
The Asteroid Report

Chiron and the Asteroids

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Jupiter	Gemini	16°Ge38'	10th	06 11°Aq15'
Saturn	Scorpio	09°Sc04'	03rd	07 09°Pi36'
Uranus	Cancer	20°Ca17'	11th	08 05°Ar36'
Neptune	Libra	26°Li04'	02nd	09 05°Ta30'
Pluto	Leo	24°Le08'	12th	10 07°Ge52'
Midheaven	Gemini	07°Ge52'		11 10°Ca22'
Ascendant	Virgo	09°Vi36'		12 11°Le15'
Chiron	Capricorn	23°Cp39'	05th	
Ceres	Libra	12°Li50'	02nd	
Pallas	Virgo	06°Vi13'	12th	
Juno	Leo	21°Le47'	12th	
Vesta	Pisces	22°Pi31'	07th	

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Introduction

Astrology is an ancient science and art that has been in use for centuries. The planets are named after the Mediterranean gods of ancient Rome and Greece. This illustrates the awareness possessed by our ancestors of the synchronicity between the activation of life's archetypal energies and the movements of heavenly bodies that seem to measure the timing of these events.

The last few centuries have been an exciting time for astrologers. We have witnessed the discovery of the outer planets and watched them conform to the synchronistic meaning ascribed to them by their names, joining and expanding the pantheon of deities that dance through the horoscopes of people and political events. Astrologers have become comfortable with the extended astrological family that now includes Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto, and these have been utilized in western astrology for most of the twentieth century. Since the dust has settled from these cosmic discoveries, astrologers have had some time to study the action of some other newly discovered heavenly bodies - namely Chiron and the asteroids.

The asteroids lie in a belt that orbits between Mars and Jupiter. It is now known that this belt is comprised of thousands of asteroids, but the first four were discovered many years in advance of the rest. These four asteroids were named after four major Olympic goddesses, which happened to redress the gender imbalance among the primarily male planetary deities that populate the horoscope. Thus it was that Ceres, Juno, Vesta, and Pallas Athena came along at the time of the birth of the women's movement in the nineteenth century. Astrologers do work with the myriad of other asteroids as well, but these four, with their associations to four of the most important goddesses, are the "standard" ones in use.

Chiron was discovered in 1977, and was named after the wise Greek centaur who tasted immortality. Chiron lies between Saturn and Uranus and occasionally passes within the orbit of Saturn. At first thought to be a comet or asteroid it is now considered a "planetoid" or small planet-like body.

The astrological portraits of the asteroids and Chiron have emerged through the observations of fascinated astrologers over the last century. This report informs you of their symbolic meaning and gives you insight into how they operate in your own horoscope.

Chiron & the Asteroids in Your Chart

Chiron

The astronomical body, Chiron (once thought to be a comet or asteroid, now considered a "planetoid" or small planet-like body) is named after the ancient Greek, centaur demi-god who was horse from the waist down and human from the waist up. Chiron's orbit, unlike that of the asteroids, lies between Saturn and Uranus, and is irregular in that it occasionally crosses inside the orbit of Saturn. This astronomical characteristic is symbolic of Chiron's reputation for being somewhat of a maverick.

Chiron was no ordinary run-of-the-mill centaur at the mercy of instincts and appetites. He displayed such self-mastery and was so wise and gifted in both the arts of healing and the arts of war and statesmanship, that he found himself mentor to heroes and kings and their sons. His service was of such value that he was granted immortality by the gods. Chance would have it that he was accidentally wounded in the foot by one of his own poisoned arrows, carelessly tossed by one of his fosterlings (Heracles). Since by this time he was immortal, the result of this mishap was that Chiron was condemned by fate to suffer eternally the agonies of a poisoned wound that could not be healed. In order to obtain release from his endless suffering, the wise old centaur decided to relinquish the mantle of immortality that had been bestowed upon him. He gave it, instead, to Prometheus (who needed it to be freed from the punishment he suffered for mocking the gods and stealing their fire). In this way, Chiron embraced death and found release from his suffering.

Astrologically, Chiron's placement in the horoscope indicates one's experience of the wound that does not heal, (or the wound that does not seem to heal, because although an important lesson may be learned through dealing with it, the wound seems to spiral around with another lesson on a deeper level). Chiron represents one's experience of woundedness and the nature of the wound. Second, by coming to terms with suffering through an acceptance of one's mortality, one arrives at a greater state of wholeness or healing. Third, Chiron shows how one comes into one's own as an elder or mentor who can provide healing and guidance to others. Thus Chiron also astrologically indicates the ways and means with which you can guide others, as well as the kind of mentoring and healing you seek for yourself.

