

THE CHIRON AND ASTEROID GEMS REPORT

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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 Aquarius:

Your wound is that you feel like an alien or outsider. You feel different from others and often have an inability to see your place in the world. Change is your only constant. Crackling with mental energy, you have a tendency to stand apart from others, yet you feel relief when truly alone. You avoid close personal relationships. You may have experienced rejection from peers for being different. You have a need to be at the cutting edge of the future. Your healing path is to see how you fit into the whole so you can gradually begin to feel as though you belong.

Chiron in 12th house:

Self-imposed solitude is a necessity for you. Some sacrifice themselves for the actions of others. You sacrifice your "gifts" when you are emotionally mature and strong. There could be nervous tension perhaps picked up from other family members. The unconscious, the psychic, mysticism, and spiritual longings play a part. For some, it is played out within the walls of institutions concerned with the welfare of mind, body, and spirit. You tend to hide your wounds. You have intuitive or right-brained skill. The need is to develop the left-brain skills through being pragmatic. You place a high value on grace, harmony, compassion, and the arts. Some over value mystical experiences and nonverbal knowing, even to the point of gullibility.

Chiron Opposition Mercury:

For you, the Saturn function of Chiron (the old and familiar) is perfected and there is a bridge of awareness to Uranus (the new). With this balance between Saturn and Uranus, your mind can function to its optimum. Many, though, seem to be plodding along with their work, but closer observation may show mastery coming through in their work. Some with this seek transformation through acting as promoters or popularizers of whatever they see as being revealed to them.

Chiron Opposition Venus:

You are an alluring individual who is completely open to others. However, you are so busy caring for your loved ones that you neglect your own needs. Some suffer emotional pain in personal relationships. If a balance isn't achieved it can lead to resenting your partner. Being highly sensitive to inharmony, you often become the peacemaker in your relationships.

Chiron Square Mars:

It is easy for you to get in a rut. Your maverick tendencies show up in the way you use your energies. You resist transmutation - going from Saturn, the old awareness, to Uranus, the new awareness, - until the transit of Uranus opposing Uranus near age 40. Being assertive is difficult for you since you fear that your requests will be met with anger. You also fear your own anger. Only when you reassess your personal desire and develop a strong sense of your self-worth will you be able to use your Mars energy at its best. Some may be overly aggressive and defensive.

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 Opposition Uranus:

You are one whose quest dramatizes individualism as a defiance of what is socially normal. This opposition brings much stress. Some of you turn to drugs. Since it was in effect much of the time between 1931 and 1989 it has a generational effect. You have a strong desire for freedom and are likely to cut ties if anything stands in your way. You need to find a creative outlet for your special abilities.

Chiron Sextile MC:

Those of you who have the sextile to Chiron use their uniqueness and insights into the future in a positive way. The latest advances in technology are often of great interest to you and you develop much skill in this area. You have a healthy respect for authority figures in your life so they see your unique skills as great career assets.

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 an 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 Libra:

You tend to be self-centered and selfish. You are a pioneering individual who lives in extremes. You can be opinionated and jealous of the possessions of others. Master the difficult art of listening to other people. Strive for moderation in all things. Play fair and learn to share. You tend to rely on yourself to the point of alienating other people. Your "me first" attitude makes you excessively competitive. You can be impulsive, rash, and impatient. You have many lessons to learn in the areas of partnership, marriage, and cooperation with others. In past lives you were accountable only to yourself. You rarely took advice and spend most of your energy developing whatever activities you have. Although you would never admit it, you never quite notice others as much as yourself. You need to work on sensitizing yourself to the needs of others. Learn tact and cooperation. An overwhelming self-consciousness blocks your desire to win. You avoid what your partner demands since you prefer to work on the spur of the moment. Your plans will be blocked until you consider the other side. The marriage state is not easy for you because you can relate to others only so long as they don't bind your sense of freedom. Most of you are either single, divorced, or separated in consciousness from your spouse. You blame others for your own past-life selfishness, yet it is through partnerships that you will learn inner balance. You don't like to be dependent on others. Learning cooperation will help you achieve our goals.

North Node in 7th house:

The area of your life that you have the opportunity and need to develop is the seventh house of relating to others, such as your spouse. Many lives have been spent in asserting your own needs, and in this incarnation you grow by learning to relate to others.

Marriage is not easy for you because it's so easy to consider yourself first. You need to listen to others to have harmonious relationships and get away from the self-centeredness and selfishness you have already developed. Your development comes from learning to use your charm, politeness, and diplomacy to meet the needs of your partner as well as your own. Keeping your own freedom may block relationships. Some may prefer to work alone and are detached from the partner in one way or another. Marriage, partnership, and cooperation are the areas from which you derive your greatest lessons in life, and your growth depends on how you handle them. It seems unfair to you to see others getting the things you have wished for. You are no longer accountable only to yourself. Others must be considered. You rarely take advice. You don't like to be dependent. Become more sensitive to the needs of others. Many with this are single or divorced since they have taken the easier (first house) way out of their problems.

