

# Your Spiritual Path

## for Britney Spears

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Planet	Sign	Position	House	House Cusps
Sun	Sagittarius	02°Sg21'	12th	01 03°Cp17'
Moon	Pisces	15°Pi11'	03rd	02 25°Cp15'
Mercury	Sagittarius	05°Sg18'	12th	03 18°Aq45'
Venus	Sagittarius	07°Sg33'	12th	04 16°Pi53'
Mars	Capricorn	18°Cp11'	01st	05 21°Ar17'
Jupiter	Scorpio	23°Sc23'	11th	06 28°Ta51'
Saturn	Libra	29°Li31'	11th	07 03°Ca17'
Uranus	Sagittarius	04°Sg44'	12th	08 25°Ca15'
Neptune	Sagittarius	25°Sg52'	12th	09 18°Le45'
Pluto	Libra	28°Li13'	11th	10 16°Vi53'
Midheaven	Virgo	16°Vi53'		11 21°Li17'
Ascendant	Capricorn	03°Cp17'		12 28°Sc51'

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## YOUR SPIRITUAL PATH

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

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

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

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

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

## YOUR CREATIVE PROCESS

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

With the Sun in Sagittarius, you are primarily the Intuitive type. Intuitive types listen to their unconscious sources of information, eschewing normal perception. In fact, they are often largely unaware of what is around them in the material world. These people are the inventors, the artists, the forward thinkers because they can see the possibilities of an idea, often before the means of developing it are apparent. Therefore they pursue what they know the world is not yet prepared for. Intuitives jump to conclusions, yes, but not necessarily without the intermediate steps. They either go through those steps at light speed by sizing up an underlying principle or they simply recognize an inevitable match of an idea's potential with their own desires. Intuitives fit into the educational system rather well, as many high school and college courses make use of the deductive skills intuitives share with the thinking type. You may respond well to the timed testing that is prevalent today. You can master the complexities of mathematics because you can grasp the results without having to ground your learning in some physical way. Intuitives contribute through their inventiveness. You are generally willing to sacrifice the pleasure of the moment in the hope of greater future achievement. You are also restless and crave inspiration. Because you thrive in situations where getting to the answer is important, you are good at problem-solving and tasks that require ingenuity. Careers in the creative arts, religious inspiration and scientific discovery all suit the intuitive type. You can become an inspired leader or promoter. For you the game is more important than winning, the chase more interesting than the end result.

## HOW YOU EXPRESS YOUR WILL

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

I will be impractical (when idealism does not require it). I will be dogmatic (when definite is enough). I will be gullible (when honest assessment is better). I will scatter my energy (when a philosophical attitude accomplishes more). I will gamble (when a little play is enough). I will be self-righteous (when justice needs a bit of mercy).

Your Sun is in the 3rd house. The shoulder, arms, hands and lungs are the physical focus for your body. You may find that you can feel other people's emotions deeply. You also need to care for your own physical health, as the breath is the source of your capacity to communicate. You take an intellectual approach to life, yet you have tremendous daring when you need it. You are likely to learn through listening to others, and you absorb information wherever you go. You enjoy wandering through the environment, noting the richness of nature and architecture. The more you see and hear, the more sensitive you become to the nuances of the physical environment. Then you begin to hear and see on a different level. Touch becomes a medium of psychic communication for you.

## ASPECTS OF THE SUN

The spiritual character you portray to the world is a comfortable reflection of the spirit within your being. You move through life with serenity born of the fact that your expression reflects your inner nature clearly. Common sense guides your daily activities, and this is just as true of your spiritual path. You study and evaluate what you are taught, and you apply your spiritual values in your daily work and play activities, not separating one from the other. Your revolutionary attitude causes you to leave one spiritual idea and move to the next. You will benefit by retaining the value from the past while moving toward the future. You have an unusual knack for joining apparently disparate ideas into a logical whole.

