

A Solar Writer Astrological Vocation Report

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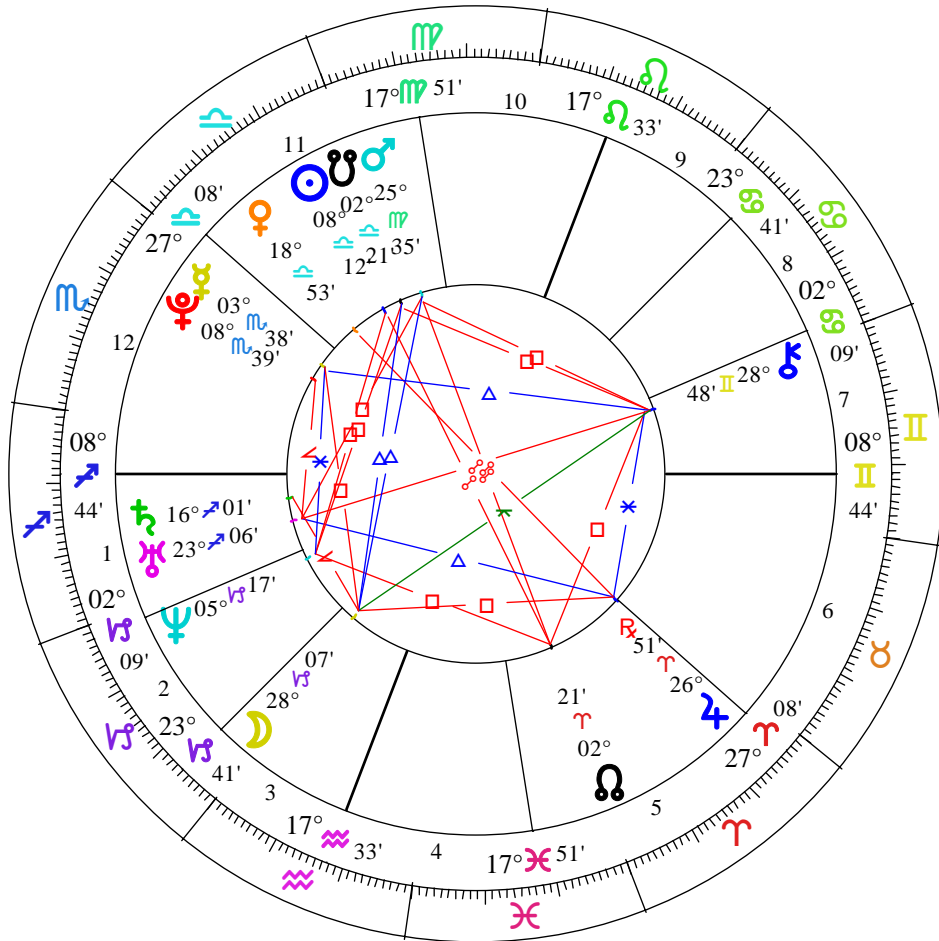
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36°S14'

149°E08'

Tropical

Placidus



Signs

♈	Aries
♉	Taurus
♊	Gemini
♋	Cancer
♌	Leo
♍	Virgo
♎	Libra
♏	Scorpio
♐	Sagittarius
♑	Capricorn
♒	Aquarius
♓	Pisces

Planets/Points

☉	Sun
☿	Mercury
☾	Moon
♀	Venus
♂	Mars
♃	Jupiter
♄	Saturn
♅	Chiron
♆	Uranus
♇	Neptune
♈	Pluto
♊	North Node
♋	South Node
☽	Part of Fortune
Vx	Vertex
R	Retrograde

Aspects

♆	Conjunction
♅	Opposition
♃	Trine
♁	Square
♁	Sextile
♁	Semisquare
♁	Sesquisquare
♁	Quincunx

