

SATURN

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Natal Saturn in Aries

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You might strive to stand out as a leader by ignoring established protocol and being impatient. This form of assertion may lead the material world to exercise harsh discipline over your energies by severe limitations. When you endeavor to lead for self-serving motivations only, your Arian manner might become restless and narrow. This may alienate others and result in frustration of your productive efforts.

Dynamic

You possess the skills and social ability to be a leader. You can acknowledge yourself as creator of your sense of independence and of situations in which you lead or follow. This self-recognition allows you to feel secure enough to act independently. As you use your leadership capacity, more and more you become aware of others' wishes. Fostering new ideals and ideas into a form that answers a collective need, your innovative ambitions have the potential for reaching and affecting society at large.

General

Your destiny is to formulate a new identity. You feel very vulnerable because you have no instinctive ego to serve as a buffer against environmental stimuli. Thus, there is a tendency either to overreact or to underreact when asserting yourself, because you don't have a solid sense of self to assert from. Your goal is to formulate a new, more powerful sense of identity.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in Aries forms a natural square (Saturn rules Capricorn, which squares Aries). The square calls for the integration of conflicting desires. Aries represents our feeling that we should have the right and the power to do what we please. Saturn represents the 'rules of the game' which set limits on life if we want to survive in this world at this time. Failure to integrate, to make peace between these two sides of life with some sort of compromise, can result in a variety of problems.

Individuals with a dominant Letter One emphasis in their charts may feel that their will should be law. Fire-Earth combinations may be steamrollers or resemble a molten lava flow. Just don't get in the way. Such individuals may live in a constant state of overdrive, trying to make the world do what they think it should. They may be dictators to the extent that they can, or they may simply be very responsible people who feel guilty if anything goes wrong. One-ten combinations can play 'Atlas' and try to carry the world.

The other extreme is the feeling that the world has all the power, so we might as well not even try - we would just fail or fall short. These people may simply lack faith in their own power, or they may feel that they do not have the right to be themselves or do what they please. We gain faith in our own power by doing anything successful. Of course, if our

standard of success is too high, we may never feel we have achieved it. We don't know what we can do until we have done it. When the self-blocking is carried too far, when fear blocks the Fire need to express actively in the world, illness is possible. Fire is the faith which fuels the immune system, the creative recuperative power of life itself. Ignoring realistic, practical physical limits can also have negative repercussions for health. To integrate our self-confidence and our limits, we need reasonable ambitions and some kind of active accomplishment in the world.

Careers for Saturn in Aries should be entrepreneurial, active, varied, and self-directed when possible. Individuals with this placement are identified with their careers, so on the one hand they tend to feel they have lost their power and identity when they are not working, yet on the other they want to work in their own way, strictly on their own terms. Self-criticism may be a problem if they 'become' the job and focus too much on their flaws.

A father or another authority figure will be a role model in the early life. If the father is a positive model, the individual tries to be like him, to win his approval. If the parent is a negative model, the individual tries to do the opposite. Competition with the parent is common; and frequently, individuals are not aware of how they are shaping their lives by their early experiences with authorities.

(Skye Alexander)

You probably have trouble asserting yourself and going after what you want in an aggressive manner. At times, it might seem as though some internal or external obstacle blocks you every time you try to push forward. This does not mean necessarily that you are timid or weak, but rather that you are reluctant to behave forcefully and don't like confrontation. However, you may feel that you are unable to stand up for yourself or to compete, and might experience anxiety whenever you have to be aggressive.

Your anger is kept carefully in check; and you rarely let your temper get the better of you. Usually, you seem cool and in control, able to act rationally and with moderation even in the heat of the moment. Therefore, you could be good at such things as leading troops in battle, managing an athletic team or directing new business ventures. Perhaps one of your tests in life is to learn to be a leader in times of stress.

Cautious and pragmatic, you carefully plan your actions and aren't likely to do anything impulsively. In most situations you play it safe and hesitate to take chances. You are inclined to overestimate the dangers involved and the strength of your adversaries. As a result, you sometimes miss out on opportunities because you are afraid to risk much and because you do not act quickly or decisively enough.

Men especially might see this as a weakness and overcompensate for their lack of daring by engaging in dangerous activities so that no-one can say they lack courage or are unmanly. Another possibility is that you might test yourself and put your life on the line in an attempt to confront and overcome your trepidation. One of your tests in this lifetime might be learning to take calculated risks and face challenges in practical ways that will produce tangible results, instead of engaging in foolish acts of bravado or rashness for no good reason.

Unless Mars is strong in your chart or you have several planets in Fire signs, this Saturn placement can indicate lack of vitality, strength and enthusiasm. You aren't very playful; and sports probably don't appeal to you much. However, you have determination and can focus your energy and discipline yourself so that, if you do have athletic ability, you could be quite successful. Your test is to break through old limits (Saturn) and introduce new possibilities (Aries).

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Saturn in the sign Aries indicates a person who is forced by circumstances to acquire initiative, patience, and self-reliance in providing the practical necessities of life. By the obligation to develop his own resources, he comes to develop his will and strength of character.

Saturn is in its fall in Aries because Aries is the opposite sign of Libra, in which Saturn is exalted. Aries represents the initial impulse of action, while Saturn represents the law of cause and effect that brings back the consequences of an action. Saturn in Aries is in its fall because there has not been sufficient time for these consequences to take effect. Thus it is difficult for people with this position to see themselves as others see them; they are initiating a new cycle of experience, and so they have not had time to learn the consequences of their actions. They may, therefore, lack awareness of the principles of social justice and the rights of others.

This position of Saturn gives resourcefulness; natives are capable of evolving new methods in their work. In the case of highly developed people, discipline combined with initiative leads to mental creativity, which enables them to produce new concepts in their chosen fields.

If Saturn is afflicted in Aries, natives can be very defensive, always expecting opposition from others; this quality makes it difficult for them to understand, communicate, and cooperate with others.

An afflicted Saturn in Aries also indicates self-centeredness and an impulse to self-justification. Since these people are concerned with their own ambition and security, they may overlook the needs and aspirations of others. Their tendency to pursue exclusively personal aims can hinder them from co-operating with others, and can thus place limitations on their success.

With this position of Saturn, therefore, one can be short on diplomacy. Natives tend to do things alone, taking care of their own needs without giving or requesting help. They prefer to be in business for themselves, but it is not always possible with this position.

Saturn in Aries can cause headaches and a tendency to worry because of a restriction of the normal flow of blood to the head.

(Grant Lewi)

Your defence mechanism is directed toward self-defence and self-justification. The problems of living constitute to you a direct frontal attack of the world on your own personality; and the vindication of this steal the show from concerns of material progress and security. In its worst form, this makes for narrowness, self-centeredness, touchiness, up to and including delusions of persecution. All the forces of your nature unite to defend the ego, which imagines itself badly used and needful of maximum protection. From this can arise an almost unbelievable capacity to misunderstand others and a sort of chip-on-the-shoulder attitude which defies others to understand you. Carried upward and onward and broadened into spheres of usefulness, this makes you deeply desirous of self-betterment, capable of long, arduous mental work by which you succeed in making yourself the sort of person who will not require defending, but whose genuine traits will be the best defence against the world's attack. Not usually accompanied by introspection in any marked degree, this position, developed on its best side, makes you an aware, alert, profound personality. You eliminate the need for defending yourself by becoming an effective person when you have learned what every good general knows: that the best defence is an attack - and when you have marshaled your forces to attack life, instead of following your natural inclination to draw them around in a bristling ring of defiance.

(Sydney Omarr)

Saturn in Aries tends to make the native strive for responsibility; and, at the same time,

fear it. He appears serious, but could lack depth. He wants authority, respect and dignity; but he often finds the climb a bit tedious and depressing - just a little too much of a test. The astrologer must help him go after what he really wants and needs, not the glitter, the glamour, the power he imagines is possessed by a 'big executive'.

If the native is to succeed personally or professionally, he must work - success does not come easily. He must persevere; his outlook must be realistic. He tends to believe someone else has the secret key - and that only he, himself, is made to struggle. He must learn that time is on his side; that the older he gets, the stronger he becomes; that the more he tries, the more he learns. In this way he is most fortunate; he gains through his efforts and eventually attracts the attention of the very persons he admires or is trying to impress.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The positive, energetic force of Aries is at total variance with the caution and restriction of Saturn; and on the whole the two are not happy bedfellows. The individual will be very strong, brave and assertive at times, but at others will show inhibition and even weakness. A balance should be consciously developed, as possible extremes of action and inaction will then be governed and the energetic force of Aries used with common sense and practicality. When the subject has come to terms with the Saturn influence, he or she will be determined, persistent, and able to cope when life is difficult. Physical and emotional energy must be evenly used, however, if strain is not to occur during demanding periods.

When the pace slows, the reverse happens, and stagnation, or restlessness and discontent, can build up. Any inclination toward depression should be worked off with a change of occupation - sporting activities, or workouts at a health club, may be the best kind of antidote. The authoritative inner voice can cause confusion and restlessness - at times goading the subject into action when he or she knows that inaction would be better, and at others sapping the self-confidence.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are an independent rock, though potentially may suffer an independence block. Your tasks and obligations include the discipline to do things on your own account - but not to be anti-social; the time taken / allowed to develop powers of self-assertion - thus assuaging feelings of inadequacy; and the building of relationships that are respectful of individuality - yet do not become separative.

You can get stuck with relationships where neither you nor Other moves forward, individually or as a couple; with an Other who appears to keep you as and where he / she wants you; with strife-torn situations; and with projects and relationships that come to nothing.

You are learning to do what you want to do without Other or Other's approval; to become your own person, often through making your own mistakes; and to be *patient* and allow things to develop step by step rather than having one or two energetic but ineffectual stabs.

You commit to an Other who respects you as an individual and allows you to exercise your own will and discover your own strengths and weaknesses; to an Other with a strong character who can act independently of you, even though you may at first find this threatening; and to challenging situations and relationships.

You are or should be wary of Others who take you over, even though it may seem as though they are taking some weight off your shoulders; of overly forceful Others who

selfishly do their own thing and expect you to sit tight or tag along; and of relationship prospects that are beyond your capabilities.

When you are alone, it is because you have chosen the ultimately most appropriate and straightforward way of living up to the task that Saturn in Aries has set you: independence. Without anyone - or anything - to lean on or blame, you finally are forced to confront your own weaknesses as just that - your own. Alternatively, you could be alone because you are with someone else. In fact, to be really honest, independence when there is no Other in your life is a bit like being a fire-fighter when there are no fires around. If you are alone but in a relationship, in the sense that you lead separate lives more or less, this is okay if it suits you - but I would venture to say that it doesn't really. This scenario is one of 'mock independence' where you are still dependent upon one another to ascribe your difficulties, inhibitions or hang-ups to. For example, wishing you could go off and do your own thing but you cannot because Other wouldn't like it. Saturn in Aries calls for brutal honesty.

(John Townley)

You are probably a fairly demanding partner who does not tolerate and inconsiderate lover. You expect to be treated with respect and affection, and you refuse to let anyone take advantage of you.

This is an asset that can save you much grief and help you avoid exploitative relationships. But be sure you use it well, for you may be quite impatient with a partner who simply needs more tolerance to help bring the relationship to fruition.

Because of your rather high standards, you may have to spend a long time finding a lover of sufficient substance to fulfill your needs. That will be time well spent, for it is better to do without a lover than to waste your time on one who is unsatisfactory.

Although you may not be overtly aggressive, you have a formidable talent for cutting a presumptuous partner down to size. Save this ability for those who truly deserve it, and don't waste your words on minor offenders.

While you are young, you may be treated with the respect usually reserved for a more mature person. But oddly enough, as you grow older, you will seem increasingly youthful in style and will attract younger partners.

(Robert Hand)

This sign placement of your natal Saturn is important for you personally if Saturn is near conjunction or opposition with your Midheaven or Ascendant or is aspecting the Sun or Moon. It indicates that you have difficulty thinking of yourself in easy, constructive relationships with other people. You are afraid that people will inhibit you and keep you from getting what you want, or that they will try to control you in ways that you don't like. Thus, you try to remain alone and independent of others, and yet you are rather lonely, because you still need human contact. The best solution is to seek out people who will allow you to be yourself and avoid critical persons, unless you really believe that their criticism is constructive and well-meant. Your relationship with your father is extremely important; if it is not positive, you may have a greater feeling of frustration and even more difficulty getting along with people.

Obviously, then, this placement is constructive in that it can help you become an independent person. You can learn how to stand on your own and take positions on issues without relying on others for support. You do not feel that it is necessary to either reject or follow anyone else's advice. You will make up your mind according to your own criteria. Just be careful not to let your independence make it impossible to love and be friends with others.

This placement also makes you cautious and careful. You do not like to let your energies flow without following some kind of structure. You prefer orderly activities in which you have a definite feeling for what is wrong and what is right.

Natal Saturn in Taurus

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Static

You might try to accumulate money or possessions for the purpose of standing out as a separate identity and justifying your worth to others. This motive results in poverty consciousness and a feeling of being victimized by the material world in relation to your personal security and self-esteem. The upshot is feeling continually thwarted from accumulating the money, comfort, and status you seek. If you struggle to avoid pursuing practical Taurean ambitions, frustration with material status might ensue.

Dynamic

You possess the social skills to manifest material abundance, comfort, and security in the world. You can recognize yourself as creating the limitations stemming from your values, which brings about circumstances that render you unable to regenerate your financial situation. Then your self-worth can be expanded to include new methods for making money.

Once you are willing to use your abilities to build tangible resources, you can experience the worldly abundance and sensual satisfaction that you seek.

General

You must build a foundation that will give strength, stability and support to your identity. Material resources can be scanty until you gain a clear sense of what is really important; what has meaning and value in your life; what principles, when manifested, will give you an internal sense of stability, comfort and self-worth. Then material resources know no limitation, and you can become wealthy through your own efforts.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in Taurus forms a natural trine, so individuals with this combination may be very successful in handling the material world. When driven by a small to moderate fear of the world's power or insecurity about their own power, they may make money and also hold on to it. Or they may collect possessions. Often the career may involve beauty in some way, whether they create it or sell the creations of others. Material security, pleasure, and comfort are usually important. Major conflict aspects to Saturn would suggest that there are lessons around making or handling money, possessions, or appetites. The Saturn potential for a Puritan conscience can conflict with the pleasure drives of Taurus; so individuals may swing between excesses and asceticism, between spending and saving, hoarding and generosity, etc.. But the combination is normally practical and capable.

An artistic career is possible, whether as an artist or dealing with things that give pleasure to people, including home furnishings, clothing, cosmetics, jewellery, or, of course, the money that buys them. The instinct of Taurus is to conserve and to savor.

The father and other authority figures may be pleasant and comfortable, or very focused on the material world of money, possessions and pleasures, or quite artistic, or simply practical. If Saturn has conflict aspects, the father may have problems with money or sensuality, or he could just be stubborn.

(Skye Alexander)

Your tests in life are likely to revolve around issues of material possessions and physical resources. How you acquire and use your resources will be important, and you may learn many significant - though perhaps difficult - lessons in this area.

Probably you will have to work for whatever you get, rather than being born to wealth or winning a fortune in the lottery. If money does come to you as a result of something other than your own efforts, it may turn out to be a burden in some way, so that you don't really enjoy your wealth. Perhaps your freedoms are limited by material responsibilities and you feel trapped by your possessions. Or, you might find that your financial position isolates you from other people.

At some time in your life, you probably experienced poverty; and as a result, you might live in fear of being needy again. If you were born into a poor family, you may feel you are inferior to those who have more money than you do. You might connect personal wealth with material worth and be very sensitive and defensive about what you see as a deficiency in yourself. Therefore, as an adult, you might try to build the self-respect you so desire by accumulating wealth. You also may value others in direct relationship to their portfolios.

Money and possessions give you a sense of security that goes beyond the ability to provide for yourself and your family; and even if you have more money than you could ever spend, you never seem to get enough. You may be avaricious and greedy, stubbornly holding on to your possessions as if your life depended on them - for to you, at some deep inner level, it does. However, if you compromise your principles to obtain wealth or profit through the misfortune of others, you might end up losing everything. Thus, the test of Saturn in this life might be what are you willing to do for money? Your attachment to your possessions, too, may be tested and, if you don't come to realize this easily, you could be forced painfully to face up to the fact that security does not come from material things.

Your body, too, is one of your physical resources; and how you treat it and use it will be significant in your life. If you neglect or abuse your body, or use your sexuality to control or manipulate others, however, you are likely to suffer for it, for Saturn always insists that you assume responsibility for your actions.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Saturn in the sign Taurus indicates people who need discipline and hard work if they are to acquire material possessions; they come to feel a strong need for financial and emotional security. They cannot be at peace if their practical affairs are not in order. If Saturn is well aspected in Taurus, enduring patience, steadfast adherence to principle, and practical management ability in business affairs will be characteristics.

When they are about twenty-nine years old, these people seek stable career positions that will ensure financial and domestic security, which they require for their well-being. They are likely to be reliable and persistent in their careers. Often they enter professions in banking, investment, insurance, or business management. Since they tend to be frugal, they usually make purchases of lasting value, with primary consideration for their utilitarian qualities. They save money for future emergencies and for security in old age. They must develop a well-balanced sense of the value of material resources.

If Saturn is afflicted in Taurus, there can be obstinacy and excessive materialism. In extreme cases, the result is either miserliness or - conversely - a burdening of oneself with material possessions, instead of allowing things to flow *from* one so that new things can flow in as needed.

(Grant Lewi)

This position presents the simplest and most direct manifestation of the instinct of self-preservation, which you satisfy by material comfort and security. If you have these, life cannot attack you in any way that matters deeply. The need to defend yourself in emotional, intellectual matters is not deep, and you are therefore an easy person to live with because your deep ego centres don't bristle and writhe at imagined affronts or offences. You are secure if your body is secure; and are able to bring a great deal of idealism to bear on all of life's other problems in which you, unlike many others, can be detached and gracious. When you're materially secure, you have to look out for smugness and self-satisfaction and for a tendency to identify yourself and your work too closely with your possessions and your material status. You are deeply a conservative in finance and can be a penny pincher. You will rarely gamble or lose property because of your own actions, unless through taking security too much for granted you feel it can't possibly be lost. Self-satisfaction then becomes overconfidence, and is, of course, dangerous. The tendency to take things too much for granted can also lead you to trust some less careful person with your security and to lose it through the bad judgement of others on whom you have, because of oversureness, not exercised the proper control. Losing security throws you entirely off balance, and you cannot be yourself till you get it back again. You can be secure on little, for stretching money is your long suit, but what little there is must be established as firmly as the Rock of Gibraltar. Needless to say, you are a pillar of society, a believer in life insurance, and a sure-fire customer for gilt-edged government bonds.

(Sydney Omarr)

Saturn in Taurus, like the man whose left hand doesn't know what his right is doing, often succeeds in spite of himself. The native tends to wait too long, to lack confidence, to brood over money matters, to trust the wrong people and accuse the right ones. He gains by being frugal, but often has to spend what he saved because his saving created an unhappy domestic situation. He is not easy to understand, but is determined, able to collect facts and figures, stocks and bonds; he is capable of responding well under pressure. The astrologer must help relieve him of numerous anxieties concerning security, money and love. He must help him to open up and express emotions with a greater degree of freedom and enthusiasm.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The patience of Taurus, plus the ability to be careful and cautious which is so much a part of Saturn's influence, complement each other here. The individual is long-suffering and will patiently cope and plod on to accomplish whatever most concerns him or her. However, the combination of the luxury-loving side of Taurus and the prudence of Saturn (too often turning into meanness or frugality) can cause considerable conflict.

How is it possible, then, for subjects to take advantage of this placing? There is little doubt that they are ambitious and want to make money. Saturn also brings a tendency to social climbing within the context of its ambitious qualities. As a result, this placing can encourage a steady (and no doubt comfortable!) climb toward the objectives in life. However, Saturn's negative inner voice will sound accusations of being extravagant, of eating too much and too expensively, and will constantly ask 'Do you really need that?' Individuals must come up with their own answers, but must also learn to enjoy the Taurean side of this placement. If, on the whole, the chart is extrovert in influence, this should not be too hard; but if the subject is rather shy and generally inhibited this will be far more difficult, as feelings of guilt will recur and must be tempered by stronger qualities. Usually, a justification of pleasure should not be necessary; perhaps a lesson that those with this placing must learn.

Caution, patience, persistence and sometimes an overrigid routine and discipline are common. Parents with this placing, while wanting to give their children the best, may tend to be overstrict with them. The way in which the emotions are expressed may also be inhibited, although the individual is usually very kind. Generally, objects that are

functional will be preferred to those that are beautiful.
(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a steady rock, though may potentially suffer a money block. Your tasks and obligations include the discipline to consolidate self-worth and finances - and so not be materially dependent; the time take / allowed to establish material security - thus assuaging fears of being without; and the building of relationships that are physically loyal - yet not boringly predictable.

You can get stuck with relationships where you are very dependent upon Other for your material welfare and position; with an Other who has little or not material wherewithal and is dependent upon you; and with situations where money becomes a major issues and a block to emotional accord.

You are learning to either become more materially self-sufficient or be happy with what you have got; to be generous but prudent with regard to Other; and to look at what is emotionally lacking in your relationship, which the material state reflects.

You commit to an Other who is materially stable, or is at least practical and has the potential to be so; to an Other who is not at all well off materially, thereby calling upon you to organize or alleviate such matters; and to an Other who is aware of your true worth and loves you solely for that, and will pass any tests that set out to prove this point.

You are or should be wary of feckless types who always seem to be one step (or less) away from ruin; of Others who are merely interested in you for your money or position, or conversely, who think they can buy you; and of situations where money and what it can buy seem to be the only criteria of worth.

When you are alone, it is mainly for one of two reasons. Firstly, being alone is in aid of forcing you to take serious stock of your material position, earning power, and whatever talents you have. Behind this is a case of your never really realizing or making the most of what you've got. Perhaps there was always an Other there to support you or bail you out. Secondly, it would be a case of having everything that money can buy - and nothing else. And so aloneness would eventually confront you with the realization that it is only the non-material or spiritual qualities of life that have any true and lasting worth. And like the first case, it may now be time for you to develop your own potential. If you are alone but still in a relationship, then it would be a kind of mixture of the above two cases. That is to say that you are staying together for material reasons only and consequently not discovering or appreciating the true worth of yourself or Other.

(John Townley)

You can be particularly patient in judging your partner, giving him or her plenty of room to make mistakes before you get angry or hurt or make and condemnations.

This is an admirable quality, but it must be tempered with insight, for you could be taken advantage of by the wrong partner. However, although you are slow to take offence, once you have been hurt it is difficult to erase it from your mind. If you want to make up with an estranged lover, you will have to make an extra effort.

Some misunderstandings may stem from forgetfulness or reluctance to let your partner know what seems wrong. You may expect your lover to sense the difficulties without a word from you, which is likely to lead to greated problems. Before being judgemental, make sure your partner understands your problem and how you want to deal with it.

Also you should try to be more amenable to your lover's suggestions, particularly about how to add more variety to your love experience in order to rejuvenate the relationship. In this area you may have considerable capacity for enjoyment, but your partner probably has more talent for initiating the changes.

(Robert Hand)

This placement is most important to you personally if Saturn is near opposition or conjunction with the Ascendant or Midheaven or closely aspecting the Sun or Moon. You have a great need to establish a firm foundation in your life. When you have total freedom to do what you want, you feel uneasy. You need a secure centre in your life, a place or set of conditions that you can count on as long as you live. However, this drive for security may make you become rigid and fearful about approaching anything new in your life. Even at best, it is sometimes difficult for you to change and adapt. On the other hand, you are incredibly resistant to adversity and hard times.

You may find it difficult to share with others, not because you are selfish, especially, but because you are afraid that there may not be enough to go round. Consequently you hold onto your share for dear life. You should trust the world to take care of you a bit more. It is important that your parents make you feel that their support and your resources are not likely to be taken away. And they shouldn't make you feel that you have to work terrifically hard to get what you need. Of course, you will have to work; but if you do so from fear, it will be all the harder. Everything will work out for you if you believe that it will.

All through your youth, you need lots of support and love from your parents. You need to know that you are loved and that you have a right to be here. Don't be jealous of your friends or afraid that someone will take a friend away from you. There is plenty of love and enough material resources to go around.

Natal Saturn in Gemini

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You might try to build barriers against intimate relationships in order to ensure the Gemini option to mingle with many people and to pursue goals and friendships in a superficial, social manner. This form of relating to life may lead to the jack-of-all-trades, master-of-none syndrome. The upshot can be frustration due to a failure to complete long-range goals because of your need to detach from everything. You may experience defeat by always creating an option and by refusing to commit yourself.

Dynamic

You possess the skill and social responsibility in the world for bringing many ideas into manifestation. When you acknowledge your need for a variety of ambitious outlets, you can notice that a flitting-about, social frame of reference does not encourage a consistent, conscious centre from which you can handle your divergent ambitions.

You can dedicate yourself to building an inner focus point, which gives you security in the ability to complete your ideas one at a time or give them to someone who can bring them to completion. If you follow a consistent philosophical identity within yourself, you can use your many talents and abilities to communicate information that organizes and supports others in a solid way. Thus, you will attract a variety of people and experiences. The result will be the positive stimulus and the variety of challenges needed for fulfillment.

General

Learning to communicate clearly, honestly and openly is your challenge. You have a strong internal sense of self, and are recognizing your own strength through interrelating, connecting, and communicating with others. You are learning how to be

open to a clear and mutually beneficial exchange of information through eliminating a tendency to self-censorship. Your job is to live in the moment and to verbalize clearly the ideas that come into consciousness as they arise. Through cultivating this innocent, spontaneous honesty with others, you find that the people around you take their rightful positions in your life without any need for conscious manipulation on your part.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in Gemini is a natural quincunx, the aspect which usually carries an implication of wanting to do better. This may support the critic side of Saturn; but the Air ability to see both sides of everything, to understand, and to accept, can offset the critic. With serious insecurity, this combination may try to control information and communication for a sense of security. It can be 'dry', lacking in warmth, insisting on 'facts' only.

This combination often illustrates the two sides of Saturn at different stages of life. Initially, children with Saturn in Gemini often doubt their mental ability, sometimes because they are comparing themselves with a parent or an older sibling. But once they have gained a sense of competence, they typically choose a mental career. This may include any form of communication, such as teaching, counselling, sales, media work, etc.. Work with the hands is also possible. Gemini, like all forms of Letter Three, carries the potential for skill with eye-mind-hand co-ordination.

The father may have been bright and verbal and engaged in an intellectual profession. In such cases, he usually pushes the child to do well in school. Alternately, the father might have lacked education and worked with his hands. I have seen cases where such a father also pushed the child to become educated or to be able to do more in life than the father could; but in other cases, the father disdained mental skills. Sometimes a sibling or other relative plays the role of parent or there is a power issue in what should be a peer relationship. Sometimes, the individual feels responsible for a sibling. Mutual criticism or power struggles can be a danger in relationships which should be accepting and co-operative.

(Skye Alexander)

In some way, you are likely to experience difficulties in the area of communication. Perhaps your early education was restricted or inadequate, interfered with by poverty, childhood illness, poor schools, family troubles, etc.. Or, maybe a learning disability, speech defect or other problem caused you to get a slow start and you had to work hard to catch up later. You might have had to teach yourself everything you know, mostly through trial and error.

As a result, you feel inferior in terms of your intellect, education or communication skills; and you probably are quite sensitive about this. Because you believed you were deficient in these areas, you may have put forth Herculean effort to improve yourself, so that now you are more than adequate. However, it is also possible that early impediments to your intellectual and verbal development caused you to fear and dislike learning, so that as an adult you still find yourself mentally blocked. This does not mean that you are stupid or unable to learn, but rather that your negative attitude toward education and your fear of being inferior could be standing in your way.

Speaking before groups might be especially hard for you, and your writing style may be stilted and self-conscious. Your test in life, however, could be to learn to use your intellect and / or communication skills effectively. This might even mean that you work to improve communication systems, perhaps through delivering mail, editing manuscripts or repairing telephones, office machines or computers. If you neglect your mental development or misuse your powers of communication, however, you will have to pay the price.

Your mind works in a logical, orderly fashion, and you are good at planning, organizing,

analyzing, researching and retaining information. It is quite likely that your powers of concentration and your memory are also good. A practical thinker, you want to be able to apply what you know so that it produces tangible results. You have common sense, a head for business, and the ability to focus intently on facts, figures, and technical data. Whether writing or speaking, you get to the point and don't waste words; and you rarely speak unless you have something to say.

Because Gemini is associated with your immediate environment and travel near your home, you might experience frequent delays, frustrations and difficulties driving or taking public transportation in and around your community. Neighbors and / or siblings, too, could present problems for you; and you may find it hard to communicate with them. Finally, Gemini's connection with the hands could indicate restrictions or tests related to your hands and, perhaps, a need to develop good manual dexterity.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Saturn in the sign Gemini indicates a practical, well-disciplined, systematic, and logical mind. There is a capacity for discipline in thinking, reasoning, and writing, and in solving problems of all sorts. Ideas are judged on the basis of their practical usefulness and on whether they have been proved out through direct experience.

Discipline in all forms of mental work, especially mathematics, science, and the concrete implementation of ideas, usually enable the natives to carry through in formal courses of study. These people like things to be well-defined, organized in detail, and set down on paper. They are particularly concerned about clarity in contracts and agreements.

Honesty in communication and dependability are of paramount importance; hence these people generally end up with something substantial to show for their efforts.

Saturn functions well in the Air signs because it adds discipline, justice, and practicality to the intellectual functions. Saturn's exaltation in Libra and co-rulership of Aquarius give strength to its position in Gemini, through the double trine in the Air triplicity of the natural Zodiac.

Many secretaries, stenographers, bookkeepers, accountants, writers, teachers and researchers have this position. It also favors those engaged in engineering, the physical sciences, and mathematics.

If Saturn is afflicted in Gemini, there can be a tendency to experience and display excessive doubt, suspicion, shyness, and a critical attitude. However, the natives are flexible in adapting to the practical needs of any situation, being resourceful in finding the solutions to problems; they view life with a practical objectivity.

(Grant Lewi)

You attack the world vigorously, finding your natural defence in a swift flanking movement in which, by speed and profundity, you justify your existence. This is one of the best positions for Saturn, sharpening and deepening your reaction to experience and giving you mastery of mind and therefore of life. You justify yourself actively and articulately, and work outward into the world in intellectual or physical endeavor. You are shrewd in business dealings and can be slick. You are likely to range far in your battle with life, which is a sort of intellectual guessing game that you are determined to win by force of superior intellect. You are rarely stalemated even by the most complicated situations that you get yourself into, for you always have an 'out' which is likely to be an 'up' as well. Adaptability is your great strength; your notion of how to justify yourself is not limited, and you have few vocational inhibitions. This is also a weakness: you're willing to try anything once. But you concentrate readily and can master many things in one lifetime. In its best manifestation, this is Goethe's 'universal man' to whom no doors were closed, or the idea of Francis Bacon, who took all knowledge for his province. In its

worst form, it is a dilettante - but you generally will emerge from this adventurous extreme with something to show for life.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Gemini, Saturn gives us a native who is easily depressed and wonders when he will receive the affection he is so willing to give. He can meet misfortune through journeys and dealings with relatives unless he takes special care. He tends toward self-deception - he wants persons and situations to be a certain way and often sees them that way. The astrologer's task is to help the native obtain a greater grasp of reality. This is accomplished by helping him overcome his fear of responsibility and concentration - he must learn to finish what he starts, to tackle one project at a time; he must not spread his efforts too thinly. He is capable of learning from experience but, if he is not wary, the experience can be depressing. His motives are fine but his methods, at times, are devoid of logic.

Natal Saturn in Cancer

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you feel that other people should respect your feelings because you are a sensitive person, you may experience rejection. The resulting self-protection might lead to a neurotic Cancerian need to create in your life emotional limitations that appear to be security. When you are afraid of dealing directly and objectively with others about your sensitivities, you may experience a severe limitation and repression of your emotional nature. This eventually cuts off your ability to experience feeling anything at all.

Dynamic

You possess the skill and social responsibility to experience your subjective feelings deeply and then to bring those feelings into manifestation. You can do this in a way that benefits others as well as yourself. When you acknowledge yourself as the creator of the personal feelings experienced, you can begin to feel secure enough to delve into your private sensitivities. Once you are in touch with your true feelings, you have the ability to bring those feelings to the surface in an objective way that clears the air and benefits everyone. You possess the ability and the responsibility in the world for creating an environment in which everyone, including yourself, is nurtured and secure.

General

It is necessary for you to bring your talents into an organized format for public expression. This process emerges from the subconscious levels; and suddenly you may find yourself excited and involved in activities that have the potential to lead into a profession or career. As you begin to use and express these instinctive talents, you gain a sense of the career that can be truly fulfilling to your basic inner needs. You are learning to take responsibility for the expression of your identities, desires and talents in the context of your environment.

You feel insecure about really belonging in the home and family environment, and so you feel needy and overly dependent on others for emotional support. You are bringing in new ideas that are not yet familiar to society or understood by your family. It is as though you are from another planet and do not find affinity with the consciousness of your family structure. Your job is to find a sense of belonging and comfort within yourself, and to make new families based on inner connection with others.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in Cancer is a natural opposition. The astrological drives which are opposite each other should be partners. As the opposite ends of a polarity, they have much in common; but each provides something the other needs. However, when they are not integrated, the person may express one end and have problems with the other end which can be repressed, projected, or displaced. Projection is the most common mishandling of oppositions. Typically, the individual finds someone with the same dilemma but each person consciously seeks to satisfy one end while the other person overdoes his or her end. Each is getting some vicarious satisfaction from the other person's manifestation of the other end. Unfortunately, since the desire for this end is subconscious and in conflict with the conscious desire (or the person would simply do it and not project it), the usual feeling is frustration with the other person. 'If you were different, I would be happy.' When both people realize that the problem is internal, when they become conscious of their own ambivalence and accept it as normal, they can work out a compromise.

The four-ten polarity symbolizes the two parents. Four should be the nurturing parent, giving unconditional love because the baby needs it. Letter ten is the disciplinary parent who teaches the rules and provides the consequences of how we handle them as part of that instruction. Obviously, real parents may not conform to the model; and the four-ten combinations in astrology point to issues which usually involve security. Neither parent may provide unconditional love, or both may overprotect and 'spoil' a child. Most astrology texts assume that the Saturn principle will always overpower the Moon principle, producing some variation on harsh, or domineering, or distant parents; but I have seen examples of the overprotective alternative. In the end, the child has to grow up and learn that there are rules, learn to be responsible, and to cope with the world. Other variations in our divorce-prone western world include one parent playing both roles; or the parents may alternate in the roles.

Once we reach adulthood, Saturn in Cancer calls for integration between the emotional desire for a home and family and the urge for a career which provides some degree of power and accomplishment in the world. Homemaking as a career used to be an option for many women, but it is becoming less available except for women who have inherited or married wealth. Even in the latter case, the dependent spouse may feel insecure and vulnerable and may need to do some kind of volunteer work which reassures her of her power. For individuals trying to juggle both work and a family, the major Saturn issue is often time. Since no-one can do everything well, we need to realistically define what is important and be able to delegate or postpone or take less seriously what is less important. In healthy interdependence, each person is able to contribute, to take his or her share of the responsibility, and also to accept help from others.

Career potentials with Saturn in Cancer can include farming and ranching, caring for the land and animals. Work in construction, interior design, and real estate are possible. Service to the public is common, including protection for families: feeding people, clothing them, or offering emotional security in some form. A family business or work in one's home are other possibilities.

(Skye Alexander)

Many of your tests in life involve your family and home. Although your family also may provide you with a sense of structure and appearance, you might be burdened or limited in some way by family responsibilities or be called on to make personal sacrifices for your family. Perhaps you will have to work hard to support your family. Or, family ties and obligations could make it necessary for you to remain in your hometown and pass up opportunities elsewhere. Family expectations might force you into a role that is not of your own choosing, such as running a family business or upholding your family's societal position. Your sense of duty toward your family is strong; and though you probably feel some resentment about the hardships you've had to endure because of them, you are not likely to run out on them.

Though you feel an inextricable bond with them, there is a lack of closeness and warmth

between you and your family members, almost as though some unseen obstacle blocks the emotional connection you desire. Perhaps you feel your parents didn't love you; perhaps work demands, death, illness or divorce caused you to be separated from them. Whatever the reason for the absence of positive interaction between them and your parents, the deficiency causes you a great deal of pain, and you are quite sensitive about the deprivation you experienced. You might try to deny it to yourself, or overcompensate by attempting to create the family you never had.

Your mother (or nurturing parent) in particular might have been a stern disciplinarian who limited your fun and freedom as a child, controlled your self-expression or burdened you with responsibilities at an early age. Even in adulthood, you probably feel restrained by her; and your relationship with her might be problematic.

Although you may be critical of your family, you are also a staunch defender of family members, and won't allow anyone else to speak badly about them. Perhaps you view yourself as the guardian of your family honor and traditions.

Toward your own children, you are strict, rigid and rather aloof. Though you may love them very much, it is difficult for you to demonstrate it openly. You worry about them - often to excess - and tend to be overly protective of them, restricting them in much the same way as your parents restricted you. In reality, your protectiveness toward your children stems from your own fear of losing them. Another possibility is that you may have wanted children but never had them. Your test in life may be to learn to express your feelings toward your family members, and to become less dependent and attached to them.

Your physical home could represent security and stability for you; and you might be strongly attached to it. Even if it makes many demands of you, in terms of hefty mortgage payments or constant repairs, your home creates a bond between you and your family and / or community. You may feel an obligation to provide a home for your family, or to keep up the old homestead.

Since Saturn is associated with work, another possibility is that you might work in an area that is related to the home, family and / or children - real estate, architecture, pediatrics - and through your efforts, learn important life lessons.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Saturn in the sign Cancer is in its detriment, because Cancer is the opposite sign to Capricorn, which is ruled by Saturn.

Saturn in Cancer may cause inhibition of the expression of emotion, which is likely to result in estrangement from family members; such emotional isolation in the domestic scene can lead to neurotic reactions. The early family environment and parental relationships are sometimes cold, austere, or beset by problems; and the natives may be left with emotional scars and inhibitions. People who have Saturn in Cancer nevertheless take family responsibilities very seriously.

The need for respect for the individual and his family is deeply felt. These people hide their inner feelings from public view in order to preserve their dignity. Emotional sensitivity and the need for approval sometimes force them to build a shell around themselves, which can inhibit the expression of true warmth in personal relationships.

Saturn in Cancer often indicates difficulties in stability and security in the home life. While these people strive to have their own home and property, they may well incur financial struggle and domestic strain.

In some cases, poor or sluggish digestion and body metabolism lead to being overweight, and to excessive water retention in the tissues. In others, there may be undernourishment,

resulting in a bony appearance.

If Saturn is afflicted in Cancer, there can be emotional hypersensitivity, defensiveness, and unusually strong attachments to material possessions.

(Grant Lewi)

This is a powerful if complicated position, and generally indicates a parent fixation. The need for self-justification is the deepest driving force in life, welded into the psychological background by circumstances of the early environment, and causes you to take one of two directions: (1) You become an introvert: you despair of being able to justify yourself and withdraw into yourself defeated. This of course is a destructive development, and should be fought off in favor of: (2) You require the maximum self-justification to overcome a deep sense of inferiority and go out to battle the world aggressively to compensate for your (real or imagined) shortcomings. Psychologically, this is a 'little man' position: your opinion of yourself is low, and you make up for it by assuming it to be high and living up to the assumption. This leads to success through considerable tension and stress. Material matters are important to you; security is one of your requisites, and you may acquire, and lose, much property before you die. Acquisition may be closely linked to your need for self-justification and thus make you grasping. You may come from a poor family and feel the need for overcoming the initial handicap. Or the power urge may be related to possessions. Though a home is important to you, you are not a warm-hearted person. You may delude yourself into thinking you need love and sympathy which you don't get; but close examination will prove that what you really want is respect - which you will get. You can utilize this position of Saturn as the hub of your life, and from it make the spokes extend far in almost any direction.

(Sydney Omarr)

Saturn in Cancer tells of a native who may be so 'married' to authority, age and experience that he is afraid to make a move of his own, fearful of striking out independently, hesitant about applying original methods. He must be given a greater degree of confidence, helped to break away, to realize that lessons of the past should be utilized for the future and not regarded as chains against progress.

This planetary position seems to create a lack, a denial in the home or with regard to the love of one of the parents. This lack is expressed by the native in his drive for security, love, pleasure; in his apparent deep respect for authority as he tries to 'please' age and experience and thus win the love and security that have been 'denied' him. The astrologer must help him to feel he is worthy of love and is capable of succeeding in the face of heavy odds.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The need for emotional security is very strong, with the subject usually very keen to build a stable family life. Questions about the family background will produce some revealing answers. If the father was very strict or there was some kind of breakdown or deprivation, the subject may have suffered greatly and been unable to take things as much in his or her stride as other children.

If a tendency to worry is indicated elsewhere, this placing will increase it, and the outlook is often rather pessimistic, perhaps with suspicion and a tendency to self-pity (most likely if the Moon is in negative aspect to Saturn). More positively, there is usually considerable shrewdness and the ability to make and save money very cleverly. A sense of purpose and tenacity are characteristic, but it is very easy indeed for individuals to creep into their shells and hide there, particularly when challenged. However, this trait may be countered by the influence of Mars or Jupiter, especially if either is placed in a Fire sign and / or well aspected.

A freer expression of the emotions is needed, since inhibition and the tendency to be timid with loved ones can be at the root of problems in emotional relationships. The inner authoritative voice may subtly undermine the subject's self-confidence when she wishes to take bold, assertive action; 'If you do that, you know what'll happen, and you won't like it, will you?' This is because she may have suffered emotional blackmail as a child; and unless she has come to terms with it, will have to try not to pass her reactions on to her children.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a caring rock, but may potentially suffer a caring block. Your tasks and obligations include the discipline to fulfil family and emotional responsibilities - yet not be hardhearted; the time taken / allowed to establish roots of shared feelings - thus assuaging depressive moods; and the building of relationships that are mutually nurturing - yet do not foster co-dependency.

You can get stuck with situations where you feel little or no sense of belonging; with relationships where you or Other are / is very needy, clinging or pathetic in some way; with uncomfortable set-ups owing to there being too much emotional 'cross-fire' or preoccupation; and with dysfunctional families.

You are learning to build a solid or inner core of emotional security and / or a material stability that is not overly dependent on Other; to develop 'feminine' qualities such as empathy or emotional understanding;; and to limit your concern for Other by considering your emotional rights too.

You commit to an Other who, seeing past your emotional defences, recognizes and takes seriously your innermost feelings and sentiments, and can express genuine emotions him- / herself; to an Other who can control his / her feelings without supressing yours or his / her own; and to being nurtured without being made to feel emotionally blackmailed / compromised.

You are or should be wary of gushing or mawkish displays of emotion; of oversentimentality or any expression of seemingly 'false' emotion that echoes childhood experiences; of being mothered or restricted by family ties; and of any situation or relationship that threatens to be a repeat performance of your own family's nature or difficulties.

When you are alone, it is most probably owing to your not being willing or able to express, involve or commit yourself emotionally - for one or more of the above reasons. Emotional isolation is a very necessary part of your life pattern, because it is through this that you get in touch with your often buried feelings. Try to avoid either getting into a downward spiral of self-pity or denying the feelings that you have, for this would prevent the possibility of new or renewed relationship. What we fear comes upon us - so sooner or later you had or have to get in touch with those needs and sensibilities that have been confused by certain fears of feeling or difficulty in feeling. Then you will attract *who* and *what* you need. You have an inclination to keep a stiff upper lip where your feelings are concerned, but without even realizing that you are doing so. Your emotions are rather like a cushion that has been sat upon for so long that it has become compressed and forgotten how springy it was. So go easy on yourself and try to plump yourself up a bit.

(John Townley)

This position indicates that you vacillate somewhat about your sexual inhibitions, which can be both an asset and a drawback. Either you flaunt your hangups or you keep them totally hidden from your own and others' sight.

People with this position tend to either come out of the closet with a bang or remain there forever. You are unlikely to be in between. The gradually increasing sexual self-

awareness that comes with some other Saturn positions is not usually found here.

The growth of sexual awareness can be most easily attained through erotic fantasies. This should not be done by idle daydreaming about already established turn-ons, but by either imagining or reading about erotic fantasies that seem alien or even upsetting. If they are upsetting, they are probably striking a hidden chord in your personality that should be brought to light and examined with your new-found insight. Not only will you have a new supply of erotic stimuli; you will also be able to even out your sexual intensity and have easier access to its expression.

Indeed, the word that best describes this position is intensity - the intensity of reined-in sexual desire and the attendant extremity of its release.

(Robert Hand)

This placement of Saturn is important only if Saturn is near conjunction or opposition with the Ascendant or Midheaven, or in close aspect with the Sun or Moon.

You need a great deal of emotional security. You must believe that you are loved and that you can rely on your home and family as a refuge in times of personal trouble. Basically you are afraid that your family may not be reliable, that they may abandon you when you most need help.

It is especially important for you to know that you will be loved and supported no matter what you do and who you are. Otherwise, with this Saturn position, your deep-rooted insecurity will be expressed as distrust of others and hiding your feelings from everyone. You may pretend that you are unfeeling and have no concern for others, when really you are very much in need of warmth and affection from them. As an adult, you might get to the point of being totally out of touch with your feelings, not understanding your reactions to persons and situations, and thus constantly doing violence to your inner self. Your emotional insecurity can also make you feel that you don't belong anywhere or to anyone, that you are isolated and alone in an unfriendly world. This won't happen if you get lots of unconditional love while you are young.

On the plus side, with this placement you are able to discipline your feelings and remain in control at times when others are completely at the mercy of their emotions. You know how to feel without losing track of yourself and your objectives, but only if you are basically confident of yourself and of your place in others' lives.

Natal Saturn in Leo

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You might try to impose your Leonine right for self-expression by creating situations that are larger than life. If you dramatize your ups and downs in order to gain respect and awe, your experiences might resemble those of the heroes in Shakespeare's tragedies. The dramas produced may be self-destructive and unfulfilling. You may find the outer world unsympathetic and limiting to your dramatic behavior.

Dynamic

You possess the skill and social responsibility to bring your capacity for moving dramatic expression into manifestation. When you are willing to acknowledge yourself as the originator of the melodramas in your life, you can feel secure in your ability to be responsible for the intense scenes you attract. You gain confidence in your skill to handle emotional display when you are in touch with the love centre within yourself. Then the potential to align your dramatic sense with the knowledge that you can serve a larger

community comes forth.

You can contribute to others by giving expression to your *true* inner feelings, inspiring them through your own courageous example in dramatically revealing your innermost sentiments. You can commit yourself to your ability to use drama as a means of consciously inspiring constructive goals in the world. Then you experience the excitement and security of designing extravaganzas that you know will not undermine your most profound creative abilities.

General

You need to be responsible for creating what you really want. To do this you must first have a vision of the goal or ideal you want to manifest. From this dream, your energies can begin to flow in a constructive, consistent direction that is supportive to your childlike spirit.

You feel that you have to perform within a rigid structure that keeps you on top and in control of the audience. Your job is to allow to dissolve all the feelings of having to play an approved role so that your childlike spirit of excitement and fun can begin to emerge and lead you home, into the fulfilment of your dreams.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in Leo provides a natural quincunx; and, unlike Saturn in Gemini, Leo has trouble taking things lightly. Both the sign and the planet are keys to ambition. Both show the desire to be on top. Saturn symbolizes the executive who carries out laws which are bigger than personal will. Leo is the instinct to be king, to make personal will into law. So five-ten combinations can lead to major overdrive in individuals who have faith in their own power. And overdrive can lead to falls. Fire-Earth mixtures need to express power in the world but to accept reasonable limits.

Career choices can include teaching or other work with young people, sales, promotion, the entertainment world, investment, etc.. If possible, people with this combination need to be in charge of their work, as an entrepreneur or owner or manager of a business.

For individuals who have not developed a sense of faith in their own power and self-worth, Saturn in Leo can be manifested as a fear of failure, often in areas connected to love. Since fear normally produces the feared consequences, repeated disappointments in love relationships may eventually lead to shutting down and giving up. All of the drive may be focused into the career. Fear of failure may lead to a conscious choice not to have children, or, when the fear is subconscious, to the inability to conceive or to carry a pregnancy to term. Fear of failure may lead to reduced ambition in the career, to leaving talents undeveloped and 'settling' for a job which provides survival but is unfulfilling. Saturn shows where we have to be realistic; so if a survival job is really all that is possible, individuals with Saturn or Leo need to find a hobby or avocation which lets them develop their talents and earn applause.

The father and other authority figures could be dominant and controlling, leading to power struggles as the individual tries to find his or her own strength. Or, the parent could be loving and supportive in a responsible way. The relationship with the parent is often a key to later experiences in trusting and accepting love or maintaining a guard for fear of being hurt in some way.

(Skye Alexander)

Although you want to be creative and may even have artistic ability, you probably have trouble expressing your talent. In some way, you seem to be blocked. Perhaps demands from family and / or work take up so much of your time that you have no energy left for creative pursuits. Possibly you were criticized by your parents, or were discouraged from

pursuing an artistic career because it wasn't practical. Or, you may never have had a chance to develop your talent, so that now it lies unformed within you like a diamond in the rough. You might even have a physical limitation that makes it hard for you to do what you want to do.

You probably feel inadequate in this area and see only your shortcomings. Self-expression is important to you; and because you feel deficient in this area, you tend to be quite sensitive about your creative ventures. You might be reluctant to let anyone else see your drawings or poems; and you don't take criticism well. It is quite likely that your extreme seriousness and your unreasonably high expectations of yourself make you so tense and judgemental that you block the flow of your creative juices. In short, you are standing in your own way.

Because Saturn is the planet of work and pragmatism, you might put your creativity to work in some 'safe', practical area such as carpentry, drafting, editing or repairing musical instruments. If you do devote yourself to this art, you may never make any money at it, or you might not be recognized during your own lifetime. Regardless of the route you take, success probably won't come easily for you, and you will have to work hard for whatever recognition you get. Perhaps your test in this life is to learn to apply yourself diligently to your creative pursuits without expecting easy rewards and overnight fame.

Because the sign Leo is connected with self-confidence, ego, optimism and courage, you also might experience tests involving your self-esteem. Perhaps you have suffered setbacks or criticisms that caused you to lose confidence in yourself. You might also discover that your low opinion of yourself or your timidity is inhibiting your creativity; and you may have to work on improving your self-image and confidence before you can become a good artist. In order to make it in the art world, you need a healthy ego and a strong enough belief in yourself for you not to care what the critics say.

Children, too, are an expression of your creativity. Therefore, you might experience tests, difficulties and responsibilities raising your children that will teach you important life lessons. Maybe you feel your children restrict you or are a burden in terms of time, energy and money. The responsibilities of raising children might be more than you are comfortable with; however, you are very conscious of your duty, and try hard to do what you feel is best for them. Or, perhaps you always wanted children, but never had them.

How you develop and use your creativity will be important in your life; and though you probably will experience problems related to your self-expression, your greatest growth can come from this, too.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Saturn in the sign Leo gives natives a need for importance and recognition and a compulsive drive for personal control of their environment; thus, they seek to attain positions of power and leadership. If Saturn is afflicted, there is the danger of developing dictatorial or dogmatic attitudes. The need of these people to defend their ego can result in stubbornness and rigidity. Seeking security by means of autocratic personal authority, they require a great deal of attention and respect from others. Parents with this Saturn position are generally severe and strictly disciplinarian with their children.

Saturn rules the sense of practicality and the appreciation of universal laws and principles of justice. Since these laws are of an impersonal, cosmic nature, as indicated by the sign Aquarius, which Saturn co-rules, the interpretation of them must be free of personal considerations if an accurate view of reality and successful relationships with people are to result. However, Saturn is in its detriment in Leo, because Leo is the opposite sign to Aquarius; consequently, the laws that Saturn governs are distorted here by egotism and the desire for power. Thus this position can indicate people who must develop a proper set of values in dealing with love, romance, children, and matters of creative self-expression.

Saturn in Leo gives professional interest in education, and in management in the fields of entertainment, business, and speculative investments. Physical ailments usually take the form of stiffness in the back and heart trouble.

An afflicted Saturn in Leo can bring disappointments in love or problems through children, as well as losses through financial speculation.

(Grant Lewi)

This position directs your personality to defend itself against life as dramatically as possible. If the total personality is aggressive, you will find self-justification in the public eye. Nothing will justify you in your own eyes if you aren't attracting attention. Not for you the obscure job with the big pay: you'd rather lead the parade for nothing, and may even pay for the privilege. The need for approval and the public gaze is linked to the ego-protective centres; and the limelight becomes the Sun of Life. If the total personality is passive rather than active, the need for attention is no less present, but you may get it in a variety of ways. Invalidism is a favorite; some variety of physical ailment with a neurotic background is frequent in this sign; and if you think there's anything the matter with you, it's worth analyzing yourself, or being analyzed, to see if it isn't a means of stealing the show of your private life. If the dramatic urge leads into constructive channels, you will go far and high; but the danger is that, loving drama, acclaim and glory for their own sake, you will seek them regardless of aim and motive. Be careful of hurting others in your attack on life; be careful also that you don't hurt yourself. Too much limelight blisters the skin, and it is possible with this position to be too smart for your own good.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Leo, Saturn may present some sexual problems; the native wants love and romance, but is restricted. This restriction may be the result of religious teaching, or circumstances, of physical disability. Saturn represents discipline - and in the natural 5th (sex, pleasure, speculation, children) House could present complications, mental problems, a feeling of being 'tied in knots' when it comes to expressing the love nature. (Julia and Derek Parker)

Strength of will, determination, excellent organizing ability and loyalty are present here. The individual will take life very seriously; and the warm, fiery qualities of Leo will not emerge unless other planets also occupy this sign. Even then, Saturn will cloud the Leonine Sun. The worst faults are autocracy and a total inability to accept limitations; pride very often does precede some pretty heavy falls for this subject. There will be self-inflicted restrictions - perhaps because of the need to succeed in a burning ambition. Once a line of action has been decided upon, there is little or no let-up of effort. Nevertheless, the ability to cope with situations and to organize (and strictly discipline) others, especially in an emergency, is second to none.

If these qualities can be positively expressed, much that is admirable can result. However, loyalty can be misplaced, and the individual's sense of values may lose its perspective. When the negative side of the placing is evident, it can be because the childhood was organized along military lines, with the strictest of routines and disciplines, so that it is difficult for the subject to forsake this early training. Formality and general tightness may also be characteristic.

The authoritative inner voice will probably be like that of a martinet nurse, schoolmaster or Sergeant Major, forcing the individual to take certain lines of action because they are what is expected, even if it would be better to respond more sympathetically both to his or her own needs and feelings and to the situation in question. If the negative traits are most apparent, try asking whether the subject was brought up very rigidly and conventionally, or perhaps spent time in care or was sent to a very strict boarding school.

Since Leo rules the back and spine and Saturn the bones, encourage your subject to take special care of his spine. Sitting well when at a desk, sensible exercise to strengthen the spine, and so on, are most desirable.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a noble rock, though may potentially suffer a vanity block. Your tasks and obligations include the discipline to conduct yourself in a dignified fashion - but without putting on an act; the time taken to develop your creative potentials - thus assuaging feelings of insignificance; and the building of relationships based upon mutual respect - yet while avoiding rejection of criticism.

You can get stuck with relationships where you feel subjugated or somehow inferior, possibly with little say in how things are done; with Others who leave all the donkey-work to you, or expect you to put on a show all the time, no matter what; and with an autocratic or even tyrannical Other.

You are learning to recognize your own sense of authority and that you will be ultimately more admired for this than for merely being impressive; to be content within yourself rather than being so dependent upon Other's esteem; and to realize there is a 'boss' inside you that needs honestly to come out into the open.

You commit to an Other who respects your power and authority and helps you express them, but does not let you lord it over him / her; to a relationship in which you feel you have a definite role and a decent life-style; and to an Other who has a healthy sense of personal pride, is creative in some way, and is good with children.

You are or should be wary of an Other who worships you - because he / she is expecting something of you that you've yet to make real in yourself; of Others who admire you solely for superficial things like looks or style; and of any Other who lacks integrity or is not prepared to take on the responsibilities of being a partner or parent.

When you are alone, it is because you are being forced to take stock of who you really are as distinct from the impression that you give. Pride is the great issue with Saturn in Leo, especially because you probably feel that you are not someone who is that subject to it (unless you have Sun or Moon in Leo too). No, the subtlety with Saturn in Leo pride is that it is *defensive* pride, which means to say that your pride is in a part of yourself that you have been unsure of for quite some time. This is not as cryptic as it sounds. There is a sensitive and creative part of your personality which probably got sat upon early in life; and you have been protecting it ever since with a fear or criticism and a confident front. The trouble then becomes that you give Other the impression that you are as strong as you feel you ought to have been, and Other then suppresses you or is in awe of you. In effect, then, one or both of you thinks that the other is dictatorially ruling the roost - followed by strife and / or separation. Know that you have a natural authority, then exercise it moderately.

(John Townley)

You look at sexual enjoyment more systematically than most. You like to plan a love affair carefully, for you feel more at ease when you are seeking pleasure within a well-defined environment. You may find that you have a special talent for planning festive occasions or special evenings of enjoyment for your lover, for which you take the full responsibility and credit.

You probably have a fairly clear idea of exactly what sexual pleasures you prefer and the techniques to achieve them. But don't let that outlook prevent you from using your lover's imaginative suggestions and new directions. You may not want these ideas sprung on you unawares; but if you have some warning, you may find enjoyment in a good many activities that had never occurred to you.