## CORE BELIEFS

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

## THE MOON

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

With the Moon in Aquarius, your secondary mental style is primarily the Thinking type. Your inner voice is logical - perhaps too logical - and it can have an aloof, cold quality. You may find yourself critiquing your actions in a logical way when your emotional or other response was perfectly suited to the situation. The inner voice can be used to analyze your actions, but you will want to avoid becoming obsessive about every detail of your life. Internal logic is useful in school and other learning situations, as it serves to gather and organize large quantities of material quickly and neatly. A very real advantage of this inner thinking style is that you may reach a conclusion intuitively or on the basis of feelings, and then examine its logical basis at your leisure. The ability to apply reason to your life - cognitive skills - can help you to be socially graceful while also serving your personal desires. You also develop a capacity for delayed gratification of sensual impulses that would not serve your best interests. If an impulse is evaluated and the logic holds up, then you can take action, knowing that you are not violating your internal intellectual.

Your typically aloof nature provides a logical, objective method for examining beliefs. You may argue about issues that reveal illogical patterns or constructs, and you calmly and coolly change your own mind.

### ASPECTS OF THE MOON

The spiritual character you portray to the world is a comfortable reflection of the spirit within your being. You move through life with serenity born of the fact that your expression reflects your inner nature clearly. Others sometimes feel you are depressed or that you place unrealistic limits on your own actions. Actually it is through such discipline that you allow your spirit to rise to the occasion when called by duty. Women inspire your spiritual life just as they influence you in other ways. Your soul and persona are well aligned. Thus other people are seldom surprised by your decisions and actions.

## THE FOURTH HOUSE

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

You have Capricorn on the Fourth House cusp. Your home is your castle and it is also the place where you guard your deepest beliefs. One of these is your sense of the karmic (or dharmic) path you are on. For you, life is about effective action. If a closely held family belief has practical applications in your life, you will retain the belief despite its inconsistencies or contradiction with other values. This sometimes causes you to appear to be far more rigid than you actually are. It also can lead you to act in less than spiritually evolved ways.

You may find a teacher who is able to give you organized instruction to supplement your early childhood education and family values. Such a teacher can guide you through the process of evaluating and discarding values that no longer suit your spiritual path. Though even here you must remember that you are the source of your own best instruction where spirit is concerned.

In childhood you tend to respond to the animal and desire nature of your being, basing your beliefs on material matters. Throughout your life you grow into beliefs that address the nature of form and spirit. In the process you re-evaluate your beliefs and either discard or reshape them to fit with your higher aspirations. Thus it is out of the earlier attention to desire and matter that your spirit can arise and evolve.

### **The Inner Voice**

Planets in the Fourth House reflect the inner voice that accompanies you throughout your life. They indicate the kind of people and experiences that most directly connect you to your core beliefs.

### **Planets in the Fourth House**

#### **Venus in 4th House:**

Women focus your attention on the social values that underlie your beliefs. They show you that it isn't just about you, but includes broader interpersonal significance. Awareness of the nurturing component of interaction is key to your learning process.

### **Fourth House Aspects**

Your creative capacity, whether it be through the arts, sexuality, or other vehicles, brings you into contact with your spirituality. Your own sensitivity can help you to cultivate a more tactful nature. Your sense of form and harmony extend into the important relationships of your life. You seek a strong philosophical connection to match the physical passion. Faithfulness is a key factor if your relationship

is to support your spiritual growth, and trust has to work both ways in the partnership. You may find that your best sexual relationships are with individuals who are significantly older or younger than yourself. The role of teacher is so significant in your life that it may pervade your love life. You will need to overcome a sense of reserve or inhibition to deepen your spiritual connection. Your sexual intensity can lead you into all the wrong kinds of relationships. With a bit of judgment however, that very intensity can set you and your partner on the path of creative expression, and can stimulate bursts of spiritual consciousness. Allow time in between to integrate your experiences. Your generally affectionate nature attracts both good and bad influences. You have to sort them out for yourself.

### **Communication and Mental Development**

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

### **Training Your Conscious Mind**

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

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

## ELEMENT OF MERCURY

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

With Mercury in Sagittarius, your communication style is primarily the Intuitive type. Spiritual healing and well being develop through the conflict between the present and the future. Because healing energy is directed through intellect, you benefit from mental training that focuses on listening to intuition and feelings first, and then seeks ways to confirm that information through logical means. Healing on the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual levels occurs when conflict is accepted and examined, and then resolved.

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

You enjoy pursuing ideas to their logical and/or philosophical outcome. You cultivate relationships with teachers throughout your life, and you may become a skilled teacher in your own right. Mental training is second nature to you.

