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INTRODUCTION

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WHAT IS CHINESE ASTROLOGY?

Like our own western astrology, Chinese astrology uses twelve different signs or symbols to define twelve basic categories of human being. Similarly to western astrology, the Chinese system uses a person's birth date as the basis for his sign, so in some ways the two systems are alike. Now, let's have a look at how they differ.

Our own astrological signs are monthly. Each of our signs has a different heaven-inspired mythological name and corresponds to a period equivalent to a single Sun cycle. If you were born in the Sun cycle period labeled Aquarius, then in western astrological terms you are an Aquarian. Chinese zodiacal signs are yearly. Each Chinese sign has a different animal name and corresponds to a period equivalent to an entire Chinese calendar year. If you were born in a yearlong period which the Chinese label the Dragon Year, then in Chinese astrological terms you are a Dragon. Simple? Yes.

Chinese astrology is so simple that you need only know the year of your birth to find out which of the twelve signs is yours. But there is one tricky aspect to consider. The Chinese New Year falls on a different date every year. This holiday can occur as early as mid-January or not until late February. If you were born in either January or February, that is, if you are either Capricorn or Aquarius in western astrology, you need to know whether you were born before or after the Chinese New Year. This interpretation has calculated that information for you.

The Chinese animal symbols are: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Cat, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Pig. These animals always appear in the same order. Since the beginning of recorded Chinese time, 2637 B.C., the animal sequence has recurred faithfully every twelve years. It always begins with the Rat and ends with the Pig. And to make things even more convenient for us Twentieth-Century Westerners, 1900 was a Rat year. That means that the next Rat year was 1912 and 1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984 were all Rat years. Anybody born in any of these years is a Rat.

Chinese astrology, in one form or another, was widely used all over the Orient from the fortieth century B.C. It became especially popular between 2953 and 2838 B.C. under the Emperor Fu Hsi and again under Shen Nung, who was born in the twenty-eighth century B.C. The zodiacal system and its philosophies as we know them today were codified by Ta Nao, an able minister of Emperor Huang Ti, born about 2704 B.C. It was made official in 2637 B.C. and was formally inaugurated, as were other historical events, at the sixtieth anniversary of the same popular Emperor Huang Ti's accession to the throne. For forty-six centuries thereafter, this system was used as the national standard and touched on all state affairs in China.

People born in Pig years are all somewhat naive and hate to say no; Rats are aggressive and

talkative; Dogs loyal and ardent, Snakes altruistic and attractive; Dragons healthy and noisy; Horses independent and pragmatic; Goats dependent and creative and have no sense of time; Oxen slow and eloquent; Tigers rash and magnetic; Cats flee conflict and love tradition; Monkeys are entertaining and give lots of presents; Roosters are resourceful and bossy and adore clothes.

YIN AND YANG

Yin and Yang are the two main opposite but equal Chinese philosophical forces. The power of Yin is sometimes interpreted as passive, female, docile, receptive and society-oriented. Conversely, the Yang energy is said to be aggressive, male and socially indifferent. To the Chinese, everything in life is either Yin or Yang, and the trick to achieving harmony is knowing how to balance Yin and Yang so they operate in synergy rather than clash.

According to Chinese thought, any circumstance in the universe - a rainstorm, a night of love, a child taking its first steps, a wobbly bedstead, a frantic phone call, a dish of steaming pasta, a traffic accident, a dancing bride and groom or a washing-line in the sunlight - is the direct result of an energy balance or imbalance between Yin and Yang.

THE FIVE ELEMENTS - WOOD, FIRE, EARTH, METAL, AND WATER

To allow for movement to occur and bring about change, Chinese philosophy calls upon the five elements as agents of change and reaction. Change, the Chinese think, derives from the influence of the five main elements - Wood, Fire, Earth, Metal and Water - on the basic Yin or Yang energies. Like in the old rock, paper, scissors game, each of these five Chinese elements has the ability to control and/or destroy the previous element, and is capable of producing the element that directly follows it. In the regenerative cycle of the elements, Water engenders Wood. Wood begets Fire. Fire burns to Earth. Earth creates Metal and Metal gives way to Water.

Wood is characterized by the color green. Wood heralds the beginning of life, springtime and buds, sensuality and fecundity. Wood's influence affects the liver, the gallbladder and, by extension, the digestion. Wood needs moisture to thrive. Its two opposite yet equally emotional forces are rage and altruism. The Wood person will be expansive, outgoing and socially conscious.

Wood, in its turn, can create and nourish Fire. Fire's signatory color is red. Fire is hot weather, satisfaction of nature, aridity and dust. The tongue and the small intestine are the centers of attention in the Fire person's body. Fire makes heat, which either warms or burns. The Fire person must constantly seek to balance a tendency to explode and possibly destroy, against a desire to create coziness and warmth. Passionate by nature, this impatient, ebullient person must strive to keep his flame under control.

Earth is created from the ashes of the Fire. Now we are in the soothingly satisfying late summer cycle. Earth's favorite color is yellow, which represents the equanimity between beginnings and endings. The weather of Earth is mild or temperate. In the human body, Earth influences spleen, pancreas and mouth. Earth's two opposite but equal forces which need to be kept in constant balance are enhancing and smothering. On the one hand Earth gives care and allows for growth and

improvement. On the other, Earth buries roots and snuffs out breath. Earth people are gifted for fairness and have the ability to commit themselves to protracted projects and complete Herculean tasks with ease. They must struggle against a penchant for worry.

The Earth grows Metal in her veins. Metal says white and autumn. Metal is cool, crisp weather. Metal's effect on the body centers in the lungs and respiratory system. It only secondarily rules the large intestine and the nose. Metal people like to communicate. They need to keep discord and harmony in constant balance. Metal signifies the onset of winter. Its influence can sometimes add sadness or gloom to an astrological chart. Two of Metal's emotional forces are melancholy and romance. I see Metal as Wagnerian. Metal people must guard against a tendency to wallow in nostalgia.

Lastly, Metal begets Water - groundwater trickling its way through layers of the Earth's core. Water's color is blue. Its season is full-blown winter. Water is always moving, fluid, and mutational. In our bodies, water's influence affects our plumbing systems, the kidneys and the bladder. The ear, too, comes under the spell of Water. Hence people born in Water-ruled years are frequently musical. They pick up on everything. Be it good or bad, they never miss a vibe. Water-ruled creatures are always very sensitive and sometimes even mentally fragile. The downside of Water's influence, then, is a stressful nervousness. To balance that fidgety, squeamish, overly sensitive side, Water endows its subjects with the noblest quality of all, kindness and sympathy. Sometimes too permeable, the Water-ruled must take precautions against drowning in the chagrin of those they see as less fortunate than themselves.

