

# *Career & Vocation Report* *for* *Serena Williams*

*Compliments of*  
*Stella Starwoman*

[www.stellastarwoman.com](http://www.stellastarwoman.com)  
[stella@stellastarwoman.com](mailto:stella@stellastarwoman.com)

*Stella*  
**Starwoman**



# Serena Williams

## Natal Chart

26 Sep 1981

8:28 pm EDT +4:00

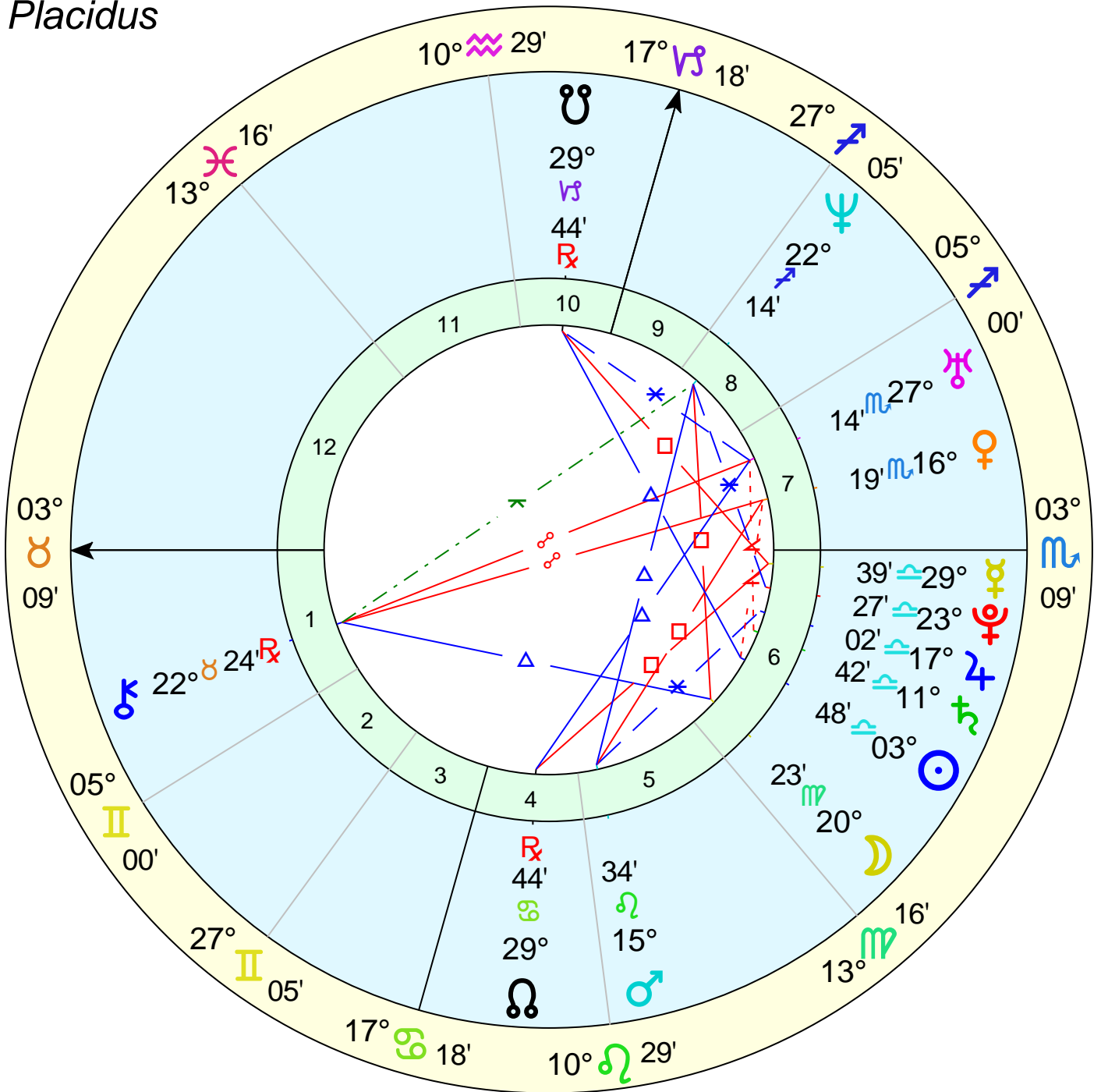
Saginaw

43°N25'10"

083°W57'03"

Tropical

Placidus



## Astrological Summary

### Chart Point Positions: Serena Williams

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Virgo	20°Vi23'	6th	
The Sun	Libra	3°Li48'	6th	
Mercury	Libra	29°Li39'	6th	
Venus	Scorpio	16°Sc19'	7th	
Mars	Leo	15°Le34'	5th	
Jupiter	Libra	17°Li02'	6th	
Saturn	Libra	11°Li42'	6th	
Uranus	Scorpio	27°Sc14'	7th	
Neptune	Sagittarius	22°Sg14'	8th	
Pluto	Libra	23°Li27'	6th	
Chiron	Taurus	22°Ta24'	1st	
The North Node	Cancer	29°Cn44'	4th	
The South Node	Capricorn	29°Cp44'	10th	
The Ascendant	Taurus	3°Ta09'	1st	
The Midheaven	Capricorn	17°Cp18'	10th	

### Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Square	Neptune	1°50'	Applying
The Moon	Trine	Chiron	2°01'	Applying
The Moon	Trine	The Midheaven	3°04'	Separating
The Sun	Semisquare	Venus	2°29'	Applying
The Sun	Conjunction	Saturn	7°53'	Applying
The Sun	Trine	The South Node	4°04'	Separating
The Sun	Quincunx	The Ascendant	0°39'	Separating
Mercury	Conjunction	Pluto	6°11'	Separating
Mercury	Square	The North Node	0°05'	Applying
Mercury	Square	The South Node	0°05'	Applying
Mercury	Opposition	The Ascendant	3°30'	Applying
Venus	Square	Mars	0°44'	Separating
Venus	Opposition	Chiron	6°05'	Applying
Venus	Sextile	The Midheaven	0°59'	Applying
Mars	Sextile	Jupiter	1°27'	Applying
Mars	Trine	Neptune	6°39'	Applying
Jupiter	Conjunction	Saturn	5°19'	Separating
Jupiter	Conjunction	Pluto	6°24'	Applying
Jupiter	Square	The Midheaven	0°16'	Applying
Saturn	Semisquare	Uranus	0°32'	Applying
Saturn	Square	The Midheaven	5°36'	Applying
Uranus	Opposition	Chiron	4°49'	Separating

<b>Planet</b>	<b>Aspect</b>	<b>Planet</b>	<b>Orb</b>	<b>App/Sep</b>
Uranus	Trine	The North Node	2°29'	Applying
Uranus	Sextile	The South Node	2°29'	Applying
Neptune	Sextile	Pluto	1°12'	Separating
Neptune	Quincunx	Chiron	0°10'	Applying
Chiron	Trine	The Midheaven	5°06'	Applying
The North Node	Square	The Ascendant	3°24'	Separating
The South Node	Square	The Ascendant	3°24'	Separating

# 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.

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 who 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-fulfillment 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 become entrapping. It symbolises what must be utilised in the conscious attempt to fulfill 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 fixed 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 to 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 Cancer*

You were born with the North Node in Cancer and the South Node in Capricorn implying that you are self-reliant and disciplined, having inherited an innate sense of autonomy and authority. You are well suited to being responsible and adept at authoring the script of your own life. While you are very comfortable being on your own, providence pulls you in the opposite direction. Destiny waits in the opposite sphere of family and attachments and therefore your life path will challenge you to consider the importance of family, close attachments and bonds with loved ones. You need to be aware that the success of your vocation involves interdependence with those you love and protect. Your invitation is to stay close to home in order to be fulfilled. Therefore the dragon you battle is your own autonomous nature which can lead you into making executive decisions without consulting others. What works best for you is using your authority and innate leadership to direct others, especially those less skilled and more vulnerable than yourself.

Having inherited a strong tradition, you are in the position of initiating others into feeling that they belong, whether that is as a parent to your child, a counsellor to your client or a helper to a person in need. Vocationally your task is supported when there is a safe and secure work environment, preferably one in which you are in control. There is a preference towards a family environment and therefore you may attempt to transform your work environment into a familial one enveloping your work mates with concern and care. Familial issues are often involved in your vocation; an environment that has an extended family atmosphere, a family business, working from the home, following the vocational traditions and customs, especially on mother's side, or even vocations focused on family dynamics and issues. The North Node in Cancer is drawn to vocations which involve the family and its dependants: family care providers, family therapists,



early childhood educators, day care workers, home services, all the domain of this nurturing sign. As long as you find an outlet for your sensitive feelings at work, you will feel fulfilled.

Building emotional and financial security in your vocation is very important. Both are interconnected and the more emotionally connected you are to your vocation; the more financially secure you feel. Emotional security in your personal life is a necessity in order to excel in the world, the greater the support systems the wider your playing field becomes. As long as these needs are fulfilled, and you feel emotionally supported and acknowledged there is no need to seek acknowledgement in the world beyond. But the trick is to let others support and nurture you.

### *The North Node is in the 4th House*

Your North Node is in the 4th house with the South Node being in the polarity of the 10th house. In your horoscope this is the axis that brings the private world and public life into focus. As an astrological opposition this alliance contrasts the inner and outer worlds and forces you into finding a meaningful balance between the two throughout the course of your life. Your natural tendency might find it easier to be in the world, be public and involved with your career path; however this astrological statement highlights the importance of the inner and private world. Hence a career theme might be the ongoing encounter between the stress of the outer world and finding enough time and space to engage with the demands of the inner world. In real terms this might be the tug of war between the career and the family, outer achievements and inner peace or the feeling of being successful versus the feeling of being settled.

Destiny points to the need to consciously create a strong and secure base before launching yourself professionally. It is important to recognise where your foundations stones are, as you will need a strong rock to build your career upon. Interestingly the effort placed in stabilising yourself, delving into your feelings and maintaining a supportive family life will promote your vocation. Ironically your outer world opens its arms to you as make the effort to develop your inner nature. Literally this might also suggest being successful at a career involving family, such as a family business, working from home or the promotion of familial products or values. Another variation on this theme might be real estate, home wares, or even a nurturing profession. However fate weaves her pattern the two threads of career and family are in the forefront of the fabric. In your case it is important to understand that innately you have a successful relationship with the world and what it has to offer when you are able to concentrate on building your nest and family life.