In general, you pace your pleasures and do not bite off more than you can chew. Although you don't rush to try all the latest techniques, your enjoyments seldom backfire through overindulgence. Also you can spread your pleasures out over a long period so that you never run out of potential good times. Occasionally you may be a slow starter, but you are almost certainly a strong finisher.

(Robert Hand)

This placement will have the strongest effect if your natal Saturn is near conjunction or opposition with the Ascendant or Midheaven or in close aspect to the Sun or Moon. It indicates that you have an unusually strong feeling of isolation from others. You tend to remain alone and separate, especially if you think that the people around you are not as good as you. But you shouldn't cultivate this attitude, if only because it will make you feel very lonely, and you will lose any chance to really understand how other people work.

Sometimes you find it very difficult to express yourself; but you should be encouraged to do so as much as possible when it is appropriate. If you are allowed to follow your tendency to be extremely reserved, you will be further cut off from others.

The standards you set for yourself are probably very high, but you will adhere to them even if those around you do not. Your ideals of what is and is not worthwhile come largely from within yourself; and you feel that this should be the case with everyone. You are more of an individualist than most people your age; and if encouraged and given plenty of emotional support, you can become very self-reliant. But don't be too hard upon yourself as you grow up.

More than most young people, you need a strongly knit family. Your father is especially important, because you will look to him in particular for your standards of behavior. If he is not present, does not pay much attention to you, or does not set sufficiently high standards, you will have difficulty setting a course for yourself.

Natal Saturn in Virgo

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You might try to fit spontaneous expression into structures that block it, fearing imperfection in expression yourself or in your ability to be of service. This form of perfectionism leads to the painful self-imposed restriction of failing to live up to your own standards.

Your power to perform may be undermined by feeling the painful, abrasive Virgo self-criticism, and might result in health or work imbalances. Feeling unable to use your strong sense of duty can lead to withdrawal from participation on almost every level of life.

Dynamic

You possess the skill and social responsibility to manifest your talents for creating order in the world. By acknowledging yourself as the creator of any debilitating, Virgoan thoughts used against yourself or others, you can cease to take yourself so seriously. This gives you more security in actualizing yourself in ways that serve other people. You can then offer your precise analytical talents to give aid to the community; by seeing its imperfections, you can use your power of discrimination to bring about order where there is chaos.

When you are able to see yourself as the servant of life, a form of nonjudgemental

perfectionism can enter into your affairs. Then you can offer in a balanced, sharing, spontaneous way your vision of helping others. You experience the confidence to be of practical service to other people by creating appropriate outlets for your strong sense of duty.

General

You are learning to be responsible for an effective integration between your body and mind. When any aspect within becomes too extreme or out of balance, the result is a breakdown in the areas of health or work. You are learning to allow health to be a barometer of the degree of balance in your life. In this incarnation, you want to work on yourself, to perfect yourself, so that you can manifest your spirituality and visionary ideals in a practical, tangible way.

Your ego has been attached to a sense of perfection about how you do your job and carry through your duties. You want to relinquish a sense of superiority about being perfect, above the rest of society, and allow your vision to manifest in a flowing way through your work. You are learning to release the tension of preplanning and to focus on the abstract vision you want to manifest. By handling the details of your life spontaneously as they arise, you do your part and fulfill your role as a disciple of life.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in Virgo is a natural trine which usually indicates competence in handling the physical world. One possible danger is an excessive focus on one's work which can leave other parts of life short-changed. But major conflict aspects to Saturn may show problems in either the career or personal health. Virgo points to our capacity to function effectively in both areas. Health problems can be caused by frustrations in a job which fails to satisfy the ambition of Saturn to reach the top and to be in control of the work, or simply to feel a sense of real accomplishment in it. If we are frustrated enough, the subconscious can produce an accident or illness which lets us leave the job without feeling guilty. Illness is a painful way to get out of a job. If we really can't find more satisfying work, we need to find something good about the job and look to a hobby or avocation to fulfill the need to do something worth doing and to do it well.

Sometimes the Saturn lesson can involve learning to be realistic about the needs of a physical body for proper nutrition, exercise, rest, etc.. Painful consequences resulting from lack of 'common sense' do get our attention. If the chart is 'weak' in Earth, the individual may be learning to work, to develop discipline and willingly deal with the dull details of an ordinary job. Saturn careers can be in any field where details and organization are important and which produce tangible results.

With Saturn in Virgo, the father may be a worlaholic and rarely home for the family. He may be very critical or he may just be very competent, or he might be struggling to find satisfaction in his work. He might be very interested in health matters such as nutrition, or he might have personal health problems. As always, the horoscope shows the life issues, but the details can range from one extreme to the other.

(Syke Alexander)

You are likely to experience difficulties in connection with work and service to others; but it is here, too, that you will learn your most important life lessons. Your tests in life may be related to your attitudes about providing service to others, what and who you serve, and how you treat those who serve you. Perhaps it will be necessary for you to learn humility, or to work to improve conditions for those who are less fortunate than you by helping them to help themselves. In serving others, you may be required to make some sort of personal sacrifice. You might have to give up opportunities for wealth, status and power, or be obliged to work hard and perform unglamorous tasks thanklessly. However, great personal growth can result from your modesty and compassion.

The workplace itself might be a testing ground for you, and you may have to work long and hard without needing much help from others. Whatever you accomplish will be through your own efforts, rather than because you know the right people or got a lucky break. Neatness and organization are extremely important to you; the expression 'a place for everything and everything in its place' certainly applies to you. At your best, you make things run smoothly by taking care of all the details; at worst, you can become so rigidly attached to order and routines that the ritual means more than the result. Conscientious, hard-working and perfection-oriented, you are willing to work at low-paying, low-prestige jobs so long as you feel that what you are doing is worthwhile. However, you often have trouble standing up for yourself at work and might sell yourself short, allowing employees or more ambitious people to take advantage of you. Unless other factors in your birthchart offset this inclination, you may lack ambition and assertiveness, and prefer to stay in the background assisting others and letting them take the credit.

Highly critical of yourself, you might lack a sense of self-worth, and probably undervalue your abilities. You feel inadequate and are afraid of being incompetent at your job; therefore, you can be rather sensitive and defensive about work-related issues. You believe you must be perfect; and your perfectionism can result in ulcers, digestive problems, skin irritations and other stress-related illnesses.

One of the tests associated with this Saturn placement is understanding the connection between mind and body - how each affects the other - and learning to integrate their functions. You probably have an interest in nutrition, medicine and other issues that involve health. You might even work in one of the health-related fields. In this way, you can combine your concern for people in need, your desire to serve in some practical way, and your fascination with the body and how it function. Whether or not you pursue healing professionally, you probably are fond of 'doctoring' yourself and your family members. You might be an avid vitamin and / or pill popper, a fussy eater or constant dieter, and perhaps are a bit neurotic about germs.

Your overly-critical nature can cause you to focus more on what's wrong than what's right. You are inclined toward negativity, irritability and excessive complaining; and one of your tests in life might be to learn to see things in perspective, be less pessimistic, and 'lighten up'.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Saturn in the sign Virgo indicates people who are practical, exacting, and hardworking. They are concerned with detail, accuracy, precision, and efficiency, especially in work.

If Saturn is afflicted in Virgo, perfectionism may be manifested in relations with co-workers, employers, and employees. Since these natives are punctilious about rules and regulations, it is difficult for others to overwork, while ignoring major issues through their excessive concern for detail.

They often work in such fields as medicine, health research, and science, or in record-keeping activities - bookkeeping or library work. They exercise patience and precision in scientific experimentation and analysis of experimental results.

This position often makes people austere, gloomy, and depressed because of the excessive weight of work and detailed responsibility. They need to take a break once in a while, and to develop a sense of humor. Worry and overwork can lead them to ill-health; and they can have problems with nervousness and digestion.

(Grant Lewi)

This position in its best form finds justification in work or service, is a bear for detail, and a tough drillmaster but no executive. You're a stickler for rules and methods, and can fail

to see the forest for the trees. This is a narrowing position and should not be taken as the hub of the life, though your tendency is to feel pretty well pleased with yourself if you are doing efficiently and accurately what is expected of you. You will work overtime to do what you have to do thoroughly, or to do added work that is in the direct line of duty. But you probably won't work overtime on something that could broaden your scope unless some other indication in the chart is very impelling and very broad in effect. In its worst form, you complain about work, and may refuse to work at all; this occurs if your whole personality is shown to be passive or resentful, when Saturn in Virgo seems to make all the burdens of the world land on your shoulder for you to complain about. To do what's expected of you carefully and gracefully, without allowing duty and detail to limit your viewpoint, is the way to justify yourself without hampering progress.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Virgo, Saturn indicates the native is discreet, perhaps overcautious, and tends to blame a lack of vitality for his difficulties. Even if he is in perfect health, he is apt to 'invent' illnesses and discomfort if all doesn't go according to plan. Thus, he may have some disorder (stutter, bodily twitch, etc.) which could be aided by self-understanding and psychiatric and psychological means including hypnosis. The native is intelligent and able to see his own quirks - with encouragement from an astrologer, he may be capable of doing something to overcome them.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Adherence to routine and practical activity are present with this placing. A sense of duty is common; and the individual will not shirk from this, since it is natural for most of those with this Saturn sign to work hard and methodically. As is the case with most Virgoan emphases, there is careful attention to detail; and, because Saturn encourages caution, an element of patience, with the individual not being fond of short cuts. There is also considerable prudence and modesty.

The self-confidence is usually undermined and, especially in young people, causes shyness. Even in an otherwise exuberant and positive chart, the individual with this placing can lapse into shyness from time to time. If he or she can realize that this placing provides an anchorage, its more inhibitive elements can be countered and the practical caution it endows will be used in positive ways.

If the individual holds a position of authority over others, you may have to warn him that being too strict and demanding could alienate employees. Adherence to discipline, a powerful critical sense and a liking for perfection will set in him high standards, and he will expect the same from others. Excellent! - but unless he is kind and sensitive, with a good sense of humor, he may seem distant, cool, rather sarcastic and sometimes prone to carping. All of which is, indeed, a way to describe the inner authoritative voice, which may criticize the self at every opportunity, thereby eroding self-confidence. If this is so, you could ask the subject whether his parents were very critical of him when he was little. He should also realize that obsessive tendencies may build up, especially in times of stress, but that such habits must be broken if possible.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a helpful rock, though may potentially suffer a critical block. Your tasks and obligations include the discipline to be discriminating - but without becoming neurotically perfectionistic; the time taken / allowed to implement necessary improvements - thus avoiding depression / ill-health; and the building of relationships that are mutually helpful - yet do not degenerate into constant carping.

You can get stuck with relationships where you find yourself in a subordinate position, or at least one where you have less control than you'd like; with relationships that become

so oppressive that you have to hide yourself away somewhere, possibly into (over)work; and with Others who deny you what you want.

You are learning to be of service to Other, purely because there is something that needs to be done and which only you can do so well; to make a time and a place for yourself that does not simply become a retreat from looking at your emotional shortcomings; and to enjoy yourself (physically) without guilt.

You commit to an Other who has a definite sense of purity but is also quite sensual, touching the border between 'right' and 'wrong'; to an Other who respects your work and your physical space; and to a relationship where you know exactly what is and what is not expected of you, and Other knows the same of him / her.

You are or should be wary of Others who are morally offensive to you, be they too tight or too loose - but then again you may be there to teach them; of Others who attempt to take over your life; and of vague, messy or hoping-against-hope types of relationship - that is, unless you are prepared to make it work at any cost.

When you are alone, it is because you are more or less allergic to being in close proximity to anyone for that long. But what lies behind this seemingly impossible dilemma is the fact that there is something about you that just has to be left untouched. The trouble is that you are not usually aware of this until an Other starts to invade that space in some way. You then experience this as *total* invasion, and you are driven to *totally* retreat - or, by way or projection, Other becomes unavailable - that is, Other retreats because you don't. Then when such retreat becomes unbearable, you indiscriminately throw yourself back into the emotional fray, only to eventually retreat again, *ad nauseam*. So now that you are alone again, ascertain exactly that part of you that you wish to keep to yourself and why, rather than finding out the usual, hard way. You will find that this 'virgin territory' of yours is a part that is in need of healing, so see to it. Metaphorically, this is like a boil that gets periodically bashed and more and more sore while you're dancing with someone. So lance it.

(John Townley)

The details of a relationship often seem unduly important to you. Therefore you will be happiest with a lover who bestows affection on you in the areas where you appreciate it most. Although you need this kind of attention, do not make too many demands of your partner or condemn him or her when all your expectations are not fulfilled.

You probably have the ability to make sure that every aspect of a relationship is carried out perfectly. You never miss an opportunity to please yourself and your partner. This is an admirable trait, but it could eventually drive you and your lover crazy. Too much attention to detail can obscure the overall direction of the relationship.

You enjoy sexual variety, particularly if suggested by your lover so that you don't have to provide all the inspiration in that area. However, you want to retain control over the sexual direction of your relationship so that you are not thrust suddenly into an unexpected scenario.

At times you will be jealous of your lover, particularly concerning physical loyalty. You are, however, better off with a partner who wanders occasionally than with one who is not loyal where it counts - in the heart.

(Robert Hand)

This placement is strong only if Saturn is near conjunction or opposition to your Ascendant or Midheaven or in close aspect to the Sun or Moon. You will quickly develop a fondness for everything that is clear, precise, practical and definite. You demand orderliness, which you should be surrounded by if you are to develop properly. At the

same time, you should not be encouraged to think that order is the only worthwhile aspect of life. Like everyone else, you must learn more human values, for otherwise you could be quite unfeeling toward other people's weaknesses.

You should be given opportunities to perform useful tasks and do good work. You have great respect for such activity, and later in life your self-esteem will come from knowing that you are a very useful person who can perform functions that others can't or won't. In this, you are a very practical person. You do not like spending your energies unless you know exactly how the effort will pay off in practical results. But you should try to avoid a totally practical outlook on life, because ideals are important, too.

Very early in life, you will develop a strong critical sense, but you must be careful not to turn it against yourself. Persons with a strong Virgo are likely to be very self-deprecating; and with Saturn in Virgo you are particularly likely to condemn yourself for mediocre work or performance. Probably your standards are very high, which is fine; but also let yourself and others fail now and then without condemnation.

Natal Saturn in Libra

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You might try to maintain the Libra emotional security by clinging to certain social ideals and always being pleasant. This form of harmony may result in difficulty with being yourself since it cuts off personal expression with others. When you place a limit on your actions with expectations of how others should respond, severe limitations may be felt. The result may be that all of your relationships become burdensome and disappointing.

Dynamic

You have the skill and social responsibility to create relationships that actually work by bringing into manifestation their natural inherent harmony. Acknowledging yourself as creator of the harmony and disharmony that you experience gives you security in your ability to experience what is created. Once you are willing to undergo the possibility of disharmony in relationships, you have the capacity to actualize yourself by sharing your honest, individual point of view. A natural, authentic balance can manifest in response.

You can commit yourself to your integrity, sharing your independent point of view honestly, and then objectively notice how others respond. This process allows you to use your diplomatic abilities on an impersonal level that serves a collective need. The result can bring about the necessary structure to produce an alliance that answers both your needs and the needs of the other person, with no limiting justifications of how you think the relationship should appear.

General

Your own sense of separate identity is completed and perfective as an effective, self-integrated entity. You are looking for another person with whom to share, recognizing your own independence and seeing a partnership with another who is also a fully self-integrated, independent being.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in Libra is a natural square which calls for integration between activities as an equal and power roles. Life should be big enough for both marriage and a career; but to do justice to both, we have to make compromises. If one person in a partnership is dominant, even if acting as the responsible parent with impeccable intentions, there is no real partnership. If Saturn is still being experienced as fear of the world's power, we may

marry a father-figure to protect us. If we have enough confidence in our own power to avoid doing that but not enough to deal with an equal, we may pick a partner who will let us play parent as owner of the power and the responsibility. Or, our insecurity may lead to delaying marriage for fear of being dominated, criticized, rejected, or hurt in some other way.

We only claim our share of the power of the world when we are realistically coping with the area of life symbolized by the sign and house of Saturn. When the cardinal and / or the fixed dilemmas are emphasized in a chart showing a major issue involving power and relationships, it is helpful to have a place in our lives for all three of the major alternatives. We need some co-operative relationships, some competitive ones which let us develop and test our powers, and some in which we help others. The latter interactions reassure us that we have our share of the power and we use it to assist others.

Libra careers may deal with people or involve beauty in some way. The first includes counselling and consulting in many areas, law, politics, social work, arbitration, and personnel work. The second includes architecture, photography, and any area of design.

The father may be equalitarian, fair-minded, artistic, pleasant, etc. if he is expressing the positive potentials of Libra. Or he may be learning to handle power in peer relationships. In general, other things being equal, the psychological drives of the house tend to outweigh the sign. Of course, the nature of the planet is primary.

(Skye Alexander)

Partnerships of all kinds may prove troublesome for you; and in your relationships with other people you probably will experience your share of disappointments, frustrations and delays. Through relationships, however, you are likely to learn your most significant life lessons and grow in many ways. This position of Saturn could signify 'fated' associations and lessons to be learned through your relationships.

Perhaps you will be denied a meaningful relationship, at least until you are mature enough to balance your needs and desires with another person's. Indeed, one of your tests in life might be finding this delicate balance and learning to compromise without sacrificing yourself. Although relationships are very important to you, it may seem as though you are unlucky in love. External or internal obstacles - cultural, ethnic or religious barriers, age differences, poverty, work or family obligations - might stand in the way of your happiness. Your relationships could develop very slowly, or you might have to wait a long time for a lover to become available. Physical problems, such as illness, handicaps or ugliness, could make it hard for you to attract partners.

You may feel you are unlovable; and your inferiority complex could repel prospective partners. Or, you might be so desperate for love that you cling to any likely candidate, and thus drive him / her away with your expectations. Because you believe you are inadequate and undesirable, you tend to be quite defensive and sensitive about love and relationships. Afraid of being rejected, you might shut yourself off from other people and refuse to get involved because you don't want to be hurt. You are cautious and conservative in love; and your cold, aloof, disinterested demeanor can cause potential partners to give up on you and go looking for someone more accessible.

The sign Libra also is connected with art. Saturn in Libra can suggest a need to channel love and attention into artistic pursuits; therefore, you might be blocked from relationships with other people so that your time and energy can be devoted to another cause. Perhaps your tests and growth experiences will come through the arts.

Your relationships may be a burden to you in some way. Some sort of sacrifice could be necessary; and your partner or the relationship itself might make great demands on you. Perhaps your independence will be limited by your partnership; or the relationship might require you to shoulder heavy responsibilities.

This is a good placement for business partnerships, however, since Saturn is associated with work, and Libra with all types of committed partnerships. Perhaps you and your mate share career goals and work together effectively in business. Work might be an important and solidifying part of your love relationship, or you might meet romantic partners through your job.

Once you establish a relationship, it is likely to endure. You are not frivolous with your affection, and tend to be a traditionalist, preferring marriage to less structured casual love affairs. A devoted and dependable partner, you take your commitment and the relationship very seriously, and won't give up when the going gets tough. You are willing to work hard to make a partnership a strong and lasting one; and though they may not be easy, your relationships ultimately can be very successful.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Saturn in the sign Libra brings the realization that to accomplish anything of lasting value, or even to make life possible, human co-operation is necessary - and it must be enduring if it is to be effective. But enduring co-operation is feasible only when all parties in a project are dealt with justly; and justice requires mutually accepted rules of conduct and commitment. Each person must strive to complete his work and must be responsible to the whole. Most discipline and responsibility grow out of the understanding that human relationships entail mutual commitment, as in marriage, business partnerships, and close friendships. The reason is that Saturn is exalted in Libra, the sign ruling relationships.

Because Saturn in Libra deals with responsibilities in relationships, it also rules the laws that formally regulate such affairs. Thus, people with this Saturn position often become lawyers, judges, and mediators.

To a large extent, Saturn in Libra rules contracts, including marriage contracts. These Saturn agreements often are of a karmic nature, arising as they do out of interactions with people who have incurred past responsibilities and moral debts.

Because Libra is an intellectual Air sign and a cardinal sign of activity, people with Saturn in Libra deal extensively with business arrangements: organizational planning, formulation of legal contracts, co-operative division of work responsibilities among people. The ability to plan and organize group endeavors is seen with this position.

Saturn in Libra can indicate marriage in later life or marriage to a serious person with heavy business or professional obligations. The marriage itself often incurs burdens, hard work, and the need for patience.

This is a powerful position for Saturn; it gives much social awareness and social responsibility. If Saturn is well-aspected, these people often attain positions of great wealth and social honor through their ability to work with others - an ability that implies receptiveness, tact, reliability, and good organization.

If Saturn is afflicted in Libra, there can be exacting attitudes toward people and a tendency to drive them at work. Natives can lack love, forgiveness, and a sense of responsibility in their relationships. They are inclined to apply the letter of the law strictly instead of understanding the justice implied by the spirit of the law. The concept of justice that they enforce so strictly is colored by their personal outlook. An afflicted Saturn in Libra can indicate a false ambition leading the natives into too many commitments, which they can fulfill only at the price of overwork. In some cases, they cannot meet their commitments, and the consequent resentment they arouse in others results in their own loss of status.

(Grant Lewi)

You appear to have little need to defend yourself, because your justification comes directly through others. You are capable of being one of the best adjusted of mortals, living easily with your associates, in getting along with whom your deepest ego is vindicated. This position of Saturn is bound to take you out of yourself and turn a major portion of your attention to the outer world and the people in it. If you're a naturally aggressive and extroverted person, this gives you great tact and charm, because of which you get what you want with a minimum of struggle. You don't have to fight your way along because your deepest intuitions tell you how to win friends and influence people graciously. If your nature is passive or tends to be introverted, you devote your life wholeheartedly to service of others and satisfy your tendency to inwardness by self-fulfilment through sacrifice. In any case, and along whatever lines the total personality leads, this position of Saturn is one of the best insurances of usefulness, and will tend to strengthen and lend significance to an otherwise undistinguished chart.

(Sydney Omarr)

Saturn in Libra tells us of a native who would like his life to be in order, who wants the world to hand out justice rather than punishment. In seeking the ideal, he often runs into emotional storms; there are indications of more than one marriage, of disappointments in partners (both marital and business).

He has strength, ability and courage, but his public image is apt to be ultra-serious. He must pay heed to public relations and should take special care with legal documents, including birth certificates, passports and contracts.

He is not an easy person to really know; the astrologer must help him to know himself better. He makes his influence felt - and the key is to make it felt in a constructive manner. Otherwise he is accused of being prejudiced and narrow.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

Saturn is traditionally well placed in this sign; and there certainly seems to be a subtle harmony between the sign and the planet. There is a natural sense of justice; and the individual has an above-average sympathy and understanding of other people. Kindness and practical common sense are also present; tact and diplomacy will color any advice that is given. He or she is usually impartial, flexible and fair; and the need to see fair play, so characteristic of any Libran emphasis, will certainly be present with this placing.

If Saturn receives mostly negative aspects, particularly from the personal planets, or makes a square or opposition to the Ascendant, some intolerance may be shown toward partners or colleagues, especially if Saturn is in the seventh or tenth house. If in the fourth house, there may be a tendency to be discontented with the home and domestic situation, and / or perhaps a desire to move very frequently. However, attention must always be given to Saturn's house position.

Despite the longing for a permanent emotional relationship, it may be avoided or sacrificed for some reason, perhaps due to sexual inhibition or an inability to express the emotions freely. Any external reason will probably be mere justification - the real one will definitely go much deeper.

Saturn's inner authoritative voice from this sign will sharpen the subject's conscience by arousing a guilty sense of shame; 'If you do that, you will be treating me very badly, after all I've done for you. You are totally selfish and if you do this dreadful thing I'll never forgive you.' Ask if the subject had a parent who always grumbled in this way and was never satisfied with what his or her child produced or did.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a just rock, but may potentially suffer a decision block. Your tasks and obligations include having the discipline to fulfil your loving duty to Other - but not just be bound by convention; taking / allowing the time to establish right relations - thus avoiding untenable relationships; and building relationships that are true to themselves - and are not just relationships in name only.

You can get stuck with a relationship that starts out well but becomes increasingly dull, meaningless and confining; with doing a balancing act between the Other whom you have to be with and the Other whom you want to be with; and with *any* Other, for fear of being alone.

You are learning to enter into relationship for reasons of conscious choice rather than just because it is 'what one does'; to face the fact that you only find yourself reflected in Other - if you are split within yourself, there will be more than one Other; and to be true to yourself.

You commit to an Other who is as willing to commit him- / herself as you are (how much is that?); to an Other whom you know and feel will make an honest person out of you, and who wants you to make an honest person out of him / her (honest = honest with oneself); and to an Other of serious intent and gracious demeanour, and with some doubts.

You should be wary of thinking that simply having a certificate of marriage will make it work; of an Other who has all the right qualities and credentials - the less cracks there seem to be then the more cracks there will be; and of any Other who is utterly convinced that you are made for one another, or conversely, who is constantly undecided.

When you are alone, it is basically because you are having to review and consider what relationships are all about, for you as an individual in terms of your experience, and also more generally with regard and in contrast to your social milieu. It is more than likely that your initial attitude to relationship was very much moulded by your class, racial and cultural background. This is the social 'programme' which has you unconsciously believe that a certain Other, at any age, and from a certain social category, is certainly the one for you. If my records are anything to go by, one person in 20 with Saturn in Libra remains happily and faithfully married to his / her original marriage partner. So the chances are that at some point you will be looking at just yourself in the mirror - and, it is to be hoped, realizing that any partner is entirely to do with what you see there. What is honest and real will attract just that, in the same way that what is denied and bound up in fantasy will conjure up frustration, deceit and disillusionment.

(John Townley)

You tend to be balanced and stable in settling difficulties within a relationship; and you aren't flustered by temporary turmoil. Generally you can patiently wait out an emotional storm or take steps to calm it down, even to your own disadvantage if you are at fault. You have the foresight to see that the situation will balance out in the end and that you will reach that equilibrium only by keeping your present relationship on an even keel.

Indeed, you are probably better than your partner at coping with problems, at least in your approach to them. But that may be a sensitive issue between you, so avoid reminding your partner of personal failings, particularly when you have successfully handled a situation and your lover has not. In the interests of harmony, let it go at that. Otherwise your partner may be at cross-purposes with you in similar situations in the future.

You may have a special talent for arbitrating problems outside your own relationship, which can be a creative outlet for you. But you should do this only if requested to, lest others think you are interfering. Or your lover might think you are less interested in your own relationship.

(Robert Hand)

This placement is strong only when Saturn is near conjunction or opposition with the Ascendant or Midheaven or in close aspect to the Sun or Moon. It indicates that you need plenty of time to make decisions and that you always want to know everything about the subject before making up your mind. Others may think you are indecisive at times; but they will find that when you finally make a decision it is usually right.

You may be somewhat reserved in relations with others; but once you commit yourself, you will stay with that person - friend or lover - for a long time. Your strong sense of fairness is evident in your relationships as well as in every other area of your life. You are conscious of rules and duty toward your friends, and you are not likely to break an agreement that you have made with someone. You take relationships so seriously that you would never make an agreement lightly. While you are young, this trait might not be very obvious; but it will be clearer as you get older.

You are very concerned that everyone has what he / she deserves; and your sense of justice is outraged when someone takes advantage of someone else.

If you are not encouraged to encounter other people and to believe in yourself, you may prefer to be alone, unburdened by the necessity of relating to others. Or you may feel that others do not understand you. As you get older, this should diminish.

Natal Saturn in Scorpio

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you think you are all-powerful and must take responsibility for everybody else's physical or material situation, your power might be limited by the Scorpio compulsion for control and dominance. Through the need to create roles of control and dependency, you may inadvertently block your energies from others. This form of using power may lead to giving your partner and yourself the experience of frustrating isolation. Due to a paralyzing fear of losing command, you may deny yourself and others the deep, powerful connection with the very intimacy and energy you seek.

Dynamic

You possess the skill and social responsibility for powerfully manifesting the latent forces of mutual transformation and regeneration of values in your intimate relationships. You can acknowledge yourself as the creator of drives for power and control that you experience with others, which gives you security in your ability to undergo the challenges created. You can gain even more personal security from realizing that the power you release is strong enough to allow you to easily experience an intimate contact with another.

You can accept and work with the responsibility of dependence on others or having others depend on you, or both simultaneously. Then you can realize that past secretive, selfish values served only to undermine and rob yourself. Risking your role of power enables you to relate to another on a truly intimate, equal, trusting level where you both can experience the sensual enjoyment of deep emotional transformation and regeneration.

Through using and sharing the power to release yourself to higher levels of worth and value, you can experience increased power and vitality.

General

You have to deal with your fear of bonding with another on a psychic level. You are learning that you will not be dissolved by the power released in the process of achieving oneness with another. By not getting stuck in your awareness of the desires of others, you can hold to the realization of your own value system and build what you consider important into the context of merging with another. You are learning to use power consciously, to validate your worth, and to bond with another on levels that are mutually constructive.

You are learning to discard your psychic defences against oneness with another, allowing yourself to build the ideals you value into the power of the relationship. In this way, the relationship becomes a source of energy that works to the mutual, lasting benefit of both parties involved.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in Scorpio is a natural sextile, but it can still be a challenge to integrate these two sides of life. There is often a major issue involving power, since we naturally seek it where Saturn is placed in our charts once we have developed the confidence that we can get it, or if the only way we feel safe is to be in control. But Letter Eight tends to have a power issue inherent within it, even without the complication of being mixed with other life desires. The instinct of Water, as previously indicated, is to absorb or be absorbed, to seek a kind of fusion. With Cancer, the mother naturally protects the baby. Pisces can be manifested as a savior helping a victim or as God and human. But Scorpio is trying to integrate an intense will which includes a desire for self-control, and especially the avoidance of being controlled, with a passionate hunger for fusion with a mate, with the challenge of working out an equalitarian relationship. Scorpio is a double-bind in its own nature - one of the most difficult of our twelve sides of life.

So Saturn in Scorpio is often a key to lessons despite the natural sextile between the two principles. As with Saturn in Libra, we may simply be learning to do justice to both career and relationships. Often, the lesson involves sharing power, especially when reinforced by conflict aspects in the cardinal and / or fixed signs or houses. Alternately, we may be learning mastery of the appetites, learning to enjoy them without being controlled by them. Any of the appetites may be involved - eating, drinking, smoking, drugs, sex, spending money, hoarding possessions, etc.. Wild swings are possible as in bulimia where suffers alternately gorge and force themselves to vomit. The Scorpio tendency is to go to the end, literally to the death; so moderation is often difficult, knowing when is enough and how to release and forgive, if not forget. Sometimes that lesson of learning to release is confronted through the death or other loss of a loved one early in life.

The father and toher authority figures may be dominant, intense, but self-contained, rarely showing the deep feelings. When the emotions are over-controlled, there is always the danger of their breaking loose explosively from time to time. There may be issues around money, possessions, or sensuality. The father may be so absorbed in material security that he is rarely home. Or he may be fighting addictive tendencies. Sometimes there are sexual issues with a female child. He will be a role model for the child's attitudes and experiences with mates, whether the child seeks a mate like the father or the opposite.

When the eight-ten combination is handled well, there is tremendous potential skill with details, ability to organize, thoroughness, a retentive memory, and the capacity to probe the inner depths whether in exploration of the mind, in history and archaeology, in work as a detective, or in any area of research. Saturn in Scorpio can also point to a career handling joint resources in banking, accounting, investment, taxes, government work which uses public funds, nonprofit organizations, etc.. Often in life, the bigger the challenge, the greater the results when the challenge is met and handled.

(Skye Alexander)

You are intent upon understanding the forces that operate behind the scenes. Perhaps you are interested in the inner workings of Earth and the Universe. Your search might lead you to explore the depths of the human psyche, or to probe the hidden activities of businesses, organizations or governments to find out what goes on inside. Surface appearances mean little to you; you are searching for deeper meanings and core truths. One of your life lessons might be how you use this knowledge.

Knowledge is power; and power - over yourself, other people, your environment - is what you are really seeking. You may fear that you have little control over your own life; and this sense of helplessness might lead you to attempt to dominate people and situations. How you exercise your power, whether you use it to limit and manipulate others or to help them, probably will be a significant issue for you in this life. You may have opportunities to do great good or great harm; and the choice you make could be one of your 'tests'.

One of the secrets you might try to unmask is death. Death and life afterwards - the ultimate transformation - fascinate you. You may even believe that through understanding death you will have more control over it, or at least your response to it. All forms of destruction and rebirth are of interest to you; and you might even work in such areas as renovating buildings, reconstructive surgery, cancer research or weaponry.

Sex, another of life's great mysteries, is probably an important issue for you. However, you might find sex frightening or frustrating; your inclination is to tense up and try to control the experience, yet in order to enjoy sex you must relax and give in to your body's sensations. Perhaps you are quite sensitive about your sexuality and feel somewhat inadequate or undesirable. In the extreme, you might deny yourself sexual satisfaction; or, you could attempt to control or dominate your partners because the power sex has over you is threatening.

At your core lurk intense and turbulent emotions, but you may try to block them from your consciousness, afraid of being overburdened if you open up your 'Pandora's box'. If you refuse to make friends with your Minotaur, however, you might project your fears into the outer world and believe that people are 'out to get you' or that you can't trust anyone. At times, you have a dark view of life and expect the worst to happen.

Maybe you have experienced a traumatic loss of some kind that transformed your life. In fact, your life sometimes seems to be a series of difficult ups and downs, and you long for stability and permanence. As a result, you might attempt to create security in your life by holding on too tightly to everything and everyone - partners, your job, money or property - that you believe might provide some structure for you. Any 'loss', even changes, can seem almost life-threatening to you; and you run a risk of becoming rigid, stubborn and miserly, afraid even to give up things that are no longer useful to you. Consequently, you might inhibit your own growth and creativity because you can't just relax and let things take their course. You need to learn to let go and not fear change, to let the old die so the new can be born. Most of all, you need to develop trust - in yourself and the powers that be.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Saturn in the sign Scorpio indicates responsibility in financial affairs, such as corporate resources, partner's finances, taxes, insurance, and matters concerning the property of others. Business activity is likely to deal with corporate financing, insurance, and tax accounting. If Saturn is afflicted in Scorpio, there can be conflict over inheritances, taxes, and joint finances, which often incurs legal battles and losses through litigation.

The natives are usually perfectionists in their work. They are always trying to improve the

structure of the status quo. If this proclivity is carried too far, they can earn a reputation as hard taskmasters. Having little patience with attitudes that reflect laziness or unwillingness to work, they are sensitive to lack of diligence in others as well as themselves. They exert much energy and willpower on practical accomplishments.

These people accept responsibilities with a serious emotional intensity that often burdens them; they must learn to deal calmly and efficiently with them as they arise. Thoroughness, persistence, and determination are the rule with Saturn in Scorpio, giving a drive for success that is equaled by only a few other positions. These people desire authority and will struggle hard to attain their ambitions; whether they use fair means or foul depends on Saturn's aspects.

These people are capable of harboring deep resentment when they feel they have been dealt with unjustly. They can also have an almost fanatic adherence to principle.

If Saturn is afflicted in this sign, there can be a tendency to scheme and plot. A desire for revenge and an inability to forget past emotional injuries may also be present.

In health matters, there can be problems with constipation or calcification.

(Grant Lewi)

This position is an index of a complex personality. Your defence mechanism works deep below the level of consciousness on the primal instincts and urges; your battle with life goes on within yourself continuously, even when you are unaware of it. Your thoughts, words, acts are almost automatically determined for you. You have to train yourself to know your own motives and to bring into the light of reason the urges behind what you do. The reproductive urge is directly linked with the self-preservation instinct, and you will seek, for security in sex, marriage. But your defenses are up against yielding yourself to anyone else, and this stands in the way of sex and married harmony, and perhaps causes you to replace the love instinct with something more sensational that gratifies superficially without demanding as much of the whole personality. Because self-justification joins with these deep primal instincts, you are very suspicious and wary about almost everything and can be, among other things, a demon of jealousy. Your constant struggle is enervating, because you want the maximum of self-justification with the minimum of self-yielding. If true success demands too much, you are capable of giving up the struggle entirely, of denying the urge for self-preservation and self-justification utterly, rather than yield your inner self to get it. You must strive not to take yourself so seriously, to compete with life on its own terms, and to realize that before you can vindicate the self that is so important to you, you must both know yourself and permit yourself to be known by others. They can't applaud if you hide your light under a bushel, nor can they feel your strength when it is all working inside.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Scorpio, Saturn tells of difficulties in relations with members of the opposite sex. The native attracts people from the 'underworld'. He is trusted by those with dark secrets. He is connected with inheritance, death, preparations for undercover assignments, etc.. He is self-willed, and his peculiar tastes could lead to difficulties; he is constantly seeking better means of self-expression. He tends to become obsessed with the idea that sex fulfillment is denied him; he searches for the ideal partner and wastes energy, time and money. He must learn to be more practical, to get enough rest, to pay attention to his diet and sexual health needs. If he does, then some (if not all) of his sexual problems can be overcome. He tends to act impulsively and later to regret his actions - but the regrets do not necessarily lead to constructive changes.

He may be bothered by a lack of funds, even though he has more than the average member of his community. The astrologer should help him to understand his motives. Otherwise, the native begins to rationalize, to justify the most bizarre acts and opinions.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

This gives an element of dark, brooding intensity which will make its presence felt even in charts where other indications show extrovert and enthusiastic qualities. There is a tremendous sense of purpose and determination; and emotional energy will be generously spent on attaining objectives.

An excellent and shrewd business sense is perhaps one of the most powerful qualities of this Saturn placing. These people do extremely well in big business or the international money markets. A certain heaviness is usually countered by a marvellously offbeat sense of humor; and in spite of the usual Saturnine caution, often in relation to overspending, Scorpio knows how to live it up and enjoys excellent food and wine. As a result, some of this may be present in the subject, especially if a liking for these pleasures is shown elsewhere in the chart (look to Venus and Jupiter in particular).

On the negative side, obsessive tendencies are all too likely, with determination becoming extreme stubbornness. Sadly, we sometimes find a rather cruel streak; once really set on a demanding objective, the subject may be ruthless in attaining it. If you think this possible, encourage the cultivation of sympathy and greater consideration of others. Much hard work will be carried out; and an emotional involvement in the profession is often essential - even if the basic motivation is to make money, this is enough to put the subject on the road to success.

The sex life can be complex: sometimes a full and rewarding expression is inhibited, and as a result the subject feels dissatisfied in this sphere of life. It may be that the inner authoritative voice will instill jealousy and envy; and if this is not fought against with tooth, nail and claw it will have a very negative effect on the individual's personality and, sometimes, physical well-being.

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a potent rock, though may potentially suffer a sexual block. Your tasks and obligations include having the discipline to control powerful urges - without becoming repressed; taking / allowing the time to detect the inner truth - thus assuaging feelings of jealousy; and building relationships that are deeply trusting - in order to avoid treachery.

You can get stuck with a relationship which is tied together only by joint finances and possessions, and / or children; with power games; with relationships which are doomed from the start - there being a third party, internal problem, or some other obstacle to union; and with any Other, for fear of making the break.

You are learning to establish what truly matters to you - having ruthlessly to cut your losses would be the testament to your sincerity in this; to stop using excuses for not taking the plunge into an intimate relationship; and to be on your own, so at least you can break the taboo of getting to know who you are.

You commit to an Other whom you feel at a very deep level you are willing to spend your life with, for whom you would literally die or suffer death; to a relationship that has a genuinely fulfilling sexual dimension; and to an Other with whom you mutually share all of your secrets.

You are or should be wary of any signs that if push comes to shove Other will not be at your side; of sexual incompatibility, or sexual problems and inhibitions - but these may very well be the actual reason for a relationship: that is, to become aware of them and sort them out; and of a lack of confidence and / or an Other who is censorious / indiscreet about you.

When you are alone, it is because there is a hidden, and probably sexual, side to your nature that effectively repels Other, although paradoxically that same side can initially

attract Other. But this is not as paradoxical as it sounds because sexual energy by its very nature both attracts and repels, without one's looks, mind or bank balance having any bearing upon it. Sexual energy is somewhat like an emanation that issues from one like a scent. That scent can be strong or weak, pleasant or unpleasant. Often Other can be drawn to it if it is strong, only to find later that it is not pleasant, in the sense that there is an undertone that says 'stay away; I am not really sexually available' (for whatever reason). But it is the word 'sexually' that needs defining, for it has a specific meaning here. It is saying that you are not ready or able to get close enough to Other on a psychological level - that is, there is something deep in your soul that needs healing, possibly purging. Sexual relationships may well actually do this, but if your scent precludes this, then seek psychological help.

(John Townley)

Sexual fulfillment ranks high among your physical needs, and you may be quite sexually demanding of your partner. For this reason, you should find a sexually active partner who is highly attuned to your urgent special needs.

If you have been significantly frustrated or misused in love at some time, you may become spiteful and resentful, which will adversely affect later relationships. You must work hard to put such experiences behind you and look at a new affair with fresh and unprejudiced eyes.

On the other hand, you have a very long memory for affection and will hold an old lover dear long after you have both moved on to other relationships. When a lover helps you at a critical time, you reward him or her a thousandfold. You consider its real value to you, not just the effort expended by your benefactor.

Because of your very intense attitude toward sexuality, you may tend to go to extremes in love, both physically and emotionally. You seem to seek self-dissolution in sexual experience and find special reinforcement in being swept away in a relationship. This is a reward in itself, but you will benefit from having a cheerful partner who can make you laugh when you become too intense. This will lighten the mood when your intensity fails to accomplish its purpose, which must occur at times.

(Robert Hand)

This placement is strong only if Saturn is near conjunction or opposition with the Midheaven or Ascendant or in close aspect to the Sun or Moon. Deep and intense psychological change may be very difficult for you to withstand. You may try to ignore it or to repress the energies that come from deep inside you. But this tendency should not be allowed to develop further, because if it does, your emotional impulses will force you to do things that you really do not want to do. Also you may have trouble with other forms of compulsive behavior. For example, you might work on a project until you are very tired, just because something inside tells you to go on, even though you consciously see no reason for it. While you are young and strong, this is not a problem, but when you are older you could ruin your health. You must try very hard to understand what is motivating you and to accept it, whatever it is. In fact, you must work very hard to accept all aspects of your character no matter how strange they seem. They probably would not seem particularly strange to others, but your reluctance to communicate about such things may lead you to think that you are very different from everyone else - which is not usually the case.

Also, you may be reluctant to express your true feelings, because you prefer to keep an outward appearance of calm and control. But this is not always good for you, because everyone needs to release his / her feelings from time to time, especially while young. On the plus side, when you are under intense pressure, you can show your emotions and still be more in control of them than most people. That can be very helpful when the going gets rough.

Natal Saturn in Capricorn

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

If you try to justify your current actions on the basis of the false authority of time, ambition, material accomplishment or some other highly structured or traditional reason that you think justifies your actions, you might experience accomplishment without fulfilment. You may also experience the resentment of others against your position of authority, which is the price of always having to be in control.

Dynamic

You possess the skill and the social responsibility for manifesting your authority in the world. You can acknowledge yourself as the creator of the authority or lack of authority and respect that you have in the world, which gives you security in your abilities to climb above self-imposed limitations. By committing yourself to use the Capricorn natural abilities to organize, manage, and systematize, without crushing the spirit of those involved, you gain respect for your natural authority and executive leadership.

General

You seek a life of fruition and accomplishment. There is a feeling of having a 'public destiny', something that one is supposed to accomplish for the good of all. Frustration arises when you hold back from assuming an active role in the affairs of the world.

You are destined for a leadership role in the sense of your being willing to act as a figurehead in guiding others along a particular path. It is time to stand up and be counted. When you accept the responsibility and authority for manifesting the goals that you determine to be for the public good, you are fulfilling your destiny.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in Capricorn is, of course, a repetition of the same principle. Its house placement and aspects provide the keys to where and how the individual will face the rules of the game and learn to use power wisely. Normally, this combination indicates a strong ambition and need for control; but until a successful role has been attained, the power will be experienced in the world, usually in the hands of authority figures. Harmony aspects may bring protection by these others, but for full satisfaction the individual has to do something which provides a sense of personal accomplishment. Conflict aspects can indicate a very difficult early life, often with the need to work and assume adult responsibilities while still a child. However, in the end, the individual who develops practical skills and learns early to cope with the material world may be light years ahead of the protected child who remains dependent on the power of others. As always with Saturn, we need to avoid the extremes of playing Atlas when we cannot allow ourselves any dependency and the failure to develop our share of the world's power and to carry our share of the responsibility.

This placement tells us that the individual's father was concerned with power, whether he had it or had problems getting it.

Career choices with Saturn in Capricorn include work for the government, whether federal, state or local. Alternately, individuals may be manager in large businesses or other institutions, or they may found and run their own business, or become an independent professional.

(Skye Alexander)

Ambitious, pragmatic and hard-working, you invest much of yourself in your career; and your greatest tests in life are likely to involve some aspect of your work. You have plenty of common sense; and when it comes to managing resources, organizing or planning, no one does it better. Known for your diligence and dependability, you readily assume responsibility, and usually do more than your share. You can have trouble delegating authority, however, and usually believe that if you want it done right you have to do it yourself. Therefore, you probably have lessons to learn about trusting others. How you use your authority also could be important in your life.

Despite your obvious capabilities, however, professional success may not come easily or quickly for you; and you will have to work for whatever you get. You probably will have to climb the corporate ladder in slow, determined steps. As you pursue your goals, you might experience many frustrations, obstacles, delays or setbacks that will test your perseverance. Perhaps success will be denied you until rather later in life, or at least until you have gained the maturity to handle it; and what you are willing to do to get to the top could be significant.

Your work is very important to you, and you feel most comfortable in the business world. Structured, impersonal, unemotional environments suit you best; and unless Cancer is prominent in your chart, you may feel more 'at home' in your office than in your home. People with this placement can become workaholics who don't allow themselves time to get to know their families - or themselves. One of the lessons you might need to learn is to balance work with play, professional life with personal.

You aren't looking for fame, however, and prefer to remain in the background, controlling things from behind the scenes. In fact, you may be rather self-conscious and shy, and don't like drawing attention to yourself. Although you desire prestige and want to be respected for your competence, you have little interest in publicity or glory (unless Leo is prominent in your chart).

Cautious and conservative, you are inclined to stick with tried-and-true methods and shy away from anything new or different. Fear of failure is a powerful motivating factor in your life. You rarely take chances, find change threatening and are the last to update your techniques, products, behavior or ideas. An arch-traditionalist, you can become rigid, dogmatic and stubbornly mired in the past. Your excessive prudence could be limiting your potential, however, and you might be forced to give up your old habits and securities - perhaps by circumstances that seem to be outside yourself - in order to grow. Or, you may find yourself hindered by entrenched powers, traditions or bureaucracies, and have to break away from the established order before you can achieve your goals.

Because you respect the past, you may be interested in history, geology, archaeology or anthropology. You want to be able to explain, order and quantify your life and everything in it; and before you can make sense of something you must make it tangible. Through studying the past, you are able to understand the present better and your place in the natural order of things.

Your public image and your position in your community are of great concern to you. Sensitive about what others think of you, you support the status quo, play by the rules and do what you think is expected of you. Keenly aware of your duty and your role as a member of society, you tend to put society's needs ahead of the individual's, and would sacrifice personal freedoms to maintain stability in the society. But you must learn to find security within yourself, instead of looking for it in the outer world, for if you allow others to define what is right and wrong for you, you relinquish your right to be a self-determining individual.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Saturn in the sign Capricorn indicates strong ambitions for worldly power, status, and

authority, usually manifested through business, science, or politics. Natives feel great need to make significant achievements in their careers, and they undertake no endeavors without having practical purposes in mind. They are good organizers; they alternate between favoring their ambitions and protecting their security, thus attaining prominence without risks to either. They have an aura of dignity and seriousness which can make them appear austere and cold. They are able to accept orders from those in authority; and when they achieve their own positions of authority, they expect similar obedience from others. Hence they are conservative in business and politics. They feel that the traditional power structure exists for necessary reasons, which should not be questioned by those who lack the practical experience of dealing with the responsibilities of power.

Their struggle in early life to attain security and self-sufficiency helps form such practical, conservative attitudes later on. They feel that until a person can manage his own affairs successfully he is in no position to give advice to others, or to handle larger political or economic responsibilities.

People with this position of Saturn know that everything has its price and that everyone must contribute to the work of the world. They feel that everyone should earn what he gets through his own efforts. Thus, when they reach the top, they seek to help others help themselves. In later years, however, they tend to forget the hard struggles of youth and the difficulties of getting started without money, tools, or resources - despite sincerity and a willingness to work. If Saturn is afflicted, these people may use their acquired wealth and material goods to control others.

How and when power and authority are attained will depend on the level of understanding and the degree of spirituality as revealed through the rest of the horoscope.

These people generally have a strong sense of family pride and honor; they often come from families respected in the community. However, those born into wealthy and socially prominent families are in danger of being extremely callous about human values, because they lack the experience of personal struggle without resources. Such people are likely to regard social and economic inferiors as manipulable commodities rather than as sensitive human beings. This tendency can be offset if the horoscope shows spiritual understanding and compassion. As in Scorpio, those with Saturn in Capricorn can reach either the heights of spirituality or the depths of materialism and selfishness.

If there is a childhood of poverty and family disgrace, this position gives the necessary drive to overcome difficulties and achieve prominence and power. For these people, life is always a serious business and a struggle. Sometimes they are lacking in aesthetic sensitivity, judging things solely according to their price or reputation. They need to develop a sense of humor and an understanding of other values besides materialism and status. If desire for status is carried too far, it can become an end in itself, rather than a means of contributing to the social order.

If Saturn is well aspected in Capricorn, there will be honesty and integrity in all business, political and professional dealing. If Saturn is afflicted, unscrupulous means may be used to achieve wealth and power, the result being dictator types in extreme cases; there can be a tendency to use literal interpretations of the law for unfair advantage. When unscrupulous means are resorted to, however, they often bring about reversals of fortune, public disgrace, and a fall from power.

These people should avoid becoming rigid in their attitudes and beliefs.

(Grant Lewi)

This position requires success in the materialistic, financial or fame sense of the word, and will not long be satisfied with unrecognized worth. Some subtlety attaches to your

mentality; you may work long and hard for your little pay and little acclaim, but your aim is to get more, and you never forget it. In this way, you are hardheaded, if not hardhearted, and can very well be both. Your deep ego urge is to defend yourself against the world by conquering it and by forcing it to recognize you; and since this urge is deeply ingrained in the subconscious and demands recognition, you are never likely to lose sight of it. This leads to heights of success or to embittered failure if it operates in its simple form. Your aim should be to become less materialistic, to discover wells of power within yourself. You can have no control over the world till you have control over yourself; and in gaining this essential to your success, you should discover also that 'your mind to you a kingdom is' in which it is as gratifying to rule as in any temporal empire. It is possible for you to learn that there are all kinds of power over the world, and that wealth and fame are not the only ways of achieving it. There is the sense of power you get from giving, from serving, from helping. To transmute the power urge from its primitive, materialistic, strong-arm form to its more esoteric and refined uses is to ensure that your powerful subconscious drive to success shall succeed along the most civilized lines, which are in the end most gratifying.

Natal Saturn in Aquarius

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You might contradict yourself, accentuating your behavior by being commonplace. This may lead to social limitations because of the compulsive Aquarius need always to be the all-round ordinary person. You may secretly seek to separate from others by being what you picture an ordinary person is. This separation might result in repression and frustration from continually trying to justify that picture to others.

Dynamic

You have the skill and social responsibility for manifesting your individuality and the Aquarian principles of social progress, brotherhood, and humanitarian ideals. When you are willing to acknowledge yourself as the creator of your uniqueness, or lack of it, you can feel secure in bringing forth your personality in ways that serve others. By being committed to expressing nonconformity in humanitarian or political roles, you can experience a new security in your social identity.

General

You are inclined to break away from old conventions and to turn to innovative ways of serving others that extend beyond the boundaries of what is usually considered to be publicly acceptable. It is not necessary for you to receive public approval in order to thrive. It is time to look within to find values that extend beyond what is currently acceptable and that can lead humanity to new levels of freedom and universal love.

Frustration arises from trying to behave appropriately and do things in the old ways that led to social acclaim. Instead, you need to turn your attention to formulating new goals and ideals for humankind that extend beyond current social structures. You see the next step for humanity; and when you begin to manifest this in your own life, your destiny is fulfilled.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in Aquarius provides another natural semisextile, with its questionable outcome. Saturn is still considered a co-ruled of Aquarius; and many astrologers think that this is its optimum sign. It is true that a successful integration of these two sides of life can produce a person able to blend the best of the past with openness to the future. The practicality of Earth combined with the broad perspective and logic of Air can be highly

effective in the world. Both of these basic drives are transpersonal, so their focus on the world is compatible to the extent that neither is distracted by personal relationships. (Of course, the rest of the chart will almost always bring in these other desires.)

But in spite of the potential for great accomplishments where Letters Ten and Eleven are integrated, the potential for major conflicts is also present. Saturn says 'there are some limits if you want to survive in this world at this time. There are some things you can do, and some you have to do.' Aquarius says 'I don't accept limits. My primary urge is to go beyond the limits. No-one can tell me what to do.' Saturn represents the ultimate in bureaucratic hierarchy. Aquarius wants equality. Saturn clings to traditions and the past. Aquarius pants for the future. The solution is easy to see but not always easy to do. If we voluntarily accept the really necessary limits, we can be free to do what we please in the rest of life.

With successful integration, Saturn in Aquarius shows the capacity for peer relationships with authority figures. Father may have been a friend, so the individual had no need for a teen-age rebellion. Unfortunately, when carried to excess, this combination may be manifested as a cool, distant and / or indifferent parent, sometimes one who is too busy socializing with friends or saving humanity to be there for his family. Later, as we take on the role of parent, the same options are present. Unless we change the habits which brought us into a family which fit us, we will repeat the same patterns.

Appropriate careers for Saturn in Aquarius include all fields which advance or disseminate knowledge. Modern technology is an obvious potential, but nonconventional studies such as astrology are also good choices. Jobs may be chosen in government, whether federal, state, or local, or in large organizations dealing with public issues such as nonprofit foundations and labor unions. An effective compromise of the principles permits liberty within the law and compromise and co-operation between the executive and the legislative branches of government.

(Skye Alexander)

This is a difficult combination, since Saturn's function is to limit and solidify while Aquarius's is to break up. Saturn represents the past; Aquarius the future. Consequently, if you have this planetary placement in your birth chart, you might feel torn between the two extremes. At best, you are a practical idealist who finds ways to incorporate both energies and make tomorrow's dreams a reality today. Perhaps you work in a scientific or technological field and are able to bring new ideas down to Earth so they can benefit humankind. However, your inventions and discoveries and how they are used could be an important test in your life; and you must bear the responsibility for your creations.

Your concern for humanity could lead you to work for the betterment of people everywhere. Perhaps you are striving to help others achieve their independence or to eliminate social barriers and restrictions that limit and burden people.

Quite probably, you are fascinated with the future, but your vision of it is rather bleak. Aquarius is the sign of freedom and individuality; and Saturn is the planet of authoritarianism and restriction. Therefore, you probably believe that in the future your independence will be limited in some way and your individuality will be hampered by the authorities.

One of the things you fear most is loss of liberty; and you may be particularly sensitive and defensive about your rights. Perhaps you interpret any rule or regulation as an attempt to limit your freedom; and you might over-react and rebel against even reasonable laws and responsibilities. The opposite response is also possible. You may have great difficulty handling independence, and try to clamp down on yourself and everyone else. The responsibility of making your own choices and expressing your individuality frightens you, and you look to 'authorities' to tell you how to live your life. You are afraid of change and intolerant of anyone who is 'different', and feel you must cling to the status

quo or everything will dissolve into chaos. Your fear, however, is the result of your own rigidity and your reluctance to let go and allow even small changes into your life. Whichever way you respond to this energy, one of your life lessons is learning to balance liberty and responsibility, change and stability, new and old.

Whether or not you want to, it may be necessary for you to break with the past in order to express your own uniqueness. You might even appear to be something of a revolutionary, and could encounter hostile resistance from traditionalists. Your decision to break away from the old ways may cause you much pain and difficulty, but it is necessary if you are to grow.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Saturn in the sign Aquarius indicates a capacity for well-organized mental concentration. The mind is impersonal and scientific; the concern for impartial truth is paramount. Highly evolved types are able to set aside the ego and see all issues - social or scientific - in the light of impartial, universal law.

The ability to quiet the mind and steady the attention is the necessary prerequisite for the development of the Uranian intuitive faculties of the sign Aquarius. Saturn here gives the steadiness of attention necessary for this development.

People with this sign position are mentally ambitious, often working hard to make original discoveries or new applications of scientific knowledge that will bring them status and distinction. Saturn in Aquarius gives an ability to visualize form and structure, often of a geometric nature, and it confers mathematical ability.

Like Saturn in Libra, Saturn in Aquarius, if well-aspected, gives a sense of justice and responsibility in relationships. People with this position are loyal and responsible to friends and to groups with which they work; they often become involved in highly structured fraternal organizations, such as the Freemasons. They are generally level-headed, offering good advice based on universal laws.

Social relations are very important; but if Saturn is afflicted, these people may be selfish and domineering. They expect others to play the game by their rules and to serve their personal interests.

If Saturn is afflicted in Aquarius, there may be a tendency to coldness and emotional insensitivity in personal relationships. The individual's manner can be formal, exclusive, and intellectual; and lacking in feeling. There is also a danger of intellectual pride.

