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INTRODUCTION

One thing is certain about you, no matter where you are -- you're one of the people who gets a lot out of life because you look beneath appearances and are willing to think for yourself, astrology being somewhat off the beaten track these days. So what is ASTRO*CARTO*GRAPHY*EXPLAINED? It's based on the common, instinctive idea that a person has different chances, luck, experiences or options in different localities -- that you aren't exactly the same person in New York that you are in Los Angeles. It works by looking at the planets' relationships to the places you've asked about at your birth moment. If a particular planet was especially powerful in the location noted when you were born, then the affairs that it symbolizes should predominate if you travel there, reside there or even have anything to do with that location from some other place.

Since 1976, when the now-standard ASTRO*CARTO*GRAPHY technique was introduced, wide acceptance by both the astrological community and the public has validated it. In addition, ASTRO*CARTO*GRAPHY has been able to benefit from the actual experiences of the thousands who have ordered its maps. The product of this experience is this new service.

WHY DO PEOPLE MOVE?

To understand how this information will be useful, perhaps we should question why people move around so much in the first place. In addition to the obvious reasons are psychological ones. Psychologists (Carl Jung especially) have suggested that people instinctively seek wholeness, or a completeness of their experience. If it's true that different locations accent different parts of your potentials, moving offers a way to speed evolution, to get acquainted with new parts of yourself. So if you find that a location you are obliged to reside at is one in which some of the more problematical influences predominate (such as Saturn, Neptune, etc.), you should look beneath the superficial and immediate desires and concerns of your life and try to understand what emerging consciousness has brought you here. Every location is good for something, and you would not be considering living in a difficult one for no reason. Also, don't get frightened if some of the interpretations sound extreme or perilous. Every planet has numerous possible manifestations, and, while we've tried to include them all here, rarely do the more extreme ones occur. The point in this report is to enable you to anticipate the nature of influences at your potential residence and so become able to recognize and utilize their most positive manifestations.

Different people are apt to react differently to the same astrological influence. You will feel more comfortable with what you already know, so certain planets will be easier for you to live under than others. For example, if you are a woman with traditional values, Mars and the Sun will possibly pose more problems for you than for a man, since the qualities and life experiences associated with these planets are not usually socially encouraged in women's upbringing. Similarly, men will find the Moon and Venus more challenging. People who tend

to follow external authorities and believe in society's order as unchallengeable may find themselves more at home under Jupiter and Saturn lines, and stressed by new experiences under Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto, while individualists and the more self-reliant will reverse these reactions.

You might find it useful to realize that, when faced with challenging astrological potentials, it is sometimes easy to "project" these onto your mate or partner, seeing the emerging parts of your own psyche as things THEY are doing. If your interpretations seem to fit your mate, realize that these things are happening because of possibilities in yourself that you aren't ready to face, and try to develop the positive sides of the astrological potentials described.

EVERY PLACE IS GOOD FOR SOMETHING

But the most important thing to realize is that every location is good for something; if you recognize and understand its potentials, you can use them constructively. You'll find that in some instances you don't even have to travel or live in the location -- that its influence affects you through people who come from there, or remote concerns, such as business, cultural or other life interests that symbolize those psychological potentials described by this report.

So here goes with the ASTRO*CARTO*GRAPHY*EXPLAINED analysis of the locations you're interested in. We hope it opens up for you opportunities to find what you're looking for in life; but we also hope it enables you to look beneath the surface, to see patterns in your own development and your instinctive growth toward wholeness.

Los Angeles, CA

PERMANENT INFLUENCES

At the location which you have specified, there was more than one important influence at the time of your birth. Below we have identified the nature of these influences, and they will probably seem somewhat contradictory to you. Residing in a location where there is more than one important planetary influence is of itself somewhat stressful, and it is likely that one or more of the influences will be "projected"; that is, instead of acknowledging and assimilating the influence yourself, you will be inclined to seek other people, or external situations, to act it out for you. Nevertheless, you should attempt to comprehend all influences operating here, since it is only by inwardly accepting such power that you can gain control over it.

This locality is under a very powerful influence; as you read the following description, realize that since you are extremely close to the exact, dead-center of the influence, your time spent here is almost certain to be unusual, powerful, and constitute a very important chapter in your coming-to-acceptance of the life activities and potentials symbolized. You would do well to judge the level of previous experience and acceptance that you have developed for these life activities, and expect that you will be forced to grow beyond this. If the type of activities and concerns identified seem to be ones that you do not wish to deal with as part of your daily

experience, perhaps you should consider residence in a different locality, or at least try to locate yourself 300 miles or more east or west of the chosen locality, where this influence would be considerably moderated.

Pluto-Imum Coeli

IF YOU'RE JUST VISITING, SEEK PEAK EXPERIENCE AND SYMBOLS OF CHANGE

On a vacation or short stay, you probably won't have time to develop the deeper and more permanent changes listed below, but you might encounter a symbol or person who stands for a self that you may become at some future time. This awareness can be precipitated by exposure to the concept of mortality in some form, which could include sexuality as well as birth or death. This is a likely location for "self-renovation," particularly if undertaken consciously, such as in psychoanalysis, or for other types of peak experience. In Pluto's realm, the structures of society and selfhood give way to a more universal order. Do be careful though, especially if the ideas described below are repugnant to you.

