

Natal Chart Interpretation
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OVERVIEW

The Natal Chart as a Map, and How the Map Is Used

The natal chart, or birth chart, is a “map” of the position of celestial bodies and mathematically-derived points in the sky at the very time a person is born. If you could have looked 360 degrees around the sky at the moment you took your first breath, you would have seen the placement of The Cosmos—in perfect position for you and who you are, providing you with the lifelong tools to allow you to become your truest, most authentic self and be outfitted in such a way that you have the potential to fulfill your deepest life purpose. The natal chart is essentially a map of the psyche, and it provides a framework for understanding the complexities of personality and life challenges that make us who we are.

Think of each of the **planets** or other celestial bodies as a **character** (a part of you) performing their role on the stage of your life. The **astrological sign** describes the **role** the character plays. The twelve **houses** each describe an **area of life**, or the stage setting, in which that particular character, or part of you, experiences itself at its highest expression. As you look at your chart, you’ll note that you have more planets or points in certain houses than others. Your 6th House looks empty, for instance, but your experience of the 6th House is also understood by the sign, Aquarius in your case, at the cusp of the 6th House. If we were to bring in additional celestial bodies (asteroids, other planetary moons, etc.) onto your natal chart, you would probably eventually have something placed in the 6th House. This report focuses only on the primary planets and points recognized in western astrology.

Each of the planets, signs, and houses is associated with an element: fire (action), earth (practicality), air (the mind), or water (emotion). Keep in mind that each planet, sign, and house is *multivalent* – we associate an overall type of quality to them, but the quality is expressed in multiple ways. The sign of Pisces, for instance, correlates to sensitivity, and this sensitivity can be experienced at different times as emotional sensitivity, compassion, intuition, creative flow, and/or spiritual attunement.

Astrology is a language, an art, and a 5,000-years-old wisdom tradition. It provides endless opportunity for understanding human experience.

In every person’s natal chart there are repeated psychological and spiritual themes. This report describes those themes that are the strongest. I may describe a particular theme citing just one or two planets as the basis of my interpretation, but know that there are likely additional planetary placements in your chart that speak to and support your experience of this same theme.

In astrology, we refer to the Sun and Moon as planets, as shorthand so that we don't have to say "the celestial bodies" every time. When I refer to "the planets" in this report, I am including the Sun and Moon.

Your Core Personality, Greatest Fulfillment, and Soul Path

If you were to focus only on these three parts of your natal chart and nothing more, you would provide yourself with a great gift. It's helpful to think of these three as layers of yourself, kind of like Russian stacking dolls, with one part of you inside another part, inside another part. The outer layer, or shell, is the Rising Sign, and this is the first energy you naturally show to the world.

When you were born, the **Sun** was in the sign of Sagittarius, and the **Moon** was in the sign of Pisces. If the Ascendant represents your outermost persona, the Sun represents your next layer in, and the Moon your center. The Sun's astrological placement describes a person's will and purpose, their day-to-day personality—the core Self; the Hero. Your **Sagittarius Sun** gives you an overall sense of optimism, a very strong curiosity about life, and a need to *explore*—whether through travel or through intellectual means—and make meaning of what you experience and learn. At the core of your being, the Moon rules your emotions and describes how you respond to change. Your **Pisces Moon** indicates that you feel emotions deeply, and you must seek solitude or retreat when under stress. It's important for you to learn to establish emotional boundaries. Your **Ascendant**, or Rising Sign, is in the sign of Virgo. The Ascendant describes the natural way in which we experience the world and the way the world experiences us. With a **Virgo Ascendant**, reserve, receptivity, and discernment play a key role in the way in which you approach life.

The **Part of Fortune** represents a convergence of Rising, Sun, and Moon energies; it describes how these parts of you, making up your personal will, are experienced together in their fullest essence. It is where you find your greatest sense of fulfillment. where you in your greatest sense of flow and purpose. With your Part of Fortune in Cancer in the 11th House, you experience your greatest flow when you align yourself with your highest ideals, where you are able to nurture others in a way that serves the common good. You also experience this sense of greatest flow when you are with like-minded, forward-thinking, caring people.