Chiron in Capricorn

With Chiron in Capricorn, mentoring and the healing process are associated with issues of inner authority and the learning of the achievement skills needed in order to successfully take charge of one's own life: discipline, a sense of responsibility, and the confronting and surmounting of obstacles. This applies to both the kind of mentoring you seek for yourself, and the kind that you are eventually able to extend to others. You may encounter mentor figures who are older or paternal in some way, or who help you confront the harsh facts of reality in a responsible way that is enriching rather than defeating. You may experience

wounding, inadequacy, or insoluble conflict arising from rebellion or reaction against harsh authoritarian or patriarchal attitudes, unrealistic standards of achievement or excellence, or the loss or absence of a positive disciplining father or parental figure. Painful experiences such as these, or some form of betrayal by a father figure, can evoke your philosophical side and awaken a true sense of wisdom as you struggle to come to terms with the ongoing suffering and the healing sought.

Chiron in 5th House

Chiron in the fifth house indicates that the wounding/healing experience (as described by Chiron's sign placement) plays itself out through the sphere of life that has to do with creative self-expression, spontaneity and play, children, sports, and romantic experiences (which often involve a spirit of child-like fun and exploration). You might experience some kind of wounding through children, perhaps through self-denial for the sake of your children, or perhaps through observing the struggles and woundedness of children. You may suffer from the lack of opportunity or ability to have a child of your own; or, like Chiron did, serve as a guide or mentor to the children of others. Your creative expression may deal with themes of wounding or healing, or you may encounter mentor figures who are very creative. Experiences such as the blocking or thwarting of your creativity can have a wounding effect, and any dysfunctional defense mechanisms you use to deal with the painful issue can cause you further difficulties. Eventually you learn how to integrate and learn from these experiences in such a way that you cyclically reap deeper and deeper healing and wisdom from them.

Mars Sextile Chiron Orb: 00°18'

Chiron forms a harmonious aspect with Mars. The centaur and the warrior pool their resources! The ability to address the wounds to your own self-assertiveness and self-confidence eventually earns you much wisdom in handling the martial energies of yourself and others. You are, as a result, quite able to mentor others and assist them in their own process of healing the inner masculine and the wounds of aggression and the destructive use of forcefulness. You may have a healing influence on others through your fighting spirit, courageous action, or your ability to confront challenges.

Uranus Opposite Chiron Orb: 03°21'

Chiron forms a challenging aspect with Uranus. The wounded healer clashes with the forward thinking rebel who is a proponent of change. You may experience wounding that has to do with issues of the devastation wrought by modern technology or with illnesses that effect the nervous system, meridians, or subtle electro-magnetic energy fields of the human body. Iridology, Reiki, acupuncture, and Crania-Sacral Therapy are some examples of the kinds of subtle-energy healing techniques that may be part of your wounding/healing journey. There may be a wound having to do with an extreme sensitivity to the collective unconscious of humanity and the ideals or thought forms that affect it. This can cause you to be swept away by the tides of social, political, or esoteric movements that promise freedom from certain types of restrictions but often just usher in a new form of enslavement. There may be an attitude of indiscriminate rebellion that leads to a perception of all forms of authority as a threat to freedom. This results in a resistance

to the voice of one's own inner authority, and mistaking its promptings towards inner change and growth (which could be painful) for demands for conformity. If this inner voice is betrayed, then you ironically do end up selling out and joining the ranks of the order of the day, new and exciting as they may be. Through dealing with the pain caused by these experiences, you come to learn on a profound level that the only change that leads to freedom is a deep internal change involving one's own thought patterns, for they are the root of the behavioral and emotional habits that unnecessarily limit you. The challenge is to learn to see that both the need for healing and the need for freedom exist within you, and that not only are they not mutually exclusive, the one need cannot be met without fulfilling the other! It's up to you to resolve this paradox. Your ability to do this may enable you to serve as a healer/mentor to others who struggle with similar issues.