(Grant Lewi)

You seek self-justification and acclaim and material success as much as Saturn in Capricorn, but aren't likely to be so hard-boiled about it. Saturn in Aquarius wants fame, recognition or power, but is more concerned with keeping the good opinion of other people in getting it, and will rarely if ever hurt them. This position adds gentleness and strength to any chart: the ego requires the approval of society for its own justification - requires the good opinion of men more than their obedience, and is willing to trade respect for love. The social urge in this way is strong; and Saturn in Aquarius will spend a lot of time justifying its transgressions (which may be numerous) and making explanations and excuses for shortcomings. Since society is important to you, you tend to assume that you are important to society; and if your whole chart is very passive, you may come to think that it owes you a living and that your existence is best justified when you are collecting unearned increment. This is an inversion of the urge to serve society which is the best Saturn-in-Aquarius type of self-assertion. If this goes into reverse, you succeed when you enable society to demonstrate its goodness with you as the recipient. To cultivate the social urges on their positive side, to seek the approval of men for progressive and constructive works, to accept responsibility to society as your true means

of self-justification, is to live up to the best of this idealistic position of Saturn.

(Sydney Omarr)

In Aquarius, Saturn shows one who often permits his friends to give him advice which, if followed, proves costly. He learns his lessons the hard way; he ways to be attractive to members of the opposite sex, and can be flattered into making a fool of himself.

He wants recognition and loyal friends, and tends to be extravagant in trying to convince people of his importance when, actually, a simple approach and sincerity would be a much better approach to permanent, fulfilling relationships.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

This is an interesting, positive placing for Saturn. The planet works powerfully from Aquarius because it ruled that sign before Uranus was accepted into the astrological pantheon. There is considerable determination, which is shown by the achievement of ambitious objectives. The mind has a strong element of originality; but very often, especially in the young, once opinions are formed they can be adhered to rather too rigidly.

The real conflict lies between taking a conventional line and a totally opposite, unconventional one - something the subject will have to resolve in his or her own way. Often it is not easy to do so since the conscience will want to be safe and secure, operating from a position that is familiar and acceptable to others, whereas the need for adventure, originality and independence will be equally strong. This is a dilemma that is usually helped by the influence of the Ascendant, Sun and Moon signs and the personal planets.

Some Aquarian humanitarianism is present; and if scientific potential is shown elsewhere it will be considerably boosted by this placing. The individual may have an obstinate and rather cunning streak if Saturn is negatively aspected. There may be a tendency to distance the self from other people, although the subject is also friendly. Some of the Aquarian inclination to be a very private person can emerge. Independence is often very important to the subject, although at times it can bring loneliness.

The inner authoritative voice will tend to say 'Do as you like - I don't care - please yourself'. The chances are that the individual won't be able to do so, and as a result there will be a crushing psychological conflict to be resolved. Ask whether his or her parents were perverse, or were cold and / or unpredictable.

Natal Saturn in Pisces (1)

(Jan Spiller and Karen McCoy)

Static

You might seek to justify your lack of alignment with any worldly purpose because nothing measures up to your ideals of service. This may result in frustration from failing to undertake action that contributes to bringing these Pisces ideals into manifestation. When you feel helpless in bringing about your visions and ideals, you may lose a sense of having a constructive purpose in society.

Dynamic

You possess the skill and social responsibility for bringing your private dream and ideals into the world. By acknowledging yourself as creator of your private visions and dreams, you can gain confidence in the ability to bring about a true manifestation of what has already been created in your imagination.

You have the power to demonstrate your private dreams. By committing yourself unconditionally to manifesting those dreams that serve humanity, you can accept the opportunities that are currently available. Through consistent, daily demonstration of your spiritual ideals, no matter how seemingly insignificant, you can gain a sense of achievement. This leaves you with the knowledge that you have contributed to the manifestation of society's ideals in a realistic way.

General

It is time for you to dissolve ego identification with accomplishments. You can become immersed in feelings of value frustration and helplessness that keep you from manifesting your dreams. This is because the vision is changing: the old cycle of identity is dissolving, and the new is not yet on the threshold. But visions of a new identity and what the new cycle of manifestation will be like do occur.

It can be frustrating when you try to implement the new vision. This is because your destiny is to allow the vision of the new to give you enough confidence to release old forms of ego expression that are not working. In this way, you can become identified with the source, rather than activity, and your destiny is fulfilled.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in Pisces is a natural sextile; but, as with the other natural sextile in Scorpio, there can be challenges. Pisces shares the search for the absolute with Sagittarius, but the Pisces search is more at the subconscious level, driven by the mystic's hunger for infinite love and beauty, for oneness with the Whole. Piscean professions can include many service careers as healer or in spiritual work. They can range from guarding prisoners to using the capacity for beauty in artistic fields or in persuading people that some product or activity will make their life more ideal. Work with chemicals, drugs, or fluids is possible with all of the Water sides of life.

Security needs are strong in Earth-Water mixtures, so faith is very important. Individuals who lack faith in a Higher Power can be plagued by anxiety, fears or phobias. Though a successful career is always important and helpful wherever Saturn is placed in one's horoscope, individuals with Saturn in Pisces also need faith in something beyond this world. Though orthodox religions can sometimes be helpful, personal mystical experiences are likely to be more so. As with Saturn in Sagittarius, Saturn in Pisces may point to lessons in faith, which can range from extreme atheism to extreme gullibility. Saturn always calls for a 'reality' check. Ethics may be unrealistically high or low to the point of endangering the society.

If the faith is placed in a fragment of life, it is a kind of idolatry, and we usually lose the idol to force us to find a bigger God. In the early life, the father or other authority figures will be connected in some way with the principle of Pisces. The details can range from an adored, idealized parent to one who 'should' have been 'god' and given us a perfect life but let us down by being human. The parent could have been an artist, a savior, or a victim. A missing parent is common, whether really gone searching for his own beautiful dream or physically there but emotionally closed off. Even in Pisces, the call of Saturn remains the same. We can't do it all. God won't do it all. We have to do our share in making a more ideal world.

(Skye Alexander)

You are extraordinarily sensitive - to people, your environment, the psychic realms - but your sensitivity may frighten you and make you feel vulnerable or defenceless. At times, you can be a bit paranoid and depressive, and have a tendency to look on the dark side. Perhaps you believe others are out to get you and that you are helpless; or, you might focus on life's evils and think that the world is an awful place. Thin-skinned and easily

hurt, you fear that nothing you do will make things better, so you simply give up without trying. Too often, you play the role of the victim or martyr; and unless you have Fire signs prominent in your chart or a strongly-placed Sun and / or Jupiter, you can become stuck in a morbid and self-destructive rut. One of your life lessons could be how you use your sensitivity.

A more constructive way would be to channel your sensitivity into artistic, spiritual or psychic work. You have the ability to tap into energies of which other people aren't aware, and could bring those energies down to Earth and use them to benefit humanity. This planetary placement can give you the grounding and focus to utilize your heightened awareness in some practical manner.

Your spiritual beliefs might be very important to you; perhaps your religion is the cornerstone of your life and provides you with a sense of security and structure. Conservative and traditional in your beliefs, you are inclined to follow one of the more orthodox and established faiths. Or, you could go to the opposite extreme and reject religion altogether because it isn't practical and can't be proved.

Perhaps you never had an opportunity to develop your artistic or musical talent fully. Or, you might have been discouraged or kept from expressing it, maybe by parents who believed that being an artist wasn't a practical or suitable occupation. Thus, you may feel you are inadequate in this area, and can be quite sensitive to criticism. Most probably, you are a perfectionist and overly critical of yourself; therefore, if your efforts fall short, you quickly give up in discouragement. You need to use the perseverance of Saturn and work diligently to develop your skills. Another possibility is that you are afraid of getting in touch with your subconscious self - the source of your creativity - and as a result, you block the flow of artistic energy and inspiration. Your test in this life might be finding ways to open up the channel between your conscious and subconscious.

Your sensitivity enables you to feel a kinship with all living things; and because of your keen awareness of other realms and dimensions you understand your connection to everything else in the Universe. You can't bear to see any creature suffer, and might work in some way to alleviate pain in the world. Perhaps you embrace one of the nature religions, or are involved in efforts to save our planet from pollution and bring peace to the world. With this placement in your chart, you have the ability to combine compassion with pragmatism and find workable ways to manifest the Divine on Earth.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Saturn in the sign Pisces is a difficult position because here the karmic planet is in the karmic sign. The natives have a tendency to become trapped in their memories of the past. An overactive, fearful imagination generates all types of anxieties and neuroses. Consequently, it is difficult for these people to deal effectively with the demands of the present. In extreme cases, the imagination creates personal slights and problems that do not really exist.

On the positive side, Saturn in Pisces can give these people emotional understanding, humility, and the willingness to work on behalf of those less fortunate than themselves. If the rest of the horoscope indicates mental clarity, there also can be psychological insight into others.

If Saturn is well aspected, these people are capable of deep meditation. This steadies the psyche and makes possible profound spiritual understanding.

An afflicted Saturn in Pisces can result in paranoia, excessive worry, fretfulness, and regret over past mistakes and misfortunes. When carried too far, these reactions can result in neurotic or psychotic tendencies leading to incarceration in mental institutions or other places of confinement. In some cases, the neurotic problems are manifested in physical illness and hospital confinement, especially with oppositions to Saturn in Pisces

from Virgo, the sign of health.

These people need a certain amount of quiet and solitude in order to tap their inner resources. They should also spend some time actively participating in the affairs of the world, to avoid moroseness and excessive introversion. If Saturn is afflicted in Pisces, they should make strong efforts to avoid self-pity.

Vain regretting of the past can become a cancerous growth on the soul, destroying happiness, creativity, and usefulness to self and others. This position demands objective, critical self-analysis so that the natives can discover their personal worth and abilities - as well as defects - and thus find a way out of their difficulties. They must learn to let go of the past and take constructive action in the present.

This position of Saturn often indicates that work will be done behind the scenes in large institutions - hospitals, asylums, universities, or government agencies.

(Grant Lewi)

This position causes you to seek confirmation within yourself. Your struggle with the world is the inner struggle between the good and the bad within you; and you are capable of being content with self-approval when you have mastered yourself. If from this point introspection goes deeper, you realize that self-approval is not enough, and require that self-approval shall be further served by the approval of others. Your defence against the hardships of life (and life does seem hard to you) lies not in open struggle with it, but in struggle within yourself to make life seem less difficult. This in its worst form results in introversion, withdrawal, brooding, giving up the struggle, and holding up alone to feel sorry for yourself. In its middle form, you fight off the lethargy and the withdrawal and find the key to your problems within yourself. In its advanced and best form, you improve your doleful outlook, redirect your energies outward, discover your virtues and your abilities, and make complete self-approval wait till you have won some objective testimony of your worth. This is a difficult position, but, being flexible, gives great inner strength. You are moody and tend to fluctuate from heights of being pleased with yourself and the world to depths in which you and everything else is at sixes and sevens. Your reaction to experience is almost wholly subjective: sunshine is shadow if you're feeling bad; and clouds are harbingers of joy if you're feeling good. You are one of the people who thinks a rainstorm was sent solely to destroy your outing, and who rebels personally against the weather. In acute form, this leads on to delusions of persecution or some minor neurosis. But your capacity for knowing yourself is great, and once you have learned the trick of self-analysis, you can lead your temperament into creative and constructive channels to become one of the most useful members of society.

(Sydney Omarr)

Saturn in Pisces represents a native who appears bewildered by the outside world. He wants to break loose, to feel free, to express himself. But, often, he acts in an opposite manner; he gets 'tied up' with institutions, organizations, commitments beyond his financial capabilities: he thus restricts himself to an even greater extent. The astrologer's job is to help him perceive the folly of some of his actions. It is important that the native realize he defeats his own purpose by accepting a defeatist attitude as a way of life. He can be identified as a chronic complainer and fatalist.

On the positive side, he can be a responsible member of the community who strives to improve conditions for the mentally ill, for the economically depressed. The key to greater happiness here is self-knowledge - acceptance of responsibility instead of being resigned to fate.

(Julia and Derek Parker)

The self-sacrificing qualities of Pisces will be present in those who have Saturn in this sign. There is humility, sympathy and increased intuition, which should be controlled and expressed with caution, but definitely not ignored. Often there is also very little self-confidence, and it may be that the subject will be his or her own worst enemy, since the inclination to hold back may become disproportionate. As a result, he or she will constantly do him- / herself down.

At its best, this trait makes a person attractively self-effacing; but sadly its influence is usually too strong, so that shyness and inhibition dominate. Sometimes the outlook on life is rather depressing; and under stress there can be an inclination to give up hope. Despite this, the influence of the rest of the chart may act as a strong counter to these negative tendencies, so be very careful not to overinterpret them. They will probably only be present if a negative outlook is indicated in other totally independent areas of the chart.

It is important for the subject to realize that she possesses a powerful imaginative force which should be put to creative use. It certainly needs to be given some sort of concrete shape; and the nature of a suitable means of expression may be indicated in other areas of the chart - a flair for handicrafts, perhaps, or writing skills. If not, and your subject is hesitant about developing this excellent source of potentiality, it may be that long-term encouragement given by the partner will help her find a suitable outlet and eventually develop it to the full.

Quite severe changes of mood are usual, as is a tendency to worry (especially if this is shown in other areas of the chart, or if Saturn receives negative aspects from the Moon). One result can be hypochondria. The inner authoritative voice can sound like the Ugly Sisters talking to Cinderella! If that rings a bell with your subject, don't forget to say that Cinderella did, after all, marry her Prince!

(Lyn Birbeck)

You are a subtle rock, though may suffer a sensitivity block. Your tasks and obligations include having the discipline to admit to weakness and blind-spots - but not being self-effacing; taking / allowing the time to appreciate the subtle and elusive - thus preventing misunderstandings; and building relationships that are based upon mutual acceptance - yet do not foster evasiveness.

You can get stuck with Others who are slippery, vague, hopeless cases who are hard to pin down; with Others who are ruled by logic and deny the existence of anything mystical or scientifically unexplainable; and with Others who are safe but boring, and / or who seek oblivion in drink or drugs.

You are learning to be of selfless help to Other, which may include having to be very tough on him / her; to look into and develop the more mystical and illogical side of life and yourself, yet making sure that you are not being fanciful; and to take a good look at how you are possibly avoiding your own issues.

You commit to an Other with whom you feel subtle but undeniable ties that probably involve the making of some kind of sacrifice; to an Other who accepts you unconditionally, has no ulterior motives and does not play on your feelings; and to an Other who is creative, sensitive and spiritual, and / or quiet and gentle.

You are or should be wary of Others who have a hard luck story that appeals to your sense of guilt or worthlessness which may be posing as your wanting to 'save' Other; of confidence tricksters, recognizable by their appeal to your sympathy or idealism; and of loud, brash, flashy types who make all manner of unrealistic claims and promises.

When you are alone, it is very likely to be because you have yet to come to the realization

that there is a subtle, spiritual dimension to relationships - or that there ought to be. Because you are inclined to deny the invisible and scientifically unverifiable in life and yourself, you also try to keep your relationships simpler and more straightforward than it is possible for them to be. You may very well attempt to keep them simple to the point of them being purely physical or 'nothing serious', or with someone who agrees with or embodies your acceptable vision of existence, but who is unacceptably dull, coarse or insensitive. So aloneness for you is really a testament to your denial of your own sensitivity and what you see as the emotional chaos that such sensitivity implies. But it is only through admitting and accepting your soul and its sensitivity that you will attract a kindred spirit. And that kindred spirit will be able to soothe those chaotic emotions and help you to accept yourself, while you find yourself bringing a subtle but powerful meaning to his / her life too.

(John Townley)

For you, the greatest security is achieved through consistent emotional attention from a sensitive and devoted partner, rather than through financial stability. In a way, you feed on emotional communication and will feel starved if you are not involved in an active love relationship.

As a result of this talent plus considerable emotional experience, you may become a good judge of emotions. When you understand what is real and what is not, the false will not suffice. You will demand great sincerity and sensitivity in a partner.

When you find the right partner with these qualities, you will go to extremes of self-sacrifice to keep the relationship going. This is an admirable trait, but it should not be a substitute for the two of you facing your problems together. In an emotionally difficult situation, you should not let love blind you to the need for painful growth; every relationship goes through such phases.

As for more concrete concerns, you will be most comfortable with a partner who is more practical than you are. Before making a physical or financial commitment, consult with your lover, who may be a stabilizing influence.

(Robert Hand)

This effect will be strong only if Saturn is near conjunction or opposition with the Ascendant or Midheaven or in close aspect to the Sun or Moon. This can be one of the more difficult placements of Saturn, because the energy of Saturn wants to make everything orderly, neat, concrete and predictable, which doesn't combine easily with the fantasy-prone and idealistic nature of Pisces. For one thing, you may feel that you cannot do much in life, that you are more limited than you really are. You may also feel obliged to satisfy other people's needs before your own so that you never achieve satisfaction. And you may deny yourself in many other ways as well, because you believe that having too many material possessions interferes with your life. Above all else, you need simplicity.

Finding a balance between the rigidity of Saturn and the vagueness, flexibility and idealism of Pisces may cause some difficulties in developing beliefs by which to govern your behavior. You may be too idealistic about the people who serve as your guides, those after whom you pattern yourself, so that you can't accept any kind of weakness or frailty in them. When you discover their weaknesses, you may be disappointed, and eventually you won't believe in anyone. Scale down your expectations and realize that you can learn something useful from everyone, even those who appear very flawed.

Don't let yourself fall into the habit of thinking that your life is not under your control. You shape your own life, and you must take responsibility for yourself.

SATURN BY HOUSE

Natal Saturn in 1st House

(Liz Greene)

The first house is usually considered to describe the physical body of the individual, the personality with which he relates to his external environment, and on perhaps a deeper level the kinds of experiences which he is likely to attract during his life and which help him to shape and develop a certain set of conscious tools with which to govern his life. There is a two-way flow of energy through the first house of the chart because it is - as has often been suggested - a kind of lens through which the experiences of the environment pass to reach the individual and through which his own qualities must pass to reach the environment. Whatever factors are present within the individual birth chart, they must pass through the conditioning qualities of the first house and in particular the Ascendant before they can be recognized by others or expressed in a tangible fashion. All four angles of the chart are related to this inward and outward flow of the reality of the inner person into the outside world, but the most personal and most obvious of these four points of release is the Ascendant. The entire first house relates to the physical presentation of the individual in a conscious and deliberate manner. Whatever a man innately is, he must express it through a body and according to a body type - which gives the term 'body' a larger framework. The Ascendant and the first house are often equated with the Jungian idea of the 'persona' which, if it is to be a positive and effective medium through which a man may present himself to the world, must be in reasonable accord with the more hidden, unconscious aspects of his psyche.

The idea of the 'persona' offers a considerable amount of insight into the function of the Ascendant, which is often maligned by being considered merely a superficial mask which has little relation to the inner reality of the person. Like the masks of the ancient Greek tragedy, the persona is the person's statement of himself to the world; through this cultivated component of the psyche, he declares his role according to the manner in which he has developed over the years. The persona, like the Ascendant, does not come into full conscious flowering until a certain level of maturity has been reached. Ideally, this role should be a synthesis of what is best in him, and most useful, and should be worn lightly so that the man does not make the mistake of identifying with his presentation. It is very much what he would ideally like to be, or what he is developing into, rather than what he automatically is at any given time. The first house is the most unformed part of the birth chart, for it, even more than the rest of the chart, is in a process of becoming.

According to the strength or weakness of this presentation, and according to whether or not it is crystallised and rigid or flexible and lightly worn, the man is able to stand at a precarious balance point between his outer environment and the world of his unconscious motivations. If he pulls too much toward one, the other reacts; he is required by the tension of the pull to stand at the centre. If he begins to identify with the role which he has chosen, he crystallizes into it and is then at the mercy of the hidden and more treacherous aspects of his own psyche. If he ignores the outer world and attempts to withdraw into his own darkness, he is at the mercy of the environment and is dominated by it. From this viewpoint, the importance of the Ascendant may be inferred, for it would appear that its development needs always to be in delicate balance with the direction of the chart internally for man to be in balance with himself.

Some idea of the effects of Saturn in the first house of the natal chart may be seen if this psychological adjunct to the traditional astrological interpretation is considered. Saturn's traditional associations with crystallisation and identification with mundane values suggests that one of the most frequent psychic effects of this position, if left unconscious, is a crystallisation of and identification with one's mask, with a consequent inner vulnerability to moods and effects and a great difficulty in expressing the inner person to the outer world. The mask becomes a prison and cannot be torn away; and behind it, the

man slowly suffocates.

One of the main qualities which appears to accompany Saturn in the first house is a lack of self-assertion of a positive kind. There is often a need to enforce one's will and to control the immediate environment; but rather than being the spontaneous and self-confident assertion of the individual, this is more of a defensive manoeuvre which sometimes attempts to attack first because it is fearful of attack. Sometimes the need for control is expressed in a subtle and indirect way so that situations are manipulated without any real evidence of aggressiveness. This is the characteristic coupling of need and fear which is so often found with Saturn. The natural shyness and stiff awkwardness of Saturn is expressed more obviously with this placement than with any other, although the individual often learns during life to cultivate a smooth, cool and polished surface.

Saturn conjuncting the ascendant is frequently concurrent with a difficult birth, usually physically but sometimes psychologically as well; and this curious coincidence occurs too often to be a real coincidence. It is, moreover, reasonable to assume that the natural reluctance of the person with Saturn in the first house to expose himself to the outside world might even extend to birth. It is common with a first house Saturn for the individual to learn from childhood that it is costly to get too involved with life; and there is a basic weakness in the persona which causes him to identify both too much and too little with the outward shell of his personality. He is therefore vulnerable to attack and control from the outside, and generally knows it; and much of his life may be spent in devising ways of protecting himself so that the extent of his vulnerability is not discovered. The person with Saturn in the first house is often high in suspicion and low in self-confidence; and he looks out at others from behind an intangible but often very powerful barrier that effectively isolates him from the real impact of life. He may sometimes be burdened with chronic ill-health, particularly as a child when he has not yet learned other means of successful withdrawal from the arena. He often has little faith in himself; but the self with which he identifies is the mask rather than the total psyche. From the deliberate withdrawal from the roots of his own psychic life stems the curious lifelessness and dryness which is so often observable in the person with this placement of Saturn.

Saturn may overcompensate with this placement as much as with any other. Consequently there are usually two distinct kinds of reaction to the struggle between the desire to challenge and experience life to the fullest and the fear of being hurt, dominated, and crushed by the forces of a hostile environment. The man who perpetually effaces himself to avoid a struggle and who backs away from those situations which might call for strength, aggressiveness, or direct confrontation expresses one kind of unconscious Saturnian reaction. He often has no 'temper', and rarely displays anger; but this can be very hard on the physical body because the natural tendency toward irritability is turned inward against oneself. This position is often connected with symptoms of a psychosomatic kind such as migraine headaches, which are often linked with unexpressed anger and frustration. The self-effacement of this expression of Saturn is not truly humility, but it is rather a fear of entering the fight because of the inner certainty of losing it. There is often great emphasis on being 'unselfish', a favourite keyword of Saturn in the first house. But to be unselfish one must first have a self to give away; and the difficulty with this placement is that, in the beginning, until the individual comes to terms with his fear, there is no real acceptance of or expression of the self in the first place.

Saturn in the first house often feels that he is never able to have what he wants, that life is forever thwarting his desires. This is largely because he does not ask for what he wants; or, if he does ask, then it is with the concurrent feeling that he does not actually deserve a reply. The will and the use of the will are often frightening to this kind of individual because he is afraid of his own will and consequently projects what he terms wilfulness or selfishness onto others. As he comes to terms with this shadowy and powerful feature of his own personality - for the person with Saturn placed here has a powerful and controlled will if he chooses to recognise and utilise it - he generally finds

that along with his frustration, he has also learned control over the desire nature and has shaped his personality into a disciplined tool. The controlled and directed will, coupled with a sense of purpose, is one of the more positive qualities offered by Saturn in the first house.

At the opposite end of the spectrum, the more aggressive manifestation of Saturn in the first house often appears, and this individual may be at first glance rarely distinguishable from the truly fiery type of temperament. No-one is more outgoing than he is; no-one more prepared to take charge or seize control of a situation through sheer force or more subtle calculation. His philosophy is that the best defence is offence, because it has not yet occurred to him that it is possible to control oneself without the necessity of controlling everybody else as well. On closer expression, this kind of individual is often found to be as shy and awkward as his more self-effacing brother. He may find it as difficult to participate fully in life and to experience the sense of richness and fullness which is so characteristic of the fiery personality.

The use of the will is something available to every human being, but it grows in proportion to one's self-knowledge and self-mastery. The natural fear that the majority of people feel about the unpredictability of life is connected largely with the unconsciousness of the majority of people about the resources and richness of the human psyche. Most men feel inadequate when confronted with their own powerlessness. The man who has achieved a degree of psychic integration is far better equipped to cope with life, because he is generally aware of the purpose of his own life in a broad sense, and also more aware of the energies which he can utilise from within himself to carve out a piece of life for himself. Saturn in the first house tends first to emphasise the fear of powerlessness because it suggests a clinging to the more superficial features of the personality and a consequent loss of contact with the richer inner person. Eventually this fear can prod the individual into a deeper exploration of what he considers to be his identity. Saturn in the house of the identity is closely connected with this search, which can help to yield greater knowledge, greater integration, and the greater and more productive use of the will.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in the first house is less intense than Saturn conjunct Mars, but it represents the same issue. Personal will must be integrated with the limits of personal will. There is an inherent potential for conflict between our first house sense of our own identity, our right and power to do what we please, and the Saturn principle which represents the 'rules of the game'. The 'rules' include 'natural law', cultural regulations, authority figures, and the conscience. We may resist any limits on our will and fight the world, trying to make our own will into law. Or we may doubt our own power and rights and give up, convinced that if we tried to do what we wanted we would just fail or be put down by the world. To integrate the conflict, we need to compromise so that there is a place in our lives for each of these sides of life. We need to find some things which we want to do and can do which are not in conflict with the rules, so that we have our share of the power in the world.

Saturn is a key to authority figures; and our first exposure is usually a father-figure, which could be a grandfather, stepfather, etc.. In the first house, the parent is a personal role model for the child, who may want to be like the father, or may want to do the opposite. I have seen both extremes - individuals with brutal fathers they feared, and individuals who adored their fathers. Endless variations are possible.

One example of a first house Saturn was a woman whose self-esteem was damaged because her father obviously preferred her sister. Years after the death of her father, this woman was still having recurrent dreams. She would hear her father calling 'Wait. I'm trying to catch up to you'. She would turn in the dream, thinking 'at last, my father wants to be with me'. Her father would see her face, say 'Oh, I thought you were your sister', and disappear.

If we doubt our own worth and power and feel that all the power is outside our control, we may not attempt many things we could otherwise do. In extreme self-blocking, we can shut down our immune system and become ill. No-one can do everything he or she wants; but we had better do something.

Saturn in the first house also shows an identification with a career. Once we have learned the rules which let us survive in this physical world, our skills permit us to cope with the world. They define our role in the society, our status, our share of the power if we develop practical skills. When something is part of our identity, we have to do it or feel wiped out, so people with Saturn in the first house people have to feel powerful through some sort of accomplishment. But at the same time, the first house is demanding that our work be active, independent, varied, and under our own control. This can produce an entrepreneur, a self-employed professional or business-person, etc.. Mechanical skills are possible, which can lead to work with machines or tools, including modern technology, military, or medical fields, etc..

The identification with power and accomplishment may cause problems if such people retire. But a recent client who had been a highly successful business executive has managed it successfully by substituting control over his investments for his former job managing employees.

Part of the Saturn principle is a critical attitude, since to work effectively we have to look for the flaws and correct them. It is possible to so identify with this attitude that we are critical about everything in our lives, or we may just be too self-critical. In trying to handle any combination of two or more of the basic life desires, compromise is almost always the best solution. We have to learn to be ourselves, defend ourselves, and assert ourselves in the first house, but Saturn always reminds us to live within the limits.

(Bil Tierney)

The closer Saturn is to the ASC, the more it suggests we may start off in life with an uncomfortable self-image. An unchildlike uptightness is suggested. We have learned at a very tender age to hold back from taking spontaneous action due to basic insecurities about ourselves. Our instinct is to hesitate rather than self-assuredly mobilize our energies. Cautiousness and an air of reserve are often evident in our youth, reflecting an apparent degree of maturity in at least some of us. But because we naturally consider the consequences of our actions before initiating them, we readily keep most impulses in check. We at least are able to wait until we can calculate a better sense of timing before attempting to fulfill our urges. We seldom assertively or boldly move out into our environment. Patient restraint and a wait-and-see attitude are typical ways we face life.

Some astrologers suggest our circumspect disposition was linked to a difficult birth. Maybe some of us with Saturn in the First House were indeed reluctant to be born, thus making the birth process laborious. Perhaps our soul somehow felt it was not ready to incarnate - a stage fright of sorts. While astrologers cannot easily explain why any soul would think it was not ready to emerge into the world, the sign Saturn inhabits may give us a few clues.

Karmic astrologers would perhaps speculate that our reluctance to be born could be in direct reaction to past life body trauma, severe abuse, or even torture. Imagine if you were burned at the stake for whatever sick reason by a jeering mob of half-wits; would you willingly want to make another *début* into this potentially threatening, cruel world? At the least, Saturn near the ASC suggests we might have been personally subjugated to physical restraint or confinement of some sort. For some reason, we probably suffered in the hands of authority by trying to simply be ourselves and follow our impassioned impulses.

Those interested in exploring former incarnations by analyzing Saturn's natal position should read Jeanne Avery's *Astrology and your Past Lives*. Granter, many were confined

in the past for a wide range of reasons. Such past life experiences related to Saturn in the First House could now manifest as an obstacle to the development of a secure sense of identity and self-will in action. Our uncertainty about re-entering this world results in a ponderous, guarded nature. We observe our surroundings from a safe psychological distance. We may even tend to frown a lot. Since the First House deals with our body language, we may hold a lot of tightness in our physical frame, making us look stiff.

Our physical appearance is usually a sensitive issue. We don't seem to feel at home with our shape, size, or overall structure. Saturn traditionally symbolizes that which is slim, slender, thin, reed-like, under-abundant, or downright skinny. Those of us who fit this description have unconsciously been bought into the Saturn archetype quite literally. Yet there also are some of us here who struggle with chronic obesity: the dilemma implied here is quite complex.

Self-loathing may actually have nothing to do with why we are overweight. Most likely is that a heavy individual with a First House Saturn is psychologically using excess weight as a way to create symbolic insulation from a potentially harmful, unkind world. The extra fat in this instance becomes a ready defence against pain and rejection. Ironically, we are further judged negatively for such a physique. Society assumes we have gotten so heavy because we really don't care about ourselves: otherwise, why have we allowed ourselves to balloon to such a degree? As the social environment continues to dump on us, we put on more pounds, and the vicious cycle continues.

Whether too fat or too skinny, our outward disposition is rarely vibrant or brimming with liveliness. We may rarely be physically animated, since Saturn can impose a body heaviness (not to be confused with weight) as if we were very much operating under the laws of gravity. Some of us may attempt to resist the pull of gravity by training our body to go beyond average physical limits and restrictions, perhaps by participating in ballet or weightlifting. Graceful lightness or imposing strength thus become physical ideals toward which to aspire. Realize that planet Saturn in the sky is gaseous and that it could float upon water if the Earth had a large enough ocean. Sadly enough, it is human ignorance that creates undue Saturnian weightiness in our psyche. We often make Saturn heavier in temperament than need be.

Due to Saturn's expert talent for self-inhibiting, some of us do appear to be light, vivacious, and even superficial on the personality level - so much so that astrologers are tempted to immediately rectify our natal chart (I'm half-joking here). We can act chipper, as if we do not have a care in the world. Maybe those of us here who express ourselves with an uncommon sense of flair and pizzazz are really trying to distract critical observers from detecting just how much we inwardly feel instead like unlovable loners. It's just that we do not want people to realize we can actually be too easily hurt and made to feel lonely. To avoid public judgement, we try very hard to appeal to and gain approval from anybody and everybody. This becomes our best defence against personal attack. We normally think of Neptune as having chameleon-like qualities. But apparently so does Saturn when under an intense pressure to fit in and be accepted. Remember this when you meet someone with a First House Saturn who instead behaves like a person with Venus or Jupiter rising in a Fire or Air sign.

Because we often perceive the harshness of life's uncompromising realities very personally and directly, we tend to feel it's all a big struggle to even exist. We may also make things harder for ourselves by going down more difficult paths to begin with. Yet maybe in the process we discover we have a keenly ambitious drive to handle adversity and eventually achieve more than was ever expected of us. We have had to continually meet up against many forms of authoritative backlash - from father to boss to our own rigid sense of inner authority. This can be a hardy placement for Saturn, once thin-skinned hypersensitivity has been replaced with unflinching determination and confident self-clarity. Although our actions appear level-headed, we seem to want to prove our inner strength by putting ourselves in situations where we have a chance to mow down obstacles and overcome hurdles.

Our childhood years were seldom free from inhibiting factors. We are most likely to have attracted at least one parent who presented authority to us in a fear-provoking manner. Feelings of personal inadequacy were typically due to some early deprivation. Economics may or may not play a role here (Saturn has traditionally been associated with poverty and physical want); but a greater sense of lack can revolve around the matter of not receiving sufficient personal attention. We may have been ignored too much and not held or comforted enough.

We might grow up much too sensitive to criticism, rejection, or neglect from others (whether real or imagined). We probably also were affected by adult power and its abuse. At least one of our parents (daddy?) was apparently good at showing us all about wielding power at the social level. Authoritarian control, or at least a general strictness, was probably applied to us at too young an age. Whatever the scenario, we eventually learned to become vulnerable to coldness, indifference, or a lack of sympathy from others - especially from those who became our replacement authority figures during our adult years. Such surrogate parental types can be our coach, our doctor, our therapist, our business mentor, our employer, even our judge should we have our day in court.

Perhaps we have been made to feel like ugly ducklings while growing up. We could have a lot going for us, but still can get hung up on our appearance. Self-criticism regarding our looks can become a huge roadblock. Our assumption that we are basically unattractive can leave us feeling awkward and undesirable when making physical / sexual contact with others. Some of us may even downplay our physical attributes and shun direct attention from admirers. Lavish praise and enthused compliments can make us feel uneasy. Do we really want to endure an entire life span looking frumpy or even unkempt? Saturn in the First House means our outer packaging can, although functional, be much too plain, like the dull label on a generic product in the supermarket. Maybe we need to hang out with a few Neptunians, who know an imaginative thing or two about make-over magic.

Should our self-concept remain weak and unclear, we may exhibit self-doubt concerning our ability to both give and receive warmth, closeness, intimacy, and basic human connection. Our fear of disapproval may force us to assume a guarded appearance. We become skillful at covering up our wounded inner nature. On the surface, we may appear aloof and independent. This is a guise that can often work well in the professional zone, where we appear to have it all together as a self-made person. But we also need to review ourselves and determine whether or not we physically give off the(mis)impression that we are cool, composed, and a tad too unfriendly to get to know well. Maybe some of us really are indeed this way all the time. But the rest of us can be someone quite different deep inside. It is our self-uncertainty that makes us mistrust the intentions of others. We must learn that we live in a world that is not seeking to put us down or demean us, and that there are supportive people out there who can bolster our identity in life-affirming ways.

Getting to know us will probably take time. Once people attempt to go beyond our sometimes chilly façade - which can be intimidating at first encounter - they might just discover that we have a lot of depth. We give thoughtful consideration to others, and want the same in return. However, we do seem to have a hard time allowing people to penetrate our personality. Those barricades we psychologically construct around us work against us by further increasing our sense of isolation. They will need to be broken down by the power of intimate relationships. One good thing astrologers love to say about Saturn, because it rings true, is that 'Saturn gets better with age'. All is not lost. We simply need those vital lessons only maturity can provide. We with Saturn in the First House need to keep this in mind.

One of the attributes of Saturn in the First House is the ability through sustained effort to convert a frustrated sense of self-will into a more effective sense of self-mastery. We have the strength to transform ourselves into very capable, very adept individuals who can control and manage life quite well. Our inborn sense of orderliness and purposefulness

enables us to keep our life active yet stable and productive. When well-managed, this Saturn denotes we can begin new projects with more sure-footedness and single-mindedness than most. We are inclined to evaluate all realistic limits involved and make necessary adjustments before or after we've started our project. Our ASC's sign takes on more power with Saturn placed in the First House, even if that sign is not the same as Saturn's. The ASC sign has the responsibility of channelling Saturn's energy out into external experiences, and tends to mature and deepen in its expression as a result.

We are likely to feel more competent regarding worldly matters as we get older. We can become quite solid and grounded as we unfold ourselves and trust spontaneity. We learn to deal with the consequences of our actions courageously. Inner fortification can become well-developed in our old age. The key to much of this is learning not to become so crystallized and brittle that making changes becomes a painful ordeal for us. Keeping flexible attitudes and assumptions about life is the key. We need to continuously moisturize our consciousness with a sense of hope and faith, believing that our rut-bound patterns can always be modified, and that it's never too late to inaugurate new beginnings. The reward of a well-handled Saturn in the First House is a well-defined, workable sense of individuality. We can resiliently cope with whatever life presents to us. We can have a lasting feeling of inner security and the satisfying sense that our life is truly significant.

(Howard Sasportas)

Those with Saturn in the 1st house are reluctant about approaching life at all. They cautiously venture out expecting the worst, and are invariably worried that they won't meet the mark. And yet they have to challenge themselves. It's like having a little man on their shoulders who repeatedly reprimands: 'I'm sorry, that's just not good enough - you know you can do better'. They imagine that others are constantly judging and assessing them, when in actual fact it is their own self-criticism which gives the greatest problem.

Saturn in the 1st may experience the physical body itself as awkward, gross and uncomfortable. Or they feel that their personalities are inadequate and lacking in social graces. Because of their difficulty in feeling easy and relaxed, they may present themselves in an austere or withdrawn manner. Or fearing that unless they are careful they might look silly, they develop a most dignified stance and posture in all they do. Even if they appear frothy and superficial on the outside, they are likely to be masking something insecure and problematical. Others may interpret their lack of confidence and reticence as cold and unfriendly.

Usually they have (or can develop) a good sense of responsibility and a willingness to work hard in life. This may stem from a need to prove their worth to the world - a desire to receive some sort of collective validation of their 'okay-ness'. For these reasons, they may be ambitious, exhibiting a steely determination to make something of themselves.

Very often, the early life has been experienced as difficult or restricting. They may have felt the childhood environment as unsafe or unsupportive of their free expression and personal creativity, as if they were squashed every time they stepped out of line. Others may have been lumbered with worries and responsibilities inappropriate to their young age. Later on in life, they can usually make up for the fun and spontaneity they missed as a child.

Physically, those with Saturn rising are sometimes on the lean side, and often have a distinguishing facial bone structure. If Saturn is within a few degrees of the Ascendant, the birth may have been a difficult one as if the person was actually resisting incarnation. All new phases in the life may be met with the same degree of caution, trauma and fearful expectation. And yet, if they set their goals sensibly and realistically, they usually manage to achieve their objectives in life.

Natal Saturn in the 2nd House

(Liz Greene)

The second house is traditionally that of acquisition and possessions. From it one may assess the individual's capacity to earn a livelihood, his attitude toward those things which he defines as security, and the manner in which his income is likely to be derived. This is a fixed and earthy house; and the emotional need of a secure foundation is suggested, a desire rather than the outcome of desire. All of the houses connected with the fixed signs appear to have some bearing on one's values, on the desire nature, and on instinctual reactions of a habitual kind. They have little bearing on events or objects. If this group of houses is considered as the reflection of man's desire nature, it would appear that greater depth of meaning exists in relation to the second house and that it is not merely the house of possessions. Possessions are merely a simple and tangible form of satisfying desire.

The urge to possess something outside oneself and make it a permanent possession appears to be a collective need whether the desired 'something' is a person, a value, a state of consciousness, or an automobile. It is then man's possession, in a deeper sense than physical ownership, because he values it. It is of worth to him, and therefore it has meaning. That which is desired through the second house only applies to material things if these have value; and although the majority of people at present place the highest value on these things, it has not always been the case, nor will it necessarily continue to be so as the collective consciousness of man develops.

The second house may apply as much to relationships as it does to money in the bank, since possession of a valued object is often closely connected to what we define as love. In the end, however, the possession of worth which is truly a permanent possession can only be a quality within the individual himself. There is nothing else in life which is permanent and unalterable except those attributes which we term spiritual. Everything else may be lost, destroyed, taken away, or devalued. It seems that the desire for values, not only tangible but mental, emotional, and spiritual as well, is more representative of the second house than possession.

It is the definition of value - a nebulous and relative term - which becomes important when planets are located in the second house, for the meaning or expression of each planet then becomes a value. Of all the planets, only Saturn appears to have an exclusively material value; but as we have seen, this is deceptive because his function is to demonstrate the relativity of all tangible values. Through Saturn, everything on the material plane takes on new meaning because it is seen as a symbol for an inner quality or state of being. Security may be defined very differently when viewed in this way.

The simplest reading of Saturn in the second house is fear of poverty; and certainly this placement frequently accompanies a childhood spent in want where the luxuries of material life, and sometimes even the necessities, are lacking. This is Saturn on his most literal level where he denies a material quality necessary to the individual's well-being so that later in life there is a constant need to fill the gap. We have all come into contact with the self-made man who has struggled from the bottom of the heap by his own dogged efforts and has finally succeeded in accumulating some money in the bank, a house, an automobile or two, and other symbols which society has taught him to interpret as security. Saturn in his most unconscious form is eminently conventional in these matters; and Saturn in the second house has a penchant for accepting as values only those which society accepts and therefore makes apparently stable. Yet the self-made man with a second-house Saturn is often so frightened of losing what he has so laboriously acquired that he may not be able fully to enjoy what he has. He may be terrified of loss and display the remarkable facility - because he thinks about it so much - of attracting loss through his own bad judgement. He is frightened of the responsibility of ownership because he knows the pain of losing that which he owns, yet he is compulsively drawn toward collecting more and more. No amount is sufficient in the end

to make him feel fully secure, and indeed he is not fully secure because forces larger than he can overturn his life and leave him bankrupt. He has invested wholly material things with value because he has never had them before and pays the price of trying to make an inner quality tangible.

There is another kind of pattern with Saturn in the second house which is outwardly opposite yet inwardly the same. This is the person who may have been perfectly comfortable as a child on the material plane, yet who is denied a different kind of possession, a sense of inner values and of personal worth. One cannot blame this, or any other characteristic, wholly on the attitude of the parents, however, for the individual has chosen his environment in the first place and moreover would not be sensitive to certain values and not others if a similar note were not resonated within his own inner structure. So we will often see a person who, literally or symbolically, will sell himself for security because he has no other sense of values and in the end does not value himself. He judges himself and others by how much he has, not by what he is.

This kind of individual is often difficult to understand; for some of the most unpleasant Saturnian manifestations may accompany Saturn in the second house - not because the position is a 'bad' one, but because it tends to concur with obvious, tangible characteristics which are not easily hidden. To an unconscious person with this placement, the end often justifies the means, and avarice and greed may be very evident. The inner strength of self-sustenance which Saturn in his more conscious expression symbolises here may be apparently quite absent from the man's temperament; and he may lean heavily on others financially - the apparent opposite of our previously-mentioned self-made man who will often rather starve than owe anybody anything. But these two extremes are the same psychological state, for they both embody fear and the characteristic ambivalence of wanting and needing desperately yet attempting to reject the desired object. These states are both, in the end, phases of development, however, for either way the dependency is upon external values rather than inner ones, and Saturn the taskmaster will surely, at some point in the life, accompany experiences which teach the individual to shift his level of evaluation. He attracts these experiences himself because it is the desire of the total self to develop a sense of reality about values which is the intention, on a more esoteric level, of a second-house Saturn.

There is another common manifestation of Saturn in the second house, and this is the individual who has denied all involvement with material things. This is overcompensation at work in a different direction. Like the man with Saturn in the eighth house - another fixed house which deals fundamentally with values and emotional attitudes - who cloaks his fear of deeper emotional and sexual encounter with a moral or religious reason why it would be sinful to do so, the man with Saturn in the second house frequently considers money as evil. He has a dim awareness of the fact that greed is as much a part of his own psyche as it is of others', but he cannot express tolerance toward his own humanity and therefore becomes intolerant of the apparent greed of others. He is frequently not merely content to be austere in his own life style. Instead, he feels that it is his responsibility to criticise others for not following the same path, because he cannot put his guilt to rest but also cannot confront himself. This is classic unconscious projection of the casebook kind: what we hate in others is unconsciously living within us.

This pattern of projection is extremely common with Saturn, for he is the dark shadow of the bright, differentiated conscious personality, and he certainly includes some of our nastier and less attractive human qualities. These, however, are qualities which are not inherently evil; they have simply been outgrown or are not part of our conscious plan for development at any given time. It is only our harsh judgement of ourselves, based on people's morality, that causes us to push these qualities into the unconscious where they form the shadowy figure of the Dweller on the Threshold. Psychic energy does not vanish, but simply takes another channel; and with Saturn it is that of projection - we do not see others as they are; rather, we see in certain of their behaviour characteristics the reflection of our own negative qualities.

The sinfulness of worldly goods has always been the prerogative of the devout adherents of orthodox Christianity, which has always had a difficult time in reconciling the opposites in a harmonious and constructive way; however, with the advent of a new age and the consequent emergence of new symbols and a new growth in spiritual and psychic directions, the old values and concepts of God warring with the Devil, Lord of Matter, have appeared in a curious modern form. These values, which when put badly and stripped of their glamour are often of the 'if I can't have it then you shouldn't either' variety, are now being coupled with political ideologies which have very little connection with the real distribution of resources and opportunities. It would appear that projection still runs rampant among us, and it is fashionable once again to consider worldly goods as being synonymous with evil. It is no longer fashionable to consider sexual expression in this light, because of the advent of psychoanalysis; but we have no similar revelation in the realm of commerce and material wealth. This trend may, however, be seen as the first rough and uncut demonstration of a fundamentally positive change toward a new set of values.

When seen from the more esoteric point of view, matter is an expression of spirit which contains in symbolic guise the blueprint for mind, emotion, and the inner purpose for which the vehicle has been created. This is a more ambiguous but possibly more productive way of looking at matter, and may be applied to the second house. Following this thread is unquestionably like plunging into a labyrinth, for what eventually emerges is that the second house has nothing to do with objects at all. The 'pearl of great price' appears to lie at the heart of the labyrinth; but persistence is required to reach it. The task of this Saturn placement is to find this central and unalterable value whose definition cannot be properly articulated but whose reality, to the man who has subjectively experienced it, is not to be questioned.

(Bill Herbst)

Self-worth: Saturn in the 2nd house indicates that good feelings about yourself are necessarily restrained, in order that they may be concentrated and correctly developed over time. You may feel inadequate as an individual, somehow innately flawed; but your work is to build a solid foundation for good feeling. The challenge is to patiently learn the discipline of suspending harsh judgements about yourself, and to move toward positiveness in small steps, sustained efforts that persevere throughout the entire life.

Possession: Ownership is a very serious question, a problem often linked with feelings of shame or unworthiness. You tend to resent the difficulty in acquiring and holding possessions or property. Keep the focus of your efforts on permanence and quality; transient possessions or shabby goods are not worth having. The challenge is to realize that ownership is not a given; in your life, it must be earned and attentively maintained through careful and enduring effort. Build your estate slowly.

Money: You must be disciplined, pragmatic, and patient with regard to money. The issue is not necessarily lack of money, although that may seem the case, but rather the serious responsibilities you must shoulder, however much wealth is produced. Do not spend foolishly; but once the decision is made to buy something, remember to enjoy it. Don't go for the quick buck or the big score - follow through with plans. Sustained application and cautious strategies are the key, with an emphasis on blue chip investments that will be permanent, stable, and solid. Money cannot buy happiness, but disciplined effort can promote eventual fulfillment. Concentrate on the process, the means rather than the end. The challenge is to recognize and deal with the belief that money is more important than it really is; so maintain perspective. Manage your attitudes as well as your dollars.

Self-exertion: You are generally a tireless worker, well-suited for efforts requiring strength, stamina, and perfection. You have the ability to grind away like the mills of God, eventually reducing even the most Herculean mountain to rubble through sustained and disciplined effort. There is often the presence of an inner 'supervisor' whose only job is to push the 'worker' toward greater productivity. Your attitude is 'pay now, fly later'; but too

often you pay full price without ever taking the vacation. Duty is formidable and ever-present; and you risk the pitfall of blowout through discouragement. The challenge is to work slowly, recognizing progress, and to reward yourself for effort. Quality is important, but putting in your time also counts for something.

Sensuality: You are so sensitive to physical stimulus that it often results in sensory overload and a blunting of pleasure. You could alternate between denial of the body and an inordinate lust for pure physical sensation. In both cases, you risk being trapped in the pitfall of diminished appreciation. The challenge is to understand that your body is indeed a temple, and to honor the temple through a gradual evolution of mastery and worship, proceeding one step at a time to slowly increase the density of pleasure and the enjoyment of touch. Chew the world slowly, not so much because it's good for you as because it enhances the taste of reality.

Natal Saturn in the 3rd House

(Liz Greene)

The third house symbolises the sphere of the intellectual, of education, communication, and movement. It offers some indication of the kind of mind a man possesses, the manner in which he goes about developing it, how he communicates, and the subjects which provide food for his intellectual nourishment. Gemini seeks information for its own sake rather than for a material end, and is simply curious about life and the diversity of its manifestations. Unlike its opposite sign, Sagittarius, which seeks to correlate the diverse fragments of life and find among them a common meaning which reflects a larger concept, Gemini is content to revel in diversity. The third house reflects this quality of the mind and this tendency to perceive, analyse, differentiate, label, and then move on. In order to acquire the information necessary for this kind of relation to life, communication must be established so that knowledge can flow back and forth and new interpretations can be given to old material.

Saturn in the third house, when he is functioning in an unconscious way, has a tendency to block this breathing in and breathing out; he places strain on the faculty of easy communication, and often produces a fear of that which is new, unexplored, and irrational. The flight of the mind is grounded by the demand for empiric information, for that which has been tried and proven safe. From this we may see some reason for the connection often suggested between Saturn's associations with Gemini, the third house, and Mercury, and diseases of the lungs, particularly asthma, an illness which medical science recognises as psychosomatic or functional in nature. There appears to be a symbolic relationship between the biological phenomenon of breathing, whereby oxygen is brought into the body, and the psychological need for intake of information about the environment. Both appear to be equally necessary for survival, the former for bodily survival, the latter for psychic survival.

There are various external situations which are often associated with a third house Saturn, but they all tend to reflect this symbolic inability to breathe freely with the intellect. The individual who as a child is denied education, or given a narrow and restrictive education, is common; and this often mars his capacity to approach life with fresh mental interest later because his creative mental faculties have never been stimulated. Equally frequent is the only child who is denied companionship and communication with others of his own age and finds that later in life he has lost the faculty for spontaneous communication. Often there is fear behind the apparent paralysis of the mind which sometimes occurs. The child may be considered stupid because he is silent; or he may have been constantly criticised for his speech and has learned to keep his thoughts to himself; and later on, when there is no longer a disapproving parent or teacher to criticise, he finds that he has lost the capacity to share his innermost thoughts. Speech defects and difficulties also occur frequently with Saturn in the third house. These are often functional and based on fear and insecurity, such as stuttering or stammering. Also common is the individual who simply cannot communicate easily,

particularly about those personal and ordinary matters which are the traditional province of the third house. He may display unusual mental gifts, concentration, and depth of thought; but he finds it most painful to participate in the 'small talk' which serves as a symbolic gesture of common humanity. To the man with Saturn in the third house, speech must contain items of serious interest; and he may display an unusually pedantic quality in his speech and his writing, for Saturn dislikes superficiality.

With all of these various expressions, the common thread remains, and it is connected with a frustration of the mind and of communication. There is inevitably a feeling of isolation with this placement because the mind is generally deep and by nature serious, and there is usually some fear of being humiliated or of sounding silly or foolish to others. There is frequently a feeling of inadequacy about the mental equipment, although Saturn in the third house is often a brilliant scholar. The brilliance, however, is rarely from intuition but rather from many long hours of painful concentration and self-discipline. Information must be concrete and provable to be of use to Saturn; and this tendency to crystallisation of knowledge is antithetical to the light and purposeless meanderings of the third house. To Mercury, all information is of use, even if it is not the truth.

The phenomenon of overcompensation may also be observed with Saturn in this house. Often the individual may be one of those who 'talks a blue streak'; and this tendency to loquaciousness - apparently in contradiction to the ordinary reading of Saturn here - is also apparent with Mercury-Saturn afflictions and with Mercury in Capricorn. Inevitably the subject of conversation will range in every field except those which truly mean something to the individual. He will say many things but will rarely say what he actually feels. He is no closer to communicating than is the more taciturn individual with the same placement. Saturn in the third house has a reputation for tact, diplomacy, and a canny mind; and this tendency to circumlocution is very useful to a statesman or politician; it is often one of the greatest gifts of a third house Saturn. But this does not ease the isolation of the individual; it only increases it, for he cannot truly express himself.

The more silent type of third house Saturn is a more typical expression. His field of interest may often be an earthbound and occasionally a narrow one, although he will generally be careful, thorough and methodical in his thinking. Sometimes one may meet a kind of thick-headed, obstinate, almost deliberate stupidity with Saturn in the third house; and it is difficult to imagine that this creature and the brilliant mental gymnastics of the accomplished statesman may reflect a similar inner sense of fear and inability to share personal thoughts and feelings. But Saturn is rarely stupid. He may tend to cling to that which is pragmatically provable because he feels uneasy in lighter and more irrational realms. Saturn in the third house often underrates his intellectual capacities, and may raise a shield of rather stubborn or dogmatic opinions to protect himself against the onslaught of those he considers more clever than himself.

When this placement is seen from the point of view of the opportunity offered, the sense of isolation and impatience and superficial ideas and attitudes may become an inner striving for truth, insofar as this is capable of perception by the human mind. The individual is turned inward by his circumstances and his fears so that he seeks reasons for things and begins to explore their structure and meaning. The inquiring mind dedicated to the intellectual understanding of those things which are shrouded in mystery, or belong to the realm of the irrational, is characteristic of the man with Saturn in the third house who has accepted his apparent isolation in the face of the more meaningful contribution he is able to make to the sphere of knowledge. Saturn only becomes dogmatic when the man is afraid of the unknown and of his own lack of knowledge and of intellectual training. The suggestion with Saturn's placement in the third house is that the knowledge must be acquired through experience and personal observation, and that the training must be taken from life itself. No other education will suffice, because to the person with this placement, Saturn's inner strength and independence must be applied to the development of the mind.

There is often a connection drawn between accidents - particularly those occurring during

travel - and the third house. As this house is linked with mental and physical motion and co-ordination, it is often called the house of short journeys, both of the body and of the mind. It is of some value to explore this idea of accidents and of what is called the accident-prone tendency, as it is often suggested by afflicted planets, particularly Saturn, in the third house.

It is possible to assume a completely empiric attitude to this question and to accept the idea that by some mysterious law, or by the hand of fate, Saturn in the third house precipitates accident - and that if one has an accident, that is one's fate. This same attitude may be applied to many of the darker expressions of Saturn's placements; and this inevitably poses questions which can only be answered philosophically rather than empirically; however, this sort of blind passivity in the face of a totally predestined future is in direct antithesis to any constructive interpretation of Saturn, or, for that matter, of any other factor on the natal chart. If we are indeed circumscribed by the boundaries of fate or our 'karma', we cannot know where this boundary lies in the individual's case until we attempt to pass it. It is very possible that the boundary varies from person to person.

It is apparent that in many instances Saturn in the third house is concurrent with a fear of those things which are new, untried, irrational, or uncontrollable, and which require a genuine sharing of minds on a personal level. Psychology has recognised for a long time that many apparently accidental injuries and illnesses are in reality a kind of arrangement, constructed by the unconscious mind of the individual, to avoid a situation which looms in the future or to achieve attention or power within the personal environment. This kind of situation occurs with some frequency in the case of Saturn in the sixth house, where it is often expressed through illness or hypochondria. It is often expressed as an accident-prone tendency with Saturn in the third house, and it will usually be found in these cases that if the individual's inner life is examined with some care, the motive for the incapacitation will emerge with clarity. This does not mean that all accidents stem from this kind of 'arrangement'. But many do. Sometimes a few weeks in bed, although physically uncomfortable, is preferable to confronting a situation which requires change or a new outlook.

It is inconceivable to many people that a man could deliberately injure himself or make himself sick because he does not wish to deal with a problem in his life. It is not the conscious personality which decides such things, but the forces of the unconscious, which are fully capable under certain exceptional conditions of even destroying the man, physically or psychically - the latter being termed insanity. We know very little about the amount of power contained in the darker portions of the psyche, but we are learning that it merits our respect and our careful handling. Saturn is frequently responsible for the repression of fears and resentments because he is symbolic of the shadow; and the ordinary man does not wish to consider that the qualities he despises the most may exist within his own psyche; nor will he readily admit that his judgement may be in error and that these qualities can be positive, constructive, and of use to him.

