

The Asteroid Report

Chiron and the Asteroids

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Planet	Sign	Position	House	House Cusps
Sun	Leo	03°Le19'	02nd	01 26°Ge23'
Moon	Aquarius	21°Aq57'	09th	02 17°Ca07'
Mercury	Leo	28°Le25'	03rd	03 08°Le21'
Venus	Gemini	24°Ge06'	12th	04 03°Vi44'
Mars	Gemini	27°Ge00'	01st	05 06°Li58'
Jupiter	Taurus	22°Ta14'	12th	06 17°Sc42'
Saturn	Pisces	03°Pi44' R	10th	07 26°Sg23'
Uranus	Virgo	08°Vi08'	04th	08 17°Cp07'
Neptune	Scorpio	15°Sc04' R	05th	09 08°Aq21'
Pluto	Virgo	12°Vi35'	04th	10 03°Pi44'
Midheaven	Pisces	03°Pi44'		11 06°Ar58'
Ascendant	Gemini	26°Ge23'		12 17°Ta42'
Chiron	Pisces	18°Pi16' R	10th	
Ceres	Sagittarius	23°Sg54' R	06th	
Pallas	Scorpio	19°Sc25'	06th	
Juno	Scorpio	19°Sc44'	06th	
Vesta	Pisces	16°Pi41' R	10th	

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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 Pisces

With Chiron in Pisces, mentoring and the healing process are associated with compassion, artistic sensitivity, and the fostering of a viable spiritual awareness. 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 mystical, artistic, or sensitive in some way, or who can help you navigate the choppy waters of spiritual pitfalls. You may experience wounding, inadequacy, or insoluble conflict arising from exposure to victim/martyr dynamics,

addictions, spiritual exploitation, or the inability or unwillingness to distinguish "reality" from "non-ordinary" states. Spiritual escapism, or the habit of taking shelter in the cosmic state of oneness (or other addictions) as a way of avoiding the suffering of the world, can hinder the formation of a functional ego and healthy sense of self. Experiences such as these, or the loss of a spiritual mentor, are painful events that 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 10th House

Chiron in the tenth house indicates that issues of healing, wounding, or mentoring (as described by Chiron's sign placement) play themselves out through the sphere of life that has to do with career and/or social standing. Your profession or career may involve work with healing arts that are holistic or that deal with the reconciliation of the instinctual with the spiritual. Your work may involve mentoring, guidance, or counseling. Your career path may take you through some excruciatingly painful ups and downs before you come into a profession that is healing both for yourself and for others. The inability to fit the executive/business mold or to embrace traditional standards of corporate or "upper class" achievement can be a source of great suffering. 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.

Venus Square Chiron Orb: 05°50'

Chiron forms a challenging aspect with Venus. There's quite a bit of discord between the wounding/healing story and the whole issue of love, pleasure, beauty, and sensual enjoyment. You may feel that there could not possibly be anything healing about the Feminine. Perhaps you believe that suffering is a woman's lot, or the lot of those who dare to relate with women. On the other hand you may pursue pleasure and "the good life" in order to avoid some necessary healing work that is calling to be done and that, if ignored, leaves you in the place of denial and sabotages your opportunities to enjoy those pleasure pursuits. Or perhaps your concern with mentoring and wounding/healing work leaves no room in your life for pleasure and loving relationships. You may have been wounded in your need to feel loved, valued and appreciated, or to be found beautiful - or perhaps you have been made to feel ashamed of your sensuality or your musical or artistic ability. You may have difficulty feeling or believing that you are loved and valued as a result, even when you are, and thus might have difficulty expressing your own love for others. The way out of such dilemmas lies in learning both to embrace and heal one's woundedness and to accept the need for fun, love, and pleasure. This may seem like a stretch at first, but every paradox requires a stretch in order to go from conflict to resolution.

Jupiter Sextile Chiron Orb: 03°58'

Chiron forms a harmonious aspect with Jupiter. You can instill faith and optimism in those who suffer from loss of hope or spiritual crisis. You could play a healing or advisory role in issues involving foreign countries or cultural exchange. As a result of your own efforts to heal the wounds bound up with your spiritual/religious life or belief system, you are able to help others - through mentoring or healing activity - to find a sense of inner spiritual authority and

personal meaning of life that is self-empowering. You are able to integrate your own experience of wounding with a positive life outlook.