The **North Node** describes your soul's evolutionary journey in this incarnation. Your North node suggests that you must learn to view your closest relationships as a valuable resource, one that reinforces your sense of self as an individual. Every other planetary placement and point in your chart provides you with the challenges and astrological tools to help you move along your North Node path.

Recurring Themes

In your chart, recurring themes are: strong intellectual curiosity, excellent communication and teaching skills, you are orderly and responsible, you are driven to work for the betterment of society as a whole. You have a strong moral compass. Spiritual attunement is essential for you.

ASCENDENT (RISING SIGN) in the Sign of Virgo

The Rising Sign, or Ascendant, describes a person's outermost energy or persona that they first present to others and which others first see. It represents the way a person actively merges with life in the outer world when their energy is flowing spontaneously. When you were born at 12:02 a.m. in Easton, Pennsylvania, the Sun was coming up over the horizon on another side of Earth, in the Sign of Virgo.

With this Rising Sign placement, you are initially experienced by others as quite discerning, with a wide range of knowledge on different topics. You naturally have a desire to be of service, and to make things better and more orderly. You may also have a preoccupation with health concerns. Virgo Rising wants to be of useful, humble, selfless service, and its overall mission is one of noble principle and purpose. Virgo seeks perfection. Virgo's commitment to making things better is so strong that it can be experienced by others as criticism or judgement, especially by others who are feeling vulnerable.

The Ascendent represents the entry point to the natal chart, and likewise it is understood as a gateway to the rest of an individual person's psyche. This gateway is a place of transition between what is entirely our own individual, internal psychological makeup and what is energy that belongs to other people and experiences outside of us. Since our Rising Sign energy comes to us naturally and spontaneously, from time to time we all find ourselves too far extended into our exterior Rising Sign energy. We find ourselves too far merged with other peoples' stuff or problems that are not ours, and we burn out. It is essential that we give ourselves permission to rein ourselves in, and to decide how far out of the gateway and into the external energy field it is actually useful for us to go.

For Virgo Rising, the external world is sometimes too much to bear, because it is so imperfect. Virgo wants to trouble-shoot and make everything better, but the world is full of endless problems and trouble. It's easy for you, Virgo Rising, to burn out around the world's ills and imperfections. It's also easy for you to burn out when assessing and analyzing yourself, because you as a human being are inherently quite imperfect. Self-criticism is a trait that you must learn to continually rein in, if you are to truly be of highest service to others. At the same time, becoming too far extended in selflessness is something you must learn to rein in. Remember that self-care and self-awareness are essential, not selfish.

The Rising Sign energy is one that we naturally bring into a room with us, especially into a room full of strangers. As an earth sign, Virgo brings with it a certain reserve. It is an inward, yin energy. I like to use the example of starting a new job, or taking a new class. Your new coworkers or classmates will first experience you and your Ascendent as reserved and serious. This is especially so because you also have Saturn in Virgo in your first House. This placement of Saturn gives

others all the more sense that you are an orderly and structured person, and it carries with it a strong sense of responsibility and desire to make things better. You may be super cautious, because ultimately Saturn wants to avoid failure. Other people will sense this right off when they meet you. Your first reaction to many things may be “No.”

SUN in Sagittarius in 4th House (conjunct Neptune and Venus)

The Sun Sign is usually dominant in considering a person’s overall psychology. The Sun Sign describes a person’s will and purpose, their day-to-day personality—the core Self, the core identity. Sagittarius is a fire sign, which makes your day-to-day personality one that centers around action. Fire signs are understood as yang, or outward energies. People with their Sun in a fire sign live to *do*, and to *do so with vigor*. Sagittarius manifests in positive thinking, optimism, and a quest for truth and freedom from all restriction. Of the fire signs, Sagittarius is like fireworks. Expansive and exciting!