The acceptance of responsibility necessary for a comprehension of Saturn is not the *mea culpa* which condemns, but a recognition that the human mind may have more power over the arrangement of one's outer circumstances than we care to admit, and that there is much that we do not know about ourselves. When this attitude is related to accident-proneness and to Saturn in the third house, it is possible to avoid the necessity of an accident if the unpleasant situation precipitating it is recognised. Even if one considers the reality of karmic obligations, it is unlikely that anything occurs to a human being which is not necessary for his growth or the growth of the group; and the orderly beauty of life as it is reflected by the horoscope scarcely implies that random and senseless suffering is part of that order. Saturn always strives for truth; it is man's fear of this motivation within himself that brings about the catastrophe, for the relentless search for reality as symbolised by Saturn threatens his most cherished illusions.

(Bill Herbst)

Outreach: You have a natural eye toward detail, and a particular focus on the structural qualities of any environment. Regulations are an issue of great sensitivity, and you tend to be largely obedient to environmental limitations on your freedom of movement even while you are also frustrated by them. The pitfall involves being too active. Overstimulation blows out your nervous system, causing at least temporary shutdown. So the challenge is to focus your intense nervous interest upon only a small number of activities, and to move on them or with them slowly, completing each step before the next step is taken.

Concrete mind: You have a special sensitivity to the rules of mentality, often accompanied by the disturbing feeling that formal procedures should be followed to the letter. You work ceaselessly to improve the structure of mental machinery, slowly and painstakingly going over the logic again and again to 'debug' the program. The pitfalls lie in being so duty-bound that all the fun goes out of mentality. If that occurs, you can become cold and self-loathing, either rejecting rationality altogether or becoming ambitiously cynical, shooting down others' flights of mental fancy. The challenge is to let your mental skills age and mature like fine wine, until what began as uncertainty and fear blossoms into a marvellously grounded sensibility, a pragmatics that is unassumingly matter-of-fact, yet so strong it cannot be shaken.

Curiosity: You are more ambitious to know than curious in the usual sense. This is quite fine, and well-suited to your temperament as long as the impulses to know are rewarded with a real experience of satisfaction at the end of the quest. Sometimes, however, you regard your own curiosity as if it were the homework assigned by an invisible and strict teacher, so realize this for the pitfall it is. Instead, tune in to the challenge of curiosity, that of providing you with a structure to better secure your world through understanding.

Basic education: Gentle but firm authority and consistent structure are key concepts. If the child's experience of rules, regulations, and hierarchies of power are benign, skills will develop slowly but steadily. Learning can become a life-long ambition, a gradual quest for greater fulfillment. Otherwise, early schooling may later be regarded as a time of trial and trauma. The issue of basic intelligence is serious. It moves along a scale with resistance at one end, marked by fears of mental inadequacy ('I'm not smart, and I can't learn'); and ambition to prove the mind at the other end, marked by determination to master the quest for knowledge ('I can eventually learn everything I want to know').

(Bill Herbst) (contd.)

Communication: You tend to be economical and pragmatic in speech. Less is more here, and you prefer to think things through before opening your mouth. When you do choose to speak, others should listen carefully to the words, for they will be few and prudently chosen. The style of speech with this placement is terse, sometimes slow or heavy, rarely revealing your true inner character. Your speaking voice is a mask: a very important one, but a mask nonetheless. If others seek to understand and communicate with you, they should not listen for emotional clues; none is likely to be forthcoming. They must concentrate instead on the structure and content of what you're actually saying.

(Bil Tierney)

While Mercury is the planet that best describes our mind and what intellectually interests us, the Third House describes how we learn to adapt our mental equipment to transient conditions we meet up against in our personal day-to-day world. With Saturn in the Third House, we communicate with our immediate environment with a measure of thoughtful reflection. Our mental processes operate less effectively when presented in a spontaneous, impulsive, unplanned manner. We are better served by learning to be orderly and discriminating in our thinking. We are to carefully observe our surroundings and selectively retain useful data.

Life will teach us to assimilate what our senses perceive with an air of caution and a dose of patience. Due to the care with which we need to digest information, we may start off appearing to be slow, insecure learners. As children, we are sometimes told that we are dumb-dumbs who don't pay attention. Or, as adults, that we don't know beans about what we are saying, that our facts are all wrong. The word 'slow' to us connotes being stupid; and stupid translates as worthless. This is the message we hear and fear whenever we are criticized for our ideas or even for how we try to teach ourselves to do things. It's an issue of being devalued intellectually. Such put-downs can be depressing.

Because knowledge-gathering is actually serious business and a lot of work for us, and because we often doubt our native intelligence, we can be afraid to make even innocent mistakes. For us, to err is not just human - it's humiliating. We may make too big a deal of how awful it is to say the wrong thing, show our ignorance, or simply appear misinformed. Our self-consciousness in these matters can create mental blocks that only further frustrate us. It would be great if some sensitive soul (preferably a parent figure) sat us down at an early age and told us that our mental pace only appears somewhat slower so that we may end up learning things more thoroughly and expertly. We should have been read the tale of the tortoise and the hare, where we learn that the slow but sure approach gets the job done. Another message we need to hear more often is that mistakes made are only stepping stones to true accomplishments. We can learn plenty from not always doing everything right the first time around. Try and try again, practice makes perfect, etc.. Wherever Saturn is in our chart, it symbolizes our search for excellence. So maybe during report card time we could then feel satisfied with the thought that the 'C' we receive in social studies is actually an 'A' in the making!

Another reason for appearing to be a slow learner (aside from actual learning disabilities) may lie in our tendency to resist being told how to do those things others think we already should know but apparently do not. We especially resist when being drilled by irritated, unsympathetic authority figures, when it sounds more like scolding than instruction. It often does take more time for certain information to sink in. Perhaps we unconsciously reject learning such data because it is coming from people we deem cold, perfectionistic, or intimidating. Yet it is often our own unrecognized perfectionism that demands knowledge be presented in just the 'right' way. We can become insecure and even defensive when it is not. That's when learning anything becomes a struggle and an unwelcome chore rather than the pleasant mental stimulation Third House knowledge-gathering can be. Perhaps we end up just like a parent who was unyielding, absolutist in thinking, or just plain negative and pessimistic (a parent of whom we may still be critical). Saturn in the Third House can be quite cranky and fault-finding when stressed out. Maybe we came into this incarnation already armed with an inflexible mindset, and thus instinctively see things as plainly right or wrong, correct or incorrect. If so, we will need to learn about altering our mental rigidity by the time we reach our first Saturn Return - the time of psychological adulthood.

Ours is a mind that has a talent for organizing. We can give careful attention to detail, run things efficiently, put things in proper perspective, and in general come up with sound and workable results to problems. We are naturally task-oriented. We can put forth great mental effort in tackling those realistic projects well within our ability to manage and control. Our gift is knowing how to simplify data, weeding out all superfluous material. This is similar to a Sixth House Saturn, except we don't get as frazzled over contradictory material, nor do we work as obsessively. Actually, for some of us, streamlining data becomes a challenge. Saturn in this house can ironically become quite long-winded, though not in the breezy manner of Jupiter. It becomes dry and pedantic, too fixated on the elaboration of minute details no matter how boring or unnecessary.

As Saturn's house position shows us where we set up well-structured boundaries, here it implies we can limit the scope of our intellectual focus to strictly conventional, orthodox approaches even in unorthodox fields of study. Saturn mentality lacks the spirit of invention and risk-taking experimentalism. Even the irrationality of the imagination may prove to be frightening. A lot of things can prove scary to us, or seem just plain crazy, so

we may opt for safer routes of thinking. Such conservatism suggests we lean toward a scientific mode of thought rather than a mystical path. We are stimulated by that which has tangible, material application. We also could be the types afraid of losing our minds and going off the deep end; but our clear, sane mentality suggests that's not likely to happen.

Saturn in the Third House means we are very structured mentally and are best stimulated by well-defined concepts of a serious or even profound nature. We seek purposeful information such as self-help books or how-to manuals as opposed to gothic romances. There is little patience for small talk and trivial chatter. The topic we are either talking about with others, reading, or hearing has to have a point and has to be going somewhere important. Otherwise, they've lost our interest.

If you want to drive us crazy, ask us at the next 'no-nukes' rally if we have been aware of the rising price of bananas lately in the supermarket. Don't be surprised if we glare at you. Our heads are often too heavy with weighty subjects. Need our mind always be so engrossed in life's serious concerns? Why must each thought or conversation be something meaningful enough for us to sink our teeth into? Perhaps someone in our family circle made us think early on that communication was never something to be treated lightly, or joyously. We probably were held accountable for whatever we said, and disciplined (maybe too stiffly) when we told untruths. Verbal attention-grabbing on our part was either ignored or stifled (even though a sibling with Jupiter in Leo in the Third House would often get away with it, since our folks at least thought he or she was entertaining). Being ignored, however, made us feel our thoughts were invalid, irrelevant, or unworthy of any serious response from others. Unless we had something really important to say, we learned to say nothing.

It's no wonder that our formative years were associated with an awkward sense of intellectual uncertainty. Later on, we appear reluctant to speak out to others with true confidence or candor. A fear of rejection may make it hard to articulate our thoughts, especially to authority figures. If we block ourselves even further, we may develop speech problems. But our most common speech 'problem' is not verbalizing our real thoughts about ourselves and others, or the world as we experience it. By our own silence, we may convince people we really have nothing valuable to offer.

Learning the art of gab, which works best when light and airy in content, can become almost a mind-expanding technique for us. Speaking can be a form of immediate mental or nervous release. After all, talkative Gemini rules the Third House in the natural wheel, not Capricorn. Those of you with Saturn in the Third House reading this should stop right here. Put down this book and attempt to do your broadest smile in front of a mirror. Do your mouth's muscles feel taut? Do you think your smile looks contrived or phony? Are you showing your teeth while smiling? Your gums? Probably not, since showing gums is peculiarly Sagittarian (think of horses laughing). The more uncomfortable you are with your smile, the more work it will take to overcome tensions in your verbal interaction. Being tight-lipped is sometimes a literal term. Plus, people who smile easily seem to readily accept lightness (even foolishness) in communication. We need to turn any frown upside down.

Overly impressed by what we deem to be rational, we can end up fixated on making the world fit our rather tight and unvarying conception of reality. Our range of perception then becomes too narrow and incomplete. While Saturn can denote an exacting, analytical mind that excels in clear, precise thinking, it also implies getting firmly mired in habitual mental ruts rather than testing out new ways of thinking. Do we find we only change our long-held opinions with great hesitations? Will only indisputable proof convince us that such opinions are no longer valid? Yes. Saturn is impressed only by hard evidence. But we need to avoid falling into the trap of rigid thinking. Viewing matters only in terms of either black or white tends to make the people we are trying to convince see all shades of red. We can seem stubbornly of a one-track mind. It's best we knock off the dogma and assess the facts with a greater reasonability.

We like to view ourselves as practical, grounded thinkers who do not dispense factual knowledge casually; and we don't like to feel we are being superficial in our observations. Remember, our security lies in our comprehensive understanding of facts and figures. Although we are better listeners than speakers, our patience can be taken advantage of by those people who think they are better speakers than listeners. They are thus likely to bore us - no wonder our smile is a bit stiff. Saturn basically likes information that is concise and to the point. It's a little like Mars in the Third House in this respect. It doesn't do well with verbal fluff and intellectual meanderings.

Conversely, some Saturn in the Third House over-achievers can be quite talkative, almost in a manic, compulsive manner. It's hard to understand why Saturn sometimes acts like a high-strung Jupiter, but it does when we're in overdrive. If anything, Saturn is here to teach us about verbal mastery, so that others truly hear what we are saying. Chattiness could be a subtle device we use to distract others from probing into the core of our more intimate, private self. We don't let people get in a word edgewise, and that prevents them from penetrating our thoughts and maybe even reaching our deeper emotions.

Most of us to listen very well because we need to know all about the other person's mental structure (paying attention to his or her weaker points) before we even begin to reveal our own strengths. Our mind is good at creating mental strategies. We also believe in proper timing, and rarely blurt out things before thinking them through. A certain circumspection is typically present. A few of us over-achievers can be blunt and strictly to the point in conversation; but usually this can be a position of diplomacy, although not in the same manner as Venus in the Third House. Venus is sincerely and emotionally concerned with not offending others. Saturn is simply careful not to attract insults, arguments, or bad reviews. Fearing verbal backlash from others, Saturn opts instead to say the 'right thing' for the moment, or sometimes wisely says nothing.

What is usually not emphasized about Saturn in the Third House is that it can be the signature of intellectual ambition. We can try extra hard to surpass others in our educational pursuits. When we have to, we can turn on great brain power in order to learn what we need to become knowledgeable experts in our chosen field of professional work. We can make excellent grades, even under pressure. Saturn is status-conscious and prestige-oriented. We may want to prove ourselves to be smarter and more accredited than others. Saturn-Mercury can also become so motivated. Perhaps an inner dread of being considered mentally inferior goads us to prove we are instead brilliant. We may feel driven to show off and prove to people from our past that their opinion of our 'limited' intelligence was flat wrong. We may even go back to college at a later date to pick up another degree (or maybe our first). We need to feel we have risen above whatever learning handicaps held us back when growing up. When someone with this Saturn placement acts as if he or she should have Mars or Jupiter in the Third House instead, suspect such over-compensation.

We over-achievers are no less vulnerable than are the taciturn self-inhibitors. Nor are we more comfortable with our intellect just because we eagerly and assertively demonstrate our knowledge and impress our audience. We might actually feel more secure and in control communicating to another rather than with that person. We may have become poor listeners - a defence symbolizing 'I don't want to hear the complaints you may have about me, so you don't get to talk too much'. Perhaps what we fear most is another's intellectual authority, that someone might know more than we do. We need to work on such insecurity. Otherwise, communication becomes competitive and less enjoyable. (Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in the third house may be originally experienced as doubts about one's mental ability; but once the individual has learned to cope with the world, he or she will often work in a mental career. The father or siblings may play a role in the mental development. One female client with a grand trine to Saturn in Libra in the third house was told by her father that she was stupid. Where Saturn is placed, we have to prove to

ourselves that we can cope by doing it. This woman got a BA in mathematics, an MD degree, became a successful psychiatrist, and still said 'I don't have a very good mind'. Where Saturn is concerned, we just have to keep doing it till we know we can. Setting realistic standards may be part of the lesson.

Other individuals with a third house Saturn might have fathers who are equalitarian and accepting, encouraging a sibling relationship; or there could be older siblings who played parent, or younger ones for whom the person felt responsible. The third house Saturn lessons involve developing skill with the intellect and the ability to handle peer relationships. Growth may come through learning to handle a basic part of life which has been neglected, or it may just call for knowing 'when to do which'. When should we be equalitarian and let others do their share, and when should we take responsibility?

Other third house careers may involve dexterity leading to work with the hands. Letter three in our alphabet can indicate skill with eye-mind-hand co-ordination. A recent client has just opened her own hair-care salon, so she is now the boss, but she is recognizing that she can't do everything, and looking for associates who can handle some of the routine details which are less satisfying to her Pisces love of beauty.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This location of Saturn always produces deep and serious thinkers, although they may not always appear to be so on the surface. The mind goes deep, below the surface into the hidden mechanisms of life. In school, they may have been considered slow, because this mind is less interested in answers than in truths. Even so, it is capable of handling a vast array of details, organizing, cataloging, categorizing, putting the world view into perspective, and that includes the humdrum daily regimen. They may drag their feet over details, but are perfectly capable of organizing them once they see a reason for it.

This tendency to go below the surface of facts and symbols gives them much to say, but makes it hard for them to express it. There is a great desire to express the larger realities that they perceive; but ordinary words will not do the job. If they write, they may use poetry in their effort to express what they see, or a very poetic prose. It is a good placement for actors and painters because the added dimensions of physical performance and color give them a broader scope. The deep paradoxes of existence give them a rich sense of humor; and much may be expressed through wit.

Relationships with siblings and other children are often difficult. There may be a great sorrow connected with a sibling, relative, or neighbor child. There may be an intense and difficult relationship with an older sibling. Jealousy is usually the prime factor. This rivalry or sorrow may cause them to leave home, and may affect where they settle down.

They are often overly critical of peers and slow to warm to them, which can put them at a disadvantage. Often, an understanding older person will step in and help them out. There is also the danger of difficulty with neighbors. They are fearful of gossip and inclined to withdraw from the community so as to give their neighbors nothing to talk about; but this actually increases the likelihood that they will become the butt of local gossip at some point. They should find a place they like and then stay put. As time passes and people get to know them, they will gradually get a reputation as a person who can be counted on - someone of value.

There can also be difficulty with short-distance travel; keeping a car functioning may be a problem at times. There will be times when they feel stuck, unable to move. This will be eased when the mind agrees to accept the burden of detail, focusing on what must be done first, second, third, etc., as this one is perfectly capable of handling any type of practical or organizational problem, just inclined to be slow about getting started.

With bad aspects, especially to Mercury, this position can indicate possible brain damage, retardation, etc..

(Howard Sasportas)

One of the main issues for those with Saturn in the 3rd is expressing themselves to people in a way that can be understood. The early environment may have felt inimical or dangerous to their safety, and therefore not conducive to easy and open exchanges with others. As a result, they may walk around harbouring the belief that nobody understands what they are talking about, or hold back feelings and thoughts for fear of being misinterpreted or having these used against them. They might appear shy, aloof, arrogant or stupid when really they are just uncomfortable communicating.

Such insecurities about their articulateness and intelligence have various repercussions. Compensating for a sense of inadequacy in this area, they might try to prove themselves by developing a precise and exact verbal or mental style: Saturn in the 3rd often manifests the kind of serious and orderly thought processes linked to the logical and rational left brain. Others disguise their awkwardness in 3rd house matters by becoming anti-intellectual, and down putting others who are too 'stuck in the head' as uptight or 'pseudo'. They may have great difficulty making 'small talk' or constantly echange in babble in order to avoid revealing what is really going on inside their heads.

Whereas those with Jupiter in the 3rd operate happily and easily within the immediate environment, eager to see what waits for them around the next corner, Saturn in the 3rd limits a person's free expression of movement. This may stem from an early childhood experience of an environment that didn't feel safe or allow such flexibility. Sometimes they have suffered a crippling sense of restriction or loneliness while growing up. If children are kept too much in harness during certain stages of development (the primate phase), their natural curiosity and desire to explore, imitate and learn skills will be greatly diminished. Those with Saturn in the 3rd may benefit from therapies or techniques which enable them to re-experience the early kinds of movements and mobility denied them for one reason or another.

I have seen many instances of Saturn in the 3rd where a lack of siblings gave rise to feelings of deprivation and isolation in childhood. At the same time, some people with this placement report experiencing their brothers and sisters as burdens and restrictions. In the case of those with Saturn in the 3rd being the older child, they may have been lumbered with the responsibility of looking after their younger siblings or setting a good example for them.

On the basis of any of the reasons given above, those with Saturn in the 3rd may have problems with early education and a difficult adjustment to school in general. For some, the boarding school experience may be felt as a kind of exile or banishment. There also may be delays, obstacles, and challenges encountered on short journeys or in travel in general. While Jupiter will just 'pick up and go', Saturn will want to make sure that everything is booked in advance. Jupiter arrives at a friend's for the weekend to discover a party in full swing. Saturn comes to the same house the next weekend to discover his friend's father has just been taken ill.

Again, the whole point of Saturn in the 3rd is not that one is condemned to a life of inarticulate misery hobbling around on crutches missing trains. Rather, this placement is an invitation to develop the potentials of a deep and steady mind, to refine the capacity to communicate more clearly with others, and to discover the kind of joy that learning about something brings. Those with Saturn well-aspected in the 3rd may naturally exhibit these traits or have fewer problems coming to terms with Saturn than others with the same placement.

(Robert Pelletier)

Your serious nature is largely the result of restrictive early conditioning, but your introspectiveness has probably made you a fairly good judge of character. A withdrawn

individual, you learn as much as possible about your immediate environment. Although you do not learn quickly, you have become a good student, because of your ability to retain information. Those friends you have are mostly dependable, no-nonsense people. Your goals in life are defined; and although your dreams for the future are cautious, you know that you will realize them if you have enough time. Your associates admire your mental abilities, and turn to you for answers to their problems. You apply yourself painstakingly to any subject that interests you; and your mind works efficiently to understand every detail. You respect those you love, and you expect respect from them, especially your partner. Being appreciated by your mate helps secure your relationship.

Not being well-informed bothers you; and you make it a point to find out what you want to know. Your views about your capabilities tend to be negative, and you never forget the reasons for any mistakes you've made. You discuss a subject only when you are thoroughly informed about it, so people often consider you an authority. You hope to make the best of your creative potentials so that your future will be free from anxiety. You expect your children to take advantage of the opportunities you have given them. A true disciplinarian, you treat your children fairly; but they may not realize that you love them, because you don't display your affection. This is also the case with a romantic partner; but when you say you care, you really mean it.

Your most pressing priority should be to get a good education. You respect people who demonstrate their competence; and you should realize that they could not do this without being well-informed. An education will help you develop your mental abilities and derive the most benefit from your ideas. You will understand what is expected of you in your career, so that you can serve others as well as yourself. Being educated will reduce your negative attitude about your chances for success. You can fulfill your creative potentials only if you accept the necessity of painstaking, hard work. The return depends completely on the investment that you make.

Don't try to live up to your parents' expectations and ignore your own dreams for the future. Although you may not complete your tasks very quickly, your superiors will recognize that you are very thorough. Self-employment may be a way to achieve greater personal satisfaction. Your interest might be in economics, education, financial counselling or the law: these will allow you self-determination and enough time to do the best possible job. You are probably not too distracted by physical or emotional needs, so you can devote sufficient energy to your career.

Your early conditioning may have restricted you or inhibited you from becoming more independent. And yet, those frustrations may have been the stimulus you needed to force you to rely on your own resources. Your sense of caution and reserve will help reduce the possibility of financial losses. Your ability to plan will net you optimum results with even the most meager assets.

Natal Saturn in 4th House

(Liz Greene)

The fourth house, corresponding to Cancer and the Moon, is the domain of childhood, origin, family, and roots. As the base of the astrological chart, it represents the base of the individual himself both literally - in terms of the home he has come out of - and symbolically in terms of his inner sense of security and safety. This house describes the emotions and atmosphere which surround him before he is old enough to make a conscious and rational choice about whether he accepts them or not. This house may be associated with the Jungian idea of the personal unconscious and with areas of conditioned instinctual reactions imposed by the early environment.

Because of this association with influences that occur prior to the development of the discriminating mind, any planet placed here is highly suspect because it points to something in the psyche which must be first discovered and brought up to the surface

before it can be dealt with constructively. The influence of this house lies like a great moving subterranean river beneath the surface of the later personality which is developed in accord with the Sun and Ascendant; and this river may be powerful enough to dominate the behaviour without being seen. It is a wholly personal house, and does not seem to have much to do with the larger area of collective unconscious streams which affect the group emotional life. Because it is so personal, it is that much more difficult to approach with a clear and unbiased eye.

The fourth house is generally considered to be the indicator of the father and his relationship with the individual. This is of course subject to much argument; and the only clear statement which has so far come out of the confusion is that the fourth-tenth house axis refers to both parents. In some ways, it is immaterial which house goes with which parent, as problems with one automatically create compensatory problems with the other; however, I am inclined by experience to assign this house to the father as it is he who establishes the backbone of the family, gives it his name, and determines by his presence or absence the security or instability of the child's early life. It is rare that a child loses his mother except by death; but when a marriage fails, or there is no marriage in the first place, it is generally the father who leaves and whose support is withdrawn. The background of a difficult or broken home in childhood is usually coincident with afflicted planets in the fourth house or the fourth sign.

It will be obvious that having Saturn working as an unconscious factor from the plane of the feelings is rather difficult as he is very slippery. He is usually considered, in Cancer or in the fourth house, to suggest conditions of coldness, limitation, authority without love, separation or isolation, and a generally unsympathetic early home life. This is often in a very literal fashion, where the father dies or the parents are divorced or where the father is forced by circumstances to be away much of the time. The isolation may also occur in a symbolic fashion where the father is very much physically present but can offer no love, sympathy, or emotional support - or where he may be loving and kind but is a burden or a great disappointment through alcoholism, sickness, weakness of character, or an emotional pattern which destroys the peace of the home. Or there may be undue emphasis on material development and little on emotional expression.

There are many possible avenues on the mundane level in which a fourth house Saturn may find reflection. The forms are as varied as are individuals. Regardless of which means of outward expression occurs, however, the inner reaction is generally the same; the sense of security, the feeling of protection needed by a developing child as a base on which to build the evolving ego, is denied or frustrated; and the natural expression of feeling which seeks to find unity with family and a sense of heritage is blocked.

It needs little further reasoning to see that this kind of situation, working on unconscious levels, can effectively cripple part of the individual's emotional nature for the remainder of his life if it is not understood. The mistrust of any emotional intimacy, particularly the kind which revolves around a domestic situation, is usually pronounced; at the same time, a craving for something secure and permanent and tangible in the emotional life is also pronounced. It is a rare individual who is aware of this polarity existing within him; he will see one end or the other. He may either be inordinately tied to his family and the place of his birth, or hate them or display coolness and detachment. He is never truly indifferent, however, for something which was necessary for his emotional development was missing, and the entire structure of his psyche has had to develop lopsided to compensate for the loss.

There is often great emotional instability with Saturn in the fourth house; and a definite feeling of having been unloved, unwanted, is common. This may not be wholly conscious, however. Nevertheless it will show, in a very obvious fashion, to the perceptive observer. There is also often resentment toward men in general as the father is the first man or symbol of masculinity encountered by the child. This can, of course, wreak havoc with a man's understanding of his own masculinity and a woman's understanding both of men and of her own unconscious male half. This is particularly true if the father is actually

absent from the home; for then, however justified she may be, the mother must play both roles, and consequently, whether she is temperamentally suited to the role or not, she must become a dominant or authoritative figure. This is as much true of the weak or inept father as it is of the vanishing one. The areas of the emotional life which can be affected in adulthood are much greater than the sphere of the home, for the fourth house is one of the angles and is therefore more significant in terms of the expression of the man on the physical plane.

Saturn in the fourth house is also often concurrent with a compulsion to accumulate land. In this way, the need for some new sense of security on the emotional level is reduced to a physical fact - a common translation which Saturn very often attempts to make. The translation usually fails, however, for material things cannot satisfy an emotional need. But to the person carrying this emotional burden, land is solid and unchangeable, and a home which is owned cannot be taken away in the same fashion that emotional support can suddenly be torn away by death or absence. The unchecked crystallisation of a feeling value will eventually, as the individual hardens and grows older, lead to that which has been referred to as a 'lonely end to life'.

It will be obvious from this that a fourth house Saturn can rule the life with an iron although invisible hand by undermining the sense of self-worth and making it difficult for the individual to permit any close emotional contacts. It is the meaning of the position that is necessary if it is to be utilised in a constructive way.

By denying a component which ordinarily comes from the environment, Saturn's influence forces an individual to create that missing component himself if he is to have any peace. He must gradually withdraw identification of the value with the external world and find its reality within himself as a part of his own psyche. Thus the opportunity is offered, when Saturn is in the fourth house, for the person to build an inner sense of security and self-acceptance based on an understanding of his real origin. This solid inner psychic structure cannot be destroyed or shaken by circumstance; unlike the support and confidence given by a loving parent which fosters emotional dependency on others later in life - the worst quality of Saturn in Cancer - this inner strength becomes the inviolable possession of the soul. What begins as an emotional value must remain an emotional value, but the field of its expression is expanded.

This kind of security on a feeling level is extremely rare. The great majority of individuals bear many scars because of the loss of security in childhood, or they are dependent on loved ones for a constant supply of it. Only the individual with Saturn in the fourth house is likely to have developed it on his own; and this because he has had to. There is some amount of trust required in the guidance or wisdom of the inner self who has chosen this particular experience. Without this trust, there is no possibility of understanding the meaning of the experience. Saturn always drives a man to understand the nature of his pain. With a fourth house Saturn, he must understand the vulnerability of his own feeling nature and the needfulness which underlies his apparent coldness toward all family and domestic matters. It is then necessary to accept the experience as a positive means to an end which will be worth the pain and the effort, since the pain is relative to the dependency on others in the first place. The very personal and intimate world of the feelings must be acknowledged and encouraged. This is particularly difficult for men to do; and for this reason a fourth house Saturn is more dangerous on a man's chart; but in compensation, a man with Saturn placed here who has taken the time to descend into his own emotional depths, as do the heroes of mythology into the underworld, will display that rare integration and serenity which comes from a balancing of the masculine and feminine sides of the nature.

(Bill Herbst)

Microcosm: In the 4th house, Saturn reveals the seriousness of self-importance. Privacy is a difficult issue. At times it seems forced rather than chosen, more solitary confinement than secure space, as if you cannot really connect with others. However, at other

moments, privacy feels denied by circumstantial responsibilities, and you must steal your aloneness, protecting it jealously. The pitfalls revolve around fear that you may never achieve truly balanced self-centeredness. How can you be the centre of everything, yet remain humble? The challenge is to realize that your personal identity is inviolable, a source of strength buried deeply within the self, like the roots of a giant oak.

Personal security: Security is linked with responsibility, especially the feeling that you must carry on some fundamental family tradition, whatever the cost. You probably believe it would be selfish to do otherwise, even when what you must carry is a difficult burden. You may have trouble realizing the weight of these traditions, bearing them dutifully rather than examining them directly. This is part of your basic conservatism, a special sensitivity toward solid, dependable structures. Though you are cautious, you work like 'the little piggy who built his house out of bricks' to establish a home and family of permanent value. While we all deal with the pitfalls of shame in our families, you in particular must devote enduring efforts toward overcoming any crippling effects from shame-based experience. THE challenge is to honor the past without sacrificing yourself.

Emotional imprints: Your family was highly structured, marked on the one hand by solid respect for authority, and on the other by a sense of brittle rigidity. Identifying your role in the family was difficult. You may have felt unimportant, unwanted, or unloved; or conversely, you may have felt far too important, like a bird in a gilded cage. In either case, alienation is a real, if sometimes unconscious, presence. It's lonely both at the bottom and at the top. But you learned how to satisfy your desires and avoid getting caught with your hand in the cookie jar. Whatever you couldn't have, couldn't do, couldn't be is what you most remember and work to achieve.

'Inner-link' parent: What can we make of the father's symbol in the mother's place? It may indeed be that the father is the inner-link parent in this situation; but more probably, it indicates that the mother took over the father's role. She came to represent authority and external structuring power for you as a child. This placement often corresponds with a 'missing' father, someone not necessarily physically absent, but psychologically neutralized in one way or another.

Private intuition: Can you trust yourself? You want aid from your guides, but may be afraid to seek it out for fear you may be unworthy of your own best counsel. The key is self-respect developed over a long period of growth, self-respect that can mature into trust - truly believing in yourself. Honor the justice of your inner guides; they may at times seem stern, cold, even unfeeling, but finally they are on your side, helping you to become strong, capable, and grown-up. Real, honest adulthood is very difficult for all of us. Your guides want to see you achieve that rare state.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in the fourth house emphasizes the early home and parents. Children with this position usually learn to work early, though this can be for many different reasons. Life on a farm is possible, with chores for everyone. Help from the children may be needed because of poverty, illness, or just a large family. There might be a single parent playing both parental roles. Guessing details is a futile effort in astrology. When we understand the principles, we can often change the details.

The main issues for Saturn in the natural house of the Moon involve dependency versus power and responsibility. Some people are struggling to do justice to both a family and a career in the world, and they have to accept the fact that we can't do everything well. The answer to dominance / dependency is interdependency - each person able to give something that others value and can receive. As small children, the power is all outside, and sometimes Saturn in the fourth house shows a truly difficult home life; but as we gain skills, we can create the secure home and family we want.

Fourth house careers can include 'mothering' our own family or the world. We can feed,

clothe, house, or comfort the public. An office or business in the home is possible, or a family business which follows in the footsteps of the parents. Family roots, genealogies, antiques, could be treasured. Security is very important, but concerns can range from self-absorption in an insecure person to the urge to protect all of life including mother earth. Some individuals might not have children of their own for fear of 'not doing it right', but they might substitute pets or a garden to satisfy the parental instinct.

(Zipporah Dobyns) (contd.)

An astrological colleague with Saturn in the 4th house says she did not have harsh, punitive parents or a difficult childhood. She and her siblings didn't have to do any work, though their single parent worked hard. Saturn ruled her seventh house, and her grandparent did some parenting. She was aware of 'poverty' in that depression-era messages were received from both her mother and grandmother, so she felt 'poor' sometimes even though she wasn't. She worked from the home, followed parental footsteps in career, and works in a field involving emotional support of people.

(Bil Tierney)

In this house of psychological roots and subjective anchoring, Saturn suggests we may feel a deep lack of inner security due to our early family experience. It may not have been easy for us to digest the general atmosphere within the home during our formative years. Later, we may grow up making a concentrated effort to protect ourselves from whatever we regard as emotionally threatening. Saturn in the Fourth House can be an easily internalized placement. We can become quite adept at constructing defence mechanisms and other psychological barriers that insulate us from experiencing vulnerability in close human interactions, leaving us lonely and cut off from others at a root level of our being.

Some of us work hard to keep our real feelings from being exposed or even analyzed. Perhaps we fear that those we desire to attach ourselves to are capable of wounding us or - even worse - abandoning us in our moment of greatest need, so we may choose to remain impenetrable at the base of our inner foundation. How did we develop such a deep distrust of other people's ability to nurture and support us on emotional levels? Why all the hard-as-steel insulation? People may feel we are difficult to reach. Ever on the defence, we disagree that we are inaccessible. We probably just don't see ourselves like that, and it hurts when others do.

We may have viewed elements of our childhood years in the home as a source of discomfort, denial, pain, and general restriction. It probably made little difference, from a subjective viewpoint, whether ours was an environment of privileged affluence or abject poverty. Any sense of deprivation was more on an emotional level than a material one. We were paying close attention to how well our parents either responded to our original needs or ignored them. Our upbringing and conditioning may have revealed patterns of rigidity, coldness, a lack of color, and varying degrees of enforced discipline and control.

Many of us took all this quite seriously, and seldom without anxiety. We may have been made to feel disliked and unwanted by at least one parent, whom we nevertheless tried to appease and from home we nevertheless tried to gain respect. What we basically wanted from that parent (and maybe from the rest of the family) was unconditional love and closeness - an affirmation that we were lovable for just being our imperfect selves, warts and all. We typically grew up feeling we never got that. The prerequisites for love and emotional nourishment centered on our obedience and model behavior. As few of us were flawless in word and deed, we may not have grown up feeling accepted. As adults, we may distance ourselves from our family at large rather than submit to their critical rejection. (Much of the above is also likely to be symbolized by a very harshly aspected Saturn: Saturn / Moon / Pluto conflicts in particular.)

This house puts us in touch with the maternal manifestations at the circumstantial level.

We usually learn about our own caregiving capacity through interaction with our biological mother or early mother figure. With Saturn here, we want our maternal figure to be dependable and solid. We expect her to be predictable in her support. We can become preoccupied with this parent's ability to fulfill our need for safety. How well she does can have quite an impact on how we express closeness and intimacy as adults. But astrology wouldn't put the sole blame on our mother if she did a poor job here. We are the ones born with Saturn in the Fourth House, and it is we who are projecting certain unappealing Saturn traits onto our mother. We may have trouble internally reclaiming these projections as we get older, but they will need to be reclaimed as part of our wholeness. Until then, our mother has to carry and act out much of Saturn's darker face.

In actuality, Mom could have been inconsistent or contradictory in her rearing of us, creating mixed messages. She could have been very protective of our welfare while also reluctant to be too warm and demonstrative with her feelings, as if driven more by parental duty than instinctive love. We tend to absorb this same inner complex, resulting in an ambivalence that typically doesn't sit well with the Saturn principle (which would rather opt for clearly defined expression). Maybe our mother was unable to show her love for us because daily survival needs were the number one priority, with little time for tender-hearted moments of maternal affection. Her opportunities to show care may have been limited for some tangible reason. Maybe her career needs were put before our baby needs. How this Saturn dilemma played out could have taken many paths.

It could also be that our mother was emotionally immature at the time, or simply wasn't very maternal at heart. Babies pick up on this quite vividly and can appear constantly cranky as a form of protest for getting the cold shoulder. In a few cases, our mom may not have physically been around long enough (due to abandonment, divorce, institutionalization, or death) to help us structure healthy security patterns during our formative years. Her absence created a void that may still need to be filled.

It is generally considered a social taboo, so we probably carry some weighty guilt about it, but some of us may grow up disliking, or even hating our mother. Maybe we grow up realizing we function best by keeping a safe distance from our mom and her negative impact on us. (Often Saturn / Moon stress aspects are similar in theme here.) We feel vulnerable around many of our family members, sensing they collectively know how to target our weak spots. But what we tend to dislike the most are the feelings of obligation and duty we may have towards them. Dependency issues unresolved in the past can be associated with an ongoing sense of doubt and frustration.

We may realize that our maternal relationship is neither healthy nor growth-inducing, especially if we do nothing about it but gripe and let resentment slowly build a nest of thorns. At the least, we sense a firm parental grip over certain aspects of our psyche - a power we cannot break away from completely without first learning the inner meaning of that power.

Saturn in the Water houses is more apt to indicate 'karmic' ties than when found in other house placements. With Saturn in the Fourth House, we may feel quite bound to our mother (or the concept of mother), even if we don't like her personally or trust her motives and intentions. But by paying attention to what discomforts us about her, we may learn plenty about what we have trouble getting in touch with when others come into our life and attempt to mother and comfort us, or when they show that feared dark face and deny our needs by turning cold or leaving us.

Some of us with Saturn in the Fourth House tend to block our ability to become emotionally dependent on another. We feel weakened by our own neediness. It is possible that we associate such dependency with loss, restriction, or even harsh criticism. Perhaps our early attempts at securing maternal warmth and affection were unsuccessful. We could misinterpret ourselves as unlovable because of it. Later, in our adult relationships, we may have little confidence in our ability to establish a sound emotional base. We could push off others who need to depend on us on some level. Yet we can deeply feel attached

to others. Our degree of linkage can be enduring, but unfortunately we may associate such connection with powerlessness.

If we do not eventually examine ourselves and ask why we are so afraid to meaningfully connect with others, we could end up lonely and shut off from really intimate contact. This can be painfully felt near the closing years of our life (the Fourth House deals with our approach to 'old age'). We need to carefully review our past, studying the nature of parental interaction - and especially that parent we strongly reacted to on the emotional level. Even if we lacked an adequate maternal figure altogether, we are still prone to fixate on the emptiness and hunger such a lack of nurturing could create.

Realize that Saturn in the Fourth House does not exclusively deny us warmth or sensitive responsiveness from others; but still we feel we must work hard to earn and secure such response. We may assume it will involve a struggle. We are as likely to doubt our own capacity to be caring of others (even of animals / plants / the home itself), but in truth we are anything but uncaring and unconcerned at the roots of our being. One important life goal is for us to recognize this. We need to work at accepting dependency relationships and viewing them as redemptive and healing for us.

With a mismanaged Saturn, regardless of house, we often suffer because of our own unrecognized potential, underdeveloped strengths, or untapped capacity for excellence. Saturn in the Fourth House suggests we can convince ourselves that we are somehow emotionally inadequate. Maybe we inwardly doubt our ability to relate to people on a safe, connecting level. We think we do not bond easily.

Perhaps we take the 'family' concept much too seriously. Inside us we crave having Ozzie and Harriet for parents, but in reality we got a less than ideal set-up. Maybe we continued to over-analyze various family members (the Fourth House also describes the 'family dynamic' as a whole) in terms of how they accept or reject us. Do they know we are sometimes full of hurt? Or that we are lonely or scared? Would they even care? Before we drown in self-pity, we need to recognize that our own standards of right / wrong or good / bad behavior for our family can be rigid and unyielding.

Our family unit probably did appear to us as conservative, orthodox, formality-conscious, or bland and lacking in imagination. Everyone seemed to take the safe route of controlled interaction. Structured roles held the family together. But have we committed ourselves to forever seeing some family members in an inflexible manner? If they don't seem to ever change for the better, how much of that is due to our fixed attitudes and lasting impressions? We need to be careful we don't stifle their growth too.

Although our family typically didn't treat us like pampered babies (we certainly weren't spoiled rotten with attention), we may still grow up feeling as vulnerable as infants psychologically. Such emotional hypersensitivity either goes unrecognized by those we try to get close to for support, or is harshly reprimanded and devalued (we are brushed off as too clingy and suffocating). We are accused of always being hungry for unconditional assurance from our mate, our kids, even the dog, and can get very down and fearful when they start to back off and put up a stone wall of separation. Saturn can be tenacious; and the Fourth House can be blind to its aggressive instincts to envelop others in its waves of feelings. We often are too subjectively wrapped up in our reactions to understand that breathing space is always needed in healthy relationships. We are subject to separation to begin with; but at some point in our development we need to consciously allow for independent functioning, especially in the home. The 'empty nest blues' need not be our fate. It would be good to see how well we can live alone and unattached, if need be. Saturn will test our ability to be self-sufficient security-wise.

Economic difficulties in our family when we were young can make us sensitive to future deprivation. We may harbor doubts as adults about not being well provided for on the home front, fearing we won't have a decent roof over our heads. We over-achievers with Saturn in the Fourth House will make sure we have a well-protected home (or homes)

that is ours to control (renting is less satisfying than owning for Saturn). But if we block our Saturn needs, our failure to properly self-nurture also expresses itself as a lack of support for our domestic security needs. We can end up living in places that are cramped, unattractive, worn out, or in constant need of repairs. It can get expensive to maintain such a place. Maybe we also gravitate towards unsafe housing, such as a dangerous neighborhood or living quarters that lack safety features such as deadbolt locks and peepholes. We may live some place with cheap rent, but it may be drafty and a utilities guzzler due to poor insulation. We may even forget to lock our doors or safeguard our belongings in other ways. (An out-of-touch Saturn behaves much like a careless Jupiter or Neptune.) Whatever the case, we need to ask ourselves why we literally feel at home in such substandard dwellings. Don't we deserve a better nest, a safer shelter? Maybe even a real dining room?

Some of us over-achievers react to our anxious feelings of insecurity by doing our very best to build the most solid foundation we can afford. We insist on a sound and dependable home structure. We'd even like to have our own land to build our home from scratch. We also want to be grounded in natural surroundings. Our home must be our sturdy fortress, totally managed by us. (Saturn is very much into protecting territorial rights.) We typically desire fences, walls, heavy shrubbery defining boundaries, and other forms of clear demarcation. We may instead pick an isolated spot away from populated areas. However, we need to be sensible about how far we will go for the sake of ultimate protection. Why do we only feel safe when living in a home resembling Fort Knox?

Natal Saturn in 5th House

(Liz Greene)

Under the general umbrella of the fifth house are usually included pleasures and amusements, love affairs, children, creativity and self-expression, and speculation and investments. This is a rather large mouthful for one mundane house. As this house is the reflection of the Sun, the symbol for the conscious ego, it might be easier to approach it as the expression of the individual's 'selfness', those areas where he can be uniquely and wholly himself, where he can permeate his feelings, desires, ideas, and activities with his own essence, and where he is completely unimpeded and uncoloured by the necessity for compromise. This is the house of the individual identity; and through the affairs of the fifth house one begins to apprehend, through creative self-expression, the meaning of his own identity. Leo and the fifth house have a great deal to do with the recognition of the self both by others and by the individual himself. We interpret it also as the house of love, but it might more aptly be called the house of romance because this also is an area where the individual may express - or project - his own identity without interference; and through the experience of love of this kind he may get a glimpse of his own inner centre. Love in all its meanings is perhaps as much an archetype as is the archetype of the Self; and neither one is discernible on the birth chart; only the ways in which they are likely to be approached and expressed are evident, and they are both connected with the fifth house.

This house, like the first and the ninth, is also connected with the faculty of the intuition and with the individual's intuitive perception of the purpose and completeness of his total psyche. Expressing through the first, the individual intuits purpose through his interaction with the environment; expressing through the fifth, he intuits his wholeness through reflecting upon himself as he appears in his own creations. This kind of reflection can lead, in the end, to the experience of the 'I' as a complete and unique idea; but this experience is not approached through the intellect. Otherwise it becomes a meaningless set of concepts which only serve to throw up more barriers between the individual and his experience of himself. Through an act of creative expression, he may intuitively catch himself being himself; and the importance of this psychological experience should not be underestimated. It is one of the motives behind creativity.

It is usual to find the Leonian personality described as egotistical and self-centred. But it

might be more correct to say that rather than being self-centred, he is seeking the self at the centre, and in consequence everything that he does is of dramatic importance to him because somewhere in all of it he sense the possibility of the direct encounter, the direct experience. rather than criticising him for his tendency to exaggerate his own importance, it is perhaps more helpful to realise that no individual can be of any value to himself or to others until he first discovers who and what that self is. Through the fifth house, the individual begins to glimpse himself through those expressions which contain within them a piece of his own unique identity. This is not necessarily limited to creativity in the artistic sense, although this is perhaps a more direct form of self-expression. Every individual has some area of life where he is seeking to understand his own significance through completely unimpeded self-expression, whether this is an artistic field, an intellectual one, an emotional one, or the creation of a living child.

From this, it may be inferred that the conventional attitude toward the bearing of children is empty in need of some further reflection. Often the first half of the creative process is accomplished - the child is born - but the second half, the half in which the education and self-recognition of the creator begins - is frequently neglected because this act requires humility of a kind which is usually absent from the parent-child relationship. Children are, in our society, very much a means of living out vicariously those qualities and expressions which are unconscious or have not been permitted to unfold in the life of the parent. Rather than helping to provide a means of self-realisation, they are seen as empty vessels which can be moulded, shaped, and filled with any content we choose. An act of creativity can always lead to greater self-awareness when we consider who it is that is doing the creating; but it always involves a gamble because of the possibility of pride distorting the perception. In any painting or piece of music, there is a fragment of the consciousness of the creator; and in the end it is for the greater consciousness of his psyche that he creates, not for his audience, although his audiences may be a part of the alchemical transformation by which he achieves divinity. This may seem abstruse, but we are fond of tossing about concepts such as God's love for his children and the artist's quest for immortality without having the vaguest idea what we are talking about. It is worth some meditation upon the idea of the creative act, and its psychic significance, in order to get fuller understanding of the meaning of Saturn in the fifth house.

When Saturn is in the fifth house, there is a temporary barrier between the person and his self-realisation, composed primarily of those shadowy attributes which he will not permit into consciousness. The creative flow is often blocked; or, if it is not blocked, then the experience of self-realisation which is the natural result may be blocked. The perfect circle of outpouring and inner transformation is interrupted, and the man often pours his energy out and thinks that he receives nothing back because his own sense of inadequacy prevents him from realising that it has nothing to do with the audience. This applies not only to creative expression but to romantic love as well. Usually the person with a fifth house saturn cannot easily find himself among his creations because he has had a minimum of recognition from anyone else. This is the classic indication of the unloved child, the child who may be ignored or treated as merely an extension of his parents, where his own identity and significance has somehow been swallowed up in the trappings of what passes for parent-child love. Children with Saturn in the fifth house are often loved in the sense that their parents love the idea of the child, but they are rarely loved for the unique quality of 'selfness' which is at the base of the individuality. later in life, because these children have never experienced the recognition of self by anybody else, they are hard-pressed to recognise it themselves and often find it difficult to make contact with their own inner significance. The child with Saturn in the fifth house must often pay the later price of intense feelings of inadequacy and insignificance no matter how many gifts or abilities he may possess.

This placement of Saturn often concurs with a reluctance or inability to have children; or the children may bring burdens, responsibilities, or pain. This is the traditional interpretation of a fifth house Saturn. He may deny himself love in the sense that, not loving himself or being able to understand his own value, he is afraid that no-one else will find him lovable either. Caught in his own feelings of inferiority, he may be jealous and

resentful of others, ensuring the fact of his rejection by them. There is often a stiffness and lack of spontaneity about Saturn in the fifth house; one has the feeling that the individual is always watching himself watching himself and is rarely able to relax. He strains and pushes in the hope, unconsciously, of getting some glimpse of what he truly is mirrored in the loving eyes of others; but he generally consistently fails when he attempts it in this way. Because he pushes so hard, he often alienates those who otherwise might have helped him. His disappointments may come through many channels; but behind the heartbreak which is often associated with this position lies the individual's inability to love himself, to recognise his own significance, and to find an inner centre which can give his life stability and meaning.

Saturn in the fifth house has a reputation for being cold and heartless; but this kind of face is characteristic of Saturn and should not be taken literally. The heart of stone is apparent in many people who are concerned with protecting their own vulnerability with a veneer of callousness. Usually behind this veneer is a small child who cannot understand his own importance. There is often an intense selfishness exhibited by Saturn in the fifth house, and a desperate need to feel important, admired, envied, and popular. Envy is most typical of this position, for the individual who cannot find his own centre is often deeply resentful of what he thinks are the meaningful lives of others. To the individual with a fifth house Saturn, everyone else's grass often seems greener. Usually he is most envious of those who seem to attract love, friendship, and affection without having to make the strenuous effort at skill, superiority, and dazzle which is typical of the fifth house Saturn. No-one seeks popularity as assiduously as he does, whether this is conscious or not; and no-one is so crushed and heartbroken when he is not accepted. Saturn is awkward in the Sun's sign; and the challenge offered to the person with this placement is a difficult one, for he needs to find his inner centre and identify with that rather than the trappings with which he usually surrounds himself. Without these trappings, the person usually feels naked and vulnerable. The opportunity offered, however, is an important one, for if he succeeds in finding this centre and manages to shift the focus of his personality from the ego to this more meaningful self, he can begin to recapture the naive joy which is apparent only in a child, the joy which comes from an innate trust in life and in the existence of love in the universe. Having once found the secret of his own identity, he can never lose it again; and that natural integrity and brightness which is one of the most endearing of Leonian qualities becomes his permanent expression. He is no longer dependent on whether others recognise him or not, for he has at last recognised himself. This experience of contacting the self always seems to evoke the same response in those people who have experienced it: they seem to recapture some of the spontaneous joy, vitality, and innate honesty of the heroes of folklore and fairytale, regardless of the inhibiting qualities of their outer lives. This joy is not unconscious, however, for the process is a conscious one and is not a regression. Somehow the duality of conscious sophistication, or fine discrimination, and unconscious integrity, or the sense of trust, is fused within the personality. This is a great challenge and an important opportunity, and, if taken, certainly balances the pain and loneliness which are usually the initial gifts of Saturn in the fifth house.

There is often an interesting blend of inflation and an intense and often crippling shyness apparent with Saturn in the fifth house. The individual both overrates and underrates himself, but rarely perceives himself clearly; consequently, he cannot see others clearly because he is always projecting his own evaluations onto them and usually does badly in affairs of the heart because of this. He often cannot express overt affection easily, yet at the same time cannot bear to be ignored. Loyalty and honour may become of exaggerated importance to him, for he often tries to crystallise and solidify the love of others through emphasis on the forms and codes of behaviour which love sometimes takes as its outer expression. It is not so much love in the affectional sense as recognition that he seeks; and it is easy to see why this placement is often associated with those in the entertainment professions. The fifth house itself does not need this feedback from others; he simply is, and that is enough. Saturn in the fifth cannot see the 'I', and must seek it in the applause of the crowd.

With this placement of Saturn, the psyche seems to be directed toward a realisation of itself, toward a process of individuation as Jung calls it, and will often not permit the conscious personality to find any solace in the usual activities which supply an identity for most people. Thus children, who often provide a sense of purpose and significance to their parents, are a disappointment, or there is no possibility of having them. Romantic love rarely turns out to be the ideal which is expected, because the eyes of the lover somehow never reflect that missing flash which will convince the person of his own value. Creative expression never quite seems fulfilling, and usually misses the mark. The individual usually is driven, in the end, to seek himself within himself, because no other means are left available to him. It is he himself who has set it up in this way; but to recognise the underlying purpose behind these disappointments is the beginning of wisdom and the final taking of the opportunity.

There may be as much overcompensation here as with any other Saturnian placement. Many people with Saturn in the fifth house work very hard at never taking life seriously, although no-one is more sensitive, touchy, and serious in matters of affection than the fifth house Saturn. His fears of rejection and insignificance usually lead him to lace the idea of love heavily with concepts such as loyalty, duty, fidelity, and responsibility, although these may be unconscious lacings. He needs structures so that he may be guaranteed a sufficient amount of enduring love. Unfortunately, no matter how many structures he erects, he usually still cannot trust, and the disguise of frivolity rarely deceives anyone after a while although he may continue to deceive himself. The heaviness and needfulness of this placement usually shows through, and because of this the person is often deeply hurt.

If the person does not work with his fifth house Saturn, this is a rather unhappy position; any coupling of Saturn and the Sun carries weight with it, whether this coupling occurs by sign, aspect, or house interchange. All these contacts are connected with the discovery of the self; and this is painful because it involves the tearing away of the veil. We are taught in early childhood that we are many things - our feelings, or beliefs, or bank accounts, or children, or talents, or loved ones - anything and everything except ourselves. The person with Saturn in the fifth house often demands so much from others that he is left lonely and heartbroken. He is capable of much love and devotion, but does not dare to express it without asking for a guarantee back; only when he recognises this unconscious process of a barter can he begin to free himself of it.

What is often not recognised is that the ordinary man who has Saturn in the fifth house, who has no aspirations to conquer the world, may nevertheless have a small share of this desperate need for importance and recognition, coupled with an acute shyness which leads him to wait in the wings when what he wants most is to be at the centre of the stage with all eyes focused, adoring, upon him. Failing this, he may become a petty tyrant in the home, a hypochondriac, a domestic dictator.

The person with Saturn in the fifth house is sometimes not easy to love because he is like a jug with no bottom and absorbs affection and attention endlessly without being satisfied; however, if he begins to understand that his path is inward toward the self, he may begin to see what kind of opportunity is offered to him.

Natal Saturn in 6th House

(Liz Greene)

Work, health, servants, and employer-employee relationships are the traditional meanings assigned to the sixth house. From it, one is said to gain insight into the individual's work habits, the kind of situations he is likely to attract into his work life, his attitudes toward routine and toward service, and his attitude toward his body as a vehicle of service. The state of one's health is denoted by this house, and any tendencies toward organic or functional illness are generally reflected by it. This is generally considered to be a 'weak' house, as is the twelfth, because it is cadent, and planets which are placed in

it do not appear to express through the mode of events or external activity. The sixth house is in fact often overlooked or considered unimportant. It is possible that we possess very little real understanding of its meaning because we do not understand the nature of the physical body and its link with the mind and the feelings of the individual.

This house seems to be of great importance on an inner level, as is the twelfth house, for it seems to refer to a process of inner synthesis, purification, ordering, or gestation which precedes the external and objective expression of the person into the world of others. We are used to linking the first six signs and houses of the zodiac with one's personal development and the last six signs and houses with one's participation in group life. As a cadent house, the sixth is the inner process of attunement or ordering which synthesises the qualities developed through previous effort, and forges of them one integrated personality which can then be the vehicle of expression for the self. Work, when it is related to this house, then becomes not only a means of livelihood, or a means of justifying one's existence, but also a ritual or preparation or purification, and assumes importance as a symbol - just as money is a symbol when considered against the deeper meaning of the second house. The body itself is a symbol if this point of view is logically extended; and the health of the body is related to the success or failure of the integration process which is necessary for planets placed in this house.

This may seem an abstruse definition for plain, hard-working Virgo and her plain, hard-working house. But if we look once more to mythology, we will find that the virgin goddesses of the ancients were virgin not in the sense of sexual innocence or naiveté, for these goddesses were also prostitutes and ruled over the mysteries of sexual union and of birth. Virginal meant whole, single, possessed by no man, and the servant or slave of no husband or lover. The virgin mother goddess was a female archetype who mated and gave birth but who would never be a wife or helpmeet for she was wholly herself, independent, self-contained, integrated, and dependent on no-one for her meaning or expression. It was only later that these goddesses were given to solar deities and were deprived of their autonomy and their sexuality in one clean swoop of patriarchal social development. There may be in this symbolism another key to the meaning of Virgo and the sixth house, for they appear to be connected with wholeness, the synthesis or integration of the various warring components of the psyche. On a larger level, the synthesis or integration of the individual with his physical environment is also suggested, prior to his being able to join with others in a co-operative relationship.

The mysteries of the power of the mind over the body are being tentatively explored in psychology and psychosomatic medicine; and the less orthodox schools of healing, such as hypnotherapy, are perhaps even more aware of the subtle but unquestionable link between one's state of mind - and this includes the feeling nature - and one's health. But we still understand very little of these matters; and, as much as medical science has been able to accomplish since ancient times, the recent exploration of the energy field or 'etheric double' which permeates and co-exists with the physical body suggests that we have only just begun to comprehend the full meaning of the physical vehicle. The ancient science of acupuncture and the esoteric doctrine of the chakras or energy centres are not so absurd or unprovable as they were once thought to be. What we have always believed to be physical illness now appears to be originated from an entirely different level. We have only recently become aware of the concept of the unconscious mind; and prior to the birth of psychology in the 20th century - accelerated by the discovery of Pluto - it was left to the medieval alchemists to make some sense out of man's fantasies and dreams, and this they were never able to achieve fully because they lacked the methods of scientific research. Perhaps we must wait for the discovery of another planet before the sixth house and sign will yield their secrets to us.

Saturn in the sixth house seems to provide an opportunity - often through frustration, disappointment, and ill-health - for a journey into the mysteries of the interconnection between mind and body and the possibility of a conscious and deliberate synthesis of these two, the reward of which is good health and a new awareness of the meaning of the body and of the material environment. Few people, however, are aware of this

opportunity, because we are not made aware that there might be a deeper meaning to work and to health. More commonly, Saturn placed in the sixth refers to a state of disease, of discomfort, or of frustration and limitation in one's work situation. The fundamental psychological need for rhythm and ritual, the careful ordering of external life as a symbol of the careful ordering of the inner life which should, and rarely does, parallel it, is often denied in childhood. This need is as valid and as real as the need for security or for achievement.

