

Your Spiritual Path

Astrological Profile for Tina Turner



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Planet	Sign	Position	House	House Cusps
Sun	Sagittarius	04°Sg01'	04th	01 17°Le25'
Moon	Gemini	07°Ge14'	10th	02 10°Vi28'
Mercury	Sagittarius	07°Sg40' R	04th	03 08°Li10'
Venus	Sagittarius	24°Sg59'	05th	04 10°Sc42'
Mars	Pisces	04°Pi48'	07th	05 15°Sg20'
Jupiter	Pisces	28°Pi53'	08th	06 18°Cp08'
Saturn	Aries	25°Ar16' R	09th	07 17°Aq25'
Uranus	Taurus	19°Ta23' R	10th	08 10°Pi28'
Neptune	Virgo	25°Vi14'	02nd	09 08°Ar10'
Pluto	Leo	02°Le48' R	12th	10 10°Ta42'
Midheaven	Taurus	10°Ta42'	10th	11 15°Ge20'
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Each of us has the potential to develop along psychic, intuitive and spiritual lines into the person who best suits our natural gifts. There are essentially three possibilities for how that development may occur:

1. Along the lines dictated by our family, peers and social milieu: Most of us are taught a set of rules as children. Some of those rules prove to be very useful, and some lessons prove to be detrimental to our development, or at least not helpful.

2. Along the lines suggested by your own conscious mind: Each of us is born with the capacity to learn. The person inside us is the life and light of the mind.

3. The inevitable path is a combination of these two possibilities. No one can develop precisely the way someone else dictates. And no one can develop to suit individual desires with no connection to the outer world.

When individuals develop along the lines reflected by their astrological chart, the fullest expression of natural potential is possible. The birth chart places you at the center of your world, and shows your personal relationship to the Sun, Moon and planets. This is the astrological approach to spiritual understanding. It is not limited to one religious sect or emotional expression. The birth chart presents the possibilities that vibrate within your soul, and indicates which will be easier or more difficult to manage.

Your goal or mission is indicated by your natal chart, but you fully understand it only if you are open to the inner spiritual voice that is always present, and is truly your devoted life companion.

The best spiritual path is one that allows you to use your natural talents and skills. Sometimes your latent abilities will require training and practice to develop into spiritual tools. In this report we will consider a number of possibilities to help you get a sense of your talents, and how to develop and use them.

Your Creative Process

The Sun is the source of all physical life as we know it. As children develop, Sun sign characteristics are colored by family circumstances, cultural values, and other environmental influences. Yet we develop according to our own individual character IN SPITE of everything. The voice within us will not be denied. It cannot be eradicated and it never gives up. When we are on an appropriate path to our true spiritual destiny our inner voice is a gentle guide. When we stray into less productive territory, the voice becomes more forceful. When we attempt to stifle this inner voice of character, it waits patiently for the proper moment and speaks again. The Sun sign reveals your conscious attitude toward the external world. The following description of the Sun explores your natural tendencies of mental style and action.

With the Sun in Sagittarius, you are primarily the Intuitive type. Intuitive types listen to their unconscious sources of information, eschewing normal perception. In fact, they are often largely unaware of what is around them in the material world. These people are the inventors, the artists, the forward thinkers because they can see the possibilities of an idea, often before the means of developing it are apparent. Therefore they pursue what they know the world is not yet prepared for. Intuitives jump to conclusions, yes, but not necessarily without the intermediate steps. They either go through those steps at light speed by sizing up an underlying principle or they simply recognize an inevitable match of an idea's potential with their own desires. Intuitives fit into the educational system rather well, as many high school and college courses make use of the deductive skills intuitives share with the thinking type. You may respond well to the timed testing that is prevalent today. You can master the complexities of mathematics because you can grasp the results without having to ground your learning in some physical way. Intuitives contribute through their inventiveness. You are generally willing to sacrifice the pleasure of the moment in the hope of greater future achievement. You are also restless and crave inspiration. Because you thrive in situations where getting to the answer is important, you are good at problem-solving and tasks that require ingenuity. Careers in the creative arts, religious inspiration and scientific discovery all suit the intuitive type. You can become an inspired leader or promoter. For you the game is more important than winning, the chase more interesting than the end result.

How You Express Your Will

The Sun indicates your will power and its direction. One of the reasons we can identify Sun signs in other people is that they are often willful in their actions. Especially in childhood they are determined, demanding and rebellious against anything that does not conform to their will. The Children of each Sun show us the power of will. The information about your Sun sign focuses on the potential expression (and the associated undercurrents).

I will be impractical (when idealism does not require it). I will be dogmatic (when definite is enough). I will be gullible (when honest assessment is better). I will scatter my energy (when a philosophical attitude accomplishes more). I will gamble (when a little play is enough). I will be self-righteous (when justice needs a bit of mercy).

