



The Karmic Insight Report for

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Introduction

From an esoteric point of view your birth chart is a portrait of your soul's intention for this lifetime, the lessons to be learned, qualities to develop, problems to be resolved, service to be rendered. From that perspective, the choices one makes in one's daily life have reverberations that may last beyond even this lifetime.

This report is written to help you clarify your lessons and goals, illuminate your struggles, and encourage you to move in the direction of your true purposes.

The best to you on your journey...

Sun	25	Cap	08	Pluto	17	Can	08
Moon	19	Pis	35	N. Node	28	Tau	39
Mercury	11	Aqu	45	Asc.	13	Tau	48
Venus	10	Pis	33	MC	28	Cap	12
Mars	21	Gem	54	2nd cusp	12	Gem	23
Jupiter	1	Tau	10	3rd cusp	5	Can	25
Saturn	25	Sag	21	5th cusp	25	Leo	01
Uranus	3	Ari	57	6th cusp	0	Lib	25
Neptune	0	Vir	54				

Tropical Placidus Standard time observed
GMT: 18:00:00 Time Zone: 6 hours West
Lat. and Long. of birth: 33 N 44 56 84 W 23 17

Aspects and orbs:

Conjunction	: 5 Deg 00 Min	Trine	: 4 Deg 00 Min
Opposition	: 5 Deg 00 Min	Sextile	: 3 Deg 00 Min
Square	: 4 Deg 00 Min	Quincunx	: 3 Deg 00 Min
Conjunct Asc:	3 Deg 00 Min Above,		5 Deg 00 Min Below

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Chapter 1: The Moon

The placement of the Moon in your birth chart is very significant from a karmic perspective, as it indicates the accumulated karmic tendencies, both positive and negative, that you carry from your past incarnated experiences on earth.

While the Sun reveals your intended purposes and lessons for this present life cycle, the MOON represents what you have already done and developed, hence, what is instinctive and natural to you, and what you tend to do over and over again. Your childhood is also reflected in the Moon's placement, as it is through those childhood circumstances that any unresolved past-life issues are re-stimulated. Your subconscious predisposition is indicated by the Moon's position. It is the psychic imprint of the past. The nodes of the Moon describe behavior patterns from the past, as well as delineating a direction out of outworn or overdone behaviors and habits.

Moon in Pisces

When under stress your instinctive reaction is apt to be passive non-resistance, "going with the flow" and simply allowing the situation to resolve itself one way or another without any overt action on your part.

This deeply ingrained, fluid, and rather passive attitude can lead you to abdicate responsibility for your own life, evading the need to make definite commitments and decisions and allowing other people or outside events to determine how your life will proceed. Even if you are a fighter or a "go-getter" (as indicated by other astrological factors in your chart), deep down you have a very tender, soft, and somewhat malleable feeling nature. You are extremely sensitive and need to learn to listen to, honor, and trust your subtle awareness and intuitions and then act upon them. You also need to be in a relatively peaceful, "clean" psychic and emotional atmosphere, for you quickly absorb the psychic energies in your environment.



The whole realm of the mystical - dreams, inspiration and soul - is very much your element. Your acute psychic sensitivity and your rich creative imagination are highly developed; these aspects of your nature which have been cultivated in your incarnational past. At times you may feel that you are overly sensitive or that your imagination (in the form of nebulous fears and worries) is overwhelming, and it is very important for you to find ways to balance your emotions. Quiet times for reflection or meditation, being in or near water, or playing your favorite pieces of music can be very helpful in this regard. You have a particular affinity for music, but also for the other arts as well.

Past lifetimes as a priest or minister to the disadvantaged and needy may carry over into your present life as a desire to care for and comfort those in need. You tend to identify with those who are weak and vulnerable, or who have been victimized or discarded by society, and to feel great compassion for any suffering being. You have an underlying urge for self-sacrifice which can incline you to become a martyr or to be taken sorry advantage of when your sympathies have been stirred. It may be hard for you to say "no" or "that's not my problem", because you tend to get psychically and emotionally enmeshed in other peoples lives and troubles, often to a degree that is not healthy for you. It may be hard for you to separate yourself or to draw clear emotional boundaries. You often let other people grow overly dependent on you - or you on them. Because of a deep-seeded passivity, you may believe on an unconscious level that you are essentially helpless and vulnerable, in need of being rescued or "saved" (by another person, a drink, your religion...). At its least

appealing, this can lead to continual bids for sympathy from other people, even illnesses which at their roots are expressions of the wish to be taken care of by someone else. As you learn ways to nurture and care for yourself and to meet your own needs, you would be less tempted to fall into that pattern.

At your very best you have a refined, spiritual sensitivity, great empathy, and a feeling of kinship which connects you to all of life.