With these strong forces as part of your natal imprint, you are naturally idealistic and insatiably curious about the higher questions of life – those things that make life rich: religion, theology, philosophy, foreign culture, travel, history, psychology. And astrology! Sagittarius is about meaning-making and the establishment of a core belief system. Morality and justice are very important to you. You will have a tendency to be straightforward and blunt with things that you say, and especially combined with your Virgo Rising, you will display blunt honesty and a strong moral nature. Sun-Sag also tends to have a great sense of humor and loves to laugh!

With the Sun in Sagittarius, your energy is recharged through exploration, whether it’s through travel or intellectual means. Feeling depleted? Pick up a book and recharge through a journey of the mind.

The 4th House is where we experience our strongest sense of belonging and connection to others. We associate it with home, family, the mother, ancestry, and the past. As adults, we also experience the 4th House as our soul-center. It describes our ability to turn inward and find a sense of belonging within.

With your Sun in the 4th House in Sagittarius, it is likely your family did a great deal of exploring when you were growing up—either through a lot of travel, and/or through the exploration of foreign cultures and philosophical ideas. You may have lived in a different country or countries. Many ‘natives’ with this placement of Sun in Sagittarius in the 4th House grew up in a military family.

With Venus (Goddess of Love) and Neptune (God of Spiritual Attunement) also in the sign of Sagittarius in your 4th House, I see this manifesting for you as an adult through spiritual and philosophical exploration, such as shamanic journeying, the exploration of all sorts of philosophical concepts, pondering meaning-of-life types of queries, the seeking of higher

knowledge through an attunement to your spiritual essence. These sorts of things, as lofty or “out there” as they may seem, all create a sense of belonging and connection.

In the 4th House, your Sun-Sagittarius would be naturally enthusiastic about passing down to your children all of the higher knowledge and experience you attain.

Continuing on the analogy I introduced above, of when coworkers or classmates first meet you: after they first meet your more reserved, inward initial energy (Virgo Rising), they will come to know your day-to-day Sun Sign outward energy of vigor, optimism, and enthusiasm. Together, these two parts of you would indicate that you are just the right guy in the workplace to analyze whether or not a project is worth doing, to understand how to do it right, and to have enough infectious enthusiasm about it to make others want to do it, too.

MOON in Pisces in the 7th House

The Moon describes how we process emotion and find a sense of security. As children, we are naturally attuned to our Moon needs, and as we grow into adulthood, we become more and more like our Sun nature. But the Moon remains our emotional core. Regardless of what happens in life to you, good or bad, your Moon describes how you need to continually nurture yourself.

An astrologer-teacher of mine once described Pisces as “the sweetest moon,” and, from what I’ve learned from my clients and family members with Moon-Pisces, I agree. Pisces is the sign we associate with spiritual bliss, divine inspiration, imagination, and compassion. As the twelfth sign of the zodiac, Pisces contains within it the essence of every other sign. Pisces innately understands the experiences and feelings of other people. Pisces has a gentle, kind, sensitive nature. You can easily feel sad or broken over other people’s wounding.

An archetype we associate with the Moon is the Mother. Your Pisces Moon indicates that as a child, you had a deep need for time alone with your mother. Just the two of you. Also, your mother herself is probably a highly sensitive, compassionate person.

As an adult, your Moon-Pisces indicates that you will maintain a healthy soul if you are able to seek solace on a regular, if not daily, basis. Your greatest comfort and release from emotional stresses comes when you can attune to your essence as spirit inside a physical body. Especially when you have an emotionally-charged decision to make, taking the time to listen to your inner and higher wisdom is essential. Just as your Virgo Ascendant seeks perfection in a practical sense, your Pisces Moon seeks perfection in a spiritual sense.

With all of this sensitivity and need for solace, it is critical that you develop a strong spiritual practice of some kind, so that your need for retreat and spiritual bliss does not lead you to substance abuse. The spiritual connection may be felt through non-religious means, such as music or the visual arts.

