

VOCATION REPORT

A Solar Writer Report for Ricky Martin



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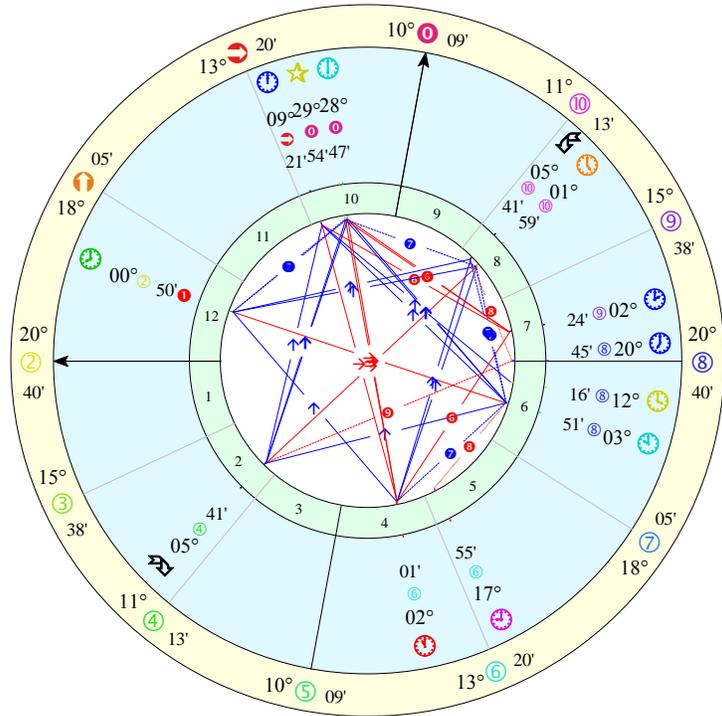
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Astrological Summary

Chart Point Positions: Ricky Martin

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Pisces	29°Pi54'	10th	
The Sun	Capricorn	2°Cp24'	7th	
Mercury	Sagittarius	12°Sg16'	6th	
Venus	Aquarius	1°Aq59'	8th	
Mars	Pisces	28°Pi47'	10th	
Jupiter	Sagittarius	20°Sg45'	7th	
Saturn	Gemini	0°Ge50'	12th	
Uranus	Libra	17°Li55'	5th	
Neptune	Sagittarius	3°Sg51'	6th	
Pluto	Libra	2°Li01'	4th	
Chiron	Aries	9°Ar21'	10th	
The North Node	Aquarius	5°Aq41'	8th	
The South Node	Leo	5°Le41'	2nd	
The Ascendant	Gemini	20°Ge40'	1st	
The Midheaven	Pisces	10°Pi09'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Square	The Sun	2°29'	Applying
The Moon	Sextile	Venus	2°04'	Applying
The Moon	Conjunction	Mars	1°06'	Separating
The Moon	Sextile	Saturn	0°55'	Applying
The Moon	Trine	Neptune	3°57'	Applying
The Moon	Opposition	Pluto	2°06'	Applying
The Moon	Conjunction	Chiron	9°26'	Applying
The Moon	Trine	The South Node	5°46'	Applying
The Sun	Square	Mars	3°36'	Separating
The Sun	Square	Pluto	0°23'	Separating
The Sun	Square	Chiron	6°57'	Applying
Mercury	Conjunction	Jupiter	8°29'	Applying
Mercury	Trine	Chiron	2°54'	Separating
Mercury	Square	The Midheaven	2°06'	Separating
Venus	Trine	Saturn	1°08'	Separating
Venus	Sextile	Neptune	1°52'	Applying
Venus	Trine	Pluto	0°02'	Applying
Venus	Conjunction	The North Node	3°42'	Applying
Venus	Opposition	The South Node	3°42'	Applying
Mars	Sextile	Saturn	2°02'	Applying
Mars	Trine	Neptune	5°04'	Applying

Mars	Opposition	Pluto	3°13'	Applying
Mars	Trine	The South Node	6°53'	Applying
Jupiter	Semisquare	The North Node	0°04'	Separating
Jupiter	Sesquisquare	The South Node	0°04'	Separating
Jupiter	Opposition	The Ascendant	0°04'	Separating
Saturn	Opposition	Neptune	3°01'	Separating
Saturn	Trine	Pluto	1°10'	Separating
Saturn	Trine	The North Node	4°50'	Separating
Uranus	Semisquare	Neptune	0°56'	Separating
Uranus	Trine	The Ascendant	2°45'	Applying
Neptune	Sextile	Pluto	1°50'	Separating
Neptune	Trine	Chiron	5°29'	Applying
Neptune	Sextile	The North Node	1°49'	Applying
Neptune	Trine	The South Node	1°49'	Applying
Pluto	Opposition	Chiron	7°20'	Applying
Pluto	Trine	The North Node	3°39'	Applying
Chiron	Trine	The South Node	3°40'	Applying
The North Node	Sesquisquare	The Ascendant	0°00'	Separating
The South Node	Semisquare	The Ascendant	0°00'	Separating

INTRODUCTION



You work that you may keep pace with the earth and the soul of the earth. When you work you are a flute through whose heart the whispering of the hours turns to music. Work is love made visible.

