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# VOCATION REPORT

## An Astro Gold Report for Tina Turner



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# Tina Turner

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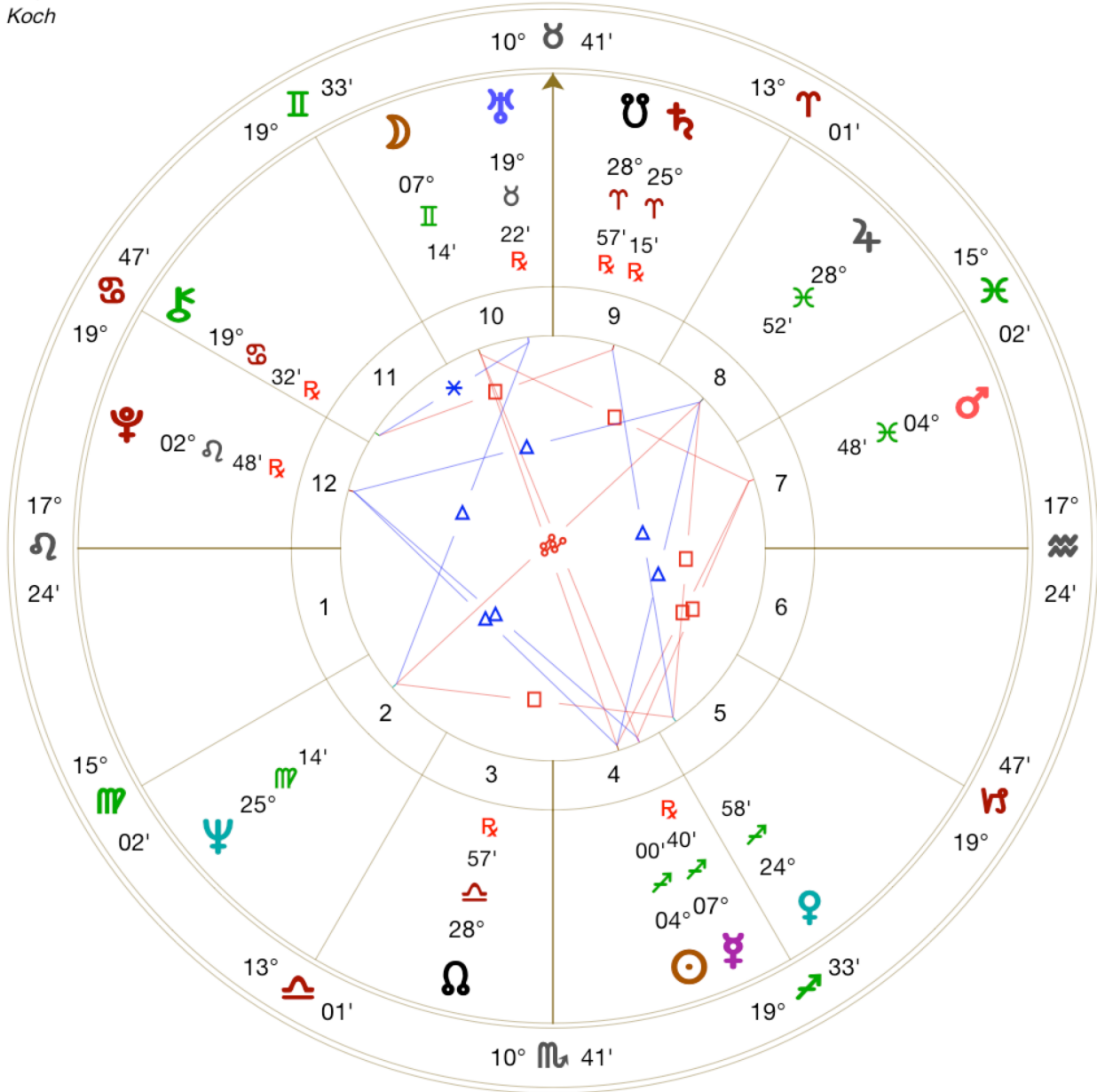
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## Astrological Summary

### **Chart Point Positions: Tina Turner**

| <b>Planet</b>  | <b>Sign</b> | <b>Position</b> | <b>House</b> | <b>Comment</b> |
|----------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| The Moon       | Gemini      | 07°Ge14'        | 10th         |                |
| The Sun        | Sagittarius | 04°Sg00'        | 4th          |                |
| Mercury        | Sagittarius | 07°Sg40'        | 4th          |                |
| Venus          | Sagittarius | 24°Sg58'        | 5th          |                |
| Mars           | Pisces      | 04°Pi48'        | 7th          |                |
| Jupiter        | Pisces      | 28°Pi52'        | 8th          |                |
| Saturn         | Aries       | 25°Ar15'        | 9th          |                |
| Uranus         | Taurus      | 19°Ta23'        | 10th         |                |
| Neptune        | Virgo       | 25°Vi14'        | 2nd          |                |
| Pluto          | Leo         | 02°Le48'        | 12th         |                |
| Chiron         | Cancer      | 19°Cn32'        | 11th         |                |
| The North Node | Libra       | 28°Li57'        | 3rd          |                |
| The South Node | Aries       | 28°Ar57'        | 9th          |                |
| The Ascendant  | Leo         | 17°Le24'        | 1st          |                |
| The Midheaven  | Taurus      | 10°Ta41'        | 10th         |                |

### **Chart Point Aspects: Tina Turner**

| <b>Planet</b> | <b>Aspect</b> | <b>Planet</b>  | <b>Orb</b> | <b>App/Sep</b> |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|------------|----------------|
| The Moon      | Opposition    | The Sun        | 3°13'      | Separating     |
| The Moon      | Opposition    | Mercury        | 0°25'      | Applying       |
| The Moon      | Square        | Mars           | 2°26'      | Separating     |
| The Sun       | Conjunction   | Mercury        | 3°39'      | Applying       |
| The Sun       | Square        | Mars           | 0°47'      | Applying       |
| The Sun       | Trine         | Jupiter        | 5°07'      | Separating     |
| The Sun       | Trine         | Pluto          | 1°12'      | Separating     |
| The Sun       | Sesquisquare  | Chiron         | 0°32'      | Applying       |
| Mercury       | Square        | Mars           | 2°52'      | Applying       |
| Mercury       | Trine         | Pluto          | 4°52'      | Applying       |
| Venus         | Square        | Jupiter        | 3°54'      | Applying       |
| Venus         | Trine         | Saturn         | 0°17'      | Applying       |
| Venus         | Square        | Neptune        | 0°15'      | Applying       |
| Venus         | Trine         | The South Node | 3°59'      | Applying       |
| Venus         | Sesquisquare  | The Midheaven  | 0°43'      | Separating     |
| Mars          | Sesquisquare  | Chiron         | 0°15'      | Separating     |
| Mars          | Trine         | The North Node | 5°50'      | Separating     |
| Jupiter       | Opposition    | Neptune        | 3°38'      | Applying       |
| Jupiter       | Trine         | Pluto          | 3°55'      | Applying       |
| Jupiter       | Quincunx      | The North Node | 0°05'      | Applying       |