LIVING HERE IS THE FIRST CHAPTER OF THE REST OF YOUR LIFE

If you are tired of three-dimensional reality, the laws of physics, cause and effect, and society, this zone may be congenial, as here the odds are continually defied, firsts and lasts in life are encountered, and actual miracles can happen. Most people would rather not think much about death -- we live as if we were immortal and feel that death is something that happens to other people, hopefully ones we don't know. But awareness of mortality is an important motivation for the quality and energy of life; philosophers have counseled us to live each day as if it were our last, and the power and intensity of the sexual experience stems from its relation to death, as through reproduction the individual is born anew. Death is the opposite pole from birth, and sex the bridge between the two. Residence in this zone will immerse you in experiences somehow allied to these peak-intensity realities, and images of rebirth, renewal, destruction, eroticism, alienation, rape, and leave-taking are apt to prevail. Exposure to such universal truths poses problems, as much of the world's day-to-day operations (like concepts of property and privilege) are predicated on ideas of immortality and continuity. In touch with absolutes, you tend to see yourself and others as one in five billion, truly equal in mortality, and exposure to (or awareness of) death changes your perspectives on life, leaving you seeing it with greater depth and clarity.

The theme of social alienation is prominent here, and you will probably do something to isolate yourself from normal, day-to-day, superficial, and trivial social intercourse, then complain about this self-imposed rejection, lamenting your image of outlaw or social pariah. You should have thought of that when you made yourself a focus or symbol of social forces. Total inner transformation of the kind stimulated by this zone demands total isolation and an awareness of the unique and lonely position of the individual as focus of the whole; it's impossible to communicate your self-perceived position in infinity and fate. Withdrawal from family and other unquestioned alliance underlies a war with anything that tries to define or confine you. Such total personal transformation is not pleasant, usually, as ferment and death of parts of self must precede new growth. The fields must be burned for new planting.

STEPS ALONG THE ROAD TO NOTHING

Pluto was, of course, the god of the underworld and lord of dead souls. His kidnap of Persephone in the myth adds to the concepts of mortality and finality, those of rebirth, loss of virginity, the imprisoned female, abduction, and birth, and suggests that within the female (and her capacity for childbirth) lies the potential to transcend death, to return from Hades. There is also implication of renewal through peak experience and the erotic, as well as symbolic association with resurrection motifs. Through all the trauma, identity is purged, and a new self emerges, enlarged by the intensity and greater depth it has experienced.

The earlier stages of consciousness of this zone are apt to center on loss, as it is only through this that the new can be given room to grow. A loved one may leave your life; childhood may be "lost," with a resultant resentment against family; virginity and "innocence" may be lost, creating a resentment against sexuality or perhaps the opposite sex. Social position or status may be lost, with a resultant feeling of alienation and outlaw consciousness -- you alone pitted against everyone else. This stage sees a wounded pride and an "I'll get even" mentality that can run the gamut from self-destructive despair to firearms fetishism, with the emphasis on how much you have been wronged. A more mature outlook centers on acceptance and begins to adapt to the new situation. Depression and pessimism are internalized and gnaw less evidently at the outer personality, but there is a feeling that life will never be the same. Finally, in stages of mature, conscious awareness of the power and nature of this zone, you are able to see the immortality that is afforded by the perishing of old forms and their replacement with the new. Life's limitations are seen as its motivations, and its losses are seen as a necessary part of the equation of existence. In this stage, true magic is possible, as this alchemy of mortality is Nature's secret of creation; when understood on inner psychological planes, it allows the transcendence of physical laws, along with sentimentality, illusions, even blind hope and faith. The butterfly emerges from the cocoon, and just when hope was abandoned, a miracle occurs, redirecting life with a singleness and purpose only dreamed of before. For those who give up the pleasures of the trivial, nature awards the absolute.

INTENSITY ADDICTS

In light of the foregoing, it should be clear that it takes a special sort of person to enjoy and prosper in this intense and powerful zone. But it is hard to know who will or won't, as anyone is apt to change radically here, perhaps into a person who enjoys intensity more. But the process will be more painful if you're the type who shies away from the darker side of life experience, wants life to be pleasant, ordinary, superficial, social, and stable. If the power of sexuality frightens you and changes or upheaval elicit more fear than anticipation, then this zone may be particularly trying for you, but the depth with which your experience is rewarded may be all the more needed. People attached to their possessions, who feel that money constitutes security, also have problems, as the experiences of this zone force acknowledgement of the impermanence of material reality and how it is underlain by the more powerful laws of energy exchange and equilibrium.

As a man, your tendency may be to relate to the separateness and intensity of this zone with a brutal competitiveness, a rebellious, outlaw mentality, becoming resentful and alienated from society as a result of some real or imagined injustice to which you have been subjected. Often there is an isolation from women or a tendency to objectify relationships into the purely sexual. Femininity seems alien and absent or can take threatening forms, as in designing and

treacherous relationships; this may extend to the broader concepts of cooperation, community, and society, which you tend to deny yourself. Relationships of all kinds center around power, money, and possessions and you learn, rather unwillingly, a new respect for your limits in an unequal society.