So, the five elements cause the commotion and are responsible for creating and maintaining both balance and imbalance - for moving things around and making life interesting. These purveyors of change can be controlled or not, depending on how one manages them.

Each animal year of the Chinese zodiac has been assigned one of the five elements. The elements each turn up twice in the cycle going away for another ten years. The five elements are always presented in the above order. Once we know this, we can understand how the elements directly affect us and pertain to individual characters.

The elements work by governing each animal sign once through the sixty-year "century" You will not come across a Water Horse more than once in sixty years. This fact alone accounts for sixty different basic character or destiny types. Further, when a learned Chinese astrologer draws up a chart for an individual person according to the Chinese astrological system, he takes into consideration the month and the season, the time of day and the type of weather on the day of birth as well as certain astral configurations at the moment of birth. In all, good Chinese astrologers deal with a base of no less than 512,640 different possible personality charts. This means that only two people in a million stand a chance of being born with identical destinies.

YOUR CHINESE SIGN

TANTALIZING SNAKE

The whole world is intoxicated by your bewitching perfume, your silken scarves and your glamorous accessories. Everybody is in awe of your appearance. And you, in turn, are in awe of how adoring your admirers are. You do so love to please. Some think of you as the silent type, but you can be very talkative when there is something important to say.

People cherish your sagacious advice. Those seeking peace of mind are drawn to you for counseling and wisdom. You can always tell what's about to happen before it does. One wonders if you receive messages from other realms. Psychic ability is common among Snakes. Listen to the spirits and learn. Financially, you are both a miser and a spendthrift. Rather than pushing up the thermostat a few degrees, you'll wrap yourself in sable and curl up with a good lover. You are famous for demanding exclusive rights on your mate while blithely maintaining your own busy private life on the side. Security is your all time favorite happiness-provider. Marry up with a resourceful Rooster or a stabilizing Ox. The first two parts of your life will be hectic and nerve-racking, but old age becomes you. Enjoy it.

Some advice? Be generous with your glory. Try to decline the spotlight when someone who needs it more than you is around.

THE SNAKE ID CARD

Lasting symbols have special powers. Enhance your self-image by surrounding yourself with tangible signs of your own identity and make these symbols known to your friends and loved ones. Use them daily and they will bring you luck, security and a feeling of personal worth.

YOUR BEST

Your best color is ice blue, flower is the camellia, fragrance is musk, tree is palm, flavor is bittersweet, birthstone is opal, and lucky number is 3.

YOUR FAVORITE

Your favorite food is caviar, animal is the turtle dove, drink is champagne, spice is curry, metal is platinum, musical instrument the violin.

THE SNAKE IS YANG. THE SNAKE'S MOTTO IS "I FEEL."

When you are at your most appealing, you can be amiable, compromising, fun-loving, altruistic, honorable, sympathetic, philosophical, charitable, a paragon of fashion, intuitive, discreet, diplomatic, amusing and sexy.

But when you decide to be difficult you become self-righteous, imperious, judgmental, conniving,

mendacious, crabby, clinging, pessimistic, fickle, haughty, ostentatious and a very sore loser.

A profound stillness of spirit inhabits you. This quality is silent, yet never somber or sullen. Your brand of quiet is icy cool. You compound unruffled dignity with exceptional physical beauty. Your sinuous manner and graceful gait inspire more than just admiration: people don't just gape curiously at you. They fall madly, passionately and irrevocably in love with you at first sight!

Any learned Chinese will tell you that Snakes have always been the mainline seducers of the human race. Once you understand the difference between yourself and the rest of us, you will see that this is true. Masses of people are secretly, hopelessly in love with you. People who fall head over heels and cannot shake the passionate love they feel for someone are probably in love with some Snake - maybe even in love with you. You will be either the cause or the effect of many love affairs in your life

You are a spotlight magnet too. You will not be ignored. Peer group attention and public recognition are the least of what you expect. Yet you are never noisy or deliberately outspoken. You have little but wisdom to dispense. You rarely behave blatantly or show off. You are always correctly attired in subtly elegant clothing. You want to have excellent manners.

Grown men weep rivers in their shaving cream over you. Otherwise sane women chew their false fingernails to the elbow waiting for a phone call from you. You are a paragon of attraction.

You are the tempter/ress, the universal symbol of sexuality and faithless passion, the emblem of wanton ardor and romance. You invented naughtiness. But you are not a devil, not even a little demon. You are a nice, slightly overly romantic, normal human being. You don't perform your enticement routine with malice aforethought. You simply don't know how not to enchant the victims who fall at your expensively shod feet.

Contrary to most people's notions, it is possible to be too beautiful: it can even be a handicap. But beauty is only the half of it. For you, the sorcery doesn't stop at physical allure. An exotic aura surrounds you. You don't get dressed in the morning the way the rest of us do. You prepare meticulously to meet your public. You may only don jeans and an old sweater, but you are always careful to accessorize, to enhance the simple and even to smell right for the clothes you wear. Rags would look chic on you.

Are you narcissistic? Perhaps a bit, yes. You don't just accept your face, body, limbs, ears, hair, teeth, skin, fingernails and toenails; you cuddle and take special care of every part. You are impeccably groomed inside and out. You keep designers and couturiers afloat. You feel that you look best in expensively cut, perfectly fitting, made-to-order clothes. You prefer not to have to take a bath without the proper accessories: elegant perfumed soaps, bottles of creams and lotions and sponges of all variety line the shelves along the edges of your tub.

Snakes really splurge on embellishments. You either get others to buy them or you buy them for yourself. You wear gold or silver chains around your neck and never go anywhere without the cufflinks to match the tie-pin, or the tortoiseshell hairclip to go with the glasses' frame and matching

earrings.

Your preoccupation with appearance may lead one to believe that you are superficial. Nothing could be further from the truth. Despite your vanity and ostentatious dress habits, you are among the most profoundly thoughtful and philosophical members of our race.

A habit that accompanies your addiction to seduction is the skillful telling of lies. Making up your own truths can become so essential to your lifestyle that it becomes pathological. Or you might lie just be for fun, as a way to liven up a story, or even a tool which assists you to gain access to social or professional position.

In China, all Snakes are reputed to be mendacious. This judgment is too harsh. You prevaricate more than many, but it's more prestidigitation than telling bold-faced lies. You know how to mislead, to misrepresent, and to work magic on the psyches of your acquaintances by seeming to be what you are not. Such a gift is hardly simple lying and may even be an enhancement to a career in the theater, the entertainment fields or in sales or teaching.