- Kahlil Gibran, *The Prophet*

A Fulfilling Vocation

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

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

When you were a child what was your answer when adults inevitably asked 'what do you want to be when you grow up?' As children we are uninhibited in our career choices, not

yet influenced by cultural standards and values that judge professions. Still unaware of what work entails, the answer springs from our imagination. How we shape these soulful images of who we may be in the world is our vocation and a large part of the individuation process. These impressions are already inherent in us and often accessible to us through the imagination, and certainly through images in the horoscope. However one of the main obstacles in our vocational search is literality. Mistaking an internal image for a concrete career perpetuates the myth that vocation is something existing outside of us, already established in the world for us to find, not something that unfolds over the course of our lives. The illusion that the right career path, a creative job or our own business will dissolve our job dissatisfaction hinders the discovery that vocation is already present in us.

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

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

A vocational analysis utilizing astrology is very beneficial in revealing an individual's calling. The astrological horoscope does not supply literal details, but it does offer suggestions as to the features necessary to make the vocational journey fulfilling. Vocation may also be found in hobbies, volunteer work, and courses of study, not always presenting in the form of a career. This report will help you to reflect on the qualities of your character that create an empowering effect on shaping a meaningful vocation. Using your horoscope as the personal guide this report will offer suggestions to help you consider a fulfilling vocation. As you read about the vocational images from your own

horoscope you will find that many repeat similar themes, reminding you to be alert to these patterns. In other cases you will find that there may be contradictions. Human nature is full of paradoxes and it is of equal importance to have an insight into the nature of our own ambiguities and inconsistencies. This report will introduce you to the archetypal forces that underpin your personal search for a fulfilling vocation.

VOCATION AND DESTINY



Vocation is the spine of life
-Friedrich Nietzsche

The Lunar Nodes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

nodes in your natal horoscope to help you reflect on your own vocational pathway.

The North Node is in Aquarius

You have the North Node in Aquarius and the South Node in Leo, indicating that you have a well-developed sense of self. Underlying your personality is self-assurance that you are loved, but in order to deeply know this to be true your vocation will lead you into the community. Your invitation is to join the human race and develop your humanitarianism. You might beat a loud drum but now it needs to be in the context of a collective parade. Become a friend to others and you will find that you shine brighter than ever. Stepping away from your own creative pursuits into the community actually provides the best venue possible for your talents and creativity. You are an original, a classic as they say. But your ample charisma and abundant charm must be aligned with community concerns before you can feel purposeful and appreciated. Ironically you become the star of the show when you are the producer focusing on the needs of the group. You find your heart's desire through the lighting of the communal fires and not solely your own. Behind the scenes is where you are the star of the show

Humanitarian ideals are an important aspect of any vocation. However your vocational ideals may lead you into an involvement in humanitarian pursuits or organisations and companies, sympathetic to humanitarian, ecological or animal concerns. While individualism is of high importance in your vocation you also need tribal and social interaction, intellectual stimulation and personal interchange in your work. You need to express its individuality in the work sector and feel unique and independent in what they do. Therefore it is the vocations that are different, even marginal that you may be drawn to. You are not afraid of being on the fringe when you tap into that confidence that you have inherited. If your working atmosphere is too rigid, authoritative or emotionally demanding then you will rebel either through shock tactics, acting out or simply leaving. You need to feel unrestrained in your occupation and work best in a democratic structure than a hierarchical one

You need social involvement to feel successful, but this does not necessarily mean you need to attach, in fact you probably are happier at work when you are non-attached. Therefore in a work environment you appreciate the social interaction but do not necessarily develop deeper emotional bonds. The more space you have on your vocational path, the more effectible you become. Without space in your working lives you might feel frantic and suffocated. When you draw on your reserves of self-confidence and conviction in your talents you are able to create an open ticket in your vocational pursuits.

The North Node is in the 8th House

Your North Node is in the 8th House with the South Node being in the polarity of the 2nd House. In your horoscope this is the polarity that brings the sharing of resources into opposition with personal assets. You tend to be self-made and independent, but sometimes feel that you cannot trust other people when it comes to the world of wealth and resources. You can trust your own judgment with investments and banking, but not so sure you can trust anyone else. Your challenge is to trust your own judgment enough

to be open, intimate and trusting of some people, if not all. Trust, loyalty and integrity are challenges that await us in the 8th House and these are encountered through a deep emotional bond that confronts our vulnerability. The invitation of the North Node is to face this challenge of becoming deeply involved with another person, and not get fixed in the safety zone of your own assets. You are able to be generous, giving and resourceful; however your kindness and generosity may be your defence against being vulnerable. You might be asked to risk losing assets and resources in order to take a chance at loving.