FLIES, WOLVES, DOGS, AND MONEY

On more immediate and practical levels, while in this area, you may come into closer contact than before with the central themes of death and rebirth; partnerships may undergo transformation, relationships become intensely competitive, or people close to you might pass away, leaving you with a more intimate and painful grasp of this universal reality. Sex is also apt to become more prominent in your life, and firsts in erotic experience often are encountered here. Socially, power struggle seems the key concept in this zone, and your relationship with society may center on oppression or persecution, with resultant formation of self-reliance and resentment against authority and "normalcy." If you do not experience these realities directly, they may come to you through other people, and outlaws, criminals, underworld types, and the extremely powerful and unprincipled may enter your life. There is even the possibility of becoming the victim of violent crime, but this is most often the case only when people repress the other, less extreme expressions of this energy, so that it has no choice but to manifest outwardly and beyond your control. All these uncommunicable experiences and traumas serve to assure that the rest of your life will be shorn of some of the illusions that most of us live in, and this heightened awareness of reality, like that of a Nazi concentration camp survivor at a cocktail party, makes you somewhat unwelcome, as you force recognition of issues most of us would rather forget.

Obsessions are also often experienced here, and when they have passed or you have moved elsewhere, you will wonder at the power of an idea and the hold it held over you. In this zone, you are stripped to your essence, and in learning a weighty lesson, you acquire a sensual depth, a magnetic charisma that requires you to live in a world more real than most. Your work may deal with these vital issues in some way, as, for example, counseling the recently traumatized or bereaved. Flies, wolves, or dogs are among the symbols of death and decay which may surface frequently as signs of the change going on within. Money, itself a potent symbol of how material reality can acquire a life of its own, will be a preoccupation or obsession in this area. The acquisition of depth is the overriding purpose of what happens to you here, and any attempts to forestall this will only up the ante. Better to make a study of mortality and to seek understanding of the extremes of human possibility.

WHERE CATALYSTS OF CHANGE COME FROM

Even if you cannot travel to these zones, they are apt to stand in your mind for absolutes, firsts, lasts, and beginnings. People from these places may arrive as great changes are about to beset your life, or, similarly, you may be a catalyst for change in other's lives who live there. The symbols of decay, fermentation, and rebirth may be associated somehow with this locality and, a total resurrection of your possibilities may accompany any dealings with it.

The particular position that occupied in this location at your birth will direct this type of

energy and experience particularly into certain life areas; while the most important thing to understand is the underlying meaning and psychological principle, these are apt to manifest more obviously in specific life areas than in others.

YOU LOVE YOUR FAMILY, BUT CAN'T BE LIKE THEM

The position of Pluto at this location tends to stress your relationship with your family and the definition of your roots and origins. The past, tradition, perhaps your birthplace or ethnic origins are involved in a battle in which you must establish who you are apart from such identification. Your family identity and past will eventually be left behind, though a new life is hard to build, uprooted from a demanding, but probably inappropriate, milieu. Money, sex, competition, and issues of freedom and individuality are pitted against what tradition expects of you, resulting in continual upheaval and perpetual cataclysm in your home, property, real estate, and family concerns. Elderly persons are in danger here, and death makes its presence known in your life, though through its force you come to a new sense of personal meaning and depth of life experience. The ultimate battle of selfhood is fought with your parents, the symbol of some authority or hitherto unquestioned set of values or traditions. Beneath outer problems lies the need for self-purification, a purging of the past and settling up of ancient karmic debts and outmoded relationships. Forgotten family history may conceal the pattern your life is following.

A self-definition that you cling to, but which in fact has been outgrown and no longer seems relevant, cannot endure here, so a curious loyalty to the past disguises a real need to leave it behind forever. Obsessed with genealogy as part of this process, you are trying to find some roots to which you can relate, and firsts and lasts in life are here associated with concepts of family, continuity, and inheritance. Motivating much of this introspection catalyzing the life changes are resources and abilities that will remain dormant in your present state of consciousness -- these latent powers, talents, abilities, and personalities that make themselves felt in this zone militate that you get on with the elimination of unsuitable traditional strictures or face an increasingly uncomfortable feeling of spiritual constipation. Your heritage is realized here, but that can also mean dealing with accumulated family guilt, inherited diseases, or oppressive attitudes.

This location lies a little to the west of the exact planetary influence; therefore, of the possibilities listed above, those which suggest the direct influence on you by your family, cultural, or ethnic background are the ones most likely to manifest. The planet tends to act outside of you, and polarizes your self-image in opposition to its more negative potentials, requiring by either positive example or direct coercion your development of the described qualities. Who you are, meaning in this case who your family, past, and "roots" have been, becomes a potent force in the creation of who you are growing to be, a force whose nature will conform closely to the description above. Living here will change these most inward of concepts of self, often by direct confrontation with your origins and past.

To understand the following influence, you should be aware that it is strong in this locality, though not overbearingly so. While reading the psychological description of its manifestation below, you should recognize the major theme that has operated for you (or will operate) here,

though it may not be your prime concern at all times. You can ignore it for long periods, and this moderation of the influence tends to mitigate some of the more frightening and dangerous excesses that can occur. Probably, the more unusual manifestations won't happen to you, as this influence merges with others in your personality, creating a more balanced manifestation.

