BIRTH CHART

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Astrological Summary

Chart Point Positions: Gianni Versace

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Pisces	12°Pi58'	4th	
The Sun	Sagittarius	09°Sg25'	1st	
Mercury	Scorpio	21°Sc15'	12th	
Venus	Scorpio	17°Sc54'	12th	
Mars	Sagittarius	18°Sg35'	1st	
Jupiter	Scorpio	14°Sc33'	12th	
Saturn	Leo	08°Le45'	9th	
Uranus	Gemini	20°Ge11'	7th	
Neptune	Libra	10°Li19'	11th	
Pluto	Leo	13°Le18'	9th	
Chiron	Scorpio	02°Sc55'	12th	
The North Node	Gemini	11°Ge45'	7th	
The South Node	Sagittarius	11°Sg45'	1st	
The Ascendant	Scorpio	27°Sc12'	1st	
The Midheaven	Virgo	09°Vi31'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects: Gianni Versace

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Square	The Sun	3°32'	Separating
The Moon	Trine	Venus	4°56'	Applying
The Moon	Square	Mars	5°37'	Applying
The Moon	Trine	Jupiter	1°35'	Applying
The Moon	Quincunx	Pluto	0°20'	Applying
The Moon	Square	The North Node	1°12'	Separating
The Moon	Square	The South Node	1°12'	Separating
The Moon	Opposition	The Midheaven	3°26'	Applying
The Sun	Conjunction	Mars	9°09'	Applying
The Sun	Trine	Saturn	0°39'	Separating
The Sun	Sextile	Neptune	0°54'	Applying
The Sun	Trine	Pluto	3°52'	Applying
The Sun	Opposition	The North Node	2°20'	Applying
The Sun	Conjunction	The South Node	2°20'	Applying
The Sun	Square	The Midheaven	0°06'	Separating
Mercury	Conjunction	Venus	3°21'	Separating
Mercury	Conjunction	Jupiter	6°42'	Applying
Mercury	Conjunction	The Ascendant	5°57'	Separating
Venus	Conjunction	Jupiter	3°21'	Applying
Venus	Square	Pluto	4°36'	Applying
Mars	Opposition	Uranus	1°36'	Applying
Mars	Trine	Pluto	5°17'	Separating
Mars	Semisquare	Chiron	0°39'	Separating

Mars	Conjunction	The South Node	6°49'	Separating
Jupiter	Square	Pluto	1°15'	Separating
Saturn	Sextile	Neptune	1°33'	Separating
Saturn	Conjunction	Pluto	4°32'	Separating
Saturn	Square	Chiron	5°50'	Applying
Saturn	Trine	The South Node	2°59'	Separating
Uranus	Sesquisquare	Chiron	2°16'	Applying
Uranus	Conjunction	The North Node	8°26'	Applying
Neptune	Sextile	Pluto	2°58'	Applying
Neptune	Trine	The North Node	1°25'	Applying
Neptune	Sextile	The South Node	1°25'	Applying
Pluto	Sextile	The North Node	1°32'	Applying
Pluto	Trine	The South Node	1°32'	Applying
The North Node	Square	The Midheaven	2°14'	Applying
The South Node	Square	The Midheaven	2°14'	Applying

INTRODUCTION

This report has been written to introduce you to the concepts of astrology and how to get started with your natal chart. Astrology is a complex and meaningful science which takes years to study and apply successfully; however, we would like to whet your appetite with this report, and encourage you to deepen your understanding through other means.

Astrology is a study of the connection between planets and life on earth. It is based on a concept that energy patterns form between other planets and earth; and that these energies affect our lives as individuals and communities.

An astrological chart, also known as a horoscope, natal chart, or birth chart, records the relationship between the planets and the Signs of the Zodiac. Charts can be calculated for the birth of a person, a community, an event or anything that seems momentous. The horoscope is as individual and unique as a fingerprint.

When using these interpretations, please bear in mind that, inevitably, every chart will contain some contradictory influences, and as a result certain interpretations of different items in the same chart may seem difficult to reconcile. However, this may still be an accurate reflection of your chart, as it is likely that you do experience conflicting desires, events and circumstances in your life. Usually it is the responsibility of an astrologer to synthesise these apparent contradictions in order to present a cohesive and meaningful interpretation of the dilemmas of the chart.

Please also be aware of the fact that each person has positive and negative influences in the chart, and therefore in their lives. The challenge is to accept and overcome the negative influences, so that we can successfully focus on the positive traits. This report outlines both influences, and therefore parts may be difficult to accept. Any advice given is meant to be an aid to a person taking responsibility for their own lives. The ultimate decision rests with each individual. The author and publisher accept no liability for any adverse effects of this report.

LIFE GOALS

If you would hit the mark, you must aim a little above it;
Every arrow that flies feels the attraction of earth.
Longfellow, *Elegiac Verse* 1880.

The Sun

Just as the Sun is the centre of the earth's Solar System, so does the Sun play a vital role in your life on earth. Your life goals are linked to your Sun - its Zodiac Sign and its position in your chart. Contrary to popular belief, the Sun isn't the only planet to be considered in a person's chart, but it is an important component. The Sun gives you an indication of how you can shine in your life. You will feel truly alive when you're living the traits indicated by your Sun. Therefore it's likely that you will spend much of your life on a journey to self discovery, aiming to incorporate these traits into your life. Understanding the energy of your Sun is a good starting point to understanding yourself and your purpose in life.

The Sun is in the 1st House

Your Sun is in the 1st House of your birth chart meaning that self-expression is an important aspect of your life, because you believe strongly in the right of the individual. This is because it's so important for you to have the freedom to explore your own personal interests and make your own way in the world. Some would call you arrogant and selfish; however, you're equally determined that others should also have the ability to express themselves. You learn most through your own experiences, rather than relying on the advice of others. You may not realise it, but you also make a strong impression on those around you. They see you as assertive and independent, whether you feel it or not. Of course this does depend on other influences in your chart. You're frank and confident, proud and independent, and can be combative if you're opposed. You like to take the initiative and have the ability to focus on your own goals and methods of doing things, rather than adhering to popular opinion. For these reasons you're likely to be thrust into leadership roles, giving you the opportunity to fully express yourself. In ancient times the Sun was considered particularly strong when in the angular 1st House of a chart, highlighting your ability to live a hale and hearty life with plenty of energy to ensure that you make an impact on your environment. It also means that you're likely to succeed in your ambitions, and perhaps in rising above your station in life.

