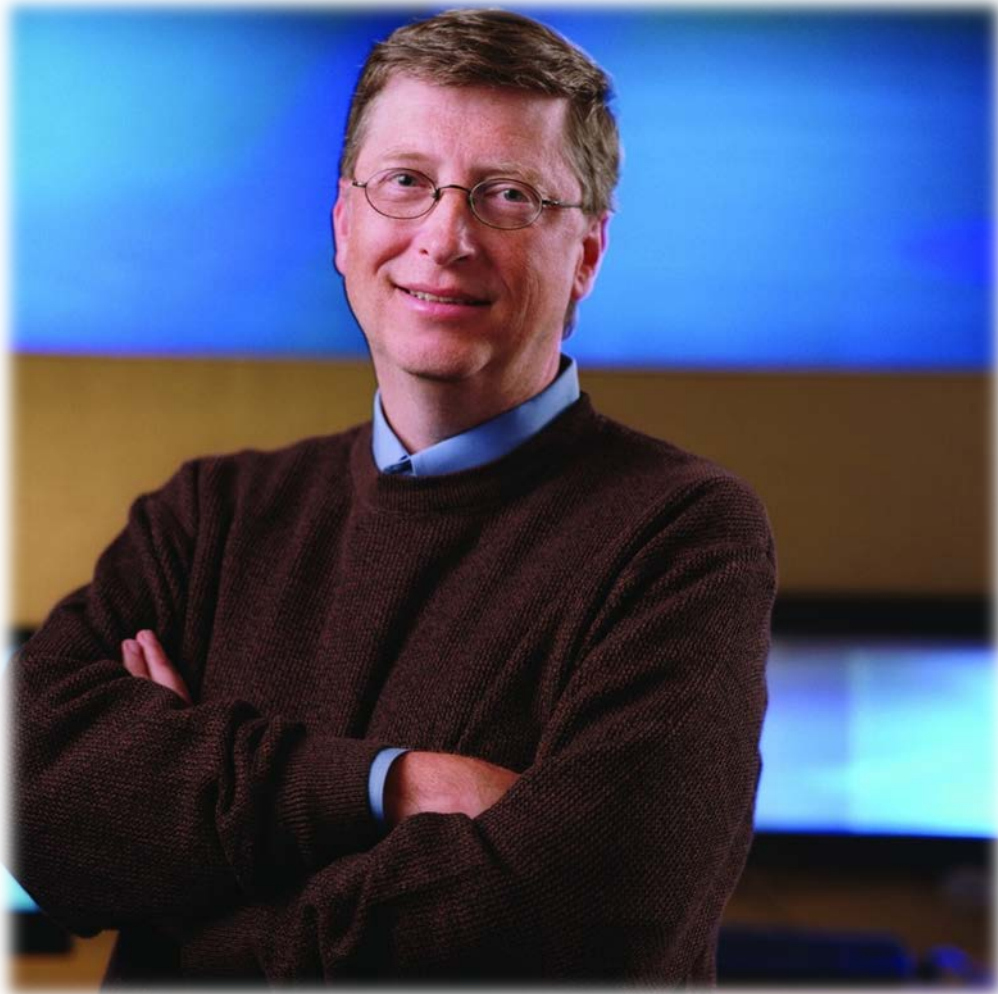


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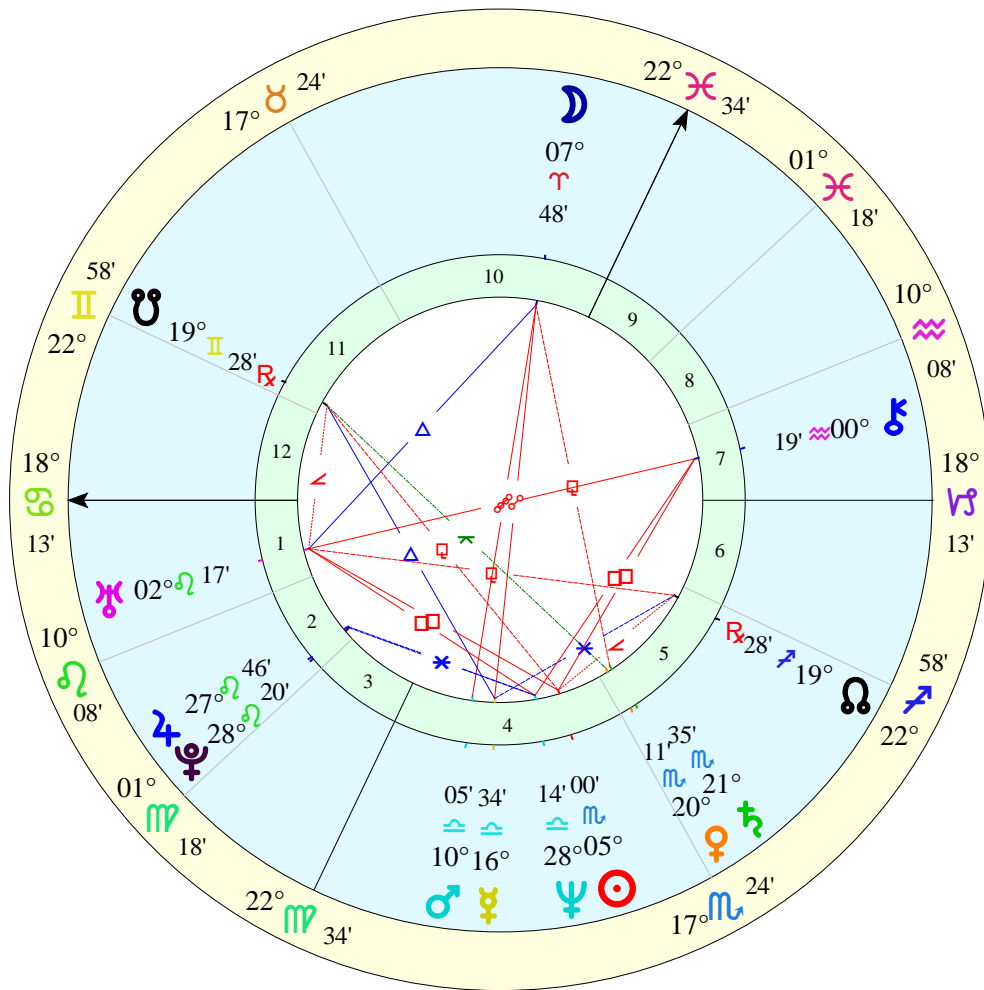


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Introduction



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

- Kahlil Gibran, *The Prophet*

A Fulfilling Vocation

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



Vocation and Destiny



Vocation is the spine of life
-Friedrich Nietzsche

The Lunar Nodes

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

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

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

The South Node in the opposite sign suggests an innate quality that needs to be disseminated and used freely in pursuit of a vocation. It is providence, a gift of inherited qualities from the past that can be used as resources for the future. The South Node suggests that well developed residues need to be dispersed and shared or they may threaten to entrap you. It symbolises what must be utilised in the conscious attempt to fulfil one's destiny. The South Node acts as a dissemination point for what becomes conscious at the North Node. In a way the South Node brings to mind the need to contribute this energy to the familial and social realms, the world at large. Since this energy is instinctual it is not necessarily always consciously directed or purposefully used.

The Lunar Nodes are important to consider in a vocational analysis since this polarity in the



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

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

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

The North Node is in Sagittarius

You were born with the North Node in Sagittarius and the South Node in Gemini, the mutable polarity of the zodiac which aligns with the quest for knowledge and truth. Your South Node suggests that you have a curiosity for life while your North Node suggest a call to adventure, to quest for truth and meaning seeking answers to the larger questions of life. Therefore vocationally it is important to pack a suitcase or strap on a backpack as preparation for a journey of discovery and education. To discover your pathway in the world you will need freedom of movement and lots of opportunities to be mobile. Opportunities for growth, advancement and learning as well as your intuitive and strategic abilities need to be fostered in a career. You need to know that you have an infinite range of possibilities, a freedom of movement, wide-open spaces and a limitless promise of discovery in your career; anything less is disappointing!