Mercury-Descendant
IF YOU'RE JUST VISITING, EXPECT SOME GREAT IDEAS AND
INFORMATION

A short stay in this zone will be busy, stimulating, and a source of much information and ideas. It's a great place to organize your thoughts about important projects, to do research, writing, and any sort of work, crafts, or study. Expect to have interesting contacts with people who live here, especially with youth, and enjoy mobile sports, hiking, and exploring. Even a short stay can put you in touch with your own abilities, talents, and perhaps career opportunities, and expand your contact with the world. You could even have an experience with a profound symbol of who or what you are or are going to be. Take lots of notes, pictures, and souvenirs. Music, literary, and cultural concerns form the center of a stimulating and meaningful period of time.

IF YOU PLAN TO LIVE HERE, YOUR INTELLECT IS KEY TO SUCCESS

Mercury, the planet most powerful here, symbolizes life's second most important function after pure being: the facility and capacity to communicate with the "outside" world, represented biologically by the twin activities of breathing and digestion, by which the chemical processes of life are refreshed. Less abstractly, it stands for sensory perception and verbal communications, along with the mind's information-processing ability, which result in environmental awareness and comprehension. In this zone, you will come to appreciate, understand, and perfect these life processes, as they increase in importance in your life.

Mercury is also symbol of inner initiation, a recognition of your own nature, and here increased awareness of interaction with the environment will, by way of contrast, highlight and define your own identity. So you become something of a local celebrity, find or change your name, and become publicly involved. This is not fame, however, as Mercury tends to be a localizing influence; rather than dealing with cosmic, grandly social, or superpersonal concerns, you understand and appreciate interface between you and your neighborhood and close relations. This outreach into the local environment, and perfection of sensory understanding and perception are accomplished through detailing, classifying, attaching labels, and interpreting reality. Mercury is not so creative as it is adept at reorganizing, redefining, and adapting ideas to new needs and deeper understanding. You become reality's librarian.

Another basic Mercury function is "utilization," so under this influence you may be able to identify and put to use the various talents, abilities, and resources with which you have been endowed. Resourcefulness and innovation increase and as well as perfecting and recognizing your own abilities, you may be able to stimulate latent talents in other people. There is also an element of acquisitiveness, as possessing more things can be interpreted as more capacity to perform. This is not an erotic area, as a youthful latency seems to dominate; you may lose weight, seem younger, and project a rather sexually neutral charisma.

STAY YOUNG BY STAYING INVOLVED

Mercury was of course the messenger of the gods, an ever-young, immaturely androgynous, quick-witted, and adaptable character. In this location you learn resourceful skills that enable you to better link yourself to different things in the "outside" world, as well as to form associations between people and ideas external to you. On deeper levels, Mercury was mythologically one of the few beings able to exist in the three worlds of the gods, mortals, and Hades, and so symbolizes a guide for the soul's journey. In this zone, people occasionally have visions of past and future, of past incarnations, life after death, "the Akashic Records," or can "hear the silence."

Mercury affects both sexes in much the same way, though its influence expresses itself in different stages: Early in the Mercury experience there is a childlike curiosity, questioning and, perhaps, the amoral, arid, nervous, cerebral intellectualism of the archetypal high school science major. This gives way to a view of the world as microcosm and macrocosm -- the ability to see the whole reflected in each of its parts -- that is the basis of any real and useful knowledge. Using models of the universe seen in everyday objects and situations, the mind grasps the usefulness and purpose of anything or anyone, and, at best, becomes a guide for others in their quest for themselves, as well as a resource of knowledge and experience.

In the primitive stages of Mercury's expression, the problem of amorality often crops up: the world seen purely in terms of information and ideas is without feeling, and thus without social and personal allegiances. As for a computer, right and wrong become matters of arithmetic, and it is too easy to find a convenient rationalization for any cunning, expedient behavior. Juvenile delinquency seems associated with Mercury, as is the life of the streets, which may somehow become an area of professional involvement or personally relevant while you live in this locale.

PREPONDERANCE OF THE SMALL

Mercury is an easily assimilated and socially accepted influence for the most part, so that most people have few problems under these lines -- difficulties attend the more socially repressed planets, while almost everyone thinks it's okay to engage in the intellectual and communicative activities of Mercury. For those who find feelings and sensation threatening, Mercury may encourage an exaggeration of the thinking function, with resulting scatterbrained changeability, sarcastic and cynical outlook, and overly rational, heartless, games-playing cruelty. Mercury is democratic -- everyone is seen with a scientific, objective equality, so that people who like to feel they are superior by reason of birth or accomplishment, may not get the type of admiration they seek here. This locale is especially good for "success in small things," but may challenge more ambitious schemes with problems of provinciality, minor inconveniences, and communication problems. It is a proper locale for setting up agencies and mechanisms to accomplish details of larger projects, though perhaps not the projects themselves.

BECOMING BY DOING

In the assisting practical concerns, Mercury is often very helpful. Mind, communication, ideas, travel, eloquent verbal expression, and work develop here. Education is also easily undertaken, and the development of expressive and technical abilities is advanced. Wit, ingenuity, and cleverness shine, and conversation improves. Technical achievements, as with

inventions and innovations, are apt to go well here, and lines of communication develop between self and others, possibly through publication or involvement in community affairs. Work prospers, especially if it is involved with mail order, secretarial, distribution and transportation, books, informational systems, data processing, details, office procedures, agencies, press, messengers and deliveries, merchandising, libraries, or commerce. Craftsmanship and manual skills are bettered so that employment is easily obtained in repair, assembly, light construction, or allied fields, including most sorts of blue-collar jobs. Practical education, particularly in which skills are acquired, also goes well in this locale, as dexterity and adaptability are manifested. Hobbies can often be transformed into remunerative occupations.

