

The Asteroid Report Chiron and the Asteroids

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Planet	Sign	Position	House	House Cusps
Sun	Libra	15°Li22'	10th	01 15°Sg10'
Moon	Gemini	00°Ge22'	06th	02 20°Cp13'
Mercury	Scorpio	09°Sc06'	11th	03 00°Pi41'
Venus	Scorpio	14°Sc02'	11th	04 06°Ar47'
Mars	Cancer	08°Ca16'	07th	05 04°Ta26'
Jupiter	Sagittarius	27°Sg18'	01st	06 26°Ta08'
Saturn	Capricorn	12°Cp15'	01st	07 15°Ge10'
Uranus	Leo	24°Le32'	08th	08 20°Ca13'
Neptune	Scorpio	08°Sc00'	11th	09 00°Vi41'
Pluto	Virgo	07°Vi11'	09th	10 06°Li47'
Midheaven	Libra	06°Li47'		11 04°Sc26'
Ascendant	Sagittarius	15°Sg10'		12 26°Sc08'
Chiron	Aquarius	27°Aq50' R	02nd	
Ceres	Aquarius	15°Aq01'	02nd	
Pallas	Capricorn	13°Cp32'	01st	
Juno	Sagittarius	21°Sg07'	01st	
Vesta	Capricorn	14°Cp28'	01st	

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Introduction

Astrology is an ancient science and art that has been in use for centuries. The planets are named after the Mediterranean gods of ancient Rome and Greece. This illustrates the awareness possessed by our ancestors of the synchronicity between the activation of life's archetypal energies and the movements of heavenly bodies that seem to measure the timing of these events.

The last few centuries have been an exciting time for astrologers. We have witnessed the discovery of the outer planets and watched them conform to the synchronistic meaning ascribed to them by their names, joining and expanding the pantheon of deities that dance through the horoscopes of people and political events. Astrologers have become comfortable with the extended astrological family that now includes Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto, and these have been utilized in western astrology for most of the twentieth century. Since the dust has settled from these cosmic discoveries, astrologers have had some time to study the action of some other newly discovered heavenly bodies - namely Chiron and the asteroids.

The asteroids lie in a belt that orbits between Mars and Jupiter. It is now known that this belt is comprised of thousands of asteroids, but the first four were discovered many years in advance of the rest. These four asteroids were named after four major Olympic goddesses, which happened to redress the gender imbalance among the primarily male planetary deities that populate the horoscope. Thus it was that Ceres, Juno, Vesta, and Pallas Athena came along at the time of the birth of the women's movement in the nineteenth century. Astrologers do work with the myriad of other asteroids as well, but these four, with their associations to four of the most important goddesses, are the "standard" ones in use.

Chiron was discovered in 1977, and was named after the wise Greek centaur who tasted immortality. Chiron lies between Saturn and Uranus and occasionally passes within the orbit of Saturn. At first thought to be a comet or asteroid it is now considered a "planetoid" or small planet-like body.

The astrological portraits of the asteroids and Chiron have emerged through the observations of fascinated astrologers over the last century. This report informs you of their symbolic meaning and gives you insight into how they operate in your own horoscope.

Chiron & the Asteroids in Your Chart

Chiron

The astronomical body, Chiron (once thought to be a comet or asteroid, now considered a "planetoid" or small planet-like body) is named after the ancient Greek, centaur demi-god who was horse from the waist down and human from the waist up. Chiron's orbit, unlike that of the asteroids, lies between Saturn and Uranus, and is irregular in that it occasionally crosses inside the orbit of Saturn. This astronomical characteristic is symbolic of Chiron's reputation for being somewhat of a maverick.

Chiron was no ordinary run-of-the-mill centaur at the mercy of instincts and appetites. He displayed such self-mastery and was so wise and gifted in both the arts of healing and the arts of war and statesmanship, that he found himself mentor to heroes and kings and their sons. His service was of such value that he was granted immortality by the gods. Chance would have it that he was accidentally wounded in the foot by one of his own poisoned arrows, carelessly tossed by one of his fosterlings (Heracles). Since by this time he was immortal, the result of this mishap was that Chiron was condemned by fate to suffer eternally the agonies of a poisoned wound that could not be healed. In order to obtain release from his endless suffering, the wise old centaur decided to relinquish the mantle of immortality that had been bestowed upon him. He gave it, instead, to Prometheus (who needed it to be freed from the punishment he suffered for mocking the gods and stealing their fire). In this way, Chiron embraced death and found release from his suffering.