Neptune Square Chiron Orb: 02°25'

Chiron forms a challenging aspect with Neptune. The shaman and the mystic are at each other's throats! Lofty spiritual beliefs could wreak havoc on the side of yourself that needs a sacred connection with the earth and the instincts. There could be an avoidance of the need to address wounds arising from a poorly developed sense of personal boundaries (physical or non-physical). This lack of boundaries could give rise to feelings of victimhood or helplessness, escapism via spiritual or substance abuses, psychic disturbance, or difficulty distinguishing ordinary from non-ordinary states of mind. These difficulties may be rooted in an early home atmosphere in which boundaries were violated or non-existent. Or they could arise from the fact that one's spiritual, artistic, or psychic sensitivity was neglected, went unrecognized, or did not receive the nourishment it required. A non-acceptance of human failings and the sufferings and evils of the world, or a desire to regress to a womb-like state where you can avoid pain and worldly adult responsibilities can thwart the maturation of your artistic or musical gifts, your spirituality, or your compassion and psychic sensitivity. The earthy wisdom needed to face and heal painful wounds arising from a body-mind split is not necessarily inimical to the need for fulfilling transcendent experience, although at times it may seem that never the twain shall meet. The way to resolve the conflict is by learning to honor both needs, instead of just one of them.

Pluto Quincunx Chiron Orb: 00°29'

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

upon your own healing journey, you can have a profound healing influence on others who are struggling with issues of power abuses and powerful or destructive emotional, archetypal, or sexual energies. Your avenue of healing or counseling may involve work with shamanism, initiation experiences, depth psychology, or primal or archetypal energies.

Ceres

Ceres is the expression of the Earth Goddess archetype that has been worshipped in many forms by various cultures. This archetype has always been associated with mother earth, harvests, a transformational journey to and from the underworld, rites of passage, and the birth or resurrection of a fertility deity.

The myth of Demeter (da mater or "earth mother") and the sudden abduction of her dearly loved daughter Persephone by the lord of the underworld contains the same universal symbolism as other Earth Goddess myths. These myths may appear, at first, to be early explanations for the changing of the seasons. They are actually wise, rich, symbolic teachings on such profound themes as loss and renewal, death and rebirth, and the endless transformation that constitutes the very laws of creation to which this universe and everything in it adheres.

On a more personal level, the Ceres myth deals with the severance of the bonds of love and/or attachment. When we experience love as we have known it being taken from us, we can feel as if we have been cast into a realm of eternal darkness, never to return to the world of the living again. We may then be unable to let go of the past, reliving it again and again in our minds - protesting and resisting the present, and demanding that it somehow hand over to us the treasure that has been snatched away.

Yet as with Demeter, who chose to forgo her divinity and wander in the world of humans, after which she was reunited annually with her transformed daughter, it is only when we can give up notions of eternal paradise and immortality that we can relinquish old attachments. Only when we have been humbled by and have accepted those mysterious cyclic forces beyond ourselves that we can be restored to a state of plentitude and abundance in the here and now. Then we can truly understand how our cup must be emptied in order to be filled afresh.

Ceres in the birth chart thus describes what one really cares about, and the way one nurtures others (and needs to be nurtured oneself) in a parental kind of way. It also indicates where one may tend to cling, the kind of separations that can be traumatic, and what one may be required to give up (or share with others) in order to grow. It can also indicate the ways in which we seek for something that seems to be missing, something we didn't get enough of, as well as the ways that can help us mourn such a loss. As with Demeter and Persephone, Ceres can also indicate the kind of experience that constitutes a rite of passage - the most profound transformation: the death and rebirth of the self.

Ceres in Libra

With Ceres in Libra, nurturance is expressed through the sharing of one's sense of idealism, beauty, and goodness, and is associated with learning how to relate harmoniously with others. There is a gentle prodding to learn to see things from other people's perspectives, with a point of view to fairness and justice. The nurturing experience may also be associated with an appreciation for music and the arts. Lack of this kind of nurturance could be a source of grief, through which you learn how to develop these qualities for yourself and, thus, to encourage them in others. On the other hand, an upbringing that placed too much of an emphasis on pleasing others and maintaining an atmosphere of harmony can lead to an insecure need for acceptance from others. Loss of a partner, or of artistic inspiration could serve as a transformative experience for you, one that initiates you into the lessons of loss and return, death and rebirth, and simply letting go.

Ceres in 2nd House

Ceres in the second house indicates that you like to nurture a sense of self worth through the development of resources and abilities, as well as through the cultivation of a healthy value system. You are at home in the physical world and in your body, with a graceful earthiness that is both healthy and a pleasure to behold. You may cling to possessions or old values that no longer serve you. Hating to throw anything away, your appreciation of the earth's limited resources makes you a natural protector of the environment and a champion of such practices as recycling and wilderness preservation. The waste or devastation of resources - the earth's or your own - can cause you much grief, and may trigger a profound inner transformation.

