

# THE CHIRON AND ASTEROID GEMS REPORT

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*Listed below is a list of planetary positions at birth for*

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### Positions of Planets at Birth:

Sun	15	Ari	09	Pluto	20	Tau	26
Moon	19	Sco	24	True Node	5	Tau	42
Mercury	21	Pis	04	Asc.	26	Aqu	59
Venus	25	Ari	17	MC	14	Sag	33
Mars	10	Tau	34	2nd cusp	20	Ari	48
Jupiter	24	Vir	34	3rd cusp	22	Tau	46
Saturn	12	Aqu	23	5th cusp	3	Can	31
Uranus	6	Leo	28	6th cusp	24	Can	36
Neptune	27	Ari	45	Chiron	18	Ari	04

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### Aspects and orbs:

Conjunction:	8	Deg	00	Min
Opposition :	8	Deg	00	Min
Square :	8	Deg	00	Min
Trine :	8	Deg	00	Min
Sextile :	8	Deg	00	Min
Quincunx :	8	Deg	00	Min

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## INTRODUCTION

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Much of our understanding of Chiron comes from mythology. The myth starts with Prometheus who defied the gods and brought fire (technology) to human beings. The gods knew this signified a new world order (from Saturn to Uranus) when gods would be driven away and replaced with technology. I like to think of the gods as energies or urges - in other words, a part of our nature. This is true of Chiron which is an energy, not a sensitive point like the Ascendant, Midheaven, or Vertex. Almost magically, Charles Kowall, its discoverer tapped into the archetype of mythological Chiron for its name and its nature. What kind of nature is Chiron? He unlike all the other Centaurs is a good Centaur - kind, wise, noble, and just. He is a blend of the old and the new.

Chiron was primarily a teacher. He was called "the wisest of all things beneath the sky." He taught the skills of war hunting, and riding to Achilles, Hercules, Jason, Achaean, and Peleus. He imparted a love of and talent of music to Orpheus and Artistes. To Achilles and Aesculapius he gave the arts of surgery and herbal medicine. Therefore, Chiron is known as a great healer, an astrologer, an oracle, the father of medicine and chiropractors, surgery, herbal medicine, and skilled at hunting, gymnastics, and warfare. Chiron's downfall began at a wedding. His fellow centaurs got drunk and began forcing their affections on the women present. A fight ensued, and finally the centaurs were routed with Hercules help. When the fight was over, the chief centaur picked up one of Hercules' poisoned arrows which dropped by chance on Chiron's foot wounding him. Chiron, who could heal others, could not cure himself and was left burning with pain. Being immortal, he was faced with eternal agony, so he willingly gave up his immortality to Prometheus who was chained to a rock and had his liver eaten out every night. Then it grew back and repeated. When Chiron died, his half-brother, Jupiter, placed him in heaven where he has since been known as Sagittarius.

Chiron is only one of many energies in an astrological chart. Discovered in

1977, it is considered to be a Minor Planet. Astrologically it shows where and how there have been woundings, where we might find a loophole if it is needed, where an adjustment is needed, where we are a maverick, and it draws attention to what a person is doing to damage himself. This awareness can lead to a turning point so that healing can take place. The signs tell how we have been wounded. The planets tell the kind of wound. The houses tell the areas of our lives that are affected. The aspects to Chiron modify the ease or difficulty of reaching the turning point where the wounds we all have may be healed. Many of the favorable aspects - sextiles, trines, and some conjunctions - indicate one whose healing experiences enable him to help or teach others to reach their turning points.

## CHIRON IN SIGNS, HOUSES AND ASPECTS

### *Chiron in Aries:*

Your wound is personal giving you a profound lack or loss of self-worth particularly in childhood. Your search for identity is a paramount issue. You want to be and do more to discover your potential. You are a courageous person who is a trailblazer. Some feel you are not wanted, needed, or useful. You will not be content with anything less than the fulfillment of your own personal potential. You either retreat or have to fight to be noticed. Your healing path is to discover that all people are unique.

### *Chiron in 1st house:*

Possibly there were restrictions early in life that have a profound effect on you. Your 1st house Chiron is associated with emotional wounds received early in life. You either retreat or have to fight to be noticed, yet it is almost impossible for you to be just ordinary. For some your physical appearance puts a unique stamp on you. Appearance or wardrobe may become highly important to you to establish your identity. Some of you refuse to go along with the dictates of your group.

### *Chiron Conjunction Sun:*

You are one who serves as a vehicle for the transformation of information aimed at others. Your innate sense of destiny may not be the same as your reality up to the age of 40. You have a strong sense of awareness of what is going on and an understanding of what others are thinking. Your early childhood wounds center on your core being and sense of importance. Overcoming these wounds enables you to understand the pain others feel.

### *Chiron Quincunx Moon:*

Emotional wounds from the past are not easily dealt with for you. Perhaps they are too deep, or perhaps you avoid talking about them, especially if Gemini or

the third house is involved. You feel a need to give service and any interference to this expression is perilous. Something needs to be adjusted to the ways you give or receive nourishment to get your own emotions back in balance.