The Sun is in Sagittarius

Your Sun is in the Zodiac Sign of Sagittarius indicating that you're a sunny and optimistic individual, with a love of adventure. In fact adventure plays a key role in your life, whether it be literally travelling around the globe, or metaphorically speaking exploring the world of ideas and philosophy. You're particularly enthusiastic about anything that expands your world and helps you forget about daily chores. Religion, law, sport, philosophy, academia, and ethics are just some of the many areas which provide a gourmet of ideas for exploration. For these reasons you're also likely to be attracted to people from foreign lands, who help to give you a fresh and different perspective on life. You also enjoy setting goals, and looking forward to a new vision provides excitement. Your excitement is contagious, and this can be uplifting and a lesson to those around you. You are a dynamo, pulsing with energy and ingenuity. You are the leader who sets a goal, then makes it happen, as you bring your vision to life. You are stimulating and vibrant an inspiration to those around you but you also you need to beware of grandiosity, and remember to enjoy the present moment. In

your eagerness to embrace life and all of its possibilities you need also to be aware that others may lack your enthusiasm. While you certainly have the ability to inspire and teach others, you need also to learn tact and diplomacy in your approach. You may be surprised to learn that you possess a tendency to be blunt which needs to be reined in from time to time. Nevertheless most of the time people realise that you are motivated by good intentions and tense moments are relieved by laughter and forgiveness. Such is your sunny nature.

Sun is Conjunct Mars

The Sun and the planet Mars come into contact in your chart meaning that you're hard working and energetic, able to tackle most of life's challenges with confidence and a positive attitude. A natural-born leader, you prefer taking the initiative, rather than sitting back and waiting for things to happen. You're courageous and like to take a few risks in life, particularly ones that satisfy your sense of adventure and provide an outlet for your boundless energy. Self-motivation comes easily and you find it difficult to accept the motto that "all good things come to those who wait". You prefer to tackle a project or problem head on rather than wait around for a solution. While confidence and initiative are positive traits, you do need to exercise some patience and caution. Knowing when to take risks and when to wait are both vital to a successful outcome in any project. As long as you find positive outlets for your enterprising nature, and don't act too impulsively you're likely to stride forth and succeed in achieving your life goals.

Sun is Trine Saturn

The Sun is making contact with the planet Saturn in your chart indicating that you're responsible and reliable. Life is a serious business, and you're likely to adhere to the adage that "you get from life what you put into it". This is particularly true for the areas of work and career, which are important to you. You're ambitious and have the self discipline to succeed in your chosen profession. It's likely that you will have the chance to take on responsibilities and prove yourself successful at some stage in your life, although you're more likely to rise to the challenge as you grow older. Life could have been somewhat onerous as a child, and you could have difficulty getting started on the right path. Once you've settled on your goals then you've the common sense and self-confidence to work consistently towards successfully achieving your ambitions. It's likely that your father has played a major role in your life either through his imposing presence or through his absence. Your father may have earned your fear or respect leaving his mark on your character. Your father's guidance may also have helped or hindered your progress in life. Either way he's been a significant influence in your life. It's also possible that you took on extra responsibilities at a young age, because of your father's inability to live up to his responsibilities. This could have been as a result of your father's own weaknesses or an illness, or separation or even death. While you believe that certain experiences are "character building", you may have some difficulty coming to terms with the lasting effects of your relationship with your father. Perhaps in latter years you will gain understanding from your experiences.

Sun is Sextile Neptune

You're likely to have many dreams about what you would like to achieve in your life because the Sun is making contact with the planet Neptune in your birth chart. Your ability to achieve these dreams depends largely on other influences. There's no doubt that you're intuitive and talented, but other aspects of your chart will indicate whether or not you've the practical ability needed to ensure success in a sometimes harsh world. You're a sympathetic and kind person, who generously enjoys supporting other people in achieving their life goals. This could range from offering a sympathetic ear to other people's troubles to working for a charitable institution. You're wise in the ways of the spiritual world, feeling at home in the imaginative and esoteric realms. It's the harsh realities of the material world that you find confusing. This is probably because of your highly-sensitive nature, which is so in tune with the emotional and spiritual aspects of life. You're easily emotionally influenced by other people and circumstances, and should therefore take care to surround yourself with positive and uplifting friends. You're also likely to be sensitive to the physical world, reacting to medicinal drugs or suffering from allergies. For this reason you should take care with your diet and avoid addictive drugs. It's important that you create moments for quiet reflection, communing with nature, or listening to beautiful music. The ocean could play a particularly important role in your life, inspiring or soothing your sensitive nature. You need to have some freedom to daydream and to pursue your artistic talents. This is essential if you're to achieve your life goals.

Sun is Trine Pluto

You're likely to achieve your life goals because you're a powerful person with strong leadership abilities. The Sun is making contact with the planet Pluto in your birth chart meaning that you know when to be assertive and when to compromise, essential qualities for succeeding in life. You're able to apply yourself to the job at hand, concentrating your energies on any project in which you wish to succeed. You're intense, obsessive and

have the power to achieve your goals. At times this can be disconcerting to other people, but you're unlikely to worry about the effect that you have on other people. You like honest and direct communications, and find it easy to rid yourself of unwanted people or situations. In fact you are somewhat intolerant of other less-powerful people. It's likely that your father, or a strong parental figure, played an important role in your early childhood. You learnt at an early age how to fend for yourself. As an adult you're a real go-getter. Your challenge is to express your power in a positive manner. You may be interested in executive positions, and or in playing a prominent role in society, such as becoming a politician.

Sun is Square Moon

When the Sun and the Moon are combining unfavourably in your chart, it means that you're likely to have difficulty succeeding in life. You may have trouble in money matters, struggle with employment, and suffer at the hands of other people. You should be particularly wary of troublesome women, who could create obstacles to you achieving your goals. In some cases, this combination can also mean that you suffer from ill health, which further hinders your chances of success.

Jupiter

The planet Jupiter also tells you about your goals in life, in particular the areas in which you are likely to succeed. Jupiter is the planet of expansion, abundance and wisdom. Ancient astrologers believed that the planet Jupiter had a greatly beneficial effect on a person's life.