For you, evasion and omission are the preferred methods of dissimulation. You would simply rather gild the terrible truth than be too pointed about it. Or you may invent a second truth that you hope will soften the first or real one. This habit of fibbing or call it a talent for making things seem better or worse than they actually are, is not a fault. It is indeed a gift and can be put to good creative use.

What can be tricky about it, is that you also frequently suffer from working your magic on yourself. You are almost too clever at bamboozling and will tell little stories to your psyche that can get you into terrible trouble. If you pursue self-delusion, you can easily begin believing that you are superior because you are more handsome or beautiful or sexy. You may fool yourself into imagining that you deserve more attention and consideration than your peers, that favors should be dealt you simply because you deign to grace the world with your presence. Watch for this trait and squelch it as soon as you see it coming. because this shamming of the self is loaded with possible disappointment.

There is nothing more intransigent than you, Snake, when you don't feel you're getting your due out of life. You may grow sad, self-pitying and embittered. You may even fall ill, become addicted to drugs or alcohol, or turn into a philanderer and make a fool of yourself by having sex with anyone you can lay hands on, just for the thrill of being accepted, appreciated and desired.

Sometimes you embroider on your woes. Because you are given to self-aggrandizement and require a certain amount of personal mythology to feel self-confident, you may see yourself as misunderstood or rejected by those whom you think should love and appreciate you more. This is an unfortunate stance and should be discouraged early on because it can feed into a neurotic pattern of constantly seeking approval and attention.

Money and Snakes are a hot issue. Although you adore opulence and lust after luxury, you deplore utilitarian spending. You may throw money away on loot such as gold trinkets or platinum earrings, or the right finish on the antique desk you picked up at an auction. Yet you hate having to cough up for the electricity bill. You are greedy for money, stingy with it in specific circumstances, and lavish

with it in others. Generally, you are careful but generous with friends and family. You know how to count pennies when necessary and are almost never in danger of declaring bankruptcy. But you can buy on impulse, overspend and then regret major purchases which sometimes turn out to be useless or even silly

Emotional stability is of paramount importance to your wellbeing. Rejection is the worst blow your delicate ego can suffer. You must be received, welcomed, accepted and approved by everyone you meet. Only when you are certain you are liked do you feel safe and able to progress. To ensure both your financial and mental security, you act prudently and are infrequently confrontational. You give the impression of being even-tempered and conciliatory - a cool customer. One often perceives a Snake as a person who adheres to the least line of resistance, takes life easy, and doesn't make waves.

Snakes do make waves. Sometimes they make veritable tsunamis. You may appear beguilingly cool in order to avoid disrupting your precious security and thus impede your progress. You do not function well in chaos. Routine appeals to you. Tradition and sameness are your friends. You like to evolve in an atmosphere of predictability with people you can be sure of, even if those people are not the most exciting you will ever meet. You often compromise the pursuit of thrills or knowledge, and sometimes even passion, for the sake of remaining safe and comfortable.

Snakes have been known to stay on in failed marriages where nothing works any more, where passion is long dead, and where quiet desperation is the order of the day, just for security. As a result of this kind of sacrifice for security, you may become inhibited and frustrated. You may know that you are over-dependent on others for your survival and happiness, but you just can't help it.

You tend to exhibit almost obsequious gratitude for gestures of kindness or generosity. As mentioned above, you are always currying favor, playing up to your audience and hoping you will be appreciated and admired. When and if you do find someone to provide you with unconditional love, you may sit back, breathe easy and even grow placid and a tiny bit lazy. If you are not challenged by them. You may take people for granted. You seduce until you doesn't need to anymore. Professionally, you throw yourself into tailspins to get ahead in your work until, when you get the big promotion or make enough money, you may surprise us all and lie right down and do nothing.

Remember Greta Garbo? Her life story began with beauty and continued in fame. Then, in the thick of the glory, her career screeched to a halt. She was adored and applauded all over the world. Then, when she had absorbed enough recognition, her life continued sedately and comfortably in seclusion and relative idleness until she died at a ripe old age.

SNAKE HEALTH

The health complaints that manifest themselves most often for you begin to show in early childhood. In tense circumstances, your well being often crumbles, causing you to suffer adult ailments such as kidney stones, digestive and urinary tract infections, or unpleasant and painful inflammatory diseases of the mucous membranes.

Stressful events can cause your ability to eliminate toxins to fail. Because you are generally externally calm, handle your nerve, and don't often give in to hysteria, these complaints will not always show up immediately. You may repress feelings to such a degree that in reaction, your body creates a storm of bacterial conflict in the digestive or urinary tract.

To add insult to injury, you don't recover quickly and often find yourself laid low for long periods. The possibility of becoming an invalid causes you no little anxiety and can sometimes even compound the illnesses, establishing a vicious circle which only increases the stress.

To combat kidney and digestive sluggishness, you should get into the habit of drinking water every two hours, ingesting at least two quarts per day, which encourages liver and kidney function and assists in scouring the urinary tract and bladder of poisons dangerous not only to the mucous membranes but to the entire organism.

You should stick to purest mineral waters without bubbles and drink few acid fruit juices and some of the better red wines. Champagne, although you adore it for its festive and luxurious qualities, is a definite no-no. A glass here and there might not hurt, but you should be forewarned of its harmful long-term effect if imbibed in excess. Bladder irritants such as spinach, asparagus, sorrel, vinegar, unripe fruits, spices, alcohol (spirits) and tobacco should be all but deleted from your diet. Cranberry juice has been found to aid in discouraging the bacteria which cause urinary tract infections in women, and can be tried as a substitute for citrus products, which may prove too acid for your delicate system to tolerate.

Gynecologic ally, Snake women may have to bear more than their share of miseries. You may have trouble with your ovaries. Cysts and infectious or allergic inflammations will plague you all your reproductive life. You should establish a good relationship with a compassionate gynecologist early. You have the capacity to bear children.

Allergies afflict both male and female, and you may present symptoms of hay fever, post-nasal drip, painful sinus problems, reddish swellings, spotty hives on the skin, and redness around the neck. Your allergies may also cause chronic painful muscular contractions, particularly in the lower back.

You are often cold. Your bones feel tiny inside your taut skin, which is often cold to the touch. Medical experts may advise you of poor circulation, but I reckon you are simply cold-blooded, hence requiring warmth, the sun, affection, security and cozy, luscious, sexy love. An animal lover, you often use a cat or dog as a lap rug. You need body heat.