*Chiron Conjunct Venus:*

You have magnetism, charisma, sexuality, and grace as well as artistic sense, compassion well-developed aesthetics and social sense. However, your innocence in personal relationships makes you vulnerable to emotional pain. You fear commitment and rejection. Since any pain from early relationships is usually healed, you have wisdom and insight in later relationships. You can be a healer or teacher in intimate relationships since you see the beauty in people who have been cast aside

*Chiron Quincunx Jupiter:*

You are one who has to handle interruptions and changes of directions as well as possible. You have difficulties with conventional structures because you have an awareness of what is possible outside the structures. You need to reflect on your own wounds and learn from your own experiences.

*Chiron Sextile Saturn:*

You are one who endeavors to establish a socio-cultural legacy to give out information on self-transformation. Your ideas may be off-beat or unconventional but can be accepted gradually after an initial period of resistance. You may be overly pragmatic shutting down some of your intuitive knowledge.

*Chiron Trine MC:*

You will or do have a relatively easy time in expressing your talents in your unique way. Many of you are leading others from the traditional ways of doing things (Saturn) to the more modern (Uranus). It favors all Uranian activities such as astrology or technology. One or both of your parents were probably helpful in furthering the development of your uniqueness. Some who have this are John F. Kennedy, Catherine the Great, who helped modernize Russia, and astrologers Ivy Goldstein-Jacobson, Chris McRea, and Eleanora Kimmel.

### *Chiron Quincunx Vertex:*

The nagging problems that keep you from fulfilling your destiny can be overcome but it will take some adjustment in your thinking. For example, with the Vertex in Sagittarius, you are expected to take abroad view of life and learn not only facts but the significance of facts. This often requires higher education. Then Chiron in Taurus, being very earth-bound and practical, must deal with the monetary side of life. You'll develop your resourcefulness reconciling the two energies of any quincunx at the same time, but you must express both.

## **The Moon's Nodes**

What are the moon's nodes in your chart? Astronomically, they are the point on the ecliptic where the moon passes from south latitude to north latitude (the North Node or Dragon's Head as it is sometimes called) and the point where the ecliptic passes from north latitude to south latitude (the South Node or Dragon's Tail). What do they mean to you and what do they mean in your life when activated by transit or solar arc direction?

In western astrology, the North Node is considered to be favorable, much like Jupiter, and the South Node, unfavorable, much like Saturn. In eastern or Vedic astrology, the reverse is held to be true. What! They can't both be right, or can they? In the west, we say that the South Node represents what we have already developed in many lifetimes. It represents areas that, subconsciously – the moon rules the subconscious – is comfortable and easy since it is already familiar to us. The North Node represents areas of our life that need to be developed. The new is not yet familiar, but we get our greatest fulfillment from this development. i.e. If your South Node is in Libra or the 7th house, you may have spent many lifetimes in a marriage or other situation where you were subject to and dependent on others. Now, with your North Node in Aries or the 1st house, you are to learn to stand on your own two feet. You need to develop who you are in order to become a more independent individual.

The nodes also have to do with relating and relationships. Frequently the nodes are activated when someone or something comes into our lives, whether this is a person, a new job, or a new environment. I've seen this

happen when a baby was born into a family, a marriage, a new job, or even a roommate who became a significant lifelong friend in a person's life. Nodes may also be activated when someone or something goes out of one's life too.

*North Node in Taurus:*

You tend to be materialistic and have difficulty enjoying that which you do not own. You may be too practical for your own good. What other's see as strong sensuality and sexuality can stem from your need to be possessed and accepted. You have not fully understood other's values, so now you grow by developing sensitivity to the things that others find important. Even those who think they know you well do not, for you have had many lifetimes behind closed doors. There is a strong past life residue of sexual mis-use. Females with this have used their sexual powers to get what they want from life. You have had strong urges to re-cycle or remake what others would throw away.

You tend to view life as a series of emergencies. You respond to situations with intense emotions and are frequently jealous or suspicious. Develop your strength in earning your own way. For many, developing an appreciation for the arts is a way to grow. While you are still materialistic, possessive and practical, work for a balance between being security-oriented and seeing the beauty around you. For some, you are constantly working on habit patterns: over-eating and dieting, smoking and not smoking, etc. You tend to view life as a series of emergencies. Realize that you can't always get what you want, but you will get what you need. Focus on the rational and practical. Build rather than tear apart.

*North Node in 2nd house:*

You have had many lifetimes away from other people and so you seem secretive to other people. There is a dilemma between "what is mine" and "what is yours". You need to develop a strong self-worth and the ability to provide materially for yourself so that you can make your own way in life with a willingness to give and accept assistance from others when necessary. You have to rely on yourself rather than others financially. You are materialistic and may be too practical for your own good. There has been sexual misuse in other lives. Females may have used their sexuality to get what they want. Males may have used sexuality in other harmful ways.

You need to work for both material security and for appreciation of beauty



around you. Some are constantly working on habit patterns such as smoking and not smoking, dieting and gaining weight. You can't always get what you want but you will get what you need especially by building your strength in earning your own way. Jealousy and suspicion of others needs to be avoided. You find it hard to enjoy what you don't own. Realize that we get what we need for our own soul's development. You have to abide by your own resources other than other's possessions.