Astrological Summary

Chart Point Positions: Aaron Robert Moody

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Capricorn	28°Cp07'	3rd	
The Sun	Libra	8°Li12'	11th	
Mercury	Scorpio	3°Sc38'	12th	
Venus	Libra	18°Li53'	11th	
Mars	Virgo	25°Vi35'	11th	
Jupiter	Aries	26°Ar51'	5th	
Saturn	Sagittarius	16°Sg01'	1st	
Uranus	Sagittarius	23°Sg06'	1st	
Neptune	Capricorn	5°Cp17'	2nd	
Pluto	Scorpio	8°Sc39'	12th	
Chiron	Gemini	28°Ge48'	7th	
The North Node	Aries	2°Ar21'	5th	
The South Node	Libra	2°Li21'	11th	
The Ascendant	Sagittarius	8°Sg44'	1st	
The Midheaven	Leo	17°Le33'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Square	Mercury	5°31'	Applying
The Moon	Trine	Mars	2°31'	Separating
The Moon	Square	Jupiter	1°16'	Separating
The Moon	Semisquare	Saturn	2°54'	Applying
The Moon	Quincunx	Chiron	0°41'	Applying
The Moon	Trine	The South Node	4°13'	Applying
The Sun	Square	Neptune	2°55'	Separating
The Sun	Opposition	The North Node	5°51'	Separating
The Sun	Conjunction	The South Node	5°51'	Separating
The Sun	Sextile	The Ascendant	0°31'	Applying
Mercury	Sextile	Neptune	1°38'	Applying
Mercury	Conjunction	Pluto	5°00'	Applying
Mercury	Trine	Chiron	4°50'	Separating
Venus	Opposition	Jupiter	7°57'	Applying
Venus	Sextile	The Midheaven	1°19'	Separating
Mars	Square	Uranus	2°29'	Separating
Mars	Square	Chiron	3°12'	Applying
Mars	Opposition	The North Node	6°45'	Applying
Mars	Conjunction	The South Node	6°45'	Applying
Jupiter	Trine	Uranus	3°44'	Applying
Jupiter	Sextile	Chiron	1°57'	Separating
Saturn	Conjunction	Uranus	7°04'	Applying
Saturn	Trine	The Midheaven	1°32'	Applying
Uranus	Semisquare	Pluto	0°33'	Separating
Uranus	Opposition	Chiron	5°41'	Applying
Uranus	Trine	The Midheaven	5°32'	Separating
Neptune	Square	The North Node	2°55'	Separating
Neptune	Square	The South Node	2°55'	Separating

Chiron	Square	The North Node	3°32'	Separating
Chiron	Square	The South Node	3°32'	Separating
The North Node	Trine	The Ascendant	6°23'	Applying
The North Node	Sesquisquare	The Midheaven	0°12'	Applying
The South Node	Semisquare	The Midheaven	0°12'	Applying

INTRODUCTION



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

A Fulfilling Vocation

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

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

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

Mistaking an internal image for a concrete career perpetuates the myth that vocation is something existing outside of us, already established in the world for us to find, not something that unfolds over the course of our lives. The illusion that the right career path, a creative job or our own business will dissolve our job dissatisfaction hinders the discovery that vocation is already present in us.

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

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

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

VOCATION AND DESTINY



Vocation is the spine of life
-Friedrich Nietzsche

The Lunar Nodes

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

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

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

The South Node in the opposite sign suggests an innate quality that needs to be disseminated and used freely in pursuit of a vocation. It is providence, a gift of inherited qualities from the past that can be used as resources for the future. The South Node suggests that well developed residues need to be dispersed and shared or they may threaten to entrap you. It symbolises what must be utilised in the conscious attempt to fulfill one's destiny. The South Node acts as a dissemination point for what becomes conscious at the North Node.

In a way the South Node brings to mind the need to contribute this energy to the familial and social realms, the world at large. Since this energy is instinctual it is not necessarily always consciously directed or purposefully used.

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

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

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

The North Node is in Aries

You have the North Node in Aries and the South Node in Libra, which suggests that a sense of fair play and cooperation is inborn. Social skills, diplomacy, mediation expertise and competence in dealing with others are well developed and need to be used on your path; however, you need to focus on your individual goals in order to feel fulfilled at work. Being involved with others is natural for you, therefore becoming more self-focused adds to the quality and depth of every relationship.