Moon Sextile Ceres Orb: 00°18'

Ceres forms a harmonious aspect with the Moon. Your experience of mother-child bonding themes blends easily and naturally with your emotional and instinctive reactions. Your natural response is to care for life and others, and your grace in dealing with life's losses and difficult rites of passage makes you a comfort to others grappling with these issues. Your emotional acceptance and grasp of the dark terrain of "the Underworld" is nurturing to others.

Sun Trine Ceres Orb: 03°11'

Ceres forms a harmonious aspect with the Sun. The qualities of nurturance and emotional bonding combine with the sense of self-essence or self-identity in a natural, easy manner. You like to care for others, and your grace in dealing with life's losses and difficult rites of passage makes you a comfort to others grappling with these issues. You may have a green thumb, for you have a knack for getting things to flourish.

Venus Trine Ceres Orb: 03°10'

Ceres forms a harmonious aspect with Venus. The mother-daughter (parent-child) story complements and is complemented by the pleasure principle (beauty, harmony, and the world of the senses). You associate nurturance with the cultivation of a sense of self-worth through affirmative touch and the affirmation of one's attractiveness. You nurture others

(and look to nurturance yourself) through a loving acceptance of the sensual, the artistic and the creative. Your sexual expression may be very caring and tender. Love, relationships, and sexuality all benefit from your experience in handling the formation and severance of strong emotional ties.

Jupiter Trine Ceres Orb: 03°48'

Ceres forms a harmonious aspect with Jupiter. The urges for expansion and adventure, and the quest for meaning are complimented by the way the Demeter-Persephone myth touches your life. You nurture the philosopher in others, encourage them in their quests and explorations, and help them find faith and optimism in life's journey. These nurturing activities might be carried out through teaching, travelling, or cultural exchanges. Your own philosophical attitude about life's losses and difficult rites of passage serves to comfort others who are grappling with these issues.

Pallas

As with goddess-myths associated with the other asteroids, the myths that pertain to the warrior goddess Pallas Athena reflect socio-historic upheavals as well as archetypal themes. One of the most interesting aspects of Athena's myth, as it has evolved, is the changing nature of her birth. In her earliest form she was said to have been born of Lake Triton in Libya, home of the legendary amazons. Her worship was brought to the Greek islands much later by the Libyans themselves as they emigrated across the Mediterranean sea. The story of her birth reflected this migration, for she was then said to be born of Metis - a sea goddess. Further evolution of her myth reflects the encounter of the goddess worshipping peoples with the patriarchal people invading Greece from the north: Metis (whose name means Wise Counsel), pregnant with Athena, was devoured by the invaders' god, Zeus, who later gave birth to a fully grown and fully armored Pallas Athena from his head. Later versions of this myth omit altogether any mention of Metis, and depict Athena as having been conceived without a woman's involvement.

Later myth also portrays Athena as bringing about the destruction of both Pallas and Medusa in what appears to be sociological evidence of the attempt to destroy goddess worship. (Pallas, Athena, and Medusa were the three faces of the Libyan version of the triple goddess.) In one of these myths Zeus tricks Athena into killing her Amazonian sister Pallas during a friendly competition. Another myth relates how Athena helped King Perseus to cut off Medusa's head by giving him a mirror to use so he could avoid her deadly gaze. Yet, as much as these myths might have been used as evidence of the wise Athena's denunciation of the Feminine, they also contain symbolism that indicates how Athena preserved the goddess trinity. For, upon the death of Pallas, the grieving Athena placed her sister's name before her own. As for her attitude towards Medusa, she bore Medusa's image upon her breastplate and distributed her blood to healers as a regenerative medicine. The symbolic importance of the mirror in the Perseus-Medusa conflict also hints at Athena's wisdom and gift as a mediator in teaching how to reconcile opposites by seeing in oneself the disowned qualities that are projected onto opponents.

Pallas Athena signifies wisdom and creative problem solving in which a holistic view of conflicting or opposite elements (the Masculine and the Feminine) is required. This sense of fairness is backed up by a willingness to defend or fight for the underdog. Thus Pallas

Athena is also associated with fighting for causes. She represents the application of practical skill and creative intelligence in order to best be of service. She was the goddess of war (defense, originally) as well as the goddess of wisdom and culture - patroness of the civilized arts such as pottery, sculpture, weaving, architecture, and animal husbandry. Pallas Athena can also represent the denial of one's own gender in an effort to cope with situations that require the skills of the opposite gender in order to survive, as well as the struggle to rediscover and reconnect with essential qualities of one's own sex. Androgynous conditions and healing through feminine wisdom, energy balancing or conflict resolution are also expressions of the Pallas Athena archetype.