Astrologically, Chiron's placement in the horoscope indicates one's experience of the wound that does not heal, (or the wound that does not seem to heal, because although an important lesson may be learned through dealing with it, the wound seems to spiral around with another lesson on a deeper level). Chiron represents one's experience of woundedness and the nature of the wound. Second, by coming to terms with suffering through an acceptance of one's mortality, one arrives at a greater state of wholeness or healing. Third, Chiron shows how one comes into one's own as an elder or mentor who can provide healing and guidance to others. Thus Chiron also astrologically indicates the ways and means with which you can guide others, as well as the kind of mentoring and healing you seek for yourself.

Chiron in Aquarius

With Chiron in Aquarius, mentoring and the healing process are associated with the process of individuation, individual and collective change and reform, and the need for freedom, innovation, and experimentation. Inspiration and enlightening experience you nurture and care for others by encouraging them to individuate and follow their own path. This applies to both the kind of mentoring you seek for yourself, and the kind that you are eventually able to extend to others. You may encounter mentor figures who are revolutionary in some way, or who are

inspiring or brilliant thinkers, or who encourage you to march to the tune of your own drummer. You may experience wounding, inadequacy, or insoluble conflict arising from participation in collective social, political, or spiritual movements that seek change; revolutionary as they may be, they may be full of spoken or unspoken "should's" and may subtly discourage independent thought or action. Painful experiences such as the loss of personal freedom and human rights violations can evoke your philosophical side and awaken a true sense of wisdom as you struggle to come to terms with the ongoing suffering and the healing sought.

Chiron in 2nd House

Chiron in the second house indicates that the wounding/healing experience (as described by Chiron's sign placement) plays itself out through the sphere of life that has to do with the effort to build up a sense of self-worth. This often occurs through the accumulation of material wealth, property, or possessions which are regarded as a measurement of one's worth or one's stability.) With this placement, there may be difficulty accepting the established value system of the society one finds oneself in, or an aversion to ownership and a fear of being enslaved by one's possessions. Fears and control issues regarding wealth and resources, as well as regarding instinctual and sexual needs are likely to arise from a deep sense of wounding regarding these issues, and can cause you further difficulties when they operate as dysfunctional defense mechanisms. Eventually you learn how to integrate and learn from these experiences in such a way that you cyclically reap deeper and deeper healing and wisdom from them.

Moon Square Chiron Orb: 02°32'

Chiron forms a challenging aspect with the Moon. The Chiron archetype constellates your emotional and instinctive responses (and vice versa) in an adverse manner. You may feel a conflict between your own emotional needs and your activities as a healer/mentor to others. You may have a tendency to end up in situations in which healer, guru, or mentor figures play a role in encouraging you to deny your emotional needs, or take advantage of your emotional neediness, or otherwise leave you feeling emotionally abused. Such scenarios could arise from an early wounding experience having to do with the mother or other anima figure. You may fear that your emotional needs are terrifying and overwhelming forces that could lead you into a bottomless pit of unending grief, fear, or rage, should you permit yourself to feel them. You might flee, in defense, into the role of wise caretaker of others. Until such issues are resolved, chances are that you could be inadvertently encouraging emotional denial in those to whom you act as a mentor or healer. You are being challenged to learn how both the need for healing and wise counsel and the need for emotional comfort can and do co-exist within yourself (and in others). The more you learn to acknowledge both sides of this story, the less conflict you will feel.

Jupiter Sextile Chiron Orb: 00°32'

Chiron forms a harmonious aspect with Jupiter. You can instill faith and optimism in those who suffer from loss of hope or spiritual crisis. You could play a healing or advisory role in issues involving foreign countries or cultural exchange. As a result of your own efforts to heal the wounds bound up with your spiritual/religious life or belief system, you are able to help others - through mentoring or healing activity - to find a sense of inner spiritual authority and

personal meaning of life that is self-empowering. You are able to integrate your own experience of wounding with a positive life outlook.

Uranus Opposite Chiron Orb: 03°18'

Chiron forms a challenging aspect with Uranus. The wounded healer clashes with the forward thinking rebel who is a proponent of change. You may experience wounding that has to do with issues of the devastation wrought by modern technology or with illnesses that effect the nervous system, meridians, or subtle electro-magnetic energy fields of the human body. Iridology, reiki, acupuncture, and cranio-sacral therapy are some examples of the kinds of subtle-energy healing techniques that may be part of your wounding/healing journey. There may be a wound having to do with an extreme sensitivity to the collective unconscious of humanity and the ideals or thought forms that affect it. This can cause you to be swept away by the tides of social, political, or esoteric movements that promise freedom from certain types of restrictions but often just usher in a new form of enslavement. There may be an attitude of indiscriminate rebellion that leads to a perception of all forms of authority as a threat to freedom. This results in a resistance to the voice of one's own inner authority, and mistaking its promptings towards inner change and growth (which could be painful) for demands for conformity. If this inner voice is betrayed, then you ironically do end up selling out and joining the ranks of the order of the day, new and exciting as they may be. Through dealing with the pain caused by these experiences, you come to learn on a profound level that the only change that leads to freedom is a deep internal change involving one's own thought patterns, for they are the root of the behavioral and emotional habits that unnecessarily limit you. The challenge is to learn to see that both the need for healing and the need for freedom exist within you, and that not only are they not mutually exclusive, the one need cannot be met without fulfilling the other! It's up to you to resolve this paradox. Your ability to do this may enable you to serve as a healer/mentor to others who struggle with similar issues.