Mercury areas are usually good for physical health, if there are no other contradictory influences, though the more sedate and peace-loving may feel dissipated by the constant changes and barrage of sensory stimuli to the nervous system. Nervous complaints often surface here, along with allergies, hypersensitivity, and skin problems. Smoking and drug use are not often well tolerated, and the health is very reactive to environmental toxins or influence. Quiet and security are tonic.

Since Mercury is well accepted by most people, projection of its qualities onto others is less common than in the case of other planets; some (particularly women who have been trained to feel that thinking is a man's concern) may find themselves attracted to brainy and intellectual types, though this is indication that this capacity in the self is emerging into consciousness. Relationships are often taken up with younger people, perhaps Gemini or Virgo types, reflecting a more youthful attitude toward self and life in general.

YOUR INFORMATION CENTRAL

If you can't travel to these areas, they still may be important in your life through other people: relatives, siblings, educational concerns, and any relationship that symbolizes youth or any of the other Mercury qualities described above may be located under the Mercury lines. Agents may also be found to accomplish tasks in your absence, so that these zones are good for employment of others, brokerage, and particularly for educational concerns or correspondence courses.

This, then, is the underlying psychological principle of the planetary influence operating for you in this location, and you should strive to understand the abstract as well as the particular manifestation of this energy as described above. However, due to the position held at birth at this location, it is apt to operate more in certain life areas than in others.

INTELLECTUAL COMPANIONSHIP

This position of Mercury will manifest most obviously and directly in the areas of life that concern other people and relationships. It sharpens your counseling skills to professional levels as you urge others to fulfill their potentials, acting as a catalyst to recognition of talents and aptitudes. Young people are particularly drawn to you here, and you may succeed in guiding them to personal fulfillment. Your mind grows, stimulated by the people and ideas encountered

in this locality. Flexibility and a more liberal outlook are results of meetings with potential teachers, guides, or intellectual mentors, this zone being excellent for education, teaching, or any other academic pursuits. Relationships, more fluid and unstable here, are often with people younger than you, who are often instrumental in changing and evolving your self-definition. A situation where you define yourself as some other person's partner, student, or protege may evolve. This location is excellent for business so contracts, partnerships, debate, and other verbal skills are all stimulated. Self-promotion succeeds, perhaps even to the degree of opportunism or a carnival-like hard sell of questionable ethicality. While sexual relationships may lose some intensity and passion here, communication is enhanced in any sort of partnership or connection. You may come to reflect prevailing ideas more than is usual for you, moderating opinions in the light of others' input.

Business skills improve, and careers in advertising, sales, self-promotion, journalism, publicity, career counseling, publishing, secretarial, or as any kind of agent will prosper under this influence.

This location is actually a little west of the precise planetary influence; therefore, among the possibilities listed above, those of a strongly external nature are apt to predominate. You will likely "project" the qualities you are supposed to be learning, and your mate, partners, and others closest to you will frequently seem to exhibit the patterns and potentials noted above. It is hardest here to see how it is your own acceptance or rejection of parts of yourself that brings this all about, and easiest to blame others. Such other people are really teachers and pupils at the same time, both showing you parts of yourself you are reluctant to accept, and learning from your reactions. (You'll usually be rather mystified when such people acknowledge your importance to them, since it's hard for you to see the qualities in yourself that they are learning from.) Here you learn most by example, as the qualities listed above seem to be remote and opposed to who you are within.

To understand the importance of the following influence, you should be aware that it is weak in the location you have identified. You may have to read between the lines of the description below, and should filter its extremities through the knowledge that the more bizarre and unusual manifestations of the influence are not likely in your case. You will recognize a basic theme that underlies a lot of your activity, yet with a large factor of choice and chance; but you may be assured that the options are open to you when the underlying psychological climate is empowered by a conscious choice and will on your part. Alternatively, you may not even be consciously aware of this influence, though careful introspection should validate its presence, as might the observations of a person who knows you well and objectively.

Saturn-Imum Coeli

IF YOU'RE JUST VISITING, YOU MADE A RATHER STRANGE CHOICE

If you have been drawn to this zone, it is symbolic of a need for deeper investigation of your darker side and hidden self. Things may not go well here, but problems point out the way to necessary future growth. It is a good locale for hard work, but health and emotional levels are depressed, and problems of control intrude into most relationships. There is an intoxication here that comes from the taste of forbidden fruit, however, and challenging authority, demanding

your way, and doing things your father would disapprove of makes your stay meaningful, if not altogether pleasurable. If you're here only briefly, most of the effects of this zone probably won't even be felt, but an indefinable taste will tempt you to return for a more thorough experience later.