Your Mercury is in the 3rd House. You love change, and this may hinder your spiritual development if you skip from one practice to another without engaging any practice in depth. A consistent meditative practice can provide an anchor for your otherwise active business and personal life.

### MERCURY ASPECTS

Common sense guides your daily activities, and this is just as true of your spiritual path. You study and evaluate what you are taught, and you apply your spiritual values in your daily work and play activities, not separating one from the other. Intuition speaks to you about the future, so you are generally not surprised when changes occur. You can be of tremendous help to others because you are usually prepared. Too many activities can dissipate your spiritual strength. Your critical nature is put to good use when you save it for essential situations and let people relax into their own strengths the rest of the time.

## SELF ESTEEM AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPIRITUAL PARTNERSHIPS

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

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

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

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

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

With Venus in Capricorn, your best approach to healthy partnering is through the Sensation function. You love comfort. And you find you are most comfortable when your somewhat scientific perspective matches your inner sense of propriety. You seek love in your life, not just to satisfy physical urges, but also to create a space in which you can express your intelligence.

You pay close attention to the results of all your activities. If things end up "done," but done badly, you are not satisfied. You learn more from your own experience and from social contact with older or younger people, and less from peers.

Your Venus is in the 4th House. Women focus your attention on the social values that underlie your beliefs. They show you that it isn't just about you, but includes broader interpersonal significance. Awareness of the nurturing component of interaction is key to your learning process.

## VENUS ASPECTS

Your creative capacity, whether it be through the arts, sexuality, or other vehicles, brings you into contact with your spirituality. Your own sensitivity can help you to cultivate a more tactful nature. Your sense of form and harmony extend into the important relationships of your life. You seek a strong philosophical connection to match the physical passion. Faithfulness is a key factor if your relationship is to support your spiritual growth, and trust has to work both ways in the partnership. You may find that your best sexual relationships are with individuals who are significantly older or younger than yourself. The role of teacher is so significant in your life that it may pervade your love life. You will need to overcome a sense of reserve or inhibition to deepen your spiritual connection. Your sexual intensity can lead you into all the wrong kinds of relationships. With a bit of judgment however, that very intensity can set you and your partner on the path of creative expression, and can stimulate bursts of spiritual consciousness. Allow time in between to integrate your experiences. You tend to fall in love in some way with each person you meet, seeing the spiritual light within them and acknowledging it directly. You can surround yourself with people who share your artistic and romantic sensibilities, and also learn to adapt your capacity for love to the necessities of each situation. Your generally affectionate nature attracts both good and bad influences. You have to sort them out for yourself.

## **DOUBT, RESISTANCE, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF PSYCHIC ABILITY**

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

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

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

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

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

## DEVELOPING YOUR PSYCHIC ABILITY

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

With Neptune in Sagittarius, your private, psychic style is primarily the Intuitive type.

You often know things before other people even have a clue. You are well positioned to take advantage of this advance information and may thrive in environments where being ahead of the game is important.

You also are adept at considering all facets of a problem thoroughly before taking action. You are willing to read up on a subject, interview experts, or perhaps discuss the topic with like-minded friends and family. If someone you respect is enthusiastic about a new field, you will learn all that you can about it.

Whatever your interests, you always find a way to fit them into your larger worldview, and that includes the spiritual plane. If something doesn't fit, you either work to find a way to make it fit, or you eventually discard it. Until you develop this capacity for discrimination, you go from one thing to another without any apparent direction. In the end, however, all these threads will tend to come back together, and whatever is not useful will be set aside.

Neptune is in the 3rd House. Your very impressionability makes you a great story teller. In the process of reading everything you can get your hands on, you will discover avenues for your spiritual development that are quite different from traditional family values.

### NEPTUNE ASPECTS

You are all too aware of your own weaknesses and need to develop a sure sense of your own spiritual motivation. Then relationships with others form on established ground of inspiration and compassion. As you overcome the urge to indulge in momentary physical pleasures, you build the capacity for spiritual ecstasy. You understand suffering and are well able to alleviate it for others. One spiritual outcome is that you learn to accept help when you most need it yourself, thereby helping others to develop compassion. You are sensitive to the urgings of your inner voice, and you may even hear the voice within other people. You will experience visions and other forms of psychic awareness.