Ceres

Ceres is the expression of the Earth Goddess archetype that has been worshipped in many forms by various cultures. This archetype has always been associated with mother earth, harvests, a transformational journey to and from the underworld, rites of passage, and the birth or resurrection of a fertility deity.

The myth of Demeter (da mater or "earth mother") and the sudden abduction of her dearly loved daughter Persephone by the lord of the underworld contains the same universal symbolism as other Earth Goddess myths. These myths may appear, at first, to be early explanations for the changing of the seasons. They are actually wise, rich, symbolic teachings on such profound themes as loss and renewal, death and rebirth, and the endless transformation that constitutes the very laws of creation to which this universe and everything in it adheres.

On a more personal level, the Ceres myth deals with the severance of the bonds of love and/or attachment. When we experience love as we have known it being taken from us, we can feel as if we have been cast into a realm of eternal darkness, never to return to the world of the living again. We may then be unable to let go of the past, reliving it again and again in our minds - protesting and resisting the present, and demanding that it somehow hand over to us the

treasure that has been snatched away.

Yet as with Demeter, who chose to forgo her divinity and wander in the world of humans, after which she was reunited annually with her transformed daughter, it is only when we can give up notions of eternal paradise and immortality that we can relinquish old attachments. Only when we have been humbled by and have accepted those mysterious cyclic forces beyond ourselves that we can be restored to a state of plentitude and abundance in the here and now. Then we can truly understand how our cup must be emptied in order to be filled afresh.

Ceres in the birth chart thus describes what one really cares about, and the way one nurtures others (and needs to be nurtured oneself) in a parental kind of way. It also indicates where one may tend to cling, the kind of separations that can be traumatic, and what one may be required to give up (or share with others) in order to grow. It can also indicate the ways in which we seek for something that seems to be missing, something we didn't get enough of, as well as the ways that can help us mourn such a loss. As with Demeter and Persephone, Ceres can also indicate the kind of experience that constitutes a rite of passage - the most profound transformation: the death and rebirth of the self.

Ceres in Aquarius

With Ceres in Aquarius, you nurture and care for others by encouraging them to individuate and follow their own path. Nurturance is associated with the granting of independence and freedom, awareness of human rights, and with being encouraged to get in touch with and express one's own individuality - even if it conflicts with "the norm." Lack of this kind of nurturance at an early age could be a source of grief that leads you to find ways to fulfill this need for yourself, and thus enabling you to nurture others in this manner. Difficulties can also arise from an excess of freedom at too young an age to be able to handle it, and a resultant attitude of rebelliousness towards authority in general. Loss of freedom, human rights, independence, or leadership figures who stand for these things could be transformative experiences that change your life and constitute an initiation into the lessons of loss and return, death and rebirth, and simply letting go.

Ceres in 2nd House

Ceres in the second house indicates that you like to nurture a sense of self worth through the development of resources and abilities, as well as through the cultivation of a healthy value system. You are at home in the physical world and in your body, with a graceful earthiness that is both healthy and a pleasure to behold. You may cling to possessions or old values that no longer serve you. Hating to throw anything away, your appreciation of the earth's limited resources makes you a natural protector of the environment and a champion of such practices as recycling and wilderness preservation. The waste or devastation of resources - the earth's or your own - can cause you much grief, and may trigger a profound inner transformation.

Sun Trine Ceres Orb: 00°21'

Ceres forms a harmonious aspect with the Sun. The qualities of nurturance and emotional bonding combine with the sense of self-essence or self-identity in a natural, easy manner. You like to care for others, and your grace in dealing with life's losses and difficult rites of passage

makes you a comfort to others grappling with these issues. You may have a green thumb, for you have a knack for getting things to flourish.

Mercury Square Ceres Orb: 05°55'

Ceres forms a challenging aspect with Mercury. Your intellect, mental processes, and communication skills are colored by the archetypal Demeter-Persephone myth. Nurturance needs and urges may seem to be at odds with your communication skills. Perhaps you try to express or receive nurturance through the intellect, conversation, or reading when you need to be connecting on another level. You may have difficulty in communicating your need for emotional bonding, perhaps expecting others to feel and know your need telepathically without your having to express it. You may struggle with teacher or mentor figures. Such types of conflict may have their roots in your past experience of life's losses and difficult rites of passage, or in your experience of the formation and severance of strong emotional ties, especially your experience (or lack of experience) of maternal bonding or strong ties with teachers. The feeling that nurturing needs conflict with the mental needs for understanding, communication, and learning needs to be addressed. These needs are not mutually exclusive and you may need to find ways to meet them both, otherwise there will be a tendency to suppress one half of the story and attract it externally in its frustrated form (projection).