If Saturn's darker side is considered first, the lack of this ordered rhythm of both inner and outer life will often be felt later as an area of inadequacy and fear. A heavily structured discipline or routine in childhood is common with this placement; but the routine is often lacking in fundamental meaning because there is no effort at inner alignment. Chaos threatens perpetually to intrude on the inner level, for there is little integration there; and an almost compulsive ordering of the outer environment frequently ensues. Saturn may exaggerate the natural love of work, routine, and order until the love becomes a fear of anything outside the known and well-trod path. There is often a deep inner anxiety over physical or mental disintegration; and this placement has been linked with mental as well as physical disorders. It is the outer form of order which Saturn clings to rather than the inner blending of the mind, the feelings, and the intuition through the medium of the body; consequently, he experiences frustration, for once again he has attempted to make tangible something which is essentially an inner process.

The individual with Saturn in Virgo or in the sixth house may externalise his situation so that the adjustment and the frustration pertain to his work life, for in the function of usefulness to the larger group, he expresses the function of his body and its intricate structure to his total psyche. Just as an organ in his physical body may be out of harmony, he likewise may, as an organ of his environment, be out of harmony with the larger structure. It is his task to integrate himself to his world and to his body, for he stands at the midpoint of these two. His body must serve his inner purpose as he must serve the inner purpose of the group.

When the man is relatively unconscious, Saturn may be symbolic of discontent and resentment because he may be aware only of the fact that he is in a rut and that he is imprisoned by circumstances. He may feel that he is capable of better things, and will chafe against the boredom of his endless routine. Yet the meaning of the routine escapes him, because he does not truly understand the meaning of service. The inner serenity which can be achieved through an alignment with the group life by service is rarely achieved in this case. Only the monotony of the outer pattern, repeated over and over again, is apparent. Saturn in the sixth house may suggest that the individual will be drawn toward service; but his conception of service is generally a situation where one does menial tasks for others. It is said in esoteric teaching that service, rather than being 'good works', is an innate quality of the inner man; it is a state of consciousness rather than a planned act. Service of this kind is the result of inner integration, for once the body and feeling and mind of a man are in balance, he can then begin to become aware, intuitively, of the purpose and nature of his inner psyche. He is no longer occupied in reconciling the battling components of his nature, but through an inner attunement - achieved through a ritual ordering of his personality - he can listen to his real direction. This is the goal of meditation, and of yoga, and of certain kinds of ritual magic, all of which are given to the sixth house - although the meaning is rarely made clear. Service which is the result of inner balance is the potential result of Saturn in the sixth house when he is expressing in a conscious way; and this placement is common among physicians, surgeons, and those who tend to the mental and emotional ills of others because it is a fulfilment of the inner need of the group.

Service is often seen by the average individual with Saturn in the sixth house as an easy road, because it does not require courage, initiative, or the braving of the unknown - qualities which Saturn placed here often has difficulty expressing. Yet he may resent being a servant because of the sameness of his situation and the anonymity of his role. One of the most common reflections of this placement is the individual who remains in a

job which he dislikes intensely yet cannot leave. We may hear him complain about it bitterly and about those for whom he works; he may be underpaid and overworked, or at least believe that he is; yet he will generally find excuses for avoiding any confrontation or effort at improvement because if his circumstances are irritating and frustrating, at least they are safe and familiar. If he does attempt to help himself, he is frequently refused because he projects an attitude of self-doubt or because he lacks the skill or qualifications to earn him a better situation. He often misses the need for the development of a skill because this requires an inner purpose for the outer training, and he is uncomfortable when forced to consider inner purposes. He may very neatly lock himself into his own prison without realising that he still, and always, possesses the key.

There is real administrative or organising ability with Saturn in the sixth house, and often real healing ability and a fine and subtle insight into the intricacies of the mind; but these must be brought into the light and polished into usefulness. They are rarely available without effort. The man generally finds that confrontation with the shadowy side of his nature, which seeks to avoid the problem of responsibility to the life of the group, is necessary. Humility of a genuine kind, which is one of the more endearing Virgoan qualities, is rarely present by natural inclination when Saturn is in the sixth house; subservience is often expressed instead, and they are not the same thing. The unconscious man with Saturn in the sixth house is like a gardener who loves only the flower, the final result of the process of growth, without understanding that the flower has meaning only against the context of the slow and orderly sequence of growth of the entire plant. The plant does not grow to produce the flower for him; it is only accidental that he is even there to appreciate it, for the plant responds to its own inner purpose. Therefore, when the flower dies, his joy is gone.

Saturn in the sixth house is commonly associated with ill-health as well as with a fascination for the laws of health. There is no reasonable answer to the problem of inherited or congenital disease, for if we seek a cause-and-effect principle, or even a purpose, we are confronted with the philosophical problem of the nature of the soul. There are often simpler principles at work in the case of psychosomatic illness, however, and this is common with a sixth house Saturn. The least glamorous cause of this kind of pattern is a desire for attention, and this is common enough; the individual who completely dominates his household and his family through the demands of his illness is very common. Also common is the desire to avoid that which is unpleasant, either work or the deeper need for ordering which the psyche calls for and which seems an impossible task. The hypochondriac with a sixth house Saturn is not an infrequent occurrence. This is Saturn's method of avoiding the problem of integration, for illness is always a reflection of imbalance - even if we assign it a purely physical origin.

We may also see the opposite extreme of Saturn in the individual who is obsessed with being 'healthy'. This is a much clearer example of the need for ordering which is compressed into a tangible method of expression. But whatever the external manifestation, Saturn in the sixth house reflects an imperative need for inner integration which, if avoided, may produce illness and, if forced into a material channel, may produce inner frustration, moodiness, irritability, and depression. If an individual works consciously toward a practical understanding of his psyche, and of its relationship with his body, and of the relationship of this working unit to the environment of which he is a part, then Saturn in the sixth house can make of the mind and the body not two interrelated things but one thing, a finely balanced vehicle which is then available for the use of the inner man who is no longer confined by his material expression. Toward this end alchemy was directed; and today the process of individuation in analytical psychology is also directed toward this synthesis. It is reflected in the ancient alchemical injunction: 'Thou wilt never make from others the One which thou seekest, except there first be made one thing of thyself'.

Natal Saturn in 7th House

(Liz Greene)

The seventh house is traditionally that of marriage and the marriage partner as well as that of open enemies. The characteristics which are valued in others, and which are sought in a partner, are symbolised by this house as well as the characteristics which are possessed by our enemies and through which we are vulnerable to opposition. In the seventh house, the perfect match is represented, the attributes which, when added to the components of the personality of the individual, will round him out and make him whole. The situations which the person is likely to attract in marriage are also represented here; and some indication of what kind of partner the person himself is likely to be.

We have for a long time accepted a rather superficial interpretation for Libra and its corresponding house; and the psychological mechanism of projection is most clearly and obviously displayed by the traditional meaning assigned to this house of the 'other'. For the other is in the end within oneself; and it is a balance between the male and female halves of the man's own psyche which stands behind his balance with a marriage partner. We seek in others what we are not able to express consciously ourselves; and we also hate in others what we are not able to express. No perfect match with another can create inner wholeness. Marriage as it is reflected by the seventh house is a reality only in proportion to the inner integration of the individual; otherwise, it is a charade, and although this view is apparently a cynical or depressive one, it is possible that it is in fact hopeful because it suggests the possibility of something better than what we see around us. The basic psychological mechanism of projection of the unconscious, transexual half of the psyche - termed by Jung the anima in men and the animus in women - is intimately connected with the qualities of the marriage partner as they are evidenced by the seventh house.

When Saturn is in the seventh house, the opportunity for an inner integration or balancing of opposites is offered, for it is unlikely that the individual will find the qualities he seeks happily expressed by a partner. It is more likely that he will attract to himself situations which involve some degree of pain, isolation, rejection, and disappointment until he begins to re-orient himself toward an inner search. This placement is analogous to the coniunctio or mystical marriage of alchemy, which in psychological terms suggests an inner integration which results in a new centre for the psyche and new balance and meaning in life. In alchemical symbolism this marriage is always accompanied by darkness and death previous to the distillation of the elixir; and the darkness which often accompanies a seventh house Saturn is matched only by the brilliance of the gold which is also promised.

The most basic interpretation of Saturn in the seventh house is sorrow, difficulty, or constriction in marriage or other close relationships. Generally these sorrows appear to be the hand of external fate and often do not seem to be connected with any fault in the individual himself. Saturn in this house is frequently in his most elaborate disguise because his action is so completely externalised. It always seems to be the other person's fault. This is characteristic of seventh house planets; and good or bad luck, happiness or unhappiness, appear to come through the agency of the partner or the opponent. We are accustomed to interpreting this house as a symbol of the effects of others upon us without considering that these effects are the direct result of our own inner needs and conflicts projected outward upon others. It is not wholly the partner's shortcomings that are responsible when Saturn in the seventh house does not foster a union of unmitigated bliss.

The restrictions of a seventh house Saturn are often of a very obvious sort. Commonly, isolation or aloneness is one sort of restriction. We may also see the older, more serious partner who, although stable and faithful and perhaps financially solvent as well, dampens and constricts the individual's expression because he does not understand or appreciate his partner's thoughts and dreams. The partner may be ailing or dependent in

some way through illness or monetary obligations, thereby becoming a responsibility rather than a companion. Sometimes he is possessive and demanding, or he may be a disappointment simply because he is incompatible, or abandons the individual, or causes hurt through emotional or physical infidelity. In situations of this kind, we are accustomed to assuming that it is the person's bad luck in the choice of a mate. Everything is usually all right at the beginning. It all seems to happen later, after the knot is tied. We may then hear the familiar cry, 'I never realised when I met him...'

There is much that we know about others at the first moment of contact, for we are as sensitive to the subliminal signals given in a thousand subtle ways by our fellows as the lower kingdoms of nature are to the subtle signals of their environment. But these are intuitive realisations; and they are not often welcome if the inner needs contradict the conscious ideal of what a mate should be. It is invariably the inner needs which are expressed, and which are answered, for like attracts like. The fact that someone later seems to be different is due not to bad luck but to a deliberate inner choice which was made at the very beginning. Once again, it is wise to assume some responsibility where Saturn is concerned, for the awareness of these inner needs and the honest sharing of them is very likely to be a prerequisite for happy and productive union when Saturn is found in the seventh house. Although it may at first seem difficult to understand why an individual would choose, consciously or unconsciously, a partner who will hurt, disappoint, or limit him, it is not so difficult to understand that a man may be at war with himself and be compelled by unconscious motives of which he is unaware. His choice of partner is often a reflection of this war.

The consistent thread which runs through the many expressions of Saturn in the seventh house seems to be the successful avoidance of a relationship which might involve real union on all levels instead of merely the physical or emotional. The dangers of dependency or vulnerability are carefully sidestepped by Saturn's action although the man may be unaware that he is doing this on a conscious level. Seen from the viewpoint of the detached observer, relationships formed with a Saturnian influence are often 'safe' in that the partner is himself dependent, weak, needful, and unable to form any kind of threat or support to the individual. The partner may be cold or unfaithful or incapable of establishing a meaningful relationship himself; and this is a neat mechanism for avoiding the effort and responsibility of a fully conscious union while having a scapegoat on whom the failure of the union may be blamed. Saturn in the seventh house does not necessarily describe the failure of marriage because of the failure of the partner; but it often appears this way to the conscious eye of the individual who must project his own inaccessibility onto someone else.

From the point of view of the personality, this mechanism appears to be a depressing one, for it would appear that there is something lying deep within the individual's psyche which will not permit him happiness in union. This is true, but is only depressing when seen out of context. What is really implied is that happiness in union is not possible unless the union is based upon values other than the ordinary superficial ones of appearance, financial status, emotional dependency, and social pleasure; for these causes carry with them inevitably the seeds of failure if Saturn is in the seventh house. He often places great emphasis on the formal structure of marriage while managing to avoid the inner exchange of which the formal structure is the symbol. Saturn in the seventh house tends to symbolise a rather painful arrangement because of the ensuing loneliness. But in the end, the thing which is sought is inner integration, an inner marriage, and inner wholeness rather than dependency upon another person for the centre of one's psychic life. From the point of view of the self, the total psyche rather than of the personality, Saturn placed here offers a great opportunity. There is no suggestion of the necessity of a lonely life; there is rather the inner push to understand the deeper levels of union, the psychic fact of which marriage is a symbol, and the kind of true relationship which stems from two people who have centres of their own and are therefore free consciously to choose.

Patterns of hurt and rejection are common with Saturn in the seventh house. There is

often much talk of giving, for Saturn often plays the martyr; yet it is frequently found that the individual who complains the most about having given so much with so little reward has in reality given little that does not have a condition attached. He is frightened of being alone; yet he is equally frightened that he will be hurt; so he tries to follow both these impulses, and establishes relationships into which his inner self does not enter. Often Saturn will overcompensate; and instead of being the one who is consistently abandoned, he will play the Don Juan figure - of either sex - and give the impression of being hard, callous, and unfeeling. This is very rarely the true inner nature of Saturn; but it is one of his most frequent masks. He is more likely to be morbidly sensitive underneath his armour, so he will seek safety rather than the possible pain of a union which might end in his rejection. Sacrificing love for safety, which he often calls duty, he may believe that he has made an advantageous choice and then finds he cannot extricate himself when the enormity of his sacrifice becomes clear to him. The man with Saturn in the seventh house who attempts to make a partnership a material affair generally finds that he must pay a higher price than he intended. This is often the case when Saturn's inclination toward truth and dispelling of illusory values is blocked. It is not necessary to postulate the idea of hell after death when one has glimpsed the inner hell of loneliness which is often the companion of this attempt to distort Saturn's energies.

Saturn in an angular house suggests that events, and direct contacts with others, are involved in the working out of the process of inner discovery. In the seventh, this is apparent in that the marriage partner becomes either a source of suffering or a source of great opportunity for mutual growth. This choice is free to the individual; but he must first realise that he has a choice; if he does not, it is not his bad karma which has brought him suffering, but simply ignorance.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in the seventh house indicates the need to learn when to be an equal and when to wield responsible power and when to accept limits. The latter will usually be connected to the rights and power of other people. With integration, we can co-operate with others in marriage and in teamwork in a job, sharing the power and the responsibility.

A seventh house father may be a partner or may be gone in light of the potential for separations in the opposition aspect and the natural opposition of the seventh house to the first house of our own identity. The father may be artistic and pleasant or argumentative and combative. If we learn compromise and co-operation early in life with both authority figures and peers, we will be prepared to enjoy our adult equalitarian relationships.

Often Saturn in the seventh house calls for recognition that a variety of types of interactions can be appropriate, including co-operation, competition, and helping others. We just need to have a place in our lives for each and to know when to do which.

I was initially puzzled by a male client whose chart was dominated by air signs, which are normally equalitarian, but he had both major lesson factors, Saturn and the south lunar node, in air signs. But Saturn was in the seventh house and the south lunar node was in the tenth house, pointing to lessons somewhere in the area of equality and responsible power. I described the issues to the client, and he was able to understand it. He said that he was a manager in his job, responsible for seeing that employees worked properly. He recognized that his tenth house Aquarius was leading him to be too equalitarian with the employees and they were taking advantage of his leniency. But in his seventh house, which was calling for equality, he 'had his thumb on his wife' to quote his phrase.

Seventh house careers can involve all kinds of teamwork, especially counselling or consulting in some way. Fields involving arbitration and law and politics are common choices. Litigation is part of the potential, or other forms of competition. Power struggles are 'healthy' and can contribute to both sides gaining skills if they 'play by the rules', are able to win sometimes and lose sometimes, and keep in mind that it is a game. Remember

that until we are exercising our share of the world's power, we still feel that it is in the hands of others. Other seventh house careers can use its potential artistic talent for jobs in the graphic arts such as design, photography, architecture, city planning, and landscape gardening.

(Stephanie Camilleri)

This placement of Saturn can cause a variety of results, depending on the sign it is in and the aspects to it. Relationships are always taken very seriously, particularly marriage. Requirements for a mate can be very exacting; sometimes so exacting that no-one ever qualifies. The mate is frequently older, more experienced, or more ambitious. These people may marry out of a sense of duty. Sometimes the mate is ill, or so heavily committed to another family or to a job or career that the relationship is not as fulfilling as they might wish. There tend to be difficulties with the marriage, sorrow, loss, loneliness, disagreements, separations, yet the sense of duty and commitment can be so strong that ultimately it wins out over all difficulties.

These people are very exacting of others, but equally exacting of themselves and their duty to those they love. They are always very responsive to what they see as their duty, perhaps to such a degree that it burdens their lives, especially in youth. They are attracted to ambitious people and are very ambitious for those they love and eager to help them succeed. Sometimes they feel a secret contempt for those who seem too lightweight, uncommitted, or free and easy. They tend to be a bit restrictive of those they love, to keep them on too tight a rein, or ask too much of them. If they rise to prominence, it is frequently through the efforts or ambitions of a parent, mate, or patron.

This location of Saturn tends to give physical strength, drive, and stamina, and the ability to overcome physical obstacles that would stop most people. They can work harder, faster, and longer than others, push themselves to break records, push past the herd in a physical sense, and to prove themselves in the eyes of others.

They seem to have more asked of them than most people. Because of their sense of duty and commitment, others are inclined to place heavy demands on them, which they are glad of or resent, depending on other factors, but which they will in any case struggle to fulfill.

(Howard Sasportas)

Relationships are not that easy for people with Saturn in the 7th; and yet this is precisely the area through which they will be challenged to grow and examine themselves. Trying to wriggle out of the hot seat, they might complain that the right man or woman has just never come along, or moan that some flaw in the partner is the root of the trouble. However, rather than just blaming fate, bad luck or poor choice it is by searching inwards that they will unearth reasons for the dispiriting state of affairs.

Wherever there is Saturn, there is fear. Very often these people obstruct relationships because they are frightened of becoming too deeply involved with others. They may be afraid of the degree of commitment a relationship requires, and terrified of becoming too dependent on someone else. Dreading and half-expecting to be hurt, they cannot risk the vulnerability of true intimacy. As is often the case with the 7th house, in order to trace the origins of these kinds of complexes, earlier relationships will have to be examined.

Did they open to a parent and then experience hurt, rejection and misunderstanding? If so, they may still anticipate being unlovable or unacceptable to others. Was the parental marriage so atrocious as to obliterate the very idea of a happy union? If so, can they not learn from their parents' mistakes? By seeking answers and solutions to these kinds of questions, they grow wiser about themselves, relationships and life in general. This is the gift of Saturn in the 7th

I have seen many instances of people with Saturn in the 7th house who complain that their partners are too limiting and restricting - if it only weren't for their spouses, they would accomplish so much more. Sometimes this is true because they have chosen, unconsciously or not, ostensibly tyrannical men or women as partners. However, the belief that the partner is holding them back is a form of self-deception: in actual fact, what they have done is to project their own internal blocks and fears of stretching themselves onto the partner. Even when they are free of their supposedly restraining husbands and wives, many of those people with Saturn in the 7th will just find other reasons for not venturing forth and expanding themselves. Why not examine these inner obstacles first?>

Saturn in the 7th may look for a partner who is safe. Sometimes the least risky ones are those who do not engender an enormous amount of passion. Or as a kind of self-protection policy, they may deliberately choose partners whom they feel are inadequate or lacking in certain respects. Therefore, if the relationship fails, and the other person walks out the door, they can reassure themselves that they are better off without that no-good lame duck. Others seem to select partners who have the same weaknesses as they do, and then proceed to batter the other person for those things they feel unhappy about in themselves.

Saturn in this house also manifests in the search for a partner who will provide security and stability for them. For these reasons, this placement has often been associated with marriage to an older person, or a mother-figure or father-figure. This may work, but at the expense of keeping them small and dependent. Should it fail, it may be a blessing in disguise because they are forced to develop their own inner source of strength and support. While this is not easy, it is invariably a worthwhile achievement.

Saturn in the 7th may marry later in life or not find more complete fulfilment in a union until somewhat older - as if Father Time must teach them a thing or two before a truly mutual and healthy relationship can be formed.

More mundanely, lawsuits may be long and drawn-out, and it might be advisable to try to settle out of court.

(Robert Pelletier)

You are cautious and reserved about meeting people, and you don't form relationships with others until you've had time to evaluate their credentials. Your apprehensiveness comes from feeling that they will somehow try to make restricting demands on you. Your negative attitude makes it essential that you get an education to improve your chances in competition, where your credentials are certain to be challenged. While you admire and respect people who are sure of themselves, you fail to take the initiative when you are given an opportunity to demonstrate your skills. You must learn to react more positively in such situations, if only to prove to yourself that you can succeed in competition. Once you realize that you have the ability to win, you will learn to manage your creative resources so that you can achieve your goals.

While you may not like promoting yourself before the public, you will have to if you want people to buy your skills. Fear of ridicule is an unacceptable reason for withholding your talents from those who need them most. When you finally get over this hangup, you must establish a program to achieve your career goals ethically. It is important to keep your ambitions uncontaminated so you will know that everything you have was gained through honest hard work.

Become as proficient as possible in your chosen work so that you aren't unnecessarily intimidated by challenging competition. Learn about your adversaries' credentials and get whatever additional training is required so that you can meet them on equal terms. You can learn something from every person you meet, socially and professionally, so take

advantage of it. Your early environment had some limitations, which may have made it difficult to assert yourself as you should. Once detached from obligations to your family, you will benefit from external social contacts.

You may have to work hard to get patronage for your services, but that can provide you with an adequate and comfortable living. Success feeds on itself, and there is no limit to the goals you can achieve. Until you are confidently established in your career, do only what is required of you in any situation, and set aside some time for rest and relaxation. You have the impression that you are somehow indebted to everyone and that they can demand payment at will. Find out exactly what you must do, such as taking responsibility for your actions, providing the best possible product or service, and managing your affairs according to high ethical standards.

Find someone who shares your ambitions and can give you needed moral and emotional support when there are difficulties. There is no limit to what you can accomplish with someone you love, for you find shared experiences more enriching and fulfilling. Don't worry that people won't accept you, or you may fail to live up to their expectations. If you are properly trained and accept full responsibility for your actions, you will gain acceptance in your own social environment and win the admiration of your contemporaries as well.

(Bili Herbst)

Mirrored awareness: With Saturn in the 7th, it's difficult to understand that the image you see in others is truly a reflection of yourself, for it often appears fearsome and threatening, either demanding or rejecting, and thus it's easier to convince yourself that the other person is emanating these qualities. The major pitfall here is denial, the tendency to want to look away, to avoid real relatedness, since what you may see is so fearful. The challenge is to give yourself time to gradually overcome the intense fear of knowing yourself, so that you can eventually discover authentic self-acceptance.

Equal partnerships: Your relationships with peers have been conditioned by the anxiety that others don't want to know you as you really are. You feared rejection from your father or other authority figures, and learned to protect yourself from it. Even in adulthood, you continue seeking to prove your acceptability to authorities, so you often choose partners who are significantly older or younger, if not in age, then in some less tangible way. The pitfall involves pushing yourself so hard you simply blow out, collapsing in reaction into almost calculated insensitivity or irresponsibility toward your partners. The challenge is to respect your limits, growing through your fears. Discover that you have nothing to prove to yourself or us.

Contracts, commitments: Your anxiety over relationships is never more obvious than with regard to commitment. What if you choose the wrong person? Will you be humiliated if you're not perfect in your performance of the contract? Will the Gods set you up for failure no matter how hard you try? Fear may become self-fulfilling prophecy: you could refuse to make any promises, resulting in painful isolation; or you might close your eyes and plunge into total commitment, hoping that everything will magically turn out all right - inevitably resulting in ruined relationships. The challenge is to learn responsibility slowly by moving through stages of commitment. If you get in over your head, pull back to a lower level. Commitment is not birthed whole; it is built one brick at a time, just like maturity.

Co-operation: You want co-operation deeply, but you fear being abused, and worse, you worry that you actually deserve mistreatment for unknown flaws of character. Why would others want to co-operate with you, especially the powerful father figures to whom you are attracted? There are two pitfalls: first, you may bend so far in accommodation that you harm yourself; or second, you may so fear rejection that you refuse to negotiate with a coldly defensive posture. Remember that just because your partner wins, you don't have to lose. The challenge is to learn that you can be in unresolved negotiations safely. You're

correct to be cautious in negotiations, but your ambition to achieve full co-operation won't go away; you just have to work at it.

Natural partner or partnership: Your natural partner is one whose maturity and common sense are palpable, a person of achievement and steady endurance. Your natural mate has considerable dignity and psychological strength, with notable restraint that's backed by a clear understanding of responsibility. You must respect your mate in ways that enhance your self-respect.

A natural partnership for you feels very old, rocklike and solid. You needn't be totally secure, but you must feel awe and reverence at a physical level. This relationship challenges you to conquer your fears, but slowly enough that you're not overwhelmed. It helps you feel more adult. The image is a mountain of granite.

Natal Saturn in 8th House

(Liz Greene)

The first sign or house belonging to each element is generally the clearest and most direct in meaning, and relates to the development of the individual personality and its integration. The second sign of that element denotes a point of crisis, for here the individual must take his own experience and integrate it into the group of which he is a part. This is rarely done without struggle, for this too is an expansion of consciousness from the personal to the universal. The third and last sign or house refers to the larger unit of the group and infers the final purpose of the particular level of consciousness symbolised by that element.

The watery signs and houses do not contradict this. In the fourth house a man is subjected to an isolated unit to emotional forces and pressures from the environment which shape his future growth as a personality. He has the opportunity of building a base within himself so that the projection into circumstance is withdrawn and inner security on the feeling level becomes a permanent possession of his character. In the eighth house, the man must take his feeling nature as a channel of expression and contact and begin to function in personal relationships with others. The flow of feeling is not between him and another. Finally, in the twelfth house he has the opportunity of taking the wisdom he has acquired from his experiences and offering it to the group in service for the group development. He is no longer an isolated unit but part of a larger evolving life. This is a helpful way of viewing things which is useful to remember in considering Saturn in the eighth house, for this house is probably the most misunderstood and maligned of all the houses in the horoscope.

This house is primarily described as either the house of physical death - which suggests that it has no value or activity outside that brief moment when we take leave of the physical sheath - or as 'money received from others', a description which is an insult to the complexity and power of the sign and planet associated with the house. Both interpretations are valid as far as they go, but they do not help in an understanding of Saturn placed in the eighth beyond the reading of a death in old age and the denial of inheritance; and both of these readings are frequently mistaken. The interchange of finances between two people in partnership may be one of the by-products of the house; but it is only when the meaning of money as a symbol of emotional values is understood that the more complex meaning of 'money received from others' becomes clear. Death itself does indeed come under this house; but there are many kinds of death, and most of them are not physical; and every death is followed inevitably by a rebirth because it is only the form, and not the life which inherits the form, that dies.

As a watery house, the eighth deals primarily with emotional exchange. As opposite from the second house, that which has physical value and meaning and which constitutes stability and self-sustenance becomes that which has emotional value and which

constitutes stability of feeling. It is in the eighth sign, Scorpio, that we may find a clue to the significance of this house in matters of sex, emotional crises, and the death and rebirth of the instincts as purified desire.

This is primarily a house of crisis, and refers to those points in life where the emotional ties to others force a man to the realisation of some vital area of his own feeling nature which must be recognised, examined, and purified. Here money becomes a symbol of emotional dependence or freedom, for in our society it buys freedom or bondage in marriage, and our sexual values are largely coloured by our finances. So often in the eighth house there exists the enactment of a struggle which appears purely material and which is really emotional in origin. It is no wonder that Freud attributed such significance to money in dreams and why psychology continues to recognise the relationship between monetary and emotional generosity or tightness.

It is common to find the individual with afflicted planets here tied to a difficult financial situation following upon a broken marriage or to chronic problems with partners who take advantage of him financially. This is particularly characteristic of an eighth house Saturn. When investigated, it will often be found that on the sexual and emotional levels there was difficulty in expression; and there is no sweeter revenge for many people than to air their disappointment and frustration in the face of an unresponsive Saturnian partner through material demands.

The area into which this discussion takes us is a prickly one; and this is usual for Scorpio and the eighth house; however, although the previous statement may seem inordinately hard, it is ironic that in our society the prostitute, who is at least honest about the wares that she sells, is despised and generally ends up in jail, while the wife who fundamentally plays the same role and buys her security with her body is glorified because society condones this mask. There are a great many women who trade their sexual favours for a legal tie which promises them financial security; and a great many men who buy these favours in exchange for what have been euphemistically termed 'a husband's rights'.

There is much rubble which must be dug through where our present attitudes toward sex in relation to money are concerned, for we are still following the feudal concepts of family financial structure. In spite of the efforts of more enlightened souls, it will take another generation (*as of 1976!*) before we can begin to understand that the real nature of sex has nothing to do with the physical world at all but is the reflection of emotional and mental energies - which are in turn the reflection of still more complex energies. Money and sex are still too complex for the average man to understand except in a literal way; and consequently, we have a tremendous amount of confusion to wade through before the alchemical union of two people into one is understood.

The three watery houses and signs represent three aspects of the feeling nature of man. The fourth house symbolises the nurturing forces which shape his early life. The eighth symbolises the creative and procreative forces which he wields and through which he contacts others. The twelfth symbolises the dissipating forces which eventually break down his sense of separateness and release him into group life.

The eighth house is a battleground, the primary purpose of which is self-understanding and self-mastery through constant crises. There is no greater battleground or stimulus to crisis than the energies which are released through the apparently wholly physical act of sex. The union which occurs on the level of the feeling nature produces a flow of energy which takes a man, for a brief moment, 'out of himself' - it is virtually the only time that he can feel himself to be at one with another human being. It is this intimate emotional oneness to which the sexual aspect of the eighth house refers; there is a death of the individual awareness and the birth of a mutual awareness for which reason the Elizabethans called the sexual act 'the little death'. Unfortunately there are many people who are as frightened of the apparent emotional vulnerability inherent in this as they are of death itself. What they do not recognise is that the union takes place whether it is recognised or not, and that on the feeling level it is not possible to totally shut out the

partner; it is only possible to believe that he has been shut out.

To consider this point of view is to recognise the real responsibility in a sexual union. This has nothing to do with morality. We have had many centuries of moral teachings which have done absolutely nothing to help us understand the real nature of the mystery. The currents of this great creative force or 'serpent power' - whose cousins we may see as the serpent in the garden, the ouroboros of alchemy, and the plumed serpent of the Aztecs - may be released in other ways, but these belong to the sphere of the occultist and the magician, and the average individual knows only one - physical sex. Once set in motion, these currents bind and alter both souls involved. All states of consciousness which involve the 'death' of the personality - ranging from those induced by drugs to certain kinds of religious ecstasy and trances of varying sorts - come under the rulership of the eighth house, for they all refer to this same energy which can separate the self from its vehicles. Physical death is only the last in a series of deaths which begin with birth.

We understand very little about both sex and death at the present time; and this ignorance is more than slightly owed to the confusion of the Piscean era with its pronouncement of sex as evil and of death as the gateway to never-ending heaven or hell. This kind of conditioning runs deep, as it has been with us for two thousand years; and even the more liberal-minded and scientifically-inclined have the same collective heritage of fear, superstition, and fascination about this area of human experience. The individual with Saturn in the eighth house has a double burden on his hands, for he must not only come to terms with Saturn - who is evasive enough on his own - but he must also be willing to make the descent into Pluto's realm if he is to find the treasure hard to attain. It may be said, however, and with no attempt at poetry, that the person who accomplishes this possesses the key to his own immortality.

In a great many cases with Saturn in Scorpio or in the eighth house, the individual's fears or feelings of inadequacy are in the area of sexual expression. This is undoubtedly a symbol for an even deeper fear; but here the symbol is powerful enough in its own right to create great pain in the person's life. The average man who has to deal with this situation will not, however, take kindly to being told this fact bluntly by an astrological consultant. People are as prickly about sex now, when it comes to overt discussion, as they were during Victoria's time. Moreover, the man's inadequacy is not a physical one but rather an emotional one; this is a watery, not an earthy, house. Saturn in the eighth is often linked with impotence or frigidity; but these are also not physical problems, and the physician who attempts to cure these problems through hormones alone is committing a grave error. The difficulty here lies in the fear of submission, or violation, of the control of the partner, and of emotional rejection, for it is the psychic rather than the physical exchange which contains the threat.

It is fairly common to find an individual with Saturn in the eighth who may be affectionate and loving but who, when the last output of separateness is passed in the bedroom, shies like a frightened horse and cannot perform. Or he may overcompensate for his inner fears by becoming the 'perfect lover' on a purely physical level; and he may try to block the flow of energy and emotion to his partner so that he is, somehow, not really there. However subtle this mechanism is, it can be deeply frustrating and disturbing to the partner although it may not be recognised on a conscious level by either person. The individual may not be aware that anything is wrong except that somehow it is always faintly disappointing; and he is never able to achieve the satisfaction his fantasies tell him is possible. It takes an unusual degree of honesty to look directly at the subtle patterns which surround an eighth house Saturn, for there is, at the same time as fear, the overcompensation of great value placed on performance, in our present era. No wonder that these people have such trouble with money during and after marriage; they may easily find themselves under financial obligations concurrent with the amount of frustration they have unconsciously inflicted on their partners.

As with all Saturn positions, two extremes of behaviour are possible. The effects of overcompensation can help to produce the overtly promiscuous person who is not truly

motivated by physical pleasure but who is truly particularly hard to be 'sexy' because he or she is dimly aware of a fundamental problem in relating emotionally to another person. Here Saturn again tries to make an emotional value into a physical one with little success. This kind of behaviour is prevalent now because there is great emphasis on sexual freedom as the reaction to too much restriction in the past. Both are extremes which are part of the natural process of evolution, but which are unpleasant in themselves, for fear permeates them both.

It is naturally wise for the consultant astrologer to express diplomacy when dealing with eighth house matters, for he may be inviting a punch in the mouth otherwise. But with this kind of eighth house Saturn, we are reminded of that wonderful Shakespearean line, 'Methinks thou dost protest too much!' This is reminiscent of the fourth house Saturn who 'adores' his family, who had a 'wonderful' childhood, who had 'no problems whatsoever' with either parent.

On the other hand, the person with Saturn in the eighth may cloak his fears with the garment of strong religious or moral convictions of a particularly intolerant sort, thereby declaring as sinful that of which he is essentially afraid. In these cases Saturn is a prompter toward celibacy, but for all the wrong reasons. The devil, unfortunately, is not vanquished by being told to go away; it is the light of consciousness that he cannot endure.

We may also find that rare individual who is honest enough with himself to understand that there is something within himself that needs development - as there is in everyone - and who makes the effort not only to discipline but to comprehend his sexual nature as well so that he can express it in the most positive way. In all cases, however, the fascination with death and with sex is very great although there may be fear or disgust at the same time.

It seems that a characteristic pattern of the person with an eighth house Saturn is to be let down emotionally by others and often in the most intimate and painful way; and it is in this pattern that a clue to the larger purpose of the placement may be found. There is frequently a denial of deep emotional contact in childhood; and as Saturn has some connection with the father, this placement often occurs where the father dies or is emotionally cold. Often the individual grows up in an environment where very little physical expression or where the sexual problems existent between the parents have filled the atmosphere with hostility and fear. There is some link between the father and the sexual energies although this may be very subtle. Often it is not subtle; and beatings or assault occur. The effect, whatever the actual circumstance, is a feeling of isolation and loneliness that no-one can share and whose scars no-one can alleviate. For Saturn in the eighth house carries deeper emotional scars than any other Saturnian placement; and the wounds are slower to heal.

People with Saturn in the eighth have a deep insight into nature and human nature and a fascination with death and other states of being. They often have a strong desire to save humanity, or at least some part of it. This position attracts effective advisors. It also tends to be politically conservative.

They can have a certain blindness about themselves and the things or people they believe in, with a set of fixed ideas that can sometimes get in their way. Their usual refusal to see their own stubbornness brings them many losses in life, until they face themselves and can accept the truth about themselves.

They tend to wear well and often gain in attractiveness as they age. They usually have a brush with death at some point that changes their lives - either their own death or that of someone else. They may deal with death, or after-death states, in their work in some way, if there are other factors that confirm it.

These people are often very concerned with money, security, and position, due to a great lack of one or all of these in youth, and will probably gain a great deal of **the first two at**

least, though possibly never enough to satisfy. They are capable of giving gracefully, effectively, and thoroughly, when needed, whether of time, services, or material things. The sorrows of their lives can be transformed into humor; they are usually very amusing people. In youth they are often very attractive to older people who can be helpful to them. With other factors, this guarantees charisma; yet in spite of it they are often lonely. They attract others, but often not the ones they'd like to attract.

(Howard Sasportas)

Saturn in the 8th gives apprehensions and difficulties in the area of intimacy, sharing and joint resources. They may feel insecure about what they have to give or experience some difficulty receiving what another is offering. More generally, there is the fear of letting go, of merging and blending with another person. To truly merge with someone else means the death of the self as a separate individual. This is a frightening prospect for those with Saturn in the 8th who want to hold onto what they value and possess. In addition, letting themselves go in a relationship entails the possibility of being overtaken by feelings that they have attempted to keep under rigid control - rage, jealousy, envy and passions of a primitive and instinctive nature. They desperately crave a close union and yet withdraw from it for fear of being overwhelmed by such eruptions. Subsequently they may have difficulty relaxing and being open and trusting with others, all of which could give rise to sexual problems. (In mythology, Eros and Thanatos were brothers, and the sexual union is a kind of death of one's individuality.) Investigating the root causes of inhibitions in this area deepens and enriches their self-knowledge and understanding.

Besides possible sexual hang-ups, there are conflicts pooling resources and making personal adjustments in relationships. The partner's beliefs or values may differ from and contradict their or they may choose a mate who is a burden in some way. And yet, helping out with the welfare of others may be precisely what Saturn in the 8th needs for his or her own personal development. There can be trouble over inheritance, taxation and business contracts, and the possibility of drawn-out divorce proceedings. Some will make a career dealing with other people's money - bankers, investment consultants, stockbrokers and accountants may have this position of Saturn.

Generally, they hesitate to probe beneath the surface of life and yet this is what is needed for greater depth and maturity. Obviously, people who attempt to maintain rigid controls over themselves are likely to be very frightened by the prospect of physical death and what looms in the hereafter. These apprehensions could provoke them to a serious pursuit of more knowledge in these areas.

(Robert Pelletier)

In the struggle to gain control over your life circumstances, you are forced to be obligated to and dependent upon others, although it bothers you. When you compare your accomplishments and resources with those of your contemporaries, your self-image suffers needlessly. Gaining personal security is so important that it has forced you to work with others as the one way to become more financially independent. Secretly, though, you aren't always sure that you measure up to the public's expectations, so you extend yourself to remove that doubt. You would be better off working for yourself in your own business, which would eliminate that problem. You are better equipped to deal with the public's needs than you realize, as should be proved by what you get for your services.

After repeatedly hearing how competent you are from those who appreciate your skills, you will finally realize that they are right. Perhaps then you will place a higher premium on your talents, thus letting the public know that you will do what they require but that your services are costly. They also know that they will get all or more than they expect. Once established in your occupation, you invest heavily in time and energy to achieve your goals and objectives. You learn to mobilize your skills and resources efficiently to derive the most benefit with the least effort. **Luckily, when you need favors, you can**

always turn to those whom you have helped in the past.

You might neglect developing the kind of human values that are so essential in your career, especially since you will probably deal with the general public. Don't put all your values in material considerations, because if you do, many people cannot relate to you on a personal level. While you have greater sexual self-discipline than most people, the reason you are conservative in indulging your appetite is because of the cost involved. The chances are you will prefer having a small family that you can manage without being under enormous demands. You are willing to do without some of life's pleasures and direct your efforts toward your career. Because you are easily intimidated by your competitors' high performance, you strive to increase your skills and improve your position in relation to them. You want a career that allows you to grow and expand so you can increase your earnings and public status.

Your wealth of valuable ideas amounts to little unless you work at developing them so they can be utilized in the marketplace. This means that you will have to invest a lot of time and energy to increase your value to the buying public or, if you work for someone else, to achieve greater recognition from your superiors. With your organizational ability, you should be able to mobilize your resources so effectively that you won't have to be concerned about how to earn a living.

Look around for people whose needs or situations require your skills to improve them. You are definitely tied to working with and for the general public. Your partner admires and respects your efforts, although you may think that you can be accepted only to the extent that you provide every possible material benefit. Keep a sharp eye out for clever individuals who try to con you into schemes that aren't within the bounds of legality. You are sufficiently afraid of the consequences that you are unlikely to resort to lax moral behavior or questionable ethical standards.

(Bill Herbst)

Union: Saturn in the 8th indicates a strong sense of responsibility surrounding intimacy. This can indicate a working dedication to achieve lasting intimacy. But it may also reveal anxieties. You could fear being held responsible for every failure in sharing, not only blame for the shortcomings of your partnerships, but for any problems your partners have in their personalities. You may mistrust others' motives, believing that they will reject you once they're close enough to expose your flaws. These worries are not groundless - it's necessary to approach with caution. Make a long-term commitment to union, and move one step at a time. Even when you feel the onrush of intimacy, remind yourself to slow down. The pitfall is wanting from others what you have not given yourself. The challenge is careful selection of partners followed by persevering effort.

Transformation: Temper your sensitivity to others' reactions, your fears that you will be criticized or humiliated for not changing fast or well enough. You know very well not only what must change, but how those changes must be expressed. Do not adhere to schedules or rules imposed from outside; forcing change out of fear of rejection achieves nothing. At the same time, do not refuse to work on changing simply because others seem to be pushing you. The challenge is to take responsibility for where you are, not where you feel you should be. Do so calmly, without protest, while you continue gaining strength through measured steps forward. Your fears of ego death have only the power you give them, so celebrate even tiny victories over inertia. Most of all, be gentle and forgiving with yourself. You can change; time is on your side.

Sexual merging: You want sex to be tangible, not ethereal, but this focus is so demanding that you may overwhelm your own capacity for the experience. You fear that if you truly let go, you will obliterate yourself, so you hold back. The closer you come, the more your own gravity holds you down. Sometimes you can't achieve release, and you regard this as a personal failure. It's not. It's the result of pushing too hard, of carrying too much seriousness. You regard your beloved's desires toward you with suspicion. This is

protection against your rejection anxieties. The challenge is to patiently develop sexual relaxation. Remember, the trek up the mountain is long, to be achieved slowly. Only then will you appreciate the view from the summit.

Focused intuition: You feel it's not enough to merely have intuition; you often demand perfect knowing. This is too much to expect. Also, you fear the repercussions of intuition, believing that others will kill the messenger. Finally, you fear that you may actually be crazy, that intuition is not real, and that you are succumbing to a form of self-delusion. Each pitfall warrants real concern, but none is true. Your challenge is to work persistently to develop your intuitive faculties, constantly checking and double-checking the accuracy of your perceptions, and slowly developing faith that invisible worlds do indeed exist, and can be of great pragmatic value.

Shared assets: Money means responsibility, whether there is too little or too much. There is often delay or disappointment - your reward for patience is not as high as you hoped it would be. Happily, Saturn improves with age, like fine wine, and maturity can bring great common sense. But this is achieved only if you carefully manage the resources available through relationships. Easy money is counterfeit for you, and you must reject it. The challenge is to be like the little piggy who built his house out of bricks.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Saturn in the eighth house is, like Saturn in the seventh, usually working on issues of power versus equality. As part of our desire for deep lasting peer relationships, but with the added intensity of water, the eighth house can be more challenging than the seventh, where we are usually more consciously aware of both sides of situations and more willing to compromise. Water instinctively seeks fusion, but in the eighth house, as with Scorpio and Pluto, we also want control. It is not easy to be passionately involved with a mate but able to release to allow equality, to control ourselves but not anyone else, to realize we cannot possess another person. Complicating the situation is the Water need for dependend the Letter Eight fear of loss of control. The prize for success is shared power and shared pleasure with possessions and appetites. We learn self-knowledge partly through the mirror of the mate and self-mastery partly out of respect for the rights of the mate.

In an interview with a female client who had Saturn in the eighth house I was delicately trying to get across the issue of sharing power with her husband without suggesting that there was something 'wrong' with her. She just looked at me and said "Yes, my husband and I do fight a lot. We enjoy it. Then we kiss and make up." So I said "Fine". Usually I advise competing with members of the other team rather than our own. But if you are doing it consciously as a game, it is not a problem. When something is happening in our lives which distrubs us and we are not sure why it is there or how to deal with it, then we need to do some analysis.

An eighth house father may be possessive and dominating if his family is his main or only place where he can feel in control. Or he may be so busy seeking security in the material world that he is rarely home. This combination can also indicate the death of a parent or other important authority figure in teh early life, teaching us how to let go. Unless the father is unusually secure, he may feel deeply but seldom express his emotions. Emotional manipulation is a sign of too much insecurity to seek what we want openly. There may be sexual issues, especially if the relationship between the parents is poor. If the father tends to repress his emotions, they may periodically come out explosively or they may lead to illness. He is likely to be trying to learn moderation, when is enough, and how to let go. If the child can learn from the father's example, he or she will be ahead of the game.

We can direct the saturn drive for power in the world into a career with teamwork. It could deal with joint resources in banking, investment, taxes, insurance, or public funds in government work. Or it could deal with the search for hidden answers through depth

psychology, archaeology, detective work, or any type of research. Saturn and the eighth house bring together two of the 'obsessive-compulsive' sides of life, so individuals with this combination are often very good at detail and organization, with phenomenal memories and a strong will. If they possibly can, such people keep on going until they get there.

Natal Saturn in 9th House

(Liz Greene)

The ninth house is considered to be the house of long journeys, both those made by the physical body and those which increase consciousness and broaden the perspective of the mind. In this basic interpretation, which is traditional, the duality of the Gemini-Sagittarius axis and the third and ninth houses may be clearly seen; for third house movement, related to Mercury, deals with the gathering of information, while ninth house movement, related to Jupiter, pertains to the discovery of meaning which emerges when the information is finally put into perspective. These are, as has often been suggested, the two aspects of that perceptive function which we term the mind.

The ninth house is also the house of law by traditional definition; and just as there are two kinds of journeys - those of the body and those of the mind - there are also two kinds of laws. Man-made laws deal with the structuring of society so that it develops along the most positive lines and offers the maximum of protection to its members. Spiritual laws are not very well understood because they can only be apprehended by their reflection in human behaviour; they might in psychological terms be called archetypes in the specific sense that Jung means this word. These laws are simply inherent in life rather than a product of life; in fact they are perhaps, in a more esoteric sense, the reason for life. Unfortunately all we know of these laws, apart from the discoveries of modern psychology, is that interpretation given by theology which calls these archetypal patterns the Will of God and then attempts to interpret this Will according to a particular dogma or ideology. The entire subject of law, whether it is the instinctual patterning of nature, the intellectual and moral structuring of man, or a less tangible and more ambiguous patterning of life in general, is at best an abstruse subject and not one to be defined in a few paragraphs; it is likely that there is no proper definition. The realm of the ninth house, however, is an abstruse and subtle realm because it is connected with the intuition and with the intuitive perception of the laws of living and being and consciousness; and an understanding of this house, which requires the exercise of the intuition, can provide the key not only to the over-all patterns of humanity but to the meaning behind a single life. Although this is a cadent house, and therefore considered by tradition to be 'weak', the cadent houses are the birthplaces of thought, and the expression of a meaningful life as it is manifested through the midheaven and the tenth house has its seeds in the level of consciousness indicated by the ninth.

This house is steeped in symbolic perspective which suggests in an interesting manner the meaning of dualism as it is expressed by Sagittarius. From the perspective of the Sagittarian temperament, nothing is taken at face value whether it is a person, a thing, or an experience; it is always a symbol for a broader, more basic experience or archetype, and this perpetual dual awareness of seeing the larger reflected in the smaller, of searching for cosmic meaning in the least of things, is a basic quality of Jupiter, of Sagittarius, and of the ninth house. Jupiter is a symbol for the intuition as Jung describes this function of consciousness - the means of perception whereby the intrinsic meaning of a person, a thing, or an experience is seen instantaneously, without analysis, against the broad framework of the meaning of life as a whole. This is a more modern way of interpreting the ancient Hermetic axiom of 'As above, so below' - an expression which is worn through misuse but which still yields increasingly complex meanings with each successive look.

Understandably, as the ninth house is connected with the intuition and the perception of

meaning, the broad areas of religion and philosophy are usually associated with it, and on the individual birth chart the ninth house will generally suggest the quality and amount of involvement which the individual is likely to have with what is loosely termed 'the Path' - toward individuation or broader consciousness, in a psychological sense, or toward initiation, in an esoteric sense. It is probable that these two are connected in spite of the difference in terminology and viewpoint; and once again the duality of the ninth house is evidenced, for the two worlds of psychology and esotericism, ordinarily considered poles apart, are brought together under the umbrella of the search for meaning.

Through the medium of this house and sign, Saturn tends to have a pronounced effect in colouring the individual's overall view of life and his capacity to find meaning in his own life. Whether we assign Saturn a psychological meaning and associate him with the shadow or 'trickster' archetype of the unconscious or whether we assign him an esoteric meaning and call him Lucifer, the behavioural patterns which seem to be concurrent with Saturn in the ninth house follow the usual path of constriction, overcompensation, disillusionment and pain, searching, and eventual inner realisation and control. The kind of pain which usually accompanies this placement is loss of faith; and the search is generally for a new framework of spiritual and moral values by which the life may be given structure and meaning. The opportunity which Saturn offers here seems to be connected with a potential for direct intuitive perception of the wholeness and meaning of the psyche; and this perception comes through what depth psychology now calls a peak experience. This kind of experience is the goal of the individuation process as Jung structured it, and is also the goal of many later developments in the field of depth psychology; it is also, under a different name, the goal of the discipline of certain schools of meditation and yoga. Whatever the experience is, and whether it comes in one brief and overwhelming flash or is pieced together over a period of time by an increased flow of the intuitive function, Saturn in the ninth house is connected with the possibility of this kind of experience. This does not mean that only those individuals who have Saturn in the ninth house (or Sagittarius) are likely to experience this influx of intuitive perception; however, it is possible that those individuals who have these placements, or have Saturn and Jupiter in aspect, find that it is more necessary for their psychological growth to pursue this kind of perception. It might be said that the psyche aims toward this more urgently because Saturn in the ninth house suggests that the more superficial values and the theological offerings will not suffice. The man with Saturn in the ninth house is driven toward a direct experience of what we choose to call God.

As usual, Saturn may disguise himself; and one of his favourite presentations when he is in the ninth house is the individual who believes in nothing. This kind of rather compulsive agnosticism or atheism is rarely the outgrowth of logical analysis and a naturally pragmatic or earthy temperament; it is usually linked with fear and a rebellion against an inner urge toward things of a more abstract nature. Sometimes this kind of orientation is linked with an early upbringing of a dogmatic nature and a subsequent disillusionment. Saturn in the ninth house is often connected with a finely-tuned sense of justice and a great sensitivity to the plight of humanity as a group; but there is often a tendency toward depression and lack of hope with this placement, particularly hope in the individual's own future. He may find it difficult to make contact with the flow of his over-all self through the intuition, and is consequently left with a sense of futility and often with a fear of the future. The man with a ninth house Saturn often finds through hard experience that faith in someone else's interpretation of life and of justice does not suffice, and it is difficult for him to accept any authority, temporal or spiritual, other than himself, because he has been severely disillusioned by such authority in the past. This is the first stage of the process of disillusionment and rebuilding connected with Saturn in the ninth house; if the individual persists in his growth, the development of his intuitive perception into the world of meaning guarantees him a much more direct and meaningful authority - himself.

There appears to be a definite link between Saturn in the ninth house and an early exposure to religious teachings of a dogmatic kind. Generally this exposure ends in disillusionment later in life. The individual will often follow the characteristic pattern of

attempting to crystallise values of an essentially inner and subjective nature into the formal ritual, structure, and uniformity of orthodox religious ceremony. This becomes his spiritual security; and he relies on this structure for his sense of meaning, rather than on any real perception of his own. The higher authority - whether a church or a father - offers a formula by which the rules given form the structure of life, and the individual is expected to cling without question to these rules rather than initiating an inner search whereby he can apprehend the laws of life by his own inner authority. Someone else's sincere but often narrow vision becomes his opinion, and he is trapped within the prison of his own narrow-mindedness. Generally these opinions in the end fail him for they do not stand up to his own life experiences. He is thrown back on his own resources and must begin again to build a different kind of framework for his beliefs.

Saturn appears to have affinity with certain of our western religions, or at least with particular aspects or interpretations of them - in particular Catholicism, Mormonism, and Judaism. It is not that these paths are to be criticised, for the outer form of religion is created by man in response to an inner need and perception, and any form created is necessary for a period of time. These paths become problems when they begin to crystallise; and this is often due to their interpretation by well-meaning but unimaginative individuals. What Saturn in the ninth house suggests is not that there is anything fundamentally wrong with one's religion, but rather that there is some degree of crystallisation in the interpretation; the form has outlived its usefulness. Saturnian orientation in a religion inclines toward much emphasis on law, structure, guilt, punishment, and the unknowable Will of God, with little emphasis on life, quality, inner meaning, or individual growth. It is often the parental interpretation which is the problem. A childhood steeped in the Saturnian kind of morality and belief can be a fruitful source of guilt. It can help to create in the individual a doubt in his own right to decide for himself the inner or spiritual meaning of his life. This is destructive because it stifles growth. This is often the goad which drives the person with a ninth house Saturn deep into the realm of philosophy or psychology so that some kind of solution can be found for the riddle of one's existence. The prison of a ninth house Saturn is a subtle one, but it is built through loss of hope and faith and an inability to establish the meaningful subjective contact upon which real vision is built. By the denial of this basic need for hope, Saturn suggests the necessity of the individual's finding the needed experience first-hand, without the help of dogma, of groups, guides, or gurus. Nothing except direct experience will suffice. It is in this direction that the opportunity of a ninth house Saturn lies.

The entire spectrum of Saturnian camouflage may be observed with Saturn in the ninth house, ranging from the complete skepticism of the rational thinker through the narrow vision of the fanatic to the disciplines and probings of the practical occultist, and finally to the muddled and well-meaning gullibility of the man who is willing to believe anything as long as it will give him back his faith. Behind all these costumes stands the inner urge toward a direct spiritual experience and a direct personal acquisition of knowledge which will throw light on the more ambiguous areas of human existence. This is quite a long way from 'conflict with the law', and yet the phrase applies. It is perhaps descriptive of the man who is engaged in a struggle between his own inner convictions and the beliefs and formal trappings which have been handed to him by his environment. This kind of struggle between inner values and outer opinions always applies to Saturn's placement on the birth chart; and in this position the struggle lies in the realm of the ideas which, when coloured by emotional values, become translated into ideals. The Sagittarian temperament must have an ideal by which he can live; without the dream or the vision at the end of the climb, he cannot find the necessary one-pointedness even to begin. The same situation is true of the person with an emphasised ninth house, and it is particularly true in a specific way of the person with Saturn in the ninth. He must also have an ideal by which to live, but he must also understand the idea behind it, which lies beyond the plane of emotional aspiration and is more purely a product of the intuition. Without this kind of direct understanding he loses hope and plunges into the kind of depression which is so typical of this Saturnian placement; or he may seek to escape by one of the various expressions of overcompensation.

Saturn in the ninth house is often referred to as concurrent with a profound and penetrating mind. The more conscious individual will generally express this quality to a greater or lesser degree. He generally arrives at this point, however, by the long circuitous route; and it is only after he has experienced the opposites that he can be truly free of the crystallising effect that Saturn has on the mind. He has the possibility of finding some very valuable answers to some very broad questions; but he must find them himself without help. Saturn will tolerate no-one else's authority. The man with a ninth house Saturn usually finds that he has to be his own priest, pope, and saviour, because all moral and ethical values lies within him. It is the fine tightrope between the opposites which he generally is required to walk with an acute sensitivity to the fact that all moral and ethical values are, in the end, relative and yet that the universe is intrinsically moral in an altogether different sense. While he realises that all ideals and concepts are relative because they are only a part of the whole, the responsibility still lies on his shoulders to act in a fashion which serves the growth of the whole. This is a tightrope in a very literal sense. On one side lies the grey purposelessness which usually exists side by side with the relinquishment of one's dreams; on the other lies an incessant struggle with anything which symbolises authority. At the end of the rope, successfully crossed, lies a kind of freedom which usually is experienced with the quality that the Sagittarian expresses most easily: joy.
Bil Tierney)

Saturn in the Ninth House of collective inspiration and broad social awareness may urge some of us to direct our quest for ultimate meaning toward more practical, workable explanations. Universal ideals and religious concepts need to be well-structured and made real if they are to provoke any sense of true belief for us. For those with orthodox views, God must forever prove His Almighty in clear, black-or-white terms in a world where true believers get healed and sinners get punished for transgressions in this life as well as in the hereafter. Viewing God as a stern judge who rewards the obedient and the righteous may be appealing for some. Others of us, less connected to mainstream religious tenets, may have an ambition to thoroughly understand heavyweight life principles and profound theories. We can be deeply philosophical and contemplative, with a scientific bent. While we may also take religion seriously, we do so cautiously; much the way religious scholars do as they try to differentiate accurate scriptures from corrupted texts. It is important for us to have clearly presented knowledge devoid of cultural bias, which is very difficult to find in the field of religion.