Moon Square Mars:

Your instinct to take aggressive action, to take on challenges and to fight, has deep roots, and in terms of your current life and circumstances it may well work both for and against you. If you find that your personal life is stormy and conflicted or that people at work aggravate you, it would behoove you to consider your role in the situation. You are apt to project early and intense sibling rivalries and other unresolved competitive and angry feelings on to many situations in life (usually quite unconsciously). You are likely to be touchy and defensive, quite sensitive to having your will and desires impeded, and the women in your life may especially be the targets for your unacknowledged anger. There may be one woman in particular with whom you have a volatile karmic relationship, and coming to resolution with her would bring peace to many other areas of your life. In any case, you must learn not to direct your aggressiveness on to innocent people! You do have an independent, energetic, spirited approach to life, a passion for doing and achieving, which are pluses. To balance your emotional energies, learning and regularly practicing techniques for calming and relaxation would be very beneficial for you. You have a tendency to burn out because you do not moderate yourself. If you are so inclined, meditating with or wearing certain stones may be an aid in this regard, including: chrysoprase, rose quartz, moonstone, and jade.

North Node in Taurus:

In your incarnational past, you tended toward intensity, passionate extremes, and radical solutions to your problems. Your growth direction now is to become more grounded in the physical world, and committed to a work or a lifestyle that enables you to be more stable, reliable, and trustworthy.

North Node in 1st house:

When in close partnership with others you tend to fall back into the old patterns. Your partner or partners in life may pull you back into that old way of being.

Chapter 2: The Sun

The Sun in your birth chart represents the primary creative thrust for this lifetime, those qualities you are to develop (or further develop) and express, and your current life focus. This may be in harmony with your instincts and your emotional habits, or along completely different lines. The Sun represents your conscious identity in this lifetime.

Sun in Capricorn

Achievement through discipline is one of your keynotes in this lifetime. To fulfill your soul purpose you will need much patience, tenacity, endurance, and most likely a long period of apprenticeship or labor. You are equipped by nature to withstand the periods of self-denial, austerity, grueling study, repetitive practice, or "doing without" that your path in life requires. Serious about your aims and, above all, a realist, you are willing to pay your dues in order to get where you want to go. Whether your goal is spiritual attainment, development of a talent, or material success, you want to go to the top. Some degree of rigorous training or hardship (inner or outer) is apt to be a prerequisite to your eventual achievement, and unlike apparently "luckier" souls, you have to work hard and pull your own weight early in life. Often, too, you have to wait, to delay gratification, and plan your strategies very carefully and shrewdly in order to gain your desired ends. Through this, you develop a certain toughness and firmness, emotional detachment, inner resourcefulness and self-determination, which keeps you going when the road gets a little rocky on the way to the pinnacle you are aiming for. One pitfall you need to beware of is your tendency to become hardened and cynical, secretly envious of those whose way is less arduous or whose outlook and attitude is more trusting and carefree (irresponsible and immature, to your way of thinking). You seem to be given more "tests", frustration, responsibilities, restrictions than others, and as a result, tend to view the world as an unfriendly place or life as a struggle. It is important for you not to become bitter because of this, or to attempt shortcuts, as these will almost certainly come back to haunt you later. The first half of your life, in particular, may seem heavy or hard, while the fruits of your steady efforts come to you later.



The essence of this lifetime is that you must prove yourself, and this you know at a deep level, and feel as a sort of inner pressure. (It can be next to impossible to get you to relax and enjoy yourself, to waste time or money on anything frivolous, or to gamble on anything you are not certain will yield real, tangible benefits).

Because of your very strong (even if undefined) sense of purpose, even your recreation is apt to be done in a calculated manner. You weigh the potential risks involved, usually on the side of safety, for you have a very strong head to know where you are going and to be in control. Thus, the true experience of play tends to elude you, since it requires letting go of control, a certain indifference to results in preference for a free flowing openness to the moment. You do have a rather dry, ironic sense of humor, and it is important for you to keep that side of you alive as it gives you balance and a healthy perspective on things.

Another aspect of your inner need to prove yourself is that you often feel that you are being judged. Guilt, fear of failure, and inhibited self-expression may stem from this. At the same time, you judge yourself (often by rather strict standards), and tend to judge other people as well. At its worst, this attribute can lead to an over-concern with the right social image, with the opinions and values of society, and "what the neighbors will think", rather than assessing someone or something on any real intrinsic qualities. The right form (designer-name products, a prestigious neighborhood or school, etc.) may become inordinately important to you. You can be rather class conscious. And, already burdened with self-judgment, you may severely limit your choices in life, never really experimenting or trying anything daring, for fear of not doing it well, or that people might ridicule you. At its best, however, this trait gives you a keen eye for real, lasting quality and a discerning perception.

