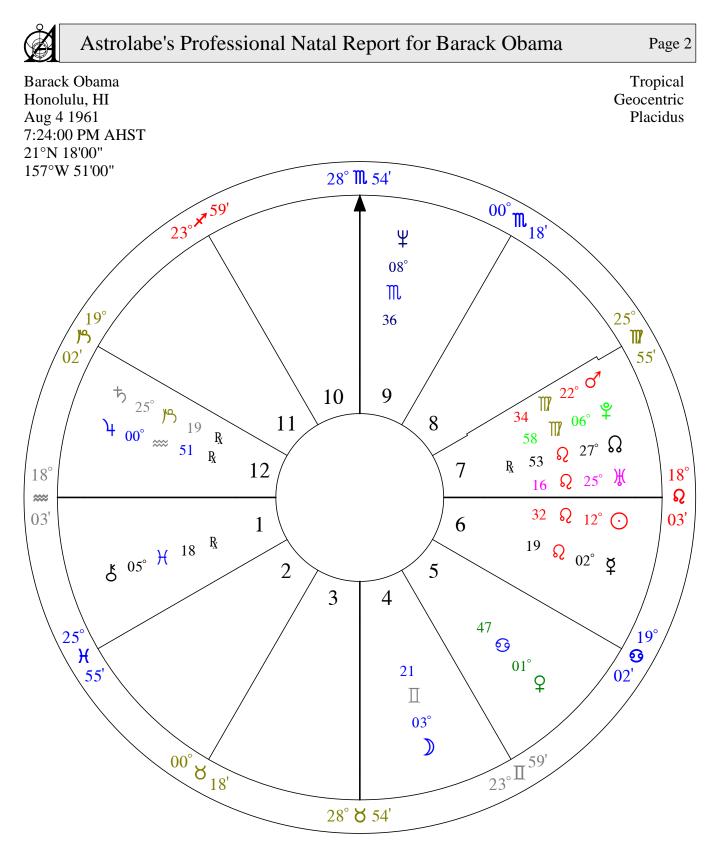
Astrolabe's Professional Natal Report

for

Barack Obama



| Symbols of the Planets and Signs | | | | | |
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| | b = Saturn | $M_{c} = Midheaven$ $\delta = Chiron$ R = Retrograde | $ \begin{split} \Upsilon &= \text{Aries} \\ \eth &= \text{Taurus} \\ \Pi &= \text{Gemini} \\ \mathfrak{S} &= \textbf{Cancer} \\ \mathfrak{Q} &= \textbf{Leo} \\ \mathbb{W} &= \text{Virgo} \end{split} $ | | |

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Planetary Positions

| | Planet | | Sign | Longitude | Declination | | |
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| \odot | Sun | is in | Ω Leo | 12° 32' 52" | +17° 02' 38" | | |
| \mathbb{D} | Moon | is in | I Gemini | 3° 21' 29" | +15° 40' 48" | | |
| ¥ | Mercury | is in | Ω Leo | 2° 19' 53" | +20° 41' 58" | | |
| Ŷ | Venus | is in | G Cancer | 1° 47' 20'' | +21° 38' 15" | | |
| ð | Mars | is in | 🕅 Virgo | 22° 34' 35" | + 3° 36' 38" | | |
| Ч | Jupiter | is in | ≈ Aquarius | 0° 51' 31" | -20° 35' 31" | | |
| ち | Saturn | is in | ろ Capricorn | 25° 19' 50" | -21° 15' 05" | | |
| Ж | Uranus | is in | Ω Leo | 25° 16' 15" | +13° 45' 28" | | |
| Ψ | Neptune | is in | M Scorpio | 8° 36' 20" | -12° 41' 48" | | |
| Ŷ | Pluto | is in | 🕅 Virgo | 6° 58' 40" | +20° 34' 03" | | |
| Ω | N. Node | is in | Ω Leo | 27° 53' 39" | +12° 12' 27" | | |
| A_{S} | Ascendant | is in | ≈ Aquarius | 18° 03' 56" | -15° 25' 09" | | |
| M _C | Midheaven | is in | M Scorpio | 28° 54' 15" | -19° 55' 07" | | |
| ę | Chiron | is in | H Pisces | 5° 18' 59" | - 3° 58' 06" | | |



Planetary Aspects

| Your Your | Sun Sun | is is | Square Opposite | Neptune Ascendant | The orb is The orb is | 3° 5° | 57' 31' |
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| Your | Moon | is | Sextile | Mercury | The orb is | 1° | 02' |
| Your | Moon | is | Semisextile | Venus | The orb is | 1° | 34' |
| Your | Moon | is | Trine | Jupiter | The orb is | 2° | 30' |
| Your | Moon | is | Square | Pluto | The orb is | 3° | 37' |
| Your | Moon | is | Square | N. Node | The orb is | 5° | 28' |
| Your | Moon | is | Opposite | Midheaven | The orb is | 4° | 27' |
| Your | Moon | is | Square | Chiron | The orb is | 1° | 57' |
| Your | Mercury | is | Semisextile | Venus | The orb is | 0° | 33' |
| Your | Mercury | is | Opposite | Jupiter | The orb is | 1° | 28' |
| Your | Mercury | is | Trine | Midheaven | The orb is | 3° | 26' |
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| Your | Venus | is | Trine | Chiron | The orb is | 3° | 32' |
| Your | Mars | is | Trine | Saturn | The orb is | 2° | 45' |
| Your | Mars | is | Semisquare | Neptune | The orb is | 1° | 02' |
| Your | Jupiter | is | Conjunct | Saturn | The orb is | 5° | 32' |
| Your | Jupiter | is | Sextile | Midheaven | The orb is | 1° | 57' |
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Planets in Elements and Modes

| Fire | : ⊙ຊ∦Ω | Total = 4 | Weighted Score = 10 |
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| Earth | : ♂ち¥ | Total = 3 | Weighted Score $= 6$ |
| Air | :)) \ A _S | Total = 3 | Weighted Score $= 14$ |
| Water | : ♀Ψ ^M c ゟ | Total = 4 | Weighted Score $= 6$ |
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| Cardinal | : ♀ ち | Total = 2 | Weighted Score $= 5$ |
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Weights Used Above

| Sun | = 6 | Moon | = 6 | Mercury | = 3 | Venus | = 3 |
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| Mars | = 3 | Jupiter | = 2 | Saturn | = 2 | Uranus | = 1 |
| Neptune | = 1 | Pluto | = 1 | N. Node | = 0 | Ascendant | = 6 |
| Midheaven | n = 2 | Chiron | = 0 | | | | |

Introduction

This report presents the raw materials that you have been given for building a life. It outlines how the overall shape of your chart reflects the overall shape of your personality. It shows what your greatest challenges are likely to be, the strengths you have been given to meet these challenges, and the main arenas you are given for playing out your life's drama.