IF YOU PLAN TO LIVE HERE, YOU'D BETTER LIKE WORKING

This zone, under astrological Saturn, is for those for whom happiness is not enough. No one has better described the experience of this planet of limitation and power than Liz Greene, in her epochal book, *Saturn*: "Human beings do not earn free will except through self-discovery, and they do not attempt self-discovery until things have become so painful that they have no other choice." Accordingly, this location is one in which you will be tested by frustration, but from this testing you emerge with knowledge of both your limitations and your actual powers. Conscious beings utilize defeat and restriction as propulsion towards self-development and greater awareness, so that every difficulty you encounter (and there are apt to be many) should be seen as prefigurement of an emerging part of the personality requiring exploration and assimilation. Saturn represents the Shadow, the repressed parts of self, memory, and personality that must be come to terms with for wholeness to be accomplished. No one can utilize their potential for power in the world without first assimilating this darker side of selfhood, since its repression requires tremendous psychic energy which, when liberated, can be directed toward creativity.

The spirit is essentially unlimited -- anything is imaginable, but material reality (and human bodies) are bound by time and strict physical laws which establish the limits of possibility. Residence in this zone makes you aware of such limitations, in abstract and specific contexts, and as such confinements are usually the result of either health or economic strictures, it is these concerns that most often become problems. Constant concentration upon limited material reality in turn gives rise to an attitude of essential conservatism -- life is seen as a limited quantity, to be economized and frugally stored up. Weak parts of the self are transformed into strengths through this type of lonely toil and dedication which is motivated by remembrance of insult or insufficiency. Patience and wisdom come after long self-searching, and what is gained here is yours and yours alone, an inner fiber that less afflicted personalities will never appreciate. Disciplined power, constructive material values, realism, resourcefulness, seriousness, self-denial, and control are perfected here, and others are expected to share or confirm your puritanical, melancholy point of view.

THE GOD WHO DIDN'T TAKE CHANCES

Saturn was a dark, archaic earth god, and so symbolizes our attachment to matter and the earth, quite out of fashion in our modern, cerebral, technological "information society." Here, where his influence is strong, you may seek religious or material roots, and experience a more direct, primitive level of being. Saturn was also the god of Time, so protective of his own power that he ate his children rather than see them grow to overthrow him, and as such symbolizes the negative aspects of this zone: power lust, entrenchment of authority (you may have to deal with frustrating, unresponsive people who hold unassailable, paternal power over you), blind conservatism, and institutional dehumanization.

Saturn, in its earliest and least developed phase, represents this blind power in both its poles: the absolute autocrat, authoritarian, intolerant, tyrannical, and cruel, and the victim,

powerless and constantly assailed. Experience at one pole usually creates its opposite, as young people victimized by harsh and unresponsive parents will grow themselves to be authoritarian and narrow-minded. Both power and powerlessness corrupt with either tyranny or a defeatist expectation of failure. After longer experience with Saturn, you realize how Time is an ally -- tyrants will age, and water wears away the stone. This capacity to use Time must come, of course, with maturity. If you come close to mastering Saturn, you will shine with its positive qualities: dependability, material success, wisdom, ambition, perseverance, responsibility, prudence, realism, and wry, ironic humor. You know life is not easy, but in recognizing its limitations and inherent materiality, you are guided to an appreciation of the here and now, the possible and attainable.

Saturn zones seem to have a telescoping effect on time: days, full of toil and often frustration, seem long, but decades pass unresisting. Instinctively recognizing that Time is the key to understanding this locale and the problem it poses, you plan years in advance and never question your ability to develop ambitions that require lifelong application. Occasionally tiring of the continual frustration and slow, painful progress, you may plan for years to leave this zone, but stay on anyway, deriving compensatory satisfaction from seeing Time's plan unfold and learning the power and efficacy of determination, tenacity, and resoluteness.

IT'S HARD TO KNOW WHEN YOU NEED DISCIPLINE

This zone is particularly difficult for the imaginative, the superficial, for people who want happiness and pleasure alone from life, whose relationships are important to them, and who continually delegate the power to run their own lives to others. Saturn is not kind to such, continually demanding deeper awareness by imposing from without a discipline and awareness of life's depth that is denied within. Conversely, those who demand autonomy and power over their own lives, and are fascinated with politics, government, and authority may find this zone almost congenial, though never easy.

Men in this zone often find themselves in a battle with established authority, which may hark back in some symbolic way to their early relationship with their fathers. Goaded on by insult or indignity, you undertake to perfect your own powers to overcome external coercion. The whole problem of the oppressed becoming the oppressor may be particularly relevant, and you should be warned that those who seize power from others will not rest easily, knowing that there will be others as dedicated as they.

WHERE PLEASURE SEEMS TRIVIAL

The practical, immediate effects of living in this zone center on overcoming obstacles and acquiring direction and purpose in life. You will learn the hard way what is lacking in your makeup, and periods of hardship, penury, privation, enforced idleness, hunger, delay, miserliness, disappointment, or loneliness all serve to point you to your weaknesses and repressed potentials which must be come to terms with here. Personal power, health, and vitality seem at lowest ebb, and other people seem to have all the things you want, so are envied or disliked. You choose a monkish or Spartan existence, seem older than your years, and find responsibility and duty (often to the elderly or family members) burdensome and overwhelming. Despite all this, you learn to fend for yourself and learn to recognize and compensate for your limitations realistically -- physically, mentally, and socially. You enjoy

hard work and acquire will power, frugality, and orderliness, taking life a day at a time, thinking little of pleasure or reward, but rather of humility and doing a good job. Your moods are apt to be depressed, and thoughts tend to center on weighty subjects: death, materialism, determinism, or fate. The occult and black arts may be delved into through your fascination with the forbidden, as well as a need for self-protection. Dirt, decay, and uncleanness are often themes in this area, though you can feel an ironic sense of freedom. Pleasures here are made all the sweeter by their rarity and, like carnival, because they precede deprivations.