## **The Four Major Asteroids**

The asteroids add a wealth of information in a chart that is often ignored. By 1988, over 2000 of them had been discovered. This report is limited to the "main ones," Ceres, Pallas, Vesta, and Juno, which were all discovered in the nineteenth century and were the first. These are mainly concerned with the feminine side of human nature of both sexes since we all have a masculine and a feminine side. Imagine how much has been left out by considering only the 10 planets (for convenience astrologers lump the sun and moon in this group). We think of four of the feminine roles: Ceres, the mother; Pallas, the daughter; Vesta, the sister; and Juno, the wife when working with these. Besides the more mundane interpretations of these four, Demetra George in *Asteroid Goddesses* gives some very specific interpretations of their roles:

Ceres, the great mother, provides a model to understand the causes of co-dependency, eating disorders, child sexual abuse, and the challenges of single parenting. Pallas Athena, Goddess of Wisdom, refers to the dilemma of professional women who sacrifice relationships or children for career and the wounds from the father-daughter interaction. Vesta, the temple priestess illuminates the need to illuminate spiritual and sexual energies, and to find meaningful work. Juno, Goddess of Marriage, speaks to the redefinition of significant relationships, changing sexual roles, and the plight of battered women and powerless wives.

When studying these four asteroids, people often ask what it means if they are retrograde as they often are. Ceres and Pallas are retrograde every 16 months for 3 ½ months; Vesta every 16-17 months for 3 months; and Juno, every 14 ½ months for 3 ½ to 3 ¾ months. These retrograde periods create the 4 and 5

year cycles that lead up to the 9 year great cycle of asteroid economic effect which is discussed at length in *The Theory of Celestial Influence* by Rodney Collin.

Esther V. Linebach interprets the retrograde periods this way:

Ceres retrograde may lead to being away from home a great deal.

Pallas retrograde may cut down on mathematical understanding, or there may be less discipline or focus, a decrease in practicality, and more emotional reactions.

Vesta retrograde may change the tendency to become involved too deeply in commitments.

Juno retrograde ventures from established moral and social codes more easily than usual. These people are often self-confident and from good families who sometimes seem to be oblivious to public opinion.

These retrograde interpretations are still in an early stage of development but are well-worth exploring.

## Introduction to Ceres

Ceres is the largest body in the asteroid belt, approximately 587 miles in diameter. It takes 4.6 years for it to orbit the sun or 1,680 days. On January 1, 1801, it was the first of the asteroids to be discovered.

In symbolizing the function of mother in psychology and astrology, Ceres governs a number of psychological quantities that cannot be described any other way. Like Cancer it addresses the issue of how we give and receive nurturance, how we develop feelings of self-worth, how we provide and care for others, and how we respond neurotically if these needs are not met. Like Taurus and Scorpio Ceres governs the lessons of attachment and aversion, the pathology of loss and rejection, the capacity for grief and sorrow, and the principle of sharing. Like Virgo it symbolizes issues of productivity, growth, self-reliance, and work.

Thus, we find that Ceres shows the relationship between mother and child or what prevented nurturing. For some, food is your mommy, so Ceres-Pluto

aspects may show food problems, such as anorexia, bulimia, or obesity. It may indicate an overwhelming mother. It is the mid-West, fields of grain, and cereal. Ceres opposing the ascendant may show someone who doesn't get taken care of (someone is too busy doing Mars). Ceres transits and progressions may indicate times for pregnancy and childbirth or difficulties pertaining to these. Ceres is the goddess of fertility and agriculture. In many cases progressed aspects to Ceres have coincided with a change of job. Ceres becomes the basis for a healthy self-acceptance and self-esteem. Through her association with the Eleusinian mysteries, she contains the secret of both birth, death, and renewal, the feeding and nourishment of both soul and spirit. Her colors are green, like vegetation, but also blue-black, the inner color of the underworld where seeds lie dormant. Her element is earth. Like the Ceres-Persephone story, she teaches the wisdom that sharing and letting go lead to reunion. However, if one is fixated on the Ceres process, he may experience abandonment and rejection until learning to transform grasping into generosity.

1 Where do these ideas come from? We look to the myth of Ceres, Persephone, and Pluto. Persephone was Ceres' daughter to whom she was too attached. They were happy together, so the earth knew no winter. Persephone wandered away one day where she was attracted to the narcissus blooms. As she inhaled the fragrance, the earth split open and Pluto, god of the underworld emerged. He carried her off to become his bride and queen. Later, Ceres could not find Persephone. She searched day and night for ten days. She learned of the abduction, and that her brother, Zeus, approved. She left Mount Olympus to avoid Zeus and disguised herself as an old woman seeking refuge. Eventually, she came to Eleusis where she was befriended by the king's daughter and the queen who gave her the care of her infant son. She reared the boy as a god and once placed him in the fire to burn off his mortality. The queen was outraged and Ceres was hurt at being thwarted in her attempts to give him eternal life. She revealed her identity and ordered a temple and altar be built where mortals could be initiated into her rites.

Meanwhile, Ceres neglected the earth in her grief. Crops were destroyed and fruit rotted on the trees. In desperation, the people appealed to Zeus (Jupiter), and Ceres, realizing that if humanity died out there would be none to worship the gods, ordered Pluto to release Persephone for half of each year. Pluto, in sly kindness, agreed, but first he offered her several pomegranate seeds, the symbol of sexual consummation, so her marriage with him became indissoluble. The compromise was that she would spend six months as Pluto's bride (winter) and six more with Ceres (summer).

