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Chiron and the Asteroids

Astrological Report for Princess Diana



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Natal Chart for Princess Diana

Koch House System

Sun in **Cancer**, at 09° 39', in the seventh house.
Moon in **Aquarius**, at 24° 56', in the third house.
Mercury in **Cancer**, at 03° 12', in the seventh house.
Venus in **Taurus**, at 24° 24', in the fifth house.
Mars in **Virgo**, at 01° 38', in the ninth house.
Jupiter in **Aquarius**, at 05° 06', in the second house.
Saturn in **Capricorn**, at 27° 49', in the second house.
Uranus in **Leo**, at 23° 20', in the ninth house.
Neptune in **Scorpio**, at 08° 38', in the eleventh house.
Pluto in **Virgo**, at 06° 03', in the ninth house.
Midheaven in **Libra**, at 20° 23'.
Ascendant in **Sagittarius**, at 16° 25'.
Chiron in **Pisces**, at 06° 28', in the third house.
Ceres in **Taurus**, at 10° 37', in the fifth house.
Pallas in **Pisces**, at 25° 38', in the third house.
Juno in **Pisces**, at 26° 44', in the third house.
Vesta in **Taurus**, at 13° 19', in the fifth house.

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 Pisces

With Chiron in Pisces, mentoring and the healing process are associated with compassion, artistic sensitivity, and the fostering of a viable spiritual awareness. 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 mystical, artistic, or sensitive in some way, or who can help you navigate the choppy waters of spiritual pitfalls. You may experience wounding, inadequacy, or insoluble conflict arising from exposure to victim/martyr dynamics, addictions, spiritual exploitation, or the inability or unwillingness to distinguish "reality" from "non-ordinary" states. Spiritual escapism, or the habit of taking shelter in the cosmic state of oneness (or other addictions) as a way of avoiding the suffering of the world, can hinder the formation of a functional ego and healthy sense of self. Experiences such as these, or the loss of a spiritual mentor, are painful events that 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 3rd House

Chiron in the third 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 mind, intellect, education, networking, and communication of thoughts and ideas (perhaps thoughts and ideas pertaining to healing, or mentoring). You may routinely experience misunderstandings in communications - a difficulty that forces you to work extra hard in order to get your message across (which may exacerbate the problem) or to clear things up. Perhaps traditional methods of education were insufferable, abusive, unavailable, or simply unappealing, leaving you with a sense of inferiority in matters of knowledge. Difficulties in networking with the community at large, or in coping with traumatic sibling experiences could have the same wounding effect, and any dysfunctional defense mechanisms you use to deal with the painful issue can cause you further difficulties. 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.

Sun Trine Chiron Orb: 03°11'

Chiron forms a harmonious aspect with the Sun. The mentor/wounded healer archetype within yourself supports your sense of self-essence. Creative expression may be very healing for you as well as for those you share your gifts with. Creativity can be an outlet through which you deal with a wound associated with the father, or other animus figures. You may serve as a kind of mentor or healer to creative people or to those who struggle with issues of creativity, self-expression, and self-purpose.

Mercury Trine Chiron Orb: 03°16'

Chiron forms a harmonious aspect with Mercury. The Mentor teams up with the Scholar. You appreciate witty "trickster" humor that gets to the core of something or

someone more effectively than a direct approach. You may not have a formal education, but are instinctively wise in other ways that you gradually come to appreciate. You are able to accommodate both the rational and the non-rational realms of perceiving. Your conversations, writings, teachings or studies may revolve around issues of mentoring, wounding/healing, the resolution of the instinctual and the sublime or non-dualistic philosophies. You could be involved in teaching those who are wounded or handicapped (especially those with speech or learning disorders).

Mars Opposite Chiron Orb: 04°50'

Chiron forms a challenging aspect with Mars. The centaur and the warrior butt heads! You may suffer due to opinions that it is unmanly for men to engage themselves in healing, therapeutic or counseling endeavors. Or perhaps you struggle with feelings of lack of confidence or fear of confrontation when it comes to fulfilling a calling you feel to teach or mentor. The ability to cope with confrontation and aggression, as well as to assert yourself and express your drive and your anger in effective ways is, for you, experienced as a painful or wounding issue in some way. You may have been exposed, in early life, to an ongoing atmosphere of subtle or overt abuse and intimidation that prevented you from learning the positive skills of self-assertion and healthy anger. You may fear your own capacity for anger, or believe that all anger is destructive. This can lead to a suppression of anger that builds up and does start to feel threatening. As a result you may, consciously or unconsciously, lapse into passive-aggressive behavior patterns or indulge in backhanded competitive efforts to wreak vengeance on those with whom you are angry. Direct honest expression of your anger can be the most frightening and threatening challenge in the world, yet you long to learn how to be able to handle yourself in such a way. When you do, you find the effects incredibly healing. The trick is to learn to see that the need for healing and the need for confrontation are not incompatible, and that by learning to embrace both these needs you find the solution to these old patterns of conflict.