Your Sun is in the 4th house. The mid-section of your body is where your attention goes when you are working on any creative project, and you evaluate progress by asking if things feel right. The more your conscious awareness focuses on the inner feeling barometer, the more you become aware of the feelings of others and even psychic currents around you. You assimilate data of this kind almost by osmosis. The Solar Plexus Chakra is a spiritual focus for you. This spiritual balance point can be affected by food, emotions, and mental intake. You may need a quiet period after meals or after psychic stress. You can examine and change your core beliefs by facing situations head on where they are challenged, especially by males. You find that you function best when you are not struggling in this area. Therefore you may want to do the personal work of self-discovery in the privacy of your own home.

Aspects of the Sun

You are aware of the apparent differences between spirit and soul as they are expressed in your daily life. You often struggle to decide what activities are the best for you personally, and you may even try to make this decision for other people from time to time. A companion on the spiritual path can be very helpful. Common sense guides your daily activities, and this is just as true of your spiritual path. You study and evaluate what you are taught, and you apply your spiritual values in your daily work and play activities, not separating one from the

other. You have tremendous physical energy that can be applied to the pursuit of spiritual goals. Put your best effort into each of your life activities, all the while keeping the spiritual component in mind. By engaging your heart completely in each act, you come to understand spiritual unity more fully. Your good fortune, seemingly accidental in character, is more likely the consequence or effect of your aspiration to express love through wisdom, and wisdom through love. People are comfortable in your presence. You are able to cut through the delusion of the material world to the heart of your spiritual power. You comprehend the continuity of your psychic states as you move between spiritual planes, and even between lives.

Core Beliefs

Much of the pain and limitation we experience is the result of being taught so-called "truths" that are incompatible with our core beliefs. Family and society train us, and sometimes little is done to nurture our individual realities. It is up to you to identify and nurture the values that are meaningful to you. When the filtering process is undertaken, you uncover a "truth" that is unique to you.

The Moon

The Moon reflects the soul. It governs fluids in your body and imagination in your mind. It generally represents a less conscious part of your being, and reflects the quality and flexibility of your memory. If the Sun indicates the most likely course of your spiritual path, the Moon indicates some of the qualities of the path itself.

With the Moon in Gemini, your secondary mental style is primarily the Thinking type. Your inner voice is logical - perhaps too logical - and it can have an aloof, cold quality. You may find yourself critiquing your actions in a logical way when your emotional or other response was perfectly suited to the situation. The inner voice can be used to analyze your actions, but you will want to avoid becoming obsessive about every detail of your life. Internal logic is useful in school and other learning situations, as it serves to gather and organize large quantities of material quickly and neatly. A very real advantage of this inner thinking style is that you may reach a conclusion intuitively or on the basis of feelings, and then examine its logical basis at your leisure. The ability to apply reason to your life - cognitive skills - can help you to be socially graceful while also serving your personal desires. You also develop a capacity for delayed gratification of sensual impulses that would not serve your best interests. If an impulse is evaluated and the logic holds up, then you can take action, knowing that you are not violating your internal intellectual.

Communication is one of the surest ways to test or evaluate your beliefs. People in your peer group help you to determine which core beliefs are truly yours - they identify patterns that suit your family in general, but don't suit you in particular.

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understand how you take in new ideas, and also how you express them to others. As you assimilate new ideas on the spiritual path, examine how they mesh with your earlier life experience, and build on that foundation. Emotional friction in your activities can make you feel separated from your inner being. Use your physical energy to push through emotional barriers by finding ways to work out feelings without hurting others. Stick with each feeling until you understand how it motivates you. You demand discipline from yourself, and you expect it in others. You may have had harsh teachers. Your spiritual path focuses on compassion for others, and you have to develop compassion for yourself as well. When others provoke fear in you, look also for the love they struggle to express. Power surges around you all the time, and you find you gradually become more attuned to its currents and nuances. Your spirit guides you towards power, not for its own sake, but so that you can learn how to use it well. Your less conscious mental style suits what you know about yourself. You are more comfortable than most people with the paradox of being conscious while operating from a less conscious base of spiritual strength.

The Fourth House

The sign on the Fourth House cusp indicates the filter through which you view your core beliefs. It is the wellspring of all the best, most creative and most powerful ideas you will have throughout your lifetime. It indicates the refrain that the inner voice sings to you when you are sad or filled with joy, when you are pessimistic or optimistic, when you are afraid or when you are experiencing the power of love in your life.

You have Scorpio on the Fourth House cusp. Your core beliefs center on the transforming events that occur throughout your life. You have a sense of change and its inevitability, and you may tend to seek change because it is comfortable. The stability of long-term households and relationships may escape you until you identify other principles at work in your core beliefs.

