

THE CHIRON AND ASTEROID GEMS REPORT

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Listed below is a list of planetary positions at birth for

Mother Teresa

Positions of Planets at Birth:

Sun	2	Vir	25	Pluto	27	Gem	45
Moon	18	Tau	37	True Node	22	Tau	47
Mercury	29	Vir	12	Asc.	24	Sag	16
Venus	8	Leo	54	MC	18	Lib	00
Mars	13	Vir	01	2nd cusp	1	Aqu	45
Jupiter	13	Lib	49	3rd cusp	13	Pis	18
Saturn	6	Tau	32	5th cusp	14	Tau	03
Uranus	21	Cap	47	6th cusp	4	Gem	58
Neptune	20	Can	37	Chiron	0	Pis	08

Tropical Placidus Standard time observed

GMT: 13:25:00 Time Zone: 1 hours East

Lat. and Long. of birth: 41 N 59 21 E 26

Aspects and orbs:

Conjunction:	8	Deg	00	Min
Opposition :	8	Deg	00	Min
Square :	8	Deg	00	Min
Trine :	8	Deg	00	Min
Sextile :	8	Deg	00	Min
Quincunx :	8	Deg	00	Min

INTRODUCTION

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Much of our understanding of Chiron comes from mythology. The myth starts with Prometheus who defied the gods and brought fire (technology) to human beings. The gods knew this signified a new world order (from Saturn to Uranus) when gods would be driven away and replaced with technology. I like to think of the gods as energies or urges - in other words, a part of our nature. This is true of Chiron which is an energy, not a sensitive point like the Ascendant, Midheaven, or Vertex. Almost magically, Charles Kowall, its discoverer tapped into the archetype of mythological Chiron for its name and its nature. What kind of nature is Chiron? He unlike all the other Centaurs is a good Centaur - kind, wise, noble, and just. He is a blend of the old and the new.

Chiron was primarily a teacher. He was called "the wisest of all things beneath the sky." He taught the skills of war hunting, and riding to Achilles, Hercules, Jason, Achaean, and Peleus. He imparted a love of and talent of music to Orpheus and Artistes. To Achilles and Aesculapius he gave the arts of surgery and herbal medicine. Therefore, Chiron is known as a great healer, an astrologer, an oracle, the father of medicine and chiropractors, surgery, herbal medicine, and skilled at hunting, gymnastics, and warfare. Chiron's downfall began at a wedding. His fellow centaurs got drunk and began forcing their affections on the women present. A fight ensued, and finally the centaurs were routed with Hercules help. When the fight was over, the chief centaur picked up one of Hercules' poisoned arrows which dropped by chance on Chiron's foot wounding him. Chiron, who could heal others, could not cure himself and was left burning with pain. Being immortal, he was faced with eternal agony, so he willingly gave up his immortality to Prometheus who was chained to a rock and had his liver eaten out every night. Then it grew back and repeated. When Chiron died, his half-brother, Jupiter, placed him in heaven where he has since been known as Sagittarius.

Chiron is only one of many energies in an astrological chart. Discovered in 1977, it is considered to be a Minor Planet. Astrologically it shows where and how there have been woundings, where we might find a loophole if it is needed, where an adjustment is needed, where we are a maverick, and it draws attention to what a person is doing to damage himself. This awareness can lead to a turning point so that healing can take place. The signs tell how we have been wounded. The planets tell the kind of wound. The houses tell the areas of our lives that are affected. The aspects to Chiron modify the ease or difficulty of reaching the turning point where the wounds we all have may be healed. Many of the favorable aspects - sextiles, trines, and some conjunctions - indicate one whose healing experiences enable him to help or teach others to reach their turning points.

CHIRON IN SIGNS, HOUSES AND ASPECTS

Chiron in Pisces:

Your wound is a loss of faith or trust in the divine. There can be a deep-seated sense of betrayal, victimization, or disenfranchisement by life. You may also have a loss of faith in the power of the omnipresence of love. You must attune consciousness with mysticism so that life for you can be a mystical crusade in which the mundane has no place. You see a better world in your mind's eye even though prevailing cultural norms differ. Your healing path is that you are constantly drawn into situations that will challenge you to see a more balanced picture.

Chiron in 2nd house:

You may have wounds that are played out through issues of emotional and physical security, safety, comfort, or values. There may have been little or no affection in childhood causing some to seek values on the physical plane. Your resulting stubbornness is a dismissive attitude toward other's opinions. You see your own values as the only correct ones. You have great self-confidence as long as you also have physical comforts. Your self-worth or self-esteem often has roots in what you have or earn. Some of you may have been born in homes where people used money as a tool for manipulation or control. You are a maverick in the areas of values, possessions and your ways of earning money.

Chiron Opposition Sun:

This is not an easy aspect, but it is one that needs to be addressed. Instead of the brick-wall obstacle of the square or the resistance of the opposition, this is like the Chinese torture technique of one drop of water at a time on the victim's forehead for a very long period of time. Unless an adjustment is made, this can be serious indeed. Look to the sign and house of your Chiron and work on the meaning of these. For example, if Chiron is in Aquarius or the 11th house, accept your own uniqueness even if others don't; if it's in Scorpio or the 8th house, observe that people are usually "not out to get you;" or if it's in Leo or the 5th house, find some way to be creative. The original block to creativity may not always be present.

Chiron Quincunx Mercury:

You think of yourself as one who serves in the deepest way. You are too busy taking care of other people to have time for yourself. You take on the pains of others by way of expiation or atonement. It is seldom an easy path, but it has its rewards as well as its difficulties. You are driven when very young to find something significant to do with your life.