Pallas in Virgo

Pallas Athena in Virgo denotes perceptive insight or intuitional skill when it comes to analytical or discriminative functions. You may be particularly inventive or creative in matters of efficiency, work, craftsmanship, or the simple management of day-to-day affairs. Difficulty may arise if this is expressed as a crusade for perfection that results in a critical attitude towards oneself and others), and it may be important for you to utilize these skills in your career. Your ability to deftly accomplish a multitude of tasks and to see to all the little details makes you a champion of service - you just know intuitively how things work, and how to get them to work. You might make use of these abilities in defending some cause or underprivileged group, perhaps by attending to all the behind-the-scenes, secretarial-type work; or you might feel inclined to fight for improved health conditions or higher standards in some other area of life (see Pallas Athena's house position, below). Skills in healing or conflict resolution may lie in a wise or intuitive understanding of the importance of preventative health care techniques such as stress reduction, exercise, nutrition, vitamins and herbs, as well as an insight into the dynamics of perfectionism or workaholic behavior.

Pallas in 12th House

Pallas Athena in the twelfth house indicates that you have the ability to tap the collective unconscious with your own creative intellect and to express this perception in an extremely gifted manner that provides healing and practical wisdom to others. Your understanding and use of symbolism (the language of the unconscious), archetypes, and myth is both profound yet practical. Because you have the ability to sway others, it is important for you to utilize these gifts in service rather than for self-gain. You may apply these skills in the service of socio-political causes, the healing of the Feminine, or psycho-spiritual wisdom. You may undergo privations (voluntary or imposed) in fulfilling your "call", seeking retreat or fasting in order to strengthen your subtle perceptions and inspiration, for example. Difficulty can arise if Pallas Athena's energy is expressed as a crusade in which your interpretation of reality and the collective mind is the only one, or the only one that matters.

Moon Square Pallas Orb: 06°18'

The asteroid Pallas Athena forms a challenging aspect with the Moon. There's a conflict of interest between the instinctive emotional nature and the creative intellect with it's penchant for cultural or refined expression (either within yourself, or between yourself and others). You may feel torn between mothering and career needs, or between emotional needs and mental/creative pursuits. You may experience strong emotional reactions to non-traditional gender, cultural, or political rights issues (whether for or against such activities). These reactions may come from yourself or from anima or mother figures. The stress generated by this conflict can be resolved by coming to understand how both these needs seek a positive expression in your own life, and that you must not rely on others to totally express these energies for you.

Saturn Sextile Pallas Orb: 02°51'

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

Juno

Juno (whose Greek name is Hera) is an ancient Queen of Heaven Goddess dating from that matriarchal period when the sovereign Deity was female and reigned alone, presiding over the mysteries of birth, motherhood, and the various phases of reproduction. Mythology relates how she was seduced by Zeus, married him out of a sense of honor, endured a marriage characterized by power struggles over issues of fidelity and bearing a line of descent, as well as how she went into retreat occasionally in order to renew and center herself. Her myth parallels the history of social upheaval in the lands where she was worshipped. Northern invaders struggled to impose traditions of patrilineal descent and the worship of their chief god, Zeus, upon the indigenous matriarchal cultures of Mycenaean Greece and Crete. Over a period of hundreds of years of cultural conflict, the two divinities were forced to share the altar. Thus, in addition to her authority over matters pertaining to childbirth and motherhood, Juno has come to be associated with issues of socially acknowledged relationship, legal marriage, marital fulfillment through commitment and fidelity, and the struggle for equality within a relationship. She represents, also, the kind of power struggles that involve controlling the partner through control over offspring, or through the withholding of sex or emotional intimacy. Juno can also represent committed relationships entered into out of a sense of duty, guilt, or for social reasons.

Juno represents both the need for relationship and the refusal to accept inequality within the context of a relationship. She represents the struggle to balance the need for intimacy with the opposing need for freedom - needs which both partners have, although one of these needs may be projected onto the partner. She can also represent the need to take marriage as a sacred trust, a way that leads to spiritual fulfillment through the reconciliation of the opposites in a state of union.