Since you have a tendency to avoid altercations or putting yourself in confrontational situations you may compromise your own desires leaving you feeling angry and unfulfilled. It is important to recognise that your difficulty in putting yourself first actually fuels the tension between yourself and others in your workplace. Therefore it is important to know that co-workers appreciate decisiveness and clarity. Ironically you are complimented and supported when you take the lead, as those around you know they can count on you to do the right thing by everyone.

At the South Node, the Libran scales remind us of the sign's propensity towards judgement. Psychologically this is the path of discovering how to value and appreciate through comparison with others. Through judgement you weigh up your options and possibilities. Vocationally this instinct to judge can be utilised in professions where arbitration, a keen perception or clarity of thought is important. Libra also has skills at conflict resolution, negotiation, relating and communication, therefore suits professions which involve personnel recruitment, adjudication, political negotiation, counselling, consulting and judging. You are fulfilled when you can negotiate a truce, resolve an awkward situation or introduce the right person into the right situation. It is this instinctual counsellor and mediator that need to be used in your vocation in an entrepreneurial and active way. While you like people you may work best on your own; although you are other-orientated you need to consider your own opinions first. While you like to be in accord with others you are called on to be identified for your personal thoughts and ideas. This is part of the paradox of your vocational quest and to leave the herd you need to confront the displeasure of offending others.

A conscious effort needs to be applied to forge a sense of independence and entrepreneurial skills. Risk taking, adventure and initiative need to be developed to ensure success. You need to dig deep to find the inspiration and courage to support your own goals and strike out on your own to find the space where you are surrounded by like-minded colleagues and workers. Your destination is more self-governing and self-determining than you may have ever imagined, and in order to fulfill this you need to rescue your aptitude to relate to others.

The North Node is in the 5th House

Your North Node is in the 5th house with the opposite pole of the South Node occupying the 11th. Astrologically this is similar to the Leo-Aquarius polarity, which contrasts the sphere of individual imagination and self-expression with group participation and company creativity. Your horoscope suggests that the pole of collectivism may be innately more comfortable than personal expression and creativity. Therefore your vocation may bring you to a crossroads where it is imperative to promote your own creations and innovations rather than having your originality used for corporate ends. Destiny supports the development of your own unique, original designs and suggests that when you find the courage to be self motivated the voice of the community will encourage and egg you on.

Therefore the emphasis in your career is on personal self-expression and creativity, encouraging you to learn new creative art forms and skills. When you liberate yourself from being concerned about what others' think or feel your playfulness will emerge. Some name it the inner child, others spontaneity; whatever term is used the mood describes the playground where you can explore and participate in your imagination and creativeness. Destiny provides the audience. You need to develop your spontaneity, creativity and optimism.

Whether this is focused on the theatre, the creative arts, production, entertainment, sports, or children you belong in the spotlight. It might not feel comfortable but nonetheless it is where you need to head. If you draw upon your own experiences as a child, what if felt liked being a child or just your own vulnerabilities you will be inspired. Hence your vocation is coloured with innovative and novel ideas and when you let yourself be stimulated by them you will find community support. Metaphorically you are like an artist demonstrating your art to a welcoming public. The trick is to move away from being self conscious toward becoming self expressive.

The Sun is Conjunct The South Node

The Sun in your horoscope is on the southern pole of the nodal axis, which suggests you have a strong sense of your own capabilities and potentialities. In a vocational sense this implies the necessity to be confident and courageous, undaunted by the competitiveness and criticism of the world, as you are much bigger than that. You have a unique talent but the task is to express it. The dragon you battle will be your own inertia that keeps you from expressing your creativity. If this occurs you could become lost in the daydream of your own success or the arrogance of your elitism. These defences obstruct your success in the world. This placement suggests you already have an inherent, well-developed ingenuity that needs to be disseminated in the world in order to find its full expression. It is important you don't hold back your creative abilities and personality, as this will feed the dragon that keeps you from feeling heroic in the world. Projecting your creative self wholeheartedly into the world will open doors you never imagined.