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|---------|--------------|----------------|-------|------------|
| Saturn  | Quincunx     | Neptune        | 0°01' | Applying   |
| Saturn  | Square       | Chiron         | 5°43' | Applying   |
| Saturn  | Opposition   | The North Node | 3°42' | Applying   |
| Saturn  | Conjunction  | The South Node | 3°42' | Applying   |
| Uranus  | Trine        | Neptune        | 5°51' | Separating |
| Uranus  | Sextile      | Chiron         | 0°09' | Separating |
| Uranus  | Square       | The Ascendant  | 1°58' | Applying   |
| Uranus  | Conjunction  | The Midheaven  | 8°41' | Applying   |
| Neptune | Sesquisquare | The Midheaven  | 0°27' | Separating |
| Pluto   | Square       | The North Node | 3°50' | Separating |
| Pluto   | Square       | The South Node | 3°50' | Separating |

## INTRODUCTION



*You work that you may keep pace with the earth and the soul of the earth. When you work you are a flute through whose heart the whispering of the hours turns to music.  
Work is love made visible.  
- Kahlil Gibran, The Prophet*

### **A Fulfilling Vocation**

In the midst of our busy lives, worn out by the endless repetition of meaningless tasks, it is difficult to appreciate Kahlil Gibran's poetic image of work as a soul-making sphere. In a technological environment work and soul seem worlds apart. The outer rewards of career - prestige, status, vacations, salary packages, job security - conceal the urge to express soul through our vocation. When we are no longer anchored by values and images that remind us of a meaningful life, emptiness permeates the working atmosphere, contributing to an epidemic of dissatisfaction, depression and insecurity in the workplace. This report is aimed at helping you reflect on your vocation or calling. It is not meant as a quick fix, but rather as an aid to self-understanding and awareness which in turn helps your vocational choices.

Vocation is from the Latin *vocare*, to call, and in early English this referred to a spiritual calling. In modern terminology we can conceive of vocation as the calling to one's authentic role in the world. As an aspect of the individuation process, our vocational path is not predetermined but forged through the interrelationship of our inner self with the outer world over time. Carl Jung suggested it was vocation, which induced an individual to follow his own soul and become conscious. He suggested vocation was 'an irrational factor that destines a man to emancipate himself from the herd and from its well-worn paths. True personality is always a vocation'. To follow the voice which summons one on their authentic path demands that the individual be spirited enough to forge their own way in the world. As Jung reminds us, 'Creative life always stands outside convention'. Vocation demands we risk being unique.

When you were a child what was your answer when adults inevitably asked 'what do you want to be when you grow up?' As children we are uninhibited in our career choices, not yet influenced by cultural standards and values that judge professions. Still unaware of what work entails, the answer springs from our imagination. How we shape these soulful images of who we may be in the world is our vocation and a large part of the individuation process. These impressions are already inherent in us and often accessible to us through the imagination, and certainly through images in the horoscope. However one of the main obstacles in our vocational search is literalism. Mistaking an internal image for a concrete career perpetuates the myth that vocation is something existing outside of us, already established in the world for us to find, not

something that unfolds over the course of our lives. The illusion that the right career path, a creative job or our own business will dissolve our job dissatisfaction hinders the discovery that vocation is already present in us.

A complexity of external factors influences our career choices: familial awareness, educational opportunities, financial resources, parental support, and encouragement. Role models whom we admire as children, experiences that capture our imagination and the breadth of exposure to the world around us impress us. Another major influence on career choice is parental expectations. Whether it is overt or not, we are subjectively influenced by the unconscious expectations of the parents, the ancestors, and the culture. This pressure contributes to moulding our careers whether we yield or rebel to it. Yet instinctively we are drawn to certain courses, beliefs, and theories, experiences that are all part of the process of helping our careers unfold. Ultimately the vocation is like a large tapestry woven with the threads of all of our life experience and choices, not a well-trodden career path with guaranteed superannuation.

Unfortunately, vocations do not come with job descriptions, opportunities for promotion or a guaranteed income. No doubt work and career are an aspect of vocation, but we often confuse the longing for self-fulfillment with a literal job. Vocation, like individuation, is a job, it is a task; it is the 'opus' of one's life. Therefore the task of vocation continuously unfolds throughout our lifetime and its success depends on our ability to courageously follow its call. Vocation is an aspect of our fate, a force deep inside that pushes itself to be expressed in the world, therefore is intimately bound up with the course of our lives. Yet because work is how we 'make a living' we often identify work as something we do rather than something we are. Because some professions can bestow such prestige and status we may be drawn to a profession because of what it can offer materially, not creatively. Some careers offer the financial rewards that provide a wealthy lifestyle; however, at a critical point in our lives it becomes evident that career bonuses are never enough if vocational urges are still unmet.

A vocational analysis utilizing astrology is very beneficial in revealing an individual's calling. The astrological horoscope does not supply literal details, but it does offer suggestions as to the features necessary to make the vocational journey fulfilling. Vocation may also be found in hobbies, volunteer work, and courses of study, not always presenting in the form of a career. This report will help you to reflect on the qualities of your character that create an empowering effect on shaping a meaningful vocation. Using your horoscope as the personal guide this report will offer suggestions to help you consider a fulfilling vocation. As you read about the vocational images from your own horoscope you will find that many repeat similar themes, reminding you to be alert to these patterns. In other cases you will find that there may be contradictions. Human nature is full of paradoxes and it is of equal importance to have an insight into the nature of our own ambiguities and inconsistencies. This report will introduce you to the archetypal forces that underpin your personal search for a fulfilling vocation.

## VOCATION AND DESTINY



*Vocation is the spine of life*  
-Friedrich Nietzsche

### **The Lunar Nodes**

In the Hindu tradition the Nodal axis is symbolised by a dragon. The North Node is the dragon's head; the South Node is the dragon's tail. This archetypal image is an aspect of many culture's myths. In western mythologies it is the hero who comes across the dragon at some point in their journey and must battle this monster to gain the sacred treasure. This encounter is a psychological story depicting our battle against the forces that keep us from following our own path. Astrologically, it is along the nodal axis where we encounter this dragon and experience the incentive to confront our own destiny.

In considering this axis we can envisage the North Node or Dragon's Head as the calling to be heroic, to develop an identity in the world, or in other words, to follow our vocation. The North Node points to what can be developed through valuing and cultivating innate faculties. The South Node, known as the Dragon's Tail, is the container of talents, skills and aptitudes gleaned from the past, lying untapped and undifferentiated. Without recognition or consciousness they remain stagnant, unable to be directed advantageously. Hence a heroic act needs to dislodge and distribute this energy so it can be of service. In circulating this energy the potentiality of the North Node is heightened. Each time this energy is liberated, destiny is petitioned and vocation is more conscious; therefore the South Node is a vital key to unlocking the treasure chest of vocational talent.