The 7th House is where we experience ourselves in relationship with another, whether it's a personal or professional relationship. The Moon is placed in the 7th House of your birth chart suggesting that your primary relationships play a key role in your life, dominating your moods and actions. Moon-Pisces in the 7th House suggests that you likely put a lot of time and energy into searching for the right partner with whom to share your life. This placement suggests that you are compassionate and sensitive to the feelings of your wife and others with whom you are especially close, and you enjoy harnessing your natural spiritual attunement to put your loved ones at their ease. In your teens and twenties, you may have been attracted to people who were victimized in some way, and you sought to be their helper as a way to distract yourself from facing your own emotional sensitivity and vulnerability.

We tend to “give away” our planets in the 7th House to others. This means that you may have a tendency to look to others for the spiritual and emotional solace that you seek to develop in yourself. There's nothing wrong with this approach as long as you are not seeking *perfection* in others, and that you understand that you are also perfectly capable of generating a strong sense of yourself, and of solace, on your own. See the North Node section on this as well. A recurring theme of your natal chart is learning how to maintain your sense of individual identity as you strengthen your sense of self through relationship. It is important that you become consciously aware of the need for personal boundaries.

Returning a final time to the analogy of coworkers' or classmates' interaction with you: People/strangers are first greeted by your more reserved outer persona (Virgo Rising), then as they get to know you in the day-to-day, they come to know your Sun-Sagittarius enthusiasm, idealism, curiosity, and straightforward talk. Those who grow close to you, and the people with whom you live, come to know the central, private part of you, your Moon-Pisces. These people will understand you to be a very sensitive, compassionate person at the core. The people who get to know your Moon-Pisces also come to appreciate that you need time to be alone and/or to retreat from life's harshness. They learn to respect your need for quiet, space, and just *being*.

MERCURY in Capricorn in the 5th House (opposite Jupiter)

Mercury, Venus, and Mars—the planets closest to the Sun—are considered in astrology to be “personality planets.”

Mercury is naturally ruled by Virgo, which happens also to be your Rising Sign. This makes the planet Mercury your *chart ruler*. The thinking/communication function is a key part of who you are. You are intellectually oriented. You have a curious mind. You enjoy learning. You enjoy analysis.

Mercury describes the mind: how we learn, what we choose to learn about, and how we communicate to others. With your Mercury in the sign of Capricorn, you tend to communicate carefully and with a certain determination, choosing each word deliberately. You have a sort of detached, serious mentality. Capricorn is an earth sign, so this says you will tend to learn things methodically, and probably, having a hands-on or practical learning experience is a help.

Generally speaking, Mercury-Capricorn says you are a responsible student. Also, your measured way of thinking and communicating is likely to have a helpful grounding effect on your Sun-Sagittarius natural tendency to blurt out your thoughts before thinking. You may also experience these different energies within you as frustrating at times! Your Sun-Sagittarius wants to *just do it*, but your Mercury-Capricorn mind says, “Let’s think carefully about this first. Let’s formulate a solid plan.”

The 5th House is where we differentiate ourselves from our peers. It’s where we discover what makes us unique. It’s where we feel special. We associate romance, play, children, performance, creativity, and self-expression with this house. With Mercury-Capricorn in the 5th House, your particular ability to think critically and to express your thoughts in a measured way are things you enjoy about yourself, and you appreciate it when others recognize these strengths in you. I can see your Mercury-Cap in the 5th manifesting through creative expression of your thoughts – through writing lyrics, poetry, or perhaps molding your ideas into something concrete such as carpentry or sculpture.

Each astrological sign has a “ruling” planet, with which it shares qualities. With Sagittarius as your Sun sign, Sagittarius is very important in your chart. Sagittarius’ ruling planet is Jupiter. Sagittarius and Jupiter share the qualities we associate with morality, justice, freedom, higher principles, and philosophical beliefs. In your natal chart, Jupiter is opposite your Mercury, suggesting that everything I described above about your Sun-Sagittarius way of *being* in the day-to-day is also very true for the way you think, what you think about, and how you communicate. Your moral compass is strong.