With the Sun being so close to the nodal axis indicates you were born during an eclipse season, highlighting your sensitivity to cycles associated with the nodes and eclipses. In a developmental sense there will be times when you may feel emotionally drained or that there is nothing left to give. Every artist has their creative crisis and this is one of them; therefore it is necessary to take the time to retreat and regroup. Your life course needs these times of solace and hideaway to refuel and draw up some more imagination and inspiration. The nodal/eclipse cycles occur every 18-19 years and it would be wise to pay attention to these patterns in your life, as they demarcate four important chapters of your vocational life in the world. Chapter One from birth to 18-19 will embrace the period when you first encounter your creative calling; Chapter 2 from 18/19 to age 37/38 helps shape the form of this creativity in the world. From 37/38 to age 56/57 is the time for the maturity of your gifts to be fully expressed and recognised so that chapter 4 from 56/57 to 75/76 brings the inner fulfillment of your labours.

This strong statement in your horoscope suggests that you have inherited an abundant life force that seeks to be expressed. The challenge for you is to believe enough in your own talent and creativity to keep tapping into its limitless potential. Don't be fearful of losing contact with your creativity. The only way that is possible is by never expressing it.

Mars is Conjunct The South Node

With the planet that represents the archetypal warrior next to your South Node you are inclined to passionately feel the urge to adventure. Yet at the same time you may be reluctant to follow this call as you sense that you may injure or do harm. It is important to recognise that deep inside is the instinct to explore and be engaged in exciting activities; however ambivalence exists which holds you back from wielding your sword of power. With the archetype of the warrior so strongly situated in your horoscope it is best to recognise that perhaps your only choice is to wield the sword.

Therefore it is important to know that you will use this wisely, for a sword is not just a weapon of destruction but one of clarity and discrimination, virtues that are important for you to activate on your path. To be successful you need to find the courage to be independent in what you need to do, find the will to challenge the authority and status quo as well as harness the competitive instincts towards a goal.

Abundant energy is available to assist you on the vocational trail. To release this you need to be ready for action, fire up the competitive spirit and determined to win. All activities and occupations which are challenging and demand you to be vigorous and forceful will help shape your destiny. You need to find the venue where you can take risks, be adventuresome and strong-willed. The gymnasium, the sports field, and the marketplace are the metaphoric training grounds where you can learn to express and focus your power. You've inherited the thirst for adventure and it works in your best interest to frame your life as an exploration. With this attitude nothing will hold you back and life will respond by opening up the highway to you. As always it is up to you to make the effort. But no doubt once you push yourself you discover that the inner entrepreneur, the savvy investor, the sports champion, the pioneering explorer, the technician and the inventor are all inherent aspects of yourself. One of these personalities will emerge to lead you on an adventuresome journey in the world.

Chiron is Square The North Node

In your horoscope Chiron is squaring the Nodal Axis. This is often recognised as a harsh aspect; however, in this arrangement Chiron has a unique function in your vocation, calling you to be consciously aware of its influence over the course of your career. This suggests that the turning points in your vocation occur when you find yourself on the margins, a foreigner in the system you are working in. It is at these critical periods when you begin to forge your own unique destiny, realizing that you feel more comfortable on the fringe or edge of your profession, rather than in the centre. This insight frees you to pursue your calling.

This aspect suggests that your calling involves integrating something more subjective and intangible into your vocation. While this leaves you feeling an outsider, the truth is that you are keenly aware of what the system needs to be whole. Chiron is the image of the archetypal mentor and healer who teaches the disenfranchised young boys to become heroic. Similarly your challenge is to embrace what has been relinquished and integrate it back into the system. You are an advocate for approaches that are not purely mechanistic, economic and based on reason. Therefore it is possible that this urge will lead you into an 'alternate' discipline, one that complements what is generally accepted. This could lead you into the areas of unorthodox healing or therapy, unusual education, or alternative philosophies. Your challenge is to integrate these with your chosen profession without the stigma of feeling an outsider. Ironically you find your place in embracing these alternate ideas in the system you are in. It is also important to recognise that it is your wound and vulnerability that lead you to your vocation, not away from it.