Venus Square Ceres Orb: 00°59'

Ceres forms a challenging aspect with Venus. The mother-daughter (parent-child) story is bound up with the pleasure principle (beauty, harmony, intimate relations, and the world of the senses) in such a way that these two aspects of yourself seem to be at odds with each other. Love, relationships, and sexuality are all profoundly affected by your experience of life's losses and difficult rites of passage, or your experience of the formation and severance of strong emotional ties, especially your experience (or lack of experience) of maternal bonding. Unfulfilled needs for nurturing touch and loving acceptance of the sensual and the creative may need to be met in order to deal with feelings of physical/sexual unattractiveness or lack of self-worth arising from childhood experiences. There may be conflict between intimate relationships needs and parent/child relationship needs. They both need addressing in appropriate ways in order to avoid the natural tendency to unconsciously repress one of them, which leads to the inevitable consequence of attracting it to oneself externally in the form of others who express this frustrated need.

Pallas

As with goddess-myths associated with the other asteroids, the myths that pertain to the warrior goddess Pallas Athena reflect socio-historic upheavals as well as archetypal themes. One of the most interesting aspects of Athena's myth, as it has evolved, is the changing nature of her birth. In her earliest form she was said to have been born of Lake Triton in Libya, home of the legendary amazons. Her worship was brought to the Greek islands much later by the Libyans themselves as they emigrated across the Mediterranean sea. The story of her birth reflected this migration, for she was then said to be born of Metis - a sea goddess. Further evolution of her myth reflects the encounter of the goddess worshipping peoples with the

patriarchal people invading Greece from the north: Metis (whose name means Wise Counsel), pregnant with Athena, was devoured by the invaders' god, Zeus, who later gave birth to a fully grown and fully armored Pallas Athena from his head. Later versions of this myth omit altogether any mention of Metis, and depict Athena as having been conceived without a woman's involvement.

Later myth also portrays Athena as bringing about the destruction of both Pallas and Medusa in what appears to be sociological evidence of the attempt to destroy goddess worship. (Pallas, Athena, and Medusa were the three faces of the Libyan version of the triple goddess.) In one of these myths Zeus tricks Athena into killing her Amazonian sister Pallas during a friendly competition. Another myth relates how Athena helped King Perseus to cut off Medusa's head by giving him a mirror to use so he could avoid her deadly gaze. Yet, as much as these myths might have been used as evidence of the wise Athena's denunciation of the Feminine, they also contain symbolism that indicates how Athena preserved the goddess trinity. For, upon the death of Pallas, the grieving Athena placed her sister's name before her own. As for her attitude towards Medusa, she bore Medusa's image upon her breastplate and distributed her blood to healers as a regenerative medicine. The symbolic importance of the mirror in the Perseus-Medusa conflict also hints at Athena's wisdom and gift as a mediator in teaching how to reconcile opposites by seeing in oneself the disowned qualities that are projected onto opponents.

Pallas Athena signifies wisdom and creative problem solving in which a holistic view of conflicting or opposite elements (the Masculine and the Feminine) is required. This sense of fairness is backed up by a willingness to defend or fight for the underdog. Thus Pallas Athena is also associated with fighting for causes. She represents the application of practical skill and creative intelligence in order to best be of service. She was the goddess of war (defense, originally) as well as the goddess of wisdom and culture - patroness of the civilized arts such as pottery, sculpture, weaving, architecture, and animal husbandry. Pallas Athena can also represent the denial of one's own gender in an effort to cope with situations that require the skills of the opposite gender in order to survive, as well as the struggle to rediscover and reconnect with essential qualities of one's own sex. Androgynous conditions and healing through feminine wisdom, energy balancing or conflict resolution are also expressions of the Pallas Athena archetype.

Pallas in Capricorn

Pallas Athena in Capricorn denotes perceptive insight or intuitional skill when it comes to organization, planning, and structuring. You may be particularly inventive, creative, or subtly adept at manifesting concrete goals and surmounting obstacles that hinder achievement, and it may be important for you to utilize these skills in your career. Difficulty may arise if this is expressed as a crusade for power and status, or if you get caught up in plans that never materialize. You understand intuitively how the success of any endeavor is like a masterful edifice: it depends upon a firm foundation, a precise and balanced structure, and sound economics. This mastery of the sense of form and structure may be expressed aesthetically in an interest in such things as sculpture, pottery, architecture, and home or furniture design. Your instinct for organization and accomplishment, along with your ability to shoulder responsibility, may be put to use in the defense of some cause or underprivileged group (see Pallas Athena's house position, below). You might champion a cause through your status or recognized

authority, or through such activities as legal or government assistance. Professional career opportunities for women or minorities might be a concern. Skill in the healing arts is likely to revolve around treatment of the skeletal structure: osteopathy, cranio-sacral therapy, chiropractic, dentistry, plastic surgery, and methods that work to correct postural problems.