Chiron Sextile Saturn:

You are one who endeavors to establish a socio-cultural legacy to give out information on self-transformation. Your ideas may be off-beat or unconventional but can be accepted gradually after an initial period of resistance. You may be overly pragmatic shutting down some of your intuitive knowledge.

Chiron Trine Pluto:

You are one who expresses through will, daring and strength of conviction a mass yearning for integrity and certainty based on inspiration. That gives you a gift for helping people overcome their troubles. You can face the darker side of life with the purpose of helping others (or yourself) overcome this side of their nature. You are not afraid to face adversity.

Chiron Sextile Asc.:

With this, the wounds do not seem to be as deep as with the conjunction, and you have opportunities to deal with their problems constructively. Often the second house holds the Chiron, so while self-esteem and money can bring problems your attitude is helpful in dealing with the issues. For those with Chiron in the eleventh house, the wounds may come from how you relate to their friends and peers. The early years of school are an especially important time for healing. It is possible to have Chiron in other houses as well although this occurs less often. In the tenth, you may work hard to gain the status you feel you lack by excelling in your career. In the third, the need to communicate well and learn concrete facts is a way of healing.

Chiron Quincunx Vertex:

The nagging problems that keep you from fulfilling your destiny can be overcome but it will take some adjustment in your thinking. For example, with the Vertex in Sagittarius, you are expected to take abroad view of life and learn not only facts but the significance of facts. This often requires higher education. Then Chiron in Taurus, being very earth-bound and practical, must deal with the monetary side of life. You'll develop your resourcefulness reconciling the two energies of any quincunx at the same time, but you must express both.

The Moon's Nodes

What are the moon's nodes in your chart? Astronomically, they are the point on the ecliptic where the moon passes from south latitude to north latitude (the North Node or Dragon's Head as it is sometimes called) and the point where the ecliptic passes from north latitude to south latitude (the South Node or Dragon's Tail). What do they mean to you and what do they mean in your life when activated by transit or solar arc direction?

In western astrology, the North Node is considered to be favorable, much like Jupiter, and the South Node, unfavorable, much like Saturn. In eastern or Vedic astrology, the reverse is held to be true. What! They can't both be right, or can they? In the west, we say that the South Node represents what we have already developed in many lifetimes. It represents areas that, subconsciously – the moon rules the subconscious – is comfortable and easy since it is already familiar to us. The North Node represents areas of our life that need to be developed. The new is not yet familiar, but we get our greatest fulfillment from this development. i.e. If your South Node is in Libra or the 7th house, you may have spent many lifetimes in a marriage or other situation where you were subject to and dependent on others. Now, with your North Node in Aries or the 1st house, you are to learn to stand on your own two feet. You need to develop who you are in order to become a more independent individual.

The nodes also have to do with relating and relationships. Frequently the nodes are activated when someone or something comes into our lives, whether this is a person, a new job, or a new environment. I've seen this happen when a baby was born into a family, a marriage, a new job, or even a roommate who became a significant lifelong friend in a person's life. Nodes may also be activated when someone or

something goes out of one's life too.

North Node in Taurus:

You tend to be materialistic and have difficulty enjoying that which you do not own. You may be too practical for your own good. What others see as strong sensuality and sexuality can stem from your need to be possessed and accepted. You have not fully understood others' values, so now you grow by developing sensitivity to the things that others find important. Even those who think they know you well do not, for you have had many lifetimes behind closed doors. There is a strong past life residue of sexual misuse. Females with this have used their sexual powers to get what they want from life. You have had strong urges to re-cycle or remake what others would throw away.

You tend to view life as a series of emergencies. You respond to situations with intense emotions and are frequently jealous or suspicious. Develop your strength in earning your own way. For many, developing an appreciation for the arts is a way to grow. While you are still materialistic, possessive and practical, work for a balance between being security-oriented and seeing the beauty around you. For some, you are constantly working on habit patterns: over-eating and dieting, smoking and not smoking, etc. You tend to view life as a series of emergencies. Realize that you can't always get what you want, but you will get what you need. Focus on the rational and practical. Build rather than tear apart.

North Node in 5th house:

This position often signifies a close relationship to children. You have success with love and romance but many disappointments in friendships. You give more love than you receive. This creates an internal inferiority or frustration that affects relationships. Often your sphere of life is limited in one way or another. Your love affairs may have a previous life connection. You feel that awareness when you are with others. Your creative ideas may be ahead of their time. In some way you feel you're an oddball, so you've learned to submerge your personal needs to group needs. Detaching from life is comfortable for you so you can create your own destiny.

Your good wishes for others bring more to yourself. You need to develop the warmth and generosity of Leo (5th house) and overcome the non-attachment of Aquarius (11th house). Some of you are loners, but developing an interest in sports or acting fulfills your need for attention. In this way you are outstanding in some way. You become a person with a personal, loving manner rather than relying on the intellect alone. Some of you become overly involved in others' problems at the expense of your own.

Chiron Square North Node:

When you have Chiron square the Nodes you may have to face real wounds and challenges usually having to do with the signs or houses they are in. Remember that the squares bring obstacles but not necessarily road blocks. i.e. In the 5th house, there may be obstacles pertaining to children, sports, entertainment, or childbirth. In the 7th, having to do with marriage or partnership issues. In the 6th, perhaps health issues or problems regarding the giving of service in your daily routine, etc. If you have the square natively, your thought patterns or karma may lead to a serious problem at some time during your life. Your handling of this gives an opportunity for serious spiritual growth or the reverse if you allow it to defeat you.