Neptune is Square The North Node

In your horoscope Neptune forms a right angle to the Nodal Axis. Traditionally this is often a testing aspect; however, when aspecting the Nodal Axis, Neptune has a unique function to play in terms of your vocation. An established way to think about this aspect is to place Neptune at the bending in the cycle, a time when a change of course is imminent. Therefore in terms of the course of your vocation it is necessary to face your own spiritual and creative needs.

This suggests that you will be challenged to continuously re-imagine your vocation in order to feel fulfilled by what you do. When your life direction becomes run of the mill or you feel your vocational path does not provided enough creative sparks or spiritual sustenance you will feel moved to seek out some soulful nourishment. While it may be difficult to inject some creativity or spirituality into your job, it is necessary for you to introduce this into your life or you will feel haunted by a sensation of purposelessness. This can be done in numerous ways; a few suggestions might be volunteer work for the needy or underprivileged, an art or photography class, playing music, following a spiritual discipline, a rendezvous with the imagination through dream work or Tarot, or an engagement with the soul through a form of devotion. When you feel fulfilled in this aspect of your life you are better able to know how to infuse your work with meaning and soul. However you invite the creative spirit into your life is not the issue; it is the fact that you need to in order to find fulfillment that is critical. And once you are able to do that you feel that you have turned a corner in your life, bending towards a more authentic way to follow your life path. It is important that you channel your creative imagination, as without a structure for it you may find that you are bypassing your vocation.

VOCATION AND DIRECTION



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

- James Hillman

The Ascendant and Angular Planets

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

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

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

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

Therefore to familiarise yourself with these influences will add to your understanding of vocation. The ascendant marks the birth point and is metaphoric of your natural disposition and outer image. This describes your natural outreach and personality traits that are spontaneous; in fact this is the person we first meet, the face turned out towards the world. However in the natural wheel of the horoscope the sign on the ascendant is at odds with the signs that rule the cusps of the houses that describe vocation. Therefore as a more integrated self begins to emerge we often experience what we do in the world to be in conflict with whom we feel we are. This is a human challenge to learn to adapt your personality to your vocation. Following is a description of the signs on this axis. Reflect on how these qualities might need to be utilised and adapted to your vocation. If you have a planet that was rising or setting at your birth then this energy needs to be acknowledged as a powerful guide and influence on your vocational path.

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

1st House Cusp is in Sagittarius

Sagittarius was rising at your birth suggesting that you view the world with optimism and faith. In some ways you are a born idealist, as you can find a positive meaning in every circumstance. Everything has a reason if you look hard enough and you do. As an imaginative thinker you are able to see what others can't see. You have a knack of seeing the metaphor of the situation and reading the signs and omens that bring meaning to life's experiences. Buoyed by enthusiasm and certainty people are attracted to your ideas and the way that you view the world. Your personality is well suited for inspiring others, educating and bringing consciousness into the world. You have an innate knowledge and an intuitive flair that draws people to you. Vocationally you are asked to structure and document your ideas, be more disciplined and grounded and become more discerning and analytical. When you marry together wisdom and hard work your beliefs and ideas take on a more pragmatic form that can be applied and utilised. In some ways your career experiences help you channel and express what you already know. Your personality may take some time to adjust to routine and structure, so in the earlier phases of life you might wander, travel, experiment, take vows and sign up for many courses all in the spirit of your finding your niche in the world.

Along the way, with Gemini on the Descendant, you will meet others who help you find the missing pieces of your theories, lend you the right book, teach you important information, introduce you to the right teacher; all assisting you along your vocational path. You are attracted to other's turn of phrase, their ideas and stories, their brightness and through your interactions with them you are better able to shape your own ideas. Interestingly you might find that you become a colleague and friend to the teachers who inspired you, becoming an equal in the world of ideas and understanding. Your vocational path helps forge and shape your instinctive knowledge, improve the way you express your ideas which in turn contribute to a greater understanding of being human.