For example, you often feel you are guided on a path, and that change is part of that guidance. You are a "seeker," and you are often looking to the horizon for the next experience even while you are immersed in the present one. Though the tug of new experience is important to your development, it is also important for you to complete each task you are dealt. In this way you resolve karmic responsibility more fully, and take what you have learned into the next phase of your life.

As you develop the capacity for contemplative activity, you will find that there can be pauses between experiences. It is during these times that you are able to integrate your experiences into a package of temperament and skills. If your childhood and family conditioning have focused on the changes very strongly, you will need to cultivate the capacity to tolerate moments when there is little perceivable change. It is in these interludes that you can develop a sense of readiness for the next cycle.

The most fundamental beliefs you have center on desire and its satisfaction. Desire will be experienced on the physical level in terms of sexual and other physical appetites, on the mental plane in terms of ambition, on the emotional in terms of fear and anger, and on the spiritual in terms of pride. If cruelty has been part of your early life experience, you will need to resolve your issues around this point before you can deal effectively with the others. When this has been accomplished to some degree, then you can proceed with life, making decisions based on your own beliefs, rather than tethered to beliefs imposed by other people.

The Inner Voice

Planets in the Fourth House reflect the inner voice that accompanies you throughout your life. They indicate the kind of people and experiences that most directly connect you to your core beliefs.

Planets in the Fourth House

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Mercury in 4th House:

People tend to adapt their attitudes to align with yours, but only when you are able to provide convincing reasons to do so. Otherwise they just keep talking until you give in or feel forced to leave the conversation altogether.

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ideas can develop into deep philosophical understanding. You may become a teacher for others, as you recognize the effort required and can inspire it in your students. Powerful will stands behind your words, whether they focus on spiritual matters or mundane circumstances.

Communication and Mental Development

Most of us were taught a set of "truths" in childhood and we were expected to accept them. To supplement what you have been taught by your parents, teachers, and the world at large, you need to develop a spiritual learning style that works for you. If you then decide to teach others, you must develop communication skills that let you share these experiences clearly and meaningfully with your students.

Training Your Conscious Mind

Three factors contribute to your ability to train your conscious mind for spiritual development:

- * the natural direction of your thinking
- * training to take advantage of this direction
- * training your nervous system, and learning to respond to it

Element of Mercury

The angel Raphael is associated with healing in the Bible. The capacity for both companionship and healing forms the essence of Mercury's expression.

With Mercury in Sagittarius, your communication style is primarily the Intuitive type. Spiritual healing and well being develop through the conflict between the present and the future. Because healing energy is directed through intellect, you benefit from mental training that focuses on listening to intuition and feelings first, and then seeks ways to confirm that information through logical means. Healing on the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual levels occurs when conflict is accepted and examined, and then resolved.

Training the conscious mind involves reasoning on the conscious level. Spiritual Education teaches how to engage your intuitive function. Intuition can be trained. Mercury reflects a specific way for you to learn about intuition. See the section on Uranus for more information on your intuitive ability.

You enjoy pursuing ideas to their logical and/or philosophical outcome. You cultivate relationships with teachers throughout your life, and you may become a skilled teacher in your own right. Mental training is second nature to you.

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Self Esteem and the Development of Spiritual Partnerships

The power of mind is unlimited, except by our own thinking. As you proceed along the spiritual path, self-esteem grows. Relationship with another person is a powerful force for the development of self-esteem and for spiritual growth.

Venus has been called the alter ego of the Earth. Very close to the same size as the earth, Venus has an atmosphere inhospitable to human life. The inner reaches of the unconscious mind were long thought to be inhospitable as well. Modern psychology has delved into the mechanism of mind, and religious mystics have long studied the rocky terrain to be found within each of us. The consensus is that to evolve spiritually, we must first look at ourselves. One way to do this is through relationship with others.

Romantic, business and other relationships all offer us the opportunity to project our thoughts onto other people. The evolutionary nature of a relationship allows us to explore our desires. Then we can achieve spiritual connections that transcend sexual expression.

Right relationships between people provides inner awareness that helps us to mediate between personality and soul, between physical life and higher consciousness. Only through fusion of these apparently separate facets of your being can you approach true knowledge.

The Planet Venus provides indications about your best approach to spiritual partnerships.

With Venus in Sagittarius, your best approach to healthy partnering is through the Intuitive function. Your inspirational energy comes from scientific mental activity-you gather practical facts to help manifest love in your life. You are able to discriminate between extremes, and to explore a variety of options in search of the one best way to complete a project. You are able to see the future potential of the loving energy that goes into today's work.

remain focused, and from them you learn how to contain and use your idealistic intuition to good advantage.

Your Venus is in the 5th House. You often experience strong physical attraction to other people, which could be mistaken for romantic love, but which may also be the result of pure magnetism. You can increase your knowledge very quickly through contact with any person who has this intense attraction for you.