Everything here that I’ve said under this Mercury section says to me that you would make an incredibly effective teacher. I can easily see you as a social studies or history teacher, a law professor, a parent who communicates and teaches morality and principle at every opportunity, a religious or spiritual leader of some kind, and/or an inspirational speaker.

VENUS in Sagittarius in the 4th House (conjunct Neptune)

Venus describes how we love, who we love, what we love, and what in ourselves we want to be loved for. The 4th House (and described above under the Sun in Sagittarius section, is where we experience a sense of home, family, and belonging. Your Venus at 15-degrees Sagittarius and your Neptune at 16-degrees Sagittarius are closer in conjunction than any other two planets in your chart. Because they are so close together – just 1-degree apart, out of 360-degrees in the zodiac – they can’t be interpreted separately. They are a dynamic duo. Together, Venus and Neptune speak of divine love, a love for creative imagination, relationships with others based in spiritual connection. In the 4th House, these things were normal part of your upbringing. This placement of Venus (as well as your 7th House cusp in Pisces) says that you seek relationship with people who are attuned to their spiritual essence, and it’s important to you to be loved and appreciated for your attunement to yours.

MARS in Leo in the 12th House

Mars describes how we assert ourselves, what motivates us, and how we express anger. It is our warrior instinct, but the battle it wants to fight does not have to be a destructive one. Leo is a fire sign, and along with your three planets in Sagittarius and your South Node in Aries, these placements make fire the most prevalent element in your chart.

Of the fire signs, Leo is like a bonfire that never goes out. It radiates from the inside, out. Leo is a sign that we associate with strong ego and charisma. Warrior Mars in bonfire Leo gives you an energetic and passionate nature. This is a courageous, generous, dramatic, and often fun energy. However, your Mars is square Uranus, which is the planet of empowerment and abrupt shift. Square, these two create impatience and a tendency to be quick to anger, especially if your ego is offended.

The 12th House shares spiritual and sensitivity qualities with Neptune and Pisces. The 12th House is where we align in oneness with Higher Source, and it is one of the places in the chart where we are presented with opportunities to face our unconscious, shadow side. Much like your Moon-Pisces need for retreat, your Mars-Leo *must* have a sense of oneness and alignment with all that is. If you do not allow your strongly assertive nature the opportunity to feed and quench itself in spiritual alignment, your ego is likely to implode in fury. You assert yourself in your most authentic and generous way when you are aligned with Spirit. You have the strongest sense of yourself, and you are energized to do the things you are called to do in this life, when you are one with Higher Source. If you are spiritually aligned, your Mars-Uranus square is especially empowered (to bring radical shift in the world), rather than angry.

Without getting too sidetracked, it is worth mentioning that Donald Trump also has Mars-Leo in the 12th House. He has other planetary placements (Ascendent at 29-degrees Leo, for one) and life circumstances that have set him up for super-egomania that has little chance of rerouting itself away from anything but self-serving pursuit. In this state of continual ego-implosion, and existing without any meaningful spiritual practice, he is perfectly suited to be the one to unwittingly lead our country toward facing its shadow side – the systemic racism, capitalism over socialism, etc. Trump represents everything that can go wrong when Mars-Leo has no relationship with Higher Source. Patterns of The Cosmos reveal clearly that the implosion the United States is currently going through is meant to take place. For further information on this, you can google information on the United State's Pluto Return, which is a slow process and exact in February, 2022. Joe Biden, with a natal chart with an emphasis on transformational healing, is the right one to lead the nation's transformation.

The difference between you and Donald Trump is that instead of having a warrior instinct and personal charisma that are perfectly suited for bringing out some of the worst displays of human behavior, as he has, your warrior instinct and personal charisma are perfectly suited for fighting to bring out the best in people. This is not an easy task. You must face and understand your own shadow side. You must have a regular, healthy spiritual practice of your own to feed your soul

before you can harness this warrior within you. It needs to be higher wisdom that motivates you to do your work, rather than continual, desperate, soulless grasping for ego-stroking.