Neptune Trine Chiron Orb: 02°10'

Chiron forms a harmonious aspect with Neptune. Your capacity for compassion, sensitivity, and transcendent experience is a great resource that helps you to heal painful wounds (your own, or those of others). These wounds are likely to involve issues arising from a poor sense of personal boundaries, feelings of victim-hood or helplessness, escapism via spiritual or substance abuses, or difficulty distinguishing ordinary from non-ordinary states of mind. A non-acceptance of human failings and the sufferings and evils of the world, and a desire to regress to a womb-like state can play a part in these problems. You may have a healing influence upon others via your artistic or musical gifts, your spiritual sensibility, or your compassion and psychic sensitivity. Your artistic expressions may touch the wounds of others, deal with healing themes, or be utilized in therapeutic settings. Dream therapy, dream journaling or visualization techniques may also be a part of your healing kit.

Pluto Opposite Chiron Orb: 00°25'

Chiron forms a challenging aspect with Pluto. The mentor/wounded healer archetype within yourself combines with the urge for powerful and transformative experience in such a way that these two aspects of yourself seem to be at odds with each other. You may experience a personal sense of wounding due to issues involving death, sexuality, power abuses, destructive urges, or intense and deeply buried emotions such as rage, jealousy, or possessiveness. There could be an inability to perceive the destructiveness in oneself or others, or a lack of trust in one's own instincts and gut feelings; in either case, one's self-preservation skills may be impaired or wounded in some way. You may be attracted to exciting but dangerous experiences that tempt fate - until you get burned enough to recognize that something's got to change. The challenge is to learn to reconcile the need for healing and wise counsel with the need to deal with power and peak experiences. You need to make room for both needs in your life, and to avoid the natural tendency to unconsciously repress or project one of them out onto others. Once you have embarked upon your own healing journey, you can have a profound healing influence on others who are struggling with issues of power abuses and powerful or destructive emotional, archetypal, or sexual energies. Your avenue of healing or counseling may involve work with shamanism, initiation experiences, depth psychology, or primal or archetypal energies.

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 Taurus

When Ceres is in Taurus, nurturance is conveyed through physical means - cuddles, hugs, and plenty of good food! You may even extend your nurturing instincts to the physical earth itself, through such activities as organic gardening and ecological movements. You may have an "Earth Mother" quality to you, and a green thumb that can make anything grow. Any unfulfilled needs for physical nurturing at an early age could be a source of grief through which you learn how to provide this for yourself and, thus, for others. On the other hand, this sense of lack can promote the tendency to accumulate material wealth as a kind of unconscious physical substitute. Loss of material security could be a transformative experience for you, one that initiates you into the lessons of loss and return, death and rebirth, and simply letting go.

Ceres in 5th House

Ceres in the fifth house indicates that you can heal and nurture others through the gift of creative expression. Your creative expressions truly touch the heart, and may deal with the poignant sufferings of Love. Nurturance may also be expressed through involvement with children, adventure, and loving playfulness. Fertility - its abundance or loss - may be an issue; or there may be a desire to adopt or foster children. Your romantic ideals may be founded upon the image of an all-loving parent figure. Experiences such as the loss of creative inspiration, or separation from children or romantic partners could initiate a journey into the depths from which you emerge transformed.

Sun Sextile Ceres Orb: 00°58'

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.

Jupiter Square Ceres Orb: 05°32'

Ceres forms a challenging aspect with Jupiter. The urges for expansion and adventure, and the quest for meaning are affected by the Demeter-Persephone myth in such a way that these two aspects of yourself seem to be at odds with each other. Perhaps an interest in ceaseless travel and adventure or in a particular belief system makes the formation of lasting emotional ties impossible - a perceived threat to freedom. Or perhaps an excess of protective nurturance has made you a little fearful of exploring beyond the boundaries of the known because your own exploratory urges were never encouraged. Whatever the reason, the challenge is to learn to see that both the need for nurturing ties and the need for the freedom to explore and to expand your mind can and do co-exist within yourself (and in others). These needs only appear to conflict when we take sides with one against the other (often literally if projected, through denial, out onto others); resolution comes about by finding ways to meet them both. Once this balance has been achieved you are able to nurture others by sharing the meaning and knowledge you have gained, and by encouraging their sense of faith and optimism in life's journey. These nurturing activities might be carried out through teaching, travelling, or cultural exchanges.