You may notice certain places where the information seems contradictory. This is to be expected, because people are complex. For example, in some situations you may be shy and in others, aggressive. When you see repeated patterns, though, take special note: these are apt to be the dominant themes in your life. Astrolabe Software



The Main Emphasis in Your Chart

Before looking at your chart in detail, let's stand back for a moment to see whether there are any overall tendencies that stand out.

Air signs are especially strong.

Having special emphasis in signs like Gemini, Libra and Aquarius, you probably prefer to live in your intellect. Your strengths are logic, reason and impartiality, and you excel at organizing, planning, and developing new techniques. Because of your ability to remain detached and objective, you are a fair-minded judge of most situations. You can see and understand interrelationships that those who are emotionally or practically oriented find difficult to fathom. You could be a fighter for ideas and ideals, like a statesman who lives simply, has few material needs, and is held in high regard for his beliefs.

You like to connect people and ideas. Not being much interested in practical experience, you live in a world of concepts and use social interaction as your medium. Although you are a very social person, you prefer to remain detached. Emotional displays turn you off and you would rather negotiate. You may be in danger of being cold and emotionally insensitive to others. Understand that many do not operate in your rarefied atmosphere, and remember to be charitable if they lead mundane, unimaginative existences.

Unless you also have an emphasis in Earth signs or on such planets as Saturn and the Moon, your life may have a rootless quality. Although you may not notice it, others may be aware of a lack of stability in your material, external sense of being. To achieve balance, you may need consciously to stick to projects, put down roots, and cultivate your emotional life.

A strongly Fixed quality.

Your strength in Fixed signs like Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius gives you the persistence to bring any project to its conclusion. You are the one who can be counted on to do whatever must be done. A preserver of old traditions and customs, you know that forward progress can occur only if there is a firm foundation to begin with. You are glad to build that foundation. Be aware, however, that others may sometimes view your noble persistence as stubbornness, cussedness or pigheadedness.

Special strength in Leo.

You do things with a style and flair that demand to be noticed. Indeed, when you are not noticed for who you are, you get morose and arrogant. Your overdeveloped and dramatic sense of "self" is probably quite appropriate, because you usually add honor, grace and integrity to any venture with which you choose to associate yourself. A shining source of energy around whom others naturally gather, you function best in positions of leadership. Sometimes your personal charisma is all that is needed, but in some situations it is good to make sure that you bring to the role something more substantial.



Aspects: Keys to Your Inner Drama

In your birth chart, the Sun, Moon and planets play the central role. They are the actors in the drama, the moving figures on the stage, each with a character of its own. How these characters relate to each other, whether and how they clash or harmonize, whether they bring out each other's best or worst qualities, is shown by the aspects, or angles, between the planets.

Is the ongoing drama between two planets a continuing tension that periodically erupts into crises (conjunctions, oppositions and squares), a harmonious alliance where the two planets aid and abet each other (trines and sextiles), an uneasy truce full of ambiguities (certain other aspects in neither of these families), or simply indifference (no aspect at all)? Below you will see which pairs of planets are in aspect in your chart.

Each of the following sections lists the aspects in order of their general importance, with aspects involving the Sun, Moon and fast-moving planets coming first. You can get a further idea of their importance in your particular chart by going to the aspect table at the beginning of this report and finding the five or so aspects with the smallest number of degrees and minutes in the "The orb is" column.

Your Major Challenges

We start with your conjunctions, oppositions and squares because these tend to point out the challenges that you have been set in life. Most people experience these aspects as problems, at least at first. Armed with awareness, however, you can come to view these so-called "hard" aspects as the blessings that they really are. These are the forces that spur you forward. When you face the challenges that these aspects pose, you grow in strength, confidence, wisdom and maturity.

Sun square Neptune

Your extreme sensitivity to emotions and energies that are not noticed by those around you can cause you to refrain from acting in situations that demand action. This is because you have such an overload of information that you do not trust yourself to make rational decisions. The resulting confusion of purpose can make you withdraw from everyday interactions and become shy and full of self-doubt. When you're at your best, though, you are a true seer who can sort through all of the information around you, see straight to the truth of the matter, and communicate it to others. Learn to trust your intuitions.

Sun conjunct Descendant

You are the type of person who finds the most satisfaction in life by submerging your identity and sense of self in a significant relationship, either in marriage or in some other kind of partnership. Only then do you feel that you can shine and contribute and that you do indeed bring abundant energy to whatever the partnership's goals are, so much so that the partnership will not survive without your input and energy. You will feel like a fish out of water when you try to stand on your own, but you will probably not attempt such a thing on your own volition. Try to surround yourself with positive, upbeat people.



Moon square Pluto

It seems that every time you get comfortable and start to feel secure, something happens to make things more and more emotionally complicated. This disturbing trend goes on especially in your relationships. Almost perversely, you seem to want to take the relationship to an ever deeper and more intense level. This makes you feel more and more guilty and miserable. You or your partner risk becoming increasingly manipulative or jealous, and the relationship turns into a vicious cycle of one crisis after another. Try to relax and enjoy the relative peace between the upheavals. Lower your intensity level if you can, and try to develop a more reserved and detached attitude toward the chaos around you.

Moon square Nodes

You feel continually drawn to forming new relationships with others beyond your immediate family. You find that certain groups and organizations seem to reflect your own needs, and you try to get involved, though usually without a strong feeling of satisfaction. You become resentful that political infighting and government by consensus seem to destroy the original idealistic goals of the group. Your quandary is that you seem to care "too much," but you cannot see any other reasonable alternative to working within these group structures. Although you aren't normally aggressive, perhaps you should try to become a part of the group's leadership hierarchy and thus alter its goal structures for the better.