VOCATION AND CHARACTER



Character is fate.
- Heraclitus

Considering the Sun and Moon

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

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

THE SUN: Virtues of the Essential Self

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

- C.G. Jung

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

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

The Sun is in Libra

Balancing, weighing, judging and reflecting are all attributes that Libra has become known for in astrological symbolism; the scales epitomising the longing to experience balance. With the Sun in Libra, you may be called to bring opposing factions into a peaceful alignment through mediating disagreements and arbitrating disputes. You have a vision of a peaceful world, free of conflict so no wonder you are skilled in mediation.

This quest for peace is deeply embedded in your psyche. Your internal images of peace and your innate ability to see the goodness in both the world at large and the individual calls you into diplomatic, social and relationship orientated professions. You are less likely to be the leader and more likely to be working behind the scenes depending on other aspects of your birth chart. For instance you may be more comfortable working in the secretarial pool rather than as the managing director. Pursuing peace for you might have begun in your childhood relationships with your siblings, schoolmates, team members and friends. The Libran child is often fated to be in the middle, appeasing the aggressor and comforting the victim. In victory you might sympathise with the team that has lost and in defeat you boost the sagging spirit of your own team members. You have the grace of being able to see past the faults in others into their potential, allowing you to be kind to those who have been offensive, and supportive to those who have been discouraging. You give confidence to the underdog, hearten the loser, and make friends with the unpopular, being blessed with the innate skill to bring opposing factions into alignment and include outsiders.

Part of your strategy for peace is to create an attractive environment so that the outer landscape inspires inner thoughts and feelings of beauty. By creating picturesque surroundings you are hopeful that unsettled and angry feelings will be calmed and peaceful thoughts will be restored. You strive to create an environment that inspires you to feel at peace, both at home and in your workplace. Your urge for harmony, symmetry and peace needs to be reflected in your vocation whether that is through your relationships with others or beautifying the environment.

Having an innate respect for humanity and empathy for every individual, you appreciate what is refined and developed. You want to create a better atmosphere, not through conquering or chastising, but by revealing a better option. To you this option is peace, the inclusion of all, harmony and understanding. You know that a civilised world begins with harmony and that your fate is to be an architect of the peace proposal. To find your vitality and spirit and to feel soulful in the world, make an effort for co-operation, diplomacy, gentleness, idealism, peacefulness and tactfulness.

THE MOON: Caring for Your Soul

Care of the soul asks us to observe its needs continually, to give them our wholehearted attention.

-Thomas Moore

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

The Moon is in Capricorn

With your Moon in Capricorn your need for stability, regularity and a sense of tradition is critical. You need to feel comforted by structures and well-defined boundaries so that you feel you exist. Instinctually you are receptive and responsive to rules and regulations. Naturally your response is to always do the right thing, as your need for approval is strong. But how do you define what is right. Therefore the amount of love and support you received growing up plays an important role in your feelings of security. Without adequate support, guidance or nurture you may feel compelled to be dutiful. In doing the 'right' thing you hope to get the acknowledgement you may never received as a child. Therefore, in caring for the soul it is important that you author your own rules, become an authority over what you need and nurture your own ambitions, not those set out for you. You need to be industrious so work and productivity is essential for well being.

As a child you may have felt the weight of responsibility, feeling that your chores and duties stood in the way of being playful. You might feel you have missed out on childhood; however the good news is that the weight lifts as you mature. You need to feel that you are in control of your environment, even those in it. Therefore you thrive in managerial and parental positions where you are able to be a director. When you feel insecure, your need for control surfaces. Therefore to tend the soul you need to create the structures that support what you need.

If you are called to the nurturing professions then your Moon in Capricorn needs to feel constructive and disciplined; therefore you might be drawn to the precision of surgery, the responsibility of a medical doctor, or as in an administration role.

INCOME



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

- Russell A. Lockhart

The Rich Resources of Your Life

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

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

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

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

2nd House Cusp is in Capricorn

The sign Capricorn is on the cusp of your 2nd house, revealing ways to enhance your sense of self-esteem and personal worth. Qualities of value that this sign suggests are your responsibility and duty, your conservative and pragmatic outlook as well as your economical approach. Capricorn is a sign of authority and embedded in its psychology is the awareness of consequences; therefore it brings its consciousness of rules and regulations to the sphere of earning an income. This methodical and more serious approach to money matters may conflict with a side of your personality that wants to feel free and unconstrained by rules and duty. Therefore it is important recognise that work and career is a lifelong process and there are many conflicting needs to attend to. However, realistically it is easier to be disciplined, responsible and authoritative as life develops. Perhaps it is wise to recognise that you will grow into these qualities and develop these resources as you mature and not hold yourself back from experimentation and adventure.