Pallas in 1st House

With Pallas Athena in the first house your sense of identity may revolve around your career, thus you may be quite ambitious or assertive in your chosen line of work - perhaps over-reaching yourself at times by having too many irons in the fire. Your tremendous fighting spirit and your need to put it to use in championing some humanitarian purpose or cultural contribution often lies behind this great drive. The expression of intellect, cultural refinement, wisdom, healing ability/conflict resolution or creativity is probably an important part of your identity. There may also be an androgynous quality to your physical appearance, mode of dress, or behavior, and you may not feel comfortable with traditional male/female roles. Difficulties can arise if Pallas Athena's energy is expressed as a "self" crusade that ignores the interests of others.

Sun Square Pallas Orb: 01°50'

The asteroid Pallas Athena (the patron-goddess of wisdom, culture and the arts) forms a challenging aspect with the Sun (one's sense of identity and essential purpose). As a result, you may identify with one side of the resulting conflict between the two, and fight or deny the other side. This could be an internal or external conflict, or both. You may feel that assertive socio-political striving or that the cultural world of the arts or crafts are activities for the privileged only. Or you may expect the male animus or father figures in your life to live out this side of your nature for you, or to cause you trouble for doing so. You might feel threatened by androgynous types who don't seem to conform to the traditional gender role models that give you a sense of identity. On the other hand, you may be the one with the socio-cultural or artistic interests who experiences either self-doubt or resistance from strong animus or father figures who are uncomfortable with your activities. You may feel alienated from your one gender or uncomfortable with traditional male role models. It is important that you not consider cultural expression and positive self-image to be mutually exclusive. Tension will be lessened energy levels will increase as you find ways to meet both these needs.

Mercury Sextile Pallas Orb: 04°26'

The asteroid Pallas Athena forms a harmonious aspect with Mercury. Your intellectual-communicative abilities and your cultural and socio-political urges mutually enhance each other. You appreciate fine or thought-provoking literature and intellectual discussions, especially when the topic revolves around issues of the arts or non-traditional gender, cultural, or political issues. You may enjoy networking with community projects that support these issues, perhaps supporting them through your writing or communicative skills.

Venus Sextile Pallas Orb: 00°30'

The asteroid Pallas Athena forms a harmonious aspect with Venus. The goddess of wisdom and culture meets the goddess of love and they strike up a great friendship! You have an appreciation for the arts, and may have a fine sense of beauty and aesthetic harmony. Your idea of the feminine can encompass assertive and confident worldly or creative accomplishment together with the more sensual, soft female qualities. You may support such issues as women's rights or women's efforts to heal their sexuality.

Mars Opposite Pallas Orb: 05°16'

The asteroid Pallas Athena forms a challenging aspect with Mars. Your male assertive energies collide head-on with issues of culture, the arts, or social activism. You may feel, or be made to feel, that it is unmanly for men to express themselves in creative or artistic endeavors. Or perhaps you struggle with lack of confidence or fear of confrontation when it comes to expressing your creative mind or political views. The pursuit of more traditionally male activities may put you into conflict with sensitive issues of socio-cultural concern. Or perhaps your socio-political views leave you feeling uncomfortable about your more masculine characteristics, like anger or aggressive behavior. Either way, there may be some issue over the expression of one's masculine qualities. It is important for you to understand that both the need for cultural/creative expression achievement and the need for a healthy masculine assertiveness are legitimate. If either need is denied or suppressed, it will tend to pop up in negative forms that continue to irritate you until you find ways to make room for both in your life.

Saturn Conjunct Pallas Orb: 01°17'

The asteroid Pallas Athena is conjunct Saturn. The creative intellect is wedded to practical achievement. Your interest in artistic or political cultural expression is grounded in your urge to manifest goals in concrete, long-lasting and durable ways. You can apply your highly developed sense of discipline and responsibility to the manifestation of your mental/creative efforts, or in the support of some cause that is dear to your heart. You may be gifted at the perception of the structural rules and laws that govern systems and organizations, and may work to correct imbalances or authoritarian abuses within them. Perhaps you champion traditional customs or ancient ways, or enjoy expressing your artistic creativity through folk arts.