Jupiter is in the 12th House

Jupiter is also in the 12th House of your chart signifying that in life's most despairing moments you've the ability to dig deep into a well of optimism and overcome all difficulties. You're a kind-hearted person who likes to help anyone who is suffering, perhaps even working in a charitable organisation. You're more likely to work behind the scenes rather than taking on a public role, refusing to accept public accolades. Nevertheless your good works don't go unnoticed and you're likely to benefit in other ways. It's possible that you work in an institution such as a hospital or museum, where you can work quietly and unobserved. If you do have an active public life, then you benefit greatly from extended periods of time spent in seclusion. You've a great respect for ancient wisdom, the spiritual teachings of past civilisations. Secret societies may also play a beneficial role in your life. Although you may suffer setbacks during your life, these are followed by successful periods.

Jupiter is in Scorpio

You've the planet Jupiter in the Zodiac Sign of Scorpio in your birth chart indicating that your life seems to reflect the adage that "life is meant to be lived to the full". You tackle most projects with zest making the most of resources that come your way. You're industrious, ambitious and have strong will power. These attributes stand you in good stead for the ups and downs of your life, and there are plenty of these. Life can seem a bit of a battleground at the best of times, and birth and death play key roles in your life. You're proud and don't like to admit how deeply some of your life events have affected you. This is particularly true of the deaths of loved ones, which have set you on an intense search for the truth. This quest can lead to you to delve into the mysteries of life, in particular the occult world. It also brings you into contact with people from unusual walks of life, and some of your friends could be considered quite extraordinary. You form strong bonds with other people, particularly with your spouse, and are privy to private information. It's also possible that you've been entrusted with professional secrets. You're likely to benefit from enterprises undertaken with other people.

Jupiter is Square Pluto

The planets Jupiter and Pluto are making a difficult aspect in your birth chart indicating that you've some difficulty achieving your life goals, but you will get to where you want in the end. The problem is that you reject the usual paths to success, believing that you've a better way of doing things. Your attempts to change the rules, or to try to make others agree with your insights, are sincere, but intrusive. As a result you often land yourself in troublesome situations, which can lead to disillusionment and distract you from your purpose. This can dent your confidence. You range from over confidence to completely lacking in confidence. The truth lies somewhere in between. Society has rules to run itself efficiently, and these can be to your benefit rather than detriment. Once you accept your own and society's limitations then you can achieve your objectives.

HOME

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.
Hymn, *The King of love my Shepherd is* 1868.

The Moon

Astrologers from different schools of thought allocate varying meanings to the Moon in a birth chart. Ancient astrologers say that the Moon changes its nature according to its phases, and merely passes on impressions from other planets rather than directly influencing a person's life. However, modern astrologers tell us that the Moon depicts a person's roots, our home and family. They say the Moon also shows our habitual nature or subconscious patterns of behaviour which stand in the way of achieving our life goals. While the Moon can show us our strengths, it can also depict our weaknesses which need to be overcome in order to be successful in life.

The Moon is in the 4th House

The Moon is placed in the 4th House of your birth chart suggesting that your place of residence is constantly undergoing change. This can be that you frequently move home, that your house is constantly in a state of renovation or that the members of your household are constantly coming and going. Whatever the scenario, it's likely that as a result your home doesn't feel secure. Perhaps this doesn't concern you, but it's more likely that it does leave you feeling somehow without roots, perhaps even reminding you of childhood insecurities. It is possible that you were separated from one or both of your parents at a young age, perhaps even fostered to live with another family or adopted at birth. As an adult you may learn to adapt positively to the constant changes in your domestic life, or you may feel a constant sense of instability. You've a strong desire to live by the water, and this may provide a sense of deep satisfaction. You could also benefit from working on the land or dealing in property. Depending on the other sections of your birth chart, you could benefit from an inheritance from women. In ancient times the Moon was considered to be in a strong position when placed in the 4th House of a chart, meaning that you're in a strong position to achieve your personal ambitions.

The Moon is in Pisces

With the Moon in the sign of Pisces you're a deeply sensitive person, who often feels misunderstood in a harsh world. This is a strange paradox because you seem to understand others so well, empathising strongly with their feelings. At best you're a caring and loving person, who knows how to express your sensitive feelings through a creative form. Finding an outlet for your imaginative nature will be very soothing. You also enjoy communing with nature, or spending time in meditation or prayer. Your sensitivity and imagination also gives you the ability to lend a sympathetic ear to your loved ones, intuitively knowing how to make them feel at one with the world and free from their problems. However, you need to be wary of falling into the misunderstood victim role. Others may not always understand your need to escape from the realities of the world. You've a highly developed emotional nature and need to escape from time to time. Be wary of manufactured forms of escape such as hallucinatory drugs and alcohol. Rather you can focus on all positive avenues of escapism, developing your imagination and creative talents.

Moon is Trine Jupiter

The Moon is making a positive aspect to the beneficial planet Jupiter in your birth chart suggesting that you enjoy your home and family life. This is a favourable aspect for health, wealth and family life. Depending on other influences in your birth chart you're likely to enjoy good fortune with your home, and any property investments. It's possible that you've a large family, enjoying connections with close and extended family members. You've a generous and expansive nature and an easy-going, philosophical approach to life. This makes your home a very hospitable environment. You enjoy catering for friends and family in your home, and may live in a large home or in spacious surroundings. Your optimistic view on life means that you're usually rewarded with many visitors. Family relationships are favourable, particularly with the women. It's likely that your good fortune has been influenced by your positive relationship with your mother, or an important female member of your family. You have fond memories of a warm and loving mother and want to share your good fortune with others. Perhaps there's a benevolent matriarch in the family tree. In some cases it's possible that your childhood relationship with your mother wasn't a positive experience. In this case you may be determined, as an adult, to be everything that your mother wasn't. Either way you are likely to benefit through your relationships with family members. You may also benefit through shared religious or spiritual beliefs.

Moon is Square Mars

The Moon is making a difficult aspect to the planet Mars in your chart indicating that arguments and emotional disputes abound in your home life. These upsets could be caused by another member of your family, but it's more likely that you're quick-tempered and intolerant around your loved ones. Your intentions are good, but you've difficulty containing your anger in certain situations. At times you feel as though you've been unfairly misjudged and this adds fuel to your already well-lit fire. Unfortunately your impatience and irritability can result in periods of loneliness because others would rather leave you alone than bear the brunt of your bad moods. You may also find that your loved ones are angry at your attitude or it could be that they simply find it impossible to relax in your company, which is a problem if they want peace and quiet at home. You need to find an outlet for your nervous tension. For instance, letting off steam in sports or activities that demand high energy or concentration will help. Finding an absorbing project which can be based in your home could also prove beneficial. You certainly have plenty of energy and this could be directed into new enterprises or working around the house.