### *Mercury is Square The North Node*

In your horoscope Mercury squares the Nodal Axis. Usually this is often a demanding aspect; however, in relationship to the Nodal Axis Mercury takes on a unique function in terms of your vocation. One way to think about this aspect is that it occurs at a bending, a moment in the cycle when something is about to change course. As the magician, Mercury is encountered at the bend in the road. Therefore in terms of the course of your destiny Mercury calls you to be on alert. In other words Mercury presents you with a challenge, as the nature of this planet needs to be interwoven into your vocational path.

Mythically Mercury is met at crossroads, on thresholds and in transitional zones. He is a gatekeeper and a border guard. His presence is felt in airport lounges and bus terminals where activity is in between leaving and arriving, suggesting that he challenges you with this activity on your journey. Therefore his challenge in your life vocationally is to recognise the necessity of movement and travel in your career. Your path is not constant and your mercurial challenge is to navigate many different byways that will pass through varied jobs. You may be asked to juggle many different tasks or roles, manage diverse groups of individuals or projects, be a go between or regularly travel for your employment. All these may confront your natural direction or what you feel comfortable doing; however they are necessary to incorporate in order for you to feel fulfilled. Be aware of the shifts and changes on your vocational pathway as a deeper aspect of yourself will always challenge you to reach farther afield from your natural comfort zone. You may sometimes feel duped, even cheated, yet ultimately you will look back and recognise that the course that was set in motion at this crossroads led you to a more fulfilling occupation. This aspect suggests that the trickster element is an essential aspect of your vocational destiny and at important junctions along your vocational path you will

be challenged to go in the direction you had never imagined possible. At the same time be aware of tricking yourself into taking the wrong path. Double check, be reflective and ask questions to help ascertain if this is really the right track to be on.

## 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 Taurus*

At birth the sign Taurus was rising and Scorpio was setting on the horizon. Both signs are fixed and describe the temperament that you bring into life. In a perfect world nothing would change but if it had to it would change slowly and deliberately. You are an individual of substance enjoying the beauty of nature and the pleasures of the world, seeking to share your life with others who are engaged and passionate. You need time get accustomed to anything new and time to let things settle down. It is important for you to proceed cautiously getting to know the lay of the land step-by-step, thinking things through. Yet your work in the world may be very different, challenging you to be multi-tasked, interactive and visionary. It is as if you are asked to do the quick step when you are more comfortable with the slow waltz. While these traits may not be at hand, they are in you and need to be drawn out. And it is through vocation that you discover this side of your nature. However, your personality needs stability and structure and therefore it is important that that you choose a path where you are able to feel secure and stable enough in a fast-paced world.

With the Scorpion setting you are attracted to the qualities of honesty, integrity and intensity in others and seek out partners who you can relate to in an in-depth, passionate and private way. However the challenge is that while you want to be engaged, you do not want to be possessed. Freedom and independence to explore your own beliefs, passions and studies is ultimately important to you and ironically you might discover this through the intense feelings that relating ignites. You are deeply committed and intensely involved, yet close to the surface is a curiosity and impatience that wants to get moving to explore the wide world. Vocation supplies you with this opportunity.

### *Mercury is Opposite The Ascendant*

Mercury was in the evening sky just before your birth and crossed over the western horizon when you were delivered. With the god of transition on the western threshold of your horoscope, you will experience important passages and transitions, especially in the sphere of relationship. At crossroads in your life you will be fortunate enough to meet the right guides, mates and friends to assist your passage. This also implies that you have an uncanny ability to counsel and communicate with others in their rites of passage. And it is likely that your instinctual ability to communicate will be utilised in imparting knowledge, information and guidance to others.

# 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-fulfillment 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 Libra*

Balancing, weighing, judging and reflecting are all attributes that Libra has become known for in astrological symbolism; the scales epitomising the longing to experience balance. With the Sun in Libra, you may be called to bring opposing factions into a peaceful alignment through mediating disagreements and arbitrating disputes. You have a vision of a peaceful world, free of conflict so no wonder you are skilled in mediation.

This quest for peace is deeply embedded in your psyche. Your internal images of peace and your innate ability to see the goodness in both the world at large and the individual calls you into diplomatic, social and relationship orientated professions. Pursuing peace for you might have begun in your childhood relationships with your siblings, schoolmates, team members and friends. The Libran child is often fated to be in the middle, appeasing the aggressor and comforting the victim. In victory you might sympathise with the team that has lost and in defeat you boost the sagging spirit of your own team members. You have the grace of being able to see past the faults in others into their potential, allowing you to be kind to those who have been offensive, and supportive to those who have been discouraging. You give confidence to the underdog, hearten the loser, and make friends with the unpopular, being blessed with the innate skill to bring opposing factions into alignment and include outsiders.

Part of your strategy for peace is to create an attractive environment so that the outer landscape inspires inner thoughts and feelings of beauty. By creating picturesque surroundings you are hopeful that unsettled and angry feelings will be calmed and peaceful thoughts will be restored. You strive to create an environment that inspires you to feel at peace, both at home and in your workplace. Your urge for harmony, symmetry and peace needs to be reflected in your vocation whether that is through your relationships with others or beautifying the environment.

Having an innate respect for humanity and empathy for every individual, you appreciate what is refined and developed. You want to create a better atmosphere, not through conquering or chastising, but by revealing a better option. To you this option is peace, the inclusion of all, harmony and understanding. You know that a civilised world begins with harmony and that your fate is to be an architect of the peace proposal. To find your vitality and spirit and to feel soulful in the world, make an effort for co-operation, diplomacy, gentleness, idealism, peacefulness and tactfulness.