Venus Aspects

Your sense of form and harmony extend into the important relationships of your life. You seek a strong philosophical connection to match the physical passion. Faithfulness is a key factor if your relationship is to support your spiritual growth, and trust has to work both ways in the partnership. Your sense of duty makes you a stable factor in difficult situations. Faithful completion of your accepted duties brings spiritual contentment into your life. Sexual relationships tend to arouse your idealistic nature and may have little foundation for a long-term relationship. Once past the initial stage of love however, your imagination fuels the flame of intense spirituality and you are capable of ecstatic insights. Mystical practices can enhance your sex life. The significant relationships in your life all share a profound loving capacity. You appreciate visual expressions of spiritual values. Women provide illumination of your ego so that you can become more conscious. At the same time they can challenge your core beliefs and make you aware of inconsistencies. Your generally affectionate nature attracts both good and bad influences. You have to sort them out for yourself.

Doubt, Resistance, and the Development of Psychic Ability

The spiritual path has a number of potential pitfalls. Some of the most treacherous of these lie within our own minds. Our innermost thoughts become a prison, trapping us within walls of our own making. These may be the karmic result of the past, or they may be the result of recent actions. There are several ways we cause our own difficulties:

1) Secrets - Privacy and secrets are part of the picture. Children love the feeling of independence and power that comes with a secret. Problems only arise when the secrets we keep are detrimental to ourselves or to others.

2) Doubts - When a situation causes you to doubt, it is largely because it is incongruent with what you have learned in the past. You want something new, but your unconscious is in turmoil. You feel naughty, anxious, reluctant, or undeserving. Because of what you have learned from people you trust or from what you have read, you doubt your own decision-making ability.

3) Resistance - Resistance is not all bad. If change were too easy, we would have no stability. We could be talked into all sorts of things. What we need is a way to identify resistance for what it is, and then find ways to work with it.

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Developing Your Psychic Ability

We use our psychic senses to understand the world of the present. You can train yourself to be more aware of the nuances of psychic awareness, and Neptune indicates how you can develop this ability. You will then connect with the earth and other people in new ways, and also confirm the significance of your spiritual values.

With Neptune in Virgo, your private, psychic style is primarily the Sensation type.

You understand people at the intuitive level, but may find that their outer actions baffle you. While you can be completely logical, the psychic information you obtain may need to be examined fully before its internal logic is revealed. Your interest in healing certainly extends to the emotional, mental and spiritual healing that many people are seeking. You may find that this healing inclination arises in the spiritual realm and seeks grounding in the material. You have the capacity to heal, but only when you have completed a thorough self-examination and remove the blinders of your own ego.

When you consider your own behavior, you may notice that nagging others arises from an internalized message about your own behavior. Obsessing over details may reflect behaviors you learned in childhood. You internalized these behaviors more or less unconsciously, but you can now examine them and begin to set them aside in favor of more positive communication styles. As you learn to be more generous with yourself, you find you relax around other people. As you curtail your nagging behavior with others, you find that you are generally more satisfied with your own efforts.

Neptune is in the 2nd House. You have a way with design. Your furniture always seems to be in the right place, both on the physical level and on the spiritual plane. You will find that alcohol and drugs do little for you, and will want to manage even prescription medications very carefully.

Neptune Aspects

Sexual relationships tend to arouse your idealistic nature and may have little foundation for a long-term relationship. Once past the initial stage of love however, your imagination fuels the flame of intense spirituality and you are capable of ecstatic insights. Mystical practices can enhance your sex life. You seek the company of visionaries, as you appreciate their ability to speculate on the future and to develop something radically new and different out of something well established. You either succumb to your impressionability, and gullibility, or you learn to discern the motives that drive others and then make your own decisions. Your capacity to use compassion constructively places you in a responsible position. Use your knowledge to help others and you find you move toward your own spiritual goals. You have natural psychic ability that can express through mediumship, conscious psychic or telepathic communication and mystical interests. This needs to be balanced with physical grounding of some kind. You have strong compassion for others, yet you may be inconsistent in the application of effort in trying to help them. You often expect more from a situation than you get, spiritually or otherwise. Psychic energies bombard you and cause distress until you learn to read the messages in terms of yourself. Seek the answer within instead of projecting the message onto other people, even if you think the message is about them.

The sign on the Twelfth House indicates how you color issues of doubt and resistance. It also reflects your most direct approach to your psychic insights.

You have Cancer on the Twelfth House cusp. You can perceive the flow of psychic energy around you when you are in a quiet place. As the skill grows, you find that you understand your connection to the earth and to spirit more fully. The sound of water running, as in a small fountain, provides a rhythmic tone that enhances your meditation and allows you to transport yourself into a different mood, if not a different place.

Planets in the Twelfth House

Planets in the Twelfth House have just risen over the horizon. They have a quality similar to the Sun in that they are casting their influence on you in a fresh, genuine expression of their energy. You accept this energy and consider it, but you may not choose to reveal your thoughts to anyone else.