Chiron Trine North Node:

Most of you are quite fortunate in your lives in many ways. You've learned to handle the wounds and slights you've had so that you may use the wisdom you've gained to help others. Your ability to teach wisdom attracts good things to you. This is a relatively easy lifetime when relationships or relating to your environment goes smoothly. You handle being a maverick in the area indicated by the house that your Chiron tenants in positive ways.

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 ½ months; Vesta every 16-17 months for 3 months; and Juno, every 14 ½ months for 3 ½ to 3 ¾ 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 Virgo:

You equate nurturance with the service and the skills you've developed. You want to feel useful through striving for perfection. The right nurturance from the mother or any other who fulfilled her role leads to competence, discrimination, confidence and self-discipline. As you develop your talents, you enhance your self-esteem and feelings of self-worth. If you've experienced excessive criticism, this may lead to an obsessive need to be perfect and critical of the imperfections of others. Eleanor Roosevelt exemplified this need for giving service and perfecting her skills to be of greater service. She went far beyond the expectations of a first lady to become one of the most admired women of her time.

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 7th house:

Caring for or needing to be cared for by your mate or partner is often a strong theme in your actions. If you have no mate or partner, then it may involve another person who is important to you through whom you learn the lessons of intimate care through a partner. Some become so close that they find it difficult to outgrow their dependence on the other person when it is time to do so. Usually, both function better for the unconditional love and support they receive from these partners. An example is Bill Gates who receives much help in administering his extensive philanthropic projects from his wife. They enhance each other's efforts to be of service.

Ceres Conjunction Vertex:

The Vertex represents what is expected of you because of who you are or what it is your fate to be. With this strong conjunction to Ceres, you are expected to be one who nurtures in some way. This could be nurturing through being an example, through your words, or through the actual care you give. You may nurture through being the provider, being a protector, through food service, through child care, or through health care.

Ceres Sextile Vesta:

Your nurturing principle combines with the dedication and focusing urge. You have the opportunity to balance your need to nurture through your work and an intense devotion to family. You may nurture through scholastic interests such as being a teacher, professor, or scholar. Some are involved in religious teaching or activities. You are probably a workaholic sacrificing to reach your goals with positive results.

Ceres Square Saturn:

The nurturing you would like to give is often blocked. There could be many different reasons for this. Your parents may have had their own problems causing them to withhold love and approval. Sometimes there is harsh discipline. A parent could be irresponsible or too responsible so that you had little need or encouragement to develop your own strength. Ill health, alcohol, or drug problems may be present especially if Neptune afflicts this square. Sometimes a parent is simply absent. Many with this have to learn to be their own parent.

Ceres Square MC:

Your career, a parent, the government, or some other authority figure could block your efforts to nurture those in your care in some way. Even Abraham Lincoln's efforts through his position as President were thwarted by the government or authority figures in expressing the compassion he felt for oppressed people (Ceres in Pisces square his Sagittarius MC). I have the chart of a client of mine who has Ceres in Pisces in the 1st square her MC. She is a psychologist who was not allowed by her school to use her knowledge of astrology to help her clients.

Ceres Trine Mars:

You find it relatively easy to be effective and productive in the outside world since you probably received discipline as a child that was balanced and constructive by not being too hard and not too lenient. You became the kind of person (male or female) who nurtures others in a positive way. Your drive and energy is used to care for and defend loved ones giving you a healthy self-image.

Ceres Quincunx Chiron:

You have experienced some wounds, psychological or physical, from the nurturing you've received or did not receive. Perhaps you needed care when it was not there causing you to lose

confidence in a benevolent world. For some who have not yet resolved this conflict, health problems may result. For others, there could be financial problems if your self-esteem has been wounded. To resolve this conflict an adjustment needs to be made in the way you think about yourself. Try to replace those of weakness or worthlessness with those of strength and a knowing of your value to those in your sphere. Positive affirmations are helpful to some. Know that you don't deserve the nagging problems this conflict is bringing.

Ceres Opposition Moon:

Your strong desire to be needed by others incurs opposition in being met. Often the circumstances or the person blocking you is a problem to you that you must solve before your needs may be considered. Some have separation anxieties, fears of rejection, or feelings of isolation. Usually, though, it works best to try to do what you want and do what others want too since oppositions indicate the need for balance.