## **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 Virgo*

You have the Moon in Virgo reflecting your innate understanding of the cycles and rhythms of life. Your feelings and moods are embodied inspiring your life search to understand the nature of health and well being. To care for your soul you need to provide enough ritual to feel you are able to deal with the natural



chaos and disorder of life. Without order or coherence you are prone to worry, anxious about what might happen. You are so acutely aware of what may possibly go wrong that your body often bears the stress, making it imperative to create the rituals of an everyday life through work and health. This characteristic calls you to your vocation to analytically understand the complexities of life.

From a young age you might have recognised your urge to attend to others, to cultivate, prepare and improve situations. Instinctually you are drawn to be of service through figuring out the problem. Whether your vocational path has led you into the service or technology industries, repair, labour or improvement occupations, you have a great need to be productive and helpful. Work and labour provide you with the means to feel productive and meaningful.

If you are called to the nurturing professions then your Moon in Virgo is comfortable with clinical work such as psychiatric nursing, clinical psychology, medical research and analysis. Instinctually you are health conscious and to care for your soul you need your daily regimen to be balanced and regular. Therefore you are naturally drawn to learning about healthy habits and routines. Being in touch with health may be so nurturing you may be called to a vocation where you can participate in assisting others feel healthier through diet, preventative medicine, holistic healing, exercising or analytic methods. Naturally you find these skills inside you.

# 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 skillful 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 Gemini*

Watching over the border-crossing to your 2nd house is the sign Gemini, inviting you to look at your many skills and talents. So many different possibilities that it is hard to know where to start. Let's start with what you like to spend your money on, as a measure of what you value and like. Books? DVD's? Courses? Software? Probably something like that, as your curiosity and keenness to learn is one of your great resources. And it is this asset that leads you into considering earning your living as a journalist, a writer, a storyteller, a teacher, a designer, an artist, a spokesperson, a translator. The list will go on and on, but what we might describe as the underpinning talent is your communicative faculties. You have a great skill at being able to communicate and translate and it is this ability that will help provide your living.

Gemini represents the image of twinship or duality. On one hand this could suggest your earning power is increased or developed working side-by-side with a partner, sibling, friend or soul mate. Especially when you share a vision on a deep level with another, you work hard to make that real. Another possibility is that you manage two jobs, tasks or projects that provide income. Juggling two sources of income could mean that your job involves much multi-tasking, or you could earn money from two or separate contracts, or perhaps work as a freelancer in your chosen field. Valuable resources that need to be tapped are your ability to be able to read possibilities, see both sides of the situation and describe what others might be thinking but not yet able to articulate. Value your communicative talents and they will pay off. The result is not always a bigger pay cheque but it always is a sense of satisfaction and a job well done.

An innate quality that is necessary to value in your professional quest is your social skills. Destiny has populated your vocation with lots of people, be they work mates, clients, employees or business partners. Success lies in connecting and networking all the different personalities under one umbrella. Another quality is your intellect. Language, ideas, and communication skills are talents worth capitalising on. You learn on the job and prosper by sharing your know-how and ideas with others. No surprise you might work as an advertising agent, promoter, publicist, speech writer, or salesperson. Sharing information and earning a living are bound up together. You are a team player and a good friend, and the only ones who do not know this are the ones who don't know much anyway! Earning money, doing budgets, saving and investing might be nerve wracking for you. In fact money might be an issue that produces anxiety when you think about it. However it does not mean anything except that you have so much to do and don't know how you will get it all done. My hunch is you will prosper when you start to ground your ideas, have a venue to express your stories and are able to focus your mind. A book is inside of you that wants to be released! So start writing.

## 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 centered. 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 fulfillment 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 Virgo*

Virgo is the sign on the cusp of your 6th house, detailing the need for order, coherence, efficiency, and discrimination in your working life. The sign of Virgo is a metaphor for what you need in the routine conditions of your job, suggesting that consistency and orderliness are important to help you feel that you are in safe hands. It is nearly impossible for you to work in a chaotic environment; you need to know your work description and what is expected of you. You respond best when there is a routine and if this is not possible then it is important to create rituals to unify the disparate tasks. When the boundaries are in place and you are familiar with the working procedures and others' expectations, you are more able to relax and enjoy your work.

It is also important that you feel that you are constantly developing in your job and that you are consistently improving in your job performance. You work best when there are specific goals, deadlines or tasks to be completed. The urge to improve is a large part of your nature and as part of this disposition there may be a perfectionist streak. Temperamentally, this urge for perfection might defend a sense of inadequacy. So it is important to recognise that when you begin to feel stressed or overwhelmed you might become more critical or obsessive, unable to let go until the job is 'perfect'. Since your work ethic is high, you may be the last one to leave the office because you are finishing off a project or taking on responsibilities others have relinquished. It is important to be discriminating and set boundaries between your responsibilities and others'.

Your working environment is important to you. It is essential that your environment is healthy. You might find it necessary to brighten up the atmosphere so you feel more balanced and well. You need your privacy at work to be respected and therefore it is essential that you define your working space and what you expect from your co-workers. When you have a task that you can focus on and are able to use your analytical and discriminatory skills the time passes quickly as you are totally involved in what you do. When stress builds up on the job then intestinal upsets and digestive difficulties may arise. Work pressure increases your anxiety and somatically the pressure is carried by the intestines. Therefore at the end of the day, it is necessary to debrief and digest what has occurred during the events of the working day.