Vocationally your assets are better invested in working with others and forging deep and trustworthy connections. You have an instinct for what is valuable and when you share this talent with others you find that you become even better off. Call it luck or fortune but providence has blessed you with an innate sense of resourcefulness for the purpose of helping others feels secure. Tyche, the goddess who spins the wheel of fortune, is your resourceful and kind-hearted spirit when you direct your energies towards others. Vocationally your path intersects with the spiritual, emotional and financial needs of others. Your ability to create wealth is a given and therefore you may be drawn to a profession in financial arenas such as stock market and futures trading, investment banking, and mortgage broking.

Venus is Conjunct The North Node

Multi-faceted Venus rests next to your North Node. Known as the epitome of harmony and beauty she invites you to develop these resources in your life. At this northern end of the axis of destiny, Venus confirms the importance of forging relationships and alliances on your vocational path. This suggests that it is important to reflect on how you work best with others. This may be through a partnership, working alongside an associate and equal, or this may be working with others as a partner, be it a consultant, a counsellor or team leader. Therefore it is imperative to develop the skills needed to cooperate with others towards common goals and objectives. Through doing this you will glimpse your potential as a mediator and relationship consultant. Another aspect is hospitality and social skill; therefore if this appeals it would be wise to investigate career opportunities and directives in the hospitality, hotel, catering or social avenues.

Venus also has another side and this may be the aspect that calls you. As the lover of beauty she wants to be expressed in a creative and artistic way. Areas such as design, décor, colour, fashion, art all appeal to her and it is important to consider how this aspect could be incorporated into a vocation. This might be expressed through a range of careers from beauty therapy to interior design to museum curator. Remember the common image inherent in these professions is the urge to beautify. Venus' sensual quality can be applied to the design of gardens or food, concerts or theatrical productions. Physically she is astute at massage and redecoration. As you see Venus has many avenues of expressing but one thing is for sure: the urge to create works of beauty in whatever form wants to express itself through your life.

VOCATION AND DIRECTION



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

- James Hillman

The Ascendant and Angular Planets

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

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

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

The second plane of experience is an inherited view of the world, shaped by ancestry and familial lines. Along this polarity of angles you experience the impact of your family or origin on your direction as well as the expectations and influences placed upon you. Embedded in this plane of experience are familial patterns and fate shaping your

direction and vocation. The angle of the IC reveals the atmospheric conditions of your early familial experiences while the opposite angle suggests your destiny in the world, strongly influenced by parental and societal expectations.

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

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

1st House Cusp is in Gemini

The sign Gemini was rising across the horizon at your birth while its partner Sagittarius was setting. You can't sit still and want to get moving, even before you know where it is you want to go. From birth you were curious and inquisitive, asking questions but not waiting for the answers. They were too slow coming. You want to find out yourself. Fate may have even equipped you with long legs to be as mobile as possible, or a highly charged nervous system to manage everything at once or a brain that remembers all the facts. Like the sign Gemini, your personality is mutable, changeable and able to be in two places at the same time. You are a born messenger with ideas to share. While your report cards might have said "lacks concentration" or "talkative" or "unfocused", the school of life taught you something else. Ironically to feel satisfied and successful in life you are drawn into a world of feeling and complexity where you cannot think your way out or change direction when you want. Vocationally you need to be attached to what you do, involved and emotionally secure. Therefore it might take some time to exhaust your restlessness to settle into a career path. Ultimately you do not know where you are going or what you want to be so there will always be an adventure on your career path. Vocationally your path may be more involved than your personality is accustomed to; therefore it is important for you to make sure you have your hobbies and interests which allow you to feel removed from the emotional demands of work.

Sagittarius setting suggests that you are attracted to the enthusiastic qualities of others, especially their independence, passion for life and search for truth and meaning. You will meet a lot of wise ones in your life as well become involved with a lot of know-it-alls. You can't find the truth without running up against a few braggarts. Yet ultimately what

relationship teaches you is to find your own truth and believe in yourself. At the end of the day you are the authority and will be invested with a lot of responsibility. Curiously for someone who seems so carefree and light-hearted your vocational path helps you discover the more connected and responsible sides of self. And it is in through feeling, emotional involvement and commitment that you find success and satisfaction.

Jupiter is Opposite The Ascendant

On the western horizon at your time of birth was the planet Jupiter, the sovereign Roman god associated with justice and supremacy. Being the planet that is setting implies you might find the archetypal experience of this divinity through others before you find it in yourself. Therefore the knowledge, perception, acumen and spiritual perspectives you are attracted to in others are partially a reflection of your own. You are challenged to find your own beliefs, morals, ethics and principles through relationships with others. This is important, as no doubt you will be called upon to be a teacher or guide for others as well. What is most important on your path is that you find your own faith and beliefs that help you to feel part of the larger picture.