CHIRON in Taurus in the 9th House

Chiron is an asteroid body that orbits the Sun between Saturn and Uranus. Where it is placed in the natal chart represents the area in life where the most healing needs to occur. It represents a culmination of wounding from past lives that we choose to heal when coming into this life. Chiron is known as The Wounded Healer; that is, it is only after we face, understand, and heal our wounds that we can become our fullest, most authentic selves.

Your Chiron placement suggests that there may have been significant challenges in your younger years (and possibly into your 30s and 40s) in regard to development of your higher belief system(s). I believe there existed a stubborn resistance to change somehow, probably founded in past lives where you held solid beliefs, and that hurt you somehow. You may have suffered some religious persecution in a past life, such that in this life there is some sense of insecurity or even danger around exploring a religious or spiritual path. In this life, this may have manifested in a wounding related to religion. (Victimization by a priest comes to mind, as an example.)

The 9th House is the house of higher learning. It represents those things that make life rich intellectually. If the wound in your youth wasn't around a religious experience, perhaps it has to do with higher learning in general. A sense that higher learning wasn't for you.

But I continue to see this wound manifesting in your youth as a resistance to exploration of spiritual enlightenment and depth, because somewhere in your psyche there is a memory of vulnerability in this regard.

The healing began when you began to explore different philosophical ideas and religions. When you began to develop your own belief system, you began to heal your inner vulnerability. The more you heal this wound throughout this lifetime, the more you become your most authentic self. Then, as Chiron the Wounded Healer, you take what you have learned and use it to help heal others who suffer in a similar way that you have suffered.

PART OF FORTUNE Fortune (Conjunct Jupiter in Cancer in the 11th House)

The Part of Fortune is a mathematically derived point in the chart and represents a convergence of Rising, Sun, and Moon energies; it describes how these parts of you, making up your personal will, are experienced together in their fullest essence. It is where you find your greatest sense of fulfillment. where you are in your greatest sense of flow. **You are in your greatest flow when you align yourself with your highest ideals, where you are able to nurture others in a way that serves the common good.** You also experience this sense of flow within you when you are with like-minded, forward-thinking, caring people. It is likely you inherited this sense of vision for higher awareness through your ancestors.

With **Jupiter** also in the 11th house, conjunct by 9-degrees your Part of Fortune, everything you experience your Part of Fortune to be is amplified all the more! Your dedication to the higher good is expansive, and it is related to your commitment to truth, principle, and justice. I have to assume here, with Jupiter in the 11th house, opposite your Mercury in the 5th house, that you are a teacher of some kind, and you would be particularly effective with children and/or through artistic expression – visual arts, music, and/or poetry come to mind.

NORTH NODE in Libra in the 2nd House (conjunct Pluto)

If the natal chart is a map of your psyche, the North Node is the needle of your compass. All the planets in a your astrological toolbox are positioned such that you are given opportunities and challenges throughout life that guide you in the direction of the North Node. Your planetary placements—the gifts and the obstacles, the happy and the sad—are exactly right for you, to help you become who you are meant to be. The South Node in everyone’s chart is exactly 180 degrees opposite the North Node and represents a familiar foundation upon which we come into this life. The South Node carries with it baggage and strengths from past lives. The challenge for each of us is to not remain so firmly stationed in this familiar place that we impede our soul’s evolution. *The challenge is to allow ourselves to head in the direction of the North Node.*

As you continue to read about your North Node path, consider how all of the planetary placements described above (the tools in your astrological toolbox) have thus far created the challenges and opportunities in your life, and provided support to you, to help you evolve along your North Node path.

If you allow yourself to head in this direction throughout life, then you will come to fully understand and live out the life purpose you came here to fulfill. At your age, there is a part of you that already has a strong sense of knowing and experience about your North Node calling. The great news: you will continue to grow into your North Node for the remainder of your life, and your life will become more and more fulfilling as you do. As you continue to mature and grow, you will continue to understand your North Node path in new ways.