Your invitation is to be able to perceive the bigger picture out of the infinite information and communication available. Your task is to make the information meaningful, offer vision in a short sighted environment, see beyond the details and inject spirit into a soulless world. You must battle the dragon of being too logical and rational and use the divine gift of your intuition and perception to make a difference. While you feel more comfortable in the square your destiny lies outside it and you will be called on to be much more visionary and far seeing than you are comfortable with. Your destination points towards education and mentoring. Somewhere along the way you have accumulated a tremendous amount of information, facts and data. In fact you may still feel that you need to gather more through classes, courses and programs. However this may leave you feeling stuck in the role of apprentice and learner, rather than what your destiny pulls you towards and that is the role of educator and visionary. Somehow it is imperative to channel your learning into the creation of new systems of knowledge and education. Your idealism and interest in social education and reform may require that there is a degree of social involvement in your occupation.

Ethics, morals and ideals are important; therefore it is essential that your work reflects your personal ethics. You need to be involved with something that you can believe in and recommend. Your philosophical and humanistic view of the world needs to be utilised, as then an enthusiastic energy that inspires and motivates others is natural. Vocations involving the dispensation of knowledge, sales, motivation and encouraging others to perform beyond their limits are natural for you. Your need for freedom and the necessity to fully express yourself to pursue your goals openly and honestly is important.

The North Node is in the 5th House

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

Therefore the emphasis in your career is on personal self-expression and creativity, encouraging you to learn new creative art forms and skills. When you liberate yourself from being concerned about what others' think or feel your playfulness will emerge. Some name it the inner child, others spontaneity; whatever term is used the mood describes the playground where you can explore and participate in your imagination and creativeness. Destiny provides the audience. You need to develop your spontaneity, creativity and optimism. Whether this is focused on the theatre, the creative arts, production, entertainment, sports, or children you belong in the spotlight. It might not feel comfortable but nonetheless it is where you need to head. If you draw upon your own experiences as a child, what if felt liked being a child or just your own vulnerabilities you will be inspired. Hence your vocation is coloured with innovative and novel ideas and when you let yourself be stimulated by them you will find community support. Metaphorically you are like an artist demonstrating your art to a welcoming public. The trick is to move away from being self conscious toward becoming self expressive.



Vocation and Direction



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

The Ascendant and Angular Planets

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

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

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

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



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

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

1st House Cusp is in Cancer

At the time of your birth the sign Cancer was rising over the horizon. Tentatively you came into the world. You might still be a bit tentative about stepping out into the world but you've probably matured enough to know how to feel safe and secure enough. You also have a knack for making others feel safe and secure in themselves. Once you have a safe nest, a support group or a place to call home you can do almost anything. And this is how the world will challenge you to come out of your shell, as your calling will involve your own personal creativity and self-expression. While your personality might be more inclined to stay at home, vocationally you are called to be adventuresome and explorative. In fact many of your jobs might call on you to reach beyond your comfort zone and cross a cultural line into new ideas, new beliefs and ethics. So it is wise to remember that while you like to play it safe and maybe stick close to home, life beckons you farther afield from home base and familial attitudes.

It is helpful to recognise that the sign Capricorn was setting at your birth, colouring others in your life with an authoritative and capable aura. You are attracted to mature qualities of worldly wisdom and competence in others, suggesting that you can learn from them how to manage and structure your life more successfully. On the other hand, however, you might be inclined to surrender your vocational quest to care for someone who is able to navigate the wide world much better and support you in the process. This would be dangerous for it is these very qualities of authority and competence that you need to develop in order to become more independent. Ironically for someone who would like a traditional and family-orientated life, your vocational path might leads you into brave new worlds to explore to find yourself. Along the way you also help a lot of others to find more meaning and security in themselves.



Vocation and Character



Character is fate.
- Heraclitus

Considering the Sun and Moon

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

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

THE SUN: Virtues of the Essential Self

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

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



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

The Sun is in Scorpio

The eighth sign of the zodiac is the most enigmatic of all and has a reputation for being mysterious and powerful. In the northern hemisphere, Scorpio heralded the ending of the year and the sign became associated with fermentation and decay, as death stalked the countryside and announced the time for withdrawal. Astrologically this realm locates the deepest layers of the human psyche, the forge where integrity is fired and shaped through self-analysis. With the Sun in Scorpio you learn to trust your instincts and emotionally differentiate between truth and falseness from an early age. Your emotions can be intense, your feelings deep and powerful, suggesting that in your life you need to experience passion, honesty and intimacy in all walks of life. Vocationally you need to be respected for the power of your feelings and the truth of your convictions.