VOCATION AND CHARACTER



Character is fate.
- Heraclitus

Considering the Sun and Moon

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

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

THE SUN: Virtues of the Essential Self

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

- C.G. Jung

The Sun is the central focus of its system and therefore represents a multi-dimensional symbol. On one level it is the essential self and the twelve signs of the zodiac, which

mark its apparent path through the heavens, represent spiritual concepts and virtues. Each sign characterises qualities of the human spirit. To the ancients the path of the Sun in the sky was akin to the hero's journey and each sign designated a heroic labour. Astrologically we can present a case for each one of the twelve signs represents a soul state. Therefore when we are in touch with the virtues underpinning our Sun sign we become closer to its spiritual essence and feel closer to the true self. Psychologically this suggests a more soulful and meaningful experience of who we are.

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

The Sun is in Capricorn

From the beginning of life you might have felt responsible, not just for yourself, but for the people and environment around you. With your Sun in Capricorn you have a heightened sense of what is right and wrong, even perhaps an over-developed sense of guilt. Like the mountain goat whose gaze is on the pinnacle of the mountain, your peak represents the summit of excellence always striving to reach the highest point in yourself. Being so acutely aware of what should be done and what constitutes an offence, you endeavour to always do the right thing, and can often feel inadequate or ill equipped to succeed. Nothing could be farther from the truth, and over the course of time your success is revealed through hard work, dedication and commitment. Time is your ally.

Most present-day portrayals of Capricorn suggest they play by the rule book. And this is true to a certain degree. Ultimately the rule book that you want to adhere to is your own, yet often you may end up with a weak authority figure steering the organisation in an impossible direction. One of the designs that often show up in the tapestry of your life is woven by a string of unskilled or inefficient authority figures- teachers, bosses, and managers, even paid professionals! Often you are more proficient with a higher level of comprehension of the job than your boss or service provider. This is your challenge to become your own boss and strive for excellence without the impediment of a system that does share similar values. Yet this takes time to figure out.

Time, quality, excellence and distinction are all hallmarks of your character. You know how to preserve and contain things of value. Responsibility is your great virtue. This suggests response-ability or the ability to respond. In other words you need to support yourself authentically from within, becoming the authority or author of your own life script, not living out of someone else's program. Capricorn is old in its wisdom, but youthful as well, since it has the time to grow into itself.

Your honourable traits such as commitment, dedication and perseverance help to support you in gaining autonomy from the system you feel bound to. You have a strong work

ethic and integrity shaped by your innate responsibility to whatever you are doing or whomever you are with. Therefore you are never free of a system, but hopefully free from the systems that no longer support or acknowledge you. In this way you are freer to pursue your own vocational path and not one already earmarked for you. It is important for you to be self-reliant but not exclusively so, as you also need to be responsible to something in the world, be it a project, a task, a baby, a book! Therefore it is not uncommon for you to find yourself as the managing director of your corporation, the president of your golf club, the principal of your school or at the top of the ladder. But your satisfaction comes not from being the supervisor of others, but by being the boss of yourself. Having learnt the lesson of inner authority and personal responsibility you can be liberated enough to feel acknowledged within the system. To find your vitality and spirit and to feel soulful in the world, you need to strive to be committed, reliable and respectful of tradition. Your efficiency, practicality and work ethic are your guiding lights.

THE MOON: Caring for Your Soul

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

-Thomas Moore

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

The Moon is in Pisces

Your Moon is in Pisces, suggesting that you are highly sensitive to the moods, feelings and nuances that surround you. Your natural disposition is to merge with your surroundings therefore your frame of mind is strongly influenced by the atmosphere around you. On one hand you are given the gift of being sensitive, attuned to the environment, intuitive, even prophetic. Yet on the other you may struggle with setting appropriate boundaries, have difficulty leaving emotionally unfulfilled situations or struggle articulating your needs. You may be hard to pin down as your moods shift and change depending on the atmosphere. Therefore to care for the soul you need to be aware of this tendency to be a medium to others and choose when and how you want to express this gift. Your urge to serve is important; therefore you may feel a need to dedicate yourself either to a service or to a cause. Make sure that this is what you need to do, not what others need of you.

As a young child you were surrounded by wonderment. From an early age you would have recognised your capacity to imagine, create, dream and to envision. As you matured you were challenged with knowing the fine line that separated the imagination from

delusion. But to nurture your soul you still need the contact with the other world of dreams and images. Vocationally this suggests you are able to draw on something much larger than yourself to inspire and inform your work. What you need in your daily life is contact with the dream world where imagination and human ideals are valued. Hopefully your creative, intuitive and artistic temperament can find an outlet through your vocation. If not, you need to provide a place where you can go to be in contact with the imagination.