The Four Major Asteroids

The asteroids add a wealth of information in a chart that is often ignored. By 1988, over 2000 of them had been discovered. This report is limited to the “main ones,” Ceres, Pallas, Vesta, and Juno, which were all discovered in the nineteenth century and were the first. These are mainly concerned with the feminine side of human nature of both sexes since we all have a masculine and a feminine side. Imagine how much has been left out by considering only the 10 planets (for convenience astrologers lump the sun and moon in this group). We think of four of the feminine roles: Ceres, the mother; Pallas, the daughter; Vesta, the sister; and Juno, the wife when working with these. Besides the more mundane interpretations of these four, Demetra George in *Asteroid Goddesses* gives some very specific interpretations of their roles:

Ceres, the great mother, provides a model to understand the causes of co-dependency, eating disorders, child sexual abuse, and the challenges of single parenting. Pallas Athena, Goddess of Wisdom, refers to the dilemma of professional women who sacrifice relationships or children for career and the wounds from the father-daughter interaction. Vesta, the temple priestess illuminates the need to illuminate spiritual and sexual energies, and to find meaningful work. Juno, Goddess of Marriage, speaks to the redefinition of significant relationships, changing sexual roles, and the plight of battered women and powerless wives.

When studying these four asteroids, people often ask what it means if they are retrograde as they often are. Ceres and Pallas are retrograde every 16 months for 3 1 months; Vesta every 16-17 months for 3 months; and Juno, every 14 1 months for 3 1 to 3 3 months. These retrograde periods create the 4 and 5 year cycles that lead up to the 9 year great cycle of asteroid economic effect which is discussed at length in *The Theory of Celestial Influence* by Rodney Collin.

Esther V. Linebach interprets the retrograde periods this way:

Ceres retrograde may lead to being away from home a great deal.

Pallas retrograde may cut down on mathematical understanding, or there may be less discipline or focus, a decrease in practicality, and more emotional reactions.

Vesta retrograde may change the tendency to become involved too deeply in commitments.

Juno retrograde ventures from established moral and social codes more easily than usual. These people are often self-confident and from good families who sometimes seem to be oblivious to public opinion.

These retrograde interpretations are still in an early stage of development but are well-worth exploring.

Introduction to Ceres

Ceres is the largest body in the asteroid belt, approximately 587 miles in diameter. It takes 4.6 years for it to orbit the sun or 1,680 days. On January 1, 1801, it was the first of the asteroids to be discovered.

In symbolizing the function of mother in psychology and astrology, Ceres governs a number of psychological quantities that cannot be described any other way. Like Cancer it addresses the issue of how we give and receive nurturance, how we develop feelings of self-worth, how we provide and care for others, and how we respond neurotically if these needs are not met. Like Taurus and Scorpio Ceres governs the lessons of attachment and aversion, the pathology of loss and rejection, the capacity for grief and sorrow, and the principle of sharing. Like Virgo it symbolizes issues of productivity, growth, self-reliance, and work.

Thus, we find that Ceres shows the relationship between mother and child or what prevented nurturing. For some, food is your mommy, so Ceres-Pluto aspects may show food problems, such as anorexia, bulimia, or obesity. It may indicate an overwhelming mother. It is the mid-West, fields of grain, and cereal. Ceres opposing the ascendant may show someone who doesn't get taken care of (someone is too busy doing Mars). Ceres transits and progressions may indicate times for pregnancy and childbirth or difficulties pertaining to these. Ceres is the goddess of fertility and agriculture. In many cases progressed aspects to Ceres have coincided with a change of job. Ceres becomes the basis for a healthy self-acceptance and self-esteem. Through her association with the Eleusinian mysteries, she contains the secret of both birth, death, and renewal, the feeding and nourishment of both soul and spirit. Her colors are green, like vegetation, but also blue-black, the inner color of the underworld where seeds lie dormant. Her element is earth. Like the Ceres-Persephone story, she teaches the wisdom that sharing and letting go lead to reunion. However, if one is fixated on the Ceres process, he may experience abandonment and rejection until learning to transform grasping into generosity. 1 Where do these ideas come from? We look to the myth of Ceres, Persephone, and Pluto. Persephone was Ceres' daughter to whom she was too attached. They were happy together, so the earth knew no winter. Persephone wandered away one day where she was attracted to the narcissus blooms. As she inhaled the fragrance, the earth split open and Pluto, god of the underworld emerged. He carried her off to become his bride and queen. Later, Ceres could not find Persephone. She searched day and night for ten days. She learned of the abduction, and that her brother, Zeus, approved. She left Mount Olympus to avoid Zeus and disguised herself as an old woman seeking refuge. Eventually, she came to Eleusis where she was befriended by the king's daughter and the queen who gave her the care of her infant son. She reared the boy as a god and once placed him in the fire to burn off his mortality. The queen was outraged and Ceres was hurt at being thwarted in her attempts to give him eternal life. She revealed her identity and ordered a temple and altar be built where mortals could be initiated into her rites.

Meanwhile, Ceres neglected the earth in her grief. Crops were destroyed and fruit rotted on the trees. In desperation, the people appealed to Zeus (Jupiter), and Ceres, realizing that if humanity died out there would be none to worship the gods, ordered Pluto to release Persephone for half of each year. Pluto, in sly kindness, agreed, but first he offered her several pomegranate seeds, the symbol of sexual consummation, so her marriage with him became indissoluble. The compromise was that she would spend six months as Pluto's bride (winter) and six more with Ceres (summer).