Moon is Quincunx Pluto

The Moon and the planet Pluto are connected in your birth chart indicating that you're an intense and emotional person, prone to extreme highs and lows. You love drama and intensity, because these give you a sense of being deeply connected to your loved ones, and to the world. It's likely that your family and home life are periodically emotionally volcanic. This can be problematic if other members of your family don't desire the same level of intensity, particularly if they're seeking peace and quiet at home. If this is the case your needs are directly opposed to your loved ones', which may not concern you, but could result in dramatic changes in your personal life. This is also a problem because you've a deep sense of commitment to your personal relationships, and feel betrayed if others don't share this commitment. It's likely that your need for emotional intensity originates from an early childhood experience, probably linked with your mother or another strong woman figure. Your relationship with your mother is likely to be immersed with intense feelings, perhaps even stemming from a life-or-death situation. You may feel positively or negatively about your mother. Either way your feelings are likely to be strong. You're a resourceful person, and can rely on your own resources to solve most problems. You need to find a creative outlet for your intense nature, something that will totally absorb your attention. Perhaps you would enjoy property development, or renovating your house. You're a powerful person with leadership skills, and a need for a challenge.

Moon is Opposite Midheaven

Most people are influenced by their home and family, however, you are particularly sensitive to the ebb and flow of family life. As a young child you enjoy spending time in your home, relating to those who share your household as well as extended family members. If you grow up in a warm and supportive family environment then you are likely to enjoy an equally happy household as an adult. If you suffer at the hands of your family then your journey may be rockier. At some stage you are likely to break away, determined to create a sense of security in your own home. You may start a family of your own with the view of developing a warm and safe household. Safety and security at home are vital factors for your health and happiness. You need a safe haven. Your home does not necessarily need to be a large mansion, but you do need to feel comfortable. You are likely to be a force to be reckoned with in your family life. Other family members may come and go, but you are the one likely to be a guiding hand and a comfort for family members. You may be the keeper of family

memories with photographic displays, books, and stories to tell. The family history fascinates you, perhaps even compelling you to research and record facts and stories. Once you feel settled in your family life and home, then you are able to make your way in the world, choose your career path. However, family life is likely to continue to be a priority.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION

There is no such whetstone, to sharpen a good wit
and encourage a will to learning, as is praise.
Roger Ascham, *The Schoolmaster* 1570.

Mercury
Our academic schooling and learning through life experience are linked to the planet Mercury. This planet stands for the intellect, common sense, cold reason, commerce and business. It tells us about our communication and learning habits and our modes of thinking.

Mercury is in the 12th House
The planet Mercury in the 12th House of your chart signifies that you've a lively imagination and love to immerse yourself in a realm of fantasy. This could be your own day-dreaming and reflection or it could the faerie-realms of a good book. This can be a drawback early in your education, but can be put to good use as you mature. You're fascinated by secrets - other people's secrets and metaphysical secrets. Magic and the occult world is a strong pull in your life. At times you're frightened by the extent to which you like to dabble in the occult, but you're a risk-taker when it comes to secret adventures. It's true that you do have to be careful not to get out of your depth. Otherwise you could find that the boundaries between reality and fantasy become difficult to discern, and you're in danger of becoming mentally unstable. Depending on other influences in your birth chart, it's possible that you could spend some time in a mental institution where you're able to re-address any mental imbalances in your life. However, knowing your propensity to worry about such things, it should be pointed out that this isn't a foregone conclusion. You're more likely to benefit from long periods of rest and seclusion where you can quietly ponder the secret mysteries of life.

Mercury is in Scorpio
The planet Mercury in the Zodiac Sign of Scorpio indicates that you're a resourceful person, adept at delving into the heart of matters. For this reason you're an excellent person to have around in a crisis. You know just the right people to call, and just the right resources to call on. You're also an empathetic listener, unafraid of confronting intimate problems. In fact you prefer to talk to people on a meaningful level, rather than communicate on a superficial level. At social gatherings you can often be found in an intense conversation in the corner of a room, rather than taking part in the general social chat. Communications with you are intense. While you're good at listening to others, you can also have a tendency to be obsessed with your own problems. You're a worrier. You do best when you can turn your resourceful and probing mind into a project which requires concentration and research. A little intrigue would also be welcomed. You enjoy reading novels with an intricate and absorbing plot.

Mercury is Conjunct Venus
Although not a major aspect of your birth chart, the planets Mercury and Venus are making contact indicating that communication and learning are one of your joys in life. You're amiable and cheerful, and usually express yourself in a loving manner. A charming person, you tend to shy away from conflict, preferring that other people respond to you in a pleasant and polite way. When faced with unavoidable conflict, you attempt to smooth over troubled waters rather than take a confrontational approach. You're a good talker and listener, and genial conversations are a source of pleasure. It's likely that you also enjoy studying, perhaps more for

fun than for achievement, although this depends on other aspects in your chart.

Mercury is Conjunct Jupiter

The planets Mercury and Jupiter are making positive contact in your birth chart indicating that you enjoy success in your education and communications with other people. Depending on other influences in your chart, you've the ability to think clearly and deeply, combining common sense with a cheerful outlook on life. These attributes can be put to good use in your studies, and you may choose to pursue an academic education. It's also possible that you prefer to learn through your own experiences. Either way you've a thirst for knowledge and delight in sharing your discoveries with other people. You've the ability to talk to people from all walks of life, and your ideas can be uplifting for other people. Others seem to find your candid and honest manner refreshing. For these reasons you may spend part of your life teaching, writing, lecturing or public speaking. You've big ideas and plans, and the ability to achieve many of your hopes and dreams.

RELATIONSHIPS

Let me not to the marriage of true minds
Admit impediments. Love isn't love
Which alters when it alteration finds.
Shakespeare *Sonnet 116.*

Venus
The planet Venus tells about love and relationships. It reveals the type of relationship we value, and what we are seeking from our most intimate relationship, as well as how we like to show our love. It answers questions such as, are we attracted to strong, sensual and intense relationships? Or do we prefer some freedom and independence? This planet also depicts how we like to relate to our environment and other people, not just our primary partner, and how much importance we place on money and resources.