## THE TWELFTH HOUSE

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

You have Virgo on the Twelfth House cusp. Before you can engage in spiritual service to others, you must learn about your inner thoughts and desires. A contemplative practice that takes you out of the hustle and bustle, and gets you to sit still will encourage your inner voice to reveal itself.

## PLANETS IN THE TWELFTH HOUSE

Planets in the Twelfth House have just risen over the horizon. They have a quality similar to the Sun in that they are casting their influence on you in a fresh, genuine expression of their energy. You accept this energy and consider it, but you may not choose to reveal your thoughts to anyone else.

Both doubts and psychic strengths are a reflection of planets in the Twelfth House that serve as guideposts along the path of self-discovery. Your private thoughts may center on the qualities these planets represent. Your teachers may exemplify the qualities of these planets to the extent that they reach your inner psychic core and help you understand your potential. In the end these planets indicate qualities that you can bring into the world to help others, as well as the feelings of compassion surrounding all your activities.

### **Mars in 12th House:**

The focus of your spiritual persona is on issues hidden deep in the Collective Unconscious. You experience the upwelling of images that have affected people throughout history, and you seek to fit them into your spiritual perspective. Deeply introspective, you are able to listen to your inner voice and follow its urging. To the extent that you cultivate self-examination, you come to see the world as a container for your life, and not as an enemy to be fought against.

## TWELFTH HOUSE ASPECTS

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## DEATH AND TRANSFORMATION AS SPIRITUAL PROCESSES

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

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

### PLUTO ASPECTS

Your sexual intensity can lead you into all the wrong kinds of relationships. With a bit of judgment however, that very intensity can set you and your partner on the path of creative expression, and can stimulate bursts of spiritual consciousness. Allow time in between to integrate your experiences. You desire to be the teacher, and you may chafe under the tutelage of a spiritual guru. Ego is the obstacle. Spiritual progress is generally not compatible with a desire to rule over others. Yet you have within you the makings of a great leader. Balance of desires is the key to success. You can be cruel, and thus you cause relationships to end long before their time. Balance your severe demeanor with silent activity in which you cultivate a spiritual attitude that allows compassion to show through. You are sensitive to the urgings of your inner voice, and you may even hear the voice within other people. You will experience visions and other forms of psychic awareness. Your vision focuses on the common destiny of large groups of people, and not on the day-to-day details of life. When you find yourself in the public eye, you may feel that your personal efforts have a limited effect. Look for the karmic links in your associations with others. You have the capacity to reshape your life into whatever you desire. In the long run you transcend base desires by recognizing power and working with it, not by trying to own it.

### THE EIGHTH HOUSE

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

You have Taurus on the Eighth House cusp. If you stubbornly resist change in your life, you will

constantly find yourself against the wall with nowhere to go. More than for most people, transformation is of the essence of your life, because you have the capacity to be up against the wall, hugging it for dear life, before you discover the doorway right in front of you into the next phase of your life. You simply need to release the latch and walk through.

Once you get past your stubborn attachment to having the path be exactly as you have planned it, you find that your intelligence leads you to express love for other beings and for yourself. When this happens, you act on the soul level and you no longer need to hold on to an idea, a material possession, or an emotion. Then each transition becomes an opportunity instead of an obstacle.

## THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTUITION

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

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

The planet associated with intuition is Uranus. With Uranus in Sagittarius, your intuition works best through the Intuitive function. Much of your inspiration for your work comes from intuitive insight into future applications and results of your efforts. As your confidence in this ability to forecast trends, you gain the trust of the people around you. You focus your connection to the spiritual realm through attention to potential future results of today's actions. You are inspired to be your best when you can foresee a positive outcome.

*Your Uranus is in the 12th House. Your insight into your past - even past lives, is sometimes very intense. What is more interesting is your unique ability to see into the future, thus reducing any doubts you may have about your current life.*

### URANUS ASPECTS

Your revolutionary attitude causes you to leave one spiritual idea and move to the next. You will benefit by retaining the value from the past while moving toward the future. You have an unusual knack for joining apparently disparate ideas into a logical whole. Intuition speaks to you about the future, so you are generally not surprised when changes occur. You can be of tremendous help to others because you are usually prepared. Too many activities can dissipate your spiritual strength. You can grasp the energy of the group and express it clearly so that everyone understands. You may have very unusual dreams that show you the best spiritual direction. You are quick to respond, and intuition helps you find the right answers. You may upset others with your enthusiasm.