Another way we could think about the North Node is that it is an invitation to participate and cooperate in the life journey. The North Node is where effort must be exerted. This is an opportunity to learn what needs to be developed and made conscious. For vocational purposes we could view the North Node as a symbol of what demands to be anchored and directed in the world. Unlike the South Node it is not instinctive and therefore needs to be recognised before it can be applied. In striving to realise the potentiality of the North Node, satisfaction and meaning will be derived.

The South Node in the opposite sign suggests an innate quality that needs to be disseminated and used freely in pursuit of a vocation. It is providence, a gift of inherited qualities from the past that can be used as resources for the future. The South Node suggests that well developed residues need to be dispersed and shared or they may threaten to entrap you. It symbolises what must be utilised in the conscious attempt to fulfill one's destiny. The South Node acts as a dissemination point for what becomes conscious at the North Node. In a way the South Node brings to mind the need to contribute this energy to the familial and social realms, the world at large. Since this energy is instinctual it is not necessarily always consciously directed or purposefully used.

The Lunar Nodes are important to consider in a vocational analysis since this polarity in the horoscope represents an axis of destiny. The issues involved in the nodal axis seek conscious expression and reconciliation, which are often sought through vocation. The nodal axis is intimately connected to the individual's path in life and therefore the nature of this polarity is often drawn into the pursuit of a fulfilling career. The sign position of the Nodes reveals an essential aspect of the individual's destiny. The polarity of signs embraced by the North and South Nodes describe important qualities necessary to both develop and disseminate in the vocation.

The house position of the Nodes will illustrate the environmental factors that help to shape and influence an individual's destiny. The North Node's house position directs us to be aware of an important arena of our lives. It is important to consciously participate in the area of life described by the house position of the North Node. This is an area where both the inner and outer worlds collude to lead us into an encounter with our destiny. It is a part of life that beckons and invites us into its experiences. Since the North Node is often the place where we momentarily may experience the transcendent and spiritual aspect of the self, its house position maps the place where these experiences happen. The North Node does not have a cumulative effect; in other words experiences at this place are not sequential, but more arbitrary, and may seem to happen out of the ordinary. The random nature of the North Node is more to do with its subjective nature and entanglement with the spiritual world. Hence the house position of the North Node may suggest the setting where the encounter with the spiritual self occurs. The South Node is in the opposite house and may describe a familiar place, an area of safety, and a comfort zone which supplies an anchor. However it is also a place where we can become rigid, caught in the safety zone of our complacency. Therefore it suggests an area we must leave to develop and explore our life's pathway. Another metaphor we could use to define the nodal axis is that the North Node is the destination, the station where the path is headed, while the South Node is like the departure point, the station where we embark. The Nodal axis is like a track with the well-worn grooves of the path near the South Node.

Combining both factors of sign and house establish a more individual profile of the essence needing to be recognised and developed to actualise an individual's potential pathway. Planets aspecting the Nodal axis will also demand attention especially if conjunct either pole of the axis. Planets that square the nodal axis suggest the need to incorporate this energy into the vocation. Therefore these planetary placements in reference to the nodal axis will also be analysed. Following is the description of the lunar nodes in your natal horoscope to help you reflect on your own vocational pathway.

### *The North Node is in Libra*

You were born with the North Node in the sign of Libra and the South Node in the opposite sign, Aries suggesting you are heroic by nature, but you are now invited to be more aware of others, to be diplomatic and mindful of other's feelings. Your inner warrior needs to be gentle and your urge to crusade for noble and just causes needs to integrate a diplomatic point of view. The dragon you battle is the passionate and independent impulses that pull you back to your individualistic standpoint. Your goal of peace is not accomplished through fighting and confronting others, but by forging relationship and partnership with those who once were the enemy. You have inherited a fiery and independent will, knowing what you want and how to go and get it. However to feel that your life has meaning and purpose you need to use your action-orientated spirit in a cooperative fashion for the good of others. You are a crusader but now for others; you are a fire fighter but now you fan the flames of life in others. Learning to stand outside yourself helps you forge relationship and a cooperative spirit of equality.

The spirit you have inherited needs to feel free to take action without relating to



authority or being bound by rules and regulations. Its need for independence, including the need to make its own decisions, is high therefore you thrive in a vocation that encourages an independent and enterprising personality. When you trust your own integrity and motives your entrepreneurial spirit is a boon for everyone. Vocationally this independent spirit is a vessel for others and when you join in partnership, you help your partner and colleagues to become successful and fulfilled. The classic storyline may be that your partner is recognised for his or her success, but make no mistake that you have played a leading role. Your need to feel able to act independently in the world is paramount, yet your destiny is that you must learn to temper this in relationship. Therefore you are successful at being out front when you have another's interests at heart.

Self-image is important and personal identity needs to be a focus in any career path. Vocations utilising and encouraging the personality and identity are appropriate. You are self-motivated but also driven by competition and challenges from others, working best in partnership. And when you utilise your innate pioneering spirit you will find yourself initiating projects which help others. You have the knack for working in a managerial portfolio and your vision and motivation inspire others. Life may lead you in a direction where your tendency towards relating leads towards counselling professions. You develop the capacity to listen to others, a skill you use successfully in counselling and training. You can develop that ability of reflection, which draws individuals out of themselves and helps them get what they want.

### *The North Node is in the 3rd House*

The North Node in the 3rd house brings the issues of how we coordinate and collate information to make sense of it rationally, so that we can communicate it effectively to others in our environment. This task is important since you need to know that the world around you is not haphazard and that you are not pursuing pointless connections or unnecessary detours. This suggests you need to be cognizant of the immediate environment and its boundaries exploring its environs before you feel confident enough. Curiosity and interest are prompts you can use to help expand your territory and push the boundaries, but it is important not to be sidetracked by impossible schemes, vague philosophies or charismatic ideals. Finding your place in any system is important. Originally this may have been with your siblings or friends; however vocationally it is important to be aware of your place in the corporation and with co-workers and colleagues. The culture of the work place is an important consideration for you and therefore you might take some time before you settle into a routine. Your early work experience is broad and you might have to exhaust some wanderlust before you can establish yourself professionally.

Naturally you have a worldly intelligence. You instinctually understand cultural and philosophical complexities and are more comfortable than most with the bigger picture. You might feel like a citizen of the world, not bound to your place of origin. Vocationally you may be challenged to express and disseminate this understanding, whether that is through written or oral communication, the creative arts or another class of dissemination or broadcasting. One of your developmental tasks expressed through your vocation will be to challenge yourself to be articulate about what you know. Like a journalist you may find yourself expressing the complexities of human nature to others who do not have your level of understanding and far sightedness. Your nodal invitation is to express your vast understanding in a succinct and everyday language. You are drawn to the mystical and metaphysical sphere but your destiny is to translate the imaginative into the practical.