Venus is in the 12th House
When the planet Venus is placed in the 12th House of your birth chart you're likely to enjoy your own company, perhaps even craving the peace and quiet offered by seclusion rather than the hustle and bustle of a hectic social life. Your friends need to respect your need to be alone at times. On occasion you don't mind spending your time with one or two friends, particularly women friends, but "the more the merrier" is definitely not your motto. You're more likely to be an introvert than an extrovert, revelling in a fantasy world or in your secret pastimes. You love mystery and romance, and have more than your share of secrets, perhaps even investigating secret arts. The worlds of magic, alchemy and astrology hold a certain appeal, as do many of the occult arts. Your success in the world may be as a result of your investigation into the secret arts. Success may also come as a result of your work behind the scenes in your profession, or in an institution or charitable organisation. Your tendency to delight in secrets also includes secret lovers. For this reason you need to be wary of secret enemies, in particular women.

Venus is in Scorpio
With Venus in the Sign of Scorpio you're ardent and passionate in your primary relationship, and insist that your partner returns the intensity of your emotions. You're likely to enjoy the heights of passion if your love is matched in its intensity, finding yourself thrust into a world of almost painful pleasure. Sensual pleasure is important to you, although you also like to discover your partner's innermost thoughts and feelings. Problems can occur when your love isn't returned, or if your partner can't keep the intense fires of passion burning. Then you're likely to suffer the depths of despair, perhaps even resorting to manipulation in order to keep your partner's attention. Secret liaisons could play a part in your relationships, either your own or your partner's, particularly if the intensity becomes too claustrophobic. Jealousy and thoughts of vengeance can be a problem, although you would be wise not to give in to follow these avenues. Your challenge is to use your resources to find a middle path between the highs and lows of intense emotions within relationships. Your relationships can then flourish as important resources in your life. At some stage in your life you may benefit financially or through a legacy from an important relationship.

Venus is Trine Moon
You enjoy comfortable relationships with other people because of the favourable combination of the Moon

and Venus in your birth chart. A charming and prudent person, you enjoy the company of other people, and they respond favourably. You're likely to enjoy success in your primary relationship, choosing someone who feels comfortable and companionable. You're also likely to benefit from your relationships with women.

Venus is Conjunct Jupiter

"Lucky in love and money". This could be your personal motto because the favourable planets Jupiter and Venus are combining to shine good fortune on your relationships and finances. You're fun loving, generous and popular. With your sympathetic and kind nature, you've a talent for putting other people at their ease. You're optimistic and talented, full of joie de vivre. Therefore you're likely to be surrounded by supportive friends, and many potential life partners. You're seeking a relationship with someone who will expand your horizons, perhaps even joining your travels around the world. You love to share adventures, philosophies and goals. Other influences in your chart may indicate that you prefer to keep the home fires burning, but it's more likely that you seek adventure and romance with your partner.

Venus is Square Pluto

The planets Venus and Pluto are combining unfavourably in your chart suggesting that drama plays a key role in your personal relationships. You're fiercely loyal and committed, and expect as much from your partner. You like to feel that there is an unbreakable emotional bond between you and your primary partner. Problems arise when you don't feel this bond with your partner, either because your partner is consumed with another interest, or if a third person appears to be lurking on the scene. At times like these you struggle to keep things in perspective. You're a jealous person, and quite capable of seeking revenge when wronged. You need to be wary of this darker side of your nature, seeking help when appropriate. You need also to be careful to choose the right person as your primary partner - someone who reciprocates your love and passion. Otherwise you can waste a lot of time and energy trying to make a doomed relationship work. You may also benefit from directing some of your energy into an all-consuming project, such as fighting for human rights or an intensely creative pursuit.

MOTIVATION

Dimidium facti qui coepit habet: sapere aude.
To have begun is half the job: be bold and be sensible.
Horace, *Epistles* 65- 68BC.

Mars
Mars is the planet that tells us about our assertion and drive. It tells us what motivates us and what desires drive us most powerfully. Are we ambitious for professional power, or do we desire a meaningful relationship? Do we pursue our desires aggressively? Or do we sit back, lacking the confidence to achieve our ambitions? These are the types of questions answered by the qualities of the planet Mars in our chart.

Mars is in the 1st House
With Mars placed in the 1st House of your birth chart you're an independent and free spirit, not afraid to meet situations head on in order to achieve your ambitions. You're confident, courageous and have a strong drive to succeed. This, coupled with your love of adventure, means that you can often be found at the forefront of pioneering enterprises enjoying the challenge of striking into new territory. And woe betide anyone who stands in your way. You are fiery and reckless - a fighter who is unlikely to admit defeat. Therefore a battle with you is a battle to the end, whatever that end may be. You have a love of liberty, enjoying your own freedom and respecting the rights of others. In some cases you can fight for the rights of others through official channels or in an organised group. At times you're impatient and rash; jumping in when it's wiser to stay put or forging ahead instead of biding your time. Mostly this doesn't worry you because you believe that everyone creates their own fate, and you prefer to create yours by following your impulses. Ancient astrologers believe that the planet Mars becomes more powerful when placed in the angular 1st House of a birth chart, meaning that you're likely to make a strong impression on the world. The type of impression also depends largely on other influences in your birth chart.

Mars is in Sagittarius
The planet Mars in the Sign of Sagittarius indicates that you have a strong desire for exploration and adventure, anything which adds to excitement in life and teaches you more about yourself and the world. Therefore your travel itinerary is often full, or you're full of plans for future travels. You're happy to take risks and travel to unknown shores. The halls of learning also hold a great attraction helping you expand your ideas and knowledge. You are enthusiastic and passionate in your approach to life and can be an inspiration to other people. You could just as easily find yourself in the role of teacher or student. You're not afraid to speak your mind, and in fact you have firm ideas on many subjects. This can be quite a challenge to other people, until they realise that you're very accepting of other people's ideas and also enjoy the challenge of a good argument. You have an energetic approach to life that can also be channelled into sports, particularly those which involve risk-taking and adventure. You may also be interested in religion, law or military pursuits.