Ceres Opposition Asc.:

When a planet or asteroid is opposite the Ascendant, it is also conjunct the Descendant or 7th house cusp of partnerships. So who receives and gives nourishment in your life? It is the marriage partner. Woops. You don't have a marriage partner? Then it is a business or any other type of partner or the person who is most important to you regardless of the relationship. Occasionally, there might be someone, particularly if the conjunction is afflicted, who opposes what you do out of jealousy or any other motive. This is not a hidden enemy, though. You're well-aware of what is happening.

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 Leo:

You perceive by pressing your own unique views on the world. This may be done by acting, drama, performing, or inventions. You have charisma and the ability to stand up in the public eye as a front for causes. Your creative impulses give birth to new forms of expression. Meryl Streep, the actress, is one who has this. Besides her highly successful acting career, she has the courage to stand up for causes in which she believes. Pallas is in her first house conjunct her ascendant making her efforts very personal.

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 director of the American Federation of Astrologers, is an illustration of this.

Pallas in 6th house:

You have an interest in the artistic raising and presentation of food. Jobs in service fields, such as nursing or teaching, appeal to you. Studies about health or nutrition are of special interest to you as well as finding more efficient ways of carrying out your daily tasks and duties. Some use their intelligence for growing vegetables and herbs while others use these talents to create beautiful yards filled with flowers and shrubs.

Pallas Conjunct Mercury:

You are known for your greatly heightened creative intelligence. Your ability for using just the right words to get your ideas across is an asset to you. You excel in your use of the media for the same purpose too. You have much potential as a mediator or negotiator, and, for you, using affirmations and positive thinking is effective.

Pallas Conjunct Pluto:

You may have the power of the mind to transform reality. An example of one who did is Sigmund Freud who transformed the whole field of psychiatry and his patients with his techniques. You

have the ability to probe deeply to develop regenerative healing processes. Some develop transformative artistic or inventive techniques too.

Pallas Sextile Jupiter:

You are apt to have a broad, farseeing mind that grasps the large social issues that face humanity. You have opportunities to express this in educational, judicial, religious, or philosophical pursuits. You defend the truth and will fight for justice. The field of law or politics would suit you as it did for Bob Dole, an American politician.

Pallas Sextile Neptune:

You allow access to subtle realms and ideas. Many of you are quite sensitive, so this aspect may indicate telepathic abilities and the capacity for psychic healing using color and music. Your imagination and originality are strong enabling you to find solutions others miss. You may be proficient in the arts or use an artistic approach to many of the things you do.

Pallas Sextile North Node:

You have opportunities to experience the relationships you need for growth in this lifetime and drop the habits of the past that are not the attitudes and behavior you need now. Wherever you are you don't let old habits hold you back. For example, if the South Node has been in Libra, you have been immersed in many lifetimes in which marriage dominated your life. Now you need to discover who you are and relate to people, circumstances, and things as an individual (symbolized by the Aries North Node).

Pallas Square Mars:

It may have been difficult for you to bring your creative ideas to fruition. Something seems to block what you are trying to accomplish, and sometimes it could be your own attitude. Unless resolved, it can lead to militant behavior. There may be too much or too little masculine expression. One possible solution is to align your thoughts with will and execution. Have clear plans that are realistic for you. Then access your inner strength. Vladimir Putin is one who has this aspect. Mike Wallace, the newscaster who was a leading reporter on 60 Minutes did too.. He fought serious depression much of his life which probably blocked some of his actions.

Pallas Trine Saturn:

Your mental and creative efforts combine with the urge to consolidate. You have the ability to use self-discipline and structure in these mental-creative pursuits. You easily concentrate and focus on the task you are doing. What you create lasts whether it is an idea or a building. You probably have a sense of social responsibility and you will fight against injustice. What you do enhances your feminine identity.

Pallas Trine MC:

You have mental and creative talents that are beneficial to your career, vocation, or standing in your community. You seek approval in an appropriate and non-threatening way that is beneficial. Most of you have had your father's support and approval during your life which gives you much confidence. Nor are you threatened by authority figures such as the boss, the police, teachers or any others.

Pallas Opposition Chiron:

Regardless of what field you pursue, your mental-creative efforts meet some opposition. This is not a hidden problem. You are well-aware of what it is. It may be from something you overheard from a relative that you took personally whether it was intended that way or not, or it could be a difficult circumstance in our environment that you strive to overcome. Even though you may realize that this message was not a slur on your ability, it may be hard for you to rid yourself of it. The healing may come from having some achievement that does validate your ability that you can use to replace the negativity.

Introduction to Vesta

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 Cancer:

You need to feel needed in order to become committed. You work best when there are sympathetic ties to your families and those who are dependent on you. When you experience

harshness from other people you express your feeling of alienation by withdrawing due to your hypersensitivity. You have to feel loved and cherished to achieve sexual fulfillment, yet you don't want to develop excessive emotional neediness which can lead to insecurity and paranoia.