### *Saturn is Conjunct South Node*

Saturn is near the southern polarity of the nodal axis suggesting you have an inherent understanding of this archetype. Vocationally this would indicate that you have an innate professionalism, standards and integrity, able to set boundaries and goals for

yourself. Deep inside you understand quality and excellence and urge to do the best that you can do. Innately responsible for yourself and others, you naturally understand how to take leadership and structure the situation for the best possible outcome. It is important to know that you may underestimate these qualities, as they seem to come naturally to you. However these are talents that could be used vocationally and are important qualities that need to be disseminated in order to feel fulfilled. Without utilising or shaping these skills you may feel blocked, stuck, unable to move forward in any direction, waiting for another to give you permission to start. Unfortunately no one else will and it is imperative that you understand you are alone to acknowledge your abilities and need to be self motivated to make them a reality.

Inherently you have a drive for excellence. Therefore it is important that you forge this drive into projects and courses of action where you can become masterful. However when the need for perfection becomes compulsive then you may tend towards a workaholic temperament. This is a good signal that your needs are not being fulfilled and it is important to reflect on what fears keep you enslaved to your work when it is not serving you. Work and being occupied is essential for you and it is important not to be too concerned about the nature of your work. It is more important to work and be doing, as you will then be led in the right direction. Once you apply yourself and work hard the rewards are there. You have an innate flair for management, planning, building and structuring and this aptitude could lead you in many directions when given a chance. It is important not to get stuck in seeking other's approval or recognition as this may not be available no matter how hard you try. Find ways to measure your own success and progress and you will find you are able to accomplish all the goals you have set for yourself.

### *Pluto is Square North Node*

In your horoscope Pluto is squaring the Nodal Axis. Traditionally this is often thought of as a harsh aspect; however, in this regard Pluto has a unique function in terms of your vocation. A time-honoured way of thinking about this aspect is to see Pluto at the bending of the cycle, the turning point when something is about to change course. Therefore in terms of the course of your destiny Pluto reveals itself, suggesting that it needs to be consciously integrated and acknowledged. Pluto is the transformational quality when change is accepted and the inevitable is embraced. At the bending of the Nodal axis Pluto challenges you to let go of outmoded ways of thinking about your vocation. What is past its use-by-date needs to be relinquished so that something new can replace it.

This suggests that you will be challenged to leave no stone unturned, for your vocational direction reveals itself through research, digging deep and overturning what is on the path to find new clues. You need to call on the investigative and self-probing aspects of yourself for assistance. No matter what it is you do to occupy yourself you will always be aware of the urge to go deeper, unveil the truth, probe the mystery or crack the code. This drive will come in handy for researchers, investigators, scientists, archaeologists, psychotherapists and all those who know that there is more under what they can see. Denying the call to look beneath the surface casts a black cloud across the vocational horizon; however, honouring this vocational urge to dig deeper will uncover some priceless treasures. Therefore it is wise to heed the call to the unknown. The more you tend to this calling, the stronger you become. In this way the descent into knowing yourself is intimately entwined with your vocation. Therefore it is wise not to sidestep what appears to be difficult and demanding.

## VOCATION AND DIRECTION



*Many are called, few are chosen: many have talent, few have the character that can realise the talent. Character is the mystery, and it is individual.*

- James Hillman

### **The Ascendant and Angular Planets**

From the moment of your first breath, your fate was sealed. The Fates that spun the thread also measured its length and then cut the cord to free the spirit. The patterns woven at birth by the Fates were embedded in the soul and it is these soulful designs that have become the template for your human journey. Your genesis is a map for your life. This map is the horoscope, a vibrant multi-layered design of character, potentialities and persuasions.

This moment of birth has defined your orientation to life through four directions known as the angles of the horoscope. Like a compass pointing you along the right path, each one of the four angles plays a major role in defining the direction of your life. Direction and vocation are entwined as along the angles we find the course of our lives.

Your four angles form two planes of experience. The first plane of experience is your individual and personal orientation to the world detailing your personality, your outlook on life and your natural inclination towards partnership. This is the angle of the ascendant, the degree of the zodiac rising at the moment of your birth. This helps describe your motivation to life and therefore what personal traits you can bring to your vocation. The polar position on this plane is known as the descendant, the degree of the zodiac setting on the horizon when the Fates cut the cord. Here the astrologer reads the patterns and potentialities of merging your personality with a soul mate. In a vocational analysis this is also important to read in terms of co-operation with others.

The second plane of experience is an inherited view of the world, shaped by ancestry and familial lines. Along this polarity of angles you experience the impact of your family or origin on your direction as well as the expectations and influences placed upon you. Embedded in this plane of experience are familial patterns and fate shaping your direction and vocation. The angle of the IC reveals the atmospheric conditions of your early familial experiences while the opposite angle suggests your destiny in the world, strongly influenced by parental and societal expectations.

Therefore to familiarise yourself with these influences will add to your understanding of vocation. The ascendant marks the birth point and is metaphoric of your natural disposition and outer image. This describes your natural outreach and personality traits that are spontaneous; in fact this is the person we first meet, the face turned

out towards the world. However in the natural wheel of the horoscope the sign on the ascendant is at odds with the signs that rule the cusps of the houses that describe vocation. Therefore as a more integrated self begins to emerge we often experience what we do in the world to be in conflict with whom we feel we are. This is a human challenge to learn to adapt your personality to your vocation. Following is a description of the signs on this axis. Reflect on how these qualities might need to be utilised and adapted to your vocation. If you have a planet that was rising or setting at your birth then this energy needs to be acknowledged as a powerful guide and influence on your vocational path.

Each angular planet could be seen as a guiding force, a daimon or soul force seeking expression through you. If you have more than one angular planet they will have different needs and likely will contradict or conflict with one another. The key as always is to find the right time and venue to be able to express both as fully as possible.

### *1st House Cusp is in Leo*

Let's hope that an audience showed up to applaud your entrance into the world. With Leo on the ascendant you enter the world with aplomb and the world needs to take note. Your first audience is likely to be your family, but later in life you yearn to shine in public. Luckily you have the ability to do so whether this is simply in your social life, or in your chosen profession. If you want, you can walk into a room and light it up with your poise and self-possession. Creative and self expressive, you have a knack for commanding everyone's attention, sometimes through your warmth and charm, sometimes your humour but essentially just by being you. You may express this natural joie de vivre in a creative or artistic profession. Fashion, beauty, theatre, dance, entertainment, and any where that offers opportunities to work at the top may appeal to your need to be noticed. A natural gift is your personality that wins friends and influences people. Ironically, though, when you show up for a job interview the prospective employer is more interested in your diligence and discipline than your personality and charm. Herein lies the paradox. While you have an expressive persona and vital image you might have to check it at the reception room before you enter the world of work. Vocationally you are called on to develop your competency and authority. No doubt you need the passionate fire to burn at the heart of what you do, but it is more of a steady flame than you might have imagined. Satisfaction in your working life comes through your well-earned accomplishments, patience and commitment. Your vibrant personality needs to support your vocational search, not stand in its way.