Our earnest need to be exposed to Truth is mixed with skepticism regarding the human proclivity for misplaced faith based on ignorance and superstition, so our ability to appraise the world of 'higher' mental pursuits is put to the test. What seems to be a common challenge here is the need to sort out 'the God issue' for ourselves, one way or another. Where are we to put our ultimate faith and trust? This Saturn rarely feels gullible or emotionally blinded regarding its belief systems about how divinity and the universal process works; we feel certain we know the facts, based on reliable established authority. When mismanagers, such a conservative Saturn leans toward a strict, dogmatic mindset more motivated by the fear of God without than an acknowledgement of the God within. Our vision becomes narrow and rigidly applied.

Saturn in the Ninth House denotes the appeal of religious traditions that have proven the test of time, or ancient spiritual practices that have survived throughout the ages. Saturn trusts anything that endures over long periods. Some of us may depend on a religious structure that proclaims its core doctrines to be infallible, and, by implication, unalterable. That can make believing easy and uncomplicated. We put an unerring, unchanging God on a cosmic pedestal in a way that always keeps things absolute and unambiguous. Such a God may express idealized father traits that we otherwise had (or have) a hard time experience with our real father, who may have seemed remote and far away from us on some level. In contrast, we believe our God to always be very close and reachable, and that our personal relationship with Him will remain intact as long as we abide by the instructions laid out by His holy words in sacred bibles, tablets, scrolls, etc..

Adherence to these rules and rituals provides true believers with a safety net that is very important, considering Saturn's need for security and predictability. Saturn can be a planet comfortable with solemn ceremonies. It can also depend on rituals using the physical objects of faith (crucifixes, prayer shawls, mandalas, rosary beads, Menorahs, altars, pentagrams, Madonna figurines - all types of religious artifacts).

Following traditional procedures becomes important. Even Tarot card readers with this position probably are good about keeping their cards wrapped up in special silk cloth to protect their vibes. Eastern religion meditators will always want to light those time-honored sticks of sandalwood incense (not that fake strawberry kind). Catholics will give their prayer beads a workout while counting their 'Hail Marys', and Jews will be mindful of the sabbath and the dietary restrictions of their faith. Our willingness to unconditionally accept any such rituals depends on an unquestionable belief in the rightness of what we are doing. We approach our rituals with much respect, reverence, and dignity - but maybe a little too sanctimoniously. We need to not confuse religion with religiosity.

Saturn in the Ninth House, due to a harsh and sometimes scary introduction to religion in our early years, suggests we can be blocked about the concept of God. If God has been presented to us as judgemental and exacting in His punishment of transgressors of His law, threatening fire and brimstone as eternal punishment in hell for temporary sins on Earth, this is going to seem unjust to Saturn (although 'an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth' may sound a bit more fair in theory). We don't want any part of a God like this. We don't wish to surrender to any power higher than our own conscience. We believe ourselves to be the final authority concerning our own proper ethical conduct and morality. Defensive Saturn suggests we resist giving in to any outside control as pervasively intruding as the strict, omnipotent God of fundamental faiths. The same applies to our intellectual assumptions regarding society, the government, humanity at large, and even the universe. We do not want to be led by the nose according to any general consensus of opinion or mass indoctrination. We want to make our own rules to live by.

Some of us may also wonder why, if there is a just God, innocent babies can suffer cruel fates while the truly immoral are permitted to prosper and live to a ripe old age without even getting their comeuppance. It's this paradoxical inconsistency of divine 'justice' on earth that probably troubles the Saturn principle within us the most.

Agnosticism and atheism can result. We can pull back from the faithful herd and remain separate from this collective experience. As a result, we may also feel like outsiders, cut off from the support of those strongly held suppositions about God that seem to give so many others peace of mind about this life and in the afterlife. There is a vexing dichotomy here, as one part of Saturn would welcome a total guarantee of certainty that God exists and that we are part of a master plan, but the 'doubting Thomas' side of Saturn will only accept solid, irrefutable proof that continued consciousness awaits us after we die. Of course, such objective proof is not currently possible according to the rigorous standards an unconvinced Saturn demands.

Politics is also part of the Ninth House experience, as are any 'isms' that involve how the rights of a society impact on the personal liberties of the individual. Politics is a good example of social belief systems in action, whether we favor them or not.

Saturn in an earth or water sign would want to preserve the status quo, supporting the same political agendas decade after decade with only practical adjustments allowed to fit certain cultural changes. Nothing too radical here; no toppling of The System, and definitely no flirting with social anarchy. Saturn in air tends toward liberal policies, but only those well-thought-out and fair enough to satisfy a diverse constituency (with the exception of Aquarius, which is fixed and surprisingly dogmatic at times). But Saturn in Fire can be willful and passionate in its political persuasions. If fundamentally conservative, we can be dramatically and emphatically so. If we are discontent and

disillusioned, or if we have political axes to grind and are angry with government power, Saturn in Fire can want to shake things up and push for quick, urgent reforms - a 'throw out the bums' attitude. We are open to fresh leadership, as long as promises of change made during the campaign trail are delivered.

A few of us could even make a career in politics, though our overall tendency in most cases is simply to be responsible citizens who feel obligated to vote, do jury duty when asked, show civic pride, defend our country, wave the flag, and be upstanding and law-abiding.

But some of us can hold the darker attitude that governments are fundamentally oppressive, playing too much the restrictive 'big daddy' role and trying to run everything related to our personal lives. Think of Saturn in Scorpio or Aries in a conflict aspect to Pluto or Uranus - this doesn't sound like someone who would feel safe and secure with powerful governmental structures. We don't trust that people in key political positions will look out for our welfare. We can be resentful about their authority, and may not want to be part of this collective framework. We feel very critical of federal policies or even laws handed down from the higher courts. We may project that politicians are selfishly ambitious, greedy, and over-controlling. We liberals may even think we see the dangers of unchecked patriotism very clearly; and it can scare us. But whether we battle God or the Feds, the deeper issue is probably our fear of bowing down to any supreme authority, since a lesson of Saturn in the Ninth House is to recognize the spiritual power of our own inner authority regarding personal Truth.

Saturn is usually a homebound planet, not often filled with travel fever. It has no big urge to play the role of intrepid world explorer. Saturn prefers the familiar, while wandering too far away can put us in touch with the unfamiliar, creating culture shock. Thus anything foreign, exotic, international, or ethnic is not warmly embraced. Much of this could be a matter more reflective of our own early cultural background (like a lot of our Ninth House matters), especially due to narrow attitudes adopted by our family. Maybe we heard too much bad stuff about 'those people in Asia' or 'the Mexicans' or 'the crazy Catholics in Italy' or 'them sodomites in San Francisco'. It probably was pretty offensive material that was broadcast within range of our sensitive ears - sweeping and unflattering generalities applied to large groups of people. For some reason, a few of us were taught to either fear or loathe anything or anybody different or foreign. We may have been told not to trust folks from abroad - not their culture, not their religion, and certainly not their weird food! The implication was that we were to always stick to the ways of our own country and 'our own people', meaning those who are as exactly like us as possible.

This is a sort of mind control that can last a lifetime for some. It's a sad legacy that goes completely against the wide-angled scope of the Ninth House, a house of universal proportions needing lots of room to spread out. If we have Saturn here, we will need to overcome our provincial, xenophobic ways and enrich our awareness of global reality. It's a big world we live in, and we need to understand more about it.

As we get older, we will have opportunities to mingle with those whom our parents warned us against (perhaps a college roommate who is of the Hindu faith, or a business associate from Denmark). Little by little, life can usher in people and situations that educate us about realities quite different from anything in our upbringing. We may learn to slowly appreciate those diverse elements that hold the world together. We may even someday get to write home that 'New Yorkers ain't so bad after all', to the dismay of 'our own people'. It would be good to take courses in comparative religion or French cuisine, and even subscribe to *The National Geographic* just to give us an education as to what's out there. If all goes well, maybe we won't wish to cancel that trip to Bora Bora we won on 'Wheel of Fortune' (not to worry, it's a round-trip ticket).

The Ninth House is an area where we can learn to feed our minds as much as it can take. Traditionally, it's the house of extended education, which can mean a stubborn case of

Universityitis for some of us. We over-achievers can't help but take courses, pass exams, give dissertations, and collect our degrees and diplomas. Saturn here can take schooling all the way, since it has great patience and endurance. We probably figure we're only going to get older anyway, so why not older and smarter and armed with academic credentials? Often, we may not have been able to complete our schooling in our early years due to economic hardships, bad grades, or simply an urge to drop out; but we can make up for lost time once we have matured a bit and are in better financial shape. We also have a much better idea by then what we want to get a degree in.

We approach higher learning almost as if it is our duty to keep our mind working like a finely calibrated tool, well lubricated by knowledge. But the knowledge we expose ourselves to cannot be trivial or superficial in content. We gravitate toward subjects that are broad in their application or universally experienced on the mass level. Degrees in science, mathematics, engineering, and other technical fields could be a possibility for some of us. Saturn and the Ninth House also favor the study of history. Whatever we choose, our aim is to excel in our studies. We have the ambition to do something effective with what we have learned. We usually do not study out of boredom or sheer mental stimulation (that's more a Third House issue). We instead want to embrace knowledge that is far-reaching. The desire to keep on learning all we can may become a lifetime aspiration.

Morality and ethics are part of the Ninth House life department. When masses of people congregate and form cultural norms regarding appropriate conduct, a result is the broad acceptance of certain socially sanctioned behaviors or actions that uphold high community standards, whether on religious grounds or due to civilized, democratic principles. We are not to rob banks, because it harms people's securities directly and can later injure the economy, harming even more. The 'head' tries to prevent this by enacting laws with penalties to be suffered, but the 'heart' enforces inner law through morality, using shame as its tool. Saturn in this house can be very guilt-ridden, acting like a model citizen for fear of social condemnation - or it can resist such moral indoctrination and only live by its own code of ethics. It's an issue we may ponder on a large scale.

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Saturn in the ninth house connects our beliefs about the world with the physical reality of its laws and limits. Beliefs can range from the materialistic atheism of western science, which can only maintain its dogma by ignoring most of human experience, to the equally dogmatic and equally narrow beliefs of a variety of fundamentalist religions with small gods presiding over small and exclusive heavens. To stay in good standing, you have to follow the rules: 'don't look, don't question'.

It does not take much knowledge of astrology to demolish both of these extremes. Astrology shows that we live in a world that is inherently meaningful, not a world of random chance. It is not chance when a newly discovered planet (asteroid) is given a name which describes its meaning when you observe it in horoscopes. It defies logic to claim that a single universal God can have chosen one group of people or one leader or one holy book to favor, while everyone else is condemned.

An effective synthesis of the principles of Saturn in the ninth house calls for a realization that Truth is a goal we never reach but the journey can be a marvelous career. Plus, with Saturn, we can and should test every new idea, note the consequences, and keep enlarging our understanding. We don't even have to totally deny the ideas which don't 'work' as we thought they would. They can be put on the shelf. They might work at a different time under different circumstances. The Cosmos is almost certainly bigger than our current mental capacity.

Natal Saturn in 10th House

(Liz Greene)

The tenth house is Saturn's own, and in Capricorn he is dignified so we may therefore expect a 'purer' manifestation of Saturn in both an ordinary and a more esoteric sense. This certainly seems to be true from the mundane point of view as the tenth house is traditionally associated with achievement, honor, ambition, and authority, and the cusp of the tenth house by the quadrant systems - the midheaven - is symbolic of the image which one projects outward to society as well as the image which is held inwardly by the person of his 'role' in life. It may be assumed that Saturn in the tenth house refers to limitations, delays, and difficulties in the achievement of one's goals and in the successful expression of the self outward to the group as well as intense ambition - frequently unconscious - and a determination to succeed whatever the cost.

This is the interpretation generally given to Saturn in his own house and sign, and it is generally true as far as it goes. Much information may be obtained from the tenth house about the person's role in society, the way in which he appears to the group, and the purpose he identifies with when he considers the deeper reason for being. Although the precise nature of one's profession is impossible to determine from a birth chart, the lines of least resistance or of likely expression are often suggested, and the tenth house with its occupants and its ruler is one of the best pointers if not to the actual work then to the inner goal or meaning of that work from the point of view of both the individual and society.

So far so good, and this interpretation of the tenth house is familiar ground to most astrological students. The association of the tenth house to the mother or father is also important, although less frequently stressed, particularly in view of the ambiguity surrounding the fourth-tenth axis. Whichever parent is represented by this house, it would seem to be the one who has had the most to do with shaping the social attitudes and ethics of the individual, for these standards are reflected by the tenth house with its connexion with structure, tradition, and exemplary behaviour. It is generally the mother who infuses the child with her social values, partially because it is she who spends the maximum amount of time with the child and has therefore greater access to his apparently unformed mind. For more subtle reasons than this I am inclined to assign the tenth house to the mother. It is no piece of new information that ambition runs later in life in direct proportion to the suppression of identity in early life. By ambition I do not mean the inner need to achieve, which is characteristic of the cardinal signs, but rather the need to prove this achievement to others, which is characteristic of the man who has never been considered an individual in his own right. One has only to look at the uniform history of those who have achieved prominence through personal ambition to recognise the familiar pattern of family rejection and isolation. Of course suppression of the individuality does not create ambition by itself to this degree, nor does it create success. It is, however, an important component to be reckoned with and follows the psychological law that if psychic energy is denied an outlet in its chosen direction, it will return with doubled force in another, compensatory direction. This is the psychological interpretation of the kind of ambition which is often found concurrent with a tenth house Saturn. The more esoteric interpretation would not contradict this but would suggest that the important factor is the achievement because this is needed to precipitate some kind of change in society, in response to a collective need or following the purpose of the soul or inner self. It is then necessary or reasonable to choose a childhood and a vehicle which will provide the right psychological effects and the subsequent ambition needed for the personality to make the achievement.

The psychological interpretation of this situation postulates a cause-and-effect principle over which the individual has little control. The second interpretation is rather abstruse and is of the nature of an arrangement, filled with purpose, by which the man himself, functioning as a total unit, chooses to fulfil a function needed by the group of which he is a part. It is possible that both these ideas are correct.

The concept of self-determination as it is postulated here is a very ancient one which places the responsibility of the choice of earth plane circumstances in the hands of the self. It is one worth considering with an open mind, whatever the labels are to describe the situation, because it sheds some light on the deepest meaning of Saturn himself. He may be seen, finally, as the instrument of opportunity through which the person comes to understand the nature of his free will. It is certainly evident that those with a prominent tenth house, and particularly with Saturn in this house, often have the role either thrust upon them or seek it assiduously - and these are probably the same thing - of effecting some kind of change in the structure of the group, or of holding authority, or serving as an example of achievement. The inner sense of purpose, drive, and responsibility is often very strong when Saturn is in the tenth house, particularly if he is conjuncting the midheaven. There is frequently a strong sense of fate with regard to the role in life. Often sacrifice is required and a long, arduous process of building and preparation, where the personality with its desire of recognition drives the man on until he has achieved some degree of notice or responsibility. It is generally only later that, as the integration occurs which allows him to understand himself and his inner motivations better, the larger reason begins to emerge as to why he has done all that work.

One of Saturn's main characteristics is his duplicity, and one of the characteristic duplicities of the tenth house is that all the individual accomplishes through it - and this can be great - is apparently done for the satisfaction of his own personal ambition or for the fulfilment of a personal goal or idea. If the individual identifies with this area of personal ambition, he is likely to see his accomplishment as a means of gaining control over his environment so that it cannot control him - a Saturnian self-defense mechanism on a large scale. When viewed in perspective and from a safe distance, however, it may often be seen that the man has really been working for others; for he will frequently immolate himself, deny himself any spontaneous enjoyment or relaxation, and sacrifice all to the achievement of his goals - goals which have a very brief life-span, being a reflection of the life-span of the individual. The effects may in the end be historical ones, and even in a small area the person who is expressing to the fullest his tenth house Saturn may create long-lasting changes in the structure or organisation of his particular corner of society. It is only when he realises the nature and meaning of his work on a deeper level, and when he begins to co-operate consciously with his own inner blueprint, that he can truly enjoy the fruits of his labour.

Saturn in the tenth house is generally considered to symbolise ambition, a slow climb to power with many setbacks and delays, and, if he is afflicted, a subsequent fall from power. The overused examples of Hitler and Napoleon are usually quoted to demonstrate this pattern, which certainly applies to them both - along with the emotionally impoverished childhood. There are, however, many people with Saturn in the tenth house who never attempt to conquer the world; many of these are women who have never attempted to conquer anything more vast than the kitchen sink. This does not negate the meaning generally given to Saturn in the tenth; but his penchant for overcompensation and for projection of values onto another person must be considered. We must also consider the fact that the chart can only map out a series of potential developments, but the individual must be able to meet the challenge of these developments if they are to express this in life.

It is of interest to consider the relation of the tenth house to the mother, for the development of the potential of Saturn in the tenth often sticks here. She is usually the dominant parent when this placement of Saturn occurs, although this may be because of the death or absence of the father rather than a temperamental bias. This dominance may be of an obvious kind and may be expressed in stern, authoritative behaviour which is lacking in warmth or empathy. There is often a preoccupation with rules of conduct, propriety, and what the neighbours think, and an emphasis on material rather than emotional values. The dominance of the mother may equally often be reflected in that kind of instinctual woman who carries an unconscious and powerful ego drive beneath an apparently passive exterior. Sometimes the mother is a burden because of ill-health or

dies young. In all these situations the seed is sown for a powerful influence on the psychic level which must be dealt with by the individual before he is able to express his full potential. He must symbolically cut the emotional umbilical cord, which generally remains well into adulthood.

There is a rather disturbing frequency of tenth house Saturns among the charts of homosexual men. This does not of course imply that Saturn in the tenth house causes homosexuality, and we are moreover not dealing with a strictly cause-and-effect principle but rather with an arrangement of circumstances which contain a purposive direction; however, if we relate the tenth house to the mother, then it is conceivable that some difficulty in relating to women may be one of the by-products of the rather powerful mother figure suggested by a tenth house Saturn. Difficulty with women can, of course, express through many forms of behaviour only one of which is homosexuality.

Emotional rejection, or a suppression of the will or identity, by the mother, is common with this placement; and the man who has experienced this in childhood may find that he does not trust women later in life. A woman with a tenth house Saturn may have equally serious obstacles to overcome, for women must learn from their mothers the means and ways of femininity, and if a mother's nature is symbolised by Saturn, it is unlikely that the feminine principle will be the primary thing expressed. It will be more likely to be power. To this a woman may react by becoming feminine in the socially acceptable way, saying the right things and cooking the right meals, and simultaneously attempting to live a frustrated need for self-expression through her husband or lover. OR she may become consciously aggressive herself and reject the feminine principle within her own psyche. In all of these cases the first job confronting the individual who seeks to understand the inner potential of Saturn in the tenth house is a coming to terms with the mother and a re-evaluation of the male and female roles. Although the fourth and tenth houses are rarely considered when problems of a sexual nature are considered, they do in fact have great bearing, indirectly, on the area of masculine and feminine roles.

An intense self-consciousness and great sensitivity to public opinion are common reflections of Saturn in the tenth house, as well as a fear of failure and a propensity to attract situations which are publicly embarrassing in some way. These expressions are all connected with a basic sense of inadequacy. Dealing with Saturn in the tenth house, where he displays some purely Saturnian qualities in the most difficult sense before he begins to yield his gold, requires considerable self-honesty. It is, however, difficult to achieve objectivity in questions which deal with male and female roles and equally difficult to be detached when considering one's mother. A considerable amount of sentimentality must be waded through on the subject of motherhood and many centuries of rigid sexual roles which have taken their toll on the collective human psyche.

Sensitivity to one's image is the next step on the ladder; and Saturn is inclined in this area to focus on material values as he usually does. It is often terribly important for the individual to be important; and his definition of importance may be strongly coloured by material advantage and social status. There is often a fear of public humiliation, which inclines toward shunning the limelight, yet there is also an equally strong urge for exposure. In group situations this is a very self-conscious placement although in individual relationships this tendency may not be apparent. Saturn in the first house may be intensely self-conscious in a personal situation yet will deal well enough with a distant public. It is the image which is important with Saturn in the tenth. The person is likely to be conservative in his approach to social values because he does not wish to compromise his position. When this characteristic exists in combination with other, more adventurous factors, a considerable amount of inner friction may result.

When a broader perspective is taken of this most interesting placement of Saturn, it often happens that the sensitivity, the self-consciousness, the attention to public estimation, and the constant effort to demonstrate usefulness and value through achievement all conspire to prepare an individual in a very helpful way to dealing with the great responsibility of holding authority over others. He may find when he reaches the top that

he has learned diplomacy and statesmanship along the way as well as a sense of compassion for those whom he is attempting to teach or structure.

Professionally the person with Saturn in the tenth house is generally successful, largely because he tries so hard and is so persistent. He does not work well under others because although he may for a time be able to present the smooth surface of humility which is such a gift of the Saturnian personality, his own ambition and love of success will eventually push him out on his own. His problem does not lie in the achievement of success once he has begun his climb. It is getting started in the first place which is the initial task and which involves his overcoming a fear of failure which may lead to inertia. The remainder of the task is to establish a definition of achievement which is not based on purely external values. It is difficult for a person intent on a mountain climb to comprehend the fact that his climb is meaningless, and the reward of the summit is illusory, unless his success serves as a demonstration to others that the summit can be achieved. It is usually the work of Saturn in the tenth house to give structure and form to some group idea. If an individual refuses to accept the offer of this opportunity and attempts to live his task through another person, he generally must accept the price of frustration and a sense of purposelessness. If he accepts the challenge of his own inner self, then he himself can become Saturn the teacher in his most beneficent form.

Natal Saturn in 11th House

(Liz Greene)

It has been said of Aquarius that everything may be seen in the shop window but nothing is to be found in the shop, and it is easy enough to draw this conclusion when confronted with the textbook descriptions of the sign and the association of the eleventh house with hopes and wishes, clubs, and societies. The immense depth and wisdom which are revealed by a study of astrology are not so apparent in this rather incomplete interpretation of the eleventh house and sign. With Saturn and Uranus as its rulers, Aquarius is perhaps entitled to a more complex meaning, and it is possible that the eleventh house is also more complicated and more abstruse than it is traditionally considered.

The tenth house is both the high point of achievement for the individual and his place of burial, for it symbolises his deepest immersion in the material world and demands of him the sacrifices of his private and personal desires in order to obtain his goal. If the circles of the twelve houses is seen as a cycle of progressively more complex steps in the unfoldment of the individual's outer life, the tenth house, which belongs to Saturn, may be considered the end of the climb of the personality. In the remaining two houses, both of which are connected with the 'higher octave' planets and therefore with states of consciousness that are collective or transpersonal rather than personal in nature, the individual loses himself in the group and shoulders his responsibility as a cell in the larger body of humanity. His tests have been met, he has developed personal integration to the point where his mind, emotions, and body function as a disciplined and finely balanced tool to serve his inner purposes, and he is now free to join in the larger task of group integration and development. The passage from Saturn to Uranus marks the transition from the supremacy of the personal will to the development of group consciousness. Group consciousness is not mass consciousness for with the former the contribution is voluntary and the worth of the individual is not lost. This may appear to be a rather esoterically inclined interpretation of what is apparently a superficial house and sign. But if we are ever to make any sense of Saturn and his houses and signs from any viewpoint other than a fatalistic one, or are ever to understand the real nature and extent of the individual's free will and purpose, it is possible that in the esoteric tradition of Saturn some information may be found which helps us to live freer lives.

People who are strongly Aquarian or Piscean in temperament, yet who have not yet developed a purpose which permits them participation in a larger expression, are often lost creatures, and it is perhaps more difficult for this kind of temperament now because

the idea of group consciousness is not yet a reality. It is reasonably common to find the average Taurus personality concerned with his security for this is his natural outlet of expression - or for the average Libra to concern himself with his personal relationships, or the Gemini with his education. But the Aquarian and Piscean temperaments have no personal concerns. And if they are not yet sensitive to the more universal concerns which are the natural expressions of these signs, they are left with no concerns at all. It is small wonder that so many alcoholics and drug addicts are strongly Piscean or Neptunian by temperament and that so many of the mentally ill must cope with Aquarian or Uranian energies. To balance this, it must be considered that we owe some of our greatest scientific and psychological discoveries to the Uranian type and some of our greatest poetry, music, and spiritual vision to the Neptunian. It is somewhat easier to understand the great potential and the great failure of these two types in light of the urge toward group involvement and contribution which motivates them both.

If we then look past the level of clubs and societies when considering the eleventh house and apply the idea of group in this area as a possible additional meaning for this house, more insight may be gained into the meaning of Saturn's placement here.

The more ordinary meaning of the eleventh house is often in evidence with its connotation of friendships and social acceptance; and Saturn in the eleventh may display his usual aloofness and isolation and thereby mark the individual as a 'lone wolf', one who somehow does not fit into the group. He may find difficulty in making casual friendships and in functioning at the more superficial social level which, in our present society, is considered of such value. He may feel himself to be an outsider, and will often behave as one; and his separateness is deeper than a mere inability to conform to popular standards of behaviour. The group which is presented to him as the 'acceptable' one - those people whom he meets through family, business, religion, or interests - rarely receives him warmly; and he rarely feels himself to be a part of any artificially structured social unit. He is looking for another kind of group, a deeper group; but he rarely understands that the bounds which link this more abstruse group are of an inner, not an outer, nature.

Saturn is often painfully self-conscious and hopelessly inept at the social graces, but he is always the enemy of superficiality when he is expressing his true nature. His presence in the eleventh house is made doubly difficult because the nature of our present ideas about friendship and group activities can be eminently superficial. Saturn may often feel awkward and uncomfortable as he often indicates an introverted and shy tendency. Thus the usual effect of Saturn in the eleventh house is a deep, although often concealed, feeling of loneliness. He may want badly to feel himself a significant part of a larger whole, to be released from the burden of self-consciousness and 'differentness'. Yet he is often unable to express his need, and will sometimes not even admit to it himself.

We consider man to be a gregarious animal, a communal creature rather than a solitary one; and the man who spends long periods alone or rejects the opportunity for social intercourse is somewhat suspect to the average individual. We are brought up to believe that there is something neurotic or unwholesome about aloneness, yet it is probably far more painful to carry the sense of separateness into a crowd than to be physically alone yet experience a sense of belonging. The man with Saturn in the eleventh house is often compulsively driven to be alone, and he may draw back from friendships because he is afraid he will not be accepted. It is frequently necessary for him to balance this fear and sense of inadequacy with a need to glamourise his uniqueness so that out of pride his separateness is demonstrated to be a virtue rather than a shortcoming. It is probably neither a virtue nor a lack, but the unconscious man with Saturn in the eleventh house is not aware that he has more choices than this. So one of the most typical reactions of an eleventh house Saturn may be demonstrated: he must be superior; he can have no equals. Just as Saturn in Leo finds it painfully difficult to express his uniqueness in an open way, Saturn in Aquarius often finds it painfully difficult to express his ordinariness, his similarity with every other human being - although it is this ordinariness, this blending with the group, which he desires the most. Saturn in the eleventh house is often interpreted as giving few and faithful friends; and it is the quality, rather than the

quantity, which is important.

Overcompensation is often expressed by this Saturnian placement; and it is common to find the individual who crams his life full of social activities so that he scarcely has time to be alone. He will often fill his time so that he rarely needs to have personal confrontations, and it is often so important to him that he demonstrate his belonging that he will subdue his own individuality in order to cater to the standards and ideas of the group. So Saturn in the eleventh house may become a follower rather than the leader which he essentially needs to be. His own ideals, his wishes, and his dreams are worthless when compared to the final and inexorable word of the great They. Saturn in the eleventh house may sometimes symbolise this kind of social butterfly in the same way that Saturn in the third house may suggest a chatterer and Saturn in the seventh a perpetual Don Juan. But this butterfly often has wings of lead. He remains as essentially isolated and apart, as if he were alone, because inwardly he seeks a deeper and more meaningful sharing. But the work involved in achieving that deeper level of interchange would lead him into himself and into a search for a different set of social values as well as a deeper understanding of society itself and its purpose.

The opportunity which is offered by Saturn in the eleventh is not easily utilised without the kind of broad view of human oneness and gradual evolution and unfoldment which marks the truly progressive mind. This has little to do directly with political involvement although this area is a natural adjunct to the kind of vision which is often found in the Aquarian temperament. But Saturn has little to do with theories; he offers his wisdom through the more difficult but more meaningful channel of personal experience and realisation; and the understanding of the psychology of the group and the direction in which man's consciousness is slowly striving is an understanding which can be the inner illumination of the individual who has Saturn in the eleventh house. Esoteric literature speaks repeatedly of 'the Plan' for man, and this plan must remain in the realm of the theoretical and the visionary for the majority of people. To the discerning eye of an eleventh house Saturn, it is possible that the reality and nature of this plan may become visible if he seeks long enough and deeply enough the inner group which means so much to him.

If he permits his vision to narrow, Saturn will rarely find the solution to his isolation, and we may then observe the fulfilment of the prophecy of hard luck through friends which is said to accompany this placement: for one who sets himself apart to such a degree, and who feels such mistrust of others, is bound to attract something similar in return from his fellows. Like forever attracts like; and the bristly defensiveness which may often be seen in an eleventh house Saturn - even in those who have polished the surface of social charm until it shines but who cannot permit deeper friendships - usually attracts defensiveness back.

Each individual contains the potential of the higher or more universal meaning of the eleventh house to unfold along with the more personal. Few people are conscious of this potential because a more careful investigation of values and a more inclusive interest in humanity is generally a prerequisite for its unfoldment; however, the eleventh house is present on every birth chart, and the challenge of finding meaningful expression for the urges which are symbolised is present in every life. This becomes more urgent a task for the person who has Saturn in the eleventh house, because as with any other Saturnian position, second choice is not acceptable, and with this placement the sense of commitment to and participation in group life must be real.

(Bil Tierney)

Saturn in this house has a basic fear of the potential chaos large groups of people can cause. Mobs running wild or anarchists on an uncontrolled path of destruction could be two of an Eleventh House Saturn's worst nightmares. There is something about unregulated group energy on the move that repels this planet. We could at least get claustrophobic in crowds. The Eleventh House is where we find people coming together

to support progressive and even futuristic ideals. Large groups of individuals get to pool their energies, form powerful alliances, and operate as an even greater social force, for better or worse, than any one person could alone. Saturn, looking at this complex of egos fortifying each other's power and will, starts to panic. That's because Saturn is such a separatist at heart and is not eager to lose its identity to any group. It will not surrender itself unconditionally to any abstract cause, especially when in this house. Total, unquestioned loyalty is not what Saturn is willing to give (although Saturn / Neptune patterns might). Yet there are many others facets of the Eleventh House experience that can help Saturn feel connected to people in a broader and more purposeful sense.

While it's probably true that many of us with this position feel uneasy in crowds or being around throngs of people, we seem to be very observant regarding our peer group dynamic, starting as early as preschool or kindergarten. The Eleventh House invites us to participate in activities where we work together as a controllable unit with everyone on equal footing, no one with greater privileges. But Saturn doesn't buy this 'all for one and one for all' approach, and we find ourselves wanting to back away from too much team involvement (even though no-one on the team was all that excited to pick us anyway). We either reject or are rejected by the group, the clique, the membership, the gang, etc.. We over-achievers usually don't like being rejected at all; and, determined not to be excluded, will try to prove our worthiness by doing whatever it takes to fit in and be accepted. But what the group may not realize is that we may also harbor ambitions to later take over the leadership role and be in control. Conversely, we self-inhibitors may take not being included too much to heart, feel crushed, and learn to resent anything dealing with groups, teams, networks, and other such alliances.

It is unlikely that we stood out among our peers as being highly popular and sought after. One reason, especially in our youth, is that we felt older and more mature than many others our age. This was very apparent in high school, when we probably were studious and conservative while many others were rowdy and unfocused. Yet it is ironic how some of us stilled those wilder kids that both fascinated and scared us. There is something very alluring about those free-spirited ones who break the rules and still do not get struck by lightning (the way we assume we would if we stepped out of line). And so, a dilemma occurs: whether to conform to social standards, ensuring our safety and the approval of authorities, or to flirt with experimental behavior and be like those who thumb their noses at convention in favor of more original and defiant social expression. Saturn often feels caught in the middle of these contrasting urges when in the Eleventh House.

It would seem most likely during the school years that we were very picky about who we hung out with. Quality friendships are what we sought then and now. We may claim we have only a handful of real friends that we really can count on and who know some of our deeper facets.

The types of friends represented by the Eleventh House are not the same shown by our Seventh House, who are more our bosom buddies - those best friends with whom we have established intimate, personalized relationships. These are our loving, long-term companions with whom we share so much of our real self. Such unions become a marriage of sorts. But such intimacy is not part of the Eleventh House or Principle Eleven in general. When people claim to have invited about 100 of their 'best' friends to their wedding, you know they are coming from their Eleventh House experience, not their Seventh.

Bil Tierney) (contd.)

Our Eleventh House friends are more correctly described as acquaintances. They can also be people we congregate with in structured group settings like clubs, monthly meetings, associations, political fundraisers, and even bowling teams (group therapy is more a Twelfth House issue). These relationships have an element of friendly impersonality that is nevertheless very enjoyable when everyone is networking smoothly. We just know enough about one another to keep things sociable and upbeat. Saturn

needs to be exposed to such group harmony to know it is possible to achieve. But Saturn will not get chummy with anyone it still regards as having 'stranger' status. Saturn realizes there is something about all group arrangements that lends itself to strictly surface interaction, where nothing gets too deep or too real, and the associations seldom remain permanent. Eleventh House people tend to come and go, replaced by new faces.

Saturn, not being a natural joiner, approaches these social setups with caution and reserve. We probably would like the secure structure of a well-defined group that has been established for some time (no crazy anarchists here!). We may feel safe with all those familiar faces we get together with on a regular basis. It will take us time to warm up to all these new but seemingly interesting people; but at least they believe in the preservation of the blue-throated mountain swallow or red-spotted river chipmunk or are working to support serious social issues. Such activist groups calling for responsible action are appealing to us. If everyone gets together to fulfill a worthy purpose, rather than just wasting time casually mingling, this would justify our membership or participation.

Saturn could be drawn to volunteering time and energy when needed since it has a serviceable nature and likes to be put to good use. We might even sign up to head certain committees when asked, especially when others sense our above-average organizational abilities and our willingness to work hard for an important cause. But we really have to like and trust the group we serve before we let things get this far. We are not under Neptune's spell here, so our sense of service is tied in with our sense of realistic limits. The group has to make sure it doesn't push us too far with its demands, and most importantly to never take us for granted! We may look like we are humble; but inwardly we crave recognition for our good works, loyalty, dedication, and overall perseverance. The fact is the Eleventh House is not a zone where people get sentimental about things or huggy-kissy, especially with Saturn positioned here. If we do things just to get a special warm response from fellow members, it may not be forthcoming (unless we also have the Moon in the Eleventh House, but in a different sign and not conjunct Saturn).

Still, we could take on a dutiful parental role in those groups we do relate to. Many will depend on us to keep things afloat and bring order to the way things run. But again, if we are over-achievers, we may like controlling the show too much and others may sense we have a problem being truly democratic, or even flexible. Why should little changes in the club's monthly procedures bother us too much? There is something spontaneous about the way things like to go in the Eleventh House, but we have to be careful not to bring our own Saturnian rigidity to these experiences. Self-inhibitors may feel guilty not wanting to volunteer, but we either do so reluctantly or are pushed into it by others who try to pump us up with confidence or assurance that we can do tasks required. If we don't undergo a real attitude adjustment, we later may complain about how we are carrying too much of the load and not getting the right kind of team support.

Again, it's a feeling of being used without being appreciated by people who are somewhat detached from the sacrifices we undergo to fulfill our role. Some of us might simply quit the group and not seek similar involvements again for a long, long time, if at all. It seems the lesson here is not to drop out, but to establish clear boundaries and let other members realize what we need in return for all the work we do. It's not selfish of us to ask for co-operation. It's sensible. We are only being unreasonable when we expect everyone to be mindreaders who should already know when they are imposing on us, or pressuring too much, or piling on too many responsibilities. All they do know instead is that we seem to take on all the little jobs they shove our way and not gripe about it. If this scenario is not suitable, then Saturn says we need to squawk about things politely but firmly, and not just retreat and get our feelings hurt. Saturn can be such a touchy planet sometimes!

Saturn gets too easily unnerved by people who look too unusual or do things that go against tradition (think of the conservative bent of Saturn in Taurus, Cancer, or Virgo). The Eleventh House is one life department where we have an opportunity to meet a wide

range of people from all walks of life (the United Nations is an Eleventh House organization, although ideally its politics are Ninth House issues). This house challenges us to readjust our thinking about finding security only through people who are familiar to us (that's why it quincunxes the Fourth House in the Natural Wheel). We have the potential to embrace a larger 'family' of friends in the Eleventh House. Saturn actually is no big embracer of anything, but in this house it often hungers for solid connection with members of society. It doesn't want to feel like an outsider who observes groups only from a safe distance, not daring to participate. In fact, Saturn can be a loner, but it doesn't always like being alone when in this house. It's a contradiction we need to work out.

Many of us will probably find we have adopted certain assumptions from our parents (maybe father more than mother) that anyone who is different is weird, and that weird can be dangerous. We are not supposed to trust strangeness in any form, much less allow ourselves to associate with it. There are many Uranian elements of the Eleventh House that Saturn finds both fascinating and disruptive. It's a house of anti-Establishment activities and protest movements that defy the cultural status quo. Even defining what is normal becomes a big question for the Eleventh House. Saturn always thinks it knows without a doubt what 'normal' looks like when it sees it, but the Eleventh House is where our culture has a chance to re-invent itself and try out new ways of looking and behaving. Ironically, what is called bizarre today may be passé a few decades later. So we with Saturn here are going to be getting an eyeful and an earful of what a progressive society can look like and sound like; and a lot of it will go against what we have been taught to reject while growing up.

The challenge is to find value in people and things different from ourselves and our background. We need to be more socially experimental in the Eleventh House. For example, if we have the chance to either go to an out-of-state university versus a local college only twenty miles away, we should opt for going out of state, because that might ensure that we get to have the culture shock needed to help us alter any rigid social assumptions. Even if we did choose to play it safe and stay local, the universe may surprise us by picking a room-mate who comes from the opposite side of the country, has slightly magenta-hued hair, loves exploring virtual reality, or even was raised by a parent who is gay (Uranus could be transiting our Saturn at the time). The point is that if we need to be exposed to different realities out there in the big world, the experience will come to us somehow.

Once we continue to have repeated encounters with unusual types with far-out views of living more freely, we get to listen to our inner critic who has so quickly sought to judge and condemn people who don't fit the mold. A lesson in true tolerance is to be learned with an Eleventh House Saturn; but it's a tolerance based on a deeper understanding of why certain people dare to live the ways they do. What Saturn can offer us here is real objectivity, where we play the social scientist who observes and records the unlimited variations of human behavior. We simply take it all in without feeling like we have to protect ourselves from such exposure. It would appear that the more we continue to educate ourselves and exercise our intelligence, the better. People with lots of planetary focus in this house (similar to the Third, Sixth, and Ninth Houses) usually want to feed their minds new data. Saturn may be challenged to do so to avoid being too narrow-minded to appreciate current social overviews.

Saturn in this house literally means old friends - as in the elderly, the aged, those advanced in years. Actually, older associates might be a more accurate term in most instances (people about seven or more years older than us). We might befriend such people because they represent for us stability, maturity, settledness, experience. We gravitate toward those who have been successful with their material objectives or have made a name for themselves in society. Maybe we have a few old *famous* friends. We feel safe relating to people who know where they are going in life and who don't waste their time or ours with nonsensical behavior. What may make these relationships work best for us is when both sides know their boundaries and observe considerate behavior. These

would be people who just don't pop over for a surprise visit. Or ask us for inappropriate favors. Or talk about us behind our back. We need to trust that our friendship will be honored and respected.

Actually, much depends on our Saturn aspects as to whether such old friends are to be a source of security for us or a burden. Saturn / Moon or Saturn / Venus stress aspects do not sound like we are dealing with odler people who are also self-reliant or confident in their outlooks. They could drain us with their sad stories of how life doesn't give them any lucky breaks. Of course, we could attract someone of any age who could sound like a bowl of sour grapes. So it's not as much a matter of old friends as it is a case of friends whose life patterns start to get old on us after a while. We take on some of their chronic problems and it can exhaust us. This could be a test of learning to be more selective in choosing acquaintances. With the right choices, our lives can be quietly enriched.

(Zipporah Dobyns)

Like Saturn in the tenth house, Saturn in the eleventh house is another common pattern in the charts of people who seek careers in public service. The eleventh house deals with more equalitarian organizations and with the expansion of knowledge, with humanitarian issues including equality and freedom, with casual friends and the legislature in a democracy. Where Saturn describes the limits, the eleventh house seeks to go beyond the limits. Where Saturn is the epitome of hierarchy, the eleventh house demands equality. Where Saturn insists on staying grounded, the eleventh house builds rockets to go to Mars and beyond. Saturn is the law; and the eleventh house rebels against it.

Obviously, Saturn in the eleventh house calls for integration if we want to avoid constant inner conflict. But what a great team they are when they work together. It takes the innovation and the willingness to take risks of the eleventh house to build rockets, but it also takes the understanding of gravity and other forces in our physical universe. The practicality of earth and the abstract intellectual skills of air are magnificent when they work together. Once we accept the necessary limits which let us survive in and cope with a material world, we can be free to do what we please. We can choose any career which expands or disseminates knowledge, and, if possible, lets us be our own boss working with peers.

Eleventh house fathers can be Aquarian in many ways, from intellectually brilliant and verbal to defiantly different, from being a friend with their children to being cool, indifferent, and sometimes just physically gone or emotionally unavailable. The father may be theoretically learning to be equalitarian, understanding, and accepting, the air principles, but may actually still be dogmatic or controlling. He might also just be unpredictable or rather strange. Whatever his version of the principle, the child has a chance to learn what to do or what not to do.

Saturn in 12th House

(Liz Greene)

The twelfth house, as the last in the circle and lying hidden behind the Ascendant or outward behaviour, symbolises both endings and beginnings. It is the end because it represents the sacrifice which must ultimately be made of the conscious personality as a separation unit. From a more abstruse point of view it represents the beginning because it refers to those causes from the past which, operating from birth and below the level of consciousness, draw to us those situations which require that we lose ourselves and die to be reborn into group consciousness. From water all life comes, says the Koran; and this house, reflecting Pisces and Neptune, the ancient god of the waters, suggests that plane where life, undifferentiated and without individuality, first sprang, and where, wise with the lessons of individual consciousness, it must eventually return. Even shorn of its more esoteric associations, the twelfth house refers to isolation and submission, and to the dissolution of the personality.

This is often called the house of karma, based on the idea that planets found here are in some way denied normal expression and are often operating as unconscious rather than conscious drives. It is also called the house of self-undoing because isolation, incarceration, helplessness, and bondage are often the lot of the person with the heavily active twelfth house - literal or symbolic - and it is his own actions which draw these conditions to him. Whether a long past is considered or not, the inference is certainly present that the ego, built through the efforts of the previous eleven houses and signs, must eventually be laid on the altar of sacrifice so that the man may become a functioning part of a larger whole and give of his wisdom and energy for the good of the group. For the man who refuses to comprehend this, it is the house of hospitals and prisons, for only through the loss of individual power can a man realise that he himself is nothing without a link to the rest of life.

This is always a difficult house, unless the path of service is pursued. Somehow the release of energy in this way alleviates much of the frustration and loneliness which accompanies twelfth house planets, and makes the required sacrifices bearable. Great pain often occurs through the twelfth house, for the loss of the will after so much careful building is a great blow to the man who has come to identify himself with his personal desires. Yet loss of will is the price which all planets pay when found in this house, although the finding of inner serenity is often gained in exchange.

As the last sign of the watery trigon, Pisces symbolises the completion and fulfillment of all emotional strivings - unity not with another person but with life itself. This is the mystical marriage, and is most difficult for the average man, centered in his personality, to deal with. There is no battle required; only acquiescence and devotion. It is almost impossible to make any sense of the twelfth house from a purely mundane point of view, for, even more than the eighth, this is a non-material house and pertains to matters which bring a man into closer touch with subjective reality. Any planet in the twelfth is subject to the dissolving and transmuting influence which blocks the ordinary personal expression of the planet and forces its energies inward and upward. That which occurs here occurs in secret like the gestation of a child. Only when the term is complete can this facet of the individual unfold like a newborn baby into external expression; and by then it is changed.

Saturn in the twelfth house, and to a lesser extent in Pisces, is difficult from the point of view of the personality because the Saturnian energies, geared initially toward self-protection and defense against the environment, are rendered ineffectual. This may in extreme situations be through hospitalisation or imprisonment for a period of time; and the man may learn through his own helplessness how ultimately impotent the personal will is against the forces of his own past which he himself has set in motion. The feeling that one is helpless and must submit to something larger and greater is frequent with this placement of Saturn, although it may occur on a very subjective level. This is a cadent house and refers to states of mind; and Saturn here often generates a vague fear that someone or something, a misty or generalised fate or destiny, is going to destroy him or control him. He may isolate himself and attempt to shield himself from contact with others at the same time as he is weighed down by an oppressive loneliness and sense of powerlessness.

The sacrifice of one's material ambitions is often concurrent with a twelfth house Saturn; and this is also one of the commonest signifiers of the child who dedicates his life to the care of an ailing or helpless parent at the cost of his own development. This is often done not because it must be - there are always alternatives - but because there is an intense feeling of guilt, obligation, and an instinctual understanding that he must make some sacrifice or pay some debt. It is also often the reflection of a fear of confronting external life and a sense of impotence in being able to handle practical affairs.

Guilt looms large with this placement of Saturn although it is generalised rather than specific guilt. It may cause a man to seek penance through solitude, or there may be

religious penance in the literal sense resulting in the monk or nun. It may be apparently involuntary penance as is the case with incarceration; but the man himself chooses this course although he may not consciously believe he will have to pay. It may result in sickness or withdrawal from conscious awareness through drugs, alcohol, or insanity. Or it may be much more subtle and less drastic, as in the case of the man who is always alone and always feels separation from the rest of humanity and the rest of life, no matter how many people he surrounds himself with.

Typical Saturnian ambivalence occurs with a twelfth house Saturn too, and there is both a compulsive fascination with and a great fear of losing one's identity and individuality. But whatever the specific mundane situation which is reflected, the individual is generally called upon at some point in his life to endure helplessness and aloneness and the sacrifice of his control. When this occurs on an inner level, the individual is frequently unable to communicate his feelings to others, which only increases his sense of isolation. He does not understand what it is that he is trying to protect himself against, any more than he understands the abyss which draws him with such fascination. He only knows that he feels powerless, and may overcompensate for this feeling by attempting to prove that he is totally master of his life. This may land him in hospital or in jail without his understanding the inner motives which have brought him there.

Saturn is representative in his disguised and baser form as the most personal kind of power, that which a person seizes for self-protection through manipulation of his environment. It is man's defense mechanism which is necessary for a long time while the unfolding of consciousness needs defending; however, when Saturn is found in Pisces or in the twelfth house, the time has come for the scaffolding to be taken down, for the inner structure is nearly complete, and stripping this away is initially like stripping off one's own outer skin and exposing the raw and tender area beneath.

As opposite to the sixth house, the twelfth disorganizes that which the sixth has put in order, and offers chaos instead. This is not the chaos of sickness and madness, however; it only seems so to those who have built their conception of reality on a mundane base.

Understanding the meaning of this position takes us beyond the field of orthodox psychology, which has certainly mastered the fourth house and some of the eighth but is lost when confronting the mysteries of the twelfth. Recognition of the urge for evolution, for meaning, for the spiritual side of life, as a valid psychological drive in man, is now becoming widespread, however; and when it is understood that this is perhaps the most basic and most important instinct in man - although an instinct of the psyche rather than of the body - then it will not be such a painful experience for a man to sacrifice his personality to permit his total self-expression. The real potential of Saturn in the twelfth house is unfortunately only available now to those of a mystical bent who are inclined toward the path of inner contemplation. To them it is the final sacrifice of the sense of separateness, and is willingly undergone because it is the last door between man and his freedom. It depends in the end on one's perspective. Trying to hunt Saturn down through the mazes of the unconscious is difficult enough in the eighth house where there are still some personality links; but the twelfth is wholly of the soul, and analysis does not help understanding unless it is backed by a knowledge of man's innately spiritual nature. The gold available from a twelfth house Saturn is the power to serve, not to 'do good' - which is not service at all - but to experience the sense of unity which the mystic is forever seeking and the sense of responsibility and detached love which accompanies this unity. This will, of course, make no sense to the earthy man, and may offend more pragmatic astrologers; but the fact remains that the twelfth house has not yet been satisfactorily explained any more than has the nature of man. It may be that as scientific evidence piles up, slowly but surely, in demonstration of the occult teachings of the past, the interrelationships of all living things and their essential underlying oneness will be a fact on the objective plane as well as a subjective experience on the part of the mystic.

Saturn in the watery signs and houses is worthy of first place because it is in this area that he displays his greatest ambiguity and also his greatest emotional suffering. As man

is only now beginning to learn how to think objectively as a group, and as the majority of people are still polarised in their feeling natures, Saturn in water is responsible for a great deal of the loneliness and isolation so apparent at the present time. It is of some help for the individual who has Saturn in a watery house or sign to recognise that his potential in terms of inner peace, understanding, and wisdom is as great as his potential for despair if he will only turn inward to the realm of the feelings and of the unconscious.

(Bil Tierney)

It's well established that the Twelfth House is the perfect place to retreat when we want to get away from the bustling, hectic world and find a little tranquillity. Peace and quiet are what much of this house is about, even though paradoxically the Twelfth House also drums up nightmarish images of bedlam where the insane howl and the disoriented abound in a hellish place of jarring noise and chaos - and that's just of our own inner demons! But for Saturn, it's the silent places of the soul that are most sought after. Neptune in the Twelfth House is much like this too, except that Neptune has a special talent for zoning out - meaning it closes its eyes and flies at the speed of mind to other dimensions where time and space pose no barriers, perfectly unaware of its everyday mundane surroundings. Neptune is quite a trance-maker.

Saturn can never get that far away from its ability to be aware of form and limitation. Saturn retreats to the Twelfth House to deeply contemplate why things turn out the way they do. Saturn will dig deeply to understand the purpose behind the endings of situations and relationships, especially when they've ended badly or without sufficient explanations. The Twelfth House is where we hide a lot of our loose ends, but Saturn always finds them and gets very anxious. However, its strong point is organizational power, which is no easy feat in this house of formlessness and anti-matter. What could be suggested is soul structuring, where we learn to build consciousness carefully on our most internal levels. Saturn is learning not to fear the limitless world of the spirit within. By establishing a meditative atmosphere where stillness is emphasized, we can learn to recognize the reality of our spiritual self and feel its constant, protective presence. Saturn always wants a solid connection wherever it's located; and in the Twelfth house, we have an ability to bring more of our Higher Self into earthly manifestation, perhaps through the power of visualization. But first we have to dissolve a lot of barriers that block our path to such self-awareness.

Some of us may have to deal with burdensome situations as part of our karmic plan for growth in this incarnation. We can suffer in solitude - at least, our pain is invisible to those we deal with in the day-to-day world. We learn to become excellent concealers. But since this is the house of behind-the-scenes activities or hidden circumstances, we are reluctant to come out and expose our more serious problems to others without feeling inexplicably guilty or more embarrassed and humiliated than is reasonable. A few of us opt to lock away and guard our troubling fears (Saturn rules locks and bolts), while moping around like a martyr or victim of fate, figuratively wearing a 'kick me' sign.

Maybe we don't even mope, but instead show a false self-assurance and an assertive drive to accomplish that keeps others from prying into our hidden parts. We over-achievers may try to conquer the hypnotic pull of the unconscious by putting all our energies into establishing ultimate values of the earthly kind. Winning the game of material life is then the ideal we put on a pedestal, while our soul needs are little understood or woefully neglected. It's not a common manifestation, but it can occur. Actually, Saturn does call for a sensible embrace of both spirit and matter. Making peace with being in the world while doing what we can to bring peace would be a goal to envision, but Saturn needs to know how far it can realistically fulfill this dream to avoid disenchantment.

Retreating for purely escapist reasons, to avoid people contact rather than to confront the Great Oneness of life, can be the unwise way Saturn deals with anxiety. We can be hyper-vulnerable to our own crippling doubts or plagued with self-pity. We hardly want to

realize that we are so fearful, much less have strangers or loved ones know this about us. We will need to do some honest self-confrontation to determine if we are allowing imaginary limitations to hem us in. Are we assuming certain negative Saturnian responses from others ("they loathe me... they really loathe me!") while being too chicken to get the facts straight by being direct and addressing certain issues face to face? If so, we choose to remain blind to the real truth, and thus hurt ourselves. Being in the dark about anything is not what Saturn's all about; but the Twelfth House can symbolize covert enemies, and that includes engaging in hidden self-destructiveness.

Natal Saturn conjunct Uranus

(Haydn Paul)

During the twentieth century, the conjunction aspect was made during 1942 and in 1988. It offers the possibility of an effective balance between these two antagonistic planets. Apart from those born under this aspect, the energy released into the collective mind at these times can aid in the interplay between forces of order and chaos, conceivably bringing the opposites into equilibrium and allowing a space for something new to be born.

For the individual with this aspect, there should be the ability to fuse ideas with practical application, to ground and anchor those sometimes slightly intangible and ephemeral Uranian ideas, thus transferring the, from the level of mind into material existence. You should be able to take advantage of your personal resources and talents; and these can be effectively expressed through efficient organisation. The flow of Uranian energy should seem more consistent and reliable; and you will be able to apply persistence and focused will to achieve your objectives. Often, you will find enjoyment from becoming involved in situations where you can create order from chaos. Whilst this may appear Saturnian in nature, Uranus is not chaotic for the sake of it, but is only disruptive in order to create the conditions for a higher order to be superimposed.

You can function in a 'bridging role', carefully restoring a balance between order and change, and re-integrating this into a new structure which is an improvement on the previous one. In modern life, where so many changes are occurring so quickly, such a role can be most important, and utilises both of these planetary characteristics in a positive way. You have a sympathetic understanding of the past, and of the values and attitudes of conservative stability, yet also intuit and appreciate the necessity of change and evolving of social structures, organisations and individual development. You will try to integrate these threads, uniting what is worth retaining from the past with the ideas of the next step forward. Doing this, you work with both your intellect and intuitional faculties, and so reflect the next stage in human development towards the consciousness of unity.

You are likely to prefer a form of expression that involves a social contribution over and above mere participation in society; you would like to feel that you have some influence in improving things, and that your preoccupation is not totally for personal gain. This need can often give you a sense of direction in your life, and one which can absorb both of these planetary energies. If you begin to feel that you are having to keep down inner pressures of certain kinds, perhaps through a lack of channels to release them into, then it is a likely sign that you are not fluently expressing both the energies. Look at your life pattern and see which one is being repressed. In most cases, this would be the Uranus energy, as the Saturn energy, which is one of order and discipline, is often expressed through social conditioning. To free this blocked energy, more spontaneity, more experimentation, and exploration of new interests, would help. These would stimulate needed changes to happen, and so break down any fixed lifestyle patterns that are becoming inhibiting. If the Saturn energy is repressed, more self-discipline, commitment and perseverance to achieving your objectives would help. If the lifestyle lacks control, too much freedom could also lead to a loss of personal centre and stability, leaving you feeling lost and unsure of what to do or in which direction to travel. You will need to draw

through the Saturn qualities of boundary-making and structure, so that your life and inner nature begin to take distinct form again, creating a stable foundation from which to work.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction between Saturn and Uranus shows that you have the ability to give form to many creative ideas. You are unusually mature in your attitudes, which enables you to derive some benefit from everything you do. Your desire for freedom is matched by your capacity to earn it by carefully and efficiently mobilizing your resources for particular objectives. This self-discipline will always sustain you. You have a healthy respect for authority and its lessons. You also have the drive and ambition to accomplish important, long-term tasks that can assure your future security.

Your professional potentials are almost unlimited because you are not afraid of responsibility and the demands of leadership. Almost certainly, you have much to offer the world in terms of understanding and experience. You comprehend the lessons of the past, and you act aggressively to help rid the future of ignorance. These contributions should be harnessed to group enterprises or socio-political endeavors. Fields such as science, mathematics, research, politics, the occult, and especially teaching are some of the areas in which your talents would be useful.

You are most comfortable in the company of rugged individuals who have high aims and ideals. You need to associate with adventurous types whose grip on the future is firm. People 'on the move' and on their way up in the ladder of achievement are those to whom you can relate meaningfully. You are impatient with trite, superficial people, since you doubt that they can serve the needs of the masses. Your life has purpose and direction, and your closest associates have similar goals.

You must relax periodically in order to recharge your energy centre. You can easily drive yourself too hard, unmindful that your physical reserves are being depleted. When tired, you may become pessimistic about plans that would otherwise seem to be going well.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Two very conflicting factors are brought together here: a need to carve out an identity for ourselves, to define limits and to preserve form (Saturn), and a need to break structures, to overstep limits and to develop individuality (Uranus). Clearly, this will sometimes make it difficult to decide whether to preserve or to destroy.

Whenever we are engaged in giving life a certain shape (Saturn), we suffer from the urge to break out of or alter this shape (Uranus), and so we become tense and restless. Attempts to bring about change are impeded by a desire to proceed along fixed lines or according to a set pattern. There is no stagnation with this conjunction, but a restless activity continually generated from within, which can make the native feel insecure. Nevertheless, the conjunction does have a creative side that can be put to very good use. We regularly break free from anything that might hamper us (Saturn), and are unlikely to be rigid in our opinions. Tendencies that are too revolutionary are held in check, as is the temptation to be provocatively iconoclastic. Generally, one of the results of all this is a democratic attitude born out of tension and uncertainty.