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 5th house:

You are strongly dedicated to children, the manifestation of your artistic ideas, or your creative expressions. Alienation from the pleasures of life, including children and your creative endeavors, may produce blockages in the creative process. Some may have children but are not allowed to be with them during their early years because of work situations, divorce, family problems, or other reasons. Control or personal feelings sometimes manifests as personal illness. Sexual sublimation may result if one is too perfectionistic or critical of his own creativity. Nevertheless, you may have a creative profession that brings you before the limelight.

Vesta Sextile Mars:

You have opportunities to focus your energy to the masculine expressions of action and assertion. You express skill and sensitivity in sexual expression and have an ability to integrate autonomy and self-determination in intimate relationships. Some sublimate sexual energy into fighting for a cause, such as being a crusader for one.

Vesta Sextile Vertex:

You have talents or abilities that may be used to bring out the qualities of the sign of your Vertex. If the Vertex is in Libra, for example, you may have the ability to bring opposing factions together in many situations to bring about greater harmony. Or if the Vertex is in Capricorn you have a talent for organization with caution, prudence, and patience rather than acting emotionally. The sign of the Vertex indicates an area of your life that you need to develop with focus and dedication.

Vesta Square North Node:

When Vesta is square the North Node it is also square the South Node. This presents a blocking or obstacle to your ability to relate positively. Some may not relate to the prevailing social customs of the day. Or you may lack the ability to act in harmony with events around you. Some might be aggressive or loud when it is inappropriate. You may feel that you have bad luck when it is your own way of relating that needs to be changed. It could be your beliefs or values that are out of step with others. Whatever it is, listen to other people to help determine what you can do.

Vesta Trine Moon:

Your appropriate and beneficial emotional responses combine with your ability to focus your energy. You have a strong devotion to your family or, at least, a strong desire to care for others. You can display sympathetic understanding and an emotional rapport in responding to a variety of sexual situations. A free and open attitude about sex is often present too. Most have a fertile nature, both physically and mentally.

Vesta Trine Asc.:

Your self-expression and personality combine well with the focusing principle symbolized by Vesta. You may be described as one who has it “all together” because you have the maturity and dedication to make your life a well-integrated one for which you handle the details and planning well. Johnny Carson and Colin Powell (if he was born near 8:00 pm) are two who exemplify this

Vesta Quincunx Saturn:

You focus your work in such a way that it takes on form and structure, yet you do need to make some adjustments. Some of you set harsh standards of perfection for yourself and others. You may have conflict between your personal needs and your obligations to others. This could manifest as a reluctance to commit to a task or suffering under the burden of too much responsibility. Some of you are workaholics, are extremely ambitious, or you may suffer from sexual fears and restrictions. A more balanced approach is needed.

Vesta Quincunx Chiron:

You need to adjust your strong focus on work to achieve a balance between it and the service you give in healing or teaching to avoid health problems of your own. Some of you may work so hard because you feel you aren't worthy or are not doing enough. Some of you may be looking for fulfillment through work rather than relationships. Without balancing your own needs with the task, you cannot achieve the self-esteem and satisfaction you are looking for.

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 6th house:

You may feel that a large part of your relationship function is to keep the day to day details of life together. You want to work efficiently and constructively with your partner. Some serve or are served by their mates. In some cases the partners work together in the same office or companies. Some seem married to their job. The most important relationship interactions will occur with employers or coworkers in one's job, or with health or service-related issues.

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 Gorbychev showed this sensitivity to relationships in his dealings with Ronald Reagan. Judy Woodruff, the newscaster shows this quality too.

Juno Conjunct Pluto:

Your one-to-one relationship is characterized as one that brings transformations to relationship roles and attitudes. You may be changed in a positive way by the partnership itself. You can transmute the emotional and sexual intensity of your interactions for healing, strengthening, and personal regeneration. Some use the energy to engage in Plutonian ways such as research or healing. You may also exert a powerful influence over others either as an individual or as a couple.

Juno Sextile Neptune:

You have the opportunity to experience psychic sensitivity and idealism in relationships. You can work with others in artistic pursuits including painting, music, literature or music in which you could infuse fantasy and imagination. Some have a telepathic empathy, rapport, and compassion in their relationships while desiring a mystical, spiritual union. Others project their high ideals in social causes.

Juno Opposition Asc.:

You are strongly influenced by your marriage partner or the person who is most important to you. You can accommodate your life to what this person wants, or the two of you may experience life-changing events together. However, there are many lessons to learn along the way in how to relate harmoniously and still retain your selfhood. Edward Kennedy is one who had this aspect. Not only did he have to deal with a contentious senate, but the death of the woman at Chappaquiddick and his ex-wife's alcoholism were life-changing events for which he had much to learn.