Neptune Trine Chiron Orb: 03°12'

Chiron forms a harmonious aspect with Neptune. Your capacity for compassion, sensitivity, and transcendent experience is a great resource that helps you to heal painful wounds (your own, or those of others). These wounds are likely to involve issues arising from a poor sense of personal boundaries, feelings of victim-hood or helplessness, escapism via spiritual or substance abuses, or difficulty distinguishing ordinary from non-ordinary states of mind. A non-acceptance of human failings and the sufferings and evils of the world, and a desire to regress to a womb-like state can play a part in these problems. You may have a healing influence upon others via your artistic or musical gifts, your spiritual sensibility, or your compassion and psychic sensitivity. Your artistic expressions may touch the wounds of others, deal with healing themes, or be utilized in therapeutic settings. Dream therapy, dream journaling or visualization techniques may also be a part of your healing kit.

Pluto Opposite Chiron Orb: 05°41'

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 Sagittarius

With Ceres in Sagittarius, nurturance is expressed through the sharing of life as a "quest," and is characterized by broadmindedness and optimism. You feel that true nurturing should instill a spirit of adventure and exploration, a search for knowledge or other ultimate goal, and the expansion of mental horizons. This could include travels, relocations to foreign lands, or the adoption of a foreign culture or world view as your own. Lack of this kind of philosophical nurturance at an early age could be a keenly felt source of grief that leads you to find ways to fulfill this need for yourself, thus enabling you to care for others in this manner. On the other hand such a lack may lead to a kind of cynical pessimism, or a sense of meaningless and drifting. Your image of the ideal mother figure is of one who is a mentor. Loss of faith or of a mentor figure, and parent-child separations due to travel, long distances, or belief systems could be transformative experiences that change your life and constitute an initiation into the lessons of loss and return, death and rebirth, and simply letting go.

Ceres in 6th House

Ceres in the sixth house indicates that the work place is the arena in which you express your nurturing qualities. Perhaps your co-workers or employees find something comforting or reassuring in you. You may help them in a loving way to improve their work performance, acquire new skills, or advance their careers. The integration of parenting and the daily work

environment can be a major concern for you, and you're all for such policies as company day-care. Conflicting demands between parenting and work (or the acquisition of work skills) could lead you to make sacrifices in one area on behalf of the other.

Moon Sextile Ceres Orb: 01°57'

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.

Mercury Trine Ceres Orb: 04°31'

Ceres forms a harmonious aspect with Mercury. Your intellect, mental processes, and communication skills are colored by the archetypal Demeter-Persephone myth. Your grace in communicating and teaching others about life's losses and difficult rites of passage makes you a comfort to others grappling with these issues. You have a knack for making people feel understood in a motherly way, and for being able to communicate on their level. You are a compassionate teacher.

Venus Opposite Ceres Orb: 00°12'

Ceres forms a challenging aspect with Venus. The mother-daughter (parent-child) story is bound up with the pleasure principle (beauty, harmony, intimate relations, and the world of the senses) in such a way that these two aspects of yourself seem to be at odds with each other. Love, relationships, and sexuality are all profoundly affected by your experience of life's losses and difficult rites of passage, or your experience of the formation and severance of strong emotional ties, especially your experience (or lack of experience) of maternal bonding. Unfulfilled needs for nurturing touch and loving acceptance of the sensual and the creative may need to be met in order to deal with feelings of physical/sexual unattractiveness or lack of self-worth arising from childhood experiences. There may be conflict between intimate relationships needs and parent/child relationship needs. They both need addressing in appropriate ways in order to avoid the natural tendency to unconsciously repress one of them, which leads to the inevitable consequence of attracting it to oneself externally in the form of others who express this frustrated need.

Mars Opposite Ceres Orb: 03°06'

Ceres forms a challenging aspect with Mars. Mother/daughter meets the masculine god of war! Your need for or experience of parent-child bonding seem to be at odds with your fighting spirit and warrior skills. Perhaps your own assertiveness or aggressive tendencies were thwarted by an overly forceful parent, or not given encouragement. Or perhaps you feel that nurturance and caring are not consistent with or undermine the masculine qualities of risk-taking, competitiveness, and confrontation. Such types of conflict may have their roots in your past parent-child experiences or in your experience of the formation and severance of strong emotional ties with maternal or warrior figures. The lesson here is to learn to see that both the

need for nurturing ties and the need for assertive, forceful action belong to one and the same person. Both need to be met consciously; this corrects the natural tendency to unconsciously project one of them out onto others, which can result in difficulties with aggression or anger.

