Your Spiritual Path

for The Dali Lama

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Natal Chart for The Dali Lama

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Mercury in **Gemini**, at 25° 31', in the twelfth house, Air, Mutable.
Venus in **Leo**, at 28° 15', in the third house, Fire, Fixed.
Mars in **Libra**, at 18° 16', in the fourth house, Air, Cardinal.
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Saturn in **Pisces**, at 10° 03', in the ninth house, Water, Mutable.
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Your Spiritual Path

Each of us has the potential to develop along psychic, intuitive and spiritual lines into the person who best suits our natural gifts. There are essentially three possibilities for how that development may occur:

1. Along the lines dictated by our family, peers and social milieu: Most of us are taught a set of rules as children. Some of those rules prove to be very useful, and some lessons prove to be detrimental to our development, or at least not helpful.

2. Along the lines suggested by your own conscious mind: Each of us is born with the capacity to learn. The person inside us is the life and light of the mind.

3. The inevitable path is a combination of these two possibilities. No one can develop precisely the way someone else dictates. And no one can develop to suit individual desires with no connection to the outer world.

When individuals develop along the lines reflected by their astrological chart, the fullest expression of natural potential is possible. The birth chart places you at the center of your world, and shows your personal relationship to the Sun, Moon and planets. This is the astrological approach to spiritual understanding. It is not limited to one religious sect or emotional expression. The birth chart presents the possibilities that vibrate within your soul, and indicates which will be easier or more difficult to manage.

Your goal or mission is indicated by your natal chart, but you fully understand it only if you are open to the inner spiritual voice that is always present, and is truly your devoted life companion.

The best spiritual path is one that allows you to use your natural talents and skills. Sometimes your latent abilities will require training and practice to develop into spiritual tools. In this report we will consider a number of possibilities to help you get a sense of your talents, and how to develop and use them.

Your Creative Process

The Sun is the source of all physical life as we know it. As children develop, Sun sign characteristics are colored by family circumstances, cultural values, and other environmental influences. Yet we develop according to our own individual character IN SPITE of everything. The voice within us will not be denied. It cannot be eradicated and it never gives up. When we are on an appropriate path to our true spiritual destiny our inner voice is a gentle guide. When we stray into less productive territory, the voice becomes more forceful. When we attempt to stifle this inner voice of character, it waits

patiently for the proper moment and speaks again. The Sun sign reveals your conscious attitude toward the external world. The following description of the Sun explores your natural tendencies of mental style and action.

With the Sun in Cancer, you are primarily the Feeling type. If the sensation types say, "Just the facts, ma'am," the feeling types say, "and how does it feel when that happens?" Feeling types evaluate situations on the basis of sentiment and may disregard logical processes as ineffective with others and unsatisfying to themselves. They can think logically, but may choose not to unless pressed by circumstances. You are not an emotional disaster area. Rather you are prone to making judgments about things, as in "I feel that is the best way to go." In order to maintain the capacity for fair judgment, it is important to remove or reduce any psychological pollution in the work place caused by unkind, unsympathetic gossip, threatening behavior on the part of co-workers, or idle complaining that is not backed by constructive suggestions. Feeling types can do well in careers that call for sensitivity in relating to other people. You have the ability to bridge the gap between people, and therefore make good counselors, sales people, heads of families, members of the clergy - any job where interpersonal relationships are at the core of productive work. You have a psychic connection to the people and things around you. Often you can "get the point" before other people even state it. You can over-react, but generally return to an acceptable level quickly.

How You Express Your Will

The Sun indicates your will power and its direction. One of the reasons we can identify Sun signs in other people is that they are often willful in their actions. Especially in childhood they are determined, demanding and rebellious against anything that does not conform to their will. The Children of each Sun show us the power of will. The information about your Sun sign focuses on the potential expression (and the associated undercurrents).

I will be self-indulgent (when I could take better care of myself). I will be frivolous (when I could be sensible). I will be touchy (when I could be appreciative of another's intention). I will be timid (when I could be expressive). I will be aimlessly dreamy (when I could direct my imagination into fruitful activity). I will procrastinate (when I could allow things to flow in their normal channel) .