Moon conjunct Imum Coeli

Your early formative years have had an enormous influence on your development into adulthood. Your mother, your family, and your family's roots, tradition and cultural ties all provide you with the support mechanism necessary for you to feel comfortable and at ease. It is important that these early experiences were positive because the habits and customs learned then will be carried on unconsciously throughout your life.

Moon square Chiron

Your mother may have been high-strung and domineering, or she may have had insecurities, which you absorbed. In turn, you may demand constant reassurance and attention from everyone you meet. Possessive and manipulative, you may drive away those whom you care about most. Once you grow confident and trusting, you can provide those close to you with the love and stability that they need. At times, you are withdrawn and moody. You relish being a confidente who can provide answers and direction.

Mercury opposite Jupiter

You can take a huge amount of data, correlate it, and make accurate judgments about it. This is a rare and valuable aptitude. But you must be careful of a tendency to jump to incorrect conclusions after not having taken enough time to evaluate the data. Your intellect tends to be wide-ranging and all-encompassing, but sloppy and negligent and therefore unreliable. Learn, difficult though it may be, to be patient and to thoroughly examine all possibilities before taking action. This can save you much potential embarrassment.

Jupiter conjunct Saturn

You have that rare combination of optimism and practicality that allows you to be cautious and idealistic at the same time. Because of this, your plans have a better chance of coming to fruition than do the plans of those who are overly conservative or who, at the other extreme, throw caution to the wind. This is an ideal attitude for a businessperson, but it can also be helpful in interpersonal relationships because it makes you steady and levelheaded, but not stodgy.



Uranus conjunct North Node

You love to make new acquaintances, especially with those who are unusual or even eccentric. These contacts are often short-lived, but the excitement and intellectual stimulation that they provide make them quite appealing. Finding it difficult to maintain long-standing relationships, you may be lonely at times. But, just when you least expect it, someone new and unique always seems to come into your life, and you soon forget your loneliness.

Uranus conjunct Descendant

You are attracted to those who are unusual and independent. But if you expect these people to be warm, close and reliable, you will be sorely disappointed. In order for this sort of relationship to work successfully, you both must allow each other total and complete freedom — let the other "keep their sleeping bag tied up behind your couch." Expect the unexpected because that is all that can be counted on. This type of situation will never be dull and boring, and it could be quite liberating.

Uranus square Midheaven

You are such a rebel that you often cause yourself insurmountable problems. You should pursue a career that allows you to be self-employed, because you always seem to take the otherwise reasonable requests of employers as attempts by them to control and restrict you. Your inherent nervousness and unpredictability are not going to make you a prize catch for recruiters anyway. You must be yourself — the challenge will be to find a way to integrate that philosophy with a means of putting bread on the table on a regular basis.

Chiron opposite Pluto

You may have faced an emotional loss that forced you to grow up at a very young age. Extremely serious and melancholy, you tend to spend many hours in deep contemplation. Fearful and obsessed with death, you may find it difficult to cope with the realities and stresses of everyday living. Therapy may help you celebrate life rather than fear death. You will then be more apt to relax, and will be able to help others as well as yourself enjoy each day.

North Node square Midheaven

Although you seem to do pretty well when you work alone and try to achieve clearly set goals, you often experience difficulty when you try to work within a structure that others have built. Your rather selfish, self- centered manner seems to cause innumerable personality clashes in most groups that you attempt to associate with. If it's necessary for you to work within a group structure, try to be more tolerant. Compromise and understanding are important if you wish to be truly successful and well liked.



Your Sustaining Strengths

Trines and sextiles tend to work with a natural harmony that calls for little effort on your part. They show the things that you just seem naturally good at. Usually they point to the more positive parts of your nature, and act as support that you can call on in difficult times.

Because these aspects are so comfortable, they are not likely to push you to expand your limits or cause you to change. It is actually helpful to have a balance of hard aspects (like oppositions and squares) to stimulate you to grow, and soft aspects (trines and sextiles) to ease your passage and provide places to rest.

If you are blessed with a predominance of trines and sextiles, your life may tend to be placid and your nature serene. If so, remember that the world around you is probably sorely in need of these qualities that are yours to bestow.

Moon sextile Mercury

People always know where you stand on things. You communicate your deepest feelings and emotions readily and easily. And you are a good listener, too — you sense what others are trying to say, even if they have problems articulating their thoughts. As such, you would do well in situations that demand that you do a certain amount of public speaking. Being both perceptive and receptive allows you to feel comfortable at most social occasions.

Moon trine Jupiter

You can be counted on to bring a positive, optimistic, upbeat attitude to whatever you do. As such, you are very popular. People sense that your sincerity and good humor are genuine. You are always on the go, socializing and giving of your time and energy for worthy causes. You may, however, think that you have an unlimited amount of energy, and that is not always the case. Watch out for your tendency to overdo things. Your lack of self-control may at times leave you overly committed and consequently exhausted.

Mercury trine Midheaven

Your mind is playful, active and curious. You delight in intellectual pursuits of all sorts, from recreational reading to studying specific subjects. Even though you may have finished formal schooling, your education is never over. Your inquisitive nature leads you to become well versed in a wide variety of subjects. Because you easily communicate what you know, do not be surprised if you become a teacher.

Venus sextile North Node

You have such an engaging and pleasing personality that others cannot help but be attracted to you. As such, your popularity is assured — any career that involves mixing with the public will be assisted by your truly caring and obliging nature. You're known to be a good and true friend and a loving companion. You also have a refined aesthetic sensibility and may be quite artistic, or at the very least will be attracted to those with artistic inclinations.



Venus trine Chiron

You are magnetic and charismatic, and you command the love and respect of those whom you meet. Because of your optimism and cheerfulness, your friends, family and colleagues look to you as a morale booster. You savor being in the center of a social whirl, and have the ability to look people in the eye and make them feel as if they were the only one in the room. A great team player and a master of compromise, you are at your best working with others as a peacemaker and mediator.

Mars trine Saturn

It is easy for you to fall into a strictly regimented, routine existence. You devote much of your energy to seeing that nothing interferes with the tidy and functional patterns that you have consciously created. At times you may be overly cautious and defensive, being fearful to make a move that might be upsetting. Try to alter your habits occasionally so that you do not become frustrated by dullness and monotony.

Jupiter sextile Midheaven

You are very ambitious, much more so than most people. You have big plans about what you want to do and where you want to go. You are attracted to a lifestyle of comfort, culture and luxury. But you also have very high standards of ethics and morality. If you cannot accomplish your goals without honor, integrity and fair-mindedness, you will seek another path rather than compromise yourself.