## **THE MIDHEAVEN: SELF-AWARENESS AND THE USE OF INTUITION**

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

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

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

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

Beneath the subconscious desire to be the authority figure in your own life, you find you seek intelligent activity. Not one to be satisfied with methods you learn from others, you seek to formulate your own procedures, based on factual knowledge, personal experience, and instruction or training from established sources. In the process of developing better processes, you may appear dictatorial, limiting the activities of others or restricting them to what you approve. True intelligent activity will come to allow the creative problem solving of others to play a part, with you acting more as a guidance system.

Your understanding of how to direct activity effectively helps to get you past any rigid controlling behaviors. Each experience is assimilated into your matrix of resources, expanding your potential to be more effective in the future. You learn to engage in more effective action and thus become a valuable asset within your family, work and social spheres, as you can be depended onto find more satisfactory solutions for personal and interpersonal problems.

### **MIDHEAVEN ASPECTS**

You have the capacity to become fully conscious of your spiritual values and the path you follow this lifetime. You also can become content with your progress toward self-awareness. You have the capacity to reshape your life into whatever you desire. In the long run you transcend base desires by recognizing power and working with it, not be trying to own it.

## KARMA AND DHARMA

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

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

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

## SATURN ASPECTS

Others sometimes feel you are depressed or that you place unrealistic limits on your own actions. Actually it is through such discipline that you allow your spirit to rise to the occasion when called by duty. You may find that your best sexual relationships are with individuals who are significantly older or younger than yourself. The role of teacher is so significant in your life that it may pervade your love life. You will need to overcome a sense of reserve or inhibition to deepen your spiritual connection. You understand suffering and are well able to alleviate it for others. One spiritual outcome is that you learn to accept help when you most need it yourself, thereby helping others to develop compassion. You can be cruel, and thus you cause relationships to end long before their time. Balance your severe demeanor with silent activity in which you cultivate a spiritual attitude that allows compassion to show through. Associations with individuals much older than yourself are the stuff of your spiritual education. Examine your inhibitions (you have some), and seek to break out of your natural desire to isolate yourself.

## TRANSCENDENT VALUES

Behind what you know about yourself - behind all other considerations of spirituality, lie the transcendent values that are most important to you. These are the values you have worked to discover from among all the rules you have been taught. They are the reason you have read books, studied with teachers, privately pondered and examined the events of your life. They are the fundamental principles

that you believe will help you find fulfillment as a human being. As such they are the source of energy behind your self-awareness, the motivation of your spiritual search, and the principles that you apply to your dharma, or life path.

With Jupiter in Scorpio, your approach to and understanding of transcendent values is primarily through the Feeling function. You find it easy to expand your emotional range to encompass other people, large projects, and even global thinking. You naturally want to engage with others because this is one of the principal ways you learn. While you may use intellect skillfully in your daily activities, it is at the emotional heart level that you connect to the planet, to humanity, and to spirit. It may seem that fusion of heart and mind is easier when Jupiter is in a water sign because we ordinarily experience the values of the heart in an emotional way. However, such fusion is not limited to water signs, nor do water signs limit the possible expression of transcendent values in any way. One advantage to this placement is that a constant flow of spiritual energy is possible. You may benefit from a meditation practice that focuses on the flows of energy through your body, whether it be breath or energy on a higher plane.

You are somewhat ruthless in your striving for emotional fulfillment that falls short of your spiritual aspirations. Instead of focusing on physical pleasure, contemplative practice can elevate your material desire to the level of spiritual yearning. Then all activities - even sexual - can provide spiritual ecstasy.

## **ASPECTS OF JUPITER**

Your sense of form and harmony extend into the important relationships of your life. You seek a strong philosophical connection to match the physical passion. Faithfulness is a key factor if your relationship is to support your spiritual growth, and trust has to work both ways in the partnership. You desire to be the teacher, and you may chafe under the tutelage of a spiritual guru. Ego is the obstacle. Spiritual progress is generally not compatible with a desire to rule over others. Yet you have within you the makings of a great leader. Balance of desires is the key to success. Generally you find your associations with others to be advantageous. As your spiritual awareness grows, this becomes a more consistent element of your life, until you are able to avoid or manage all contacts by evoking tact and harmony, even in one who would be your opponent. You have the capacity to become fully conscious of your spiritual values and the path you follow this lifetime. You also can become content with your progress toward self-awareness.