If you are called to the nurturing professions then your Moon in Pisces may be drawn to compassionate service, like nursing or caring for the handicapped and homeless. You have an instinctual understanding of addictions and might be called to work with drug dependence, addictive behaviours. Destiny may call you into service in institutions, hostels, jails, and asylums to help.

INCOME



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

- Russell A. Lockhart

The Rich Resources of Your Life

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

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

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

2nd House Cusp is in Cancer

The sign Cancer is on the cusp of your 2nd house, revealing ways to enhance your sense of self-esteem and personal worth. Emblematic of Cancer is the crab, the crustacean that scurries sideways across the sand to get out of your way. But what does this have to do with your earning power and relationship to money? Well, like the crab you might dig deep to find a place to bury your cash - in a tin, under the mattress, maybe in the bank. This sign is synonymous with saving, holding on and hoarding. Being on your 2nd House Cusp you might have some hidden resources. You might not know, but it is hidden beneath the family home. Literally this might mean an inheritance, a family trust, shares in the family business or a stake in the family fortune. However, it generally is more complex than that and it suggests that it is attachment and bonding, feelings of emotional security and safety that translate into wealth and assets. In other words your financial security and your material success is dependent upon your level of emotional involvement, not your annual salary or earning power. This is a fairly radical concept to consider but simply put, you become financially secure when you are emotionally secure.

This might be contradictory to your personality, which might need a lot of space and mobility. So it might take some time to settle down and feel that you are economically prosperous. But when you begin to nest, have emotional responsibilities and feel you belong, then this is the time you also start to financially flourish. There is something quite uncanny about this reality. Your qualities of caring, nurturing, providing and being emotionally present are the keys to your feeling valued. When you care and provide for others, you make sure that there is enough financial security for everyone to feel safe. Quite literally this suggests you may earn your income in helping or caring professions or in a profession that provides security, nurturing or protection.

However this does not always mean you feel secure. You may often worry about money and feel vulnerable and insecure about how to provide. Yet the reality is you have always been able to get what you want, have enough savings to buy what you need and manage quite well. It is just that money is the object you project your insecurity onto. Your talents are in your capacity to care and connect with others and as you take care of others and their needs, the cosmos provides for you. It gets easier as you age because you begin to

see at long last the rewards of your work. Your resources are in your ability to connect, care and provide the resources not always visible through your personality. But when you do see them you realise that you have a great capacity for intimacy and closeness that can be tapped in your vocation.

WORK



All work is a vocation, a calling from a place that is the source of meaning and identity, the roots of which lie beyond human intention and interpretation.

- Thomas Moore

The Labours of the 6th House

Astrologically, the 6th House is an eclectic territory associated with many facets of daily life. All these components of the 6th House suggest everyday routines that are necessary to maintain order and coherence in order to contain the chaos of life. The 6th House recommends ways to remain focused and cantered. When we lose touch with this thread of continuity, chaos fills the void with stress, loss of direction and purposelessness. The 6th house also indicates the areas of the body susceptible to carrying the stress when work is not nurturing or fulfilling. When we are not able to en-soul our everyday life with our work, then we are reminded of our distress by complaints of the body and the mind. Literally work makes us sick.

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

Following is an analysis of your 6th house as described by the sign on the cusp and any

planets that occupy this sphere. You will be able to maximize your fulfillment with work by recognizing the routines and tasks that are incompatible with your temperament and therefore create stress. Through becoming aware of daily rituals that support your natural disposition you will feel more satisfied and rewarded by your job. The sign on the cusp of the 6th house is the first clue to rewarding work. Planets in the 6th house are archetypal energies that need to be accessed daily and integrated into your lifestyle. They are life forces that you are fated to meet in the world of work and vocation. In a perfect world we would use them productively through our daily tasks and labours, giving them an expression in the continuity of our daily rituals. Metaphorically work is the way we honour the archetypal force that underlies the planetary expression.

6th House Cusp is in Scorpio

Scorpio is the sign on the cusp of your 6th house and describes some of the features you need in the routine conditions of your job to feel satisfied. An important aspect of your work would be the necessity to be engaged and involved in what you do. When the deepest aspects of your nature are called into duty, then you feel absorbed, engrossed and are satisfied that you are making a difference. Without this you may feel bored and unchallenged. Therefore you may instinctually be drawn to work that involves crisis, elimination and restoration. The Scorpio archetype could be used in a variety of ways in work routines: crisis management, medical emergency, psychotherapy, oncology, bereavement work, renovations, garden design, archaeology and research. As long as you feel you are working intensely, getting to the heart of the matter or have a depth of involvement in what you are doing, you will feel satisfied.

Integrity and honesty are important virtues you seek in your workplace. You also need to respect the work you do, as well as respect those that are in your industry. Trust is an important component of your working life and while it may not be prudent to trust those you work with or for, you must trust yourself that you are in the right position, with the right team and working for the right reasons. If you question your motives you may feel fraudulent or dissatisfied with your work. It is also necessary to feel empowered and in control of what you are doing. While you can work well with others on projects and are open to combining your talents, you also work well alone. You have a strong work ethic, are highly motivated and focused. However, if you are dis-empowered in your workplace, power struggles with superiors or co-workers could emerge.