Aquarius is the setting sign, suggesting that you are attracted to the qualities of fairness and equality in others and appreciate their differences and uniqueness. Through friendship and relationship you learn to respect other's individuality, their different opinions and viewpoints. This is helpful as you might be called on in your job to be a supervisor of others, a boss or authority. Vocationally, creativity and self-expression is found in the daily routines of life. Ultimately the world offers you the recognition and praise you seek but when it does you know you earned it, not because you showed up, but because you were disciplined and committed.

## VOCATION AND CHARACTER



*Character is fate.*  
- Heraclitus

### Considering the Sun and Moon

Whatever Heraclitus meant two and a half millennia ago is a mystery. However, this phrase has captured philosophical attention ever since, as its truth is evident. We do contribute to our fate through forging our character. It is that personal mix of our habits, rituals, values, beliefs, ideals and morals that all inform our character and contribute to our deeper layers of personality. Through time these become forged into who we are; our character becoming our fate. While the world may acknowledge our achievements from work well done, our greatest success lies in self-fulfillment and the satisfaction of a life well lived

Again the astrological horoscope becomes a useful guide to understanding personality characteristics that shape character. Astrologically the three aspects of your horoscope, which are the most relevant in considering your own individual character, are the Ascendant, which we have explored in the last section of this report, and the Sun and Moon. Character is fate and expressed through our life journey. Through examining your Sun and Moon it becomes clearer what you need to identify with and need on your vocational path, and therefore what is necessary to develop and nurture in character. Your Sun sign reveals the virtues that are part of your potential character while the Moon sign suggest what needs are important for you to feel safe in the world. Each individual's character is unique and your description of the Sun and Moon sign will be personalised through other astrological factors. However this is an entrée to begin to consider the virtues and needs of your character.

### THE SUN: Virtues of the Essential Self

*In the final analysis, we count for something only because of the essential we embody, and if we do not embody that, life is wasted.*

- C.G. Jung

The Sun is the central focus of its system and therefore represents a multi-dimensional symbol. On one level it is the essential self and the twelve signs of the zodiac, which mark its apparent path through the heavens, represent spiritual concepts and virtues. Each sign characterises qualities of the human spirit. To the ancients the path of the Sun in the sky was akin to the hero's journey and each sign designated a heroic labour. Astrologically we can present a case for each one of the twelve signs represents a soul state. Therefore when we are in touch with the virtues underpinning our Sun sign we become closer to its spiritual essence and feel closer to the true self. Psychologically this suggests a more soulful and meaningful experience of who we are.

On the other level the Sun is symbolic of our identity, the passport of the self. Of

course one of the important considerations of identity besides sex, age and nationality is profession. The Sun is essentially what we might identify as important, what helps us feel vital and good about ourselves. The Sun suggests what we may be skilled at. It might not be easy at first, but as we grow we naturally become more aware of our solar impulse. Therefore in many ways the Sun sign helps shape the vocation, as it hints at what is important to be identified with and qualities that help us excel.

### *The Sun is in Sagittarius*

In Sagittarius we encounter the human virtue of faith that encourages each soul to know the continuity of life through its darkest moments. With your Sun in Sagittarius you are blessed with this gift of faith. Your positive spirit can soothe the troubled soul and your innate wisdom can guide the weary traveller. Your zodiacal messenger is an archer whose bow is taut, ready to release an arrow towards the heart of the galaxy. This arrow suggests your power of perception and your ability to penetrate to the heart of the matter. With your Sun in Sagittarius you are a positivist and urge to act according to the highest values and principles possible. You flee from futility by focusing your arrows on a faraway target, one that is preferably unknown. Whether this is an overseas locale or a philosophical ideal, you are on a quest to make the foreign familiar and participate in broadening your horizons of life.

Your instinct to the religious and philosophical as well as your urge to develop spiritually will lead you into many different cultures, beliefs, ideas and places. You must ascribe meaning to the world around you and in order to do this you search for the answers to metaphysical questions. You are naturally far sighted. Your inner vision extends far beyond what the naked eye can see. You are intuitively orientated, following your instinct and sensitivity, in the face of scepticism and statistics, trusting in the reality of internal perceptions. Buoyed by your faith you are confident in the power of positive thinking and spiritual insight. Conviction is your empowerment and the certainty of your beliefs allows a buoyant attitude even through the most difficult of times. Protected by an armada of affirmations you can always be optimistic, even at the darkest hour. William Wordsworth defined faith as 'a passionate imagination', as it is an act of lovingly engaging with the divine. Your ability to conceive of a more worthy life, to know the existence of something greater than just what is visible and the urge to search for a higher purpose in life requires your courageous spirit and open mind. You need to explore cross-culturally and journey beyond the safety of what is familiar. Therefore you are highly motivated by adventures into the unknown whether it is through physical travel, intellectual discoveries or educational opportunities. Vocationally you are well suited to any sphere that offers you the opportunity to educate, administer, publish or inspire others.

What is moral and right is of great importance. You live by a code of ethics that inspires you to do what is noble, non-discriminatory, honourable and just. You seek temperance, moderation and balance in order to find the middle path and discern between right and wrong. For you right action is not imposed by an external moral code but spontaneously springs from your inner respect for all of life. When you act ethically you feel closer to the divine and therefore closer to your goals in life. Your capacity to search for meaning and establish your own belief system, free from the prejudices and opinions of others, is your vocation. But one of your greatest initiations is the experience of having faith in the process of life. When you are armed with a reason you can face anything. To find your vitality and spirit and to feel soulful, you need to strive for justice and temperance and remain enthusiastic and optimistic about the world. Your ideals, ethics and positive nature need to be your constant companions.

### **THE MOON: Caring for Your Soul**

*Care of the soul asks us to observe its needs continually, to give them our*

*wholehearted attention.*

-Thomas Moore

The Moon is the archetype of care and nurture. From a general overview the Moon reveals what needs are important to satisfy in our vocation. The Moon sign can help to identify what basic requirements are necessary to care for the soul at work. In a vocational capacity the Moon corresponds with the nurturing professions and if the individual is drawn to one of these professions, the Moon sign helps to differentiate what kind of caring could suit its temperament. The planetary sign acts as a filter for the archetypal urge when it seeks expression through the vocation.

### *The Moon is in Gemini*

With your Moon in Gemini, you need to be stimulated and mobile. Your need for variety, change and as little routine as possible is important in order for you to feel motivated and switched on. Quite naturally you often are involved in many tasks at the same time and have an uncanny ability to be able to apply yourself to each one without losing your momentum. Being quick and agile you make connections very easily, thinking best when you are on the move or in between two places. Just as you are crossing the road, answering the mobile or falling asleep is when you have your best ideas. Therefore it is important for your vocation to have flexibility and fluidity in managing your time and output as well as the freedom to communicate. You naturally prefer a range of tasks; at heart you are a born communicator and messenger with an abundance of ideas.

From an early age you were mobile and talkative off to explore the sights of sounds of the surrounding neighbourhood. Curious and inquisitive you wanted to report what you saw. Instinctively you are a reporter and at some time might have given thought to becoming a journalist, writer, lecturer, secretary, postal worker, teacher, or translator. While your path might have meandered in another direction, your soul needs to communicate and connect. So if you are bored or restless at work this may be a sign that you are not following your true calling and that you need to re-consider your career options. You love to learn in your own way and figure things out. Soul can express itself through your hands making you a natural at drawing, graphics, playing the guitar or piano, or using them to heal. While it is not easy to express your feelings you need to find the venue for their expression in the everyday through words and images.