## **THE NINTH HOUSE**

You have Gemini on the Ninth House cusp. The first value you have to understand is perceived duality in the physical world. Because all perceptions are a function of this perception, you will need to sharpen your powers of observation, and learn to perceive things without judgment. A second value lies

in the understanding of change. You have the capacity to understand the processes of change on every level. As you gain this understanding you come to see the consistency of change within the whole of being. The third value is abstract mental power. You learn the ability to exert your intelligence, free of attachment to the material world, gaining "concrete" knowledge on the spiritual plane. Then you can understand the true causes behind all manifestations.

## MARS: YOUR SPIRITUAL PERSONA

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

### The Element of Mars

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

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

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

### House Placement of Mars

Your Mars is in the 12th House. The focus of your spiritual persona is on issues hidden deep in the Collective Unconscious. You experience the upwelling of images that have affected people throughout history, and you seek to fit them into your spiritual perspective. Deeply introspective, you are able to listen to your inner voice and follow its urging. To the extent that you cultivate self-examination, you come to see the world as a container for your life, and not as an enemy to be fought against.

### **Mars Aspects**

Your creative capacity, whether it be through the arts, sexuality, or other vehicles, brings you into contact with your spirituality. Your own sensitivity can help you to cultivate a more tactful nature. You are all too aware of your own weaknesses and need to develop a sure sense of your own spiritual motivation. Then relationships with others form on established ground of inspiration and compassion. As you overcome the urge to indulge in momentary physical pleasures, you build the capacity for spiritual ecstasy. It is important for you to maintain a consistent rhythm, including the physical, astral and spiritual in your daily meditation. Working with others lifts you spiritually.

## THE ASCENDANT: EXPRESSING SPIRIT IN THE WORLD

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

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

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

### YOUR RISING SIGN (ASCENDANT)

In some ways your persona is the balance of an object at rest. Metaphysically you appreciate the space between activities, so your persona reflects that kind of calm. This contemplative expression indicates that you can achieve a balance between your physical life and your soul life. As you learn to work with duality in a conscious way, your persona becomes calmer and you are able to effect change in the world without stirring up the energy more than necessary.

The tendency to balance and calm is part of what makes you a welcome guest. You can be counted on to enrich conversation both by listening actively and participating with clear questions, ideas, and an occasional opinion. You cultivate harmony among the people around you, and thus make a strong team member who can be counted on to keep the goal in mind in the midst of discussion.

As your spiritual path unfolds, you find that your sexual and other material desires change. You are still a physical beings with needs and desires, but your motivations take on the quality of spiritual aspiration. Instead of engaging in sex for the sake of sex, you seek partners who share a spiritual affinity that allows you both to experience ecstasy through your relationship. Sometimes this even means engaging in activities that transcend the physical realm without using physical contact as the avenue of approach.

Sometimes we see an older couple hanging out together. They don't seem to talk very much, but we can see that they are attuned to each other. They investigate whatever catches the eye, pointing out things to each other. They are calm, not rushing their activity but following its natural pace. The outer appearance reflects an inner spiritual attunement that is the hallmark of the Libra Ascendant.

Libra Ascendants are vulnerable to any excess that throws the physical body out of harmony. This can result in a variety of ailments involving the kidneys, bladder and sexual organs. You can enjoy life best by exercising a degree of moderation. In this way you demonstrate respect for yourself and your partner on the physical and spiritual level.

### **ASCENDANT ASPECTS**

Women inspire your spiritual life just as they influence you in other ways. Your soul and persona are well aligned. Thus other people are seldom surprised by your decisions and actions. Your critical nature is put to good use when you save it for essential situations and let people relax into their own strengths the rest of the time. Your generally affectionate nature attracts both good and bad influences. You have to sort them out for yourself. You are quick to respond, and intuition helps you find the right answers. You may upset others with your enthusiasm.

### **CONCLUSION**

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