Weather variations can affect your delicate nerves. Hurricanes, floods, earthquakes and even a cloudy or muggy day can set you back. If possible, you should be cared for by a homeopathic doctor who can attempt, with remedies, vitamins, minerals and diet, to establish a harmonious balance in your body to assist you in riding out crises. Your organism is hypersensitive and need time and supplements to maneuver and recover your equilibrium. You must guard against excess, both dietary and emotional.

Peace and quiet, moderation and safety in everything are as indispensable to you as the air you

breathe. You should avoid fats and eat digestible, ultra fresh foods, take meals at regular hours and never go to bed on a full stomach. A walk after dinner will be a boon to your sometimes sluggish digestion.

All mild exercise is good for you: dancing, gardening, hiking, jogging, table tennis, lawn tennis, swimming and even slow walking in town will have positive effects. You must, however, rest between exercise sessions, avoid violent physical exertion, and resist the temptation to join in games that over-exert you. You are not built to be a football player or to wrestle or box. Even golf and tennis are sports you should practice in moderation.

You are built for love and romance, for poetry, classical dancing and deep thinking. You should never attempt physical heroism. Overexertion or forcing will only exhaust you and set you back for another period of frustrating recuperation which may, due to the anxiety it produces, cause you to fall ill again.

So rest and relaxation are paramount to your well-being. Without empty mental spaces in which to float free, your drowsy mind has no room to evolve its reveries into plans and action. If you are forced to adhere to rushed schedules and abrupt changes imposed on you either by yourself or by outsiders, and if you are not granted enough time and space to rest and regroup, you will be likely to fall chronically ill. Your malady may take the form of a purely physical disease. You may even become depressed. Don't always try to conform to what other people want from you. Adopt a defensive strategy to protect your body's stability.

Snake Compatibilities

Snake with Rat

Although this alliance can often make for an interesting friendship, I would not recommend it as a romantic relationship. You and the Rat may attract each other sexually. But your alliance should remain purely social and not be attempted as a long term live-in love affair or marriage.

On an everyday level, your life with the Rat will be full of upheaval, disagreement, and disappointment. After the initial physical pull, you will withdraw and keep compartments of your life safely tucked away. Your weakness for flirtation will be even greater if you are attached to a clinging vine Rat.

The Rat will grow uneasy and fearful of security. Your investments may not prove fruitful, and the restless Rat will have to commandeer direction of the family accounts. Tempers will boil, especially the Rat's, who staggers under the weight of attempting to hold up the crumbling fort. You will storm out of the house to the nearest chic boutique to supplement an already overweight wardrobe.

The only moments of repose in this union will be spent between the sheets, passionately entwined for hours. The Rat will enjoy the sexual attention you contribute and, generous as ever, will be forgiving. But the Rat should be wary of your enchanting ways. You will make all kinds of promises, love the Rat to pieces, then swallow him or her whole for breakfast.

Snake with Ox

You, the slithery Snake, wrap yourself around an Ox yoke and go along for the ride. The Ox welcomes you as a passenger and chugs merrily through life. You feel cozy in the Ox's presence and he or she carries you willingly. Why? It's the vibes. Snakes and Oxen are on the same wave length.

Yet, you have an appetite for flesh, especially flesh as yet unexplored. Oxen are usually devoutly monogamous. Deep down, of course, you are devoted to the Ox, whose stability is vitally important for your survival. If the Ox can learn to tame your suspicious nature and control a jealous temper, he or she can hold on to your beauty and fetching allure better than anyone else. After all, the Ox makes it his or her business to acquire money, power, and patience. You adore all those attributes and know how to put them to excellent use.

Should the Ox start to fret over failed ventures or depleted reserves, you must surreptitiously drag him or her off to bed. The Ox is happy to oblige with lusty quantity but, to keep your eye from wandering, must develop more imaginative foreplay. This union can be a lifelong hit if the Ox remains courageous and undaunted by your tricky, fascinating ways.

Snake with Tiger

You and the tempestuous Tiger are irresistibly drawn to each other, but this union is not encouraged. Tiger/Snake can be a disastrous alliance. As different as black and white, yin and yang, the two of

you just don't blend. Should either of you be ill-fated enough to fall for the other, a preliminary restraining order could save you from disasters. If not, here's what to expect:

You, the Snake, will inflict tremendous frustration on the Tiger. Initially, the jungle pouncer attempts to dominate, but you don't take kindly to bullying. You retaliate.

You can be aloof and independent. Your haughty indifference and disdain are among your sharpest weapons. You are also given to naughty bouts of infidelity which will certainly shatter a Tiger mate's fragile ego. What's more, the impressive tantrums or fits of rage staged by a Tiger mate can transform your calm, reflective, philosophical self into a shaking wreck.

Equally magnetic, you and the Tiger also compete for attention. The Tiger does so aggressively and you hang back, but you slyly bewitch. The two of you may cohabit for sensual pleasure, but you don't see eye to eye. Sex? Your need for beautiful, romantic foreplay is sometimes denied or ignored by the aggressive Tiger. It is not intentional nor meant to hurt the Snake's feeling, but most Tigers just get down to business and begin the act of love, while you are still applying creams and lotions in preparation for a long sensuous session between satin sheets. Best abstain!

Snake with Cat

You and the philosophical Cat find each other reciprocally interesting. Both have keen minds and are deep thinkers. Should you run into trouble, the two of you can rely on your mutual innate wisdom to steer you out of difficulties.

You, the spendthrift Snake, make weekly shopping trips. This may upset the careful, tradition-bound Cat, who doesn't approve of your penchant for extravagant frivolities. Conflicts are however easily resolved if the Cat is allowed to be in charge of the treasury. The Cat/Rabbit must learn to understand your desperate need for trinkets, accessories and luxury surroundings or else you can become a listless garden Snake or a hostile reptile. The two of you can usually resolve your differences, whiling away an evening over an elegant meal and a bottle of precious Bordeaux.

As a couple, you ooze charm. You make excellent, mannerly guests and can expect invitations to all the best parties. In public, the Cat fears your incessant flirtations, finding your open, raw sexuality difficult to deal with. But you have your irresistible ways with reticent Cats. Both of you are potential psychics. If all else fails, you can always become traveling soothsayers.

Snake with Dragon

In Chinese astrological parlance, you two are considered kissin' cousins. The Dragon adores sporting a gorgeous, attractive, sexy Snake like you, and you admire the Dragon's world-beating flamboyance and style. In turn, the Dragon protects you and you coddle the Dragon's ego.

Of course, no relationship with any Dragon can ever be calm, but the Snake/Dragon duo comes close to being a levelheaded, harmonious union. Wisely, you never confront the Dragon's ego head-on. You deal subtly with clashes, slithering and examining all sides before striking at just the right

spot to get results.