The challenge for us all is to integrate the two nodes, to continually find a balance of these opposing energies on the axis of our soul’s path. The more we can do this with intention, the less difficult it becomes. Carl Jung talked about holding the tension of the opposites – when the choices feel diametrically opposed to one another in some way. At that point of opposition, we are caught in the dualistic thinking of either/or, and neither one feels quite right. We often feel pressure—real or imagined—from others to make a choice, and this causes suffering and struggle.

We all must struggle over the moral and ethical issues, and the feelings of those we care about. Many people have a tendency to dismiss this struggle and deny its existence. This only causes further suffering! Instead, we need to embrace the opposites and hold the tension until our way becomes clear. Until, as Jung says, a third way emerges. Don’t move away from the North Node, move towards it. The butterfly can’t emerge until it has struggled and built strength in its cocoon.

I am going to quote directly now from Kevin Burke's book on the North Node, because he describes your nodal experience so beautifully:

“With your South Node in Aries in the 8th House, you will encounter and experience your South Node gifts of autonomy, individuality, and spontaneity when you are experiencing close emotional connections with other individuals. The 8th House is where we go to find a sense of emotional and soul security and self-worth. We seek a sense of inner peace through letting go of our physical and material attachments and merging with another individual on a deep, healing, and transformational level. The 8th House is also related to shared resources, and, like the 7th House, we often project our 8th-House planets on others, experiencing them through relationships. The 8th House also relates to our individual journey through our shadow self, where we seek to confront, understand, and ultimately integrate our demons. This is often shared process, and with your South Node in Aries in your 8th House, you have the ability to initiate emotional connections with others. You are also confident and self-assured enough to share your resources with a partner on a material, emotional, and spiritual level. The trap of the South Node in Aries in the 8th House, however, is that you may tend to be more self-centered in your relationships, being primarily concerned with your own journey and transformation, and losing sight of the fact that you're making that journey with a partner—a partner who also has emotional needs.

The key to balancing this energy is to work with the North Node in Libra in the 2nd House. The 2nd House represents our personal resources; anything that we can call our own belongs in the 2nd House, and everything in the 2nd House helps reinforce our sense of individuality. Our possessions, resources, skills, and talents, as well as our physical body and sense, help define and support our identity as an individual. The lesson here is to learn to view your relationship as a valuable resource, one that reinforces your sense of self as an individual. The North Node in Libra in your 2nd House also shows that you can ground and center yourself through the arts; being in the presence of great beauty, balance, and harmony can help you see the beauty and harmony in your own life.”

We all need to *allow* ourselves to head toward the North Node. For most of us, there's a “sure, I'd love that” kind of feeling, but most of us don't really feel we're worthy of such a great North Node. We need to allow ourselves to head in that direction, but we don't leave the South Node part of ourselves behind completely. We continually go back to the South Node and integrate the two energies. We go back and do the South Node with new perspective. For you, the more you allow relationship to become a personal asset of yours, the more you strengthen yourself as an individual.

PLUTO in Libra in the 2nd House (conjunct North Node)

Pluto plays an important role in everyone's soul evolution. It is the planet of personal transformation; deep, powerful change; and compulsion. Pluto in the 2nd House can mean that possessions and money continually undergo upheaval in your life. If this is the case, your challenge here would be to explore the link between changing possessions and changing inner

values. In Libra, this may mean you have experienced an obsessive drive to obtain beautiful things. I'm not sensing this is the case for you, but I could be wrong.

In your chart, Pluto has a heightened role in two important ways:

First, it serves as your Rising Planet (or "First Responder" planet), because it is the first planet following the Ascendant. This means that your first response to everything comes through with powerful Plutonian energy and presence. In Libra, the sign of relationship, balance, and harmony, in the 2nd House of personal assets and security, your commitment toward equality and fairness is very strong. In combination with your Virgo Rising, your Sun-Sagittarius, and your Pisces Moon, I expect you are a champion of the underdog.