Saturn sextile Midheaven

When you have decided on a life goal, you have the ability to work long and hard to accomplish it. You are unafraid of taking care of the minor but important details necessary to bring something to a successful conclusion. Your ability to proceed in a disciplined, orderly manner earns you the rightful reputation of a perfectionist, a reputation that you are justly proud of. You are ideally suited to being either an administrator or a teacher.

Neptune sextile Pluto

You, and society as a whole, are witnessing a gradual spiritual transformation that affects everything that you encounter. A solid foundation for protecting the rights of individuals (and especially the underprivileged) was being laid in the era when you were born, so that those in the future will have an equal opportunity to grow, evolve and gain greater understanding.

Chiron trine Neptune

Optimistic, spiritual, and idealistic, you have a never-ending faith in the human spirit. Compassionate and sympathetic, you always keep your door open to those in need, including stray animals and others not as well off as you. Your naivete and sweetness endear you to whomever you meet. Since you always lend an ear and a helping hand, people enjoy being in your company. Professions that utilize your admirable qualities include being a religious leader, teacher, counselor, evangelist, or spiritual healer.



Rounding Out the Picture

Two other families of so-called "minor" aspects add yet more information about the way the planets relate to each other in your chart. Semisquares and sesquares (also known as sesquiquadrates) share the dynamic, crisis-prone nature of the square but need to be quite exact in order to be felt.

Semisextiles and quincunxes connect signs that are totally unrelated to each other. They can have an odd, unsettling quality, indicating problems or issues that it's hard to get a grip on. They are like interesting puzzles that call for a creative solution.

Moon semisextile Venus

You are by nature a very caring and compassionate person. You have a strong need both to give and receive love, but often this causes you some difficulties. You are so aware of your need to be loved that, when you perceive that others are not responding the way you think they should, you become more and more insecure and more and more demanding of them. This may, quite naturally, drive them further from you, which is not what you intended. You must learn to love unconditionally — others will react to this much better and give you the support that you need. Learn to trust people more.

Mercury semisextile Venus

At your best, you can sense the way that everything relates to everything else as a part of an organic whole. This usually enhances your ability to think things through. At times, though, when you are forced to think logically, rigorously and matter-of-factly, you become confused and dumbfounded. This is because you need to see whole patterns in order to make sense of things. You flounder when you cannot see the forest for the trees. Try stepping back a bit in order to get a proper perspective. This placement also indicates a refined aesthetic sensibility that allows you to appreciate art or even be an artist yourself.

Venus quincunx Jupiter

There is a tension in your life that may be so subtle a problem that you may not even notice that it exists. You are by nature a warm and loving person and you also have big plans for your life direction. But you sometimes are so passive and self-indulgent that you cannot get yourself motivated to bring your plans into action. This frustrates you in a gnawing sort of way. You must find some way to overcome your own personal inertia if you would make your dreams come true. Take advantage of stressful situations in your life in order to move you forward in a positive way.

Venus sesquare Ascendant

You are quite attractive, perhaps physically, but definitely in your mannerisms and attitude toward life. You enjoy making others feel comfortable and relaxed and will go out of your way to make the environment around you seductive and peaceful. Be careful, however, that you are not doing this merely to avoid stress and difficult situations or you will soon find yourself totally dependent on the good will of others.



Mars semisquare Neptune

You prefer to act only if there is some high and noble reason for doing so. You are self-sacrificial by nature and rarely will act in your own defense, which can leave you feeling weak and vulnerable and at the mercy of those around you. As such, it is important that you surround yourself with positive, upbeat people — negative people drain you of energy and reinforce your tendency to feel that you have no self-worth.

Saturn quincunx Uranus

There is an ongoing tension in your life. You are very aware of the need to live a structured, disciplined lifestyle in order to accomplish your goals. But you also have the opposite and contrary need to be completely free and unrestricted in your movements. This, of course, leads at times to your being very irritable and rebellious and being forced to deal against your will with authority figures. The reverse is also true in that you try to bottle up your rebelliousness and then feel that you are not being true to yourself. The answer to this dilemma will come only after long experience and frustration — you must try to maintain a middle course between these two extremes. Allow yourself the freedom to vent steam once in a while, but stick to your long-range goals nevertheless.



Houses: Bringing the Planets Down to Earth

The positions of the planets in the zodiac, and the aspects between the planets, are nearly the same for everyone born on a given day. But the houses reflect how the planets were arranged around you and you alone, at a given hour and minute, and at a given place on Earth. Houses therefore personalize the planets, showing how they relate to your own particular life.

The meanings of the twelve houses echo those of the twelve zodiacal signs, but are more specific and concrete. For example, the second sign, Taurus, is much concerned with the material world, whereas the second house deals with your actual possessions: how you feel about them, and how you acquire them.

The house delineations that follow show how the affairs of each house are flavored by the sign that lies on its cusp. Since houses are sometimes larger than signs, a house may also have one or more signs completely enclosed or "intercepted" within it, in which case you will find additional material about the intercepted signs in a house. Most important, you will learn below in what areas of life the planets — the main actors in your drama — are disposed to be most active, and how the way each planet operates is influenced by both its house and its sign.

Your Interface with the World

The first house focuses on the basic equipment that you have been given for interacting with the world: your body and your physical constitution, your face, your appearance, your personality, mannerisms and the way you present yourself. It may not be how you see yourself, but it is how others tend to perceive you, and you should be aware that it has an important effect on how you are accepted in social situations. Planets in the first house tend to be strong and "out-front," especially when they are close to (that is, conjunct) your Ascendant.

Aquarius on the First

You tend to be an intellectual, with a deep and abiding interest in science, mathematics, and the great social problems of the day. You like new ideas and concepts, but you prefer to discover them by yourself, since it is not easy for others to convert you to anything. You form your own opinions, and once you do, you want to convince everyone else that they are correct. Sympathetic toward the downtrodden, you make equality your battle cry and demand that those in authority be fair to all. You are known for being calm, cool, detached and objective, but emotions and emotional people may be difficult for you to understand. Tuning in emotionally and being more tolerant of the opinions of others are areas you should consider working on.