Ceres expresses differently in each sign just as there are different types of mothering and nurturing. It expresses more easily in some signs than others too. Probably Cancer, Virgo, and Pisces are more harmonious signs for this energy than Aries, Sagittarius, or Aquarius who emphasize other interests more strongly unless they have the more nurturing signs present in their charts too. All signs, though, have an interest in the production of food and many of the other themes symbolized by Ceres. They just manifest this energy in different ways.

Ceres in Aries:

Ceres in the signs describes the twelve styles of nurturing. In Aries, you receive nurturance through being granted independence and being allowed to be yourself. You nurture those in your care through your self-sufficiency and your own initiative. Being dominated by your nurturer or being required to take on responsibility before you are ready, as happens to many Ceres in Aries people, may both be damaging if they happen to you. Your nurturing style has an element of pioneering or bringing in something new. You're attracted to new ways of caring for others. Susan Boyle, the singer known for her perfect pitch, demonstrates this by being recognized for her talent in spite of her not-so-glamorous image.

The houses answer the question “where.” The house that holds Ceres tells you where or in what area of your life the nurturing and care you’ve received affect you. It also shows in what area of your life you receive nurturing. So if in the third house, you receive care through conversation, in the tenth house, through your career, or in the first house you provide much of it yourself.

Ceres in 4th house:

The image of the mother and being the mother is your ideal image of nurturing and being nurtured. This holds true for both sexes. Being a mother is the foundation of your life, and some extend this to include being mother to the world or mothering all who come into their home. Like Ceres in the myth you may have to deal with rejection, loss, and return of loved ones in your life. We see this in the life of Princess Diana who experienced the loss and return of her mother and the possible loss of her sons. She took her role of mother very seriously.

Ceres Sextile Pluto:

Children often bring you the opportunity to transform your values. You learn to become more tolerant and have greater acceptance of others as a result. You nurture through helping others through their transformations including the ultimate transformation of life to death passages. You learn that there is loss in all of life. Even your children must be given up in some ways as they transform to adult life.

Ceres Sextile Chiron:

You have the opportunity to give and receive nurturing that is healing to you. Since the mythical Chiron was also a teacher, you learn much from giving and receiving this care. The nurturing can take many forms, being a parent, protectors such as law enforcers and firemen, doctors and nurses, ministers, counselors, and food providers and servers just to name a few. These are services you give or receive willingly.

Ceres Square Uranus:

The nurturing you received as a child could have been erratic inclining some who have this aspect to have difficulty forming emotional bonds. Some of you came from broken homes or your rebellion against your parents brings a conflict between personal freedom and closeness. For some, your loved ones do not realize your need for nurturing because you seem so self-reliant. It becomes necessary for you to integrate your individuality and urges for change with your concern and nurturance of those you care for.

Ceres Square Neptune:

When these two energies do not work in harmony, you may be unrealistic in what you expect of others. This may lead to being disappointed or disillusioned by others. Some seek escape in drugs, alcohol, or excessive neediness as a way of gaining attention they feel they don’t get otherwise. Some become a victim who needs attention and care. Wholeness and unity may be regained by meeting the needs of others.

Ceres Trine Asc.:

You do not hesitate to lend a hand in helping all those in your care. This is something you do knowing that it is beneficial for both you and the receiver of your care. You identify with the people and things, such as your home that you are nurturing. This is second nature for you because it is probably the kind of care you received as a child. You’ve developed very healthy habits of giving service.

Ceres Quincunx Mercury:

If you are one of those people who don't quite say what you mean. If you expect others to understand what you mean without saying so and get angry when they do not understand, then you would benefit greatly by adjusting your communication skills. This would benefit both you and your listeners. Donald Trump is one who has this quincunx.

Ceres Opposition MC:

Ceres opposition the midheaven is the same as Ceres conjunct the 4th house so the nurturing you give and get involves your home or providing a home. If Ceres is in the 3rd house, you also nurture through the mental activities needed to run a home or in providing a place to study or communicate with others. If Ceres is in the 4th, the home is the center of your nurturing activities. This includes providing and preparing food and all the tasks that are needed to make a home a place of comfort, love, and security.

Introduction to Pallas

Pallas, also known as Pallas Athene, Minerva, or Hippie (because she trained horses), is the second largest of the four major asteroids. It has a diameter of 535 km, and it orbits the sun in 4.61 years. It was discovered in 1802 by the German astronomer Wilhelm Olbers.

Pallas represents creative intelligence and the need to balance the male and female polarities within us as well as the difficulties that result when harmony is not achieved. If you have a strong Pallas (in an angular house, 1st, 4th, 7th, or 10th, or in a strong aspect to the sun, moon, or ascendant), you will often seek companionship rather than passion in your heterosexual relationships. You may feel torn between your intimate relationships and your work or ambitions. It can signify the difficulties that women working in the outer world experience in balancing the other parts of their lives as well as the discrimination and sexism they encounter in the professional world.

Martha Lang-Wescott has observed that Pallas shows "what you will do to get Dad's approval." She has found it in the charts of several cases of child abuse. She has also found that people with a strong Pallas may do anything unless it's expected of them. They feel that what they have to do is to get Dad's approval, and then they use it to please or not please others. Other astrologers have found that when there are many stressful aspects to Pallas a person may have visual or auditory problems, color blindness, dyslexia, poor hand-eye coordination, mental retardation, or learning difficulties.