The Scorpio spirit is incisive and insightful, energies you bring to your work place. Therefore you have a powerful presence and are not afraid of challenges or the truth. Others may react to your intensity with feelings of envy or intimidation, which might result in you feeling isolated and alone at work. However it is important to remember that integrity and honesty are important to you and not all can match this. Before you begin work each day, clear your workspace, clean up your surrounds and de-clutter. Make space for something to happen because at the end of the day it is important that you feel something has happened. You hate to waste time. When stress and pressure build up at work, so do the feelings that have been bottled up. Physically you feel it in the gut and the bowels reflecting your need to let go. This astrological statement recommends that you have enough time alone and space to yourself to recharge. Therefore while you are a

highly committed individual, the commitment most importantly is to your health and well being. You need to recognise your propensity towards obsession with work and maintain equilibrium. At the end of the day it is important to create a ritual that helps you let go of the day's stress. To be able to cross over into your privacy, you need to create a firm boundary line between your engagement at work and your personal life.

Mercury is in the 6th House

Multi-faceted Mercury is in your 6th house; therefore the fleet-footed messenger of the gods urges to be integrated into your lifestyle. In other words Mercury is an important aspect of your character that needs to be part of your daily life; therefore it is imperative that you find flexibility and freedom of movement in your job.

When you enter the sphere of work the spirit of Mercury comes to the fore. Bright, social, communicative, adaptive are only a few Mercurial traits which come alive through engaging with work. Whatever your job entails, it is important that your analytical, communicative and organisational skills are utilised. No matter what your position you are the central link in the chain of command, as well as a clearinghouse for news and gossip. You have the ability to get the message through to whoever needs to hear it. So whether you are a personal assistant advising the boss, a news reader, a gossip columnist, teacher, interpreter, writer or graphic artist, your message needs to be delivered. Your role in the office may be the one who is in contact with everyone. Often you may either be the youngest or the last one to join the work team. Certainly you bring new, innovative and fresh ideas and energy to your workplace.

In an information-orientated culture you are thriving. Working in IT, developing ideas, writing, lecturing, passing on information are all akin to you. Therefore there is a long list of occupations that suit your quest for analysing information and promoting ideas: accounting and economic analysis, advertising, computer work, editing, information technology, interpreters, journalists, librarian, postal worker, radio announcer, script writer, statistician, the media, the list is endless. However, what is certain is that you need to be mobile, interactive, and not tied down to a desk. If you do not have enough room to breathe or move you become anxious and overwhelmed. The nervous system bears the brunt of the stress and nerves become frayed.

Your tendency is to become disembodied at work, so carried away with the task at hand that you might forget to eat regularly, take a break or just get out for some fresh air. When this occurs, you run the risk of becoming frayed and anxious. Your mind is racing with all the things that need to be done and they all feel as if they must be done now. And if you find yourself being bored then you are definitely in the wrong place. Part of being successful at work is being in tune with your body and what it needs. Be careful not to overtax the system by doing too much, being too scattered or not getting enough rest. It can wait.

Neptune is in the 6th House

Planets in the 6th house represent traits that need to be accessed regularly and integrated into your lifestyle. You have Neptune in the 6th house; therefore you may not have a

clear conviction of work or what you would like to do. Work may feel mysterious, unknown, not formed. This might be due to your expectations and idealism; however, the truth is probably that you create your work and lifestyle as you go. Your work picture is slowly developed over time. You are able to sense and imagine what you want to do, but it takes time for that to become real. Since Neptune is not well suited to the 6th house, you are given an important task this lifetime. Neptune's nature is to be uncontained, unformed, fluid with no boundaries, yet the 6th house is a house where order and ritual are important. Therefore the task is to find a way to integrate the creative spirit that wants to be spiritual and transcendent with the everyday tasks of productivity and work. In a perfect world your everyday and your spiritual work are aligned in the jobs you do.

There are two ways this might be possible. The first is the creative sphere where the magical aspect of Neptune can be staged or given a canvas or a screen to project its vivid images onto. With Neptune in this house you can tap into its boundless imagination to produce moving and inspirational works of art. The medium is your choice. Whether it takes the form of film, dance, acting, painting, writing, music or any other, you can be sure the muse will show up. The second outlet is the helping professions. With solid training, good boundaries and focus you have an innate ability to tap into the compassionate and empathetic sides of yourself to help others in need. Both paths are fed by the innate urge to be of service. This is a spiritual calling and in the midst of the 21st century you are compelled to find the spiritual in the everyday, the sacred in the mundane. This is a difficult task in a corporate world, but not impossible. One of the main focuses of your work is to bridge what is ideal with what is possible. Therefore you may be in a variety of positions where you must navigate between the world of the imagination and the world of work.