You might have inherited strong morals about money, conservative messages about how to earn a living or cautionary tales about extravagance. Therefore you may feel as if you are battling an inner demon when it comes to your relationship with money or even earning a living. However the truth is that you have your own rules about money making and need to reflect on what these are. You might be prone to either rebelling against or falsely aligned with the values you have inherited. Consider what your goals are and you might find that you are more ambitious and goal orientated than you might have imagined. However your ambition is to do the best at whatever you choose. Therefore it is necessary to be able to support yourself in whatever decisions you make. Destiny suggests you might feel unacknowledged and unsupported in your career choices. This is probably true; however it changes when you begin to become your own authority, acclaim what you want and acknowledge your accomplishments.

Your innate strengths and resources are best supported in a system where you feel you can be in charge or in control. Therefore you are successful and satisfied when you have jurisdiction over your own territory or are self-employed. Respect is important. When you find the right place where your talents and skills are respected and validated, you thrive. Unfortunately, however, you may first experience the lack of integrity and competence in the work world before you are able to create your own niche. You are economical and able to grow your resources. Being true to this image suggests that you develop a strong base as you mature. In fact you respect yourself more knowing you have earned everything you have. The secret of your success lies in the knowing that you have worked hard for what you have accomplished and that you are secure on the wheel of fortune.

Neptune is in the 2nd House

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

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

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

WORK



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

- Thomas Moore

The Labours of the 6th House

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

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

Following is an analysis of your 6th house as described by the sign on the cusp and any planets that occupy this sphere. You will be able to maximize your fulfillment with work by recognizing the routines and tasks that are incompatible with your temperament and therefore create stress. Through becoming aware of daily rituals that support your natural disposition you will feel more satisfied and rewarded by your job. The sign on the cusp of the 6th house is the first clue to rewarding work. Planets in the 6th house are archetypal energies that need to be accessed daily and integrated into your lifestyle.

They are life forces that you are fated to meet in the world of work and vocation. In a perfect world we would use them productively through our daily tasks and labours, giving them an expression in the continuity of our daily rituals. Metaphorically work is the way we honour the archetypal force that underlies the planetary expression.

6th House Cusp is in Aries

Aries is the sign on the cusp of your 6th house. This suggests that independence and freedom are important considerations in the routine conditions of your employment. You need to be unconstrained in your work environment and are able to work effectively when there is an atmosphere of spontaneity and you are given the permission to be adventuresome and risk-taking in your position. Movement and challenge are important considerations in your job portfolio; therefore you may be well suited to travelling with work or changing environments regularly. Once the goal posts are in place, it is important that your work environs encourage you to be self-motivated. Therefore if your entrepreneurial and visionary character does not find an outlet in the everyday world of work, you are at risk of becoming bored and restless.

You work best when invested with responsibility and free from reporting to superiors constantly, therefore you may be better suited to self-employment or at least employment that allows you to be in charge. Your competitive spirit seeks an outlet through work so the more challenges the better; therefore without constant change and stimulation you become impatient and uninterested. Restlessness, boredom, lack of direction or an inability to commit yourself to the job at hand may result in a sudden urge to leave your employment, or if you stay, you become frustrated and short tempered with those in the environment. When frustrated and irritable, you may provoke your co-workers just to get a reaction and enliven the atmosphere. Frustration and anger in the atmosphere of your workplace signals the lack of spirit and enthusiasm in the working environment which creates tension and stress for you. Your nature is more akin to taking the risk to leave, rather than try and steer a sinking ship.