In Scorpio we encounter the hidden and unexpressed aspects of the self as well as the negative impulses that we must learn to control and direct. Therefore with your Sun in Scorpio you are challenged to summon the psychological strength to contain your compulsions and create space for unwanted feelings. You have the emotional capacity to contain these impulses and the integrity to act honestly and authentically. Therefore you may feel drawn to working with others in difficult situations, dealing with crisis or helping in transition. Your innate capacity to summon inner strength in the face of emotional adversity and loss means you are unafraid to acknowledge the reality of your feelings, mourn for what has past or grieve for what cannot be. Your emotional integrity is therapeutic and transformational, helping others to heal and move forwards through the dark. You have a powerful gift of being able to confront the most difficult truths and feel unashamed of your humanness. Therefore you might feel called to use this in your vocation either as a therapist, healer, counsellor or any other profession where you can combine the complex amalgam of love and honesty in your life work.

Integrity is your virtue, that ability to be painfully honest with those you love, to disclose your own vulnerability and face the truth about what has happened. You have the emotional courage to face the disappointments and anger of others. You also have the capacity to trust in yourself and know that when others let you down, you can forgive them, or more importantly forgive yourself. It is this integrity that allows you to know the depth of intimacy and the power of love. Knowing how to be trustworthy, you are able to contain the fears and vulnerabilities of others. Your integrity inspires others to be honest and open. Through this open exchange trust can be built. At the end your integrity is the key to self-mastery and a clear conscience. To find your vitality and spirit and to feel soulful in the world, you need to strive for honesty, trust and truth using your intuitive and resourceful faculties.



THE MOON: Caring for Your Soul

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

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

The Moon is in Aries

With your Moon in Aries your need for independence and exploration is high and this applies to your vocation as well. You need to feel free enough to make your own decisions, feeling challenged and motivated by the tasks of life. Therefore in caring for the soul you need to find the courage of your convictions to follow your own course. Being active and physical is important for you, as you feel more alive through exertion and drive. Instinctually you respond quickly to situations. Able to think on your feet and be in the moment you may be well suited to work in critical situations, depending on other aspects of your birth chart. These handy responses may allow you to be adept at a variety of mechanical, technological and electrical trades. If not, they support you to be active and quick to respond in a work situation.

Your independent spirit needs to push itself, therefore physical work or work which requires nerve, adrenaline, stamina and courage to complete the task are well suited to your need to be heroically engaged. Occupations, including sport and business, which have goals and deadlines as well as risk factors, could also encourage your driving spirit. However at the end of the day what is important is that you have tended to your soul in work, which needs to trail blaze and be a pioneer, preferring to be out front than at the back of the queue. Without this stimulus you may feel bored and restless craving thrills and stimuli which could be unsafe. This is likely to be reflected in your choice of vocation. You are a self-starter and therefore starting your own business, working on your own or any form of self-employment may appeal.

If you are drawn to the nurturing professions then your Moon in Aries draws you towards risk-taking and tasks that involve you physically and mentally, demanding your quick reflexes and decision making, such as ambulance work, coaching, paramedics, emergency, trauma, organisational change etc.



Income



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

- Russell A. Lockhart

The Rich Resources of Your Life

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

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

The sign on the cusp of the house symbolizes aspects of the assets you need to use in a resourceful way. The sign suggests what needs to be valued in your vocation, the natural style of earning an income, as well as your attitudes towards wages and money. 2nd house planets reveal the earning style and literally may suggest how you earn your living or your patterns and relationship to money and possessions.



These are the archetypal urges needing to be expressed in a skilful and resourceful way in your career. Planets here are the forces that shape your sense of worth and value and help you tap into your innate resources. It is important that you use these skills and resources in supporting your own sense of self-esteem. Symbolically, understanding this archetypal presence in your life can help unravel any damaging patterns that support an impoverished sense of self or a disapproving attitude towards money and possessions. Forging an alliance with this energy helps you create a supportive and positive approach to your sense of worth which in turn influences the way the world values you.

2nd House Cusp is in Leo

How much are you worth? This is a difficult question to answer but an important one to consider with Leo on the gateway to your 2nd house of resources. This combination suggests that your personal creativity, charisma and self-expression play a leading role in feeling satisfied with work and earning a living. This may be inharmonious to your personality, which might be self-conscious, preferring to be behind the scenes or reserved. However destiny suggests that making a living and feeling satisfied vocationally will draw your personality to the front of the stage. Whether you take on a role of educator, spokesperson, trainer, healer or entrepreneur there is something about you that makes a difference to what you do. What makes your contribution unique is not as simple as following a formula, a map or a job description. It is your own brand of self and creative passion that makes a difference.