When delineating Pallas, consider the element it is in. It will show how one will express his creative intelligence:

- Fire (Aries, Leo, or Sagittarius) - by becoming inspired and formulating visions
- Earth (Taurus, Virgo, or Capricorn) - by creating new forms and structures
- Air (Gemini, Libra, or Aquarius) - by developing new ideas and theories
- Water ((Cancer, Scorpio, or Pisces) - by becoming psychic and intuitive

Ideas about how Pallas operates in our lives come from the myth of Pallas Athene. These began in Libya 6,000 years ago where she was born on the shores of Lake Triton, home of several tribes of African Amazons. Her mother, Metes, helped Zeus-Jupiter achieve victory over his father, Cronus (Saturn) by giving him an emetic that forced him to cough up his swallowed children. Although Metes changed into

many shapes to avoid Zeus' lustful advances, she was finally ravished and got with child. Gaia and Uranus warned Jupiter that Metis would bear a child after Pallas Athene who would become king of gods and men. To maintain his sovereignty, Jupiter consumed Metis whole while she was pregnant with Athene. Jupiter's blinding headache that resulted could only be relieved through having his head cleft with a double-edged sword (a matriarchal symbol). Out sprang Pallas Athene in armor of pure gold. She immediately became her father's favorite. From a sociological perspective, the myth of Pallas' birth from Jupiter's head marks the ingestion of the feminine wisdom principle to the needs of the new patriarchal order. The myth also describes the growth of wisdom from the instinctive to the conscious. By elevating the procreative urge to the level of creative intelligence, the patriarchal birth of Pallas Athene heralded a turning point in the development of the human psyche.

Pallas types may be women who support and defend a male-ordered world or align themselves as the right hand to successful and powerful men. It can signify putting aside one's sexual nature, sexually or unconsciously, in order to relate harmoniously in a platonic manner with those of the opposite sex. Some others may overly identify with the father and develop "animus ridden" personalities (In ancient times, the Amazon; in modern times this could be a combative and aggressive woman who has lost touch with her softness and receptivity).

When the father-bond is impaired, as it often is with a strong Pallas, several psychological complexes may occur. One is the "Daddy's Little Girl" the dutiful daughter who passively submits to her father's power; another is the Amazon type who seeks to have or imitate the masculine power of the father. This is the "tomboy" who denies her strong feelings and emotions.

In a man's horoscope, a strong Pallas can denote the reverse, the "anima ridden" personality, his unconscious feminine side. In the extreme, it may manifest as excessive passivity, dependence, moodiness, or hesitancy to assert his will. Both sexes lack wholeness of their intrinsic nature that alienates others and prevents intimacy with the opposite sex. Pallas may depict a highly developed intellectual or artistic male who fears being rejected for not being macho enough. He may block his softness and sensitivity in order to conform to the norm of women's expectations.

Another manifestation of a misused Pallas is seen in the fear of success. While Pallas' mental abilities are highly praised, these were (and are) not recognized as feminine qualities. "The brain" while being applauded for her academic achievements is often not asked to the prom. Some daughters are still encouraged to play dumb as a means of attracting men. Thus, the irony for a Pallas woman is that the more she expresses her creative potential, the more she threatens her opportunity to form a conventional relationship with a man. She is the thinker who needs to learn to stand up to authority. She has to learn to stand up for herself when confronted with power. She has to break out and exercise her right to think and act for herself.

On the positive side, Pallas types, if not badly afflicted, have a capacity for whole pattern perception. It represents the wisdom of strategy, foresight, and planning which leads to concrete achievement and tangible results. She inclines to talent in the visual arts – drawing, painting, graphics, design, photography, crafts, and film. She also excels in the healing arts, such as acupuncture, homeopathy, macrobiotics, cellular regeneration, or polarity therapy.

The suffering and alienation that are found in today's Pallas types are rooted in the assumption that femininity and mental creativity are mutually exclusive. Thus, the soul work for the Pallas woman is to recover her lost origins, to see her not as a goddess who has renounced her femininity, but as one who teaches us to recognize courage and vulnerability, creativity and receptivity as equally feminine qualities.

Pallas in Signs gives you an individual interpretation of how Pallas works in the twelve different signs. Pallas' energy shows how you use your wisdom, intelligence and creativity. It shows how you would perceive and protect justice and the law. It indicates how you think about protecting excellence in the professional world. For example someone with Pallas in Aries might be blunt and forceful in upholding the law while a person with Pallas in Virgo would analyze all the ramifications before acting. This applies to your approach to any of the Pallas themes.

Pallas in Pisces:

You perceive the wisdom of compassion as you use your own pain to understand the suffering and desire for happiness in others. You can be the enlightened warrior or a martyr as a proponent of non-violent resistance by turning the other cheek and refusing to fight. Princess Diana, in her strong compassion for others, and Gandhi, who used non-violent resistance, are examples of Pallas in Pisces. You express the poetic, inspirational, and illusive qualities of artistic expression. You are well-suited to anything that creates an illusion, such as films, photography, ethereal music from a synthesizer, or working with light. You are concerned with the emotional impact on your free will and ego.

Pallas in Houses tells you to area of your life in which your mental-creative urges are most strongly expressed. For example Pallas in the 4th may put her mind to building a strong home and family. Often a parent has an influence on one's mental activities here, as was true in General Douglas McArthur's life. Pallas in the 11th uses his or her mind to participate in groups and organizations, pursuing one's goals, and building friendships. Robert Cooper, who served for many years as executive direct of the American Federation of Astrologers, is an illustration of this.

Pallas in 2nd house:

You have a strong practical sense and are quite creative in acquiring resources. You enjoy making money as long as it does not interfere with your personal ethics. You would never do anything that you consider to be wrong for gain. Since you have a desire to save and conserve, you are not wasteful. Some with this can get what they want from life by creative visualization, and often the planning of a task is as meaningful to you as the actual manifestation.