Ceres expresses differently in each sign just as there are different types of mothering and nurturing. It expresses more easily in some signs than others too. Probably Cancer, Virgo, and Pisces are more harmonious signs for this energy than Aries, Sagittarius, or Aquarius who emphasize other interests more strongly unless they have the more nurturing signs present in their charts too. All signs, though, have an interest in the production of food and many of the other themes symbolized by Ceres. They just manifest this energy in different ways.

#### *Ceres in Taurus:*

It is through being touched and held that Ceres in Taurus feels nurtured. The stability and material resources of your nurturers give you more or less of a feeling of security depending on your environment and how you use this energy. Being deprived of stability and material resources is especially harmful to your ability to support yourself and your self-esteem. Hoarding money or an inordinate reliance on the material is a possible negative effect of this placement. Positively, though, you provide valuable conditions for those in your care. Hillary Clinton experienced the effects of her Ceres in Taurus by putting too much importance on her ability to gain materially allowing her political enemies to use this against her.

The houses answer the question “where.” The house that holds Ceres tells you where or in what area of your life the nurturing and care you’ve received affect you. It also shows in what area of your life you receive nurturing. So if in the third house, you receive care through conversation, in the tenth house, through your career, or in the first house you provide much of it yourself.

#### *Ceres in 2nd house:*

You nurture by providing the basic needs of those in your care including food, shelter, and money. Some have a compulsive or obsessive need to have a close attachment to a loved one (or ones) making it necessary for the other to struggle for independence. You often associate nurturing yourself with buying things or indulging yourself in other ways particularly if these were denied or scarce for you as a child. John McCain, senator and presidential candidate, demonstrated some of these traits in his life by providing for his seven children by two marriages. He demonstrated a need to help care for the country as well.

#### *Ceres Coniunct Venus:*

You may equate feelings of being loved and attractive to your ability to be nurturing to others. You want to create a harmonious environment that is aesthetically pleasing as well as being without as much stress as possible. Physical and artistic creativity are two possible manifestations of this. Some nurture with their ability to earn an income. Others try to ignore the harsher realities with a few shifting the more unpleasant tasks of living to others.

#### *Ceres Conjunct Mars:*

You are a productive person who channels your energy into caring for or defending others. Some are the single or the primary nurturing parent. You combine nurturing with the masculine principle of action and assertion. Your ability to act and be productive is what gives you a sense of self-worth. Van Cliburn, the American pianist is an example of one who has this in Gemini (the hands) with Ceres between Venus and Mars trine Saturn giving the discipline to produce artistically and energetically with the hands. Van Cliburn's fame greatly expanded when he won a piano competition in Russia for playing Tchaikovsky's First Piano Concerto during the Cold War.

#### *Ceres Conjunct Neptune:*

The nurturing principle combines with the transcendent urge. You selflessly give the depths of sympathy, empathy, and compassion to all who need your care. Your capacity to do so has been sensitized and developed by spiritual devotion to an ideal of giving. You may have a psychic sensitivity that you use in your role or profession. Artistic and acting ability may be indicated too. This aspect can indicate Neptunian energy at its best.

#### *Ceres Conjunct North Node:*

While the South Node shows what we have done in many other lifetimes, the North Node shows how we get our greatest growth in this lifetime. When it is conjunct Ceres, it indicates that we achieve this spiritual growth by taking care of the many details of daily life as a nurturer. For many, these are new experiences, yet untried at least in many other lifetimes so that they have not yet become habits. You are drawn to these activities, and yet there is some apprehension of the unknown.

#### *Ceres Sextile Asc.:*

You have many opportunities to be the nurturer in your family since you probably have cared in many ways for yourself from an early age. You are apt to see areas that need your care that others miss. These activities give you a sense of purpose and identity in life that you wouldn't have otherwise. How you care for others is shown by the house and sign placement of Ceres. i.e. With Ceres in the eleventh in Gemini sextile the Ascendant in Leo from the 11th house, you serve by being a friend who will talk to this person.

#### *Ceres Square Uranus:*

The nurturing you received as a child could have been erratic inclining some who have this aspect to have difficulty forming emotional bonds. Some of you came from broken homes or your rebellion against your parents brings a conflict between personal freedom and closeness. For some, your loved ones do not realize your need for nurturing because you seem so self-reliant. It becomes necessary for you to integrate your individuality and urges for change with your concern and nurturance of those you care for.

#### Introduction to Pallas

Pallas, also known as Pallas Athene, Minerva, or Hippie (because she trained horses), is the second largest of the four major asteroids. It has a diameter of 535 km, and it orbits the sun in 4.61 years. It was discovered in 1802 by the German astronomer Wilhelm Olbers.

Pallas represents creative intelligence and the need to balance the male and female polarities within us as well as the difficulties that result when harmony is not achieved. If you have a strong Pallas (in an angular house, 1st, 4th, 7th, or 10th, or in a strong aspect to the sun, moon, or ascendant), you will often seek companionship rather than passion in your heterosexual relationships. You may feel torn between your intimate relationships and your work or ambitions. It can signify the difficulties that women working in the outer world experience in balancing the other parts of their lives as well as the discrimination and sexism they encounter in the professional world.