On another level, Juno can represent the way in which one feels rendered powerless by conflict in spite of sincere effort and irreproachable conduct on one's own part. The harder one tries, the more inadequate one's efforts seem to be, for there is a tendency to cling to old methods when circumstances have changed and a whole new paradigm is needed before the way clear can be seen. This frustration can sometimes lead to self-depreciation and loss of faith in oneself. Juno thus symbolizes the transition state between old and new ways of being, where the old fails to meet the needs of the times and the new is not yet manifest. She describes the need for a kind of spiritual self-rejuvenation that is needed in order to see oneself through times of utter disintegration into the future that awaits. Juno in the horoscope thus represents the ways in which we need to renew ourselves, and where our ability to adjust to changing circumstances is most tested.

Since marriage proved to be this goddess' testing ground, Juno in the horoscope also indicates the qualities associated with one's marriage partner and the ways in which one handles intimacy/freedom needs as well as the jealousy and insecurity that often accompany this balancing act. Juno's position describes the nature of any control issues, the ways in which such power struggles get enacted, and the type of sacred cows that need to be relinquished so that the path to marital fulfillment can unfold. Juno's placement in your chart can refer not only to your mate (or the way that you perceive your mate), but to the relationship and to your own behavior in a committed relationship as well.

Juno in Leo

With Juno in Leo, the qualities you seek in a committed relationship are warmth, spontaneity, and a love of fun and creativity. Someone who makes you feel like royalty, or who shines like royalty for you - something to keep the romance alive. You appreciate a partner who is benevolent and protective, with strong leadership skills. The need for admiration, attention and appreciation is a key issue. It could be that, in spite of your best efforts, you yourself experience a sense of inadequacy when it comes to such matters, or that your partner is doing all the expressing in this regard (or vice versa). This could be a source of difficulty when it comes to intimate relations. Intimacy/freedom needs, childbearing, fidelity, and power issues need to be handled with loving attention and appreciation for each other, otherwise selfishness or childish attention-getting behavior can result.

Juno in 12th House

Juno in the twelfth house indicates that there are deep unconscious emotional patterns that the relationship evokes, lending it a sense of destiny. Whether or not one believes in reincarnation, there is the sense of an ancient bond that exists between you and your partner, a kind of familiarity and "fatedness" that may have been felt from the beginning. If spiritual interests are shared, this could represent a true marriage of "soul mates" who experience divine union with the Beloved through each other. There may be a sense of a one-sided debt owed to one partner by the other, resulting in the need to undergo some kind of sacrifice for the sake of the relationship, perhaps even a sacrifice of the relationship itself. One partner may nurse the other through ill health, for example. Or perhaps the partner works as a nurse, in a hospital, or in some other institution of voluntary or involuntary confinement. At any rate issues of service, sacrifice, and spiritual connection

are major concerns in the committed relationship. The qualities described by Juno's sign position (above) indicates the manner in which you can best deal with these issues.

Mercury Opposite Juno Orb: 01°31'

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

Mars Square Juno Orb: 02°10'

Juno forms a challenging aspect with Mars. Your fighting spirit and warrior skills are inextricably bound up with issues of committed relationships in such a way that these two aspects of yourself seem to be utterly incompatible. Perhaps you feel that the give and take needed for equality within a relationship is inconsistent with your assertive or competitive drives. Or your partner feels this way. One of you may have trouble dealing with anger and end up either venting it unfairly on the other, or employing passive-aggressive techniques to elicit angry expressions from the other person. Anger may be used as a way to control or manipulate the other partner. The resolution of the opposites comes from standing in the middle and not taking sides: the need for equality within a relationship and the need for assertiveness must both find conscious healthy expression. Otherwise you may tend to project one of these needs out onto others, which can result in difficulties with aggression or anger.

Neptune Sextile Juno Orb: 04°17'

Juno forms a harmonious aspect with Neptune. Your longing for a relationship that is intimate and egalitarian is supported by your sensitivity and your mystical longings. One partner may be inspired by or affirm the other's spiritual nature, or encourage their sensitive ability as expressed through artistic, healing, compassionate or psychic capacities. You may be attracted to partners who exhibit these abilities. Such activities and interests can serve as a focus that can enrich your intimate relationships.

Pluto Conjunct Juno Orb: 02°21'

Your Juno is conjunct Pluto. The whole sphere of intimacy and equality in relationship is profoundly colored by power issues. You may attract partners who are intense, instinctual, and or who seem to have a powerful influence of some kind. Your partner or committed relationship may support your struggle for empowerment, healing and

transformation. Your experience within a committed relationship is influenced by your psychological depth and your instinctive grasp of the deep inner forces at work in life. Issues of transformation and self-empowerment may figure importantly in the power struggles and the striving for equality which are part of such relationships.