Pallas Conjunct Chiron:

Your mental-creative ability is blended with the energy of Chiron. You can choose the best of Chiron and be a healer or teacher or be the wounded healer who could not heal himself although, like Chiron, he could help others heal. You may focus on being a maverick in your field of endeavor, or maybe you use this ability to overcome some hurdles that others cannot surmount. Public relations or politics would suit you very well.

Pallas Sextile Saturn:

Using self-discipline and structure, you can put your ideas in concrete form. What you create has solidity and strength. It lasts, whether it is an idea or a structure. You have mental concentration and can focus on what you are doing. Some campaign against unjust social laws. Your feminine identity is enhanced by your strength and success.

Pallas Trine Pluto:

What you create mentally combines with the transformative urge. Mentally you can bring about changes that literally transform yourself and others. You understand the power of ideas. You may work with regenerative healing techniques or inventive artistic processes. This applies to any field that brings transformation such as counseling, medical fields, educational fields, or astrology.

Pallas Quincunx Mercury:

Your ability to reason, create, and verbally express your ideas may have some blockages. While you're combining the mental-creative principle with your intellect, you will need to make a few adjustments. For example, if this aspect is from the 5th to the 10th, you may have to give up some of your pleasurable activities for the demands of your career. If from the 4th to the 11th, the expectations of your family may mean that you're goals and friendships in life may have to change.

Pallas Quincunx Venus:

You have a blockage in your sexual-creative expression. Something in your nature needs to be adjusted for you to combine your mental-creative principle with the feminine principle of love and sensuality. You may have to choose between intimate relating and creative accomplishments. One has to be sacrificed or balanced for the other. The resolution lies in not only learning to actively create in the outer world but also to become receptive and open so that you may attract the necessary inspiration.

Pallas Quincunx Vertex:

While it is your destiny to express your creative-intelligence, you have the potential for transformation through adjustment. Sometimes a minor change in the way you express yourself is all that is needed to bring this about. In other cases the change needed is more important. Elizabeth Taylor is one who had this. Since the Vertex is in her 8th, she lost at least two of her husbands by death (one after a divorce). With Pallas in her 1st she could then aggressively develop her career. The interpretation depends on the houses and signs of Pallas and the Vertex. For some, only a change of attitude is what is needed.

Pallas Opposition Sun:

You have the same strong drives to identify with your mental accomplishments as those with the conjunction. The difference is that you must balance the efforts of someone or something that could stand in your way. It could be blocks from sub-conscious messages from your father or from attitudes in the world in which you live. Either way, you probably have to work a little harder to accomplish your goals. Barbara Walters is an example. She had to fight against the idea that only men could be prime time news anchors

Pallas Opposition Juno:

This is a powerful combination for focusing your visions. However, there are blocks in expressing your intellect and creativity. Excessive involvement in one's personal creativity can lead to sexual and social alienation from others in some cases. I have the chart of a wealthy local person who was strongly believed to have shot his step-daughter. He was acquitted, but his reputation has been damaged shown by Pallas in the 10th square Mars in the 7th opposition Vesta in the 5th.

Vesta was discovered May 29, 1827, by the German astronomer Heinrich Wilhelm Olbers. Its diameter is 525 km or 326 miles making it one of the largest of the asteroids.

Vesta as ruler of Virgo represents unobstructed commitment and dedication to work. Vesta seems to symbolize the true Virgo “workaholic,” the person who almost works for the sake of working rather than for any other reward. Dislike from one’s job, when Vesta is prominent, can lead to a health breakdown which allows one to escape the work. When there are transits to and from Vesta, it represents times when we need to retreat from the outer world to replenish and reintegrate ourselves. It symbolizes the capacity to be whole, self-identified, and fertile. Vesta gathers energy and brings it to a single point. Those of you with a strong Vesta (Vesta in the 1st, 4th, 7th, or 10th, or aspecting the sun or moon) can concentrate your energies to a point of focus and give your undivided attention to whatever you are doing. A prominent Vesta shows a potential for an “all or none” quality, as if all the time and energy is committed to the work or all to the personal life, so that the person has difficulty doing both. This is especially true if Vesta is in the sign of personal relationships, Cancer, Leo, Libra, Scorpio and/or the 4th, 5th, 7th or 8th houses. For sexually active people, progressions to Vesta can lead to a complete disinterest in or desire for sex. It passes when the progression is no longer in effect.

Much of our interpretation of Vesta comes from the myths of the Vestal virgin. Vesta, or Hestia, as she was known to the ancient Greeks was the keeper of the sacred flame in the temple and on the home alters. She plays almost no role in the frequently violent myths and little personality is described other than devotion to duty and purity. She remains a virgin in her total commitment to her tasks and so were the priestesses who served her. In some periods, a priestess who broke her vow of celibacy was buried alive. Despite Vesta’s reserved, almost colorless nature, she played a major role in the Greek faith. All meals began and ended with an offering to her. Security depended on the preservation of her sacred flame.

Vesta, as a possible ruler of Scorpio, rules sexual denial. Yet, those with strong Vestas are often sexually active men and women. The women may engage in sexual encounters with a variety of men, yet these encounters are by no means profane. Instead, they are described as transcendent, spiritual, and healing. Men with strong Vestas have a high degree of sensitivity to the sexual needs of women and a strong need to enter into sexual union, yet they may avoid long-term commitment. Instead they are labeled as gigolos or heart-breakers.