If we are assailed by fear and doubt (Saturn), the conjunction with Uranus can really wind us up, so that disruptive tendencies are increased. The development of personality (Uranus) may be accompanied by feelings of anxiety and guilt (Saturn); we are always trying to improve situations and want to stop them getting out of hand. Therefore this conjunction often produces great self-control. With this aspect, we are very determined because Saturn and Uranus encourage stubbornness and willfulness. Uranus in full flight is a poor listener, and Saturn dragging its heels is not likely to change course. When linked with personal factors in the horoscope, this is not a bad combination for doggedly

pursuing personal interests.

(Betty Lundsted)

If Saturn represents the effect of the father on the individual's developing psyche and Uranus indicates the behavior of a generation, the father will have some unusual or unconventional effect on the child. In the personal chart, Saturn represents the part of ourselves we are 'cautious' about; that part of personality we view with apprehension. The conjunction to Uranus can also indicate certain kinds of erratic or self-willed behavior that directly relate to a father influence. The conjunction indicates a person who may be unruly or recalcitrant about his fears. He may hang onto beliefs long after they have been proven invalid.

Since Saturn represents authority, the conjunction indicates that the individual has little respect for it; that his life is bound up in learning about his concept of authority. The Uranus influence can indicate that he has the energy (in his generation) to lift the consciousness of tradition to another dimension. If the conjunction is involved with hard aspects to other planets, it can indicate an individual who wants to win at all costs.

A young person with this conjunction will be involved with group values, or the establishing of personality in the face of what he considers a stringent world. After the age of thirty, the personality will be somewhat settled and other aspects of maturity become visible.

The conjunction indicates the ability to rise above the father, to remedy the father's influence, to change and uplift the traditional. This individual may be able to bring into being a new approach to tradition because of his work and his attitude toward life. Because Uranus can represent willfulness, it's important to consider it in this conjunction - this may be the mark of a self-centered individual, one who is interested in living a personally erratic or eccentric life at the expense of those around him. When this occurs, check the other aspects in the chart that may also indicate a fear of approaching life - for instance, if the Moon afflicts this conjunction, the individual may be emotionally apprehensive, and because of that apprehension he may be excessively harsh with others.

(Charles Carter)

A powerful combination, characteristic of a person of considerable self-will, varying from the selfish and obstinate to enlightened determination. It tends to the unusual; and those having it are rarely concerned at all to please the conventional-minded. They are as a rule democratic in spirit, though autocratic in method; and they have considerable breadth of outlook, originality, and energy of mind and body. The temper is inclined to be masterful.

There is often bodily strength and hardihood if the appropriate houses are involved, but there is a likelihood of accidents and possibly of suffering violence.

The affairs of the houses occupied and ruled are likely to present difficult problems; and the native will require the utmost tact, patience, and will-power to solve them satisfactorily, for the conditions caused by these heavy planets are not likely to be ephemeral or superficial in character, but may last for years or even be life-long.

Any good aspects to the conjunction will indicate the direction from which help may be sought.

Natal Saturn trine / sextile Uranus

Saturn trine Uranus (Haydn Paul)

The trine aspect can offer a good working balance between these two energies, one which can successfully reconcile their opposing natures. The more positive Saturn

qualities allied to less extremist Uranian ones will be in evidence, operating through your personality expression.

As with the conjunction and sextile aspects, the trine will enable you to anchor and materialise the Uranian impulse, so that the energies will flow easily and fluently through you without creating any unnecessary blockages. Working from the Saturn ability of self-discipline, practical skills and organisation, you can take full advantage of the inspirational ideas of Uranus, eventually making them real on this material level. Yet you are not dazzled by materialism, and much of your actual interest and enjoyment is with the nature of the ideas themselves; being capable of manifesting them to some degree is but a completion of the process. It is those futuristic ideas and dreams that take hold of your imagination, giving it some form, definition and direction.

You are able to learn quickly from life experiences; you choose not to waste time having to repeat similar experiences through failing to realise the implicit lessons hidden within them. Time is short, and you prefer to make the best use of your natural talents and resources for yourself, and to aid others too if the opportunities present themselves. Potentially, you could become an inspiration for the young and others in how to actualise your intentions and complete the process of creativity, due to your ability to resolve the Saturn-Uranus polarity. Much of human experience revolves around the conflicts inherent in that dualistic polarity; and you could become an exponent of the fact that it can be reconciled. Your life could demonstrate the ability to weld together old and new impulses, the creative process, and the dichotomy of matter-spirit. Obviously, it would not always be easy; but you can make the potential real in your life, and prove to others that it is achievable. This is another aspect of the 'bridging role and function' that is currently needed during this transition stage, when unifying the planetary impulses is essential.

Saturn trine Uranus (Robert Pelletier)

The trine between Saturn and Uranus shows that you have learned from your experiences and acquired discipline. As you project yourself toward future accomplishments, you are excited by the prospects of all the tomorrows. You have earned the freedom you enjoy. Although you have a healthy respect for material things, you are fascinated by your increasing detachment from them. In the future you will be enriched by letting others share the benefits of your knowledge and experience.

You have the talent to mobilize and exploit your resources. You are intuitively aware that success depends on taking measured risks rather than on speculating. Consequently, you can teach others how to effectively capitalize on their potentials. You are well-qualified for executive positions because of your keen judgement and uncanny insight. Your understanding of people and their motivations enables you to organize their talents to accomplish seemingly impossible tasks.

You are particularly good at handling young people, because they can identify with you and the authority you present to them. They admire you for 'getting it all together' and being able to assert yourself without arrogance. They also respect you for expecting them to define and seek their own goals.

You can successfully apply your potentials in many occupations. Suitable fields include mathematics, science, research, and astrology, as well as many industrial positions requiring leadership and organization.

Your ideals are based on solid experience and the tried and true. As you strive to gain your objectives, you uphold the highest values of behavior. You are optimistic about the future for yourself and for those who share your ethical standards.

Saturn sextile Uranus (Haydn Paul)

The Uranus attraction towards ideas finds fluent expression with this aspect, where there

is the ability to make use of all information and knowledge that has been gained through education and experience. You will enjoy mental stimulation and intellectual pursuits, and have a high regard for the human development of mind, giving it precedence in importance, especially when it can have practical application. There may be some diminution of emotional expression, as you try to override the needs of that level, perhaps in an attempt to be rational and logical in your relationships. Some rebalancing may be necessary to prevent emotional repression and energy blockages.

You will probably have an approach which searches for and collates all necessary information that you need either for a practical project, or in order to become informed and capable of forming a personal opinion about a specific topic. You believe that decisions should not be based on ignorance or emotional reaction, and so you intend to acquire sufficient knowledge to allow freedom of decision and choice. This is part of the general efficiency and organisation that you are proud of; and this, allied with a sense of self-confidence and the ability to be assertive, allows you to make full use of your natural talents.

As with the conjunction, you are likely to feel able to contribute towards group work, with those associations of people that you feel are in mental affinity with you and perceive the world in similar ways. There will be that ability to perform a bridging role, where a channel of communication can be established between those reflecting established patterns of thought and attitude and those who are struggling to clarify and express the meaning of the emerging new world order. With an appreciation and attraction to progressive ideas, yet also recognising the value of the old and need for some stability within change, you can be effective in blending the two approaches and helping to form a viable foundation on which long-lasting development can be built. In your own right, you can contribute to the birth of the new through acting as a channel for original and inspired ideas, which you are able to ground through an ability to relate them to practical terms and by using common sense in knowing how much can actually be achieved now. You recognise that some inspiring ideas can be anchored now, whilst others require considerable changes to occur in both people and society before they can succeed. Understanding this, you will choose to work with only those that are capable of being actualised now, knowing that in succeeding with these, you are building the firm foundation for future transformatory ideas to materialise later.

Saturn sextile Uranus (Robert Pelletier)

The sextile between Saturn and Uranus represents deep respect for knowledge and the talent to use it. You realize your own self-worth and know exactly how to capitalize on your inner and outer resources. You instinctively seek the truth in all things and will persist until you gain it. Knowing that ignorance limits true freedom, you assert that you will never be tied down by being uninformed. Your intellect is highly developed, and your comprehension is keen.

You are more efficient and self-disciplined than most people in working toward well-defined goals. Therefore you can accomplish many tasks more easily. You waste little effort because you consider your time precious. Teaching is probably your best avenue of expression, although there are many other possible courses, such as science, math, research, the occult, astrology, politics, and the management of human resources. Whatever field you choose, you are not likely to stay long at your initial level. It is essential that you continue to progress in order to develop your maximum potential output.

Although you are reasonably sure of yourself (you know your self-worth), you may always have to make allowances in your daily associations for others who are less capable or less able to reason. What is obvious to you may be obscure to them. It would be advisable to play down how much you comprehend so you don't arouse antagonism in others, who may accuse you of being a know-it-all. This is also a good reason for going into education, where you are supposed to know more than others and cannot be criticized for it.

You relate more easily to people who have gained credibility through their intellectual development, as you have. Although ignorance is the catalyst for unleashing your knowledge for the benefit of others, you are nevertheless disdainful of it. Your general well-being can best be assured by associating with people who have established demanding goals for themselves.

Saturn trine or sextile Uranus (Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Tensions encountered in the conjunction are less conspicuous in the harmonious aspects between Saturn and Uranus because the two factors support one another in the way they express themselves. Consequently, we can structure our lives well (Saturn) within existing frameworks - social or otherwise - without sacrificing anything of our individuality (Uranus). We function in the community in a completely personal way without creating tensions in the outer world or in ourselves.

We can apply ourselves diligently to personal development, showing great determination and energy. The will is resolute and we have plenty of staying-power

Life's ups and downs are taken in stride, and we are not easily thrown off balance. Although probably having a high opinion of ourselves, we are not blind to limitations, are prepared to give others elbow-room, and are likely to have a democratic outlook.

A balance is struck between the preservation of structure (Saturn) and the alteration of structure (Uranus), which interact smoothly to give a quiet, steady renewal. We are prepared to accept all kinds of change, and can take a keen interest in the ideas of others; but we always endeavor to integrate the new with the old or the old with the new as easily as possible. Therefore this is an excellent aspect for a legislator, since it encourages the framing of laws that, without being too rigid or too revolutionary, pay due regard to both public and private interest.

However, the tenacity and obstinacy characteristic of this aspect can make us unwilling to listen to reason. When locked on target, we are not easily diverted.

Saturn trine Uranus (Betty Lundsted)

The trine indicates children born into a generation that wishes to co-operate with established forms of authority. The father's effect on the individual's psyche can be used constructively because Dad was co-operative with his peers. Dad's values may be expressed differently, but this person is exposed to the concept of a changing consciousness.

If the trine ties into the personal planets, or if the trine ties to the chart of the nation, this individual may be drawn to work in the political arena, for he relates to contemporary events. In the personal sense, his need to develop a 'personality' works co-operatively with his drive for maturity.

Saturn sextile Uranus (Betty Lundsted)

The sextile is more easily turned into constructive action than the conjunction. Saturn indicates the influence of the father on the individual's psyche; its sign indicates what the father causes this person to regard with caution. Uranus indicates the behavior of a generation as well as the possibilities of transformation or enlightenment in a personal sense.

When these two energies coincide harmoniously, there is potential for positive growth and awareness. As the talent is discovered and consciously applied, the individual becomes capable of working with large groups in order to make slow-moving, constructive changes in the environment.

Saturn trine or sextile Uranus (Charles Carter)

This is an excellent practical combination, uniting common sense with initiative, will-power, and nervous energy.

It is favourable for any sort of work that requires patience and prudence, combined with originality and insight. Thus it is good for organising or for scientific work - the 'marshalling of facts' in the logical upbuilding of a great theory (e.g. Newton, Pasteur). The same tendency is exemplified by Ulysses Grant's remark: 'I will fight it out on this line if it takes me all the summer'. This great leader had Saturn trine Uranus-Neptune, and his determination was equally well evinced by his personal fortitude in great pain. Note that, as so often with Saturn, success came late.

There should be concentration, mental and volitional vigour, quiet resolution, prolonged preparation, and drastic final action.

It favours positions of control and administration; and, to judge by examples, it seems by no means without relation to the arts. It is likely to make the native popular as a governor.

However, even the good aspects appear to be of little use as preventives of injury and violence, for they often occur in charts of victims of such things, although one can scarcely suppose that they are themselves indicators of the dangers.

Natal Saturn square / opposition Uranus

Saturn square Uranus (Haydn Paul)

The main theme of this square is the likely dominance of the Saturn qualities and a repression of the Uranus ones, with a personality expression being restricted by responding to the Saturn viewpoint on life.

This will be seen in a preference for the familiar and known, both in a ready acceptance of social convention (which in its reactionary phase is often rooted in a backwards-looking perception of a 'return to a golden age'), and in the desire for a personal life lived in a controlled, predictable manner and in a stable environment. The personal identity will be focused within strictly defined parameters, with self-imposed limitations on freedom of choice and action, wrapped around with concepts of allowable thoughts, emotions and physical acts. Much of this is a protective guard against the actual insecurity of life, and emerges from a personality that is afraid to relax fully and which is inwardly insecure.

Difficulties may arise in life when you are attempting to solve problems by applying existing attitudes which then fail to work. You often find the need for change deeply disturbing, and have an intuitive fear that if you allow that process to occur, then your life would fall apart. When you have to make decisions regarding new situations, you can find it hard to make a final choice, unless you discover a way to do so which reinforces your existing attitudes and preferences; if it involves a new direction, then you become uneasy, trying to find a way to retreat back towards your old familiar patterns.

In those attempts to impose control on life, you can be too dictatorial or authoritarian in your relations with others, perhaps through an insistence upon your point of view being right, or in having everything done in an established manner without deviation. Your life can become highly patterned, locking you into a circumscribed experience of life. This can define your identity for you, offering a way for you to evade those feelings of insecurity and lack of real confidence; but this will restrict you taking advantage of many opportunities in life. Often, you seek social status or approval in order to gain a reflected sense of self-worth.

Denying the Uranian vibration of change can lead to problems of life adaptation and inner tensions, especially as there will be an underlying struggle between an affinity with traditional patterns and an attraction and fear of something new being released into your life. Saturn will embody the more inflexible end of the square; and if you begin to respond to Uranus (or a transit stimulates its activity), then these inhibiting patterns will begin to be eroded and destroyed. Part of you - a repressed aspect - would secretly love to break free of all binding ties, to become unconventional and liberated; if the pressures rise too strongly, then attempts to throw off self-imposed shackles may be made, just to release the tensions. Marriages and careers can be destroyed through such activity, with the end result being a collapse of existing patterns with no real comprehension of how to build a more suitable lifestyle, and just a feeling of an inner void and loss of direction being common. Ongoing transformation is the wisest course of action, as the transitions move more smoothly and the person is capable of slowly adjusting to new ways in a more harmonious manner, integrating the arising new tendencies more successfully and easily.

Even within these Saturnine confines, the Uranian undercurrent is at work. The operation of your mind - where you focus yourself in order to control life - is more inconsistent and contradictory than you believe. Others probably notice this; but you will oppose any attempts to point this out to you, in your belief in your logic and rationality. Yet in the background of your mind lurk those more eccentric ideas, thoughts, desires and emotions that you rarely acknowledge. Sometimes, the strains of living with denied aspects can make you touchy in relationships, where people have to treat you in certain ways so as to avoid 'triggering those buttons' which stimulate areas in you that you choose not to explore. For real health, these need to rise into the light, so that the pressures and energies can be released, and that you can integrate parts of your being. If you choose not to, it is likely that at some point in life, Uranus will erupt with a vengeance, and sweep away all those pretences, patterns and controlled lifestyle, forcing you to confront your denied selves and to change.

Saturn square Uranus (Robert Pelletier)

The square between Saturn and Uranus refers to the difficulty you have in making decisions, especially when old attitudes must yield to the process of change. It is the kind of apprehension you may have experienced when you learned to drive a car after going everywhere on a bicycle. Your fear in unfamiliar situations is really the only deterrent to your progress.

Perhaps you were so conditioned by parental discipline that you still look for approval before asserting your creative potentials. It is probably more difficult for you to break with the past than for most people, but it is imperative that you do. Your future depends on successfully breaking old ties, even if it means alienating others. You may be 'reminded' that you can't do this or that because you're not old enough or you lack the experience, but you must persist. Once you overcome your fear of the untried, you can climb to any level you choose.

You are especially suited to work in large organizations where the sky's the limit for your potentials. You have sufficient self-regard to know your limitations; and once you recognize your own worth, success will be yours. Your respect for the lessons of the past should serve you well in the pursuit of your goals. Politics, industry, science, research, and even the occult fields would benefit from your contribution.

You must be prepared for occasional setbacks and reverses, but these will make your credentials more secure and establish your worth in the eyes of those who need your talents. Success sometimes is made more precious by the failures encountered along the way.

In your personal relationships, this dynamic planetary combination suggests that you will seek out people who will give you approval. Don't underestimate your virtues, which

include a sense of responsibility and the ability to give form to your ideas.

Saturn opposition Uranus (Haydn Paul)

With the opposition, you will tend to project inner tensions outwards onto others through your social and intimate relationships. These tensions arise as a result of the clash of the Saturn and Uranus energy patterns within you, and will continue to remain operating until you succeed in resolving the causes of the inner friction, through transforming the relationship of Saturn to Uranus.

You may feel torn between two polarised directions, past-future, order-chaos, orthodox-unorthodox, stability-change. This may make it difficult for you to decide on life directions, or you may become biased towards one pole to the repeated exclusion of the other, and some degree of repression of the ignored planetary qualities will occur. This can give you a hard edge to your personality, which is partly a result of trying to maintain a fixed inner centre against the other inner planetary attraction. You prefer to remain clearly in control, but can express this with what seems to others an overly aggressive approach.

There can be a lack of relaxed relationships, partly because you have a competitive attitude and desire to become personally important and authoritative in a social sense. It is doubtful if you will have many close friendships, because of an attitude of exclusion and distancing that you put up around yourself.

One area that can create conflict for you is a lack of openness to others, and that attitude of righteous knowing; this can block any real relationship from occurring, and often will generate antagonism from others, who look for opportunities to 'bring you down'. Learning to listen more to what others have to say is one lesson you need to apply; there is something of value to be gained from communication with every person, because the wisdom of the whole is reflected through each individual, and the routes that guidance and messages can take are infinite in variety. If you are not open to the world and people, you will miss them, and just circle around in your own limited world. Life can be greatly enriched by sharing with others in an attitude of equality. Co-operation and compromise should then flow by such an adjustment in your attitude to others, as you break down that restrictive egocentric shell.

It is likely that the Uranian energies will be less expressed than the Saturnian ones, so some degree of rebalancing may be required to free that planetary influence. This can be released through personal creativity and allowing yourself to be more free and less tightly bound. This can involve the dissolution of limiting self-images, and an inner granting of freedom to others, so that you do not insist that they conform to your image of them. Often you attempt to direct their lives for them, especially in the more personal sphere of relationships, because it makes you feel able to control life. In the way that you are applying this, the results just inhibit a vibrant life.

The Uranian characteristics can also emerge if you become involved in social reforming groups, where you may release that aspect of your nature in an active manner through questioning the Establishment. What you may have to be wary of is a bias towards Uranus that leads to losing the awareness of the essential Saturn values in life. What you should be aiming towards is a way to create a workable balance between these energies within your own nature and through relationships, so that the positive aspects of each can shine through.

Saturn opposition Uranus (Robert Pelletier)

The opposition from Saturn to Uranus indicates that you have a problem in relating to others. You relate, but in a competitive way for no particular reason. There are times when you are right and should maintain your position, but not so that you jeopardize the co-operation of those closest to you. You do need others to help stabilize you when you

disregard the most basic logic in handling your affairs. Learn to respect and value those who are genuinely concerned about you. First, you must learn the lesson of compromise. Later, when you've acquired the wisdom of experience, you may have earned the freedom you seek.

There are a number of professions for which you are qualified. Among them are science, research, logistics, statistics, mathematics, and industrial management. When you gain a position of authority, be careful not to subvert it by being officious. You tend to arouse the resentment of your subordinates, who will do their best to 'sandbag' you, and you will be defenceless against this. But you will also feel aggressive toward your superiors, who will prey on you.

You must make many adjustments if you want your life to function in an orderly way. First, resist the desire to start at the top. There isn't much room there even for those who haven't earned it. With this planetary combination you have a terrific opportunity to meet people who will teach you lessons the best schools cannot. But you must be willing to learn. Put your 'know-it-all' attitude on the shelf until you do know what's what; then you will use your knowledge with humility.

As time goes on, you will become less fascinated with the physical and more interested in human values that can enrich you in the future. You will appreciate those who helped you become successful, and you will share your knowledge and wisdom as others shared theirs with you.

Your partner probably deserves more credit than you know for sustaining you when you have had doubts about your potential.

Saturn square or opposition Uranus (Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the tense aspects between Saturn and Uranus, the planets express themselves much as they do in the conjunct, but with more unrest. The shaping of our lives is continually disrupted by Uranus, or we leave most things half-finished. Uranus spoils the patterns we are so busily weaving. We never settle down: something always crops up to force a change of plan; something new always has to be incorporated in the schedule. With a hard aspect between Saturn and Uranus, we often undergo several (possibly quite radical) transformations, partly of our own volition and partly because we unconsciously attract them.

But when we strive in Uranian fashion for individual development and personal renewal, the strain set up by Saturn produces a certain amount of anxiety, and we have to overcome all sorts of inner and / or outer resistance; also it is hard to envisage the most suitable form for development to take. Though doing our best to break away, we still seem bound by certain formalities (for example, by having to give long notice before we can leave a job), and thus suffer conflicts between personal freedom on the one hand, and rules and regulations on the other hand. However, the tense aspects supply sufficient energy for coping with these conflicts.

Because of the inhibiting effect of Saturn, we seldom rush headlong into new ventures and seldom feel inclined to break links with the past. Yet, because of the restlessness induced by Uranus, we have no wish to become ossified. Although this is a tense, unsettling combination, it provides the chance to look for new ways of expressing ourselves within existing forms, or of adapting our life-style to our individuality. And this is something for which we are prepared to struggle hard.

Natal Saturn quincunx Uranus

(Robert Pelletier)

Saturn inconjunct Uranus indicates that you have difficulty establishing priorities in the

obligations that you undertake. You may not admit it, but you let yourself be intimidated by others because you want their approval. You deceive yourself in believing that you can do any task as well as it needs to be done. The truth is that while you may do it well, you resent having to adopt new methods or innovations.

In a sense, you are locked up in the past, trying desperately to hold onto old concepts. You resist change because it threatens your security. Since you can't prevent progress, isn't it logical to accept it and adapt yourself to it? The only insecurity you need fear is being out of step with what is generally accepted. Once you adopt the new, it will become part of your arsenal of experience and will sustain you.

Until you react more positively to change, your accomplishments will be limited. When you become more flexible, you can successfully compete with anyone. Although the past seems secure, it is only the experiences you have gained that make it so. Life goes on; and tomorrow, next month, and next year will also become the past. Don't deprive yourself of the wisdom available through experiences that are still to come.

Be prepared for some stress between you and your mate. Your partner will recognize your tremendous potential and want you to develop it. Try to reach a compromise if this becomes an issue in the relationship. Others see your talents more clearly than you, so take advantage of their perspective.

Your life will be enriched if you strive to refine your talents and adopt new techniques that are more productive. Pessimism and a defeatist attitude can cause serious physical problems, such as arthritis or hardening of the arteries. If you are lucky, it will only result in a cantankerous disposition.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The tensions here are much the same as they are in the hard aspects, but are not so readily understood. We have a tremendous feeling of unrest, but we do not know its source. Therefore we are never really satisfied with fixed forms, and are uncertain how to express individuality or win freedom.

If we want to be original and individualistic, ambitions are sure to be undermined and held in check via the inconjunct. The resulting tension can make us even more determined to have room for personal development; yet this will only increase the counteractivity of Saturn. Hence it is not unusual, with this inconjunct, to suddenly abandon independence and become complete conformists. But after a little while the urge to be provocative and changeable reasserts itself and we start chafing under the same dull routine.

The tension between the retention of form and the breaking of form is at full stretch in the inconjunct. Therefore we are likely not only to be very much on edge mentally, but also to suffer physically - from nervous diseases, for example.

Life consists of one change after another; probably we create change unconsciously but may well do so deliberately. This is because we are never entirely at ease. Yet even with the inconjunct, a crisis can reveal the cause of the underlying tension; and then the Saturn / Uranus combination can be expressed in a more helpful way.

(Betty Lundsted)

Saturn represents the personal apprehensions of the individual as well as the influence of the father on the developing psyche. Uranus indicates the behavior pattern of a generation and the point of consciousness in the individual sense.

The quincunx indicates a strain between the influence of the father and the process of individuation. This person may not feel comfortable with the maturation process. It

brings a vague feelings of discontent when the attempt is made to free the self from the traditions of the father. In order for the energy to function easily, both signs involved in the quincunx need to be expressed. As the individual becomes conscious of the difference between the Saturn and Uranus function, the discontent can be handled.

Natal Saturn conjunct Neptune

(Haydn Paul)

This aspect occurs approximately once every thirty-six years; during the last century, in 1917, 1952 and 1989.

The effects of Saturn have a beneficial influence on the tendencies of Neptune, helping definition, stability and ease of expression; the potential is for practical idealism and an ability for positive application of the ideas and imagination emanating from Neptune. This is useful for creativity, as the inspiration of Neptune can be given adequate form and manifestation by the concrete tendencies of Saturn, and so the imagination is not left swirling in an inner world of dreams and fancies but is released onto the physical plane to be shared with others.

There is less of the delusive nature of Neptune present with this aspect, and there should be a greater perceptive clarity than usual, one that is especially sensitive to issues of deceit and glamour. You are less prone to make mistakes through such reflective blindness, and tend to be self-protective mainly by a careful and wary distancing that you maintain with strangers or new acquaintances. This is part of the Saturn contribution of caution and unease with anything that is unknown. Trust needs to be progressively developed in you, whether in people, circumstances or situations; and you are usually reticent in making any firm commitments until you have thoroughly evaluated any set of choices. You tend to rely on a faith in facts, and impersonal judging of what seems to be the wisest choice to make; this can be beneficial in your life, privately and in a career.

It is probable that the Saturn energy will be the dominant one, with the Neptune energy occasionally repressed for practical reasons. If you allow Saturn to be too emphasised, then opportunities may be lost through excessive evaluation and lack of decisiveness; that fear of the unknown will also act as a restrictive and inhibiting factor. You are likely to erect a well-defined lifestyle and personality structure which allows relatively little space for the Neptunian influence to be expressed, as it is more anarchic and expansionary. What can occur is a sense of confusion regarding your own personal limitations, where they begin to feel imprisoning and Neptune agitates to dissolve those barriers and to experience those repressed dreams that you are attempting to ignore. A careful balancing of both these planetary energies is essential, both for inner harmony and for external success. Otherwise, degrees of distortion and lack of perspective will increase, as the Neptune influence demonstrates its repressed presence through more negative characteristics.

For those exploring the spiritual dimension of life, this aspect offers several valuable assets, in that there is a questioning of dogma and assumptions, a tendency to deglamorise through a more earthy perspective, and a developing ability to rely on the inner guidance of intuition rather than on external 'authority sources'. This stage may have been reached as lessons learnt through earlier phases of gullibility and submission to teachers, possibly through religious or parental conditioning which you begin to cast away as inimical to your own development. Discrimination is important in life, and especially so when contacting occult teachings, where the likelihood is that through a lack of real personal experience only genuine ignorance exists; and the tendency of most is to fill that void by passively accepting whatever teaching is making an impact on them.

As you continue to develop, especially through standing alone and living through your own light, a greater maturity and perception will unfold. Insight and compassion founded on living experience will be gained, and if you practise meditational techniques then your

own power and light is likely to shine brighter as your inner clarity emerges. Effective concentration and meditation should be possible, and some signs of psychic abilities may also emerge from the Neptune energy being released. You may become a channel for the transpersonal energies to enter these levels, and there will be a sense of social responsibility and of the context through which they can operate.

Your intimate relationships are likely to be deep and enriching, partly as a result of your careful evaluation of suitable partners; and in those relationships where your heart becomes involved you will tend to be cautious before opening to a full commitment. Relationships are important to you, and you place great emphasis on continually working at them to ensure that they are mutually beneficial and a source of evolutionary growth. You believe that 'right choice leads to right action'; and this is a key to your success and to your procedure of careful evaluation of options and decisions.

(Robert Pelletier)

With your Saturn conjunct Neptune, it is very unlikely that you can be deceived for very long. You usually protect yourself by being distrustful of situations or people you are unfamiliar with. Even in spiritual or religious matters, you object to accepting dogma unless you can work it out logically. Perhaps in your early years you readily accepted those teachings, and later, as you began to question their validity, you felt guilty about them. In general, you have a mature attitude about religious matters, and deep insight into your social obligations.

You are psychic in the most realistic sense; and your experiences guide you in the use of developing your intuition. You are suited to work in an executive capacity, for you can make important decisions with a high probability of success. Your professional affairs benefit from your ability to detect dishonesty or deception. In your pursuit of the facts, you insist that others prove what they say. You fear the unknown and are cautious about making a decision until you can examine all the facts. Your inspiration has practical value, and you can express it concretely.

In your romantic relationships, you are similarly composed. You are an idealist, but a practical one. You do not generally make an emotional commitment unless there is solid evidence that the feeling is mutual. You don't offer yourself casually to anyone, friend or lover. Your temperament is not suited to superficial entanglements, but you are willing to make an enormous contribution to a relationship that obviously has sustenance.

Avoid taking medication that is not professionally prescribed. Artificial vitamins, stimulants, and depressive drugs are not for you, because they may cause unpleasant reactions.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the conjunction between Saturn and Neptune, form-building and form-disintegration go hand in hand, a state of affairs which can give a wonderful combination of qualities (provided personal planets are involved) - or it might more often be truer to say a weird and wonderful combination. Whenever we are engaged in giving concrete form to ego or are concerned with things with which ego can identify (Saturn), the form-dissolving processes of Neptune - which tend to blur the edges of the personality - are automatically activated. Therefore we keep making big or little formal changes and have little difficulty in giving the ego a regular shape. On the other hand, when formulating goals, we get feelings and insights that increase their depth. There is no knowing at any instant whether we are going to be changeable or insightful; in fact, we can switch imperceptibly between the two states of mind. Suppose, for example, we are writing a report: we may communicate in a well-thought-out style that expresses our feelings on the subject; but then we can introduce paragraphs with no proper structure at all, paragraphs with the meaning 'left hanging in the air' to such an extent that the reader is utterly perplexed. Or we may wander from the subject entirely. The danger of this conjunction is that the

formless and spiritual (Neptune) may undermine awareness of the concrete and everyday (Saturn).

Yet this conjunction could enable us to investigate the invisible and transpersonal world in a matter-of-facts, methodical manner. Much depends on the relative strengths of the two planets.

The Neptunian sense of unity and communal service can be made concrete by a conjunction with Saturn; and then we might work hard for a better world, a more closely knit human race and a deeper religious or metaphysical understanding. But, by the same token, the cautiousness and ambition so characteristic of Saturn can be subverted by Neptune. We have no control over the latter planet, and can be so swayed by it that ambitions are imbued with its spirit of renunciation. Possibly we shall sacrifice ourselves for some idealistic goal we have painted in glowing colors. Needless to say, this aspect may feature in the charts of ascetics or of others who do not ask much from life.

(Betty Lundsted)

Saturn indicates the psychological influence of the father on the psyche of the individual. It indicates that part of the personality that one is most apprehensive about, the facet of self that one regards with caution. Neptune brings a sense of creativity or illusion-delusion regarding insight concerning the father.

People with this aspect may not really understand the kind of effect their father had on them. This influence may be determined from other aspects to Saturn or the Sun. There have been cases where mother-dominated children have been deluded about the father, especially if he was missing. There have been instances when a child is unpleasantly surprised about paternity itself, for not every legal father is a child's physical father. These situations are difficult to diagnose and more difficult to discuss; they must be handled with tact.

When a father-dominated person has a Saturn-Neptune conjunction, there may be some idealization of the father. When a mother-dominated person has the conjunction, the mother may misrepresent the father in some way - the kind of man he is - or some delusion about the family or inherited family responsibilities may be engendered. The delusion about the father influence may merely be that the person doesn't know about the family influence or interests. These people will be influenced by certain delusions or illusions regarding authority figures; they may be hurt by the reality of the traditional approach, for they want to support illusions.

(Charles Carter)

In a good chart, this gives unusual powers, the native being able to plan and to execute, working hard. It is excellent for business or for politics, and has some affinity with the church. It is apt to produce something of an egotist, though the disposition may be kind. The native is apt to think himself or his work much more important than it really is. It is often found in the horoscopes of those who, with affected or sincere humility on the personal side, insist that they are instruments - the chosen and special instruments - of Exalted Beings, and so forth. In such cases, it is the expansive and formless side of Neptune which overcomes and drowns, as it were, the matter-of-fact sense of Saturn.

It appears to favour both mathematical and musical ability, perhaps by reason of its sense of exactness, time, and order. In any case, the abilities are very often out of the ordinary.

Provided Saturn is the stronger, it favours success by hard work, but usually also at the price of scandal and defamation, often in respect of sexual matters, or as the house occupied may indicate. It is not a position which is likely to cause the native to be fond of contact with the downtrodden or the poor, and is somewhat ambitious, fond of authority and management, and liking to exercise disciplinary powers. But if Neptune

predominates, these ambitious tendencies will be much less in evidence.

Owing to the contrary natures of the two planets, there are often two sides to the character, or two periods of the life, the one materialistic and hard-headed, and the other idealistic. Or, if other aspects help, these two may be blended concordantly.

Natal Saturn trine / sextile Neptune

Saturn trine Neptune (Haydn Paul)

The high idealism of Neptune and the awareness of social responsibility of Saturn will be prominent, and will stimulate an inner motivation intent on sharing in the ongoing work of social improvement. You should have a natural insight into social issues, and this coupled with a keen perception can help you to indicate those core problems that require resolution; in addition, you are able to offer constructive solutions to such problem areas, and are able to work with or within existing social organisations or governmental bodies to influence suitable changes to be made. In particular, you enjoy restoring 'order from chaos' and making use of forgotten and ignored resources.

There can be a tendency to sit back and observe social decline and contentious issues without choosing to become more actively involved, but this would be a waste of your own talents and a denial of that sense of social obligation. Your idealism has strong moral and ethical roots, and you could feel uncomfortable if you ignored those inner promptings. Direct activism may not be your preferred mode of involvement, but you may find your role perhaps through communicating to others the facts about certain problematic social issues, especially through the medium of writing and analysis.

You tend to have an absorbent intelligence, which accumulates considerable information and knowledge easily, and which is a resource that you should be able to utilise. The level of imagination is high and active, and this too can be personally used in a variety of ways, giving a spark of life to the ideas that you have for personal and social development. You may have difficulty in deciding exactly how to use your own resources, and the ideal may be to become involved in work which has a definite social dimension. Such work can include community welfare, law, social services, environmental concerns, finance, management, media, film, photography.

Friends find that you are a reliable support in times of crisis, and you are equally willing to lend a helping hand when necessary. Neptune inspires you towards compassionate feelings, both for people you know and for strangers.

If the spiritual quality of Neptune is active (and not so overshadowed by a dominating Saturn), then you are likely to be attracted towards spiritual or occult groups, where your talents can find ways of expression. Meditation and visualisation work should be enhanced by Neptune, and anchoring the energies in suitable forms should be enhanced by Saturn. Learning to trust your intuition will lead you to rely on it even more over time, and this could be a vital step forward in your own development.

Saturn trine Neptune (Robert Pelletier)

With Saturn trine to Neptune, you have the ability to take on enormous responsibilities. You are motivated by a powerful spiritual compulsion to bring about positive changes in the negative social conditions you observe. Early parental training established your high ethical and moral standards. You are sympathetic and understanding toward anyone whose circumstances are more burdensome than yours, and you strive to find ways to demonstrate your concern for your fellow man. When a helping hand is required, you are ready and willing to give it.

To your professional interests you bring wisdom and sincerity. You can express your gifted imagination in many ways that seem inspired. You are intolerant of deception and

collusion and will not compromise your ethics for personal gain. Occupations related to the film industry, photography, law, social services, the stock market, or the entertainment field in general would provide you with much personal satisfaction.

Your environment can benefit from your talents. You are keen in appraising conditions that must be changed and in determining the causes. You know how to enlist the services of the proper authorities, and you are familiar with the legal mechanisms that will help restore order out of chaos.

These are the resources available to you. What you do with them is up to you. You can remain a spectator, detached from active participation, if you choose, but it would certainly be a waste of your talents. At the very least, you may decide to alert others to the problems of their environment and offer some plans for achieving their objectives.

You have the necessary faculties to succeed as a writer. Your inspiration and talent for observation can give form to the ideas you have. You derive many benefits from every experience. With your vast resources of knowledge, you have the ability to solve any problem.

Saturn sextile Neptune (Haydn Paul)

Working successfully with the sextile aspect often involves action related to that strong sense of social responsibility and duties that you recognise. This sensitivity to a social role that requires performance is a major component of your motivation, and one that should not really be denied. There can be a tendency to acknowledge its presence and then fail to actually do anything about it, but ideally this should be overcome by more deliberate action. At least you can always help by funding those socially active groups whose ideas you can support. This characteristic is a combination of Saturn duty and the Neptunian social collective ideal.

The element of careful discursive planning should be evident where the right foundations for future action are established, and efficient organisation is seen as necessary for a successful conclusion. There are likely to be strategic skills which can be exploited in order to achieve those intentions, whether purely personal or socially orientated. Consistency and determination are usually well applied, and your schemes are characterised by their realism and achievability; Neptunian over-expansiveness is tempered by Saturnian caution and a sense of stability and limitation.

What can inspire many of your efforts is a reaction against social injustice and foolishness. Fairness is one attitude that you support, and opposing social aspects where unfairness and injustice is being expressed can almost become a personal crusade. Social discrimination and taking social advantage of those unable to resist can cause your passions to rise, leading to social activism designed to resist such encroachments on individual rights and liberties. You dislike seeing the waste of resources, social and material ones as well as the waste of human potential. This can lead to supporting human-potential-raising groups, or ecological activists clating for new attitudes towards the excessive negative exploitation of nature's reserves. You tend to have a social vision of harmony, where equity is achieved and social respect for all is found, rather than any unbalanced divisive situation of haves and have-nots. Concepts of the values of community or global thinking will be preferred, and you like to believe that what you are attempting is beneficial to others.

If you become active in such ways at an early age - perhaps through a career choice - then you may find that it absorbs most of your energy; it is a never-ending task. This may affect your intimate relationships, especially when a partner needs to hold similar viewpoints to your own. Ideals are important to you, and you try to live in a way that maintains rather than opposes or compromises them. Your passions are firmly fixed on issues of social concern, and even within personal love relationships your energy is too diffuse to focus just on one partner; it flows out as a feeling of social relationship too, and

you often fail to understand why society is as it is, and why people are so passive in allowing negativity and indifference to flourish, even in those in high and powerful social positions of influence.

Concentration and visualisation abilities should be present, and can be applied through contemplation of issues or meditation. You may become effective if working in occult or socially active affinity groups committed to generating beneficial change. There is little ego gratification in such work for you, and you tend to expect a high degree of probity and idealism from others engaged in similar self-chosen roles.

Saturn sextile Neptune (Robert Pelletier)

The sextile between Saturn and Neptune shows that your perception is keen. You use your inspiration skillfully and constructively to the benefit of yourself and others. You are deeply aware of and sensitive to your social obligations. Although you may not be prepared to actively participate in these responsibilities, you can offer your services to help others fulfill them. You may lay the foundation for action in planning or securing a sympathetic response from people in important positions. Your ideas are realistic and constructive for stemming the tide of social injustices.

In evaluating your environmental circumstances, you are thoughtful and reasonably profound, and you perceive accurately what is right and what is wrong. You deplore the waste of human resources and constantly strive for more efficient distribution of social programs and services in your community. This kind of work is especially suitable for you. You are willing to accept an unobtrusive position if the goals of the program will be better served this way.

Undercover work is something you could do well. You have the persistence and determination necessary to gather all the facts without being recognized. You can be trusted to maintain secrecy about confidential information. Your self-discipline and poise even under strain are admirable, and you would be extremely useful as a guide and advisor to individuals in power.

Your efficiency and organization may postpone permanent emotional ties, because you are preoccupied with social causes, through which you try to make a spiritual contribution. Your romance is in the broad perspective of human involvement. Your partner must feel the same way in order to gain and keep your respect. You won't sacrifice your ideals to gain anyone's favor.

Above all, you find it difficult to understand how anyone can tolerate the guilt of remaining passive to intolerable social ills.

Saturn trine or sextile Neptune (Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Building up and breaking down work together harmoniously here, enabling us to forget fears and inhibitions by taking a lively and sympathetic interest in others. The goals we set often originate in deep religious, metaphysical or spiritual insights, which form an underlying motivation for our activities. Subconsciously we sense how we ought to plan and manage things, and this helps handling everyday affairs. A tendency to follow feelings and a quickness to detect odd undertones may even turn to our social advantage. Being both visionary (Neptune) and matter-of-fact (Saturn) can endow us with tactical abilities: instinctively knowing what to aim for is no small advantage in business. The aspect is also good for devising military (or other) strategy.

Constructiveness could show itself in the spiritual and intellectual fields. We appreciate the irrational, and find that making allowance for it helps to straighten our thoughts. This is a good aspect for people who study religious, metaphysical or esoteric matters. Saturn introduces orderliness to Neptunian concerns, but Neptune prevents Saturn from making this too cut-and-dried. In the easy aspects, idealism and materialism form a well-matched

blend of suppleness and strength which enables us (in spite of the Neptunian influence) to keep both feet on the ground. With far-sighted patience we endeavor to promote ideals and spiritual insights (Neptune). The way in which we express them often reveals a serious outlook. We are prepared to make great sacrifices for them; probably with characteristic austerity.

Natal Saturn square / opposition Neptune

Saturn square Neptune (Haydn Paul)

The square indicates inner tensions and frustrations, and it is likely that Neptune will be inhibited from true realisation and will be bound within the unconscious mind by the barrier-forming restrictions of Saturn. This will cause Neptune to be agitated, stimulating unconscious fears, anxieties, phobias, morbidity and guilt feelings arising from an overactive imagination which lacks suitable channels for a more healthy release.

The consequences of this inner pressure and disquiet tend to create feelings of inadequacy, incompetence and inferiority. These may be quite illusory and unrealistic, yet they have a powerful influence on your actions and choices. As time passes and you perpetuate these tendencies, you continue to create negative results, which convinces you that such inferiority beliefs are actually true. You become a self-defeatist, and lack confidence in your own abilities. This negativity can spread until you begin to run away from accepting responsibility or challenges; you can become afraid to even try. Obviously this begins to severely inhibit your life experiences, as you are increasingly trapped within the parameters of your own inner phobias and lack of self-love and self-confidence. If this is allowed to persist, then this form of imprisonment will only intensify as you cut yourself off from the richness of life, and forms of depression can occur.

Such a situation can be allowed to happen where inner blockages of energy generate stresses of compulsive behaviour which are internally felt as real yet are the symptoms of denying aspects of self (as symbolised by the planets which are inhibited); with this square, the probability is that Saturn's activity will become distorted too, over-emphasised by the erecting of excessive boundaries and limitations. Tendencies of anxiety and guilt are also self-perpetuating, and these expand to form a web of energy which absorbs the individual's freedom of choice, and creates circular loop patterns of repetitive thought processes. There is emotional agitation, overly stimulated by inherent negative attitudes, yet there is no apparent ability to deal with them. Dissatisfaction and confusion is to be expected, yet any impulse to change the situation can also be inhibited.

The degree to which this inner psychological environment develops will be dependent on the rest of the chart; there may be mitigating factors which diminish its potential severity. Yet certain issues will be present in those who have this aspect, and several corrective and releasing acts can still be valuably taken to prohibit any likelihood of such tendencies developing.

Accepting your own nature is vital. Denial of any aspect leads to its suppression into the unconscious mind, where it is likely to fester, slowly releasing poisons into the personality within the appropriate level of natural affinity, distorting body, emotions or mind. Such a forced cutting away of part of your nature is never wise, and is as foolish as cutting away an arm because there may be an unsightly mole on it. Often these tendencies to 'cut away' are indicated by square aspects, and symbolise probable inner tensions and blockages of energy which need release; yet in doing so, they can often become 'great friends', giving energy and power to enable you to achieve your aims. They are keys to real personal development, spurs to stimulate necessary integration.

In accepting your own nature, self-forgiveness is required, and a refusal to compare yourself to any illusory ideal of perfection. Why feel guilty because you are not like an ideal? You never can be, and your real task is just to become yourself, warts and all; and coming to terms with that is a great freedom and liberation in itself. Face those fears of

failure; everyone fails in some way, so why should you be any exception? But some fail (repeatedly) and yet still carry on, gathering more successes as time passes and achieving their ambitions. There is success waiting for you. Just shake yourself down and carry on; and when you arrive, it will taste very sweet, and you'll know a valuable secret. Talents are there within you; they are just hiding out of sight. Find that pot of gold around the corner, and perhaps with a bit of support from others you'll learn how to really use it. All of those inner illusions, guilt trips, inferiority complexes and phobias can dissipate like chimeras in the sky. The self-imposed barriers of Saturn will collapse, and Neptune will flow through, healing you and inspiring you to find a new way. Why stay in a self-created prison when there is no locked door? Stop being self-indulgent. Walk through and emerge into a new world. And isn't that worth struggling for? Remember, your life is always basically what you make it. Don't throw it away; enjoy it.

Saturn square Neptune (Robert Pelletier)

The square from Saturn to Neptune indicates that you are sometimes given to unrealistic fears about poverty or personal incompetence. You are often overly anxious in matters over which you have no control and for which you should not bear any guilt. You become emotionally disturbed about them, and yet you do nothing to relieve your anxiety. You feel inadequate to deal with negative environmental conditions that you experience or observe, and this can cause you to become depressed. Actually you are afraid of responsibility and have doubts about your competence to deal with it effectively.

Your negative attitude may cause difficulties as you seek a professional career. The real problem is your lack of self-love, which often results in underachievement. Avoiding challenges may lead you to believe that you really cannot accomplish anything. It is imperative that you be willing to fail occasionally in order to find out where and how you can succeed. Being indifferent to duty and obligation doesn't solve anything. Withdrawal only further deepens your feeling of incompetence. You must be prepared to face competition so you can sharpen your talents for future use. Remember that those you meet in competition are also being tested by you, because they do not know your abilities.

You must come to see your fear of encounter and failure as an avenue of opportunity for development and progress. Small but increasingly significant successes can restore your self-confidence. You won't become so overconfident as to be arrogant, but you will know what you can and cannot accomplish.

You should seek the services of a trusted friend to show you how to manage your potentials efficiently and gain the most from them. Be discriminating in selecting your friends, and refrain from discussing your personal problems with others. They probably have a sufficient number of their own.

Saturn opposition Neptune (Haydn Paul)

What occurs with the opposition is the projection outwards of inner attitudes, so that life reflects that inner state back to you. Usually this includes elements of distortion, which with Saturn and Neptune tends to involve fears of failure, suspicions of motives, cloudy judgements, deceit, caution and wariness. These are the more negative qualities of blocked planetary energies, and yet you often fail to realise that the world you are perceiving is a mirror image of your own attitudes. Take another look. Do the world and people reflect your own views? Are they pessimistic and perhaps threatening or frightening? Do you feel that you have to be extremely self-protective? These may, of course, be genuine fears, and can depend on the environment in which you live, but equally they may be illusionary and self-created.

This fear of failure is inhibitory to some degree, and it is likely that you will withdraw from situations of competition, retreating into feelings of inadequacy, imagining various types of conspiracy being hatched against you in secret. You don't really trust people, and

that attitude is communicated intangibly to others, so that a vicious circle is perpetuated. Your relationships can lack depth, human warmth and real contact, often staying unsatisfyingly superficial, in that you are afraid that others may take advantage of you. The problem is that this may well happen (or has in the past), and since then you have been too wary and too aware of your vulnerability to risk deeper relationships. Certainly you are vulnerable emotionally and financially to people, and one lesson that may need learning is that you should look closely at the nature of others before you become committed in any way.

Saturn's barriers are firmly established for self-protection, yet they also block many valid experiences and opportunities for self-development. Neptune remains partially released, but liable to display its presence through experiences of persecution and martyr / victim complexes in your life. The results can be that you isolate yourself, become a solitary loner, immune in your imprisoning cocoon of self-protection, perhaps feeling the repercussions of your choice through depressive emotions or psychosomatic illnesses.

You can look out onto the world and secretly want status and involvement, yet be self-restrictive in actually attempting to achieve those ambitions. Or you may perhaps resort to cunning, subterfuge and devious behaviour, believing that is the way everyone else achieves their desires.

The fact that your world analysis may be incorrect could hold a solution to your frustrated energies. The world holds all shades of behaviour and attitude, and whilst there are many who accurately embody reasons for your cautious perspective, there are others who are not like that at all. You need to find a bridge to contact those people of goodwill, and then you may realise that your interpretation of the world is only partially accurate; the others hold a key to your transformation. If you can find an intimate partner who does not let you down and is supportive, then that frustrated ideal may be reborn, and in accepting another as they are, you discover that this is the way for healing and mutual love to occur. The nature of relationship in your life can be renewed and re-perceived through more optimistic eyes; Neptune has replaced the barriers of Saturn.

Sometimes Neptune plays a stronger role than Saturn, and if this is the case, then the relationship inhibitions and distortions may be less evident. The focus will be transferred towards that of social duty and obligation, where the lesson deals with responsibility. You may experience a feeling of 'social guilt', a personal responsibility to put right social evils, a personal crusade which you need to follow in order to absolve yourself from this inner feeling of guilt that haunts you. For some reason, you know that this is your duty, and that some form of social service needs to be done in response to an inner compulsion. Some may consider this to be 'a rectification of karma', but whatever, it can be an inner pressure and related to the Neptunian tendency to sacrifice in the social sphere of Saturn. The battleground is seen to be the world, but the source of the battle is within your own nature. Check this out thoroughly before you go tilting against any windmills; try to isolate those conditioning projections and discover what you may be really fighting against. It could be your own unintegrated aspects, Neptunian ideals versus Saturnian realities, and the middle path of wise balance may be the most suitable way to follow.

Saturn opposition Neptune (Robert Pelletier)

The opposition from Saturn to Neptune indicates that you naturally distrust others when you are forced to compete with them. You are given to irrational fears of failure, which cause you to seek refuge from competition. This extreme caution and reserve makes others suspicious of you, and a vicious circle is established.

You may be ambitious for worldly achievements, but you lack the prudent judgement to realize your ambitions. You will continually encounter people who seem deceitful and cunning, so you will feel justified in using similar tactics. Proceed with caution because you may be misinterpreting the behavior of others.

You may attempt to relieve the pressures of a hostile environment on various elements of society. Others may question your motives, but what they don't see is your desire to unburden yourself of guilt for existing conditions. You may be ridiculed for sacrificing yourself to an unappreciative society, but you may still persist. Some people will deny that it is your duty, but with these planets in opposition you can be assured that it is.

You will endure extreme torment in your personal relationships, because you will find it increasingly difficult to distinguish the honest from the insincere. Others will try to take advantage of you. You may make a sincere gesture toward the object of your love and find later that you have been victimized. This could represent severe financial and emotional losses. You must accept people at their potential best and worst, for you will certainly attract both types.

In your search for the ideal person to whom you can relate, you may suffer persecution until you can face reality. You may choose to become a loner as the only way to protect yourself. Beware of depressive moods, for they may make you vulnerable to psychosomatic illness.

Saturn square / opposition Neptune (Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The hard aspects between Saturn and Neptune have very varied modes of expression. Much depends on which of the planets has more dignities. The building up and preservation of form are in conflict here with formlessness and the undermining of form. The result is that we tend to go wrong when setting goals and laying plans: our plans are incomplete or unrealistic; our goals so Utopian they are unattainable. Dreams are all too easily mistaken for realities. Even things that have begun to look settled seem to come unstuck through various elusive factors within ourselves; so concrete achievements do not come at all easily.

If we become interested in what lies beyond the range of normal vision and defies rational explanation, conflicts with Saturn in this area have an inhibiting effect so that we hesitate to commit ourselves and our approach is too rigid, or fear enters in to make us superstitious. Or imagination runs riot with ideas we seem unable to shake off; as seen in its extreme form in paranoia. Naturally, before there can be any question of a persecution complex, personal planets have to be involved and the rest of the horoscope must be in agreement. The core of the matter, however, is that with the conflicts between Saturn and Neptune the world of imagination and of hard reality will put a strain on one another and cause problems.

Powers of perseverance (Saturn) can be undermined by Neptune, but the tension in these aspects can mean that once we have been inspired by a certain ideal we can devote ourselves to it for a long time.

However, the inspiration is not always there: it is stifled by Neptune in such a way that frequently we have difficulty in knowing just what we want. Therefore we are rather susceptible to the (subversive) influence of others.

Our need for the transcendent (Neptune) does seek to express itself; and when these Saturn / Neptune conflicts become too much for us, we just want to get away from it all. Then we seek the peace and quiet in which we feel more comfortable than in the turmoil of daily life. Calm seclusion can inspire us tremendously and help us to regain our strength.

Saturn square Neptune (Betty Lundsted)

Saturn represents the effect of the father on the developing psyche of the individual. Neptune can indicate the 'grand delusion', so this person may be born into a family that has illusions or delusions regarding the father, heredity or family influence.

The father will affect the individual's concept of creativity, perhaps impeding the development of some form of creative expression. Because of the square aspect, the influence of the father will work against the individual's dreams and goals, or even the development of spiritual goals. The aspect may indicate the person who has to pull away from the family experience in order to find himself. He may not see authority figures for what they are; he may be supportive of people who disappoint him.

It's interesting to note the house placements of the square, for the misunderstandings will involve the departments of life ruled by the houses. Inner conflict may be present, for the influence of the father is subconscious, keeping the individual from using the creative energy of the Neptune placement until he learns to recognize the Saturn influence.

Saturn opposition Neptune (Betty Lundsted)

If Saturn symbolizes what one regards with caution and Neptune indicates what one deludes oneself about, the opposition may be considered to indicate an individual who may delude himself about his fears. He may delude himself about what he regards with caution, or even what tradition is. The effect of the father may keep him from expressing his dreams, his goals, and his creativity, for he may not value his creative ideas. In order to develop creative potential with this aspect, the mundane effects of the opposition must be understood. The father affects the psyche so that exploring the realms of the incredible fantasy world of the inner self is restrained in some way.

Saturn can represent the tradition of the day. Neptune can represent the uplifting of consciousness; the development of universal love. Neptune, as the higher octave of Venus, involves impersonal or universal love. The opposition indicates that after the father image and the delusions or illusions about him are understood, this person can combine tradition with a new dimension of caring for people.

Saturn square or opposition Neptune (Charles Carter)

This influence varies from the other-worldly, who lack ambition and do not wish to be troubled with responsibility, to the crafty and designing who wish to win through at all costs and by any means. The two planets are of so different a nature that the character of the native is also divided, presenting very contradictory aspects at different times or in connection with different matters. There is nearly always the power to work hard, and even the opposition may not hinder great success (Henry Ford). On the other hand, the desire for retirement and seclusion may predominate.

There is usually a certain degree of self-will, and sometimes the native nourishes fantastic and impracticable schemes and ambitions.

There is scandal and sometimes even downfall, but nevertheless these aspects do not always appear to be serious, and, being of long duration by reason of the slowness of the two bodies involved, they need not be taken as very important unless they are either very close, or on angles, or involved with other bodies.

Since Saturn rules the 11th house essentially, the friends may be treacherous, unstable, parasitic, or implicated in scandals.

The ambitions are frequently thwarted, and one's good name is liable to be assailed by hidden channels and in ways difficult of detection.

I have known great suspiciousness under this contact. It may even lead to a definite persecution mania.

Natal Saturn conjunct Pluto

(Haydn Paul)

Saturn implies restrictions and limitations, which serve as a barrier to progress until certain changes are made or lessons learnt; and when in association with Pluto, the way forward is conditioned by the need for an inner transformation to occur. With this aspect, it is likely that you will experience some degree of frustration in achieving your objectives, or a sense of invisible blockages facing you that require you to discover some way to pass them or dissolve them through penetration.

As you have a strong ambitious nature, you will need to make full use of all the resources available to you, applying accumulated knowledge and experience to a determined persistent effort to succeed. Patience will be an essential quality for you to develop, as it is unlikely that you will have rapid immediate success in your objectives. Usually you have to wait, and undergo the experience of frustration and not knowing if your goals will be realised; and this can be a testing and transformative phase, especially as it is likely to be repeated periodically throughout your life.

You will be attracted towards power and status, although it may be that instead of reaching a position where you 'possess' such attributes, you are required to gain a new perspective and understanding of influence in the world, rather than demonstrating it yourself. Much depends upon your ability to apply your talents and resources practically; potentially, your ideas and schemes can have a noticeable impact upon the world and your immediate environment, especially when you are working through an established structure and social system. This is because you feel more naturally in tune with existing organisations, preferring traditional approaches and attitudes as a reflection of 'stability and foundation'. You often resist accepting new trends or social changes, as you are inherently wary of them, preferring to follow your established path unless the impulse for change is naturally arising within yourself; and even then the likelihood is that you will attempt to resist and block its movement as a reaction to its unsettling effect. You will have a conservative nature and perception of life, respecting traditions and the consensus social attitudes, being suspicious of those who need to experiment and challenge accepted attitudes.