Vesta

The asteroid Vesta (Latin) is named after the ancient Greek goddess Hestia, first born of the Olympian deities and last released by her father Cronos (father Time), who at one point swallowed all his offspring. Thus she denotes the beginning and the end - alpha and omega - and serves as a reminder of the source from which all things originate and to which all must return. She represents the preservation of sacredness and the state of connection to formless Essence. As such, she is the only Olympic deity not worshipped anthropomorphically; she is symbolized only by the altar and its sacred flame. Thus she also represents any sacred space - be it temple, sweat lodge, or meditation corner - that acts as a container in which we may center ourselves, and feel the presence of Spirit. In ancient times Vesta was worshipped both in the city center as the flaming altar, and in every home as the central hearth whose embers were literally passed on down through the generations from mother to daughter when the daughter married and established her own hearth. In this manner Vesta came to represent the perpetuation of the spark of life, and of civilization and one's ancestral and cultural roots.

In early matriarchal societies, priestesses honoring Hestia maintained a connection to this spiritual essence (represented by a sacred flame that they tended night and day). They offered themselves in sacred sexual union in order to teach the divine aspect of sexuality and the need to remain aware of the sacred while engaged in physical life. The priestesses remained unmarried and committed to none but themselves and their worship. Their sons (conceived anonymously during ceremonial summer solstice rites) served as year-kings when there was no royal heir. These customs were finally abolished when patrilineal traditions were enforced and the priestesses were compelled by the Roman king to serve as keepers of the new (patriarchal) civilization and to observe vows of celibacy. To break these vows entailed a cruel death penalty. In exchange for the relinquishment of their sexuality, matrilineal customs, and true spiritual function, the priestesses (Vestal Virgins) were granted freedom from paternal control.

Vesta's sacred flame represents, in the yogic tradition, the kundalini force which, when properly awakened and channeled, leads to spiritual development. Thus, astrologically, Vesta has come to represent both spirituality and consecrated (or desecrated) sexuality. This can include a wide range of sexual expressions such as abstinence, renunciation and celibacy, the celebration of spiritually honored sexuality, sexual idealism, and the sacred whore. Astrologically, Vesta stands for that which provides us with inner sustenance; the way in which we are pulled back to our core or inner self; and the struggle between this and the demands of the outer world. Vesta represents the way in which we long to bless others with the fruits of the spiritual resources we have found within ourselves, but it is also the need to retreat and preserve our inner sanctuary against any disrespectful intrusion. Vesta is associated with dedication, focus, and commitment. She represents those things that helps us focus, the way in which we dedicate ourselves with heart and soul, and that for which we are ready (or compelled) to make a sacrifice. The things

indicated by Vesta's position in your chart may be things that you feel compelled to give up or sacrifice, often out of a sense of spiritual compulsion. Yet they can also be the very things that evoke your dedication - leading to a sense of deep inner fulfillment when you are willing to make some sacrifices on their behalf. Keep this paradox in mind as you read on, for Vesta can express itself one way or the other - or both!

Vesta in Pisces

Vesta in Pisces indicates that imagination, spiritual inspiration, and the visionary help you focus and center yourself. You use them to go inward, get in touch with yourself, and tap into your sense of dedication, which is then committed to artistic, healing, spiritual, or service activities (described further by Vesta's house position, below). When focused, you may experience uncommon psychic states that others don't understand or condone. You are capable of following spiritual practices that require celibacy. Yet, paradoxically, it is through spiritual awareness that you are also capable of experiencing the most sacred and fulfilling aspects of sexual union. Vesta's position in the sign of Pisces is perhaps the most descriptive of the ancient vestal priestesses; like them, you may feel called upon to offer your inspiration in service to others. If you experience your sexuality as an aspect of your spirituality, then sexual intimacy may be a part of how you help others experience ecstasy or spiritual fulfillment. It is possible that you become so involved in other worldly pursuits that you lose sight of the goal they are meant to serve. If so, you may have trouble finding a focus, fulfilling your commitments, or engaging in spiritual or inspiring work that serves a useful purpose. This can be compounded by a tendency to blame others for this state of affairs. You then end up feeling spiritually unbalanced and out of touch with yourself. By learning to anchor your flights of spirit in a sense of inner spiritual presence, you can renew your dedication to inspiring work that serves others in a useful way.