Both doubts and psychic strengths are a reflection of planets in the Twelfth House that serve as guideposts along the path of self-discovery. Your private thoughts may center on the qualities these planets represent. Your teachers may exemplify the qualities of these planets to the extent that they reach your inner psychic core and help you understand your potential. In the end these planets indicate qualities that you can bring into the world to help others, as well as the feelings of compassion surrounding all your activities.

Pluto in 12th House:

Death has played a large part in creating doubt about your abilities. Use private time to examine your present knowledge and skills, and you may find that confidence replaces doubt. You need the quiet moments to build your power.

Twelfth House Aspects

Power surges around you all the time, and you find you gradually become more attuned to its currents and nuances. Your spirit guides you towards power, not for its own sake, but so that you can learn how to use it well. You are able to cut through the delusion of the material world to the heart of your spiritual power. You comprehend the continuity of your psychic states as you move between spiritual planes, and even between lives. Powerful will stands behind your words, whether they focus on spiritual matters or mundane circumstances. You are able to work all situations to your advantage. If you press a bit more lightly, you may find that the subtle results are better. You could become a charismatic leader in the spiritual arena, but your best motivation is not power. Teaching others is a better reason for rising to a leadership position. You can bull your way to success at the expense of the people around you, or you can learn to step outside your own ego and see the larger importance of your actions. Your strength makes you a powerful practitioner of magic, and also permits profound spiritual development in seclusion or silence. You have great power to affect the world and to gain self-awareness. Even when you are using your power in your career or other areas of your life, recall the goal of spiritual self-awareness, moment to moment.

Death and Transformation as Spiritual Processes

Pluto, Scorpio and the Eighth House in the birth chart deal with issues of death and transformation. On the spiritual path a shaman must undergo a death-like initiation in order to come into his or her shamanic powers. In our own lives we continually experience the death of old ways of being and the birth of new possibilities. Transformative events can teach lessons concerning your spiritual growth:

- * They are signposts to indicate progress.
- * They allow you to modify your behavior in positive ways.
- * They remind you to be gentle and kind with yourself.
- * They remind you to accept yourself as you are, and to move forward.
- * They remind you to support and encourage the child within yourself, just as you would encourage another person.

The Eighth House in your chart defines the mechanisms for change and self-acceptance that are most appropriate for you. By understanding them you develop a sense of self and a set of behaviors that lead more directly to your goal. You discard behaviors that no longer serve you in your journey on the spiritual path.

Scorpio is the natural sign on the Eighth House, and the associated planet is Pluto. How appropriate that Pluto, mythological ruler of the underworld, should be the planetary ruler of the Eighth House of death and transformation.

Yet Pluto attracts the living, though it cannot hold on to them for long. So it is with life. We are attracted to one way of doing things, but we know that change is the only certainty in life. As we travel the spiritual path, we find that each ending is the source of a new beginning, and that we often benefit from even the most traumatic events. By descending into the world of darkness and pain, we borrow a bit of Pluto's power, so that on the next step along the path we are stronger and more courageous.

With Pluto in Leo, your approach to death and transformation is primarily through the Intuitive function. Your most direct way of managing transformative events is to will yourself to envision the future. Whether this means imagining life without someone who has left you, or simply moving from one home to another, your strength lies in the ability to listen to your own intuition.

Yet you also sense the hand of the divine - however you define divinity in your life - in the unfolding of a larger plan. While in the moment of transition you may feel helpless and weak, you don't remain helpless for long because you quickly begin to evaluate clues about outcome. You gather information from your surroundings, your thoughts, your feelings, and your sense of spiritual connection to the energy around you.

You wish to rule, and so do a lot of your peers. This could lead to trouble if you all think you have to be the first and the best. Once you experience coming in second or third, you focus your sights on those areas that truly matter to you. Then you make spiritual progress along with achieving career and other successes.

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The Eighth House

The sign on the Eighth House cusp indicates the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual approach you take when dealing with birth, death and transformation.

You have Pisces on the Eighth House cusp. Your stage is set so that you can maintain your reserve. You don't want your personal change process out there for everyone to see. You like to think you have inner composure that can overcome emotionally agitating obstacles. It is important to you to reflect that composure in your outer demeanor. When caught off guard, you revert to childhood patterns. You may have been overwhelmed by the burden of responsibility you bore, and power struggles with others may have colored your experiences. Or you may have learned early to cultivate a sort of dreamy hopefulness in the face of whatever came your way. If you find, as an adult, that you respond much too forcefully in a power struggle, you may be dismayed at the emotional nature of your outbursts. Acceptance of that emotional inner child provides the first step on the path to true inner tranquility.