### *The Sun is in the 6th House*

You have the Sun in the 6th house which suggests that energy directed towards well being, work and identifying the compatible components of an everyday life are important to you. The Sun shining in your 6th house suggests that it is important your identity is reflected in what you do. Therefore work is the sphere of your life where you are most likely to come face to face with yourself. Think of your workplace as your playground, your studio or a theatre where you get to play the biggest role of your life. Through work you are able to build your identity, forge the confidence in your own capabilities and find a sense of fulfillment.

The Sun being in the work sector of your horoscope also suggests that your occupation is vital to your well being and integral to your sense of growth and confidence. It is important that you find work where you can excel and be recognised for your capabilities. Your work becomes a vital aspect of your life as it is the sphere where you will forge your identity and self esteem, growing in confidence and capability as you develop. Therefore it is necessary to find roles where you are able to feel fostered and directed by a strong manager who is able to give you direction and acknowledgement. But be alert to confusing your boss with your father; he or she are not the same person. Favouritism may be a theme in your work place; whether it is you or your co-workers who are favoured, this complex may fuel dissension with others less favoured or who feel under acknowledged. Therefore it is best to be aware of this and remain detached from any office popularity contests. You work well given a task, a deadline and a goal, improving your skills on the job as you go. If you rise to a managerial position then these are the skills that have been recognized by those in authority. You are focused, not on the need to rise to power, but rather a need to be useful, scheduled and discipline; hence destiny may lead you in the direction of the service industries, analytical occupations or work connected to health and well being. You may also discover an affinity with animals that needs to be expressed in your work environment. Therefore professions such as animal husbandry and farming, or the breeding, training and caring for animals may appeal.

Work is a highly creative place for you as this is the forge where you temper your sense of who you are. It is important for you to be successful in your work and take pride in what you do. Therefore if you do not identify with what you are doing, are not feeling acknowledged or cannot find your reflection in your work, then you may be easily depleted and burnt out. Ironically working gives you energy and vitality when you are connected to what you do; without this identification to your work, you feel rudderless and direction-less. However it is also important to shine where you are and find the courage and confidence to stand up for yourself in the working environment. Your task is to put your own label on what you do. Make your own mark on the workplace by creating an impressive imprint; remember work is the arena where you develop your personality and image. Your position may not yet be created therefore it is up to you to start to create the position that you would like to fill.

Because your chart suggests the need to be personally involved with work, you may be drawn to occupations, which showcase your creative abilities. You are inherently good at managing and producing yours and others creativity. However, you also have an untapped patience and dedication, which you can focus on what you are doing. Often this means you may apply yourself to a task and become so involved you lose some perspective on other areas of your life. Therefore it is wise to remember balance in your daily regimen. Your destiny is to be identified for what you do and therefore it is very important that you recognise the value and fulfillment of work. The secret of your success is your ability to be identified with your job. When you do, others will see what you are capable of and marvel.

### *The Moon is in the 6th House*

You were born when the Moon had set. Being just below the horizon, your 6th house Moon plays a major role in your attachment to work and the way you nurture yourself. With the Moon in this sphere, it needs to be used productively through daily tasks and labours, seeking its expression in the continuity of ritual. Being the most personal of all the planets it suggests that you have your own individual needs and private routines that must be integrated into the work sphere. You need to be attentive to what you need in your work routines. Therefore it is important that you are safe and secure where you work, feel that you belong and are a member of the work team. In fact you prefer your work team to be like family and often go about making your workplace your nest. You do need the continuity between work and home and therefore personal pictures, mementos, souvenirs, kids' drawings and your favourite coffee mug probably adorn your worktable or desk. It is important to make the workplace like home and your work mates like your family. But it is this very instinct to mother your work mates that can often lead to feelings being bruised.

Therefore it is wise to be cognisant of your propensity to bring intimate needs into the workplace and then feel hurt when they are not reciprocated. Another way to focus your urge to nurture in the workplace is through occupations of service and duty. You are naturally drawn to healing, restoration and caring; therefore it is quite common for this astrological image to be reflected in health occupations, work with children or the elderly, as a midwife, a nurse or a carer. But there are many ways this image may manifest. Drawn to the past, the Moon in the 6th may excel at collecting antiquities, restoring furniture, historical research, genealogy or occupations involving food like chefs, restaurant work, catering. However this archetype presents itself, the underlying urge is to be of service.

Consider your needs at work. No doubt you need to work, but why? If you are able to tap the underlying needs and start to support them, then you will be taken care and feel secure. It is work that makes you secure, not the pay cheque or the retirement benefits. Therefore the secret to your fulfillment at work is that you find employment that you feel you belong to and where you feel needed, part of the whole. This fulfillment then provides you with the security and contentment you seek. Also be mindful of your personal rituals. You might prefer shift work, work from home, a family business or home industry; however, this might manifest it is imperative to recognise that you have to meet your own individual work needs.

You are also highly sensitised to the atmosphere of your work environment, the moods of your work mates and the ethos of the industry you work in. Therefore protect yourself from situations which are not conducive



to your sensitivity. When work stress builds up you will feel it in the gut; it is telling you have had a gut full, and it is time to become more separate and take care of yourself. If you hear yourself saying you are sick of work, take heed as you may well become sick just to get some time off! Work is a necessity of your life and a major attachment whether you would like it to be or not. Therefore it is imperative you take good care of your health, diet, and daily regimen. But first make sure work is a safe and restorative experience.