Martha Lang-Wescott has observed that Pallas shows "what you will do to get Dad's approval." She has found it in the charts of several cases of child abuse. She has also found that people with a strong Pallas may do anything unless it's expected of them. They feel that what they have to do is to get

Dad's approval, and then they use it to please or not please others. Other astrologers have found that when there are many stressful aspects to Pallas a person may have visual or auditory problems, color blindness, dyslexia, poor hand-eye coordination, mental retardation, or learning difficulties.

When delineating Pallas, consider the element it is in. It will show how one will express his creative intelligence:

Fire (Aries, Leo, or Sagittarius) - by becoming inspired and formulating visions  
Earth (Taurus, Virgo, or Capricorn) - by creating new forms and structures  
Air (Gemini, Libra, or Aquarius) - by developing new ideas and theories  
Water ((Cancer, Scorpio, or Pisces) - by becoming psychic and intuitive

Ideas about how Pallas operates in our lives come from the myth of Pallas Athene. These began in Libya 6,000 years ago where she was born on the shores of Lake Triton, home of several tribes of African Amazons. Her mother, Metes, helped Zeus-Jupiter achieve victory over his father, Cronus (Saturn) by giving him an emetic that forced him to cough up his swallowed children. Although Metes changed into many shapes to avoid Zeus' lustful advances, she was finally ravished and got with child. Gaia and Uranus warned Jupiter that Metis would bear a child after Pallas Athene who would become king of gods and men. To maintain his sovereignty, Jupiter consumed Metis whole while she was pregnant with Athene. Jupiter's blinding headache that resulted could only be relieved through having his head cleft with a double-edged sword (a matriarchal symbol). Out sprang Pallas Athene in armor of pure gold. She immediately became her father's favorite. From a sociological perspective, the myth of Pallas' birth from Jupiter's head marks the ingestion of the feminine wisdom principle to the needs of the new patriarchal order. The myth also describes the growth of wisdom from the instinctive to the conscious. By elevating the procreative urge to the level of creative intelligence, the patriarchal birth of Pallas Athene heralded a turning point in the development of the human psyche.

Pallas types may be women who support and defend a male-ordered world or align themselves as the right hand to successful and powerful men. It can signify putting aside one's sexual nature, sexually or unconsciously, in order to relate harmoniously in a platonic manner with those of the opposite sex. Some others may overly identify with the father and develop "animus ridden" personalities (In ancient times, the Amazon; in modern times this could be a combative and aggressive woman who has lost touch with her softness and

receptivity).

When the father-bond is impaired, as it often is with a strong Pallas, several psychological complexes may occur. One is the “Daddy’s Little Girl” the dutiful daughter who passively submits to her father’s power; another is the Amazon type who seeks to have or imitate the masculine power of the father. This is the “tomboy” who denies her strong feelings and emotions.

In a man’s horoscope, a strong Pallas can denote the reverse, the “anima ridden” personality, his unconscious feminine side. In the extreme, it may manifest as excessive passivity, dependence, moodiness, or hesitancy to assert his will. Both sexes lack wholeness of their intrinsic nature that alienates others and prevents intimacy with the opposite sex. Pallas may depict a highly developed intellectual or artistic male who fears being rejected for not being macho enough. He may block his softness and sensitivity in order to conform to the norm of women’s expectations.

Another manifestation of a misused Pallas is seen in the fear of success. While Pallas’ mental abilities are highly praised, these were (and are) not recognized as feminine qualities. “The brain” while being applauded for her academic achievements is often not asked to the prom. Some daughters are still encouraged to play dumb as a means of attracting men. Thus, the irony for a Pallas woman is that the more she expresses her creative potential, the more she threatens her opportunity to form a conventional relationship with a man. She is the thinker who needs to learn to stand up to authority. She has to learn to stand up for herself when confronted with power. She has to break out and exercise her right to think and act for herself.

On the positive side, Pallas types, if not badly afflicted, have a capacity for whole pattern perception. It represents the wisdom of strategy, foresight, and planning which leads to concrete achievement and tangible results. She inclines to talent in the visual arts – drawing, painting, graphics, design, photography, crafts, and film. She also excels in the healing arts, such as acupuncture, homeopathy, macrobiotics, cellular regeneration, or polarity therapy.

The suffering and alienation that are found in today’s Pallas types are rooted in the assumption that femininity and mental creativity are mutually exclusive. Thus, the soul work for the Pallas woman is to recover her lost origins, to see her not as a goddess who has renounced her femininity, but as one who teaches us to recognize courage and vulnerability, creativity and receptivity as



equally feminine qualities.

Pallas in Signs gives you an individual interpretation of how Pallas works in the twelve different signs. Pallas' energy shows how you use your wisdom, intelligence and creativity. It shows how you would perceive and protect justice and the law. It indicates how you think about protecting excellence in the professional world. For example someone with Pallas in Aries might be blunt and forceful in upholding the law while a person with Pallas in Virgo would analyze all the ramifications before acting. This applies to your approach to any of the Pallas themes.

#### *Pallas in Aries:*

Your perceptions are used to activate or initiate something. You seek to get something going as an athlete would use his own body to start an action. This is the warrior who uses his initiative to go after what he believes. As in war, Pallas in Aries is not primarily concerned with the destruction or hard feelings he leaves behind. Some act on sudden inspiration or the pioneering urge. Many start more projects than they can physically finish causing strain.