Neptune Opposite Ceres Orb: 01°59'

Ceres forms a challenging aspect with Neptune. Your longing for nurturing bonds blends with your spiritual and transcendent urges in such a way that these two aspects of yourself seem to conflict. Perhaps you feel that close emotional ties prevent you from taking up spiritual or artistic pursuits. Or perhaps you feel that your need for spiritual or transcendent experience makes it impossible for you to maintain nurturing emotional ties; such activities may even become a form of escape from pain about the nurturing experience. Idealism and the deification of nurturing types can put a strain on close emotional relationships and lead you to feel victimized or let down by others. These conflicts may be rooted in your experience (or lack of experience) of the formation and severance of strong emotional ties with the mother or with spiritual, sensitive types. Healing lies in the discovery that both the need for nurturing ties and the need for transcendent experience must be met within yourself, and that without this healing there will be a tendency to attract others who express the repressed need for you (often negatively).

Pluto Trine Ceres Orb: 04°35'

Ceres forms a harmonious aspect with Pluto. The Demeter-Persephone asteroid teams up with the Lord-of-the-Underworld planet, and this lends the whole Ceres myth an extra impact on your chart. Your instinctive experience of the deep inner forces at work in life grants you a psychological depth that enables you to deal with grief and transformative rites of passage. Your almost occult grasp of the laws governing death and rebirth enables you to nurture others on a soul level. You associate nurturance with powerful instincts

and energies, and the encouragement of one's ability to handle power and undergo transformative experiences.

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 Pisces

Pallas Athena in Pisces denotes perceptive insight into suffering and the human condition. You may be intuitively subtle or wise in your ability to express empathy, compassion, and unconditional love; and it may be important for you to utilize these skills in your career. You could possess considerable psychic sensitivity, arising perhaps from a natural ability to experience states of mystic unity, or as a result of personal suffering, loss, or deprivation. Your compassion and sensitivity may be expressed aesthetically in powerfully moving song, poetry, or other art forms that emphasize the dreamy, inspirational and ethereal. You may put these abilities to use in the defense of some cause, especially any group that, for you, symbolizes the "suffering humanity" (see Pallas Athena's house position, below) - indeed you may be a crusader for universal Love. Difficulty may arise if your natural spirituality and sensitivity are directed into a crusade or militaristic campaign for unattainable ideals such as a perfect or divine society - especially if religious guilt is involved. Skills in healing or conflict resolution may lie in the creative ability to work with psychic or faith healing; spiritual practices involving the use of meditation, mantra, or visualization; shamanic journeying or imagery; art, dance, or music therapy; and dream work.

Pallas in 3rd House

Pallas Athena in the third house denotes a truly intuitive gift for teaching and communicating. Creativity, zeal, and practicality are blended in a revolutionary approach to education and knowledge. You are the "warrior student" or "warrior teacher!" You may be particularly inventive or subtle in the use of gesture, words, speech or writing, and it may be important for you to utilize your skills in the communication of knowledge and ideas in your career. Your creative writing, your communications, and your study may center around issues of justice, humanitarian causes, women's issues, or the taking of a cultural warrior stance of some kind. You might write as a way of making a cultural contribution, or perhaps your thoughts, speech, or writing revolve around issues dealing with sexual identity or healing gender conflict. Skills in healing or conflict resolution lie in the creative use of language and thought: mantras, affirmations, and positive thinking; as well as in therapies aimed at the functions of speech, the nervous system, or manual dexterity. Difficulty can arise if Pallas Athena's energy is expressed as a learning crusade in which information is all that matters.

Venus Sextile Pallas Orb: 01°14'

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.

Saturn Sextile Pallas Orb: 02°11'

The asteroid Pallas Athena forms a harmonious aspect with Saturn. Your interest in artistic or political cultural expression and your urge to manifest concrete practical goals can nourish each other, if you care to apply them to the task. You are able to take a balanced approach towards the integration of career/breadwinner activities with issues of creative expression and socio-cultural involvement. Your organizational ability and your sense of duty and responsibility can be put to use in the support of some favorite cause.

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 Pisces

With Juno in Pisces, the qualities you seek in a relationship are compassion, sensitivity, and unconditional Love. Knowingly or unknowingly you may be seeking spiritual fulfillment through your relationship, and for this reason some kind of shared acknowledgment of the importance of spirituality (truly felt, as opposed to religious dogmas blindly followed) is important. Otherwise disillusion can result from the direction of one's devotional sentiment towards the partner, who is, after all, merely human. 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. Intimacy/freedom needs, childbearing, fidelity, and power issues need to be handled with sensitivity and compassion, otherwise martyrdom and victimization can occur.

Juno in 3rd House

Juno in the third house indicates that communication and the exchange of information are vital concerns in your relationship. It's important that you learn from each other, that there is a give and take in this regard, and that one person doesn't end up as "teacher" and the other as "student." You and your partner may communicate through lots of letters, daily messages, and phone calls. Siblings and the extended family may enter into the relationship, or networking and community involvement. Issues regarding communication 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.