Sexually, with your huge capacity for erotics and the Dragon's giant appetite and innate talent for sexual activity, you can just imagine ... the chemistry is sublime. You agree on living luxuriously, too. The Dragon buys endless accessories for your pleasure and you allow the Dragon, within reason, to fill the house with gadgets. Your home life is peachy. You make a handsome couple. It's truly a match made in heaven.

Snake with Snake

Drama. Sex. Luxury. Promiscuity. Passion. Ruin. Two Snakes could be doubly indolent. Both tend to dissimulate. Both want to be surrounded by beautiful things and unusual friends. Your life will be fraught with intricate complexities and unexpected happenings.

A Snake couple is artistic. In tandem, you will enhance your cultural existence by regularly attending exhibitions, concerts and theatre. As you also tend to be philosophical and are drawn to the metaphysical, you will often engage in exciting New Age activities and hold existential conversations which last far into the night.

This sexually compatible pair will usually entwine upon first meeting and subsequently have great difficulty disengaging for even the most important of practical matters. Tenderness, romance and passion are the very cornerstones of your intimacy.

Although the financial area of your joint life might be a real mess, an overwhelming physical attraction binds you together. Despite a philandering tendency on both sides, no jealousy will cloud your lovemaking. In fact, the two of you may hardly emerge from between your smooth satin sheets long enough to let the live-in full time maid run you a bubble bath.

Snake with Horse

The Horse admires your natural ease with people and appreciates your considerate, charitable nature. You, on the other hand, like and respect the Horse's spunk and native enthusiasm. Your social life will be rich and full.

Trouble sets in when the Horse realizes that you, the adored Snake mate, are "running around." Promiscuity does not sit well with the straight arrow, faithful, devoted Horse. So Horsey flips into recrimination mode, which forces you to conceal any extracurricular activities more cleverly, but not necessarily give them up. The Horse does not deal well with duplicity. Storms ensue.

You have a generous heart. The Horse is more conservative with money. This disparity will cause some world-class rows.

The Horse has little confidence in your sexuality, but you have more than enough to go around. You make a good, considerate teacher. The match can work if Horse can learn not to fall apart when you take off on sexy, romantic interludes, and if you can learn to curb your penchant for the peccadillo.

Snake with Goat

Charming and gracious, you two artistic, creative people can have the world eating out of your hands. The Goat's inherent beauty and seductive appeal, when combined with your elegance and sensuality, forms an enviably synergistic couple. Your relationship will be delicious.

Unfortunately, neither of you gloriously attractive people is very handy with a calculator. You are equally improvident, luxury-loving, even wasteful about spending. Unpaid bills will pile up and each will call the other a spendthrift. Don't expect the Goat to find solutions. You may overspend but you also like to provide. Goats are determined dependents, and you will only take so much of the Goat's indolence before you explode. Sooner or later, you may find the poor Goat a high-paying job and force him to get to the office on time. But don't count on him or her to support you or a family. Goats seek only to be taken care of. Not the contrary.

Once again, your incurable infidelity slithers into the equation. Goats tend to be fickle too. Even though you understand the Goat's occasional need for a fling, the jealous Goat hates to share you and will not countenance infidelity. But never mind. Rows are the stuff of your lives together: both of you are addicted to passionate drama.

Snake with Monkey

Auspicious beginnings encourage you two to join forces and operate as a team. The versatile Monkey finds wisdom and consideration in your personality. You enjoy the Monkey's goofy charm and peppy energy. You are truly a complementary pair.

After a time, however, you will notice that all you have in common is a taste for helping others, a charitable bent which binds you ever so loosely together. You, of course, always take off on extramarital adventures. Monkey? Well, Monkey couldn't care less: if affairs turn up, so much the better.

You like elegance and want your life carefully accessorized. Monkeys are bored by the very idea of accessorizing anything, and dress down rather than dressing up. Monkeys are spontaneous. You are ponderous. You are romantic, the Monkey logical. You are sophisticated, the Monkey Bohemian and carefree. Monkeys love to converse, but dialogue becomes difficult because you find it hard to divulge your inner feelings. Breakdown in communications might be the death of this relationship.

Your sex life usually compensates for much of the strife between you. Although sex is not always the Monkey's strongest suit, you succeed in turning him or her on in a big way. The complicity of elaborate sex games may ensure a basis for the two of you to consolidate your union, despite your essential differences.

Snake with Rooster

A love match if ever I saw one! The Rooster is rather bourgeois and conventional. You are esthetic and long to appear attractive at all times. Although at first glance it may seem that you are too

sophisticated and elegant for the plain-living Rooster, the opposite is true. Roosters and Snakes form some of the best couples.

You are both quite secretive and like to keep to yourselves. When together, though, you are forever locked in intense discussion and consideration of every detail, from the quality of light inside your fridge to the leather on the soles of your expensive shoes. Roosters are mostly forgiving, indulgent people whose loyalty knows no frontiers. You may run around a bit, both socially and sexually, but you are careful never to get deeply involved, and hardly ever betray or leave your Rooster mate.

In this marriage, the Rooster should look after the finances because you often waste money. The Rooster will keep closer tabs on your pennies. The cultural side can be handled equally well by both. Sex should definitely be left up to you, the seductive Snake. You know how to turn on hesitant Roosters and to make your bodies sing together. Roosters are basically reserved about sensual things. The Rooster who lands you for a mate will have much to crow about.

Snake with Dog

This partnership is lopsided. We are dealing with disparate types of people. Dogs are pessimistic, given to depression and worry. You are naturally laid back, less anxious, and certainly less sarcastic. Sometimes the doubting Dog even mistrusts your charm and will whine and snap about it, criticizing you for both frivolity and an easygoing nature.

Basic personality differences do not have to destroy relationships. However, the Dog doesn't much like society, has few friends and stays at home - a lot! You are just the opposite. Yet, you need a home to go back to after your numerous forays into the big world. Returning to the cozy Dog home after imbibing a faceful of society's cupidity can be refreshing for you. Even though your mate may snarl and threaten, Dogs always forgive, are loyal to a fault and never waver in their devotion to their loved ones.

Both parties are sensitive to causes, feel strongly about combating injustice, and believe in right over might. This similarity of purpose can serve to harmonize your relationship and round out some potential hard edges.

Trouble is, your sexual approaches are very different. Dogs are physically conventional, direct and although loyal to causes are often sorely tempted by sexual novelty. You are highly adventurous in bed and enjoy intricate sexual play. The two of you may not clash over this issue, but you personally may get bored, resume a natural bent for flirting, and irrevocably damage the Dog's tender-hearted soul.