The socially subversive nature of Pluto is unlikely to be too evident, as Saturn will overlay it too much, although it can erupt in your inner and personal life, potentially stimulating a collapse in your 'secure foundations', forcing you to re-evaluate yourself and your life. Such a radical impact is unlikely, however, unless you are capable of undergoing the cathartic transformation that could occur, because Saturn will maintain your inner structure to prevent this happening.

You will be a private person, serious and secretive in nature, not openly revealing your thoughts and particularly your emotions, which you may try to avoid and keep tightly sealed away in a 'locked drawer'. Emotions imply fluctuation and change to you; and this does not fit easily with your world view and perception of self, making you feel uncomfortable. A more healthy approach to emotions should be encouraged, as it would prevent any energy repression on the emotional level, or else you may find that Pluto takes that route to make its presence felt.

In intimate relationships, you will be a firm, reliable partner, and you will prefer a traditional approach to marriage and mutual commitment, so you should choose wisely. You will not be overly demonstrative of emotion (on the surface), but you should avoid any tendency to fix the relationship in limiting and binding ties, and instead allow it space to change and evolve. Remember that your partner is a unique individual with a potential to unfold, so allow the necessary freedom for him or her to do so, and encourage the process too. Security in a 'straightjacket' situation is a false situation, and inimical to growth and development, so despite your tendency in that direction, it is wiser to accept change and unpredictability so that energies can flow healthily.

(Robert Pelletier)

The conjunction of Saturn and Pluto gives you a driving ambition to realize your goals. To do this, however, you must use all your resources and experience. An austerity program may be necessary, but you are willing to endure whatever is required so that your plans will succeed. The fear of an unfulfilled life drives you to accomplish as much as you can. You are certain that your determination and persistence will make success possible.

You may be forced into a particular profession before you realize which field will enable you to get the results you desire. Your inclination is to traditional occupations that can give you stability in the face of changing social values, which seem to financially threaten you. You may resist 'getting in step' with changes and defiantly challenge anyone who suggests that you must, or you will make anxious adjustments to them. In any case, your approach to solving the problems you face is extreme. You either 'join' and transform a liability into an asset, or you resist and suffer defeat from the relentless tide of progress.

Secretive about your plans and ambitions, you don't share your innermost thoughts with anyone. You work behind the scenes, patiently acquiring financial resources that you feel will protect you in later years. You are efficient in managing your financial affairs and resourceful in spending.

You are qualified to gain positions of power and authority. An effective organizer, you command the respect of those under you. You are almost faultless in observing the law, and although your judgement may be harsh, it is fair. You have an uncanny ability to understand people's motives, which serves you well in determining guilt or innocence.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Intensity and tenacity are key concepts in the conjunction of Saturn and Pluto. This is an extremely powerful conjunction if linked with personal factors. The ability to shape things, to work hard and long, and to endure stress are enormously intensified by Pluto, and we are able to tap a great reservoir of strength and resilience. At the same time, a need for power and authority and a desire to leave no stone unturned (Pluto) assume a set form (Saturn). Striving for fame and success, tough behavior, and refusal to give way on any issue, are likely consequences.

Pluto also has to do with repressions, and its conjunction with Saturn makes us painfully aware of these unconscious impulses. We can resort to firm action to enable us to overcome problems and fears. Others may think of us as strong, but do not see the inner struggle - which nothing would induce us to reveal to them.

Profound inquiry (Saturn) plus penetration (Pluto) give a capacity for all kinds of research and for science in general. When working on anything that really interests us, we anticipate good results and are very energetic and ambitious; but nobody must get in the way, otherwise we strike back mercilessly.

Under the influence of Pluto, it can be hard to gauge how forcefully we express ourselves; and when the planet is in conjunction with vulnerable Saturn we can be more prickly and fierce than (seen in retrospect) we intended. We have the strategic ability to outwit rivals. Without realizing it, we choose to confront others and make a bid for power in the very place where we feel most at risk; naturally enough, this stirs up a hornet's nest from time to time. Therefore the present conjunction is said to signify violence - although our behavior need not sink to that level. Violence is certainly possible, but only if the rest of the chart points in the same direction.

What is more, the conjunction of Pluto and Saturn is found in people who are determined to master important processes at all costs. These can be socio-political processes, processes that are personally meaningful to these natives, or even the processes of

parapsychology or magic. Feelings of uncertainty created by unconscious compulsions might prompt us to take the reins of our life completely into our own hands.

(Betty Lundsted)

Saturn represents the influence of the father on the individual's psyche, the caution point in the consciousness, the teacher or tester; Pluto represents unconscious motivation. The conjunction indicates a person born into a generation when people unconsciously take the law into their own hands. Rationally, they may say that the 'law' is wonderful, but personally one hears them talking about how one 'must' do something. Free will may be disguised intellectually, but in actuality they subconsciously feel that they should be the law-makers.

The father's influence on these individuals was most probably manipulative; it may be difficult for them to see just how they are influenced by the father. The aspect indicates people who may think their urges toward traditional concepts are conscious, but who may be motivated to react to life experience on an unconscious level.

In Leo (August 1946 - July 1948), this conjunction indicates people who consider respect and approval seriously, and may feel they are not being respected enough. They unconsciously react with hurt feelings and sensitivity when they are not treated in an approvable manner. They may not realize that the hurt feelings have something to do with the fact that their father didn't treat them well when they were little, and here is this life experience doing it to them again. These people will be motivated to consider the 'law' and all its ramifications whenever they are offended. They may not explore why they are offended, but merely the fact that they are.

Natal Saturn trine / sextile Pluto

Saturn trine Pluto (Haydn Paul)

As with the sextile aspect, this indicates that you will have a good organising ability, using your concentrated will-power to make the maximum use of your talents and resources, provided that you have clearly defined your purposes in the light of your real potential.

The concept of a manipulator of energies - or magician - is evident; and you will naturally use subtle energies to help achieve your will; this may be applied either consciously with deliberation, or as an unconscious psychological projection or emanation from you. This ability can be developed through forms of self-training; and you are likely to be attracted to occultism, astrology, magic, yoga and science, appropriate areas in which to investigate subtle energies through personal experience. You may have a sense of underlying purpose in your life, perceived as a fated path which is unfolding naturally from within you, yet is a path that you feel you have to follow towards an unknown destination.

It can be that this meaningful path of purpose threading through your life has the effect of stimulating essential change and transformation in the lives of yourself and others, and is a 'calling' from the transpersonal dimension as reflected by Pluto.

You are capable of handling wisely any leadership or managerial responsibilities that you achieve; and you should be able to obtain the co-operation of others by your sensitivity to their feelings and openness to their ideas. Basically, you value people and have respect for others; and you use your powers of persuasion not to abuse the trust of others or take personal advantage, but to develop constructive harmony.

You accept the inevitability of change in life, especially in social spheres; and you may apply your talents to social transformation. You are less accepting of change in your intimate relationships, however, as you prefer things to remain in the same pattern once it has been satisfactorily established. You may feel inclined to use your 'subtle forces' to

protect and restrict such a relationship; and whilst it may be quite protective in effect, you do have to remember the necessity for personal growth and development, and that an atmosphere of mutual freedom is preferable. If you choose your partner wisely, there is the potential for a relatively stable partnership to develop, where both can unfold their unique potentialities over many years.

Saturn trine Pluto (Robert Pelletier)

The trine from Saturn to Pluto gives you the power of concentration. Instinctively you know how to manage your affairs for the most benefit. Your thinking is organized, your purposes are realistic, and your attention to duty guarantees success. You recognize that social changes are inevitable. You accept your responsibilities, knowing you can make an effective contribution and can participate in making productive changes in society.

You have the determination and persistence to succeed in any field in which management skills are essential. Because you consider carefully other people's values and feelings, you are better able to make decisions based on all the available facts. You can effectively manipulate individuals to achieve broad social changes, but you are impatient with those who without trying say they 'can't do this' or 'can't do that'. You are especially capable of handling the resources of a large industrial or social enterprise. In promoting and establishing programs for the benefit of everyone, you try to use public resources. You can stimulate government agencies to assist people in financial difficulties or those who are unable to help themselves.

You may seek a government position to better serve those who rely on your talents and persuasive abilities. Your efficiency may even stir your colleagues to assist you in reducing governmental waste. Because you are aware of what is useful and what is not, you might also serve the public by reducing expenditures and thus lowering taxes.

You have the power to transform the apathy of youth to excited participation in the affairs of their environment. You can dramatize to adults how their lethargy and indolence has resulted in depletion of public resources. You have much to offer, and you should make it available, for you know what's right and what's wrong with society.

Saturn sextile Pluto (Haydn Paul)

You should have the ability to organise, control and focus your will-power effectively in order to achieve your ambitions. Similar to those with the conjunction, you can act as a 'magician' transmitting occult energies and influence through established structures; the purpose of such impulses will be varied, sometimes constructive, sometimes destructive or preservative in their initial impact and appearance. A Pluto impact via Saturn can seem to be very negative and destructive at first, as it can shatter the existing foundations, yet its purpose is rebirth and regeneration, breaking old outgrown limitations to create the space for the new direction to emerge through.

You may need to learn how to apply this energy in a practical way, probably through a self-initiated discipline and clear awareness of the way in which you wish to use it. Certainly, you will need to consider your aims carefully, planning and adjusting your approach according to strengths and weaknesses.

Success is important to you, materially and psychologically; and you will try very hard to become an achiever in whichever sphere of life you choose. Some degree of frustration is inevitable, but you tend to believe that with perseverance and a realistic self-appraisal you are capable of success - eventually. You believe that experience is the best teacher, and that a sign of intelligence is to make full use of that experience for the purposes of growth; and that involves learning and understanding life's lessons as soon as possible, to avoid unnecessary painful repetition. You can be intolerant of others who learn slowly, or who insist on repeating the same mistakes over and over again, thus spoiling their own lives. Taking responsibility for one's own life is important to you; and you understand the

crucial role of choice in life, knowing that a life is determined by the nature of choices made, whether seemingly important or trivial in nature. Unwise choices invariably lead to more suffering for yourself and others, and could often be avoided if more thought and awareness were applied before decisions were taken.

A feeling of security is important to you, reflecting the known boundaries of Saturn; yet you are more alive to the necessity of change in life, and are less inclined to resist this, than are those with the Saturn-Pluto conjunction. Emotionally, you accept the inner mutability and flow more naturally, and so do not create a problem of emotionally-based repression erupting into an uncontrollable destructiveness in your relationships.

Saturn sextile Pluto (Robert Pelletier)

With the sextile of Saturn to Pluto, you realize that you must plan carefully in order to succeed. Knowing that nothing can depend on chance, you organize your resources in such a way as to achieve the best results. You understand your abilities and shortcomings, and establish your goals and objectives accordingly. You are prepared to accept whatever responsibilities will enable you to grow into important positions. Success is not a surprise to you, since you have made an enormous effort for that very purpose. You aren't afraid that you will fail, nor do you feel threatened by anyone, because you've built your position on a firm foundation.

You know that experience is the best teacher, but you also value education and training as a means to expand your opportunities. These attitudes enable you to fill many positions. You realize that results are in proportion to your contribution, and this feeling is communicated to your superiors. Your good relations with them helps open access routes to promotion. You are humble enough to seek advice and guidance from more experienced people.

Although you are understanding of other people's motives, you aren't always tolerant of their negativity or incompetence. You expect a lot from those under you, and you can be vindictive toward an unqualified person who tries to gain a high position. But you prefer to discuss mutual differences rather than let a misunderstanding spoil a relationship.

Security is very important to you, and is perhaps the reason for your urge to succeed. You also realize the danger of thinking that money is a universal solvent. You respect the power of money, but you won't be dominated by the extreme compulsion to accumulate a fortune.

Saturn trine / sextile Pluto (Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Like the conjunction, harmonious aspects between Saturn and Pluto indicate tremendous perseverance, a hefty power drive, and forceful behavior. We can become completely immersed in the things that fascinate us, and may toil long to achieve personal goals. With this combination, we cannot be provoked with impunity; but, like a skilled strategist, wait patiently for the chance to repay with interest whomever has offended us. We can work in a very disciplined manner, and have an unmistakable hunger for power, but handle it well: generally speaking, the harmonious aspects arouse little opposition.

Also, with the harmonious Saturn / Pluto aspects, we could be capable of very hard work, both physical and mental. Energy and tenacity are so great that we are able to push ourselves to the limit. Neither Saturn nor Pluto is propitious, even when the aspect they make with one another is propitious: they often cause difficulties - but leave us more than equal to them. We are always trying to prove ourselves both to ourselves and to others, and function well in trying circumstances or under (great) pressure; in fact it seems that it is only then that the full potential of these aspects is realized.

Because perseverance is so great and because we experience little resistance from outside (at least directly), we are liable - with the harmonious aspects - to dig our feet in

on every issue, making no concessions to others. Using tight self-control, we express ideas in a disciplined, impassive, yet very decided way; and this can make us seem hard and unapproachable. Incidentally, there is a clue here as to why a Saturn / Pluto combination, much as it favors in-depth research of all kinds, does not encourage us to probe ourselves too deeply - even when the aspect is an easy one. Saturn, as we have seen, has a somewhat inhibiting effect on spiritual growth and transformation.

Saturn trine Pluto (Betty Lundsted)

The father influenced this person's psyche in a constructive manner, teaching him how to co-operate with peers. The fears and cautions in life can be faced and handled; they will be similar to the father's and described by the sign and house placement. The father's role can be reviewed with little problem.

The aspect indicates a natural concern for the needs of the times, the needs of the masses, and the need for communications as it affects groups. It indicates individuals who fit in comfortably with the status quo.

Saturn sextile Pluto (Betty Lundsted)

The father's influence on the individual's psyche, plus the concept of caution or fear in the personality caused by his influence, will be handled constructively.

These people can work well with groups for the father taught them how to co-operate. There are no strong urges to control coming from this aspect. As these individuals mature, the energy can be used to effectively handle the problems of career, community and personal relationships.

Natal Saturn square / opposition Pluto

Saturn square Pluto (Haydn Paul)

With this aspect, it is likely that you will feel quite restricted by social and environmental constraints, and that the influence of the society in which you live will have considerable impact upon your life, often appearing to be a negative one.

Frustration appears to be inevitable; and you may feel that you are having to carry 'a burden for society', where you are involved in some way with a personal responsibility for some of society's troubles. This could be a form of work which takes you into problem areas, or even a sense of inner attunement to the suffering of the world. There is a form of linking between your personal unfoldment and growth and the struggles of mass humanity, one which you may experience or interpret in a peculiarly masochistic manner, or use as an excuse for personal failings.

Some of this tendency could arise from earlier life and parental relationships and conditioning, possibly from environmental deprivation of lack of fulfilling and meaningful contact with your parents and family. This can lead to a pattern of personal disappointments and lack of essential trust in life and the world, leaving you emotionally marked and feeling insecure in your own abilities and talents. You may feel 'hard done by', and feel envious of others who appear to be enjoying life and succeeding; there can be a 'chip on your shoulder' and a corrosive inner bitterness affecting your basic attitude.

When you do make extra efforts to make progress towards your aims, you often feel that you are being strangely hindered by events, people and circumstances which arise to frustrate, divert and block your attempts. Even though it may not appear so, this is likely to be the result in the outer world of inner projections, where through your own attitudes of defeatism and fear of success you trigger a reaction in the world to oppose you. You can create your own failure without consciously realising it.

You tend to be searching for status, power and the opportunity to influence people's lives,

much in the same way that you feel your own life has been affected by nameless unknown others who make socially influential decisions. There is an element of wanting to dominate within you, possibly to 'get your own back' through blaming others for any problems that you have had.

To transform this oppressive pattern of limitation, you will need to radically alter your outlook on life and your self. The Pluto energy will help you to achieve this; and the first step is to draw back all the projections that you are overlaying on the world, and to recognise those that place the reason for failure 'out there'. You need to accept responsibility for your own life, decisions and choices, and begin to take control instead of being a frustrated, passive reactor.

Many have transcended difficult environmental barriers through assertiveness and effort of will, succeeding in breaking limitations and creating a life that satisfies them; and you need not be the exception to this possibility: the solution lies in your own psyche. Choose to change, observe the repetitive patterns of excuses and lack of commitment to succeed, and then override them through discipline and concentrated will. You are that 'mysterious barrier' opposing your own efforts; release the negativity that you cling to, and it will seem that a new world will open up for you, where you can begin to make progress, a world where more light can penetrate and illuminate the darkness. Remember, it is your own choice to remake your own life.

Saturn square Pluto (Robert Pelletier)

The square from Saturn to Pluto shows that early in life you became a 'sore loser'. If you thought you couldn't win at a game, you just wouldn't play. Later, you associated with kids who were either weaker or younger in order to guarantee your supremacy over them. You lacked the generosity to admit that others might be more qualified than you. This attitude, in time, has become unacceptable in your relationships with others. You are emotionally insecure, and your value-judgements are unrealistic.

You are inclined to defensively avoid social responsibility, viewing it as an obstacle rather than an opportunity. You overdramatize the loss of personal freedom in fulfilling your duties. If forced to submit to them, you may become bitter and resort to extremes to get out of your obligation.

Your professional life will be full of difficulties until you change your attitude. Your superiors will not tolerate your attempts to grasp control. If you are willing to serve until you can demonstrate your readiness to handle authority, you may be accepted. But you are impatient and resent the time-consuming effort required to reach the top by the usual methods.

You need advisors to assess your capabilities and help you determine what your goals should be. Your desires are unrealistic in the light of the resources you have to satisfy them. Status and its accompanying security have a high priority in your life. But resisting the demands of your superiors will only complicate getting what you want.

You are envious of those in powerful positions who have wealth and social status. You project this resentment, and others feel threatened by you. Correct this by developing skills through education. In this way you will meet and associate with co-workers on a mutual level. Also you will clarify your goals and be able to work out a methodical plan for success.

Saturn opposition Pluto (Haydn Paul)

Like those with the square, you may feel that you have been mysteriously penalised by environmental deprivation, socially or parental, real or imagined. There was never any 'silver spoon' for you, and you tend to hold a brooding resentment for those who have not had to face the same problem.

The opposition is often associated with the themes of oppression and violence, physical and psychological, and with the tendency to be a victim of such forms of human negativity on others. For whatever reason, you may feel yourself to be a victim of persecution; and this would colour your perception of people and the world, probably making you inwardly defensive and possibly outwardly aggressive towards others as a form of pre-emptive defence.

Your ease of self-expression and creativity is likely to be blocked, and you are always wary of revealing too much of yourself to others, in case they begin to take advantage of you; and in any case, you lack self-confidence and inner stability. Emotionally, you may be quite unstable, probably repressing much of your feeling life, because that is what has been damaged previously. This leads you to attempt to create a life of predictability and stability as a counterpoint to those feelings of emotional flux and vulnerability. Certainly you are quite resistant to change, especially within relationships, as you rely on those few close ones in your life to give a sense of security; and because of this fear, you suppress inner movement or outer change until a crisis point is reached where a 'releasing explosion' is the only way for the blocked energy to move.

As with the square, you need to initiate a process of inner change, to transform the restrictive attitudes and self-image that act as a frustrating factor in your life. Somehow, you need to develop more personal confidence so that you can begin trusting more, and feel secure enough to come to terms with your feelings and emotions, to allow them to fertilise and water those inner barren lands. Through such an approach, Pluto can act to give you a new birth, to almost resurrect you from the dead and to allow you the opportunity to enjoy life much more fully and appreciatively. Your inner life is not fixed in unchangeable stone, as the prospect of transformation is ever-present in every life. Initially, it may be difficult to dissolve such long-established barriers; but it can be done, enabling a new you to flower and fulfil your hidden potential: this is the pot of gold which is waiting for you to claim it as your heritage.

Saturn opposition Pluto (Robert Pelletier)

The opposition of Saturn to Pluto shows that you can be victimized by others in their quest for power. You may become involved in enterprises that are at best questionable and at worst potentially dangerous. If you get into social situations that have negative or non-productive objectives, you may find it extremely difficult to safely extricate yourself.

You must examine each of your associates thoroughly to protect your own interests. Accept no promises of financial gain until you see evidence to support these promises. Someone may offer you material benefits that are unrealistic or extreme, so you must be suspicious of anything that seems 'too good to be true'. The chances are that it is. This goes for personal, emotional relationships also. The investment you make will probably be of more benefit to your partner than to yourself.

Your professional affairs may become unstable because of a power play at the top that will somehow involve you. The results can undermine your position. You are sure to encounter people who will make impossible demands of you, and severe alienation is sure to follow.

Your social conditions may be extremely harsh and may not provide you with constructive avenues of expression. Fear of poverty and loss of social status could drive you to use devious methods for obtaining security and protection.

The serious conditions that often attend your life struggle need careful evaluation and constructive planning. You must learn to either transform your environment or remove yourself from it and make a new start. Plan your objectives and each day lay the foundation on which to painstakingly build your future security and realize your goals. This is the best course if you wish to enjoy a life enriched through your own efforts and

free from unnecessary difficulties.

Saturn square or opposition Pluto (Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

The presence of ambition, tenacity and the desire to prove oneself (not to mention an aptitude for getting on in life) are even more marked here than in the harmonious aspects. Hard aspects strengthen, and sometimes exaggerate, these characteristics. A need to define and limit, to mould and preserve form, is intensified more than usual by Pluto, because the aspect made by Pluto is hard. Thus a person can seize the objective so fiercely that he or she arouses negative reactions in others. But, besides intensifying, Pluto transforms; it often leads one to demolish a huge chunk of the past in one iconoclastic outburst. Therefore, with Saturn / Pluto conflicts this person shall alter life-style and goals more than once; also, in the environment, he or she will play a taboo-breaking, form-breaking role. Contests with those in authority are not excluded; especially as the desire to prove oneself is so strong in the tense aspects that one is determined to be one's own person. Being insecure, he or she wants to hold the reins in his or her own hands, to gain overall control, and to leave nothing to chance. As far as possible this person tries to get a grip on everything, and is rather demanding. If the native should lose the grip, however, he or she falls prey to uncertainty and the search for power becomes tinged with desperation. It goes without saying that this produces a fair crop of problems.

The aspect indicates strife, but because of the energy and tenacity it bestows and because it impels the native to get to the bottom of things, it frequently indicates victory, too, although at the cost of sweat and tears. Spiritual growth and radical changes often occur by this means, in spite of Saturn's anxious efforts to hold Pluto back - efforts that repeatedly come to nothing in the on-going conflict.

With the tense aspects, too, we can toil hard and long, performing heavy work. Generally speaking, this person likes to push himself: not for him the path of least resistance. Experiences are liable to make him harsh and calculating in dealing with his fellow men and women. Therefore Saturn / Pluto conflicts can have a very isolating effect - provided, of course, there are links with personal planets. Nevertheless, through being hard on himself in these conflicts he can go a long way in science, society, or in anything to which he sets his mind. The aspect cuts this person out to be a loner, but on his own he functions outstandingly.

Saturn square Pluto (Betty Lundsted)

The father's influence on the psyche may remain subconscious. There may be attempts to rationalize fears or to avoid facing them. When personal security patterns are threatened, the subconscious drive to control life events may become apparent.

If there are not ties to personal planets, this aspect indicates people who were raised in a manipulative atmosphere, but they didn't feel it personally. When personal planets are involved, these people may unconsciously attack traditional authority figures, starting with the father. There may be little respect for the family traditions or for those within the community, or little respect for accepted standards.

Saturn in Gemini / Cancer square Pluto in Libra (June 1973 - May 1975) indicates the following pattern: Saturn (if in Cancer) says 'I regard emotions with caution, I take emotional situations seriously, I fear that I lack emotion or emotional response in my life.' Pluto in Libra is unconsciously motivated to be a part of an elite group. The elite group (or special group) will be chosen by each of these individuals and formed by the personal environment. The father may have encouraged them to forego emotional contacts in favor of public acceptance. As adults, the aspect indicates a need to handle the conflict between personal emotional needs and the attitudes of peers. If they were born in an environment of 'free love' they will curb their emotional fears and try not to be possessive, but underneath they really will be. If the world moves into a spiritual phase and emphasizes the depersonalization of emotional values, these people will have another

conflict to work out - for they need love and emotional security in the personal sense.

The father was manipulative in some way; the secret of understanding the kind of manipulation or control involved will be shown by the other aspects to the Sun and Saturn, as well as by the houses involved. If one is to free oneself from the power of the father image, the aspect need to be understood. Often these people will imitate the father's pattern in adult life, attempting to control those around them in a similar manner.

Saturn opposition Pluto (Betty Lundsted)

The father's influence on the psyche of the individual during early life will be difficult to comprehend on a conscious level. In order to overcome weak points, fears, feelings of failure (caused by Saturn's placement), these feelings must be acknowledged consciously.

The Plutonic energy from the unconscious may confuse the image of the father with the unconscious or mythic image. This aspect may indicate individuals who have an obsession about the father, who don't know how to begin the journey toward self-discovery. If the aspect also includes personal planets, these people may attempt to revolutionize society because they go against the father, authority and tradition.

This energy can be used in a positive manner for these folks are world changers. Before the aspect can be used constructively, however, personal understanding of the influence of the father must be achieved. If not, these individuals can be manipulators of situations whenever they become afraid. They can take the law into their own hands; they can be vigilante types.

Natal Saturn quincunx Pluto

(Robert Pelletier)

The inconjunct from Saturn to Pluto indicates that you seriously try to do what you can to fulfill your obligations. You are impressed with your personal responsibility to help change unacceptable social conditions. Your greatest problem is that you take on more duties than you can handle and overtax yourself physically. You are afraid of being singled out as one who has avoided responding to the general public's needs. You might even remind others when they are unwilling to make their contribution, thus creating a combined effort, which is essential to success.

Because you fear that your personal efforts are inadequate, you sometimes become depressed about the results you achieve. You consider your co-workers better qualified and certain to move up the ladder first. You therefore tend to discount yourself as a valid candidate for promotions. Your preoccupation with endless details and with perfection is a strong factor in your superior's decision. You labor over trifles, complain about unfair competition, and generally overestimate what others expect of you. Learn to get a larger perspective of your professional function and focus on providing that service. If you can stop contesting what others are doing, you will become more effective in getting results.

You may feel that people tend to use you for their own ends or that they expect you to cater to their incompetence. It is possible that in your personal relationships, others keep trying to dominate you. Your judgement needs refining, but you must stand firm when others attempt to force their attitudes and opinions on you. Your values are as valid as theirs, and you must communicate that fact with determination. You can only be used if you let yourself be used.

Be wary of contracts unless they specifically state your position and responsibility. Avoid the gray area of 'we have an understanding'. Live up to the contract, but volunteer nothing additional, or it could prove costly in the long run.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Whenever we involve ourselves in confrontations with unconscious factors (Pluto), we become anxious. Quite probably, we repress them or try to crowd them out with other interests. They will then come back in a guise that is more difficult to deal with. And, when we bring some structure into our lives and start taking on responsibilities, Pluto tends to ruin our efforts by making us overdo things. The inconjunct creates a field of tension between shaping our lives and the problems we encounter while we do so. We are inclined to run around in circles through not being able to integrate what we have learned with what we have inwardly experienced.

We always seem to be getting into situations where there are obstacles to be overcome or radical changes to undergo. This aspect by no means opens up the path of least resistance. Through conflicts beneath the surface, especially with people in authority, we shall feel compelled to change our situation (though not necessarily our job situation) from time to time. The basic cause is inner struggles with ourselves; outward struggles being simply a reflection of these. In the end, we may learn that the need for a clearly defined conscious viewpoint (Saturn) and the need to bring repressed material out into the open (Pluto) both have to be expressed in their own fashion, and we can use their concentrated energy to track down whatever is hidden. Therefore this is an aspect that, as we mature, can help us to gain a deep psychological insight - especially into the battle people have with themselves and with their environment.

(Betty Lundsted)

Here the archetypal images of the unconscious may affect the relationship with the father, but it will be a vague influence. The aspect indicates a strain, for self-responsibility (Saturn) is vaguely affected by unconscious motivation. The father image may not be clearly defined. The unconscious motivation may be hampered by family and traditional values.

The resentments toward family may be vague or disconcerting, for hurt feelings and the inner motivation for action may not be clearly thought out. Both energies must operate. Understanding the signs and houses involved will help this individual learn to work with both energies.

Natal Saturn Aspecting North Node

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

Saturn conjunct North Node: This aspect makes the natives conservative and careful to conform to prevailing social, religious, and ethical values. They generally adhere to protocol as well as to the proper time and place for approaching those in well-established positions of authority. Thus they may further their personal ambitions, but at the expense of enslavement to the lowest common denominator of culturally accepted standards.

Saturn sextile North Node: This configuration is favorable for those whose professional goals require the approval of traditional social customs and institutions. The natives are able to win support for their endeavors, especially from established conservative members of society and the institutions they represent.

Saturn trine North Node: This configuration indicates that the natives are careful and conservative, hewing strictly to the codes of social, moral, and business behavior of the culture with which they must deal. They are, therefore, considered somewhat old-fashioned. However, they achieve success by gaining the co-operation of social institutions and the older, more traditional members of society who respect their conservatism. They tend to ensconce themselves in secure positions in established institutions. This aspect especially favors those politicians or others in public life who represent the more conservative elements of society.

Saturn square North Node: This square indicates a thwarting of the natives' ambition and progress by prevailing social forces. Their fearfulness and conservatism may prevent their being in the right place at the right time to take advantage of opportunities which the society affords them. They may be isolated by society or become recluses.

Saturn opposition North Node: This aspect tends to be extremely limiting; the natives' rigid personal habits and ambitions put them out of harmony with prevailing cultural attitudes. In order to overcome the isolation thus created, they must learn to co-operate with the ideas and the methods of their society. On the positive side, the natives may achieve things which put them in a class by themselves by their individualistic and painstaking approach to work, in which all external influences are disregarded. This is especially the case with experts in obscure fields of endeavor.

(Reinhold Ebertin)

Saturn conjunct North Node: Isolation, inhibition in unions or associations. Feelings of depression caused by other persons, also inhibitions in contact with others. Sociological correspondence: An association of elderly persons such as home for the aged or for the needy, e.g. an alms-house; also community expressing feelings of grief or depression, e.g. mourners attending a funeral.

Saturn trine or sextile North Node: The inclination to become attached to persons older than oneself, also to seek contact with mature and experienced people. Association with elderly or experienced persons, also sponsorship through such people.

Saturn square or opposition North Node: Lack of adaptability, great difficulties in co-operating with others, also a feeling of inhibition in the presence of other people. Inhibitions and difficulties in association of partnerships, termination of blood relationships, the death of relatives or of kindred, disadvantages through other persons, co-operative work or team-work which is steadily becoming more difficult.

(Bernice Grebner)

Saturn conjunct, trine or sextile North Node: This can give considerable spiritual beauty and a great feeling of duty and responsibility. These people are in step. Here we have the ability to see the serious broad view and to stick to it. It gives considerable patience and fulfills the work of balancing the Nodes and learning an even greater lesson in this lifetime. It eventually brings luck and success due to the ability to make the required sacrifices. The conjunction of North Node to Saturn brings a Saturn opposition to the South Node. This is considerably easier to handle than the South Node conjunct Saturn opposition the North Node, for with Saturn working in opposition to the North Node growth, it takes considerably more effort to push forward. Without additional support in the chart, it could be most difficult.

Saturn square or opposition North Node: Sacrifice or surrender are the key words here. Saturn's house position may cause neglect of the nodal position's growth; and the balancing of the nodal axis may be much delayed. Success is also harder to achieve where Saturn's position is located by sign and house. Wherever Saturn is located is where we feel a great lack; where a father's influence can be most strict; where ambitions are thwarted. Other aspects taken into consideration, this is not a favorable position for a positive, enthusiastic spirit. Unless well aspected to Jupiter, the Saturn square must be corrected first by strict discipline in accepting responsibility that can't be refused. This position can give great loneliness. The life seems to be fated. Call it fate, karma, or what you will, it is that area which we can do little about but surrender to it in strict discipline. With this aspect, along with a good aspect to Jupiter, Jupiter's influence cannot be felt greatly until the discipline Saturn calls for is accomplished. The person who has this aspect lacked discipline in a former lifetime; hence he is being forced into it in this life. The lessons of Saturn are patience, duty, loyalty, and being in tune and in step

with time as it is. Their destiny is to get in step.

(Mohan Koparkar)

Saturn conjunct North Node: This aspect provides great relief or dampening to your general frustrations and bad experiences. All their learning experiences and limitations are properly analyzed and utilized in order not to make the same mistake again. Great assistance from older folks in the family is received, on which the person can greatly rely. Often this aspect may deny good physical health. However, it will provide them with quite a strong will power. In terms of karmic understanding, this soul does wonders in helping others know, diagnose and understand the value of learning from past mistakes. This aspect may provide a long life span or at least longer than average life, unless other things in the chart highly contradict this. Patience is quite a virtue for these individuals; if not, they will appreciate its value.

Saturn trine North Node: This aspect provides excellent working habits to these individuals. They have great stamina and endurance to do things. Getting substantial assistance from, or providing large helping hand to, older people is a part of their lifestyle. Stronger family ties are already established from this aspect. As a result, they may have large family cohesion or a family environment that includes a lot of relatives and sometimes even distant relatives. They have excellent co-operative spirit, which is definitely learned not by childhood discipline but by some of their past-life habits. In this aspect, the harder the person works, the better will be his rewards. Surprisingly, he gets to collect those rewards in this lifetime. Emotional and spiritual maturity is seen even in early childhood.

Saturn square North Node: This is quite a strange aspect to such an extent that limitations in life are doubly significant. Here, the Saturnian limitations will confront you with a problem or learning experiences, but the nodes will even take the chances away from you to learn from them. Depending upon the benefic aspects to this combination, the effects will change accordingly. For example, a supporting trine aspect to Saturn might minimize the intensity of drastic learning or a Trine to the nodes might increase your chances to learn the lesson in a constructive way, etc.. In general, growth as an individual is needed and noticed in this aspect. Full assistance or completely obstructive tendencies from older folk is seen. Problems with circulations and bone structure in general are noticed in these people.

Saturn opposition North Node: In this aspect, the individual confines itself with its own psychologically complex network. They just have to go through worldly and unworldly experiences and learn the significance of patience. Things have a tendency to occur as late as possible. Association with old folks or old ideas becomes a part of life. The native often runs away from his own creation; and this running around in circles is one of the karmic fulfillments of his soul. Depending upon the balance of Karma from the previous life, some of these individuals will experience the highest benefits in life, but only after significant hard work during the most of their life. The Saturnian principle with the South Node with it really makes the combination doubly Saturnian. Thus, hard work, patience and coping with restrictions is a major focus in this combination. On a mundane level, it causes weak bone structure, rheumatism, skin difficulties, etc.. One of the benefits this aspect provides is the ability to cope with disease and confinement.

(Donna van Toen)

Saturn conjunct North Node: Ability to achieve growth by working at it. During the overcompensating phase of nodal balance, moodiness may be a problem. Sometimes there's a physical problem involving the nodal polarity that must be overcome. This person is often a loner, and is happiest when able to have time alone to reflect on how he or she is to achieve his or her goals.

Saturn sextile North Node: Upbringing seems to play a major role in the interpretation

of this aspect. If the person has been left in a comfortable position by parents or other benefactors, opportunities for growth may be rejected. Even when birth conditions don't leave opportunities to rest on the family laurels, growth may be considered only within the narrow limits of what's acceptable by family or parental standards. Growth potential may be damaged or repressed as a result of guilt feelings or arguments.

Saturn trine North Node: A need for material progress stimulates a desire for growth. Patience and ability to tolerate seclusion are conducive to growth. In other respects, much like Saturn conjunct North Node.

Saturn square North Node: Much like Saturn conjunct South Node. Pessimism is one manifestation of the nodal conflict; this must be consciously dealt with and eradicated if growth is to take place.

Saturn opposition North Node: Growth may trigger feelings of not fitting in or being out of touch; conformity may lead to stagnation. There's a strong feeling of something missing within the person, leading to dissatisfaction with relationships and circumstances. As with Saturn conjunct the North Node, there may be an illness connected with the nodal polarity. The tendency is to try to repress awareness of the need for growth.

(Bruno and Louise Huber)

Saturn conjunct North Node: In aspects of Saturn to the Moon's Node, there is a significant difference between the conjunction and the opposition. In the conjunction, each step in the native's development is carefully weighed, and everything is treated very seriously. Nothing is done on impulse, and many natives wait a long time before they move forward: they doubt and hesitate, and are unable to act with spontaneity. Even after making a great effort, they believe that they have done nothing and are simply not good enough. Because the basic principle of Saturn is security, they live in dread of doing something wrong, and often delay unnecessarily before taking the next step.

Saturn opposition North Node: In the opposition, Saturn stands at its own point: for, in the classical literature of astrology, the Descending Node is also 'the point of Saturn'. Here it hinders the native's progress considerably, and the latter clings to old habits and fails to see the need for change. The native is liable to regress, and refuses to strike out in a new direction. Many are pessimistic and do not believe that there is a better life for them. They load themselves with needless responsibilities and are hardly free to act. Many take refuge in duty, and imagine they have to do everything and that, without them, 'nothing would ever get done'. With Saturn on the nodal axis, it is hard to break old habits: there is a constant temptation to lapse into familiar reactions and routines.

Natal Saturn conjunct Ascendant

(Robert Pelletier)

Saturn conjunct to the Ascendant indicates that you are conservative and self-disciplined in your behavior. You tend to be shy about asserting yourself, so people may assume you are indifferent to them. You have strong doubts about your worth, which makes you cautious when meeting competition. This lack of self-confidence will eventually be replaced by self-assurance as you learn through experience to understand yourself. You do not have the kind of aggressive drive that impresses people on first meeting, but you show reliability, and they learn to depend on you. Others see your good qualities long before you realize them. Self-effacing by nature, you prefer the sidelines rather than the spotlight.

You are efficient in mobilizing your resources and are sure to realize your goals, but you

underestimate your abilities. You are a 'slow starter' who needs the reassurance of some successful endeavors before you define your objectives and make careful plans to achieve them. You are prepared to grow one step at a time in achieving the excellence you are capable of. When a decision is required, you tend to hesitate because you want to be sure first. You sometimes miss opportunities for fear you will be ridiculed if you make the wrong decision. Responsible to a fault, you will never let down anyone who depends on you. Learn to love yourself more, so you can feel you deserve the good things in life that you work for so diligently. You can be victimized by people who take advantage of your unwillingness to fight for your rights, but you never forget such incidents. Although not a vindictive person, you bide your time until the moment comes when they need your assistance; then you repay them with cool indifference.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

When Saturn colors the way of presenting ourselves to the outside world, we give the impression of being sober, reserved, secretive and serious. Probably we are afraid to let go, and view people and things pessimistically behind a rather cold front.

Saturn is not a planet that leads us to be swayed by enthusiasm. We test the water carefully before we take the plunge. Safety first is our motto. The sense of responsibility that weighs us down is sometimes expressed physically in a stoop, as if we were literally bent beneath a burden - a burden we have taken on ourselves.

We seldom reveal what is going on inside, and people have difficulty in getting to know us. Defensiveness is responsible for the fact that we can be plagued by feelings of loneliness. Yet Saturn can allow us to lose these feelings in the company of a special individual, a person with whom we feel safe. We would go through fire and water for someone like this; even so, it is hard for us to show emotions.

(Betty Lundsted)

Saturn represents what we approach with caution, and our feelings of insecurity. The Ascendant indicates how we start new ventures, as well as the persona we project. Saturn conjuncting the Ascendant indicates individuals who are often insecure about their abilities when they are young, for a self-worth facet in the personality needs development. In early childhood there was a rejection by the father in some way; these people didn't feel accepted or encouraged by him. As young adults they feel apprehensive about being approved of by those in authority; they may deem it necessary to work too hard in order to attain whatever life experience they seek.

The self-worth dilemma will be indicated by the sign in which the conjunction occurs. If Saturn is in the first house, then as these people mature and earn a concept of worthiness, a personal strength will emerge, for Saturn in the first house can indicate the ability to persevere.

(Sue Tompkins)

The Saturn rising person will usually approach the world with a certain amount of caution, as if on some level feeling that it is not a very safe place - certainly not safe enough to venture out without wearing at least a little armour-plating. Typically, the individual feels that he or she must be ready to defend him- / herself against possible disaster. I once looked after a boy aged about 11, with Saturn rising. Whenever we went out, he used first to go around the house, checking that the windows and doors were tightly bolted and that the plugs were all pulled out of the electric sockets. Thus his persona was a serious one. The immediate impression he made was of someone older than his years and very responsible. At the same time, being so well defended, it was not easy to see the vulnerable little boy underneath. The oldest in the family, he took on what he saw as the role of father when his parents divorced, and this is quite typical of a 1st house Saturn.

Margaret Thatcher, the so-called 'Iron Lady', has Saturn rising in Scorpio. She seems to have a very controlled persona, to have her guard up at all times. She doesn't seem very spontaneous. Satirists often portray her as being something of a heavy schoolteacher type, ready to discipline and control irksome cabinet ministers.

Because people with Saturn conjuncting the Ascendant do not see the world as a particularly safe place, they often take steps to control the environment and those within it. They want to leave nothing to chance, and they want to be seen as being a person who 'never puts a foot wrong'. In fact, this insistence on never putting a foot wrong is a common Saturnian one, whatever the configuration.

The controlled responsible exterior may not necessarily be indicative of a particularly responsible or serious person, but merely indicates that is the impression that the individual initially makes.

Saturn rising is often associated with a difficult or delayed birth, as if the baby is reluctant to come out and enter into the world. Perhaps this infant is controlling the situation from the word 'go', or on some level feels he / she needs to. In any event, the caution about and fear of greeting the world naked and exposed seems to persist throughout much of life.

The Saturn rising person often goes out into the world ready to be a patriarchal figure, a disciplinarian perhaps, someone older than his or her years, and a responsible, dutiful type.

Natal Saturn square / opposition Ascendant

Saturn square Ascendant (Robert Pelletier)

Saturn square the Ascendant shows that you are basically apprehensive about asserting yourself because you are afraid that you will encounter a lot of opposition. You underestimate your capabilities. In competition with others, you prefer to move slowly at first, in order to gain self-confidence. When pressured excessively, you tend to withdraw rather than fight. You avoid challenges whenever possible and are defensive when you do accept them. If forced to defend yourself, however, you will use every trick you know to protect yourself.

You are a late starter in defining the goals you hope to achieve. Because you are too cautious and self-disciplined for your own good, you deprive yourself of many opportunities. Some people may think of you as cold and indifferent, but in fact you are serious and responsible. From your experiences, you have learned that you have to earn everything you get, and you don't expect to get any rewards without making a substantial contribution. A perfectionist, you aren't content unless you can do your very best at all times.

Your early home life was probably an austere experience. It would seem that there was little warmth between you and your parents, and you were expected to perform your duties without question. Though you respected your parents or guardians, it is not likely that you felt any great tenderness for them. The result is that now you are extremely cautious and reserved when dealing with people in authoritative positions.

You are very preoccupied with achieving a position that will reasonably assure your financial security. You are far more talented than you know, and you will eventually realize this as you gain the success and recognition you deserve. In your determination to realize your goals, you persist in spite of setbacks. The security you gain in your material affairs compensates for your emotional insecurity about meeting someone who will share your life completely.

Saturn opposition Ascendant (Robert Pelletier)

Saturn opposition the Ascendant shows that you are defensive in your associations. You have to exert a lot of pressure to get a response from people, and most times you don't think it's worth the effort. You tend to be so preoccupied with your own affairs that you can't be too concerned with anyone else's. But at the same time you accuse people of being indifferent to you. The truth is, you are so reserved about projecting yourself into their lives that you give the impression you think yourself better than they are. So they keep their distance and are not likely to warm up to you.

You assume people will not appreciate your talents, so you don't offer your services. Convinced that others are more competent, you are afraid to accept challenging competition. You need to approval of others to reassure yourself of your skills. You cautiously test people's reactions to what you do and draw their conclusions for them before they have a chance to express an opinion. Probably you had an austere beginning and are not accustomed to being praised for your efforts. Although you have a mind of your own, you are never sure you can exploit your ideas and get a favorable response, which you desperately need. A minor chore like asking for a pay increase is a major event to you, and you have to have a lot of determination to do it.

You prefer people to come to you, because you fear they won't accept you if you go to them. You may be obsessed by the thought that your subconscious fears are obvious to everyone, but of course they are not. The only guilt you should feel is in your failure to assert yourself enough. Because you are more competent than most of your competitors, you will never take on a task you can't handle. Until you try, of course, you won't know this. You secretly fear responsibility, but you are more than able to perform your duties and fulfill your obligations, both to yourself and to others. You need the reassurance of knowing that achievement is well within your grasp.

Saturn square or opposition Ascendant (Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Here the reserve and aloofness so typical of all Saturn / Ascendant aspects are caused chiefly by the degree of vulnerability we feel. We respond to people in a nervous, even mistrustful way. When we wish to express ourselves, Saturn interferes and we clam up instead. Also, with these aspects, we can be heavy-handed; a trait unlikely to give popularity. The irritation shown by others further increases uncertainty and vulnerability. We must be careful not to keep saying 'I'm no good', 'No-one likes me' and so on: statements such as these have a knack of being self-fulfilling and may stop us finding the warmth we seek.

Due to unfortunate experiences in contacts with others, we sometimes go into complete seclusion, or hide behind a 'wooden mask' of some sort - that of a careerist, for example - in order to keep out of range at the personal level.

The tense aspects make us very insecure on this point and, when we brood over it too much, we are liable to suffer from listlessness and fatigue. With the unconscious working flat out in an attempt to solve problems that have arisen or might arise, energy that would normally be available to the conscious is used up. However, if we learn to confine worries to practical issues (as it is perfectly possible to do with the tense aspects), we can become the same responsible, down-to-earth individuals we would be with one of the easy aspects - although never the life and soul of the party.

Saturn square or opposition Ascendant (Betty Lundsted)

When Saturn squares the Ascendant, the approach to any new beginning is clouded with conflict, for early in the life the father was not encouraging. These individuals will commence new activities with caution or apprehension. Some of the conflict will be caused by an inner lack of self-confidence, for early problems with the father image usually manifest as problems with authority figures later on. The square indicates a self-

worth predicament that can be coupled with the sign quality dilemma indicated by the square aspect.

With the opposition of Saturn to the Ascendant there will also be an early childhood conflict with the father, and there will be a need for authority approval, or a feeling of caution attached to any new beginning. A feeling of compromise occurs because the needs of the partner (or the partner's opinions) will influence the new steps forward in life.

Saturn opposition Ascendant (Sue Tompkins)

Those with Saturn on the Descendant often look to other people to live out the responsible, dutiful, mature or even patriarchal qualities, although they themselves will usually be very responsible about relationship matters and, in their own way, also very much in control. There can be a fear of relationship with Saturn contacting either end of this axis: fear of being in a relationship and fear of not being in one. At best, Saturn contacting these angles suggests that the individual is able to apply him- / herself to building up a relationship with another person by responsibly dealing with the different obstacles as they occur.

Natal Saturn quincunx Ascendant

(Robert Pelletier)

Saturn inconjunct the Ascendant means that you take yourself too seriously for your own good. You are so dedicated to your responsibilities that they take a big toll on your physical reserves. In fulfilling obligations, however, you are skillful at not going to extremes if you can avoid it. You plan your moves with tactical strategy to derive the most benefit from your efforts, wasting little time and energy on nonessentials. Cautious and reserved, you appear detached and unapproachable to the people you deal with. You offer your services only after carefully evaluating those you will serve to determine if they deserve your assistance. You are sometimes overly preoccupied with the affairs of other people. Although you rarely offer advice unless asked, when you do, your suggestions are often too painful to accept or too demanding. Because of this, others may resent your help.

You generally tell the truth because this is the only way you can live with yourself. You are determined to get the most out of your potentials, so developing your talents is high on your list of priorities. Experience has taught you to be self-reliant, and although you may be a slow learner, you never forget what you've learned. You want to be recognized for excellence in everything you do, and you secretly fear you may not succeed. Your superiors respect you for your honesty and integrity.

You utilize every resource at your disposal to gain financial security. Your friends probably consider you a bit close with your money, but you know that you would never turn to them if you needed help, preferring to get along on your own until fortune is on the upswing. You invest only in enterprises that have a reasonable chance of success, and you seek a comfortable status that you can hold onto. Not easily induced to seek the limelight, you prefer to bask in your accomplishments.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

In the inconjunct, too, we are rather fretful, although not sure why. For us, to go out into the world is to become insecure, anxious and defensive; and, however much we might wish to be friendly, our behavior is cold and reserved. Or we keep carrying on about general responsibilities; sometimes reasonably enough but often quite out of turn, so that associates take us for incorrigible pessimists with no appreciation of the lighter side of life.

If we are taken up with responsibilities, we find them difficult to discuss. Explanations lack clarity, or we seem to get everything round the wrong way. In short, we fail to show our true feelings. Consequently, we can alternate between prolonged hard work and prolonged bouts of idleness when we do nothing at all.

Yet, in the end, we can shape our lives successfully and achieve self-confidence. As with every inconjunct, however, there usually has to be some crisis first which pinpoints the source of the trouble.

Natal Saturn conjunct Midheaven

(Robert Hand)

At a very early age you will learn that life requires hard work and ceaseless activity if you want to get ahead. Also you want to be a person of significance when you are older, so you will start working while quite young to get where you want to go. Since you have so much internal discipline, your parents won't have to impose it from the outside, nor should they make unrealistically high demands, because you will try very hard to fulfill them. Whenever you fail, you condemn yourself strongly, and if you decide you are a loser, it would be very difficult to change that belief. This placement of Saturn can signify that you will be very successful or very unsuccessful, depending on how you experience success while you are young.

You respect those in authority even when you feel they are giving you a hard time. You understand that they have earned the right to their position and that to challenge them you must earn that right as well. Only if you have very negative experiences with authority while you are young - and your parents will have a lot to do with this - will you be negative about it when you are older.

No matter what career you choose, you will be a teacher and a guide for others. You may be a teacher in the literal sense in some kind of school. In any case, others will look to you for guidance when you achieve the goals that you set for yourself now.

As you work to get ahead in life, however, be very careful not to neglect your friendships and other relationships. Otherwise you may be very lonely later on.

(Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

With Saturn at the MC, we are often tormented by feelings of inferiority. Vulnerability is great; in many cases because the support of one or both parents was missing during childhood. We feel an urge to do well when still young, either to overcome an inferiority complex or else to let it be seen that we account for something. Hence this aspect can indicate tremendous ambition: we can work hard and long for the goals that we have set ourselves, but may also be harsh and pitiless.

Traditionally Saturn conjunct Midheaven is supposed to signify a public fall or disgrace. But this is true only when the groundwork of success has been prepared too quickly and carelessly, or when what we are building is hollow. If we get down to work like a real child of Saturn, that is to say slowly and thoroughly, we can go far later in life.

We need to provide not only ourselves but also our environment with form and structure, so we have a liking for regulations and for laying down the law to others. Much of this arises from an inner feeling of effectiveness and a diligent search for an individual form in which we shall be valued. If we resist any tendency this conjunction may have to disturb our inner equilibrium, we should be able to display thoroughness, determination and tremendous consistency.

(Sue Tompkins)

People with Saturn conjunct the MC often feel they have to keep up some kind of position in society, perhaps maintain a position of responsibility or duty, or follow in a parent's footsteps. Classically, they feel they have no choice but to do this. There is sometimes a very fated feeling about the choice of vocation which the individual may or may not feel comfortable with. It's a common enough combination for members of the Royal Family, whose public face tends to be a very controlled one, full of responsibility, protocol, hand-waving, and never putting a foot wrong.

Very often those with Saturn contacting the MC-IC axis feel that they have to submit to their parents' wishes as to their choice of career, and there is sometimes a feeling of an enormous weight on their shoulders because of this. Very often the background is a fairly conservative, middle-class one, or the family aspires in that direction. The choice of vocation often seems limited to Saturn conjunct MC especially, and to some extent it often is limited because the individual requires that his / her position in society be one of respectability and security.

I have seen this placement in the charts of those who have at least one very successful parent in their field, although the success is usually very hard-won; but it's also a common placement in the charts of those whose parents didn't reach their aspirations - parents who feel a failure to themselves and their family in terms of their professional accomplishments. Thus the individual with Saturn conjunct MC carries more than his / her own fear around with him / her. There is often a fear of succeeding (for it might hurt the 'failed' parent) as well as a fear of not doing so.

Having a proper career and direction in life is often such a weighty issue that individuals with this placement often feel at a loss to decide what to do with their lives. Saturn conjunct MC are often late-developers. Classically, the type is frightened to take risks with their future, which is fair enough on one level, but on another, it is often by taking risks, by exploring first one kind of work and then another, and simply going where life and one's unconscious takes one, that an individual is able to find his / her particular niche in society and some sort of personal fulfilment. I have also known people who have spent their lives blaming their parents for work they happen to be doing. They feel that in their working life they are 'doing time'. Usually the parents are not to 'blame'; the problem lies with the individual who is too frightened to risk doing what he / she really wants to do.

Saturn conjunction MC is an ideal combination for vocations that involve skills that take a long time to learn, and careers concerned with age, tradition, time or structure. The conjunction and other aspects to the axis can be associated with hard work and slow, sure success.

(Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

The Saturn conjunct Midheaven aspect characterizes those who rise to high stations through hard work and steady ambition. If the conjunction is well aspected, they are honest, responsible, and foresighted in their dealings. They make good executives and administrators. In politics they tend to be conservative, seeking policies which lead to stability and to the expansion of existing institutions along traditional lines.

If this conjunction is afflicted, disgrace and fall from a high position are possibilities.

Natal Saturn trine / sextile Midheaven

Saturn trine Midheaven (Robert Hand)

As you grow older, you will get ahead by doing everything in a very systematic and orderly manner. You try to take good care of your possessions, and you like to have them arranged neatly about you. Also you try to use your possessions in the best way possible.

As you get older, you will be fascinated by the tools and techniques of any subject that interests you, and you will become very proficient in those techniques.

Even at an early age, you will feel that very little that is worth having comes for nothing in this world, but you are willing to work. As a result of this understanding, you may seem older than your age, and you may prefer the company of older people.

Although you can work with others if necessary, you probably prefer activities that you can pursue by yourself, because then you do not have to worry about whether someone else's standards are as high as your own. You are very exacting in your work, and find it frustrating to deal with anyone who is less exacting. This same energy may also cause you to feel a bit different from other people, even sometimes as if you don't belong with them. However, this will not bother you greatly, because you are confident enough to be yourself. It is more important to you to be right than to be popular. This attitude will win you the respect of your elders, and all your life you will get along well with persons in authority. Eventually you will probably be in a position of authority yourself.

Saturn sextile Midheaven (Robert Hand)

This signifies that you have a strong sense of inner discipline and that you can work toward the goals you set for yourself steadily and without wavering. It may also indicate that you work mostly alone, without much help from people of your own age. They will not hinder you, but you work best by yourself.

Whatever task you undertake, you work at it patiently, with thorough organization and method, leaving no stone unturned. You may take on responsibilities that most young people would be reluctant to attempt. You may seem older than you are.

You are independent, even a loner, because having other people around may seem to distract you from your purposes. For this reason, you may not have many friends while you are young, but that will be because you have chosen it, not because no-one can get along with you. When you are older, you will be a very dependable person, because you have worked out your own methods and have proved to everyone that they work. As you grow, you will have the aid and assistance of those in authority, such as teachers and parents. They will approve of your early maturity and will help you find your course. When you are older and working for a living, your relations with employers should also be good, because they will know you can be trusted to do a job well and take responsibility.

Saturn trine or sextile Midheaven (Karen Hamaker-Zondag)

Whatever the aspect between the Midheaven and Saturn, a feeling of vulnerability and inferiority will play a role. In the harmonious aspects, we can come to terms with this fairly well. They give us a serious outlook on ourselves and on life in general, and our sense of responsibility is well-developed. We can work hard and long, and we like to finish what we start. Indeed we can be very self-denying on behalf of work or for some other goal; also there is more than a hint of wanting to let the world know that we can play our part in fine style. Ambition is certainly not foreign to the harmonious aspects.

Saturn is the planet of time. Therefore we seldom see a meteoric rise to fame and fortune; instead, there is steady application giving solid achievement. Given time, this will operate to our advantage.

Even with these relaxed aspects, we seldom choose the path of least resistance - neither in forming our identity, nor in regard to social status. In any case, we are eminently suited to heavy, prolonged and responsible work. We can be a tower of strength to others, and can help them to shape their lives, too.

Saturn trine Midheaven (Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration indicates considerable professional ambition. The natives will work steadily and hard to achieve their chosen career goals. They are reliable in their jobs and possess organizational and managerial abilities. Thus, they gain the confidence of people in positions of authority and are promoted. This configuration favors a slow, steady climb to the top. It especially favors those in politics and indicates honesty in public office, providing other factors in the horoscope are confirmatory.

The professional success gained through hard work contributes to a secure and well-ordered domestic life.

Saturn sextile Midheaven (Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker)

This configuration gives the natives the ability to stabilize their domestic lives and steadily improve their professional standing through forethought, discipline, and sustained effort.

A steady climb through the ranks of an established organization characterizes the configuration. The natives' ability to systematize and work hard gains the confidence of their superiors, making it possible for them to advance their careers and at the same time secure their home life. These natives often carry on the traditions of their parents and ancestors.