### *Mercury is in the 6th House*

Multi-faceted Mercury is in your 6th house; therefore the fleet-footed messenger of the gods urges to be integrated into your lifestyle. In other words Mercury is an important aspect of your character that needs to be part of your daily life; therefore it is imperative that you find flexibility and freedom of movement in your job.

When you enter the sphere of work the spirit of Mercury comes to the fore. Bright, social, communicative, adaptive are only a few Mercurial traits which come alive through engaging with work. Whatever your job entails, it is important that your analytical, communicative and organisational skills are utilised. No matter what your position you are the central link in the chain of command, as well as a clearinghouse for news and gossip. You have the ability to get the message through to whoever needs to hear it. So whether you are a personal assistant advising the boss, a news reader, a gossip columnist, teacher, interpreter, writer or graphic artist, your message needs to be delivered. Your role in the office may be the one who is in contact with everyone. Often you may either be the youngest or the last one to join the work team. Certainly you bring new, innovative and fresh ideas and energy to your workplace.

In an information-orientated culture you are thriving. Working in IT, developing ideas, writing, lecturing, passing on information are all akin to you. Therefore there is a long list of occupations that suit your quest for analysing information and promoting ideas: accounting and economic analysis, advertising, computer work, editing, information technology, interpreters, journalists, librarian, postal worker, radio announcer, script writer, statistician, the media, the list is endless. However, what is certain is that you need to be mobile, interactive, and not tied down to a desk. If you do not have enough room to breathe or move you become anxious and overwhelmed. The nervous system bears the brunt of the stress and nerves become frayed.

Your tendency is to become disembodied at work, so carried away with the task at hand that you might forget to eat regularly, take a break or just get out for some fresh air. When this occurs, you run the risk of becoming frayed and anxious. Your mind is racing with all the things that need to be done and they all feel as if they must be done now. And if you find yourself being bored then you are definitely in the wrong place. Part of being successful at work is being in tune with your body and what it needs. Be careful not to overtax the system by doing too much, being too scattered or not getting enough rest. It can wait.

### *Jupiter is in the 6th House*

Expansive Jupiter has taken up residence in your 6th house. In this house Jupiter needs to find a way to use its optimistic and passionate nature regularly and integrate its search for meaning and into your lifestyle. One important way is to experience significance and spirit in your everyday routines. Hopefully that can be through work, but if not, then it is important that you are able to access this through a spiritual exercise, an interesting hobby or stimulating studies. This archetype seeks purposeful and worthwhile occupations. Vocationally this suggests you are drawn to those arenas of work that will support this quest.

One of these ways is through education. You may be drawn to the world of teaching, as you have an innate desire to share knowledge with others. You need work to enthuse and inspire you to help you move away from the constrictive attitudes of your past. You need to find spirit in what you do or you become restless and excessive. You question and consider communal ethics, political policies, social parameters and cultural mores; therefore whether you are drawn to the fields of political science, ancient history or foreign languages you are motivated by the desire to discover things outside your comfort zone. You want to stretch and expand and live a lifestyle where you are touched and inspired by learning what exists outside the box.

Therefore work is the vehicle that helps you see the world.

Travel may be an aspect of your work, even working in a foreign country. Whether you work in the travel industry, with foreign trade or your job requires contact with overseas you need to interact with the wider world in the everyday. However, you do not physically travel to be engaged with cross cultural and exciting meaningful employment. Therefore you may also work with others from exotic ethnic backgrounds, different educational histories, unfamiliar religious convictions, differing sexual orientations, imported ideas or goods, foreign policies or strange beliefs. All these introduce you to the unknown and help to introject meaning into your everyday. You need to feel your work is always growing, filled with possibilities and that you are engaged with making a difference.

Once you believe in something you have the keenness to be able to engage others with the ideas you are fervent about. Hence you are good at sales, being able to interest others in products or processes that you believe in. You are able to advertise and market what you know will make a difference. And you can turn this trait to instructing and helping others improve their well being and their lifestyles. Since Jupiter is a social planet its energy might inspire you to be involved in communal and societal concerns to improve our ecological, moral and religious attitudes and awareness. Whether you are able to find the exuberant spirit on the footy field, in an ashram, travelling or studying, you need to access the abundant energy of Jupiter in your everyday working life. Without it you will find yourself chasing down the next fad that might offer enlightenment or obsessing about ways to become healthier.

### *Saturn is in the 6th House*

Saturn, the planet associated with the 10th house of career, is in your 6th house, suggesting that vocation is highly significant in your life. Here Saturn's task is to define the self through work and become masterful and authoritative in the sphere of employment. Therefore Saturn is well placed in the 6th house, poised for hard work and success. That is the potentiality of Saturn in the 6th sector of work; but what is the reality? As an archetype Saturn often manifests as being critical because of its high standards and perfectionism, attitudes which you might project onto your work environment expecting it to conform to your values and high standards. The reality of course is that work will not be perfect and you will make mistakes along the way. With this in mind the possibilities for success increase.