Pluto Trine Pallas Orb: 06°21'

The asteroid Pallas Athena forms a harmonious aspect with Pluto. Your wise and instinctive grasp of the deep inner forces at work in life grants you a psychological depth and a sense of self-empowerment that can benefit your artistic or socio-cultural endeavors. You may support groups that are experiencing or recovering from abuse of some kind. You are able to balance the need for outward mental/creative and socio-cultural expression with the more inner need for regenerative healing, self-transformation and self-empowerment.

Juno

Juno (whose Greek name is Hera) is an ancient Queen of Heaven Goddess dating from that matriarchal period when the sovereign Deity was female and reigned alone, presiding over the mysteries of birth, motherhood, and the various phases of reproduction. Mythology relates how she was seduced by Zeus, married him out of a sense of honor, endured a marriage characterized by power struggles over issues of fidelity and bearing a line of descent, as well as how she went into retreat occasionally in order to renew and center herself. Her myth parallels the history of social upheaval in the lands where she was worshipped. Northern invaders struggled to impose traditions of patrilineal descent and the worship of their chief god, Zeus, upon the indigenous matriarchal cultures of Mycenaean Greece and Crete. Over a period of hundreds of years of cultural conflict, the two divinities were forced to share the altar. Thus, in addition to her authority over matters pertaining to childbirth and motherhood, Juno has come to be associated with issues of socially acknowledged relationship, legal marriage, marital fulfillment through commitment and fidelity, and the struggle for equality within a relationship. She represents, also, the kind of power struggles that involve controlling the partner through control over offspring, or through the withholding of sex or emotional intimacy. Juno can also represent committed relationships entered into out of a sense of duty, guilt, or for social reasons.

Juno represents both the need for relationship and the refusal to accept inequality within the context of a relationship. She represents the struggle to balance the need for intimacy with the opposing need for freedom - needs which both partners have, although one of these needs may be projected onto the partner. She can also represent the need to take marriage as a sacred trust, a way that leads to spiritual fulfillment through the reconciliation of the opposites in a state of union.

On another level, Juno can represent the way in which one feels rendered powerless by conflict in spite of sincere effort and irreproachable conduct on one's own part. The harder one tries, the more inadequate one's efforts seem to be, for there is a tendency to cling to old methods when circumstances have changed and a whole new paradigm is needed before the way clear can be seen. This frustration can sometimes lead to self-depreciation and loss of faith in oneself. Juno thus symbolizes the transition state between old and new ways of being, where the old fails to meet the needs of the times and the new is not yet manifest. She describes the need for a kind of spiritual self-rejuvenation that is needed in order to see oneself through times of utter disintegration into the future that awaits. Juno in the horoscope thus represents the ways in which we need to renew ourselves, and where our ability to adjust to changing circumstances is most tested.

Since marriage proved to be this goddess' testing ground, Juno in the horoscope also indicates the qualities associated with one's marriage partner and the ways in which one handles intimacy/freedom needs as well as the jealousy and insecurity that often accompany this balancing act. Juno's position describes the nature of any control issues, the ways in which such power struggles get enacted, and the type of sacred cows that need to be relinquished so that the path to marital fulfillment can unfold. Juno's placement in your chart can refer not only to your mate (or the way that you perceive your mate), but to the relationship and to your own behavior in a committed relationship as well.

Juno in Sagittarius

With Juno in Sagittarius, the qualities you seek in a committed relationship are freedom, a spirit of adventure, a shared vision, and a shared belief system to lend you faith and inspiration in the movement towards your goals. You appreciate a partner with a love for the outdoors and an interest in outdoor sports. Someone who's willing to explore, and to travel beyond the familiar in search of truth and the unknown. It could be that, in spite of your best efforts, you yourself experience a sense of inadequacy or powerlessness when it comes to such matters, or that your partner is doing all the expressing in this regard (or vice versa). This could be a source of difficulty when it comes to intimate relations, and may lead to fanatic adherence to one's own beliefs. Intimacy/freedom needs, childbearing, fidelity, and power issues need to be handled frankly, otherwise unrealistic expectations can result.

Juno in 1st House

Juno in the first house indicates that your identity is connected with being a partner in a committed relationship. You come across as someone who is aware of the honors, duties and status involved in socially acknowledged vows of commitment. You may not be able to find your identity or feel self-confident until or unless you have found a mate, and it will be important for you to learn how to make relationships and how to make them last. Your self-image could involve an acute awareness of your social standing, perhaps as a result of your choice of partner. Issues regarding your self-image are likely to be a major focus in your relationship. The qualities described by Juno's sign position (above) indicates the manner in which you can best deal with these issues.