The everyday world of work with its guidelines, routines, procedures and protocol may not be an easy fit for the aspect of your nature that is otherworldly. Therefore it is necessary to honour this aspect of yourself through hobby or other ritual. In this way you can appease the soulful need to do creative work even when you may be occupied in a soulless job. Whether you paint, take dance lessons, sing in a choir, write poetry or fiction, meditate or bush walk it is necessary that you revere the spiritual and creative aspects of yourself. When it lacks expression it subtly finds its way into consciousness through fatigue, lethargy, loss of concentration and forgetfulness. Physically Neptunian ailments are hard to diagnose, as they belong to the soul not the body. Therefore spiritual work is the way to remain well. Always, it is important to recognise that when the pressures of work are overwhelming, find a sanctuary where you feel still and balanced.

PROFESSION



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

The Status of the Tenth House

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

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

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

10th House Cusp is in Pisces

Two fish swimming in opposite directions, connected by a ribbon of stars, is the image projected onto the constellation of Pisces. The sign's inherent duality is depicted by one fish swimming towards the divine, while the other is pulled under into the unconscious.

The archetypal urge underlying Pisces is the instinct to dedicate their vocation to something greater, moved to surrender themselves to a spiritual quest, a calling to heal and help or a passion to be soulfully creative. Often this devotional urge can lead in either of two directions: surfacing into a path of service in the world or delving into a creative exploration of their spirituality. However both paths, whether worldly or not, are influenced by the innate mystical and spiritual nature of Pisces. With this sign elevated in your chart these influences will bear on your career.

Your creative, intuitive and artistic temperament seeks to find its voice through vocation. While a career needs to incorporate these aspects, this is often difficult to achieve in the world. Hence much of your creative work will be done behind the scenes, ready to emerge in its own time. One of your frustrations is to try to bridge the creative world with the literal world. Poets, painters, photographers, filmmakers, writers, musicians hear the calling of the Piscean muse. But whether or not the creative vocation can find a location in the external world, it certainly needs to be embraced and honoured in the inner one.

The sign Pisces inspires the 12th house of the horoscope, a sphere connected with institutions and the urge to seek asylum, retreat and healing. Hence you may be called to hospice vocations, working in hospitals, refuges, asylums, and institutions; environments where healing, sanctuary, and well being are encouraged. Working with the underprivileged or helpless is also part of your creativity. You might have received the divine gift of the ability to restore well being through compassion and loving attention.

The urge to merge is also important for the Piscean archetype. This can manifest in your lack of boundaries by either absorbing the feeling life that surrounds you in their atmosphere, or not being aware of your need for separateness. Therefore you need an atmosphere where you can reach out without feeling held back or unencumbered. As well there needs to be a consciousness of the appropriate boundaries in what you do and what is expected of you.

Since you are so receptive to your atmosphere and are prone to taking on too much, the need for time out, retreat, privacy and space away from the intense demand of other's expectations and feelings is important. In any vocation the need for privacy is high and scheduled retreats are necessary in order to reconnect with your spiritual energy and divine support, which fuels so much of your creative and caring nature. Without consistently tapping into the internal spiritual springs you may feel exhausted by the demands of life, confused and directionless in your work, disappointed the world does not reflect your compassion. As the mutable water sign is atop your chart, you find your path through the world by honouring sacred time, feeling your own way and letting it be.

The Moon is in the 10th House

The Moon is in your 10th house, suggesting that you bring the realm of feelings, sensitivity and emotion to your profession. In classical astrology the Moon was associated with the public. Combining this with the lunar need to nurture, the vocations that are associated with the 10th house Moon are health care professions, social work, family counselling or therapy, nursing and involvement in the public service. Other

professions which deal with the public, also ruled by the Moon are chefs, bakers and brewers, waiters, other occupations dealing with food and agriculture, the food industry, including catering, hotel management and promotion.

Besides the public, the moon is symbolic of women and women's issues. Therefore the Moon in the 10th house is also representative of professions concerning women's rights, health care and social services. Specialized medical areas such as gynaecology or specific issues of infertility, pregnancy, hormonal changes and rites of passage could play a role vocationally.

The Moon is also concerned with the home and is associated with a range of professions dealing in home services such as real estate, products for the home, home design and building (with a personal touch), domestic services, home services, furniture, antiques and making the home secure and safe. The mothering and nurturing side of the Moon is involved in the professions concerning the care of children, such as day care workers, teachers, early childhood educators, counsellors, family care providers, obstetricians, midwifery, and paediatricians. With this placement all these professions could be considered for a fulfilling career.