Snake with Pig

You are the Pig's nemesis. Chinese sages always advise against this relationship. They say that the rapacious Snake will eventually strangle the unsuspecting Pig. Pigs are earthy, warm-hearted pushovers for beauty and cultural savoir-faire. So inevitably, when you come along, you knock the Pig for a loop. He or she cannot resist you.

Superficially, the luxury-loving Pig has much to recommend him (or her). Pigs are scrupulous and mostly honest. They usually know how to make lots of money, which you love. You both adore traditional things like antiques and vintage wines and castles in Spain.

The problem here revolves around the weakness the two of you share: neither you nor the Pig is a world-record decision maker. The Pig changes his or her mind as readily as you change your outfit. You procrastinate. The Pig wallows and wonders. You are sexually compatible, but little is accomplished in life by lying about twisted up in each other's limbs. Somebody needs to decide what's next.

Pigs don't much care about appearances, making rude noises and smacking their lips when they eat. Eventually, you, the fastidious Snake, grow critical of a Pig's sloppy habits. Your jibes bring out the worst in Piggy, who whimpers, which only makes you more impatient and even cruel. The gracious Pig can never please you enough. The Pig finally just withers sadly away and leaves all his or her money to you.

SNAKE FUTURES

What the Snake should expect from the twelve Chinese animal years:

2006, 2018 The Dog Year

This year will benefit the material side of life. You will be presented with opportunities and be encouraged to try your hand at new projects, especially those dear to your heart which you've been telling yourself were out of the question because you lacked money. The Dog's kindly influence protects you. The Dog stands watch over your well-being and keeps an eye peeled for danger.

You may need to consult doctors quite often for minor ailments. Steer clear of overly scientific classical cures. Try to find alternatives to those chemical substances which only poison your sensitive body and make it sicker. You will be anxious about your health and troubled by the uncertainty its frequent breakdowns inflict on you.

You have altruism in common with the Dog, who respects your opinions and reveres your physical beauty. Don't worry so much about what life is all about. Too much philosophizing can have a negative influence on your delicate nervous system. Meditate, do yoga, go to a spa and spend time in the countryside.

2007, 2012 The Pig Year

These opulent years give you ample security, allowing you to relax and put your silken feet up on the furniture. It's a good time to go house-hunting for your dream abode. Whatever you do, don't choose to live in the hubbub of the city. Have a good look at some restored farmhouses or spiffy new architect's glass palaces planted in the countryside away from the madding crowd. Your nervous allergic temperament requires calm and peace for you to thrive. Pig years may bring lack of understanding in your private life. The Pig adores you and usually won't get in your way. But accidents can happen. Don't make snap decisions.

2008, 2020 The Rat Year

This year will bring financial advantages to you. The highly charged Rat energy grates on your nerves, though. You may suffer from slight depression, bringing loss of self-confidence and self-doubt. The thing to remember is that the Rat wants power over you, and everything else for that matter. This sometimes makes you squirm with rage. Forget those weekly shopping sprees. Now is the time for some solid investments. Cash flow problems may arise towards the end of this year. The general health picture is good.

2009, 2021 The Ox Year

You have a dynamite year during the reign of the heavy-handed Ox. Oxen prefer the presence of wise, sane creatures like yourself to a lot of nitwitted fly-by-nights you don't respect. Life, however,

will not be easy. Money won't be washing up on the shore in front of your glorious beach house this year. Though you'd prefer to lie about and be gorgeous, take care of your body, and fill your soul with philosophical literature, you will have to buckle down and struggle with the rest of us. Success is guaranteed if you don't back off from hard work. Keep smiling no matter what. The Ox smiles on those who pitch in willingly and don't complain.

2010, 2022 The Tiger Year

In Tiger years you are frequently beleaguered by small accidents and harassed by quirky twists of fate. Tigers are abrupt and rash, impetuous and domineering. You are slow and thoughtful. The theory is that Tigers adore Snakes but cannot slow down long enough to appreciate you. You like to be safe and benefit from a smooth, even keel. You need order to feel secure. Tigers proffer disorder and espouse wild rebellious causes, throwing security to the winds and often letting the Devil pick up the pieces. This choppy ambience throws you into a slithering tizzy. Must you compromise your beloved inactivity and join the mad race led by the terrible Tiger? Yes.

2011, 2023 The Cat Year

Finances will ease up for you in a Cat year. Refinement is the order of the day. The Cat protects your environment, keeping a lid on disorder and nipping chaos in the bud. Cats want no interference from roughshod interlopers, but tolerate and even enjoy the company of the attractive Snake. Taste is important to both of you, so go ahead and pursue your own goals of seeking perfection in your surroundings and putting order in your universe. You will be busy this year. Travel away home is definitely in your plans.

2012, 2024 The Dragon Year

The Dragon is congenitally in love with you, and you like nothing better than to be admired. The trick for you this year, Snake, will be to stay off the Dragon's toes while you're prowling about seeking more than your share of attention. Try to remain in the background, but keep on quietly striving to bring your projects to fruition. Just to be on the safe side, try to keep your profile low, as Dragon years sometimes bring robberies and also inspire melodramatic conditions in romance. If you're feeling a bit bereft around midsummer, chalk it up to astrological bad luck due to Dragon takeover of the world's sympathetic nervous system.

2013, 2025 The Snake Home

Your personal life is well-aspected in Snake years. Everything to do with love and romance reeks of success. If you're married, you'll be swathed in harmonious fireside moments. If you are still seeking a mate, odds are in favor of your finding one this year. If you're a dedicated single type (which is rare for Snakes), you'll be sorely tempted to tie up loose ends at last. You'll be lucky indeed to slither out of the clutches of that clever, attractive Rooster who's had an eye on you of late. Grandiose business deals are not advisable for you in Snake years because they require full attention, and this year your attention will be focused on the headier sides of life. Family problems iron themselves out for you. Make advances to an alienated sibling or angry parent who's been

pouting for too long.

2014, 2026 The Horse Year

Chinese wisdom has it that you and the Horse don't blend well. There's just too much ego conflict. The Horse deplores all manner of artifice and operates almost entirely on the premise of enlightened self-interest and practicality. You aspire to humanistic altruism and claim to operate out of a spirit of charity and heartfelt sympathy for your fellows. You are at risk of being sorely misunderstood in Horse years. This is no time for you to enter into legal squabbles. Under the influence of the Horse, better to pay attention to concrete material matters wherein hard work and application come first. This year is not exactly salutary to your allergic nature, either. Crawl under a rock until at least December, when kinder, gentler Goat enters the picture.