Planets in the Eighth House

Jupiter in 8th House:

You are a materialist, no doubt about it. You are also a spiritual being, on a spiritual path. So while you are gathering those material goods to you, maintain your own optimism, and encourage someone else to do the same. The path will be rather lonely if you think so much of yourself that no one can live up to your standards. First you must learn to accept your own greater good. What others offer you may not always be what you want, but often it is just what you need. By learning to accept these "gifts" as your spiritual due, you learn to give to others with both wisdom and love. Progress is swift when the flow is going both ways. Birth and death are your most powerful spiritual teachers. In the living events of your life you find both struggle and attainment. You face losses on a daily basis and you can use these

experiences to understand your relationship with spirit. You also experience the birth of new ideas and feelings all the time. As you develop an understanding of the rhythm of life and death, you approach an understanding of transcendence in your life.

Eighth House Aspects

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The Development of Intuition

Intuition is an ability beyond logical thinking. Through it you can consider future outcomes. In the Buddhist tradition, intuition is a mental ability, equal to intellect that can provide direct insight. In mathematics intuition is the capacity to "guess" the answer to a problem, skipping the regular logical processes.

Intuition is more than your inner voice. Intuition is one of the methods by which you understand the world. It is a skill you can develop and use consciously. Intuition often surfaces during meditation. When the mind is quiet, then intuition can be heard. Once trained, you can access intuition by stopping your normal waking process and entering the calm that you have cultivated.

The planet associated with intuition is Uranus. With Uranus in Taurus, your intuition works best through the Sensation function. Your intuition comes to you in very concrete images. For example, you can see a piece of land and clearly envision a house, a road, or a bridge being built there. You actually see the finished product in your mind's eye, and then take the practical steps to achieve the result you see. You also can find multiple uses of tools, and can usually handle an emergency with whatever materials and tools you have available.

It's like you "beam" yourself to another location or time, where the difficulty can be resolved. You are quick-thinking in the most difficult situations.

Uranus Aspects

You have natural psychic ability that can express through mediumship, conscious psychic or telepathic communication and mystical interests. This needs to be balanced with physical grounding of some kind. Sudden changes in direction have dramatic effects on your personal, social and spiritual life. Harsh events can be the source of spiritual growth.

The Midheaven: Self-Awareness and the Use of Intuition

How can you use your self-awareness to access intuition, a presumably involuntary, less conscious capacity? To take the direct, conscious path is challenging at best. This method only works if you can consciously enter unconscious territory, and by definition, that territory is unconscious because you cannot access it directly. You can rarely dive in intentionally.

You can wait for intuition to arise naturally without doing anything. Or you can practice meditation. It is fairly easy to learn and requires no particular physical or mental skills, except the ability to focus the mind.

In addition, you have specific avenues, or points of focus, to aid you in the practice. The sign on the Midheaven indicates an area of the subconscious that you can access through meditation, thereby identifying spiritual keys to your development. By going within, you find the higher values most suited to your own path.

With the Midheaven in Taurus, your self-awareness and your path to self-realization are primarily through the Sensation function.

Your unconscious relationship to power probably began in childhood. Depending on how your parents or other authority figures exercised their power, you have learned patterns of behavior and methods for getting your own way. It is important to become aware of these patterns, as they can be valuable conscious resources or treacherous swamps of ineffective unconscious behavior.

You have a deeply rooted capacity for healing yourself and others. When you are in tune with this ability, you are able to accomplish transformations in the emotional systems that surround you, thus transforming the effectiveness of your associates and family. Through an understanding of your personal values and strengths, you can learn to exercise your own power fairly and judiciously, while retaining the capacity to exert force on every level when that is needed.

Midheaven Aspects

love-wisdom. In your public life you find expansive, rich examples of how the laws of the universe unfold and what they mean to you. Accept the teachings, not with a sense of egotism, but with a sense of responsibility, even duty. Psychic energies bombard you and cause distress until you learn to read the messages in terms of yourself. Seek the answer within instead of projecting the message onto other people, even if you think the message is about them. You have great power to affect the world and to gain self-awareness. Even when you are using your power in your career or other areas of your life, recall the goal of spiritual self-awareness, moment to moment.

Karma and Dharma

Perhaps no single principle of Asian religions has fascinated us more than karma and its link to reincarnation. Karma refers to the cause and effect relationship between what we do and the results we get. Our actions bring reactions, constructive and not so constructive. However, everyday feedback often comes from individuals who are no more clear about their spiritual values than we are. So, what should you take seriously?

How does karma work in your life? Will it be played out in your next incarnation, or will you experience it in the here-and-now?

Certainly you do not have to believe in karma or reincarnation to make progress along your spiritual path. However, if you do astrology can offer insight into what factors in the past may be influencing you today. The following are suggestions concerning past influences. Think of them as relating to family and childhood experience, or you can relate them to your past lives, or both.