Qualities necessary to maximise your resources are confidence and self-expression. Vocationally you are in a position to capitalise on entrepreneurial projects, technological advancements, educational reforms or corporate changes if you are able to find your own creative expression and confidence. You need to stand out to be seen. If your destiny is to be self-employed or an independent practitioner then the development of your own pride in what you do, your warmth and generosity are great assets in securing your place in the world. You need to be able to feel comfortable selling your product, publicising your talents and displaying your creativity. As an artist you need to promote yourself. Innately your generosity of spirit, your warmth and charisma are great assets you bring to your tasks.

Psychologically it is imperative to come to know the self and what it desires. If not you might be prone to inflating your sense of self and becoming out of touch with what you do; equally you might underestimate your sense of creativity and feel undervalued. Your secret is that earning a living can be fun. You need to tap into your playfulness and spontaneity to recognise that your work is a playground where you can express yourself. Work and fun need to be aligned. Once you find the rhythm of being engaged in the creative self, you find joy and pleasure in what you do. Therefore a healthy attitude to money is that it is a game and you find the way to enjoy playing it. This enjoyment is innate in you when you find the courage and heart to support your talent. And with Leo on the 2nd house when you hit the jackpot, you will probably get the biggest prize! It is worth the gamble.

Jupiter is in the 2nd House

Planets in the 2nd house are forces that shape your worth and value and help you to understand your innate resources. Forging an alliance with this energy can create a supportive and positive approach to your own sense of worth. Jupiter, the largest planet in our solar system, brings its generous and open-hearted spirit into the realm of your finances and earning capacity. On one hand this suggests a positive and confident approach to making a living, as well as an ability to be financially prosperous. Yet on the other hand this might reveal a sense of entitlement and superiority. Finding the right balance is the key to being successful, as it is your enthusiasm, confidence and leadership abilities that will pay off. Acting successful and being confident are the forerunners of actual success.

Lady luck is often considered to be Jupiter's partner, therefore in the 2nd house this suggests that you too may be partnered by wealth. At the very least this might suggest that



there are more times when the wheel of fortune is rising than falling. Therefore you need to take advantage of the good times, as these will be very lucrative for you. It is during these thriving times that you can build your wealth. One of your great assets is your faith and optimism and when you project this positive attitude onto money and earning your living it works well for you. You have a Midas touch when needed and are able to turn around difficult situations to make them work for you. However when you feel dispirited or depressed you may over invest or become blinded to realistic possibilities. It is important to recognise when you are in touch with the authentic sense of possibilities and when you are inflated. Therefore, take an inventory of your most resourceful assets. Most probably these will be your spontaneity, insight, vision, faith in the future, optimism, generosity and enthusiasm.

Vocationally the archetype of Jupiter is associated with philosophies, ideologies and concepts. Therefore careers involved in expanding people's understanding of themselves and the world around them or administering to individual's religious and soul-needs might be of interest. You may feel drawn to educating and inspiring others to a greater understanding or feel the need to work in travel and dealing with international concerns. Your great skill is in sharing knowledge with others and there may be many ways that this may manifest in your earning a living. The search for meaning is entwined with making a living and it is very important that you feel your job is meaningful and purposeful or you lose spirit. When you lose this spirit and optimism you also lose touch with your innate resources and capacity to earn a good living. Therefore meaning in what you do is optimum. Jupiter represents the religious quest and in the corporate world money and god can become confused. Therefore it is worthwhile reflecting on the significance of money and what value it has in your life.

Pluto is in the 2nd House

In ancient Greek *plutus* meant wealth and it is this association with riches that was transferred onto Pluto. As lord of the underworld he ruled over the vast domain of resources hidden in the earth. Psychologically the deity reminds us of the wealth in our own underworld, the untapped resources and riches awaiting release. In your 2nd house this suggests that you have innate wealth and power to be mined. First and foremost, it is necessary to know what feeds the desire for wealth and capital, as money will confront you with deep issues in the self. Being in the 2nd house, Pluto has shaped your sense of worth and value, therefore this suggests your best assets are your honesty and integrity and your innate resource is your ability to work therapeutically with crisis and change.