Traditional values are an important part of your life, and if you do not have any from your early years, it would be very helpful to you to develop your own rituals, traditions, and a way of connecting yourself to the past and to history in ways that are meaningful to you. As mentioned earlier, tutorship or apprenticeship is also likely to be a significant part of your journey, and it would behoove you to find a mentor or elder to help you in the tradition you are following. It is also likely that you will serve in the same capacity as an experienced, seasoned, and hopefully wise "expert" in your field. If you negotiate your life path successfully, power, responsibility, and a high level of achievement or mastery is likely in this lifetime.

Sun SemiSquare Venus:

How to be true to yourself while also enjoying close personal relationships is a pointed issue for you in this lifetime. When you compromise or give up too much of yourself for the sake of making other people happy or keeping a relationship intact, a lot of internal friction is created and you feel increasingly empty or uncertain of your identity. At other times you may see-saw to the other extreme and expect others to totally support your creative efforts or to revolve their lives around your needs. Finding a balance between blending intimately and being authentically yourself is your challenge.

Chapter 3: Rising Sign

The point that was on the eastern horizon at the moment of your birth is called the ASCENDANT, or rising sign. While the Sun describes your conscious direction and current life focus, and the Moon your subconscious predisposition and past, the Ascendant indicates a way of being that transcends and embraces past, present, and future. It describes the way you engage and merge with the outer world and how you bring through into life the energies depicted by the Sun, the Moon, and the rest of your birth chart. Everything is filtered through the Ascendant from an esoteric point of view. It indicates your soul's function and thus a key part of your destiny.

Taurus Rising:

Your soul function is to patiently nurture into fruition your own and others' talents, ideas, gifts, and creative impulses, to bring them to earth and give them a "body" or a tangible form. You are practical, a stabilizer, a grounding force, deliberate, methodical and steady. You prefer to be thorough rather than fast. When out of balance, you are immovable, and may feel heavy or stuck. Ruled by Venus, you work through the principles of pleasure and attraction. You do what you enjoy and want to enjoy what you do. You like to please your senses, to take your sweet time, to appreciate what you have. You may struggle with issues of appetites and consumption, or a lazy side of your nature. Unless other factors in your chart indicate otherwise, you do not go after what you want very aggressively. Rather, you attract what you need or wait for it to come to you at the right time, and this is a key to fulfilling your destiny, as long as you do not degenerate into lazy inertia. An attunement to nature and the earth is part of your soul function also.

Taurus Rising and Venus in Pisces:

Your Venus is in the romantic, imaginative, mystical sign of Pisces, so while you are practical, you are also a dreamer. Kind and tenderhearted, love rules you. It takes a great deal for you to turn against anyone. You are meant to bring the spirit of patient love, tolerance, and compassion into the world. When out of balance you become passive and slothful.

Chapter 4: Saturn, Your Achilles Heel

Karmically considered, the placement of Saturn in your birth chart indicates where your energetic blockages, weaknesses and fears lie, and the areas of your life where the most concentrated effort and discipline will be required to master and overcome them. Yet it also points to the aspects of life which can become your greatest strength if you are willing to face your fears and difficulties honestly, and work with them patiently.

Saturn in Sagittarius

Your struggle in life revolves around your personal search for meaning and faith. For you, it will be impossible to accept standard formulas for salvation or enlightenment, though you may be tempted to seek refuge in a rather rigid religious framework or dogmatic belief system. You are apt to become disillusioned by such, however, and suffer a loss of faith, or experience a spiritual crisis which at the core is really a call for you to go deeper and to search for truth in a much more focused and honest fashion. "What does it all mean?" is not simply rhetorical speculation for you. Unless you discover - not merely intellectually but in a direct, intuitive fashion - answers that give you real assurance, you are prone to despondency, a lack of hope, a sense of fatality or an anxious fear about the future. Spiritual authorities, groups, teachers, and teachings may play an important role in your life, but you must beware of becoming restricted by them, limiting yourself and your experience of life thereby. On the other hand, the use of ritual and regular devotional or meditative practices can be very helpful to you, as long as you do not become fixated upon the form. It is the spirit, the essence, that you are really seeking. You have a tendency to be pedantic, rule-bound, or close-minded, especially in your philosophical, religious or spiritual thinking.



Saturn in 8th house:

You have a tendency to protectively withhold yourself and to not give your all. Thus you experience much frustration either sexually, financially, or both. The possibility of a merger (whether on a deep psychic, emotional level, or even in a material way) brings up some of your greatest fears. Sexual politics and issues of personal power and control (all involving an inability to surrender) are apt to be at work behind the scenes. Taking on a karmic debt through your partner or being burdened financially or otherwise by him or her is also possibility.