Pallas in Houses tells you to area of your life in which your mental-creative urges are most strongly expressed. For example Pallas in the 4th may put her mind to building a strong home and family. Often a parent has an influence on one's mental activities here, as was true in General Douglas McArthur's life. Pallas in the 11th uses his or her mind to participate in groups and organizations, pursuing one's goals, and building friendships. Robert Cooper, who served for many years as executive direct of the American Federation of Astrologers, is an illustration of this.

#### *Pallas in 1st house:*

You are aggressive in your career or avocations. Some are drawn to too many projects cutting down on your efficiency. You like to use your enthusiasm for new projects but soon get interested in another endeavor leaving the first unfinished. A good aspect between Mars and Saturn or Mars in a fixed sign (Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, or Aquarius) helps. Much of your self-esteem is based on intelligence, power, and/or creativity.

#### *Pallas Trine Uranus:*

You have skill in using your intuition and individuality to produce visionary and humanitarian ideas. What you do always has the stamp of your unique talents. Yours is an original and intuitive mind that is especially adapted to science and technology. Some of you are involved in social reform or human rights struggles. You are apt to befriend all types of people.

*Pallas Opposition Jupiter:*

You are aware of your potential for exceptional intelligence since your mental-creative urge combines with the broadening, expansive urge, Jupiter. The danger is having inflated achievement needs. Your father might have expected too much from you even producing a conflict between ambition and ethics. Lance Armstrong, the biker, is one who has this. Some, though, have mental blocks in expressing their ideas and concepts.

## Introduction to Vesta

Vesta was discovered May 29, 1827, by the German astronomer Heinrich Wilhelm Olbers. Its diameter is 525 km or 326 miles making it one of the largest of the asteroids.

Vesta as ruler of Virgo represents unobstructed commitment and dedication to work. Vesta seems to symbolize the true Virgo “workaholic,” the person who almost works for the sake of working rather than for any other reward. Dislike from one’s job, when Vesta is prominent, can lead to a health breakdown which allows one to escape the work. When there are transits to and from Vesta, it represents times when we need to retreat from the outer world to replenish and reintegrate ourselves. It symbolizes the capacity to be whole, self-identified, and fertile. Vesta gathers energy and brings it to a single point. Those of you with a strong Vesta (Vesta in the 1st, 4th, 7th, or 10th, or aspecting the sun or moon) can concentrate your energies to a point of focus and give your undivided attention to whatever you are doing. A prominent Vesta shows a potential for an “all or none” quality, as if all the time and energy is committed to the work or all to the personal life, so that the person has difficulty doing both. This is especially true if Vesta is in the sign of personal relationships, Cancer, Leo, Libra, Scorpio and/or the 4th, 5th, 7th or 8th houses. For sexually active people, progressions to Vesta can lead to a complete disinterest in or desire for sex. It passes when the progression is no longer in effect.

Much of our interpretation of Vesta comes from the myths of the Vestal virgin.

Vesta, or Hestia, as she was known to the ancient Greeks was the keeper of the sacred flame in the temple and on the home alters. She plays almost no role in the frequently violent myths and little personality is described other than devotion to duty and purity. She remains a virgin in her total commitment to her tasks and so were the priestesses who served her. In some periods, a priestess who broke her vow of celibacy was buried alive. Despite Vesta's reserved, almost colorless nature, she played a major role in the Greek faith. All meals began and ended with an offering to her. Security depended on the preservation of her sacred flame.

Vesta, as a possible ruler of Scorpio, rules sexual denial. Yet, those with strong Vestas are often sexually active men and women. The women may engage in sexual encounters with a variety of men, yet these encounters are by no means profane. Instead, they are described as transcendent, spiritual, and healing. Men with strong Vestas have a high degree of sensitivity to the sexual needs of women and a strong need to enter into sexual union, yet they may avoid long-term commitment. Instead they are labeled as gigolos or heart-breakers.

The sign Vesta is in shows how you focus on the work you do. Vesta in Aries may work by initiating an effort while Vesta in Libra prefers working with a partner. Each sign indicates different styles and preferences for the way you work. Knowing your personal inclinations can not only help you make beneficial choices for yourself but also help people who work in personnel or the hiring of others as well as teachers or anyone who works with people

#### *Vesta in Aries:*

You are self-involved in your work. In addition, you are self-motivated so you work best from your own ideas. You do not want to be possessed or dominated by another, but if you become excessively self-centered, there is no room left for others. Remaining your own person and retaining your individual identity is actually an important sexual need for you even though it may prevent being able to maintain an ongoing relationship. Your personal accomplishments are quite notable, though.

The house that holds your Vesta shows which area of your life you focus your strong dedication to work. It also shows by its sign and the aspects to it where there may be problems in achieving your work goals or where you may be benefitted in doing so. For example, John F. Kennedy was prevented from

achieving the results of his hard work and dedication (Vesta in the 5th trine Saturn and Neptune in the 10th) by the ultimate transformation, his death (Pluto) in a distant city (Pluto in the 9th).

*Vesta in 1st house:*

Your single-minded focus and perseverance can lead to great achievement. Most of you are so strongly focused on a single goal and have such strong dedication to your goals as a way of finding your own identity that some exclude long-term relationships from his or her life to pursue this goal. Having Vesta here tests your ego. Some are quite critical of themselves unless they are following their own rules. Once you find your identity you feel more freedom to expand your goals.