Mars is Trine Pluto
A favourable combination of the planets Mars and Pluto indicates that you're resourceful and have a pool of enormous energy available when needed. Your will-power is awesome once you've decided on your objective, and few of your friends or colleagues would stand in your way, recognising the importance you

place on achieving your ambitions. You have the ability to work with persistence and determination, brooking no opposition on your path. You work with intensity towards your ambitions, which are plentiful, and achieve a great sense of satisfaction when you have reached your goal. Those who know you well also recognise a volcanic temper when they see one. Whether you're the type to lose your cool often or rarely, you certainly make an impact when you do! On other hand you're a great person to have around in a crisis because not much daunts your indomitable spirit. You're capable of swift and effective actions, and commitment to seeing something through to the end.

Mars is Opposite Uranus

The unfavourable combination of the planets Mars and Uranus suggests that you're often restless and unsettled in your life. On the one hand you seem to have plenty of energy and drive, but on the other you're not always sure what to do with these qualities. Life also has a tendency to upset the very best of your plans through sudden and often inexplicable events. This can be exciting or disturbing depending on other influences in your chart. You're enthusiastic and highly self-motivated, if somewhat impulsive, enjoying adventure and new horizons. You're full of good ideas, and once you've determined on a course of action then you've plenty of motivation to see it through to successful completion. You're independent and prefer to be given plenty of room to carry through your own ideas in your own way. Be careful that a stubborn streak in your nature doesn't prevent your overall success. It's likely that some of your friends think that you're a little odd or eccentric, but you're not overly concerned. You like to make your own way in life, even if it does mean that you stand out from the crowd. Full of paradoxes, you can be both arrogant or charming, which can make you an effective salesperson.

CAREER AND AMBITIONS

The road up and the road down are one and the same
Heraclitus, *Die Fragmente der Vorsokratiker* c540-480BC.

Saturn
The planet Saturn represents responsibility, boundaries and structure; structure that provides a positive framework within which we can build, or structure that limits our development and forces us to reassess our liabilities and assets. This planet is also linked with our ambitions, and how we approach the practical side of life. This planet often represents the professional side of our lives.

Saturn is in the 9th House
The planet Saturn placed in the 9th House of your birth chart suggests that academic or overseas connections are an important component in your life, and possibly your profession. A studious and meditative person, you like to contemplate serious matters such as religion, science, philosophy, law and metaphysics. You also like to ponder on world events, news from other countries and discoveries about other cultures. This can range from watching documentaries on the television, to serious graduate or post-graduate studies at university or college. Books of a serious nature line your shelves, providing hours of reading and research. You're likely to be steadfast in your religious beliefs, perhaps even a little too rigid at times. At some stage in your life you might decide to travel abroad to further your studies, or to take up a job. Depending on other influences in your birth chart, it's possible that your travels are frustrated by delays and obstacles. However, if there are positive influences then persistence, despite obstacles, pays off and you're rewarded with worthwhile results from your trips.

Saturn is in Leo
The planet Saturn in the Sign of Leo signifies that you take pride in your work, and have an ability to build personal authority. You've a strong will and are determined to succeed in your objectives, even if it means forgoing a few pleasures along the way. In fact you can be passionate about the projects in which you become involved. This positive attitude can benefit your ambitions, although at times you can display too much pride and arrogance and other people start to resent your attitude. This is particularly true if you're placed in a position of authority and let the power go to your head. Those working for you could resent your high-handed approach. The reason for these difficulties, astrologically speaking, is that the planet Saturn is considered to be in a detrimental position in the Sign of Leo. However, on the whole you're generous and can develop the ability to achieve your ambitions through thoughtfulness and by including the ideas and plans of other people. Your strong will-power and determination also help you overcome any obstacles strewn on your path.

Saturn is Sextile Neptune
The favourable combination of the planets Saturn and Neptune indicate that you've the ability to be both practical and creative. If you have musical or artistic talent you have the self-discipline to make something of your gift. Whereas other people may give up in despair, you're likely to endure through long hours of practice in order to perfect your skills. As a result you could make a career from your artistic talents, such as performing on stage, designing for a theatrical production, or teaching your craft. You've a good sense of values, and an innate sense of timing. Both of these traits stand you in good stead in your career ambitions.

It's also possible that you've a firm set of spiritual beliefs which guides your choice of life direction. In some cases you could enjoy a career directly connected with your spiritual beliefs.

Saturn is Conjunct Pluto

The combination of the planets Saturn and Pluto in your chart suggests that you're an ambitious, insightful and powerful person. You're likely to make a powerful impact on your friends, family, colleagues and loved ones, both as a child and an adult. At times you might be surprised by the extent of other people's reactions to your presence and opinions. You may even surprise yourself by your own reactions to some circumstances. Authority is likely to be a continuing source of difficulty in your life, as you attempt to find the right balance between your own individual rights, and those of the community. Of course there are many instances when these two rights coincide, but you're more likely to find yourself involved in the clashes, perhaps as a mediator. It's possible that you could become involved in someone's power struggles, in which your role may or may not be central to the outcome. It's true that you've the ability to be a powerful leader, perhaps in the government or armed forces, or as an executive or politician. You can be a powerful leader, but first you must learn to use your unique insights for positive purposes. The 19th Century author John Stuart Mill said in his work *On Liberty* (1859) that: "Everyone who desires power, desires it most over those who are nearest to him, with whom his life is passed, with whom he has most concerns in common, and in whom any independence of his authority is oftenest likely to interfere with his individual preferences". Herein lies a key to your chart. You've the ability to succeed in your ambitions, but first you must learn how to deal with the balance of power in your life, respecting both your own and other people's rights to succeed.

The Midheaven

The Midheaven is one of the important angles in a birth chart and is also known by astrologers as the MC or Medium Coeli. This angle tells us of our public life, our profession and social status. In other words how we are viewed by the public, how we want to be viewed by the public and what type of profession we are likely to choose. It's also important to note the house position of the ruling planet of your Midheaven for further information about your career as this can greatly influence the interpretation.

The Midheaven is in Virgo

With a Midheaven in the Sign of Virgo and ruled by the planet Mercury, you're hardworking, critical and exacting in your profession. You prefer order at work, and like to be recognised for your high standards and detailed work. You're known for your craftsmanship, and drive for perfection. You're attracted to any career that best utilises your analytical and organisational skills. These could include secretarial, executive, accountancy, research or medical jobs. The planet Mercury, which rules Virgo, also means that you could be attracted to teaching, writing or any other career that involves communication skills. However, this will largely depend on other influences in your chart. Examples of famous people with the same Midheaven include media entrepreneur Rupert Murdoch, French painter Henri Toulouse-Lautrec and former UK Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

CREATIVITY AND ORIGINALITY

The artist must be in his work as God is in creation, invisible and all-powerful; one must sense him everywhere but never see him.
Gustav Flaubert, *Correspondence* 1857-64.