With Saturn in Aries, you experience karma and dharma primarily through the Intuitive function. Intelligent activity in your life is inspired by your vision. You live in the moment, and you place yourself there in three ways: 1. You welcome the opportunity to make wise decisions. Because of this you dislike being forced to make decisions without thinking things through carefully; 2. You are generally able to look at your past and accept as just that-the past. Yet you consider the lessons you have learned and apply them to your present life; or 3. You use your intuition to prepare for the future. You are often able to forecast future events accurately, even though it seems unlikely that you would know what is going to happen.

The spiritual path will transmute your material ambition into a higher aspiration to use intelligent activity in service to humanity. Instead of ruling, you aspire to be the facilitator of each person's individual progress.

Your Saturn is in the 9th House. Events that focus your attention on transcendent values involve time, authority and responsibility. You tend to be harder on yourself than anyone else is because you expect perfection in yourself. When disagreements arise with others, you may take them to heart, worrying about what you could have done differently, even if there was no other possible outcome. Qualities that Saturn helps you to develop include patience, compassion, and humility. You know very well that your skills are gifts from a higher source, and you learn to apply them to tasks in your life without feeling spiritual pride in your own actions. As you experience the death of loved ones and the weakening of your own physical powers, you come to understand the cyclical nature of physical life and the

immortality of spirit.

Saturn Aspects

You demand discipline from yourself, and you expect it in others. You may have had harsh teachers. Your spiritual path focuses on compassion for others, and you have to develop compassion for yourself as well. When others provoke fear in you, look also for the love they struggle to express. You seek people with whom you can engage in serious spiritual work. Your capacity to concentrate on ideas can develop into deep philosophical understanding. You may become a teacher for others, as you recognize the effort required and can inspire it in your students. Your sense of duty makes you a stable factor in difficult situations. Faithful completion of your accepted duties brings spiritual contentment into your life. Your capacity to use compassion constructively places you in a responsible position. Use your knowledge to help others and you find you move toward your own spiritual goals. You can bull your way to success at the expense of the people around you, or you can learn to step outside your own ego and see the larger importance of your actions. Your strength makes you a powerful practitioner of magic, and also permits profound spiritual development in seclusion or silence. Associations with individuals much older than yourself are the stuff of your spiritual education. Examine your inhibitions (you have some), and seek to break out of your natural desire to isolate yourself. You learn to take small, careful steps on any path, but you find that a steady pace results in positive outcomes. You work well with older people.

Transcendent Values

Behind what you know about yourself - behind all other considerations of spirituality, lie the transcendent values that are most important to you. These are the values you have worked to discover from among all the rules you have been taught. They are the reason you have read books, studied with teachers, privately pondered and examined the events of your life. They are the fundamental principles that you believe will help you find fulfillment as a human being. As such they are the source of energy behind your self-awareness, the motivation of your spiritual search, and the principles that you apply to your dharma, or life path.

With Jupiter in Pisces, your approach to and understanding of transcendent values is primarily through the Feeling function. You find it easy to expand your emotional range to encompass other people, large projects, and even global thinking. You naturally want to engage with others because this is one of the principal ways you learn. While you may use intellect skillfully in your daily activities, it is at the emotional heart level that you connect to the planet, to humanity, and to spirit. It may seem that fusion of heart and mind is easier when Jupiter is in a water sign because we ordinarily experience the values of the heart in an emotional way. However, such fusion is not limited to water signs, nor do water signs limit the possible expression of transcendent values in any way. One advantage to this placement is that a constant flow of spiritual energy is possible. You may benefit from a meditation practice that focuses on the flows of energy through your body, whether it be breath or energy on a higher plane.

If you have no contemplative guidance system, you can fall prey to moods induced by alcohol and drugs. What works better is a relatively quiet life, or at least finding a quiet space in which you can rest from the emotional impressions swirling around you. Then the spiritual path can make itself known to you.

Aspects of Jupiter

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The Ninth House

You have Aries on the Ninth House cusp. The transcendent values you work with begin with the capacity to exert your personal will in the world - to be what you want to be and to do what you want to do. By understanding this value, you can begin to manifest creatively in both the material and spiritual worlds. You find that sometimes you feel as though you are engaged in a battle of proper expression, and you seek to encourage others in the same direction. All of your efforts - to be, to do, and to encourage others - lead to unity, but you must exert effort in the process. Matter is the vehicle for expression in the physical world, and the soul is your vehicle on the higher plane. Spirit is the third factor you seek to understand.

Planets in the Ninth House

Saturn in 9th House:

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Mars: Your Spiritual Persona

Mars indicates an area of life that is vitally important to your spiritual growth. Whatever path you choose, this factor will come up again and again. Others will see how it affects you, but they are unlikely to understand the depth of its significance. You yourself may not understand the power of this influence on your life.

The Element of Mars

Mars is naturally associated with Aries, a fire sign. Traditionally Mars was also associated with Scorpio, a water sign. Thus the expression of Mars shares the nature of these two elements to some extent. The movement between water and fire involves the capacity for discriminating awareness. Mars governs the five senses-touch, taste, sight, hearing and smell. The position of Mars directly reflects your capacity to relate to the world through your senses.