Chiron in the First

You want to be well-liked, and your vibrant personality ensures that you will leave a lasting impression. At times, you come on too strong and intimidate others with your overwhelming exuberance and enthusiasm. Self-absorbed a great deal of the time, you will make your mark once you stop feeling sorry for yourself. As you become more disciplined and cooperative, your uniqueness and original vision will be a major contribution to the world of ideas.



Chiron in Pisces

Intuitive and imaginative, you may have difficulty in verbal communication. This often gives the false impression that you are confused and unintelligent. You may have been teased by other children, leaving you feeling vulnerable and distrustful. Retreating into the sanctity of your own world may have filled many lonely hours. Your compassion and sensitivity can contribute to your success in the helping professions. You are a wonderful friend who is ready to answer the call when anyone needs you. Therapy is an excellent way to improve self-esteem and to view yourself as the remarkable and unique human being that you are.

What You Own and Value

The second house goes a step outward from your own person and has to do with resources that you possess, including money. It shows your attitude toward what you own or would like to own: what you crave and covet, what you most value, how you go about getting it, how you take care of it, and whether or not you hang on to it. By extension, it can also indicate your sense of values: not just material things but also the attitudes and ideas that you hold dear.

Pisces on the Second

You tend to be quite impractical when it comes to financial matters. You have a tendency to think that the universe will always support you and that you do not really have to make any major effort of will in order to get what you need. You would much rather devote yourself to helping others attain those dreams and visions that are the most important things in your life. Try to learn to save aside a little nest egg for those times that inevitably seem to come in your life when your resources just dry up and disappear. You are very giving of what you have, so much so that others may take advantage of your generosity. Seek the advice of a respected and down-to-earth advisor whenever you ponder a major purchase — it never hurts to get a second opinion.

Aries on the Second

You are dashing and courageous when it comes to spending your money. When you see an item you want, you go for it immediately, often without really taking the time to think about whether the budget can stand it. The positive side of this is that you will rarely let a good bargain slip by. The negative side is that you may find yourself with more things than you could ever reasonably expect to pay for. Beware of impulse buying. Your value structures hinge on your own right to be free to act as you please. Once you have decided on a personal course of action, you will defend it vigorously. Very competitive, especially in business activities, you strive to be a success in whatever you set out to do.

No planets in the Second

The second house of your horoscope contains no planets. This means that you tend not to be overly concerned about what you own, and that your attitudes and value structures are most likely integrated into your character as a whole. If outside influences upset this balance and cause these issues to become more important than usual, it will probably be only temporary.



Your Immediate Surroundings

Going a step further out from your own body and possessions, the third house has to do with your immediate surroundings and how you interact with them. The first "social" house, it describes brothers and sisters, neighbors and anyone who just happens to be near you on a daily basis. It also describes daily communication and transportation: letters, phone calls and emails, and routine journeys such as commuting to shopping, school or work. The first "mental" house, it governs early education and basic skills training, paving the way for higher education in the ninth house which is directly opposite it in the chart.

Taurus on the Third

Your mind tends to move slowly and deliberately, and you do not usually allow yourself to be rushed into a decision. Because attitudes and opinions that you formed in youth tend to remain with you throughout life, the atmosphere that you were exposed to is very important in indicating your future life course. You delight in repeating the same daily living patterns, and become upset and cranky when forced by circumstances to alter them. Though stubborn and set in your ways, you have the great gift of consistency. Both as an ally and as a competitor, you can be counted on to act predictably in any situation.

No planets in the Third

Your third house is not activated by planetary activity. For the most part, how you order your daily life activities is not an issue for you. It is something that you rarely think about or have to plan consciously.

Where You Come From

Being at the very bottom of the wheel, the fourth house is both where you originate and where you come to rest. As such, it describes your parents and ancestral background, and later the home or protected space into which you retreat each day for nourishment and sleep. A deeply personal house, the fourth is concerned with security and peace of mind, the safety of loved ones, and how you care for others and yourself. The place of your roots and the earth beneath your feet, the fourth house rules the house or apartment where you live and also real estate in general. In your trajectory through life, the fourth house shows your origins and where you are coming from, just as the tenth house and Midheaven describe your career and where you aim to go.

Taurus on the Fourth

At the very root of your being, you are quite cautious and conservative. You prefer to know absolutely all the facts before making a move, and even then you will rarely alter your course. Your views on life were set in concrete at a very early age and it would take a major calamity for you to change them now. You are totally attached to your family, home, culture and country, and you will take every opportunity to defend them should you feel that they have been threatened. Because you are not inherently a self-starter, look to others to get your cues as to when to begin new ventures.

Moon in the Fourth

You have a very strong attachment to your home and family, especially to your mother (or the person who provided that role for you early in your life). This is so ingrained in you that you may find it difficult to cut the apron strings and stand on your own two feet. When you are emotionally secure, you are very giving and loving to others when not, your fear makes you want to withdraw into your own private, non-threatening fantasy world. You are very interested in the history of your family, community and culture.



Moon in Gemini

Restless in the extreme, you are easily bored because of your short attention span. Your emotions change rapidly and you love to talk about your feelings. Generally, you have good judgment — your intellect controls your emotions and you do not overreact emotionally to things. A good jack-of-all-trades, you have many-sided interests and enjoy reasoning things through. With your mental agility and need for physical mobility, you are attracted to traveling and learning about other peoples and cultures. You have vivid powers of emotional self-expression — you can be a nonstop talker. You love to share your ideas with anyone who will listen.

Playtime

After being nurtured and restored in the fourth house, you are refreshed and full of energy for play and creative pursuits. Replenished by dreams, you have creative ideas. Nurtured by your parents, you are ready to have your own children. Fresh from the security of home, you are ready to trust the universe and take risks. For all these reasons, the fifth house traditionally rules the child in you and the children around you, your own personal creativity and self-expression, plays and amusements of all sorts, gambling and speculation, and courtship, love affairs and romance. This is an outgoing house, but it is still beneath the horizon, in the territory of your heart's desires.

Gemini on the Fifth

You have many hobbies and leisure-time pursuits. This is because you have a relatively short attention span and something more interesting always seems to be beckoning. Your agile mind and quick wit may attract you to writing as a form of pleasurable activity. You are not sentimental about your lovers and may actually have more than one relationship at any given time. It is not that you are fickle — you just become more alive when you have multiple romantic stimuli. The same attitude applies to your children, should you have any. You do not bind them to you unnecessarily. Rather, you push them out on their own as soon as possible and are proud of their educational accomplishments.