Confronting your fears of giving everything, opening yourself completely and letting go come through these situations.

A fear of not being in control may well be the root of many of your protective, defensive, and ultimately self-defeating behavior which you play out in your intimate relationships. Also, a deep concern with death and mortality is evident. Learning to let go, to surrender with grace and ease, to die, based on a basic trust in life may be your greatest challenge.

Saturn Opposition Mars:

Overcoming a lack of confidence, fear of expressing or asserting yourself, a harsh or discouraging early life, and/or a deep distrust of the "masculine" side of life (including your own forcefulness) is part of your karmic package in this lifetime. You will struggle against oppression, from a parent, prevailing circumstances and attitudes in your environment, or your own inhibitions and fears, and may receive very little external support.

Difficulties and frustration in sexual or creative expression, with men, with anger and competition, or with authority is likely. If you do not allow yourself to become resentful and bitter, you can become strong and self-reliant through patience, self-discipline, persistence, hard work and building your dreams one small step at a time. Healing your wounded male side will be an important key to your eventual fulfillment.

Chapter 5: The Hard Aspects

The following is a description of your MAJOR LIFE CHALLENGES, both in terms of energies you are to learn to develop and express in a positive way, and those which are the result of struggles and unresolved karmic issues which you have brought into this life.

Mars is Retrograde:

Asserting yourself vigorously and directly is complicated by the fact that you had a prior lifetime or lifetimes in which aggression was either misused (by you, or against you) and/or all personal initiative and self-will was insistently discouraged (perhaps due to a belief system that advocated passivity).

In any case, the message that was impressed upon you was that forceful action is wrong or dangerous. Thus, if you stand up for yourself, you now tend to hesitate, back down or even be plagued with fears of retaliation.

Neptune is Retrograde:

The above is complicated by the fact that you had a prior lifetime or lifetimes in which you dissipated your energy, fell away from your disciplines, or were too passive or irresolute to go after the spiritual opportunities open to you at that time. This carries over as a vague yet persistent inner nagging that you should be further on than you are, or a fear of spiritual failure. You may also have been involved in mystical or magical practices that created distortions in your life. It is important for you to take a balanced, patient, well-grounded attitude toward life - nothing too otherworldly, ethereal, or glamorous. Indulging in any mood-altering substances is particularly deleterious for you.

Pluto is Retrograde:

These issues are further complicated by the fact that in a prior life or lives you experienced a terrible betrayal, and may even have been tortured or put to death when you claimed power (social, political or spiritual). You may have misused power or employed Machiavellian strategies in which many suffered. Whether you were a perpetrator or a victim of such abuses, deep fears were engendered at that time, of being powerful or of people in power who would crush you if you display your strengths. An unconscious desire for revenge may motivate you and prevent you from healing. Letting go of this may require deep inner work and some kind of therapeutic energetic release of the grief you hold.

Chapter 6: Soft Aspects

The following is a description of your GIFTS and STRENGTHS which can help you work with your major life challenges. These are abilities and qualities of heart, mind, and soul which are quite natural to you. You probably take them for granted. Because these represent the lines of least resistance for you, you may rely too much upon them at times; hence, there are some cautions suggested. Still, these are the areas where good flows into your life and/or where you have considerable inner resources.

Moon Trine Pluto:

You have developed, in prior lives, the use of your focused will and intense concentration upon a desired objective, qualities which are now more or less habits with you. In addition, you are capable of great depths of feeling, and of pouring out your heart and soul with unusual intensity. Your capacity to feel deeply and passionately is one of your strengths, and you are able to move others to emotional depths they might not have experienced otherwise. Because of this, you can exert a tremendous influence upon other people and may consciously or unconsciously manipulate them. Thus, your gift is a double-edged sword. If you use the intensity of your feelings and desires to bend others' wills against their best interests, this can be your downfall. Your emotional fanaticism and passion, however, can also inspire and bring out other peoples' intense feelings of devotion and desire.

You can be an excellent depth psychologist because you understand people at a profound level, their motives, their longings, and hidden reservoirs of emotion. Unblocking and uncovering suppressed feelings to promote a

therapeutic catharsis would be one of your tools.

Jupiter Trine Neptune:

You are spiritually advanced and because of your natural and instinctive generosity of spirit and concern for everybody's well-being, you attract blessings and will always be spiritually protected. Through your receptivity, openness, and trust in the intangible realms, you align yourself with the higher beneficence and can receive much guidance and aid. Although this is a gift available to all, and one which you may take for granted, it is actually a resource that you have developed through lifetimes.