This sign also suggests the area/s of the body that are most likely to reveal the stress when your daily work life is not supportive. Since Aries rules the head, stress may be expressed through headaches, migraines, hearing loss or eyestrain. If you are not mobile enough in your occupation you could also feel fatigued and exhausted. However, it is your lack of focus, restlessness and even reckless manner in your workplace that reveal you are not suited to the job. This aspect of your chart suggests you should be invigorated and energised by the challenges and labours of work. It is important to remember that there are ways of minimising stress at work. Movement, a change of pace, a challenge, going to the gym during your lunch break, playing a competitive sport with one of your work colleagues are all healthy outlets. When you feel bottlenecked and the vital signs of life are not responding, you need to expend physical energy to get back on track. Being physical, motivated and challenged are the necessary components of a daily life.

PROFESSION



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

The Status of the Tenth House

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

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

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

10th House Cusp is in Leo

In the body Leo governs the heart, a symbol of its need for love and admiration. Astrologically the Sun rules this sign and like its planetary counterpart Leo needs to become the central focus of any system they belong to. Since Leo is on your 10th House Cusp you too need to be at the centre of your profession, heartened by and 'in love' with the career path you take through life.

Leo's calling is to express itself and be engaged in creative productions. Your need for self-expression and self-promotion in a career is important. This is also matched by the necessity for self-discovery through your occupation. You need to feel that your vocation is fulfilling your desire for self-exploration. Therefore in any career it is important that you discover your personal talents and skills. You do not always need to be a sole performer; however, you need to have a spotlight focused on you. Your career is more satisfying when it supports your need to be recognised and appreciated. Having your identity as a central part of your vocation is important, as your creativity needs to be identified and demonstrated. Produce your own play, design your own label, and manage your own business if at all possible. What makes a difference is that your name is attached to your creative output and that it is recognised.

Lions need to feel they are being recognised for their achievements and need to receive feedback and a form of applause in order to feel fulfilled. Praise goes a long way in encouraging you to perform well; in fact it is a necessary part of your vocational needs. Approval, especially father's, is important for you to be able to feel secure in the world. Of course you will also encounter the father archetype in the world through substitutes mainly superiors, bosses, bureaucracy. Often a hallmark of your vocation is your encounter with authority. Leo is a fixed fire sign so when you do feel secure, loved and appreciated you are extremely loyal and trustworthy, radiating a warmth and generosity into your environment. With support and acknowledgement you help brighten the world you live in. Self-esteem and confidence are linked with your vocation; therefore, it is important that you feel pride in what you do, as well as be appreciated for what you do. You need to be encouraged to stand back and see the creative result of all your efforts. If your heart is not in your job then you are likely to feel despondent. So it is vital that you seek fun and satisfaction through your career.

Since Leo needs to relate to an audience you may thrive in professions where you are able to interact with others and use your creative skills. Professions like promoters, teachers, entertainers, instructors, motivators, authors, and actors are called to the centre stage of their own creativity. The Leo temperament is also very natural working with children, children's products or children's entertainment. Therefore you may do well in recreational and creative businesses, theatre, amusement, leisure occupations as well as the range of lifestyle occupations. At the end of the day you need to have felt a response for your creative endeavours, a reflection from the world that your contribution has been valuable.

CONCLUSION

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

-Robert Frost

A Considered Vocation

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

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

It is important to remember whilst reading this report, that it is very natural that the reader may find some contradictions within the interpretations provided. This occurs because the planetary influences are all different from each other, with each affecting us in some different way depending on many factors including our individual upbringing, our beliefs, and our social systems and values. Some of these influences complement each other, whilst some are challenging for us to the point of being contradictory. These contradictions often pass us by unknowingly, but they may still have an impact on us subconsciously as they manifest themselves inwardly, sometimes subtly, and sometimes more overtly in our thoughts and actions. They simply reflect the daily tensions and stresses we experience as we grapple with different daily issues, psychological feelings, temptations, beliefs and desires.

Astrology has been likened like a weather forecast. Bad weather may be predicted, and you then have the choice to either wear your best clothes or a raincoat. If you choose to wear a raincoat, you will probably remain dry. If you instead choose to wear your best clothes, you need to expect to get them wet. The choice is yours, as Astrology doesn't over-ride your 'free will' to make choices. It simply shows you the easiest path; the path of 'least resistance'.

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