Mercury Square Juno Orb: 06°28'

Juno forms a challenging aspect with Mercury. Mental urges hook up with the urge to relate intimately and on equal terms, but in a manner that may be fraught with conflict. The longing for a mutually supportive relationship may conflict with your belief system or your style of communication. Perhaps one partner feels threatened by the beliefs or intellectual capacity of the other. One partner may try to manipulate the other through mind games or through belittling the mental achievements of the other. There may be difficulty in verbally communicating one's need for equality and autonomy within the relationship. One partner may lecture the other. The challenge is to learn to see that both the need for a healthy relationship and the need for intellectual expression and cultivation of the mind co-exist within yourself (and in others). These needs are not mutually exclusive and you may need to find ways to meet them both, and to avoid the natural tendency to unconsciously repress or project one of them out onto others (especially your partner).

Venus Sextile Juno Orb: 02°20'

Juno forms a harmonious aspect with Mercury. Mental urges combine nicely with the urge to relate intimately and on equal terms. Your grace in communicating your need for equality and autonomy within your relationship strengthens the bond between partners. You have a knack for making your partner feel understood and listened to, and for being able to communicate on his or her level. Or perhaps it is your partner who possesses these abilities. Interests in intellectual stimulation, learning, community networking, or communications may provide you and your partner with a comfortable way to share and enrich your relationship.

Saturn Sextile Juno Orb: 01°05'

Juno forms a harmonious aspect with Saturn. The need for a mutually supportive relationship complements the urge to manifest and give practical expression to your goals. You are able to take a balanced approach towards the integration of career/breadwinner activities with issues of equality and intimacy in relationships. Your (or your partner's) sense of duty and responsibility helps to sustain 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 Taurus

When Vesta is in Taurus, working with the physical body or work on practical projects that yield tangible results helps you to focus and center yourself. This is the avenue through which you get in touch with yourself when moving inward; moving outward, it is the means through which you can commit your focused energies with dedication, zeal, and even sacrifice. You have tremendous physical energy and strong physical desires which you may deny out of a sense of religious or spiritual obligation. (Yet through the affirmation of your natural sensuality you can experience the mystical aspect of sex, and come to understand spirituality in a way that erases the dichotomy between spirituality and sexuality. Conversely, an obsession with your own sexual needs could make you insensitive to your partner and hinder you from experiencing this kind of spiritual union.) You can be a real workhorse. It is possible that, through one-pointedness, you focus so much on work and unswerving duty that the means becomes an end in itself and you lose sight of the goal they are meant to serve (described further by Vesta's house position, below). If this happens, your disciplines or work habits become rigid and inflexible and you end up feeling out of touch with yourself. By constantly re-anchoring your physical drive and work energy in your sense of inner spiritual presence, you can renew the sense of fulfilling dedication to your goals.

Vesta in 5th House

Vesta in the fifth house indicates that creative play and exploration constitute the sphere of life in which you tend to experience dedication or sacrifice. This includes such things as creative self-expression, spontaneity, sports, children, and romantic experiences (which often involve a spirit of play and exploration). This sense of sacrifice could be expressed either as denial (including self-denial) of these things - perhaps for the sake of duty or some other commitment or goal (which may be spiritual or religious in nature); or as an intense one-pointed focus and sacrificial dedication to these very things themselves. You might, for example, be committed to artistic work but struggle with bouts of creative block; or you might experience self-denial for the sake of your children, or be denied the ability to have children. Sexual or spiritual energies might be sublimated into creative endeavors, or be important issues where children are concerned. Careful consideration of these activities or issues will help you understand how to best manage your sense of commitment and remain centered in your self.

Sun Sextile Vesta Orb: 03°39'

Your Vesta forms a harmonious aspect with the Sun. You are able to balance the need for intense concentration and work with the need for fun and games, and taking time for yourself. Perhaps you dedicate yourself to or make sacrifices for the sake of creativity, children, self-expression, or the dramatic arts. Your approach to spirituality is one that affirms your inner essence and helps you find your spiritual authority from within. Your awareness of the sacredness of the self and of life energies may extend to your sexual energies as well.

Neptune Opposite Vesta Orb: 04°41'

Your Vesta forms a challenging aspect with Neptune. The Neptunian transcendental urges conflict with Vesta's inability to see a split between the spirituality and the physical/sexual aspects of life. The pursuit of spiritual or artistic endeavors may, in part, constitute an escape from reality. Or perhaps the need for spiritual or transcendent experience may lead to a denial or condemnation of sexuality. Spiritual or sexual deception or disillusion, or avoidance of commitment may be problems that one has to confront. Escapism can lead to feelings of spiritual disappointment or betrayal at the hands of savior or guru figures. The challenge is to learn to see that the need for transcendent experience and the need to experience the physical world as sacred are not at all contradictory needs. In order to satisfy one, you'll need to learn how to satisfy both. It only seems like a paradox.

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).