If you are drawn to the nurturing professions then your Moon in Gemini would lean towards both learning and care, such as in speech therapy, teaching, NLP, teaching, improving memory.

## INCOME



*The worth of someone is deeply tied to images of destiny, the twists and turns of fate, and the wheels of fortune. The same is true of money. Our relation to money is our relation to fate.*

- Russell A. Lockhart

### **The Rich Resources of Your Life**

Traditionally the 2nd House is associated with money and the accumulation of assets. In a vocational sense the 2nd house details our earning capacity, income and resources. Psychologically this is the sphere where self esteem and personal values are shaped by our early experiences. It is where we learn what is 'mine', how to share, trade and exchange articles of value. Self worth, the impact of familial values, the substance and significance we place upon our efforts, income received or value returned are all intimately interwoven into the fabric of this house. In the modern climate of the corporate world, pay replaces satisfaction in the workplace; yet the secret of the 2nd house is that fulfilment is intimately tied to the expression of our skills and resources, not wages. Having found the wellspring of our talent, money follows. Pleasure is experienced through apprenticeship and mastery of our skills and talents, not through economic management.

The 2nd House suggests innate resources, which can be developed and valued. In a literal sense these are 'traded' for income or other rewards which support us in the world. This area suggests our innate strengths, skills and talents that must be utilized in earning our living. Psychologically these are our personal assets and resources, which sustain and support us in our career. Talent not only refers to our natural abilities and capacity for success, but also in ancient times was a weight of gold or a monetary unit. The secret of the 2nd house is to recognize that it is our innate talents and skills that bring our wealth and living. This house also describes what we value and also what gives us value. In a way it describes what we like to do. Consider what you appreciate and desire. Your 2nd house is indicative of what you desire and planets in this house reveal what you might attract because of your values and desires.

The sign on the cusp of the house symbolizes aspects of the assets you need to use in a resourceful way. The sign suggests what needs to be valued in your vocation, the natural style of earning an income, as well as your attitudes towards wages and money. 2nd house planets reveal the earning style and literally may suggest how you earn your living or your patterns and relationship to money and possessions. These are the archetypal urges needing to be expressed in a skillful and resourceful way in your career. Planets here are the forces that shape your sense of worth and value and help you tap into your innate resources. It is important that you use these skills and



resources in supporting your own sense of self-esteem. Symbolically, understanding this archetypal presence in your life can help unravel any damaging patterns that support an impoverished sense of self or a disapproving attitude towards money and possessions. Forging an alliance with this energy helps you create a supportive and positive approach to your sense of worth which in turn influences the way the world values you.

### *2nd House Cusp is in Virgo*

The earth sign Virgo is on the cusp of your 2nd house, revealing the qualities and procedures necessary to enhance your sense of self-esteem and personal worth. Over time the potent and fertile images associated with our astrological Virgo have waned. Yet from our earliest records this constellation was associated with the harvest and the harvest maiden. Many prominent goddesses have been identified with this constellation, which has a rich and complex mythology of fertility, cultivation and harvest. It is this rich fertile field that is the landscape of your 2nd house, the territory where resources and assets are revealed. Metaphorically your abundant resources need to be cultivated and tended before they can be disseminated. Like the agricultural maiden you might need to honour the process of time and be aware of the order of seasons to know when to reap and when to sow. You may have an innate ability to tune into the cycles of money – earning and spending, saving and investing. You may also be very practical in your career decisions preferring to keep your hobbies separate to your job. In other words you may pursue your real passion after hours, while putting in a good day's work for a good day's pay at your day job. This placement also suggests that your innate industriousness and analytical skills are a central part of your work. Mostly you need to remind yourself that you have an abundance of renewable resources that need to tend carefully and respectfully.

The qualities that provide the most satisfaction in your working life may not always be compatible with your personality; therefore it is important to be mindful of which skills need to be brought into the workplace. While you have a vibrant personality, it is your unassuming and focused nature that is rewarded. Virgo on the 2nd House Cusp suggests that you need to value your discriminating faculties, analytical skills, self-reliance, containment and orderliness. Ritual and routine may be an essential component of helping you feel balanced enough to be resourceful. Reflect on the qualities that you feel need to be valued to provide you with a sense of personal security, self-esteem and reward. One of your great assets is your skill at detail and ability to focus your attention on the task. Whether this takes you into the business world, an artisan workshop, a medical clinic or a veterinarian surgery, you will be required to trade on your detailed and analytical skills when earning your living. Vocationally you are suited to making your living in the health and service industries but any area that provides you with the feeling of improving and developing will be satisfying to you. Whether that is working with animals, crafts or healing medicines you need to feel that you are improving a situation in order to feel valuable.

Virgo on the cusp of your 2nd house implies that you might become anxious and insecure about your earning ability. When you start to ruminate about what you do not have or what you do not earn, rather than what you do have and what is possible, you undermine your greatest asset which is your unshakeable knowing that all things are cyclical. The time might not be right now, but it will soon. Like the goddesses that represent the fertile fields of Virgo, you have a range of resources that provide a secure living. Your pleasure is derived from being in tune and in sync with the natural cycles of life.

### *Neptune is in the 2nd House*

Neptune, the planet associated with spirituality, fantasy and otherworldliness, is in the financial sector of your horoscope bringing its mystical and creative ability to bear on your attitudes towards money, earning a living and resources. At face value this might

suggest that your perspective towards money and possessions are not well-grounded in reality. Therefore it is important to recognise your propensity towards being out of touch with the commercial world. On the other hand it reveals that your earning capacity and resourceful nature is fluid and creative and that you value the more refined, spiritual and artistic aspects of life. On a practical level you would be able to do well investing in art, creative ideas or spiritual projects. However this archetype manifests in your experience, it suggests that you need to acknowledge the powerful rip tide in your life that pulls you away from the ordinariness of making a living. Being in the work a day world may be painful and soul destroying until you are able to reconcile the two worlds and incorporate your creative longing in the everyday experience of earning a living. To do this you need to recognise that your talent and skills are coloured by the Neptunian archetype of transcendence, suggesting that you need to make your living as an artist or a healer. Whether or not it is one of these avenues, you are satisfied most when your spiritual longing can find a place on the pedestrian walk of life.

Therefore it is wise to reflect on whether your attitude towards money is misshapen by spiritual beliefs or driven by fantasy. You have a propensity to confuse the material and spiritual worlds, leaving your ability to handle money matters in chaos. If this is the case then it is best to seek practical advice about how to manage your money in the best possible way for you. It is important that you do not unconsciously collude with sacrificing or surrendering your talents due to feeling impoverished. On the other hand you also need to recognise the enormous potential of Neptune in your financial sector because anything becomes possible. Your task is to not let your creativity or spirituality be held back by lack of money. This suggests you need to bring your artistry, your compassion and your magic into how you earn your living. You need to appreciate and value your own creativity before it can be visible to others.