First step is to acknowledge your ambition and your goals. Innately you want to play by the rules, work hard and ethically, adhere to a routine and get acknowledged for your accomplishments. Unfortunately the work world does not always have the same work ethic as you. Duty and responsibility to your job are high, but others, even your boss, may not share this attitude. In fact you may have already experienced a string of bosses whose competency and dedication were no match for yours. Or found out that all your hard work and dedication will not be utilised in the final process. Feeling defeated, you may turn to complaining about your situation and the lack of management or integrity. Important that you recognise this is a challenge to your authority and autonomy. In other words you get to experience what you won't do when you're the boss. You work best when given the responsibility and control; therefore if that is not there, grumbling will not make it happen. You have to. Part of the fate of Saturn in the 6th house is feeling alone to craft and shape your own job. But once you recognise your hard work and dedication is for your success, not others, you feel more able to guide your own course.

Control is important for you. Therefore you might consider self-employment, or certainly employment where you know the rules and that the opportunity to move ahead is clear. You can work well in a hierarchical structure when there are bosses you respect. Unfortunately, this might be rare. When it occurs then you will take advantage of the learning curve. But if you do not respect your superiors turn the situation to your advantage. You will grow into any job so take your time. Time is on your side. Becoming an authority or at least highly skilled in your chosen field is very important, so you may find that study and training are part of your job spec. Advancement is important for you so it might be necessary to periodically review your goals and your progress. Time management is also important, as you need to make sure you are able to satisfy all the commitments that you take on. When the pressures of work become greater than you can bear you

feel it in your back. Bodily aches, a sore back, stiff knees and pains in the neck all remind you that it is time to relax and take time away from work routines. Clocking off is as important as clocking in.

One of your great assets is your persistence and your focus. But when acknowledgement is not there give yourself a pat on the back, a reward or a bonus. While your promotions may not come as fast as you would like, you are noticed for your efforts and achievements and will eventually be acknowledged for these. But you need to stay where you are to find that out!

### *Pluto is in the 6th House*

In your horoscope Pluto is in the domain of the 6th house and your task is to find ways to express the archetype of the underworld and death in your daily life. While this may seem an ominous task change is an everyday part of our experiences. Reflect on how you might be able to bring this powerful force into the working sphere.

Mythologically Pluto resides below the visible world, surfacing infrequently. However when he does make his presence known, it is life altering. Therefore with Pluto in this sphere your work experience is transforming and confronting. Through work you are drawn into the deeper aspects of yourself in order to learn to trust yourself. The nature of Pluto is to reveal what is buried and it is consistent with this archetype to suggest that work is therapeutic by nature forcing you into a confrontation with the self. What is it you said you would never do? What is it you fear? Well with Pluto in the 6th house it is in the work sphere where you will confront these taboos. Quite literally you may work in an area that deals with what is unmentionable, secret or buried.

Professionally this gives you a depth of character. This may lead you into therapeutic careers, occupations that involve loss, death, transition, or employment which is intense. Like an archaeologist you like to peel away the layers to find the truth and therefore have a knack for research, crisis work or change management. You may also be involved with finance, especially the investment of other people's resources. Your best work is done in a crisis and therefore destiny may lead you into an occupation where your critical skills are needed to manage or advise. However what is very important is that you also are aware of your need for privacy and respect. You work well with others when you need to, but probably do better on your own.

Therefore you need to reflect on the nature of your vocation and become comfortable with the intense nature of work. You have a propensity to become fixated or obsessed with work detail and perhaps do work best in an intense way. You need to be vigilant that work does not consume you or abduct you away from your personal life. Because the work environment constellates your strength and conviction you often experience other colleagues or work mates being intimidated by or envious of you. Unfortunately there is nothing you can do to change this except to recognise their discomfort with your intensity and your commitment to truth. Certainly you cannot allow yourself to be disempowered by others' weaknesses. On the other hand you will also draw powerful and insightful people in your orbit who will change your attitudes to work. The sphere of work will offer you the opportunities to encounter your integrity and honesty, confronting you to be true to yourself.

## 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 Capricorn*

No doubt Capricorn is an 'old goat', as the zodiacal constellation of the goat, either a horned goat or a sea goat, was recognised as early as the second millennium BCE. It is a sign that honours the old order, tradition, hierarchy and ageing. Its respect for structure and the status quo suggests Capricorn needs boundaries, definition and support of the authority figure. Psychologically this may be internalised as a struggle for authority and autonomy, manifesting in the need to control, impose order on the environment or even rebel against authority. With this sign at the pinnacle of your chart, you need to honour tradition in your vocation, yet not to the extent of imprisoning a new order which needs to emerge.

Well-defined boundaries and responsibilities are imperative on your career path. It is important that you have a well defined job description so that you can focus on what needs to be done to maximise your

performance. These clear boundaries are also important so that you do not try and over achieve or take on responsibility for others' work, which you are inclined to do. This influence suggests you may feel responsible for the whole system impeding your own ability to do well. Structure, a definite job description and outlining the expectations for job performance are all important issues. These may help address and contain your perfectionist streak and tendency to set unrealistic goals. This could mean that you work in a structured environment such as in a government job, or any job that requires regular office hours. On the other hand it could indicate you prefer the strictures of measurable achievements such as the completion of plans for a building, a building project, mathematical equations, engineering laws, and orthopaedic surgery.