*Vesta Conjunct Sun:*

Your sense of commitment, and focused involvement in your work are major parts of your life purpose. You have dedication to an ideal and seriousness of commitment. Modesty, humility, and concern with purity of service get a high priority from you. Some of you live out your individually-determined sexual values and avoid possessive relationships. You have a high level of personal integration since you are self-identified.

*Vesta Conjunct Chiron:*

This is a strong aspect indicating that the two energies, Vesta and Chiron, enhance each other. It gives you the power to use your focused, realistic goals to do the work of Chiron, healing, teaching, or just taking a different approach that brings success. Some may call you a maverick in some area of your life. You probably don't mind because you know it is an asset. Like the mythological Chiron, who was the good Centaur, your efforts are always for the good.

*Vesta Sextile Saturn:*

Creating form and structure is the focus of your mental interests. You have intensely focused and committed energies. You have the self-discipline, seriousness of purpose, and ability to actualize goals and aspirations through dedication and hard work. Your work is rooted in a solid and secure foundation that lasts. With your devotion to duties and obligations, you are a highly

productive worker.

*Vesta Trine Uranus:*

You focus and dedicate your efforts in a highly original and personalized way. You can focus on innovative and intuitive ideas. As a result, you have the ability to pursue scientific and occult studies. A few of you are devoted to humanitarian work. The pursuit of new spiritual, occult, or revolutionary ideas appeals to you too. Some of you advocate sexual liberation and non-possessive behavior in sexual relationships.

*Vesta Trine MC:*

The focus, dedication, and hard work you direct toward your career or vocation will enhance your standing in your community. You have developed good work habits and most of you have positive relationships with authority figures, parents, the boss, the government, etc. The only drawback is that some of you seek fulfillment through work rather than relationships. These two need to be balanced so that you may enjoy the fruits of your labors.

*Vesta Quincunx Moon:*

You could have an alienation from your own emotional needs. This can produce a fear of intimacy or commitment to family ties. Potential difficulties in sexual performance or in fertility, such as being sterile, may result. Some indulge in excessive emotional introspection. The solution lies in being less judgmental of society's imposed morality concerning sexual standards. Some kind of adjustment needs to be made so that you may express both the Vesta and the moon energies with harmony.

*Vesta Quincunx Vertex:*

Your focus and dedication are out of step in some way with your destiny. Charles Lindbergh is an example of one who had this. His Vertex was in Cancer (patriotism) in the 8th (he transformed our ideas about the possibilities of flight). His own focus and dedication achieved this (Vesta in Sagittarius in the 1st.) Nevertheless he was out –of –step with much of the country with his staunch adherence to isolationism for the country in WWII. Lindbergh was seen as a hero who could have been a leader otherwise.

## Introduction to Juno

Juno was the third asteroid to be discovered. Karl Ludwig Haring, a German astronomer, found it September 1, 1804. It is 2290 km in size, the 11th largest. It orbits the sun in 4.36578 years.

Juno is considered to be a significator of marriage, most likely a “traditional” rather than a non-traditional one. She is also known as Hera, the model bride and wife, the guardian of childhood and motherhood, patroness of marriage, and one who sought fulfillment through her relationship. Juno rules the rites and arrangements of legal marriage (June/ Juno brides). She is also associated with Libra (intimacy) and Scorpio (manipulation). Juno describes the need for a deeply committed and just relationship as well as for the range of suffering and neurotic complexes when this union is denied or frustrated. Those with a prominent Juno are drawn to the path of committed relationships. They spend their lifetime experiencing the 7th house lessons of learning to develop cooperation, compromise, understanding, and harmony with others. Usually it represents the mate, but it can refer to any close one-on-one relationship. By transit, Juno describes the timing for the inception of relationships as well as periods of crisis and separation. In synastry, Juno is a primary indicator of compatibility and karmic connection. Juno depicts the issue of sexual fidelity as well as the patterns of oppression and force that are so often used to maintain it.

However, Juno has significance in other kinds of relationships too. Dr. Lee Lehman gives an example in her book *The Ultimate Asteroid Book*. Dr. Lehman got the time and location of the crash and the birth charts of six of the flight attendants in the crash. In all cases but one, using both geo and helio positions of Juno of the flight attendants, Juno was making aspects to the natal chart. For the one exception, helio Juno was at 0 degrees Libra, a critical degree. Obviously, Juno here did not pertain to marriage, but it does show something of relationships, especially the kind of relationship in which the individual does not hold the key to power.

In mythology, Juno was the wife of Zeus. According to the myth she was tricked into marrying Zeus out of guilt and obligation since Zeus had disguised himself as a Cuckoo and then caused a mighty rainstorm. Hera (Juno) took pity on the bird, shivering and frozen from the cold, and warmed it with her cloak. At this time Zeus resumed his true self and ravished her. Shamed by her violation, she married him. He took her to Olympus to share his throne. At first, the divine

bride and bridegroom exchanged much love and tenderness, but this bliss rapidly faded. For the remainder of the marriage, Zeus and Hera lived in a continual state of tension and perpetual combat due to his infidelities and arrogance. Forced into obedience and submission, Hera's only means of striking back at Zeus was by taking revenge on his lovers, so Juno or Hera has come to be associated with revenge as well as symbolizing monogamous marriage or the fulfillment of herself through a single husband to whom she could be a single wife.