Uranus
The planet Uranus represents originality and unconventionality. This can be both the unusual and brilliant genius or the wilful rebel without a cause. This planet tells us the areas in which we break with convention, become innovative and experiment with new and exciting ways. In some circles of astrology Uranus represents the creative genius which comes directly via our soul or higher self.

Uranus is in the 7th House
The planet Uranus is in the 7th House of your birth chart suggesting that you've a need for unconventional relationships. Depending on other aspects in your birth chart, these relationships have a positive or negative effect on your life. On a positive note you attract an unusual primary partner, someone who is original or involved in an unusual occupation, perhaps even a genius in their field. Your marriage gives you just the right amount of freedom to pursue your independent activities. You also benefit from lively and unusual business partnerships, or a business partnership in an unusual project. On the other hand, you may experience misunderstandings and troubles through your marriage and business relationships, which can lead to separation and disputes, possibly even law suits. Perhaps your partner is cruel, or possibly you rushed into these partnerships with little thought of the consequences. If you've experienced troubles in your marriage and business partnerships, which have resulted in loss, then you would do well to avoid conventional partnerships in the future. You would also be wise to avoid legal conflicts, because you're unlikely to benefit.

Uranus is in Gemini
The planet Uranus was in the Sign of Gemini from 1942 - 1949. It's important to note that Uranus spends a long time in each Sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Uranus in your chart. Uranus in the Sign of Gemini indicates that you belong to a generation which becomes focussed on new forms of communication and the world's networks. This generation is responsible for original and inventive ideas which change the world's communication network. Your creativity soars when you're tackling these issues.

Neptune
Neptune is the planet of creativity and spirituality. It represents both the bliss of spiritual attainment and the heights of creativity. This isn't personal spirituality and creativity which comes at the expense of others, but gifts which can benefit humanity. This planet also represents the confusion that can accompany the road to discovering when we are being selfish, as opposed to when we are generously thinking of how our gifts can benefit others.

Neptune is in the 11th House
The planet Neptune placed in the 11th House of your chart means that you're likely to be attracted to spiritual and humanitarian friends or groups. If you've positive influences in your chart then you're likely to form close

unions with spiritual or artistic friends, and groups, which greatly enrich your life. You may also have an inspirational effect on your friends' lives, or act as inspirational catalyst in a group. However, if you've negative influences in your chart, then you're likely to suffer at the hands of unusual and deceitful friends and acquaintances. You may also receive bad advice from friends, which leads to loss and complications in your life. You're more likely to benefit through your friendships if you follow your intuitive, rather than a logical train of thought.

Neptune is in Libra

The planet Neptune was in the Sign of Libra from 1942 - 1957. It's important to note that Neptune takes about 164 years to make a complete cycle, spending about thirteen years in each Sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Neptune in your chart. Neptune in the Sign of Libra indicates that you belong to a generation possessing the ability to view human relationships from a more spiritual overall viewpoint, rather than the rules and regulations of the previous (Virgo) generation. It's during this time that some confusion over right human relations may reign. People of this generation will aim to achieve a balance in human relationships. You'll also be concerned with justice.

Neptune is Sextile Pluto

The planets Neptune and Pluto both move slowly through the zodiac, and therefore any connection between the two planets affects birth charts for a short period of time. You were born in such a time. This combination in your chart means that you're interested in opportunities to bring about fundamental change to human values. You are aware of injustices in society and, depending on other influences in your chart, may prefer to fight against them rather than sit back and accept the ills of society. Your creative urges may be linked to politics, or expressing your political views through the arts or spiritual or charitable organisations.

CHALLENGES IN LIFE

The spirit of self-help is the root of all genuine growth in the individual.
Samuel Smiles, *Self-Help* 1859.

Pluto
The planet Pluto challenges us to transform our lives by clearing out our old habits to make way for the new, more rewarding ways of living. The process isn't necessarily an easy one, as most of us cling tenaciously to the comfort offered by habitual patterns, and are rather scared of new paths. Pluto shows us in which areas of our lives we need to grow, and to a certain extent whether we're likely to find the process of growing painful or joyful.

Pluto is in the 9th House
The planet Pluto is in the 9th House of your birth chart indicating that study, religion and travel are challenging areas in your life. You probably have a powerful drive to discover higher meanings in life, but in some cases this placement of the planet Pluto can mean that you'll do all in your power to refuse to acknowledge a higher meaning. Either way it's likely that orthodox religion has played a powerful role in your life. On the one hand traditional religion may have acted as a positive avenue for your search for meaning in life, but on the other hand you may react strongly to the dogmas of more conventional religions. You've a strong need to form your own opinions based on your own experience and studies, rather than adopt another person's creed. Ironically you need to beware of becoming dogmatic in your personal philosophies. Depending on other influences in your chart it's also likely that academic study is a major challenge in your life. This could be that you intensely pursue your studies at an institute of higher learning, or it could be that you feel deeply disturbed by your lack of opportunities to pursue an academic course of study. Although you may have avoided travelling to foreign countries for part of your life, once you do travel you're likely to be changed by the experience.

Pluto is in Leo
The planet Pluto was in the Sign of Leo from 1939 - 1957. It's important to note that Pluto takes about 248 years to make a complete cycle, spending 12 - 32 years in each Sign, and therefore the interpretation applies to a generation rather than the individual. For a more individual interpretation you need to look at the house position of Pluto in your chart. Pluto in the Sign of Leo suggests that you belong to a generation of people concerned with the lack of or acquiring of power. People of this generation have the ability to use power both positively and negatively. World power and leadership are also important issues for these people.

PURPOSE AND JOY

He who binds to himself a joy
Doth the winged life destroy
But he who kisses the joy as it flies
Lives in Eternity's sunrise
William Blake, *MS Note-book.*

A sense of purpose can help us overcome the most onerous difficulties in our lives, by taking the focus away from our failings and problems, and shining the light on our strengths and talents. By concentrating on our purpose we can distract ourselves from our troubles, and maintain the forward momentum of our lives. A sense of purpose can also lead to feelings of happiness and joy. Ancient astrologers believed that a person could either identify with their human body and human life, or could focus on a spiritual life. A rewarding spiritual life can help ease human pain and suffering, and inject joy into every day life. A sense of purpose can assist the process of transferring our identification from our human selves to the spiritual sides of our nature, and one of the greatest gifts of astrology is to help us determine our purpose.