Venus in the Fifth

Pleasure and amusement are very important to you. Very playful, you enjoy being entertained and you delight in receiving gifts — the more lavish and opulent, the better. Because you are very sensual, pleasing and playing with your lover provides you both with mutual delights. Your refined aesthetic sensibility requires that your surroundings be gracious, elegant and comfortable. Your tendency to think that it is your divine right to be entertained and that all things should come to you can cause you to become lazy and self- indulgent. Try not to be too selfish.

Venus in Cancer

You like to be very close to other people. You need emotional support yourself and are willing to give it to others. When you feel unloved and insecure, you can be very jealous and possessive. You are not interested in casual or superficial relationships — only deep emotional involvements interest you. Your faithful devotion is one of your greatest gifts, but be careful not to become too dependent on others. Learn to stand on your own two feet and demand your own rights once in a while.



Taking Care of Business

After the candle-lit dinner comes the credit-card bill. Courtship is followed by the nitty-gritty of married life: babies, diapers and saving up for college. After your creative impulse comes the need to learn the technique of actually making something. And if you overexpend your energy, you get health problems. The sixth house rules taking care of business on an everyday level. This includes your job, paying bills and keeping the house clean. It also includes maintaining your body with medical checkups and a daily regimen of nutrition and exercise. In the old books it ruled servants, and it can by extension rule the way you offer service to others. It also ruled useful animals, particularly small ones like cats, dogs, chickens and pigs. Today this usually means small pets, which exist in the personal, intimate part of your life that is signified by houses that lie below the horizon.

Cancer on the Sixth

You want to mother everyone, either at your place of work, or by taking care of the practical details of their lives. You are a very caring person and you tend to take on all of the worries and responsibilities of others that you possibly can in order to relieve these poor souls of their burdens. Knowing what people need sometimes even before they do, you have a sixth sense about the way to treat the public. When you feel secure and at peace, you can be very effective at giving others what they need when they need it, and you can be a popular leader. But when you are not feeling secure, you get moody and crabby and are difficult to get along with. Your health is tied more to your moods than it is to proper nutrition and exercise. It is most important that you keep an upbeat and positive outlook, for then your health and other aspects of your life will shine.

Sun in the Sixth

Long-range goals are more important to you than immediate satisfactions. You have the discipline and strength of mind to be able to put off fun and see beyond the moment. A very good worker, you love to use tools and to develop and use complicated techniques. A good craftsman, you can be trusted with seeing to it that the minor but important details of a project have been properly taken care of. You have very high personal standards and are very self-critical. Your sometimes obsessive concern with hygiene and proper health care can lead you to endorse enthusiastically the latest health fads.

Sun in Leo

More than a bit of a showoff, you love to be the center of attention. But others do not usually mind because they tend to enjoy your genuine warmth and affection. Very spirited and willful, proud and self-important at times, you demand your own way. You are quite honest, however, and the respect of others is very important to you. You never compromise yourself and you pursue your goals with persistence and dedication. Your regal presence and demeanor draw you to positions of leadership and authority. But beware of being overly hardheaded, domineering, ostentatious or patronizing or you will lose the goodwill and admiration that you enjoy. Very theatrical, you live life on a grand scale wherever and whenever possible. Your strength and energy vitalizes those who come in contact with you.

Mercury in the Sixth

Your mind is disciplined, orderly and practical. You are very good at learning new skills and advanced techniques. You love to use tools in your work, and take great pride in keeping them in tip-top shape. You are a careful, precise worker and a bit of a perfectionist. You run the danger of being so super-critical that you worry needlessly about small details and bring all progress to a halt. Appropriate careers include clerical work, writing, teaching, and training others to use the skills that you have worked so hard to develop.



Mercury in Leo

You appreciate truth and honesty, not only practicing it yourself but also expecting it in others. You are usually convinced that your own ideas are correct, and you enjoy persuading others of their correctness. In fact, you can be stubborn about your beliefs and principles, and can get defensive when they are challenged. You also have a talent for organizing, directing and planning, and take delight in being asked for your advice and counsel.

Relating One-to-One

If you courted in the fifth house and woke up in the sixth yoked to another in a daily routine, the seventh house gives you a chance to hammer out a relationship of true equals. The goal is wedded bliss and a true sense of relatedness, but along the way there may be fights as you each define your individuality and establish your own territory. Not only is the seventh the traditional house of marriage, it is also the house of open enemies, your sparring partners in life. In general, since the first house is you yourself, the seventh house, directly opposite, is the other person in a variety of situations. Besides signifying a marriage or sparring partner, the seventh house rules business partners, or those on the other side of a desk, such as consultants, lawyers, therapists or astrologers.

Leo on the Seventh

You seek personal and business partners of whom you can be proud, and are attracted to those who are powerful, dominant and self-directed. Be careful that all of this overwhelming energy is not directed toward you, for you could find yourself locked in an awesome battle of wills in order to maintain the independence that you value so highly. You have high aspirations for partnerships, and see alliances as one way to attain your social, political or cultural aspirations. You may go out of your way to attract those whose mere association with you can move you ahead in the world. Beware of the temptation to flatter and fawn over those you want to attract, because it does not really become you.

Mars in the Seventh

You are very competitive, and love to be involved in personal and business relationships where you can observe your partner and then act or react each time he or she decides to do something. This may make your relationship seem more like a battleground. If you are both aware that this is what is really going on and enjoy it, this should work out all right. Still, cooperation is not one of your most noticeably positive character traits. If you make a special effort to see things from the other's point of view, life with your partner will go a lot smoother.

Mars in Virgo

Very careful and systematic, you pay great attention to details. You seek perfection and sometimes get bogged down searching for the ultimate when adequacy would have been sufficient. You dislike abstractions, preferring whatever is practical, useful and demonstrable. You have a strong and enduring sense of personal responsibility, and you demand that others be as responsible and upright as you are. Very critical of yourself and others, sometimes you carry this too far and become intolerant of others and their right to choose their own lifestyles.



Uranus in the Seventh

You demand complete and total freedom in relationships. Should you marry, there will be something unique and different about the union, perhaps something that will shock others because of the relative incongruities between you and your beloved. Should your partner try to tie you down somehow, you will become very restless and impatient and do something to assure your continuing freedom, even if that involves leaving the relationship completely. The only kind of people with whom you are comfortable are those that you find stimulating, exciting and challenging.

