathetic, friendly and full of warmth, even though, to curry favor, he or she may be putting on an act.

Quite frequently, the individual wants to become involved with big groups or with the public, and usually creates a good impression. The Moon at the MC encourages one to seek security by making a mark in society, either by attracting attention or by doing something helpful.

However, the Moon is always waxing and waning, and this person, too, will find the need to chop and change. As long as he or she projects this vacillation on things, he or she is likely to change social position from time to time, or, at least, to keep making minor changes even when occupying a permanent position.

(Sue Tompkins)

The Moon on either end of the MC-IC axis is suggestive of exceptionally strong parent-child ties. Those with Moon on the Midheaven sometimes take on the role of some kind of public mother, perhaps the person in the company who 'holds' everything together and provides some kind of containment. Sometimes the vocation chosen is concerned with looking after one's own home and family, but sometimes the vocation is concerned with protecting, caring and nurturing in a much more public sense. Obviously the sign is of great importance.

Like Sun conjunct MC, there is a need for personal recognition with this placement, coupled with a sensitivity to what the public thinks and feels. Thus this is a good combination for anyone who has to be very responsive to the needs of the public.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This conjunction, unless afflicted, indicates popularity and life in the public eye. It favors actors, entertainers, and politicians. If the conjunction is well aspected, the natives gain through women of wealth and high social standing who aid them in achieving status.

Very often, professional activities are carried on in partnerships, or positions of responsibility are bestowed by someone in authority. Sometimes this conjunction indicates that the native will inherit the family business, or that the career is linked with the family life.

This lunar position is advantageous to people in business connected with food and articles of domestic use. Also favored are those in real estate and other businesses which deal with homes.

**Moon trine Midheaven** (Robert Hand)

You become so attached emotionally to objects as well as people that you tend to think of them almost as part of yourself. This will make you a very caring and loving person in relationships, especially as you get older, but you may try to be overprotective and possessive also. Don't try to limit the freedom of those you love, because you could drive them away. While you are young, you probably enjoy taking care of pets and even wild animals that need help.

You like to be surrounded by familiar objects that remind you of the past, which is very important to you. Also you may enjoy owning old things, which could mean that later in life you will collect antiques. Certainly you would prefer a home that has some sense of the past, that seems tied to a tradition. Objects and buildings that are shiny and new do not attract you as much.

When you are older, owning and taking care of land may be very important, because it makes you feel that you have roots, which you need very much. You may be interested in gardening or farming.

This aspect could mean that you tend to collect objects simply for the sake of having things around you. This habit could clutter up your life in more ways than one. Taking care of a lot of extra things could control your life and limit your freedom of movement. It could also distract you from doing things that will help you grow. You need to learn as soon as possible that real security does not come from having material possessions.

**Moon sextile Midheaven** (Robert Hand)

You are very sensitive to other people's feelings as well as your own. Your moods and emotions are intense, and have a strong influence on how you see yourself and the world. Probably you get along easily with others, because, knowing your sensitivity, people trust you with their innermost feelings. Even while you are young, you won't hurt anyone, because you are so aware of how it feels to be hurt emotionally.

As you grow older, you will learn a great deal about your psychological makeup, which will help you understand people in general. This will give you the ability to handle others very effectively, so that they help you while you are helping them. You are not likely to use other people selfishly, but you appreciate an honest exchange.

People may come into your life and help you without very much fanfare. Or they may offer help but prefer to give you what you need quietly, behind the scenes. You may keep your own feelings somewhat hidden, or at least not be particularly demonstrative. But others know that you have strong feelings and will appreciate your quiet strength and sensitivity.

You can learn a lot through your emotions, for you understand by feeling rather than by thinking. It is important to learn to trust your feelings.

**Moon trine or sextile Midheaven** (Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the harmonious Moon / MC aspects, the person is very sensitive to the part played by others in his or her life, and especially to attitudes and feelings directed toward

him or her. Usually, however, he or she gets on well with people and gives the impression of being calm and collected. Because the search for peace and safety (Moon) does not create conflicts in the outside world, he or she naturally tends to feel at ease. So this person is quick to lend a hand in situations that are emotionally difficult, and to do whatever can be done for people. In essence, he or she wants to fit in socially.

Changeability is not so marked as in the conjunction. Any Moon / MC aspect will indicate some desire for change and variety, but with the harmonious ones this is less of an obsession and the person is more prepared to wait for the right moment. As already mentioned, this individual is often very supportive. In addition, because the Moon stands for the female principle, the person can also benefit from feminine support on more than one occasion.

Moon trine Midheaven (Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration favors professional success through the ability to deal with the public and to adapt to the emotional reactions of people in positions of authority, as well as with all who affect the natives' careers.

The security engendered by this aspect creates the opportunity of establishing a secure, harmonious domestic situation. This is further facilitated through emotional sensitivity toward the home and family members.

Moon sextile Midheaven (Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This pattern is favourable for harmonious home life and family relationships. Natives are able to co-operate in professional matters and to get along with employers or superiors. They can adjust to and accept routine responsibility.

## **Natal Moon quincunx Midheaven**

(Robert Hand)

With this aspect, you must learn to make your emotional needs and desires for pleasure fit in with your growth and development in the world. It is possible that these problems could make it difficult for you to choose a profession or a course that would give your life a sense of purpose. Or you may be unable to follow one path consistently. In other words, your emotional needs may be in conflict with your long-range goals. You may know what you have to do, but not feel much like doing it. Or your feelings may actually color your perception so much that you really do not see what has to be done. Try not to form bad habits, because they are especially likely to create difficulties of this sort.

You need to feel that your family, especially your parents, give you consistent and reliable emotional guidance and support. Without it, you may easily feel that you are being pulled in two directions, which can only result in going nowhere.

Work very hard to develop an objective awareness of what you are doing and where you are going. You will need this understanding to guide your emotions, which might otherwise lead you astray and make it difficult for you to focus on your goals. Learning good perception will make it easier to choose your career or life purpose. Learn to see others' points of view, even if you cannot accept them. Learn to make logical decisions, and do not let passing moods color your attitudes about yourself and your life too much.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With an inconjunct between the Moon and MC, one feels decidedly uneasy. Not only does this person lack a proper self image, but he or she is uncertain what attitude to adopt in the outside world. Because this person is very changeable in the way he or she views him- or herself, behavior shifts and varies to the puzzlement of others. Uncertainty and vacillation are so destabilizing that any support this person is given does little to help, even if it chances to come along at the right time.

Emotional conversation and reactions of others make this person insecure, and, because of that insecurity, he or she takes too much notice of what others say, especially as this person already has such a poor self-opinion. This person will experience many ups and downs both inwardly and outwardly until he or she discovers that most people cause their own ruin and that no-one is merely the victim of all sorts of bad luck.