Re-enchanting the way you earn a living in a disenchanted world may not be easy. However it is not impossible and it is the archetype of Neptune that inspires you. This suggests that it is possible to make your living in a creative and spiritual way. In fact it becomes a necessity, as it is in the mundane world where you need to find the magic. Rather than turning away from the traditional, physical and mundane world of commerce and industry you need to embrace it in an inspirited way. Your struggle with money is soul making and for you soulfulness lies in the everyday world of making a living.

## WORK



*All work is a vocation, a calling from a place that is the source of meaning and identity, the roots of which lie beyond human intention and interpretation.*

- Thomas Moore

### **The Labours of the 6th House**

Astrologically, the 6th House is an eclectic territory associated with many facets of daily life. All these components of the 6th House suggest everyday routines that are necessary to maintain order and coherence in order to contain the chaos of life. The 6th House recommends ways to remain focused and centered. When we lose touch with this thread of continuity, chaos fills the void with stress, loss of direction and purposelessness. The 6th house also indicates the areas of the body susceptible to carrying the stress when work is not nurturing or fulfilling. When we are not able to en-soul our everyday life with our work, then we are reminded of our distress by complaints of the body and the mind. Literally work makes us sick.

Vocationally the 6th house symbolizes what is compatible with our nature and what we need in our work to feel fulfilled, therefore less stressed. Traditionally the 6th house describes occupation; it illustrates the routine conditions of the job, the daily responsibilities and activities involved in performing job tasks that contribute to personal satisfaction. It also describes the atmosphere and those who share the workspace. Astrological wisdom has always suggested that work and well being are one and the same; to be well we need work that suits our soul. However, 6th house issues can become confused. In our workaday world often duty replaces satisfaction, the process of work is sacrificed for outcome, and ritual becomes obsession. The work instinct is to be productive; however when this turns to duty or perfectionism the enjoyment of work is lost. Analysing the 6th house reveals the most satisfying work environment and routines, and profiles the most rewarding way an individual can be employed. The 6th house is often referred to as a house of service. However, it is where we best serve ourselves through the quality of our employment.

Following is an analysis of your 6th house as described by the sign on the cusp and any planets that occupy this sphere. You will be able to maximize your fulfillment with work by recognizing the routines and tasks that are incompatible with your temperament and therefore create stress. Through becoming aware of daily rituals that support your natural disposition you will feel more satisfied and rewarded by your job. The sign on the cusp of the 6th house is the first clue to rewarding work. Planets in the 6th house are archetypal energies that need to be accessed daily and integrated into your lifestyle. They are life forces that you are fated to meet in the world of work and vocation. In a perfect world we would use them productively through our daily tasks and labours, giving them an expression in the continuity of our daily rituals.

Metaphorically work is the way we honour the archetypal force that underlies the planetary expression.

### *6th House Cusp is in Capricorn*

Capricorn is the sign on the cusp of your 6th house. This describes what you need in the routine conditions of your job in order to feel satisfied. As an earth sign, Capricorn suggests that your working life needs regularity and structure. Alternatively this could simply mean that your destiny requires you to forge a relationship to the conventional world. You may spurn routine, but work within a conventional occupation or employ a workforce which maintains order in your occupation. Even though you may choose to live on the margins of the institution or corporation, your path seems to involve the establishment; therefore it might be wise to be open to learning about the world of commerce and industry. You might find that you are comfortable in the business world, whether you are self employed, in partnership or working for a large company. Tradition and customs are important to respect as they define the atmosphere of your vocational world.

You are also aware of parental and societal expectations; you respond to the voice of authority. In part this is because you have a strong sense of responsibility and duty yourself. While you might feel that your dutiful nature has been shaped by your early environment, it is also part of your natural dispensation. Therefore it is sensible that you direct your dependable and conscientious temperament towards your livelihood, forging an authoritative and autonomous career. Innately you are good at creating structures and boundaries which add to your professionalism. Your work ethic is strong; hence vocational roles that draw out your leadership qualities, management abilities, proficiency and clarity help you to find your place in the world. You might find you are able to feel more competent and effective in positions where your responsibilities are well defined and the hierarchical chain of command is unmistakable. However one pattern which might resurface is that your level of competence and commitment is not necessarily shared by those you work with. While you need to respect your bosses and superiors, you may actually see that the system has promoted those without the adequate skills and know-how. Rather than feeling deflated by this, be more resolved to develop your own authority, ambition and principles.

As well as having a definite job description, you need to know that there are possibilities of advancement. Recognition and approval is also important. If your need for recognition is unsatisfied you may be overly ambitious or controlling or feel manipulated and oppressed by your workmates. It is also important to recognise your compulsion to achieve may be fuelled by feelings of not being adequate enough. This might manifest as either a fear of success or an inappropriate command of authority. When you find that your perfectionist streak is stressing you out, it is time to take a break. In fact it is important to schedule holidays and breaks into your lifestyle or you may become overwhelmed with work. When you become sick and tired of work you feel it in your aching joints and your sore back. Stress stiffens your body and you feel cold and removed. Respect your bodily messages that encourage relaxing, doing some yoga and unwinding. It is imperative for you to be aware that the rituals of your daily life need structure. Because work is a large part of daily life you will need to structure time out, something that may be difficult for you.

## PROFESSION



*Every man has is own vocation; his talent is his call*  
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

### **The Status of the Tenth House**

The cusp of the 10th house is the Midheaven, the highest point on the ecliptic at our moment of birth. Its elevation in the horoscope suggests a complex of factors: it is the most public area of the horoscope and represents our relationship to and experience of the world; this represents the goal posts which are not only set by ourselves but have been put in place by our ancestors; the MC and 10th house represent the parental expectations and values influencing our career choices. Therefore the 10th house is a very important sphere in considering a fulfilling vocation. In essence it suggests our fate in the world.

Traditionally the 10th house is associated with career. Since career suggests a course of one's life, the 10th house will play a prominent role in helping to navigate the career path. The 10th suggests where we need to find our authority and autonomy in the world and where we strive to be successful. As the peak of the horoscope the 10th house suggests what we would like to achieve in our relationship with the world. It also suggests the public sphere and how we are recognized in that sphere, either through our professional titles, our achievements or contributions. It is in this arena where we strive to contribute to the world in our own unique way

The sign on the cusp of the 10th house (the Midheaven) suggests the career paths which may be fulfilling and lead to success. The sign also indicates what we want to achieve and where we need to strive for authority. Planets in the 10th house are in the public sphere and seek to be expressed through vocational pursuits and are also heavily influenced by both parental and societal expectations. Planets in the 10th house are the archetypes encountered along your professional path. They represent both resources and challenges met in the career as well as characterize images of a fulfilling vocation.