Uranus in Leo

You are part of an age group that demands complete and total freedom of self-expression. You and your peers want to make your mark in the world according to your own lights and will brook no interference from traditional authority figures, especially if they attempt to mold or shape you in any way. You are honest and forthright, but a bit offbeat and eccentric. The lack of self-discipline may hinder you from reaching your goals as quickly as you would like.

Pluto in the Seventh

Relationships will be the cause of major life crises for you. You tend to take partnerships (both business and personal) very seriously and you become intensely emotional about them. Because you tend to attract others who are as strong-willed as you are, and because you are so intense, relationships often seem to be more like battlefields than mutually satisfying experiences. You have a deep and abiding interest in studying human motivations and would make a good counselor if you are so inclined. Try, however, to avoid the continuing temptation to deal with others through guilt or some other subtle form of manipulation.;

Pluto in Virgo

Your entire generation was born at a time that saw profound changes in society's attitude toward work, duty and responsibility. There were also fundamental changes in attitudes toward personal health and nutrition.

North Node in the Seventh

You're a very social person, so much so that you would rather be out partying and generally interacting with others than staying at home alone. Those you relate to, especially your spouse or business partner, will tend to determine the type of lifestyle that you lead. Be careful not to carry your other-oriented impulses too far though — you don't want to become overly dependent on someone else. If you do, you'll feel totally lost should you be parted from them for whatever reason. To feel properly balanced psychologically, you need to realize that you have important personal and private needs that must be met, at least once in a while.

North Node in Leo

When it comes to dealing with others, you prefer to take the leadership role, and you enjoy administering and organizing group activities. Others tend to listen to your suggestions because you tend not to be domineering or patronizing. You love to entertain in a big way, and are at your best when throwing a large and lavish party. Your popularity and social success are assured as long as you don't take others for granted Do resist any temptation to become snobbish and arrogant.



Merging into Something Larger

Having achieved a relationship of equals in the seventh house, you are ready to give up your separateness in the eighth, merging in sexual union and becoming one on a deep emotional level. If the second house was about grasping and possessing, the eighth is about sharing and letting go. While the second rules your own money, the eighth rules how you deal with other people's money and how you pool resources. On a mundane level the eighth rules taxes, but on a fundamental level it can rule giving up anything you value, including your ego and even your body. In relaxing your grasp on what you find most dear, you may find that you are really not as dependent on it as you thought. In relinquishing, you achieve a new level of freedom, and feel lighter, renewed and more alive. Related to all this, the eighth signifies mysteries such as death and resurrection, magic and the occult, and the deep parts of the psyche that are beyond our conscious grasp.

Virgo on the Eighth

You are very fastidious when it comes to sexual matters — you tend to subject potential partners to minute inspection before getting involved with them. The advantage of all this analysis is that it can certainly weed out the losers ahead of time, but the obvious disadvantage is that spontaneity seems to disappear and the romance of mating becomes cool and detached and laboratory-like. You are also prudent and cautious about investing the resources of yourself or others, which, in the long run, gives you excellent business credentials. You will reap the benefits of careful, controlled growth and will still be around long after the dashing speculators have disappeared.

Libra on the Eighth

Mood and atmosphere are all-important for you when it comes to sexual matters. You quite simply cannot function if there is any stress or tension in your life. When you can relax, you bring to any liaison a warmth and refinement that your partner will appreciate. You prefer attractive, elegant surroundings and can make yourself seem like an oasis of sanity in the midst of a turbulent desert. You can be quite indecisive, however, and, rather than be alone, you may string more than one partner along before finally choosing. You generally have a detached and balanced sense of judgment and may therefore be very good at giving investment advice to others.

No planets in the Eighth

The eighth house of your horoscope contains no planets. This definitely does not mean that you will not enjoy a rewarding sex life or that you will never have any resources to invest or to share in common with another. What it does mean is that these issues will not be as paramount in your life as they are for others. You will experience a certain amount of disequilibrium and/or joy about these matters, but no more than the average person experiences.

Expanding Your Conscious Awareness

Approaching the highest point in the sky, the ninth house wafts you up and out of your rut, giving you a broad and lofty view of the terrain beneath. Whereas the third ruled basic schooling and short trips, the ninth rules higher education and long-distance travel. It removes you from your everyday routine so you can see the overall pattern, the overlooked connections between things. It rules all-embracing concepts (such as your philosophy of life) and institutions (like religion and law) that stand over society and keep it bound together. It can also signify your teachers and mentors, your library, and all else that broadens your outlook.



Scorpio on the Ninth

Once you have become interested in a question involving morality, ethics or doctrine, you pursue it tenaciously until you have come to terms with it. As such, you tend to become totally committed to certain causes or viewpoints, and may defend them zealously. You must learn that most criticisms of your pet causes are offered on an intellectual level, and that there may be more than one side to a question. Just because you have rejected a particular viewpoint does not mean that those who espouse it are attacking you personally. You might try being less dogmatic and fanatic in your beliefs.

Neptune in the Ninth

You are fascinated by faraway peoples and worlds. An idealist and a dreamer, you have difficulty dealing with everyday details and realities — you would rather solve the world's problems than wash the dishes or do the laundry. Very compassionate and kind, you enjoy helping society's misfits and unfortunates. Your faith in the ultimate nobility and high standards of those you meet often finds you disillusioned and disappointed when you wake up to the fact that your idols really do have clay feet after all. Make sure that the causes you espouse are really worth the sacrifices you are willing to make for them.

Neptune in Scorpio

You, and your entire generation, are extremely interested in anything deep and mysterious. You will explore and idealize the benefits that can accrue from the study of the occult, healing and psychology. You are willing to experiment with substances like drugs in order to push your understanding of your inner being to the extreme.

Your Public Self

If the fourth house showed your roots and where you came from, the tenth shows what you are ultimately aiming at in life. Whereas the sixth shows your daily job and how you make a living, the tenth signifies your career, your personal contribution, your reputation and what you become known for. Some astrologers also believe that the fourth house signifies one parent, and the tenth signifies the other. The tenth-house parent is most likely the one who prepares you for the world. The closer a planet is to the Midheaven, the more likely that planet is to be the major significator of your life's direction.