2015, 2027 The Goat Year

Happier times have been known to occur in your peaceable existence. In Goat years, you'll be drawn into murky emotional dramas and be tempted to sympathize with the underdog. I know you only mean to help, but folks with fewer scruples than you are not impressed by your tenderhearted motives. If you aren't careful, you and your good intentions may be bulldozed off the map by somebody much weaker than you. Watch out for your own desire to be seen as a hero or rescuer. The Goat probably doesn't mean you harm, but cannot help wanting to draw on your reserves, sapping your capital of quiet strength. Keep a weather eye on your money. Don't throw it all away in one place. Love is well-aspected for this year. Work on improving your fidelity quotient.

2016, 2028 The Monkey Year

You find Monkeys a bit too lightweight and neurotic for your highly selective good taste. Monkey doesn't give a damn what people think of him. Besides, the Monkey really likes everybody, and often has the power to help you if you figure out how to approach him deftly enough. Be diplomatic. But watch out for shrapnel anyway. Your task this year will be to remain objective and keep your head above water while madness rages all about you. This may not be as easy as it sounds. The Monkey will attempt to draw you into the fray with wily charm and tricky ways. Remaining aloof is not difficult for you, if you can manage to keep your heart off your sleeve and your nose in a book.

2005, 2017 The Rooster Year

There's a lot to be thankful for this year, Snake. First of all, you can hope for some financial security, as the Rooster has profound admiration for your composure and will not interfere in your rather special schemes for getting ahead. Secondly, there will be more harmony in your home life and just enough romance in your extracurricular affairs to keep you smiling. The million-dollar professional roller-coaster ride you take this year is hardly pleasing to you, as you like to keep things on an even keel. Relax. Next year will bring you some fascinating opportunities. You will try your hand at growing both rich and famous. Protect your skin better with proper creams.

YOUR CHINESE SIGN AND ELEMENTS

In Chinese Astrology, there are five elements: Wood Fire, Earth, Metal, and Water. Each governs an animal sign once throughout the sixty-year Chinese "century". There are therefore sixty different basic character types in Chinese Astrology. You were born in the year of ...

THE WOOD SNAKE

1845 Gabriel Faure, Mary Cassatt

1905 Robert Penn Warren, Henry Fonda, Myrna Loy, Greta Garbo, Howard Hughes, Munro Leaf, Clara Bow, Leo Campion, Raymond Aron, Jean Arthur, Mischa Auer, Claudette Colbert, Joel MacCrea, Ashley Montagu, Ayn Rand, Thelma Ritter, Jean-Jacques Beneix, Clare Booth Luce, Lillian Hellman, Jan-Paul Sartre, Leo Durocher, Jack Teagarden, Agnes DeMille, C.P. Snow, Mantovani, Pierre Brasseur, Earl "Fatha" Hines, Dalton Trumbo, Jule Styne, William Bendix, Aristototele Onassis

1965 Brooke Shields, Charlie Sheen, Robert Downey Jr., Dr. Dre, Sherilyn Fenn, Jill Goodacre, Sarah Jessica Parker, Linda Evangelista, Trent Reznor, Elizabeth Hurley, J.K. Rowling, Emmanuelle Beart, Maria de Medeiros, Shania Twain, Moby, Charlie Sheen, Ben Stiller, Heidi Fleiss, Katarina Witt

This Snake is the public speaker, the actor, the skillful communicator and presenter of grand-scale ideas. Your exquisite laying out of information guarantees you success. You know instinctively what place you want to carve out for yourself in society.

Although you suffer from more than your share of reversals, you will make a million comebacks, returning valiantly to the front lines to begin again, perhaps in another way, to climb the golden ladder of success. Like all Snakes, you have to fight a tendency to laziness and an exaggerated love of luxury for its own sake. However, because of your intense will to reap applause, renown, and great wealth, you will always overcome your negative penchant for sloth.

You are a dreamer and often have to force yourself to be practical. Unlike some Snakes who are incapable of disciplining themselves when it comes to making money, you can be downright pragmatic. If you can't make it as a painter, you'll try illustrating children's books, and if that doesn't work you'll go into advertising or commercial design. The point is to get there. Any means to the end is valid. You may be vain but you are not proud. You are always able to distinguish winning from just getting by, and you know that what you want most is to win.

As a bona fide Snake, you are conscious of a deep-seated sneaking desire to enjoy all the pleasures of life. You are not one to refuse the joys of the palate, the eye, the ear and whatever else you can get your mind and body round. No matter how immense your projects or public your image, you are always furiously involved in seeking new ways to pleasure yourself.

Your drive to achieve fame and fortune is powered by your ambition to please, to win approval, and

to get your ideas and persona across to your audience or public. You love praise. Being admired is your drug of choice. You are a perfectionist in your work and stop at nothing to learn more, ever challenging your intellect to break through new territory and find novel means of transporting both your charismatic image and powerhouse ideas to the world.

All Wood Snakes fear rejection and abandonment. It is difficult for you to accept flaws in others. You want your partner to be wholly attentive to and responsible for your well-being. You require constant attention and big doses of compassion and understanding in order to survive. You also need security and a calm environment to thrive. If the object of your affection cannot provide these or doesn't measure up to your draconian criteria, your heart may be broken.

Although you demand intellectual freedom for yourself and are scandalously flirtatious - even sometimes unfaithful - you are jealous, exclusive and monopolistic when it comes to love. You will never take a back seat or allow total freedom to your partner. For the sake of your love, you are not above dissembling and committing emotional blackmail. You will make your loved one feel guilty until he or she either conforms to your ideal or gives up and leaves. Emotional involvement with you is anything but simple: the rules are hard to follow for anyone who has outside interests. Extricating oneself is even harder.

Because being left alone is exactly what you fear most, the loss of a loved one can mean physical as well as nervous collapse. Serious illness and depression may overcome you. The road back will be long and arduous but you do come back and, once restored in body and mind, you enjoy renewed stability, rekindled ardor and belief in the all-powerful emotion for which you truly live - love.

People adore you. Your presence is always desirable as you talk easily and have a quick sense of humor. The Wood Snake really likes social intercourse: you're happiest when surrounded and adored. You're friendliest when you know you are liked. You are a wonderful companion whose wise advice is invaluable to your many acquaintances. You're a fervent advocate of the arts. You spend much time and money promoting cultural activities. Your home is a showplace of precious works of art and antiques. You entertain with generosity and style. Your manner is obliging and, as long as your own advancement and personal interests are in no way compromised, you will go far out of your way to accommodate those you care for.