The sign Vesta is in shows how you focus on the work you do. Vesta in Aries may work by initiating an effort while Vesta in Libra prefers working with a partner. Each sign indicates different styles and preferences for the way you work. Knowing your personal inclinations can not only help you make beneficial choices for yourself but also help people who work in personnel or the hiring of others as well as teachers or anyone who works with people

Vesta in Taurus:

You are able to focus your energies best in a stable environment. From there, you can produce the tangible results you’re looking for. You can alienate others, though, by being too fixed and inflexible. Sexuality is based on the release of natural instincts. If it is frustrated, it can produce physical stress which becomes more important to you than concern for your partner’s desires. Having a pragmatic, yet accepting approach usually works well for Vesta in Taurus people.

The house that holds your Vesta shows which area of your life you focus your strong dedication to work. It also shows by its sign and the aspects to it where there may be problems in achieving your work goals or

where you may be benefitted in doing so. For example, John F. Kennedy was prevented from achieving the results of his hard work and dedication (Vesta in the 5th trine Saturn and Neptune in the 10th) by the ultimate transformation, his death (Pluto) in a distant city (Pluto in the 9th).

Vesta in 4th house:

You accept the duty of preserving traditional concepts of home and family. For some the patterns developed early in your life of having added responsibility and work in the home when young continue as strong feelings of duty and obligations. Some make sacrifices of and for the home such as caring for an elderly relative at some time in their lives. While most are willing to meet these obligations, especially if Vesta is well-aspected, some may need to find efficient approaches to domestic needs so they do not feel burdened.

Vesta Conjunction Moon:

Your emotional world may be your area of self-involvement and integration. You have a capacity for selfless caring and a natural humility and grace. You have a devotion to your family or at least a strong desire to care for others. You display sympathetic understanding and emotional rapport in a variety of sexual situations. Some have a free and open attitude about sex. Florence Nightingale is one who had this conjunction. She did not marry so she could devote herself to her career.

Vesta Conjunction Saturn:

With your intensely focused and committed energies you combine the urge to create form and structure. With your self-discipline, seriousness of purpose, and ability to actualize goals and aspirations through dedication and hard work, you can use the power of these two energies well. Your creations last having a solid and secure foundation. There can also exist a devotion to one's duties and obligations.

Vesta Square Venus:

Your needs for independence and work does not harmonize with your relationship needs which may result in alienation. The result can range from promiscuity to withdrawal from intimate needs, fear, frigidity, or puritanical attitudes toward sex. Some feel unable to love or relate meaningfully. Men with this may see their partners as tyrannical, manipulating, or demanding – often a self-fulfilling prophecy. Developing an integration of one's independence and work energies to their intimate relationships can go a long way toward a resolution.

Vesta Square Vertex:

Your dedication to your work (Vesta) is somehow blocked at times by what the world expects of you, what you are expected to return to your environment in service (The Vertex). That could be as mundane as the everyday tasks that everyone (especially women) are expected to take care of to another career path you feel you're neglecting. Because of the personal growth you've experienced as a result of what you've done, you may feel that it is your fate to accomplish more

Vesta Trine Mars:

The masculine principles of action and assertion combine well with the focusing principle. This emphasizes your ability to concentrate and direct your energy as you wish. You possess skill and sensitivity in sexual

expression. You can exhibit autonomy and self-determination in intimate relationships giving much harmony in that area of your life. Some sublimate sexual energy in fighting for a cause as a spiritual warrior or crusader. Oprah Winfrey and Leonard Bernstein are two who exemplify this use of Mars-Vesta energy.

Vesta Quincunx Jupiter:

You combine the urge to expand or broaden your world with dedication and commitment. However, since this is a quincunx, some adjustment is needed in your thinking or attitude to get the full benefit. If that is not done you could have a conflict between your personal philosophy and that which is beneficial for the world as a whole. You may believe that your philosophy is the only truth, as in religious fundamentalism. In some cases, you may promise too much and are not able to deliver. Another possibility is an exaggeration of your sexual powers or an exaggeration of sexual fears.

Vesta Quincunx MC:

An adjustment needs to be made in the time you spend in the focus and dedication you have for your work and the needs of your family or the needs of your personal life. Some of you overwork out of a vague sense of guilt that comes from feeling that you are not doing enough or not doing your share. Usually this is done by people who have many talents that they are not using. If you are one of these people you do need to express these abilities, but you must also be mindful that work must be balanced with the needs of your loved ones

Introduction to Juno

Juno was the third asteroid to be discovered. Karl Ludwig Haring, a German astronomer, found it September 1, 1804. It is 2290 km in size, the 11th largest. It orbits the sun in 4.36578 years.

Juno is considered to be a significator of marriage, most likely a "traditional" rather than a non-traditional one. She is also known as Hera, the model bride and wife, the guardian of childhood and motherhood, patroness of marriage, and one who sought fulfillment through her relationship. Juno rules the rites and arrangements of legal marriage (June/ Juno brides). She is also associated with Libra (intimacy) and Scorpio (manipulation). Juno describes the need for a deeply committed and just relationship as well as for the range of suffering and neurotic complexes when this union is denied or frustrated. Those with a prominent Juno are drawn to the path of committed relationships. They spend their lifetime experiencing the 7th house lessons of learning to develop cooperation, compromise, understanding, and harmony with others. Usually it represents the mate, but it can refer to any close one-on-one relationship. By transit, Juno describes the timing for the inception of relationships as well as periods of crisis and separation. In synastry, Juno is a primary indicator of compatibility and karmic connection. Juno depicts the issue of sexual fidelity as well as the patterns of oppression and force that are so often used to maintain it.