Scorpio on the Tenth

You do not mind assuming a position "behind the scenes" as long as you feel that you are being effective in making things happen. You combine ambitiousness with a fixed intensity of purpose. Once you have determined a course of action, you cannot be shaken from it, even if you are wrong. Your decisions are usually correct though, because they result from long and painstaking research. Beware of a tendency to always pursue things ruthlessly. Try conciliation with others — don't always be so willing to push things to a crisis.

No planets in the Tenth

You have no planets in the tenth house of your horoscope. This definitely does not mean that you will not have an illustrious or satisfying career — or that you will never be properly motivated to be a success in life. Far from it, it means that these issues are not as important for you as they are for many others. It may indicate that your career goals will be driven by influences from outside of you, so pay close attention to positive opportunities that are presented to you. Look to the house and aspects of Saturn to get further information on where you are more likely to be disciplined and organized in your life.



Your Circle of Acquaintances

The eleventh is the last house of relationships: not brothers, sisters and neighbors who just happen to be around you, not one-to-one partners, but the circle of friends and associates whom you actively choose. It shows the way you make and keep friendships, the organizations you join, the networking you do, and the general way you interact with groups. After you have established yourself as an individual and learned to form personal relationships with others, you are ready to think about the common good. This is why the eleventh often signifies groups dedicated to social or other sorts of collective improvement.

Sagittarius on the Eleventh

You are attracted to friendships and associations that allow you to expand your awareness of the world around you. You like to be intellectually stimulated by your friends and delight in spending time with them in conversation about your mutual, wide-ranging interests. You may also have several friends with whom you like to travel. Inherently restless, you learn much by being exposed to people from cultures different from your own. The worst thing that can happen to you is to have your friends make emotional demands on you. You are quite uncomfortable with the thought that anyone else might become dependent on you or vice versa. Given that others keep their distance, however, you can be generous and openhanded.

No planets in the Eleventh

The eleventh house of your horoscope contains no planets. This does not mean that you will never have friends or associates or that you will never be active in groups that express your philosophy of life. It simply indicates that these are not paramount issues for you. From time to time, influences from outside you may cause you to become more active in these areas, but this will be temporary rather than life-long.

The Hidden You

The twelfth house is where planets go just after they have risen. Here planets are still wet behind the ears, blinking in the sunlight and unsteady on their feet. Feeling completely vulnerable, planets in the twelfth tend to hide. Their energies can become repressed and secretive, and sometimes they lurk as complexes in the subconscious. This is why the twelfth is associated with self-sabotage, with hidden enemies, and with prison and whatever else makes you feel confined. The traditional association with hospitals and prisons suggest that constructive ways of dealing with twelfth-house problems include helping others who are similarly repressed or confined. Also, some with a strong twelfth-house emphasis become successful as undercover workers or as the power behind the throne.

Capricorn on the Twelfth

You have grand ideas about how to better your own lot and the lot of everyone else. You have developed schemes and plans that cannot miss, but something seems to be holding you back. You have a nagging and persistent fear of failure that makes you agonize about taking the initial steps necessary to get things moving. This overly practical side of your nature confuses you because you do not like to think of yourself in that light. Learn to put it to good use by altering your plans so that they proceed on a strict schedule that allows for little error. If you can remain satisfied with small but significant gains and lower your expectations for quick feedback, you can satisfy both sides of your nature.



Jupiter in the Twelfth

You have a gentle, unselfish demeanor about you and you are kind and generous to those who are less fortunate than you. Quiet and humble, you prefer to avoid the limelight, doing the best you can from behind the scenes. You delight in the peace, quiet and sustenance of your own inner world. At times, you have problems caused by your tendency to be extravagant in your gestures — but this is not usually the case.

Jupiter in Aquarius

Your personal growth occurs when you have the freedom to do things in new and interesting ways — this brings out your natural inventiveness. You are an individualist, but you are also attracted to mass movements that emphasize social betterment and you will devote much time and energy to their efforts. Very fair-minded and objective, you have extraordinary skills at organization and administration.

Saturn in the Twelfth

You have a feeling that your personal world is not and never will be stable. Also, you feel that you can never impose the sense of order and discipline on your surroundings that you think you need in order to be at peace with yourself. This can lead to deep-seated feelings of inferiority and accompanying bouts of depression. These unreasonable fears probably stem from some unfortunate occurrence early on in your life. It is important for you to realize that the reason for these fears is long since past and that they are no longer relevant to your present life. Be patient and things will more than likely look better for you the older (and wiser) you get.

Saturn in Capricorn

Very serious-minded and mature, you have the ability to take on responsibilities and to carry out important duties. You can also be trusted to be extremely practical and thrifty. A good organizer, you are the ideal one to be counted on to take a clearly defined project through to its logical conclusion. An achiever, you pride yourself on your ability to focus your attention totally on some worthy goal and then attain it.

A Mirror of Your Uniqueness

As you've seen, this report has been based on the position of the Sun, Moon and planets at the moment of your birth, as viewed from the place on Earth where you were born. This relationship of planets, stars and Earth is unique and never will be repeated. Like the genes that determine your body and temperament, your astrological chart is made up of the same basic parts that other humans have. However, as with your genes, the arrangement of these parts applies only to you.

Like the unique patterning of your DNA, your birth chart symbolizes the raw materials you've been given from which to fashion your life -- in other words, the deck you've been dealt. Now that you're more conscious of what you have to work with, the way you play your cards is up to you.

Nobody is perfect. As well as being given our special strengths and beauties, everyone born is presented with special problems to solve and special lessons to learn. Knowing what you have to work with, you will be better able fill in (or at least understand and accept) what you lack. Then you can appreciate and develop your special gifts, and grow in the life directions that are right for you and you alone.



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Astrology's special message is that there is no universal norm for everyone. Life is not about measuring up to some one-size-fits-all standard. What it i/ is about is growing more fully into the unique person you were meant to be. Hopefully, this report has given you some clues about who that person is. Hopefully, it will help you better to fill the role that you have been given in this lifetime, and to enrich the world with the gifts that only you can bestow.

Your birth moment is a precious seed that contains the potential for how you will unfold. Nurture it lovingly, observe how it develops, then supply the light, moisture and nutrients that its special nature calls for -- and it will burst into flower and bear nourishing fruit that you and the world can enjoy.

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