The North Node
The North Node and South Node form an axis in astrology, which is said to represent one's destiny or spiritual quest in life. This axis is also linked with our purpose. The North Node points to a key lesson in our lives. It represents new experiences towards which we must aim during this life. We have already learnt the skills of its opposite point, the South Node, in the past. Now we must grow and stretch ourselves through the North Node.

The North Node is in the 7th House
Your North Node is in the 7th House and your South Node is in the 1st House of your birth chart indicating that you are destined to learn as much as you possibly can about relationships. This could be a challenging path, or it could be easy. Either way you benefit greatly through your relationship experiences, both personal and distant associations. You may also experience a sense that many unions formed in your life are pre-ordained. You fare best when you learn to let go of ego-centred actions and become more focused on service to other people. You also benefit from choosing your marriage partner wisely, taking your time to consider the union.

The North Node is in Gemini
Your nodal axis has the North Node in Gemini and the South Node in the Sign of Sagittarius denoting that you're destined to learn to see life from other people's point of view and to become adept in the art of communication. You've a tendency to be restless and scatty. You need to develop focus and the ability to communicate your ideas in a way that helps the many people in your life.

North Node is Conjunct Uranus
Your destiny is linked with the discovery of new and exciting thoughts and concepts because of the combination of the North Node and the planet Uranus. You need to make sure that you do not seek excitement at all costs, but direct your energies wisely. In this way you'll achieve your purpose, which is

likely to be linked with making a contribution to humanity.

North Node is Trine Neptune
You're on a spiritual quest, and your destiny is linked with expressing your artistic and creative talents. This is indicated by the association of the North Node and the planet Neptune. Your challenge is to discover your highest potential, which may be expressed through spiritual or artistic groups.

North Node is Sextile Pluto
You're on a quest to use your insights and personal experience to help others. This is because of the association of the North Node and the planet Pluto in your birth chart. You may encounter traumas during your lifetime, which will ultimately help to develop your resourceful nature.

South Node is Conjunct Sun
The South Node and the Sun are combining in a way that is inhibiting you from expressing your true potential. You're being challenged to fully express yourself with integrity and with respect for other people's rights. Perhaps you've a tendency to overpower other people, and now you need to do find the right blend of asserting your own rights and listening to other people, in order that you achieve your purpose. You would do well to remember the adage, "There's no time like the present", as you may have a tendency to avoid facing problems and obstacles that stand in the path of your success.

South Node is Conjunct Mars
The South Node and the planet Mars are combining to suggest that you may experience difficulty being assertive and finding the drive to succeed, or alternatively you may have a tendency to misdirect your energies. Your current life lesson is to express your energy positively and assertively. Your talent for independent action needs to be developed so that you can achieve your purpose.

South Node is Trine Saturn
The combination of the South Node and Saturn is a difficult one, indicating that you face restrictions in your current life and struggle to express yourself. At times you may feel that the world is a hard place, particularly the demands of daily life. It's possible that you've inherited some emotional or physical problems from your father, or his side of the family, which restrict your ability to achieve your goals. These problems can be overcome, but it's only through hard work and shouldering your responsibilities that you're likely to achieve your purpose.

South Node is Sextile Neptune
You've a tendency to daydream and live in a fantasy world, possibly even escaping into the world of drugs and depression. This is because of the association of the South Node and the planet Neptune in your chart. Your quest in this life is to put your creative talents to positive use.

South Node is Trine Pluto
You've a tendency to become embroiled in the dramas and crises of life, whether they be real ones or in your imagination. This is because of the association of the South Node and the planet Pluto in your birth chart. It's true that you're familiar with the darker side of life: matters such as jealousy, malice, under-handed deals, abusive behaviour, criminal elements and depravation. Your challenge is to rise above the negativity, whether it's your own or other people's, and to use your insights and resources for the good of others. For instance you could prove skilled in the area of crisis counselling.

The Ascendant
The Ascendant, or Rising Sign as it's sometimes called, is a key to discovering our purpose. Ancient astrologers believed that the Ascendant depicted our primary motivation as individuals. Some believed that it was one of the links to discovering what makes a person happy. When we're accomplishing our primary motivation then we're happy. The more modern Esoteric astrologers believe that this sensitive chart point reveals our soul's purpose. When we're carrying out our soul's purpose then we're joyful. They believe that acceptance of our purpose, or fate, can help us achieve success and satisfaction, and that meditation on the qualities of the Ascendant can help us focus on our life's purpose.

The Ascendant is in Scorpio
The Sign of Scorpio is considered to be "feminine" by Ancient astrologers suggesting that you're more likely to wait until you feel comfortable before pursuing your purpose. You're also likely to depend on other people to take the initiative. Scorpio is also a Fixed Sign denoting fixity of purpose, resolution, self-reliance and independence.

You're shrewd, resourceful, perceptive, secretive, proud, and reserved. You're fated to experience some battles in life, resulting in possible crises in your emotional state, your physical health or your public status. The key to achieving your true purpose is to act with integrity at all times. You've a strong will, which is best applied to achieving positive results rather than to the thoughts of jealousy and revenge, which linger in the back of your mind. The insights that you gain along life's treacherous path are invaluable, and can be shared with others in a way that benefits all concerned..

In Esoteric astrology the Sign of Scorpio is linked with regenerative power. Like the phoenix you've the ability to rise from the ashes in a transformed state. Your purpose is connected to shedding spiritual light on dark secrets and taboo subjects, and to sharing your spiritual insights with other people.

CONCLUSION

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Stephanie has a background in medieval astrology which can be detected in the direct style of the report. Medieval astrologers differed from modern-day astrologers in several ways. They didn't have a psychological approach to chart interpretation, but took a much more literal approach. They were very much concerned with the fortunes of an individual, whether a person would survive or not, and whether or not the person would experience good or failing fortunes. The author's particular area of interest in Esoteric astrology can be mainly detected in the section labelled "Purpose and Joy". In Esoteric astrology the purpose of an individual is linked to the soul. In other words it is believed that our souls determine our sense of purpose in the world, motivating us to put our gifts to good purpose.

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This report is meant more of an introduction to the wonders of astrology rather than a complete course in its intricacies. Further studies, or a consultation with a professional astrologer, are encouraged to explore this most ancient scientific and philosophic tool.

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