### ***10th House Cusp is in Taurus***

Taurus is a fixed earth sign; on the Midheaven this suggests the need to employ its sensual, tactile and earthy nature in your occupation, perhaps through construction, visual arts or crafts, food preparation, horticulture, massage or a variety of vocations employing the physical senses or a 'hands-on' approach. You need to receive tangible results from what you do; therefore you will do best in vocations which involve the physical, rather than the intellectual, spiritual or feeling spheres. While these other realms may also be vocationally important to you, they need to yield practical, tangible results. Managerial roles, particularly in the hospitality industries may also appeal.

Stability and longevity are important in any vocation, as you need to proceed along your career path step-by-step and at your own pace. Fast tracking a bull usually results in them digging in their heels or getting stuck. Hence you need time to settle into a routine, find your rhythm and learn the job thoroughly. If you feel rushed or pushed you may actually slow down rather than speed up. At the end of the day you need to know that the task has been accomplished and at least one thing has been struck off the 'must do' list.

Security, reliability and a good track record are important considerations for assessing the right employment. You like to be attached to what you are doing, feel secure in your place of work and as much as possible have a sense of mastery over your workshop. But it is also imperative that you value what you do as well as be valued for what you create. Your creative endeavours are likely to be of a practical nature. For instance you are more likely to work with bricks, stone and timber - in a quarry, or as a stone-mason, brick layer, gardener, road worker, and builder or construction worker.

Your job needs to reflect your sense of personal value and self esteem; therefore the monetary reward needs to be commensurate with your own sense of personal worth. Exchange of resources is an important part of this process. Ultimately you are highly resourceful and able to create, mould, shape, forge and build attractive products, thriving in the world when it values your inner strength and trusts in its resourcefulness. Vocationally you need to build on your accomplishments and utilise your resourceful nature in securing your place in the world of work. Your need for security can sometimes be at odds with your career choice. For instance you may long to choose an artistic vocation such as a role in the theatre, art or music worlds. However, convention dictates that these fields are unlikely to be secure. Hence you are also attracted to down-to-earth or financial fields such as banking, financial management, and cabinet making. A compromise may be seeking employment as an art dealer, a theatrical promoter, or a commercial artist.

When your vocational needs are not met, you may feel stuck, despondent or lethargic, unable to draw on your instinctually resourceful and creative nature. When meaning and engagement is lacking in your vocation, you will turn to the material world to satisfy your emptiness. Yet without the soulful expression of your creativity in the world, materiality will not be satisfying either. Vocationally you need to find a secure place to manifest your abundant creativity in order to feel fulfilled.

### *The Moon is in the 10th House*

The Moon is in your 10th house, suggesting that you bring the realm of feelings, sensitivity and emotion to your profession. In classical astrology the Moon was associated with the public. Combining this with the lunar need to nurture, the vocations that are associated with the 10th house Moon are health care professions, social work, family counselling or therapy, nursing and involvement in the public service. Other professions which deal with the public, also ruled by the Moon are chefs, bakers and brewers, waiters, other occupations dealing with food and agriculture, the food industry, including catering, hotel management and promotion.

Besides the public, the moon is symbolic of women and women's issues. Therefore the Moon in the 10th house is also representative of professions concerning women's rights, health care and social services. Specialized medical areas such as gynaecology or specific issues of infertility, pregnancy, hormonal changes and rites of passage could play a role vocationally.

The Moon is also concerned with the home and is associated with a range of professions dealing in home services such as real estate, products for the home, home design and building (with a personal touch), domestic services, home services, furniture, antiques and making the home secure and safe. The mothering and

nurturing side of the Moon is involved in the professions concerning the care of children, such as day care workers, teachers, early childhood educators, counsellors, family care providers, obstetricians, midwifery, and paediatricians. With this placement all these professions could be considered for a fulfilling career.

Astrological statistics have linked the Moon to the profession of writers, perhaps in a broader sense because this profession uses the right side of the brain and works in an imaginative way. Professionals such as writers, songwriters, poets, playwrights, artists, scriptwriters, novelists and creative journalists are under the spell of the Moon and may find creative writing an important part of their vocation. What is of importance is that you feel at home with your career and are able to use your strong perceptive and intuitive nature in your work.

### *Uranus is in the 10th House*

In your 10th house you have the planet Uranus, whose discovery near the advent of the industrial age reminds us that this archetype presides over burgeoning industrial revolutions. Being innovative it rules the technological revolution, new and cutting-edge technology, the electronics industry and ground-breaking aspects of the electronics and engineering fields.

Computer programmers and technicians, Internet based occupations, radio and television and the broadcast media are akin to the nature of Uranus. As an altruistic planet, it rules humanitarianism and social reforms including the areas of politics, compassionate concerns and occupations, promotion of causes, professional and humanitarian associations, social services. The innovation of this archetype leads to vocations which encourages inventiveness, science and technology.

Occupations which deal with the human condition and the advancement of the individual such as psychology, especially approaches like group psychology, Adlerian, Gestalt, and psychodrama will appeal to the archetype of Uranus. Astrology, community work and reforms, many of the new age occupations, like reiki healing, crystals, channelling, complementary therapies and medicine all appeal to the non-conforming aspect of Uranus. It is the extraordinary and non-traditional vocations that call you. Therefore it is not too far out to consider being a rock musician, a metaphysician or even a science fiction writer. To be true to yourself you need to find the road less travelled through the world. Expect the unexpected. But if you were to imagine one thing, anticipate that your career will take you farther afield than anyone else in your family and/or tribe has been before. When you were born your vocation probably did not exist, or if it did it was probably not one your parents would have considered for you. To find your fulfilling career you need to recognise the avant-garde, futuristic and unique aspects of yourself and how you might shape these into a role for you in the world.

### *Uranus is Conjunct Midheaven*

Uranus, the archetype of unexpected change, is at the summit of your horoscope suggesting that destiny has some surprises in store along your vocational pathway. Besides sudden twists of fate, the planet also symbolises the urge for independence and to become a non-conformist. It is concerned with innovation, future possibilities and virtual reality and these become featured in your vocation. Whether cutting-edge technology, new and innovative aspects of the electronics industry or future orientated science is your vocational destiny, the road ahead will be unique and very different to what you imagined. The world is interested in your extra-ordinariness and uniqueness so it is important always to follow the bends in the road, as these are the paths that lead you into the opportunities and possibilities of your career.

## CONCLUSION

*'Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.'*

-Robert Frost

### **A Considered Vocation**

Fulfillment in the world is more a product of who we are, not what we do. Our vocational nature implies a path of individuation, a road 'less traveled by', and in some ways, a road still under construction. Hopefully this astrological consideration of your vocational potentialities has helped you reflect on a fulfilling career path.

Astrological consideration of a vocation also needs to be placed in the context of the life cycle. Adolescents greatly benefit from a traditional examination of the vocational patterns in the horoscope to help confirm and inspire their career plans. However in adult years, especially when on the verge of mid-life (36+), the urge to find meaning and purpose through vocation is more the issue. Vocation is a lifelong task and one that is at the heart of the individuation process and the lenses through which we view vocation need to be re-examined and rechecked at every new stage of the life cycle.

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