Saturn zones tend to be ones in which your health weaknesses surface, and among its lessons is the inescapable fact that the mind's enchainment to the physical body has pain and debilitation as its ultimate eventuality. Bones, joints, skin, and sense organs frequently deteriorate here, and deficiencies are felt. Relationships are apt to be based on unequal power, and thus are the seat of much struggle and contest. People are seen essentially as competitors, and personal ambition leaves little room for cooperation. Work goes best in earthy, self-motivated fields, and farming can succeed with considerable toil; mining, and other occupations dealing with crystals, lead, gems, cement, death, mathematics, property, coal, refrigeration, or allied ideas are linked to Saturn and may succeed after long preparation and drudgery.

THE MAGNETISM OF WHAT IS FEARED

Even if you don't travel to these areas, they may represent parts of the world that you fear or dislike. You may be repelled by ethnic types or religious, racial, or cultural expressions coming from these areas, as they stimulate reflection on parts of your past and psyche that you would rather forget. People from these zones push all your buttons, and you often become involved in power conflicts with them. There is a strange fatality to such areas -- for all your intense dislike and fear of them, you are at times drawn to them and may find that from them comes some symbol or tool to release a new level of maturity and self-fulfilment. These areas are poor for all but very long-term investments, though values acquired here are permanent, immune to inflation or speculation.

The particular position that occupied in this location at your birth will direct this type of energy and experience particularly into certain life areas; while the most important thing to understand is the underlying meaning and psychological principle, these are apt to manifest more obviously in specific life areas than in others.

THE INNER DESERT

The position Saturn occupies in this location tends to stress your relationship with your family and with the psychological concepts of your origins, "roots," and inmost self-definition. You may find yourself tied unwillingly to the past, the family, or its traditions (as in the care of an aging relative and the burdens that such would impose), but through such assumption of responsibility, you symbolically come to terms with and define the character of your own declining years. Finding yourself tied as well to family traditions, religion, outdated customs, and property, the inheritance or ownership of property is likely here, though it will take more than its toll in effort and drudgery. There can be a sense of bitterness and awareness of what

you have missed in life but, on the positive side, this area is one in which you center yourself, finding inexhaustible reserves of inner fiber and power, and create a self-image that can weather any storm. A close and small circle of truly reliable friends or relatives constitutes the foundation of a sense of security and acceptance. You may come to expect a dry, dispassionate, and friendless environment, withdrawing from society and becoming something of a hermit.

The image of the desert may be a relevant symbol here, as it doesn't rain much while you're around. Agriculture may fail, but there are possibilities for success in minerals and mining, and land values gradually increase. Like Biblical hermits, you can excel in self-denial, mortification (often for the sake of others), contemplation, and an austere self-mastery. More abstractly, this area is one in which your religion and world view get in touch with an archaic Earth-centered tradition, and you may feel greater attachment to Native American traditions, or more primal, tribal types of social community. Isolation seems a part of your home environment which may be cut off from the usual forms of social accessibility. Stagnation, reclusiveness, ill health, and loneliness may have to be dealt with, but such privations work to identify the limits which you can endure. This is a poor place to retire, unless autonomy and isolation appeal to you, and the idea of a place uniquely your own (largely because no one else wants it) can spur you to self-mastery and empowerment.

This location lies a little to the west of the exact planetary influence; therefore, of the possibilities listed above, those which suggest the direct influence on you by your family, cultural, or ethnic background are the ones most likely to manifest. The planet tends to act outside of you, and polarizes your self-image in opposition to its more negative potentials, requiring by either positive example or direct coercion your development of the described qualities. Who you are, meaning in this case who your family, past, and "roots" have been, becomes a potent force in the creation of who you are growing to be, a force whose nature will conform closely to the description above. Living here will change these most inward of concepts of self, often by direct confrontation with your origins and past.

While the possibilities of how these influences might interact are limitless, the description below suggests some of the experiences you can expect.

Mercury*Pluto

THE WORLD REFLECTED IN A GRAIN OF SAND

It is hard to imagine what the lighthearted messenger of the gods and the darkling lord of the underworld have in common; mentality and mortality are difficult concepts to link, so this zone may indeed be one of conflicts. Life areas of career, health, and day-to-day concerns in the community may be where there are continual intrusions of dark forces, so that if your work doesn't of itself put you in touch with absolutes, with conflicts and struggles over power, sex, life, and death, there could be frequent interruptions, drastic changes, and long periods of intense obsessive preparation, culminating in a transforming, often unwelcome illumination. The most attuned and self-controlled can use this energy to see the universe as a hologram, and by directing their attention to any part, can receive knowledge of the whole; your own governing past patterns may be uncovered, grasped, and redirected while here. Esoterically, this suggests access to the Akashic Records and a link to universal knowledge that gives you great

power and insight. Continuous transformations of attitudes, conversions of thought or idealism, and the impossibility of compromise with critics and adversaries make this an area of too-frequent growth and intrusion of the universal into the normal.