Vesta in 7th House

Vesta in the seventh house indicates that sacrificial dedication and intense one-pointedness are focused on the issues of intimate relationships, marriage, and partnership. You are able to sacrifice yourself for the sake of others (especially for your partner or your relationship). Your devotion and loyalty provide a firm foundation for an enduring relationship. But there is also an inclination to become obsessed with these things - which could be unbalancing for you, since you might then feel a need to withdraw from others in order to center yourself. You could feel overburdened or overly dutiful when it comes to your partner, perhaps due to a sense of feeling personally responsible for the success or failure of the relationship or for the other person's happiness. You may also experience self-denial of fulfillment through relationship, so that instead of making sacrifices for the sake of relationships, you experience a sacrifice of relationships themselves. Issues involving sexuality and spiritual or religious convictions could have a strong influence on your view of marriage and intimate relationships. Careful consideration of these activities or issues will help you understand how to best manage your sense of commitment and remain centered in your self.

Mars Trine Vesta Orb: 01°26'

Your Vesta forms a harmonious aspect with Mars. Your fighting spirit rallies itself behind the need for commitment to a cherished goal and your capacity for self-sacrifice. You can invest a lot of energy and literally dedicate yourself to masculine activities such as sports, martial arts, or competition. An honoring of the masculine may be evident in your sexual and/or spiritual expression. You may support your spiritual ideals through your assertiveness or courage, or you may crusade on behalf of the sexually or spiritually desecrated.

Jupiter Square Vesta Orb: 05°53'

Your Vesta forms a challenging aspect with Jupiter. One's personal quest for meaning, or one's need for philosophical exploration or adventure may be inhibited by a spiritual or sexual belief system that has become dogmatic or limited in its views about higher studies and the pursuit of knowledge. Or the quest for meaning may languish as a result of an overemphasis on achievement or the pursuit of profit and gain. Perhaps an interest in ceaseless travel, freedom, or adventure has, to your own detriment, resulted in a neglect of your need for commitment to a cherished goal and your capacity for self-sacrifice, or has had a negative effect on your sexual or spiritual life. Your own spiritual leanings could place you in conflict with the prevailing faith or belief system of the times, or perhaps your philosophical views create a split between sacredness and sexuality that causes difficulties for you. Spiritual or sexual conflicts could be related to excesses such as over-eating or fanaticism. By trying to balance the need for ongoing growth, adventure, and questing with the need for dedication and commitment to a cherished goal, you can avoid the natural tendency to unconsciously repress or project one of them out onto others. The same thing applies for the apparent dichotomy between faith/belief system and the need for spiritual and sexual self-empowerment.

Uranus Trine Vesta Orb: 02°14'

Your Vesta forms a harmonious aspect with Uranus. You can balance the need for spiritual and/or sacred sexual expression with the need for change and excitement. Similarly, you are able to balance your passionate one-pointed commitment to your particular sacred cow with the need for freedom and new ideas. Your willingness to experiment can enhance your awareness of the sacredness of spiritual/sexual energies. You may have a burning passion for technology, computer sciences, or other work with energy fields. You may utilize your capacity for self-sacrifice to support some humanitarian or "new age" goal, or in support of some collective vision of progressive future change.

Pluto Quincunx Vesta Orb: 01°37'

Your Vesta forms a challenging aspect with Pluto. The priestess meets the power-monger and it's an awkward situation. The need to deal with issues of use/abuse of power, transformation, or sexuality may conflict with the need for dedicated focus or commitment, or with one's need for spiritual expression. You may object to certain spiritual lifestyles because you find them destructive, abusive, or sexually oppressive. Unconscious psychological conflict may result in sexual difficulties. The challenge posed

by this astrological configuration is to make space in your life for both healthy spiritual/sexual expression and for self-transformation and self-empowerment. This will take conscious effort; reluctance or inability to do so will probably result in unconscious projections that sabotage human relations until you start to see your way through.

This sums up your report for Chiron and the asteroids in your chart. An astrological chart is like a blueprint of the human psyche, with its great and dramatic cast of archetypes. And each human psyche is like a unique, one-of-a-kind carpet woven from many beautiful threads of many different colors. Chiron and the asteroids are five of those threads.

This report has described each of those five threads by house and sign, and has even described what happens when one of those threads is intertwined with other single threads (the other planets). And this does give you some kind of overall picture. But the best way to understand the pattern that all the threads make in their weaving of the whole unique carpet, is to consult an astrologer skilled in chart interpretation. The astrologer can make a big difference in helping you piece together the puzzle of your chart so that, in the end, you can see the beautiful carpet where once, perhaps, all you saw was a tangle of threads. Hopefully, this report will help you to understand some of the magical threads that are woven into your life.