One recurring pattern I have seen is the confrontation with one's sense of worth and power through money. In other words you may unconsciously find yourself close to losing your assets which drives you into transforming and rebuilding your possessions. However, you do not need to lose everything to know that you have the power to restore and rebuild your capital. You have a powerful sense of wealth creation which will work for you when you recognise that you would like to be more critically involved in your work and that you are worth it. Or you also may fear losing your money, be haunted by images of not having, which are ways you confront your own sense of worth. It is important to know that these feelings are not prophetic but psychological, forcing you to honestly confront your own sense of worth and find the resources that promote a valued sense of self. You also have the knack of transforming what others have discarded or undervalued and make it an object of worth.

Invest in the things that are of worth to you, not others. Wealth is a subjective experience and while others may objectify money and possessions, to you it is different. What may be invisible to them is often a great asset to you.



Therefore, you have a gut instinct for the right shares to purchase and a feeling about the best house to buy; this valuable resource needs direction. Income could come through mysterious ways, inheritances but of course vocationally professions involving research, medical or psychotherapeutic work, crisis management and consulting or with any underground link could also be possible. What is important to know is that your resources are the depth of your perceptions, the integrity of your convictions and the power of your honesty. But perhaps the greatest asset you have is the ability to trust yourself in times of decision making about resources and to know that you have made the right choices. You will eliminate what is not necessary; however, you will also bring the hidden treasure to the surface.



Work



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

The Labours of the 6th House

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

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

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



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

6th House Cusp is in Sagittarius

Sagittarius, the sign on the cusp of your 6th house, describes what you need in the routine conditions of your job to feel satisfied. Being a sign associated with freedom and wide open spaces it is important to consider what this might mean for you in a working situation. Probably this suggests you need lots of choices and a lack of routine in your job description. You are not inclined to follow the straight and narrow, and therefore a lack of restriction and independence would suit you best. Sagittarius is a far-sighted sign and occupations that permit a sense of adventure, learning, travel, cross cultural experiences and stimulation would be ideal. While this may seem too good to be true, it is important to note that you bring your own fortune with you in your positive attitudes, your optimism and your philosophies. Your luck in securing the right job is proportionate to the attitude you bring to the situation.

Needless to say your vocational arrow falls far away from where it was released, as the celestial archer influences your sphere of employment. The nature of Sagittarius is to explore farther afield, beyond known boundaries. In literal terms this might mean that you may work interstate or overseas, are employed in a career nothing like other friends or family members, be appointed to a newly created position, or take up a post in a developing field. Education and dissemination of information underpin your work. Whether you are an instructor, tutor, liaison, translator or work in education, publishing, teaching or interact in the global community you bring human values, ideals, principles and ethics into your orbit. It is important that your work supports your philosophy of life and that you are free enough to be able to discuss your beliefs with your co-workers. On the other hand it may be through working overseas or with foreigners that you are introduced to new beliefs which shape your thinking.

Inspiration, expansiveness and optimism are other important facets of your working life. You need to feel inspired by what you do. It must be expansive and meaningful enough to engage you. Without this you might become restless and uninterested, leaving work on a whim and unable to settle down to a regular position. Therefore it is imperative to know that you need your ideals and ethics to be matched in the workplace, that travel, freedom, learning and advancement are all important. You cannot settle when work does not allow you to move and express your ideas or work in an environment that is not growing and expanding. If these vocational needs are unrecognised or ignored, you might be gripped by inflation and unrealistic expectations. Without focusing on the right career for you there is a tendency to drift and 'dream' in an unproductive state. And if you become stuck in a rigid job with no possibilities you are at risk of depression. Therefore access the spirit of employment enthusiastically, take the challenge and recognise your ability to go farther than you might have imagined possible. The spirit you bring to work is enthusiastic and infectious.



Profession



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

The Status of the Tenth House

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

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

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

10th House Cusp is in Pisces

Two fish swimming in opposite directions, connected by a ribbon of stars, is the image projected onto the constellation of Pisces. The sign's inherent duality is depicted by one fish swimming towards the divine, while the other is pulled under into the unconscious. The archetypal urge underlying Pisces is the instinct to dedicate their vocation to something greater, moved to surrender themselves to a spiritual quest, a calling to heal and help or a passion to be soulfully creative. Often this devotional urge can lead in either of two directions: surfacing into a path of service in the world or delving into a creative exploration of their spirituality.