Jupiter Quincunx Ceres Orb: 01°40'

Ceres forms a challenging aspect with Jupiter. The urges for expansion and adventure, and the quest for meaning are affected by the Demeter-Persephone myth in such a way that these two aspects of yourself seem to be at odds with each other. Perhaps an interest in ceaseless travel and adventure or in a particular belief system makes the formation of lasting emotional ties impossible - a perceived threat to freedom. Or perhaps an excess of protective nurturance has made you a little fearful of exploring beyond the boundaries of the known because your own exploratory urges were never encouraged. Whatever the reason, the challenge is to learn to see that both the need for nurturing ties and the need for the freedom to explore and to expand your mind can and do co-exist within yourself (and in others). These needs only appear to conflict when we take sides with one against the other (often literally if projected, through denial, out onto others); resolution comes about by finding ways to meet them both. Once this balance has been achieved you are able to nurture others by sharing the meaning and knowledge you have gained, and by encouraging their sense of faith and optimism in life's journey. These nurturing activities might be carried out through teaching, travelling, or cultural exchanges.

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 Scorpio

Pallas Athena in Scorpio denotes perceptive insight or intuitional skill when it comes to vital issues such as power, instinct, sexuality, survival, and regeneration. You may be particularly gifted or perceptive in your psychological grasp of the workings of the unconscious or subconscious mind, or of the occult, and you have a knack for getting directly to the root of any matter (difficulty may arise if you abuse your insight into the human psyche). It may be important for you to utilize these skills in your career. You may be quite good at raising funds or at handling other people's resources, and you might put such skills to use in the defense of some cause or disempowered or abused group (see Pallas Athena's house position, below). You may feel passionate about or intensely loyal to a group or cause, or possess the kind of charisma that inspires such loyalty to a cause in others. You can be skilled at politics and power strategies, and you need to use these abilities wisely. Skills in healing or conflict resolution may lie in an ability to work intuitively with methods like transformational or depth psychology, shamanic healing, and yogic practices; and to handle such charged issues as sexuality, death, and abuse of power.

Pallas in 6th House

Pallas Athena in the sixth house makes you a truly skilled laborer, craftsperson, or employee - the kind of worker who is invaluable to any enterprise. You may be gifted with your hands or your ability to comprehend and attend to all the minor details that need to be accomplished in order for things to run smoothly. You might make a career out of service, preventative health care, or working with your hands in some craft. You are the loyal servant who works untiringly for your chosen cause (see Pallas Athena's zodiacal sign placement). You may be an advocate of workers' rights or perhaps your creative intellect is put to effective use in helping to resolve labor disputes. At any rate, the work environment is likely to be the sphere of

life in which your "warrior spirit" and your practical wisdom find or need to find expression. Difficulty can arise if Pallas Athena's energy is expressed as a crusade in which perfect performance is all that matters.

Moon Square Pallas Orb: 02°33'

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 its 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.

Jupiter Opposite Pallas Orb: 02°49'

The asteroid Pallas Athena forms a challenging aspect with Jupiter. The need for creative or cultural expression runs afoul of belief systems (or vice versa). Political activity or artistic or mental/creative achievement may be inhibited by a belief system that has become dogmatic or rigid in its views about the freedom of human expression. Or they 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 creative potential or an indifference to cultural-political issues. Your own cultural leanings could place you in conflict with the prevailing faith or belief system of the times, or perhaps your philosophical views are offensive to those of other cultural or gender groups. How can you make space in your life for both a cultural expression (political or artistic) and a personal faith, philosophy or quest that are not antagonistic to one another? This is the challenge; if you ignore it, chances are you'll lose a lot of energy siding with one of these archetypes in a war against the other (whether internally, or externally with others).