However, Juno has significance in other kinds of relationships too. Dr. Lee Lehman gives an example in her book *The Ultimate Asteroid Book*. Dr. Lehman got the time and location of the crash and the birth charts of six of the flight attendants in the crash. In all cases but one, using both geo and helio positions of Juno of the flight attendants, Juno was making aspects to the natal chart. For the one exception, helio Juno was at 0 degrees Libra, a critical degree. Obviously, Juno here did not pertain to marriage, but it does show something of relationships, especially the kind of relationship in which the individual does not hold the key to power.

In mythology, Juno was the wife of Zeus. According to the myth she was tricked into marrying Zeus out of

guilt and obligation since Zeus had disguised himself as a Cuckoo and then caused a mighty rainstorm. Hera (Juno) took pity on the bird, shivering and frozen from the cold, and warmed it with her cloak. At this time Zeus resumed his true self and ravished her. Shamed by her violation, she married him. He took her to Olympus to share his throne. At first, the divine bride and bridegroom exchanged much love and tenderness, but this bliss rapidly faded. For the remainder of the marriage, Zeus and Hera lived in a continual state of tension and perpetual combat due to his infidelities and arrogance. Forced into obedience and submission, Hera's only means of striking back at Zeus was by taking revenge on his lovers, so Juno or Hera has come to be associated with revenge as well as symbolizing monogamous marriage or the fulfillment of herself through a single husband to whom she could be a single wife.

For both men and women, Juno is the astrological significator for the fear of losing their significant other and the grasping, possessive attitude that arises from this insecurity. It is also an indicator of the fear of betrayal that arises from the partner's real or imagined faithlessness. Also, it is an indicator of the tension and fears that exist concerning encounters within relationships. As guardians of legal marriage, Juno signifies the rights of legitimate children and society's ostracism of illegitimate children. She also rules those who fight for the rights of the underdog (particularly women) in the political, economic, educational, and judicial arenas. Juno too, is the indicator of the subjugation and revenge that follows the relinquishing of personal power and can predispose an individual to participate in self-defeating power struggles. She represents the fighting side of Libra wanting justice, equality, and fair play.

Gloria Steinem, with her stressful square of Juno in Capricorn square her sun in Aries, when asked why she never married said, "I don't mate well in captivity."

Juno in the sign describes your twelve styles of relating and meeting our intimacy needs. Often the sign describes the type of partner you attract and how you handle any frustrations you have if your need to express in the way the sign describes is frustrated in any way. Some of you project the qualities of the sign on the partner meeting your needs (and often creating problems for yourself) in that way.

Juno in Virgo:

You want perfection in your relationships. You want a partner who will examine day-to-day functioning and adjust daily habit patterns. This gives you a sense of a working relationship. You are fair but according to your own idea of justice. You want a mate who is precise and unassuming in public, and it's extremely important that the mate be clean. This is almost a phobia to you. You're very particular about daily details. You also want your mate to be as knowledgeable and concerned about nutrition as you are.

Juno in the houses is a very useful tool for interpretation. It tells us where or what area of our lives an energy (planet) exerts an effect. Juno in the 6th might desire to work effectively with a partner; Juno in the 9th might want a partner with a similar philosophy of life, compatible religious beliefs, and similar educational background; or Juno in the 11th might want the partner to be a friend as well as a lover and might want friends to be an important part of their lives. This is one reason couples need to know each other well before marriage. If the needs of both are not met trouble can ensue.

Juno in 8th house:

You often put your partner through continual changes and transformations since you thrive on the intensity of peak emotional experiences in relationships. Your most important relationship interactions will concern mutual finances and possessions as well as the issues of trust, power, and sexuality. You may attract a mate with resources. There are opportunities to regenerate through your legal partner. An inner confidence

makes it feel unnecessary to defend your position to others. You are adamant about carrying out your wishes or beliefs to the extent of defying authority.

Juno Conjunct Sun:

A major life theme for you is to learn to harmoniously interact with others. The relating principle combines with identity and purpose. With the conjunction you have the power to develop harmony and intimacy in a relationship. Since you place so much importance on relationships, you are committed to perfecting them. However, you support your partner's individuality too. Michael Gorbachev showed this sensitivity to relationships in his dealings with Ronald Reagan. Judy Woodruff, the newscaster shows this quality too.

Juno Sextile Pluto:

You have the opportunity to bring personal and social transformations of relationship attitudes and roles in your interactions with your significant other. You can transmute the emotional and sexual intensity of your relationship to healing, strengthening, and personal regeneration. You have the power to exert a strong influence on others as well in such endeavors as peak experiences or research. Some of you are attracted to intense, powerful, or secretive types

Juno Trine Saturn:

You exemplify the best side of Saturn in relationships: loyalty, wisdom, duty, hard work, and responsibility. You can build a solid structure that will last. It is apt to benefit the next generation as well as your own. You usually have the ability to use these same qualities to benefit business partnerships and financial matters as well. You are attracted to serious, responsible, parental types who can provide safety and security.

Juno Opposition Chiron:

The problems indicated by the opposition do indicate that some changes need to be made or they can lead to separation. They don't have to lead to separation, though, if the two energies are balanced. To balance them, you have to give equal time and energy to both, your marriage and dealing with past hurts about marriage. Sometimes this requires counseling. First examine your attitude about marriage or close partnerships (for the unmarried this might be your best friend). What is bringing you the results you want, and what is causing the conflicts? If you can define these, you'll know what to work on. Many with this aspect have very good marriages. Possibly they have already learned the lessons Chiron is trying to teach them.