For both men and women, Juno is the astrological significator for the fear of losing their significant other and the grasping, possessive attitude that arises from this insecurity. It is also an indicator of the fear of betrayal that arises from the partner's real or imagined faithlessness. Also, it is an indicator of the tension and fears that exist concerning encounters within relationships. As guardians of legal marriage, Juno signifies the rights of legitimate children and society's ostracism of illegitimate children. She also rules those who fight for the rights of the underdog (particularly women) in the political, economic, educational, and judicial arenas. Juno too, is the indicator of the subjugation and revenge that follows the relinquishing of personal power and can predispose an individual to participate in self-defeating power struggles. She represents the fighting side of Libra wanting justice, equality, and fair play.

Gloria Steinem, with her stressful square of Juno in Capricorn square her sun in Aries, when asked why she never married said, "I don't mate well in captivity."

Juno in the sign describes your twelve styles of relating and meeting our intimacy needs. Often the sign describes the type of partner you attract and how you handle any frustrations you have if your need to express in the way the sign describes is frustrated in any way. Some of you project the qualities of the sign on the partner meeting your needs (and often creating problems for yourself) in that way.

*Juno in Pisces:*

You desire to realize your highest ideals through a relationship. Complete faith, commitment, and reverence from/toward their partner are what give meaning and value to you. You have the ability to subtly maneuver others into your way of thinking. You are the person who works behind the scenes to lead people quietly and subconsciously into your preferred paths. Also, you prefer mates

who are deeply and quietly religious.

Juno in the houses is a very useful tool for interpretation. It tells us where or what area of our lives an energy (planet) exerts an effect. Juno in the 6th might desire to work effectively with a partner; Juno in the 9th might want a partner with a similar philosophy of life, compatible religious beliefs, and similar educational background; or Juno in the 11th might want the partner to be a friend as well as a lover and might want friends to be an important part of their lives. This is one reason couples need to know each other well before marriage. If the needs of both are not met trouble can ensue.

*Juno in 1st house:*

You correlate personal identity with being a partner to someone else. Mates are necessary to you to complete the picture of yourself. You feel more secure to be who you are when you have the support of a partner. You are able to organize a home which makes you a good hostess and housekeeper, although some are excessively concerned with the propriety of appearances and actions. You need to learn how to initiate relationship encounters, how to approach others, and how to get along with them. You consider the effects of your actions on social peer groups.

*Juno Conjunct Mercury:*

The importance of mental and verbal communication in one's relationships is paramount to you. You prefer a partner who is intelligent and interconnects well. You have the ability to communicate important ideas, concerns, and feelings to your partner. This kind of sharing contributes to sharing and intimacy in relating too. You attract others with your lively curiosity about everything around you.

*Juno Sextile Mars:*

You have opportunities to combine action and assertion with the relatedness principle. There can be much energy, dynamism and productivity in your relationships. Passion and sexual finesse contribute to fulfillment for you. Some experience the desire or need to protect and defend their intimate partners. You look for a physically or mentally active partner (depending on the sign and house of your Mars), the energetic, martial types.



#### *Juno Sextile Pluto:*

You have the opportunity to bring personal and social transformations of relationship attitudes and roles in your interactions with your significant other. You can transmute the emotional and sexual intensity of your relationship to healing, strengthening, and personal regeneration. You have the power to exert a strong influence on others as well in such endeavors as peak experiences or research. Some of you are attracted to intense, powerful, or secretive types

#### *Juno Square MC:*

This aspect usually does not deny marriage so much as placing obstacles to it in some way, such as having long hours at work or a strong dedication to work which takes one away from the partner. Some have partners who travel or you may have to travel for your work. Since the MC also symbolizes the parents, some with this get negative messages from the parent's marriage that present obstacles. Others need to learn the wisdom of forgiveness and fair play to improve their marriage.

#### *Juno Trine Moon:*

Having a meaningful relationship is linked with the fulfillment of your emotional needs. This is achieved through the sympathy and empathy you have for others. It helps too, that you have the ability to be nurturing, supportive, and understanding of your partner. People with this aspect often attract sympathetic and feeling (lunar) types. When you need to feel the emotions of others as in teaching, astrology or other counseling services, sales work, the ministry, or as a performing artist, these abilities are invaluable.

#### *Juno Quincunx Uranus:*

You may be attracted to unconventional, rebellious, or original types. If you are less unconventional you may find it difficult to meet your need for personal freedom and the demands of marriage. You may both feel discomfort in participating in "traditional" role expectations and thus have a difficult time conforming to the social norms of how a relationship should be. Each partner needs to acknowledge and support the other's need for freedom while maintaining a loving bond.

#### *Juno Opposition Vertex:*

When Juno is opposition the Vertex, it is conjunct the Anti-vertex. While the effect of the Anti-vertex does not seem to be as strong as the vertex, it is still believed to be a point at which you do something for yourself. In this case, you follow your own destiny for yourself. This is done for a variety of reasons. Some are disillusioned by your own marriage so you follow your own path. Some are not married so they carve a path for themselves. Some of you are married to a person who travels or is away from home much of the time. If this is used positively, you become a stronger, more self-sufficient person