Neptune Conjunct Pallas Orb: 04°21'

The asteroid Pallas Athena is conjunct Neptune. Your creative insight is infused with compassion, sensitivity and spiritual or mystical tones. You may be exceptionally gifted artistically or musically, or perhaps your wisdom and skill gets expressed through your ability in the healing arts. You have a high degree of compassion. You may possess finely developed psychic abilities or a profoundly experienced spirituality. You may support causes that are spiritual in nature, or those that focus on health or recovery from addictions.

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 Scorpio

With Juno in Scorpio, the qualities you seek in a committed relationship are loyalty, passion, intensity, and a powerful connection on the emotional level. You appreciate a partner who is willing to explore intimacy to the depths, psychological as well as sexual. It could be that, in spite of your best efforts, you yourself experience a sense of inadequacy or powerlessness 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 psychological sensitivity, otherwise jealousy, manipulation, and sexually controlling behavior can result.

Juno in 6th House

With Juno in the sixth house your committed relationship revolves around the dutiful and efficient running of everyday affairs. Perhaps you and your partner job-share, render service, or work together in the same office. One of you may be "wedded to your job." The need for one's partner to take an interest in, or be involved in one's own work (or vice versa) could be an important concern. Relationships at work might be very important (bosses, employees, co-workers, etc). Health issues could be a concern in the relationship. The qualities described by Juno's sign position (above) indicates the manner in which you can best deal with these issues.

Moon Square Juno Orb: 02°14'

Juno forms a challenging aspect with the Moon. Your emotional and instinctive responses are interwoven with your need for intimate and equal relationships, but in such a way that these two aspects of yourself seem to war with each other. The struggle for equality and autonomy within a partnership may conflict with the need to have your own emotional needs met. Or perhaps you feel emotionally threatened by relationships that stress issues of equality and you respond by avoiding intimacy altogether. One partner may expect mothering from the other, or try to manipulate the other through emotional power plays. The challenge is to learn to see that both the need for freedom within a relationship and the need for emotional comfort can and do 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).

Jupiter Opposite Juno Orb: 02°30'

Juno forms a challenging aspect with Jupiter. Your enthusiasm for Life and your search for meaning in it are caught up with the whole issue of committed relationships. These two aspects of yourself have trouble acknowledging each other. Perhaps an interest in ceaseless travel and adventure or in a particular belief system makes the formation of committed partnerships impossible - a perceived threat to freedom. Teaching, traveling, or cultural exchanges may be involved. Or perhaps one partner ignores their own truth as a result of trying to live according to the other person's ideals or belief system. Whatever the reason, the challenge is to learn to see that both the need for intimacy and equality in a relationship and the need for one's own growth and exploration are legitimate. You'll need to find ways to fulfill both. Relationships will become healthier as you do so.

Neptune Conjunct Juno Orb: 04°40'

Your Juno is conjunct Neptune. Your longing for an intimate relationship between equals colored by your sensitivity and your mystical longings. Your partner may affirm your spiritual nature, or encourage your sensitive ability as expressed through artistic, healing, compassionate or psychic capacities. Or perhaps it is your partner who possesses these characteristics. At any rate, your sense of the sacred, the beautiful, and the spiritual is strongly colored by your experience within a committed relationship, and 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 10th House

Vesta in the tenth house indicates that sacrificial dedication and intense focus are invested in your career and/or social standing. Your sense of unswerving commitment, along with a willingness to embrace discipline and hardship, bears fruit in your vocation. Your work may involve addressing issues of conflict between spirituality and sexuality, or the desecration of sexuality (as in abuse, prostitution, etc.) and its consequences. Your sexual drive may be sacrificed to your vocation, or perhaps you serve some kind of priestly role in your profession. The sense of sacrifice you experience in regard to vocational matters could be expressed either as an intense dedication to these very things themselves, or as a sacrifice or denial of them for the sake of some other goal (which may be spiritual or religious in nature). 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.

Neptune Trine Vesta Orb: 01°38'

Your Vesta forms a harmonious aspect with Neptune. The Neptunian transcendental urges enhance Vesta's perception of the sacred unity of spirituality and the physical/sexual aspects of life. You are able to balance your need for passionate focus and dedication to work with your need for transcendental experience. You can integrate spiritual and sexual needs without creating a split between the two. Your capacity to concentrate and focus your energies may be used in support of the healing arts, or artistic or spiritual pursuits.

Pluto Opposite Vesta Orb: 04°06'

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.