However both paths, whether worldly or not, are influenced by the innate mystical and spiritual nature of Pisces. With this sign elevated in your chart these influences will bear on your career.

Your creative, intuitive and artistic temperament seeks to find its voice through vocation. While a career needs to incorporate these aspects, this is often difficult to achieve in the world. Hence much of your creative work will be done behind the scenes, ready to emerge in its own time. One of your frustrations is to try to bridge the creative world with the literal world. Poets, painters, photographers, filmmakers, writers, musicians hear the calling of the Piscean muse. But whether or not the creative vocation can find a location in the external world, it certainly needs to be embraced and honoured in the inner one.

The sign Pisces inspires the 12th house of the horoscope, a sphere connected with institutions and the urge to seek asylum, retreat and healing. Hence you may be called to hospice vocations, working in hospitals, refuges, asylums, and institutions; environments where healing, sanctuary, and well being are encouraged. Working with the underprivileged or helpless is also part of your creativity. You might have received the divine gift of the ability to restore well being through compassion and loving attention.

The urge to merge is also important for the Piscean archetype. This can manifest in your lack of boundaries by either absorbing the feeling life that surrounds you in their atmosphere, or not being aware of your need for separateness. Therefore you need an atmosphere where you can reach out without feeling held back or unencumbered. As well there needs to be a consciousness of the appropriate boundaries in what you do and what is expected of you.

Since you are so receptive to your atmosphere and are prone to taking on too much, the need for time out, retreat, privacy and space away from the intense demand of other's expectations and feelings is important. In any vocation the need for privacy is high and scheduled retreats are necessary in order to reconnect with your spiritual energy and divine support, which fuels so much of your creative and caring nature. Without consistently tapping into the internal spiritual springs you may feel exhausted by the demands of life, confused and directionless in your work, disappointed the world does not reflect your compassion. As the mutable water sign is atop your chart, you find your path through the world by honouring sacred time, feeling your own way and letting it be.

The Moon is in the 10th House

The Moon is in your 10th house, suggesting that you bring the realm of feelings, sensitivity and emotion to your profession. In classical astrology the Moon was associated with the public. Combining this with the lunar need to nurture, the vocations that are associated with the 10th house Moon are health care professions, social work, family counselling or therapy, nursing and involvement in the public service. Other professions which deal with the public, also ruled by the Moon are chefs, bakers and brewers, waiters, other occupations dealing with food and agriculture, the food industry, including catering, hotel management and promotion.

Besides the public, the moon is symbolic of women and women's issues. Therefore the Moon in the 10th house is also representative of professions concerning women's rights, health care and social services. Specialized medical areas such as gynaecology or specific issues of infertility, pregnancy, hormonal changes and rites of passage could play a role vocationally.



The Moon is also concerned with the home and is associated with a range of professions dealing in home services such as real estate, products for the home, home design and building (with a personal touch), domestic services, home services, furniture, antiques and making the home secure and safe. The mothering and nurturing side of the Moon is involved in the professions concerning the care of children, such as day care workers, teachers, early childhood educators, counsellors, family care providers, obstetricians, midwifery, and paediatricians. With this placement all these professions could be considered for a fulfilling career.

Astrological statistics have linked the Moon to the profession of writers, perhaps in a broader sense because this profession uses the right side of the brain and works in an imaginative way. Professionals such as writers, songwriters, poets, playwrights, artists, scriptwriters, novelists and creative journalists are under the spell of the Moon and may find creative writing an important part of their vocation. What is of importance is that you feel at home with your career and are able to use your strong perceptive and intuitive nature in your work.



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- **Art of Perfect Timing**
- **Astrology of Empowerment**
- **Gillard vs Abbott**
- **Sexual Persuasions_ Male Homosexuality**
- **Myths & Magic Of Astrology**
- **When Love Goes Wrong**
- **Synchronicity The Art of Perfect Timing.**
- **Marie Antoinette: Spectacular Returns**
- **What did they have in common?**
- **Relationships**
- **Astrology and Literature**
- **Eclipses: The Universes Maverick.**

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