Astrological statistics have linked the Moon to the profession of writers, perhaps in a broader sense because this profession uses the right side of the brain and works in an imaginative way. Professionals such as writers, songwriters, poets, playwrights, artists, scriptwriters, novelists and creative journalists are under the spell of the Moon and may find creative writing an important part of their vocation. What is of importance is that you feel at home with your career and are able to use your strong perceptive and intuitive nature in your work.

Mars is in the 10th House

Mars is in your 10th house, suggesting that any occupations promoting an independent and entrepreneurial spirit are important. Goal-orientated occupations encouraging your competitive drive and allowing you the freedom to express your self are imperative. Mars is strongly placed in your horoscope suggesting you need to express your competitive nature; you have a high ambition and natural drive. If the competitive spirit is stifled then you might experience aggression being displaced in your work environment either through your clients, your co-workers or your superiors. Mars rules the head and needs to be first, so administration and supervisory careers are more suitable for your enterprising spirit. You excel when you are challenged or when you have the opportunity to pioneer a project. You also do extremely well through invention and exploration, especially when you are encouraged to use your entrepreneurial spirit.

Careers involving the sense of danger, adventure and adrenaline are governed by Mars. This archetype feels the need to participate and be challenged therefore competitive or adventure sports, the fire brigade, the police force, paramedics and ambulance work are good outlets for this. Mars is also physical and sometimes using physical energies either in competition sports, training or labour may play a role on your vocational path. Physical education trainers, coaches, dancers and dance instructors, gymnastics, athletics, coach,

physical education, physical labour, construction workers are all images that resonate with Mars in your 10th house. Physicality will probably play a key role in your career.

Classically Mars's professions have been associated with 'sharp' objects or tools linking them to careers such as surgeons, dentists, or occupations using mechanical instruments such as machinists, mechanics, and carpenters. As the god of war, Mars is linked with military professions like the armed services, the National Guard, security services and providers. Rigorous training, discipline, focus and being alert are aspects of a Martian vocation. Statistically Mars has played a leading role in horoscopes of sports champions. Therefore it is not surprising that this placement might lead to a sports-orientated career either through playing sports themselves or working in associated professions, such as physiotherapy, coaching or training. Whatever way in which you encounter Mars in your profession it is imperative that you feel you are independent enough to strike out on your own and are able to be self-regulated and motivated. Without challenges or motivation you may become restless and bored, becoming your own adversary. If this happens, remember action is more powerful than positive thinking, so just get out and move and do something.

Chiron is in the 10th House

While Chiron is not categorised as a planet, its archetypal influence is important to consider. Being in your 10th house, Chiron symbolises the professional encounter with healing and commemorates your exclusive role in the world. While you might feel marginal in your career aspirations, foreign to what others strive for, even an outsider in your system, you have a distinctive role to play. Chiron's cave on Mount Pelion was the place where young, homeless and orphaned boys were initiated into the ways of the hero. With Chiron they were reminded of their birthright and were schooled in the arts of heroism and healing. In classical myth Chiron is the ancient link to the archetype of the healer/hero and reminds us of traditions that linked the mystical with the mundane or the spirit with the body. It was also reminiscent of the heroic urge to heal the self. In contemporary times Chiron symbolises this quest for wholeness, individuation and the attempts to repair the split between the body and the soul. Hence in vocational pursuits Chiron tends towards the healing professions that address the need to reconcile the body/mind split. Having this archetype strongly placed in your vocational sector, you may feel drawn to the healing arts, especially complementary and alternative medicine and healing.

With Chiron in the 10th house there is a myriad of possible paths to find your way into healing. Holistic healing professions including naturopathy, homeopathy, herbalism, chiropractors, Chinese medicine and all alternate healing practices which attempt to work with body and mind, dream therapists, channels, Reiki and other new age healing modalities, astrologers and others working with imagery and symbols as a healing tool are all resonant with this placement in your horoscope. Chiron was also a mentor and teacher and therefore you may also be drawn to mentoring professions such as life coaches, mentors, inspirational teachers, meditation instruction or health education.

As a foster figure Chiron is also associated with the marginalized and therefore

professions which work with refugees, the homeless, the handicapped and vocations which aid the underprivileged and the outcast are ways you might feel called. The 10th house is your pathway into the world and when you are in public life you feel drawn to the wounded. You are likely to be the person who donates a coin to a passing beggar, or you might feel compelled to work for a charity or organisation that helps the less fortunate. Whether this is through social work, a caring or medical profession, trauma counselling or even private practice, you find your capacity to heal is drawn up from your own wounds. With Chiron in the 10th your innate capacity to heal and your intrinsic understanding of trauma is forged through your own experience. Ironically it is your own wounds and complexities that call you to be a healer and educator. For many of the same reasons you are also likely to be in synch with the objectives of workers' unions, or international protection groups. In other words your need to be a champion of the underdog is reflected in your choice of career, whether this is a worker, mentor or teacher looking after your flock or literally working with the underprivileged.

CONCLUSION

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

-Robert Frost

A Considered Vocation

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

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

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