Jupiter Conjunct Juno Orb: 06°11'

Your Juno is conjunct Jupiter. Your enthusiasm for Life and your search for meaning in it are bound up with the whole issue of committed relationships. You associate healthy partnerships with the affirmation of your need to explore, expand your horizons, and follow your quest. Your experience of equality and autonomy within an intimate partnership is profoundly affected by issues of faith, belief systems, and freedom needs. You may be attracted to partners who are interested in teaching, traveling, or cultural and philosophical exchanges. Partnership may be a vehicle through which you can deepen philosophical interests and understandings. Respect for philosophical differences between partners is important in maintaining a healthy relationship.

Uranus Trine Juno Orb: 03°25'

Juno forms a harmonious aspect with Uranus. The rebel meets the liberated partner! You are able to take a balanced approach towards the integration of your need for a committed, mutually supportive relationship and your need for freedom, experimentation, and doing your own thing. One partner may support the other's individual expression, revolutionary ideals or humanitarian endeavors. An interest in human rights activities, group activities, or "new age" pursuits may provide you and your partner with a comfortable way to share and enrich your relationship.

Vesta

The asteroid Vesta (Latin) is named after the ancient Greek goddess Hestia, first born of the Olympian deities and last released by her father Cronos (father Time), who at one point swallowed all his offspring. Thus she denotes the beginning and the end - alpha and omega - and serves as a reminder of the source from which all things originate and to which all must return. She represents the preservation of sacredness and the state of connection to formless Essence. As such, she is the only Olympic deity not worshipped anthropomorphically; she is symbolized only by the altar and its sacred flame. Thus she also represents any sacred space - be it temple, sweat lodge, or meditation corner - that acts as a container in which we may center ourselves, and feel the presence of Spirit. In ancient times Vesta was worshipped both in the city center as the flaming altar, and in every home as the central hearth whose embers were literally passed on down through the generations from mother to daughter when the daughter married and established her own hearth. In this manner Vesta came to represent the perpetuation of the spark of life, and of civilization and one's ancestral and cultural roots.

In early matriarchal societies, priestesses honoring Hestia maintained a connection to this spiritual essence (represented by a sacred flame that they tended night and day). They offered themselves in sacred sexual union in order to teach the divine aspect of sexuality and the need to remain aware of the sacred while engaged in physical life. The priestesses remained unmarried and committed to none but themselves and their worship. Their sons (conceived anonymously during ceremonial summer solstice rites) served as year-kings when there was no royal heir. These customs were finally abolished when patrilineal traditions were enforced and the priestesses were compelled by the Roman king to serve as keepers of the new (patriarchal) civilization and to observe vows of celibacy. To break these vows entailed a cruel death penalty. In exchange for the relinquishment of their sexuality, matrilineal customs, and true spiritual function, the priestesses (Vestal Virgins) were granted freedom from paternal control.

Vesta's sacred flame represents, in the yogic tradition, the kundalini force which, when properly awakened and channeled, leads to spiritual development. Thus, astrologically, Vesta has come to represent both spirituality and consecrated (or desecrated) sexuality. This can include a wide range of sexual expressions such as abstinence, renunciation and celibacy, the celebration of spiritually honored sexuality, sexual idealism, and the sacred whore. Astrologically, Vesta stands for that which provides us with inner sustenance; the way in which we are pulled back to our core or inner self; and the struggle between this and the demands of the outer world. Vesta represents the way in which we long to bless others with the fruits of the spiritual resources we have found within ourselves, but it is also the need to retreat and preserve our inner sanctuary against any disrespectful intrusion. Vesta is associated with dedication, focus, and commitment. She represents those things that helps us focus, the way in which we dedicate ourselves with heart and soul, and that for which we are ready (or compelled) to make a sacrifice. The things indicated by Vesta's position in your chart may be things that you feel compelled to give up or sacrifice, often out of a sense of spiritual compulsion. Yet they can also be the very things that evoke your dedication - leading to a sense of deep inner fulfillment when you are willing to make some sacrifices on their behalf. Keep this paradox in mind as you read on, for Vesta can express itself one way or the other - or both!

Vesta in Capricorn

Vesta in Capricorn indicates that discipline, ambition, and determination are the things that help you focus and center yourself. You use them to go inward, get in touch with yourself, and tap into your sense of dedication, which is then committed to highly disciplined activities of an organizational, executive, or administrative nature (described further by Vesta's house position, below). You are capable of hard work and great achievement through sheer tenacity and the willingness to stick it out. It is possible that, through one-pointedness, you focus so much on your determination and systematic ways that the means becomes an end in itself and you lose sight of the goal they are meant to serve. If this happens, determination can evolve into a need for power and status, and discipline into inflexibility. This can leave you feeling off-center and out of touch with yourself, and tempted even to renounce all ambition. Renunciation of personal ambitions for spiritual reasons is also possible with this astrological placement. Respect and serious commitment are necessary for sexual fulfillment, and the need for authority and control can inhibit it. In some cases sexuality may be renounced in favor of structured responsibilities or austere disciplines. Alignment of the determination to succeed with your sense of inner spiritual presence, can renew the sense of inspired dedication to your goals.