With Mars in Pisces, your spiritual persona is expressed most fluently through the Feeling function. You are like a steam engine in many ways. Once you get rolling, it is nearly impossible to slow you down. You are able and willing to push into territory that other people shrink from, and you come out of difficult situations more or less in one piece, with your enthusiasm intact. You exemplify the connection between the past and the future in your devotion to whatever task you set for yourself. You are not satisfied until this connection has been made and you understand it. Spiritually you have to understand your karma from the past in order to guide your present decisions. Thus you may press deeper into your personal and family history, and even into past lives.

House Placement of Mars

Your Mars is in the 7th House. The focus of your spiritual persona is on issues of partnership. From childhood you have placed high value on close relationships. You demand a lot from an intimate partner, and you throw your energy into returning the favor. The partner is a mirror for your spiritual values, your feelings, and your expression. Your devotion to one special partner provides a path to service. Any contact with the general public is seen as a spiritual opportunity.

Mars Aspects

Emotional friction in your activities can make you feel separated from your inner being. Use your physical energy to push through emotional barriers by finding ways to work out feelings without hurting others. Stick with each feeling until you understand how it motivates you. You have tremendous physical energy that can be applied to the pursuit of spiritual goals. Put your best effort into each of your life activities, all the while keeping the spiritual component in mind. By engaging your heart completely in each act, you come to understand spiritual unity more fully. An argumentative style pervades your inner dialogue, and may invade your interactions with others. Yet these people are able to help you develop your spiritual determination. Through them you will gain a broader range of judgment, making you a formidable voice for expressing spiritual values. You are able to work all situations to your advantage. If you press a bit more lightly, you may find that the subtle results are better. It is important for you to maintain a consistent rhythm, including the physical, astral and spiritual in your daily meditation. Working with others lifts you spiritually.

The Ascendant: Expressing Spirit in the World

The Ascendant provides a personal anchor for understanding spiritual potential and process in the birth chart. It shows how you express yourself in the world. This is because the rising sign represents choice - you choose what you want to show to the world. Ultimately, however, you come back to the Sun sign on the spiritual level.

Each person learns about the Sun sign's higher spiritual values and cultivates those values by developing the positive traits of the Ascendant. Each sign as it rises brings to light different personality traits, different physical appearance, and a different sense of spiritual direction. The rising sign offers a container for your experimentation with constructive, creative personal choices about how to act in the world. Later you can take this practice back to the Sun sign and master its lessons.

the ripening of the fruit. Will, for us, is the drive to creativity in the material world, and aspiration on the spiritual plane.

You only need to observe the activities of children between the ages of ten and twelve or thirteen to understand the power of will. At their best they are fully engaged in life, seeking a wide range of experiences, and creatively interacting with their peers. They are testing their wills against those of parents, teachers, and acquaintances. They are learning how to manage the force of will that drives them. There is a blending or fusion of all life's experiences for this age group that reflects the energy of Leo on the Ascendant quite well. Leo will gather information on the intuitive plane, measure it against what is perceived through the physical senses, and then mobilize the spirit behind whatever action is taken. This process results in a degree of self-consciousness that was not there previously.

The focus of physical energy is on the heart and the spine. Clear intuition often comes through the heart center, and clear effort depends on mental and emotional structure like that of the spine. The two need to work together to accomplish anything on either the physical or spiritual level. Perhaps the most powerful piece of writing I have encountered that speaks to the fusion of intuition and will is the Heart Sutra. This Buddhist text is a short poetic expression of the true nature of things. The complete text is included in the Appendix. Here I wish to include a couple of thoughts:

1. "Form is emptiness and the very emptiness is form." This basic statement incorporates the paradox of existence in its basic form. It is possible for the Leo Ascendant to grasp the nature of the paradox and make it the spiritual guide for the Will.

2. The mantra, or spell, included in the Heart Sutra is as follows:

(Gate is pronounced gah'tay)

Gate gate paragate parasamgate bodhi svaha.

Gone gone gone beyond gone altogether beyond, O what an awakening, all-hail!

Because the mantra is from Sanskrit, reciting the Sanskrit words may have more power (this is probably true of all spells and mantras). However, the English translation retains both the rhythm and the "g" sounds that are integral elements of the mantra. Imagine a room full of monks repeating the mantra in their deep voices. The mantra is heard, but the vibration also affects the heart directly.

Ascendant Aspects

Your generally affectionate nature attracts both good and bad influences. You have to sort them out for yourself. You learn to take small, careful steps on any path, but you find that a steady pace results in positive outcomes. You work well with older people. Sudden changes in direction have dramatic effects on your personal, social and spiritual life. Harsh events can be the source of spiritual growth.