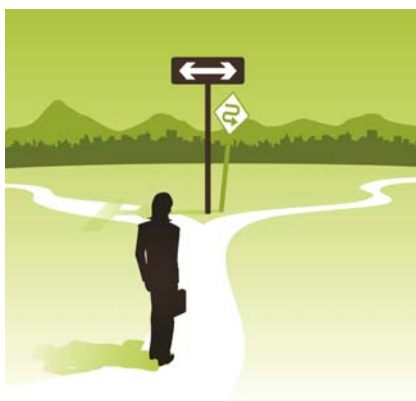
The opportunity to advance 'up the corporate ladder' taking each step at a time, along with a hierarchical culture in the workplace, might appeal to you. The possibility of advancement and rewards for dedication and hard work is a necessary component of your job. Capricorn is ambitious; first and foremost your ambition is just to be able to do the best you can. In this sense ambition is healthy; however when coupled with insecurity, performance anxiety and the lack of a supportive father figure your ambition can be projected onto status and outer achievements which will never appease your feelings of insecurity. Having sense of your place in the work environment is important. Being identified, responsible for your own area, having a title, approval and feedback, regular reviews and mentoring are all helpful in finding security in yourself in the world.

You are able to bring the qualities of commitment, dedication, application and discipline to your job. Your endurance levels are high, as is your commitment to the task at hand. Hence your need your tasks and your roles to be well outlined and established. Tangible achievements are important, as you may not thrive with conceptual or undefined tasks. While your skills can range from business acumen to garden design or from architecture to construction, the common elements that these vocations provide is being productive, employed and task orientated, needs that are essential for you.

Competence is high and therefore you need challenges in your occupation and the space to excel. Like a mountain goat you need to be sure-footed in your career path into the world. The route you take needs to be steady, controlled and well planned. When too much pressure to succeed is placed on your young shoulders, you may find your route into the world has been designed by others' needs and expectations, not your own. At the end of the day you need to know you are in control of your destiny, your own boss, authoring your own script and following your own manual.



## CONCLUSION



*'Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.'*

-Robert Frost

### A Considered Vocation

Fulfillment in the world is more a product of who we are, not what we do. Our vocational nature implies a path of individuation, a road 'less traveled by', and in some ways, a road still under construction. Hopefully this astrological consideration of your vocational potentialities has helped you reflect on a fulfilling career path.

Astrological consideration of a vocation also needs to be placed in the context of the life cycle. Adolescents greatly benefit from a traditional examination of the vocational patterns in the horoscope to help confirm and inspire their career plans. However, in adult years, especially when on the verge of mid-life (36+), the urge to find meaning and purpose through vocation is more the issue. Vocation is a lifelong task and one that is at the heart of the individuation process and the lenses through which we view vocation need to be re-examined and rechecked at every new stage of the life cycle.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Brian Clark received his BA (Hons) and MA in Classics and Archaeology from the University of Melbourne. He is the creator of the Astro\*Synthesis distance learning program ([www.astrosynthesis.com.au](http://www.astrosynthesis.com.au)) shaped from his experience as an astrological counsellor and educator for over 40 years. He is the author of numerous articles, books and student publications, which have been translated into French, German, Italian, Japanese, Cantonese and Spanish. He contributed to *Intimate Relationships* (Llewellyn: 1992), *Jung Talks* (CG Jung Society Melbourne: 2011), *Jung in Effect* (CG Jung Society Melbourne: 2015) and is the author of *The Sibling Constellation* (Penguin Arkana: 1999), *Celestial Tarot* (US Games: 2006), *The Family Legacy* (Astro\*Synthesis: 2016), *Vocation* (Astro\*Synthesis: 2016), *From the Moment we Met* (Astro\*Synthesis: 2018) and *Soul Symbol and Imagination* (Astro\*Synthesis: 2018).

Through Odyssey Tours to Ancient Greece, Brian has conducted over 15 tours to the sacred sanctuaries dedicated to healing and divination. He continues to lead seminars, workshops and retreats on astrology and mythology, both interstate and internationally. Brian now lives in northern Tasmania.



## ABOUT STELLA WOODS



*'I am most happy to recommend Stella Woods to anyone who is in any way interested in Astrology. Her gifts are absolutely marvellous and in sharing them, she does a great service to humanity.'*  
*Swarupa Sridharan, CEO Om Consulting*

Stella Woods has been studying, reading and teaching astrology since 1987. Born in the UK, with an honours degree in French Language & Literature, Stella became interested in astrology and other esoteric studies when she moved to Australia in the mid-eighties. Since then she's offered astrological advice to thousands of clients; taught astrology and tarot; lectured at international conferences; hosted a radio talkback show on Melbourne's 3RRR 102.7 FM; written a monthly column for Australian new age magazine, Living Now and co-produced moon calendars for Australia, New Zealand, Italy, North America and Canada.

Stella is a member of the Tarot Guild and the APA (Association of Professional Astrologers). She also holds certificates in Medieval Astrology and Spiritual Group Facilitation and has studied Literary Symbolism, Kabbalah and Jungian Psychology. Stella has lived in the UK, Europe, North America and Australia and speaks fluent English, French and Italian. Her book *The Seven Secrets of Magic & Manifestation* was published in 2012. On a personal level Stella is totally passionate about astrology, tarot and the art of manifestation. Her dream is to bring these ancient teachings back to life by sharing their power and wisdom with humanity. In 2016, after 30 years in Melbourne, Australia, Stella relocated to Yorkshire in the UK for family reasons but continues to be available for online readings, consultations and private lessons.

*If you'd like to get in touch with Stella, book an online astrology reading or order a birth chart report, visit [www.stellastarwoman.com](http://www.stellastarwoman.com) or email [stella@stellastarwoman.com](mailto:stella@stellastarwoman.com)*