Vesta in 1st House

Vesta in the first house indicates that your very sense of identity is bound up with some kind of sacrificial dedication or intense focus on your own goals or spiritual quest. This focus may be centered around your own identity, or the effort to establish a sense of your own true self or the link between the self and Spirit. This focus can be so one-pointed or compelling as to exclude yourself from an involvement in committed relationships with others. For you, the spiritual quest may be a highly personal one, with a need to follow your own inner spiritual authority and no one else's. People may perceive you as a priestess-like figure or spiritual authority - someone who serves as a representative of Spirit, and perhaps, of spiritual sexuality. Issues around the sacredness of sexuality - the violation of which is considered desecration - could be important concerns that have an impact upon your sense of self. There could be a denial of the sense of self, one's own sense of existence, or identity. You may feel committed to the effort to transcend the ego, and to renounce all sense of personal identity, name and fame, image, etc.

Sun Square Vesta Orb: 00°54'

Your Vesta forms a challenging aspect with the Sun. There is a conflict between one's sense of self or identity and "sacred cow" issues involving dedication or intense focus. You may find it difficult to focus or commit yourself to a calling or endeavor that would give meaning to your life direction. There may be a conflict between one's dedication to work and one's need for play, spontaneity, and self-expression; or between work and children. Or perhaps you experience a conflict between sexuality and spirituality, or between sexual needs and commitment. An over-emphasis on what is held to be sacred may lead to dependency on external spiritual authority, and frustration or obstacles in the process of self-individuation. There may be difficulties due to inappropriate sacrifices: the sacrifice of self-hood (giving one's power away) in the name of ego-transcendence may constitute a betrayal of the self on some level. No matter how it seems, "fire-tending" is not incompatible with self-expression and a personal sense of

life purpose. The challenge for you is to find ways to meet them both, and to avoid the natural tendency to unconsciously repress or project one of them out onto others.

Venus Sextile Vesta Orb: 00°26'

Your Vesta forms a harmonious aspect with Venus. The capacity for dedication and self-sacrifice is enhanced by your sense of pleasure and beauty. You are able to integrate your intense focus on your commitments with the need for pleasure and some healthy self-pampering. You can infuse your intimate relationships with a sense of the sacred, and experience ecstasy through the sensual and the sexual. Your ability to concentrate and focus your energies can be used to support your artistic or aesthetic activities.

Mars Opposite Vesta Orb: 06°12'

Your Vesta forms a challenging aspect with Mars. Your fighting spirit and masculine energies are at loggerheads with the whole issue of dedication and self-sacrifice. You may feel, or be made to feel, that it is unmanly for men to express themselves in spiritual or sexually honoring ways. Or perhaps you struggle with a lack of confidence or fear of confrontation when it comes to expressing your spiritual views, your sexuality, or your capacity for dedication to a cherished activity. Sexual or spiritual trauma resulting from patriarchal abuses may require healing in order to move beyond a state of entrenched conflict. Or perhaps spiritual views leave you feeling uncomfortable about your more masculine characteristics, such as willful drive or assertiveness. Impossible as it may seem, there is a place in the world, and in you, for both cherishing sacrifice and healthy masculine assertiveness. The more you can entertain this possibility and give up the tendency to take sides between these two expressions, the more you will experience the resolution and healing of old conflicts of this nature.

Saturn Conjunct Vesta Orb: 02°13'

Your Vesta is conjunct Saturn. You can apply your highly developed sense of discipline and responsibility towards the manifestation of what is sacred to you. Your capacity for commitment combines with your capacity for work and can turn you into quite the dynamo. Perhaps you are a keeper of traditional customs or ancient ways, and in doing so, act as a beacon to others to whom you can pass on the torch. At any rate, it will be important for you to find vehicles for and to manifest in the physical world some evidence of your perception of the sacred.

This sums up your report for Chiron and the asteroids in your chart. An astrological chart is like a blueprint of the human psyche, with its great and dramatic cast of archetypes. And each human psyche is like a unique, one-of-a-kind carpet woven from many beautiful threads of many different colors. Chiron and the asteroids are five of those threads.

This report has described each of those five threads by house and sign, and has even described what happens when one of those threads is intertwined with other single threads (the other planets). And this does give you some kind of overall picture. But the best way to understand the pattern that all the threads make in their weaving of the whole unique carpet, is

to consult an astrologer skilled in chart interpretation. The astrologer can make a big difference in helping you piece together the puzzle of your chart so that, in the end, you can see the beautiful carpet where once, perhaps, all you saw was a tangle of threads. Hopefully, this report will help you to understand some of the magical threads that are woven into your life.