Second, because your Pluto is conjunct your North Node, your Plutonian transformation has mostly to do with finding security through relationship. Pluto conjunct North Node in many people indicates that you've come from a past life of destruction or personal loss of some type (genocide, an abusive relationship, great loss through death of a loved one, etc.). This can lead to post-traumatic stress in this life and unless you've explored past lives, you'd have no real idea what it's about. You are on a path of healing from that trauma.

There's a message here of powerfully profound personal transformation in you in the development of yourself in relationship with others. Your ability to relate well to others becomes more and more of an asset as you mature. Your North Node evolution is *deeply* transformative because of Pluto's partnership with your North Node.

With your Pluto in Libra, you are part of a generation that is concerned with the cause of justice and transforming human relations. You possess the ability to see the necessity for change in personal and global relations. Because they are square to your North Node and Pluto, your NN/Pluto personal transformation is fed by your experiences of Jupiter in Cancer and Part of Fortune in the 11th House (see above). Said another way, your NN/Pluto transformation and evolution won't happen until you fully engage your Part of Fortune and Jupiter in Cancer call for alignment with your highest ideals, where you are able to nurture others in a way that serves the common good.

All of this says you would make a very effective therapist of some sort.

CURRENT TRANSITS

The movement of the planets continually creates aspects (conjunctions, squares, oppositions...) between themselves and the natal placement of planets, as we go through our lives. These transits create for us even stronger experiences of our natal charts.

Currently, you are going through a *doozie* of planetary transit energies. These include transiting Saturn square your natal Uranus; transiting Uranus square your natal Mars; and transiting Uranus opposite your natal Uranus (which we all go through in our forties... we call it the mid-life crisis). The Uranus opposition itself is enough upheaval to go through in your forties. The addition of the other transits is what makes this a time of mega upheaval in your life. An extreme sense of restlessness and agitation are probably constants in your life right now.

Uranus is the god of radical, empowering, and sudden change. Sometimes it literally kicks us in the butt in the form of a physical accident or concussion. Because your natal Uranus is in the sign of Scorpio, though, yours is more likely to be a deep, mystical, psychic level of shift.

The good news is that these challenging planetary energies are not out to punish you; they seek to facilitate your soul evolution in a major way. You desire at this time to express your own unique individuality in ways that you have not felt free to express before. Because Saturn is also involved, you will have major doubts and maybe even a sense of guilt as you go, and the best you can do is to be present and intentional with the struggle. Know that it will all be quite fruitful.

You will have new insight during the course of these transits—which will settle out in a couple of years! Bear with it. It will become less intense as the Uranus→Mars transit continues to fade, which it is doing now. You are now moving past some of the worst sense of restlessness (maybe even anger), but the restlessness is not over yet. You are undergoing an important transition in your life, in which you will be, in some sense, reborn. You are entering a chrysalis stage, where ideas emerge that will be seeds for a new phase of your thinking. A process of change that has been underway for some years now will begin to manifest rather suddenly, as this impulsive and radical shift electrifies new ways of being. The habits of the past that need to be let go will be forced to yield, so that the new you can emerge.

SOLAR RETURN

I will add just a short note here around what is normally a full discussion, just to bring the point home, if I haven't already. Your solar return chart, which is a zodiac chart describing planetary influences on your current year (from your most recent birthday to your next), describes a major transformation in you spiritually. It involves Pluto, Jupiter, Saturn, and the Moon all in Capricorn in your 12th House. These first three are the 'culprits' that made 2020 the experience that it is was for everyone. For you, they call for a certain destruction and death of something within you, soulfully and spiritually, that you must confront, and then – this year – you will begin to rebuild and rebirth yourself. This is an essential process in your individuation, and, because it falls during the planetary transits described above, it is possibly one the most profound periods of personal transformation you will go through in your life! Be present with it and embrace it. It is meant to happen and will set your feet firmly on your path to becoming your truest, most authentic self.