CHINESE SIGNS FOR MEN

Males and Females behave differently. Below is the gender specific description of your Chinese sign:

MALE SNAKE

You are equally as adorable as your female counterpart. You are handsomely good-looking. Although not usually of heroic physical proportions, you are well built, boasting a muscular frame and a nice flat tummy. Your hips are slim and your bottom firm and attractive. You walk lightly and are inordinately supple. You have long legs, yet are not especially tall. You were born distinguished. You are smooth talking, dignified and mannerly, rarely raising your voice or stooping to exhibit aggressive or vulgar behavior.

Facially, you boast a refined, delicate bone structure. Regular features without any outstanding flaws are the rule. Your eyes are heavily lashed, adding to the air of dreaminess and unreality for which you are famous. Your mouth is heart-shaped and your forehead both broad and smooth. Your hair is long and silky all your life. You have an aquiline nose - a true sign of nobility. But your rounded chin shows that, at times, your will can be weak.

Although you do it subtly, you love to show off your body. You adore being looked at and willingly exhibit your physical endowments in intimate, and even not so intimate, gatherings. You are very fastidious about your appearance. You go in for affectation, too: it is not unusual to see you wearing gloves or sporting other exaggerated refinements.

You benefit from a sunny personality and pleasing manner. You readily engage in idle chitchat, which has special appeal for potential love partners. You always have time for the latest gossip, to comment on the silken fabric of her skirt or his cravate, or to notice the way someone has changed his or her hair.

You are just as sensitive as you are affable. You require harmony and seek pacific environments wherein no rudeness or vulgarity exist. You hate disruption, haste, abrupt change and hostility. Your inner peace depends on how much security you can create around your person. Your need for psychological well-being, created for you by others and never by yourself, makes you vulnerable to negative influences.

You learn early that to maintain your security, you must force yourself to appear non-confrontational, compliant, and meek. To accomplish this, you adopt a style of exercising caution and vigilance at all times. You are circumspect and prudent, scrutinizing every situation for tension or danger. Whenever you sense tension, you attempt to smooth things over, settle quarrels, and get your life back on an even keel. Any gift you might have for entrepreneurship can be hampered because you are so often afraid to make a false move.

Some people may see you as lazy. Yet, when you work, you work very hard. However, when you stop working, you often lie down. You are quite compromising and can be manipulated by people

less scrupulous than you. You are also an inveterate fib teller. You wriggle your way in and out of conflict until sometimes even you no longer know what the truth is. In fact, you are only trying to secure the necessary goodwill you need from others in order to survive. You can be tough, but you are not a fighter or a bully. You are never vengeful and are rarely reproachful of those you love.

You are an intellectual. Whether educated or not, you are intensely curious and seek to be informed about life. You are also intimately aware of the complexity and profundity of the human condition. You are patient, showing indulgence for the follies and vicissitudes of those who call on you for your intelligent advice. You have a natural sense of equity and fair play, and you make an honest effort to weigh all sides of a question.

The downside of your talent for giving good, levelheaded advice is that you may take forever to make up your mind. Your life is fraught with deliberation and hesitation. You lack the capacity for ready decision-making and agonizingly resist committing to a firm point of view.

Your mind is a veritable mosaic composed of secret spiritual depths and poetic, romantic considerations. You're a strong, silent type and a dyed-in-the-wool visionary. You are sensitive to the tiniest shift in emotion and will react to events almost before they happen, as though you were gifted with extrasensory perception.

You, like your female counterpart, believe in the basic virtue of humankind. You trust in the essential power of good over evil and of reason over folly. You long for altruism to triumph over violence and hatred, and will spend large portions of your time hunting for solutions to the inequities you so strongly desire to see eliminated.

You are incurably romantic. You see your role as a professional lover, Lothario and tender-loving-care giver as a mission. Your love of your fellow (men and women alike) is so great and your ability to love them so enormous that you find you can never leave them alone. You are princely in your desire to take the failing masses under your tutelage or to lend a helping hand to a chum. When you take on a "case," your motives are pure and noble. You are driven by real compassion for the victim's sad situation. You sincerely want to help. The flaw here is that you are also possessive and would sometimes prefer that your charges not become independent of you and fly away.

It is said that yours is the sexiest of all the Chinese zodiac signs. You cannot resist the temptation to seduce every man or woman you meet. Although your aim is to get them into bed, you don't despair if you do not at first succeed. As far as you're concerned, there will always be a next time.

You are in love with love and lovemaking. Love, you feel, is supposed to be free for everybody, a simple human pleasure or commodity laid on by God. You deplore exclusivity, except, of course, for your own mate, whom you know could never stray from your magnetic side. You are essentially a family man and because of that, no matter what crazy complications arise, you always slither back home to take care of your responsibilities.

Usually, you choose a life partner who adores you absolutely. Therefore you are fairly certain never to feel the crushing rejection you so abhor. No matter how inconstant you are or how numerous and

blatant your infidelities, you would almost never divorce unless you were divorced first. Love represents your sustenance. Infidelity is just a toy. Miraculously, once in a while, you do stay physically faithful, swearing off your addiction to conjugal infidelity, but it would be over-idealistic to imagine that you could stay on the wagon forever.

You can choose from many different careers. You are intelligent, lucid and wise about all affairs except your own, creative and sensitive to all that is artistic and harmonious, and eminently capable of assuming a post of authority and handling high official or executive positions. At work, you are responsible and operate out of deep conviction. You should never be called upon solely to perform manual labor. Not only are you clumsy at such jobs, but you are at risk of accident.

Your creative abilities, coupled with your good looks, make you naturally prepared to engage in all artistic professions such as painting or decorating, designing, hairdressing, haute couture, dancing, acting, singing or performing as an entertainer. As you are both altruistic and deep-thinking, you can be successful as a philosopher, psychologist, detective, physician, researcher, scholar or scientist. Your business acumen is excellent. You make a willing team member (even if you prefer to be the leader) as you know how to work effectively in groups. Diplomacy is an art and you know how to manipulate others skilfully. You might choose jobs in journalism, the foreign service, agenting (travel and other), or even espionage.

You are potentially lethargic and should be firmly disciplined as you are growing up. It may be hard going at first, but if you finally learn self-control and concentration, you may indeed be able to take over the world.

Returning to your romantic life, your popularity with potential love partners is not entirely of your own making. As mentioned earlier, you are tremendously attractive. You are not only physically winning, your gentle heart is like an open rose, fresh and full of promise. Lovers simply fall at your feet. They sense your willingness to love them just as they are. You adore them. And they adore you. You're a smashing lover, fearless and expert at giving pleasure to your partner. Sometimes you fall in love with several people at once and are at a loss to refuse because you feel strongly for each. You are always kind and never vicious or false in love.