Language and speech difficulties can also manifest here, for while you speak and hear well enough, it seems impossible to get any meaningful knowledge out of information. Sometimes a fear of harsh reality underlies inability to meaningfully communicate. The mind is attracted to forbiddingly technical or socially disapproved areas of thought. Research may require a new symbolic language, digitalization, or the synthesis of data in and outside yourself in new ways. Beware of becoming immersed in unnecessary details or lost in fascinating blind alleys of research, or of duplicating efforts already done. It is difficult to work for others, and situations often arise that demand a commitment you are unwilling to make. Your ideas don't make you popular despite their novelty, and even persecution for them is possible. Your best talent is for looking beneath the surface and extracting the universal kernel of truth. Here, the seeds of total inner transformation may be unobtrusively planted in your consciousness through the acquisition of some seeming innocent knowledge.

As likely as the above is another set of possibilities formed by combining the influences you have operating:

Mercury*Saturn **THE ALCHEMY OF DRUDGERY**

Here, a refinement, crystallization, and reduction of knowledge and self-concepts to their essentials occur; what is illusion and what has been assumed and acquired from other people are shorn away from opinions, personal history, and identity. Powers of concentration increase, the mind turns in upon itself, and truth, while slowly acquired, is dependable and durable. Unadorned meaning is chosen over form, and rather than a patina of culture and dilettantism, knowledge and communication are restricted to dealing with the essential and the real. Studies here tend to the tedious, the technical, and the detailed; restrained organization and practicality dominate, and as surroundings are rather uncongenial, work is hard and relationships clouded with suspicion and doubt. You may fear your own abilities and intelligence to be inadequate here, so compensate by working harder and by relying on external authorities. You trust less in your senses than in accepted interpretations of reality.

Projects get bogged down in details, though exacting craftsmanship may be developed as well as scientific and accounting skills. Copious notes and painstaking researches (motivated by high valuation of academic accomplishment) often produce less than was hoped for. Imagination (both yours and others') is barren, so little creative gets done though success can come where perseverance furthers, as well as in rather venal types of commerce and small-time wheeling and dealing. Writing and verbal expression seem inarticulate, sluggish, or antiquated; it's so hard to admit mistakes, you prefer to repeat them. People who need strict routine may find it here, but the mental myopia and rigid adherence to limited opinions of this locale make it too dreary, puritanical, and anxious for most. Health and mood may be depressed here, small complaints can become chronic, and behind most difficulties lies a disbelief in your own powers, which seems borne out by experience. Just as the ancient alchemists tried over and over to convert lead into gold, you labor at inner transformation here and are in fact transformed by

the self-imposed rigors of the discipline.

Saturn*Pluto
RELUCTANT METAMORPHOSIS

This is a rather lugubrious locale, and experiences here will tend to be serious, responsible, and concerned with death, duty, and mortality. There is respect for an unassailable authority or for some body of knowledge or tradition, and conservative ideas may serve to close off varied options and conclude outworn manifestations of your identity. Finality is an attribute of this locale, so that decisions made here may be more far-reaching than you can conceive. Individualism, dignity, and quiet resistance to injustice are the positive sides of this zone, while the negative contains the possibility of a very real experience of death or mortality, fascination with the morbid and gloomy, mourning, unwanted burdens, suspension of growth, mortification, and the enforced recognition of personal powerlessness in the face of tyrannical forces or fate. This is where you weigh your own soul and make decisions for the rest of your life, and here the past closes behind you firmly and for good. Dependents and the elderly may pass away, and you are humbled by forces beyond your control in the face of your own mortality and frailty. Inertia, inactivity, and dysfunction may be enforced.

Destruction and transformation are important themes here, so that endings will always be the seeds of new beginnings. There is tremendous power in this locale, power stemming from the awareness that concepts of death, transformation, and mortality must be incorporated into society for its own good. Seeking to overthrow some establishment institution or to transform it to one more responsive to change and growth, you may exhibit profound introversion, resistance to coercion, and personal turmoil in this locale. It is also a place in which fascination with archaeology, the past, history, or geology motivates long hours of research and investigation. The past, as symbol of deep, primitive instincts and earlier social forms, must be incorporated into your daily life somehow. Discipline and compulsion are in conflict here, and phobias and generalized fears may pervade the consciousness. You may feel uncomfortable in large numbers of people and seek isolation and withdrawal, a necessary atmosphere for your slow, painful, inner alchemical transformation.

These, then, are the important astrological influences which affect this location, now and in the future. Needless to say, they all won't manifest the moment you arrive, but will indeed emerge as the most powerful psychological potentials over time.

EPILOGUE

This concludes our enumeration and description of the planetary influences, permanent and temporary, that affect the locations that you submitted. As you have observed, some of the information is psychological in nature, as it is the belief of ASTRO*CARTO*GRAPHY that planets act, not through any mystical "power" or magic, but by paralleling potentials in the human psyche, and in orderly and comprehensible fashion, marking the development of this maturity. It is hoped that you are able in this way to see that there are really no "good" or "bad" locations for you -- that in the process of growing into mature completeness, you will have to experience every psychological possibility. At best, this report will work to inform you what

these are for you in the locations you are considering, letting you know what to expect, and so empowering you to be able to utilize the most positive possibilities.