Your Sun is in the 1st house. The head and face are the physical focus for your health and well-being. Injuries and illnesses involving the head affect your sense of self deeply. Whatever lessons come your way, eventually you realize that you only "lose face" with yourself. Vision is a principal vehicle for developing awareness. On the physical plane you may never need glasses, as you tend to perceive the material world clearly. Spiritual vision demands that you see beyond your personal interests. You may become clairvoyant as you develop your spiritual focus.

Aspects of the Sun

The spiritual character you portray to the world is a comfortable reflection of the spirit within your being. You move through life with serenity born of the fact that your expression reflects your inner nature clearly. You have tremendous physical energy that

can be applied to the pursuit of spiritual goals. Put your best effort into each of your life activities, all the while keeping the spiritual component in mind. By engaging your heart completely in each act, you come to understand spiritual unity more fully. Your good fortune, seemingly accidental in character, is more likely the consequence or effect of your aspiration to express love through wisdom, and wisdom through love. People are comfortable in your presence. You find that spiritual discipline is as much a container for your being as it is the expression of your inner desire. Your perception of duty is to develop the endurance needed to weather emotional and material storms. Psychic perception is part and parcel of your daily life. These perceptions develop into sympathy in an ordinary sense, and later into empathy for all living things. Psychic ability manifests easily once you allow it. Associations with males can provoke your awareness of spiritual development, or lack of it. But it is not your task to point out their shortcomings. Rather, you can encourage them on their path by encouraging yourself on yours. As you move through life, you find that what you know about yourself more and more closely approximates your inner spiritual being. You are able to evaluate your spiritual position with great precision. You are generally self-confident and you find self-esteem within yourself, not from others. You are likely to gain recognition, and you desire it.

Core Beliefs

Much of the pain and limitation we experience is the result of being taught so-called "truths" that are incompatible with our core beliefs. Family and society train us, and sometimes little is done to nurture our individual realities. It is up to you to identify and nurture the values that are meaningful to you. When the filtering process is undertaken, you uncover a "truth" that is unique to you.

The Moon

The Moon reflects the soul. It governs fluids in your body and imagination in your mind. It generally represents a less conscious part of your being, and reflects the quality and flexibility of your memory. If the Sun indicates the most likely course of your spiritual path, the Moon indicates some of the qualities of the path itself.

With the Moon in Virgo, your secondary mental style is primarily the Sensation type. There is a practical side to your nature that comes from deep within. On the surface you are not focused on the material side of life, but your inner voice is always presenting some grounded argument that guides your actions. Thus, no matter what you are involved in, there is a considered quality to your actions that generally brings solid results. Your psychic senses run to the physical. You may be able to dowse for lost objects or water, for example. Or you may find that you sense oncoming illness in yourself and others. To develop this capacity further, you may want to record your psychic sensations and track them. Anytime you have communication with your less conscious side, it is important to acknowledge it in some way - to show respect for its power. You don't have to act in every instance, but you can acknowledge that you have received the information. If you

don't the signal may become more distressing, or the voice may sink into silence.

You carefully consider your beliefs before you make any changes, examining the history, texture and value of each one. You understand your past and use it to achieve your practical goals.

Aspects of the Moon

The spiritual character you portray to the world is a comfortable reflection of the spirit within your being. You move through life with serenity born of the fact that your expression reflects your inner nature clearly. Your higher values radiate from you in the form of spiritual vision. Your actions become more and more consistent with your inner values. You demand discipline from yourself, and you expect it in others. You may have had harsh teachers. Your spiritual path focuses on compassion for others, and you have to develop compassion for yourself as well. When others provoke fear in you, look also for the love they struggle to express. Your inner spirit functions easily on the intuitive plane, as you are able to identify and listen to the voice that guides your interactions with others to both their highest good and your own. You can feel change coming long before it arrives. Occasionally you misjudge the nature of that change, but as you develop your psychic senses, you become a better judge of events. You live on the edge and expose yourself to negative influences if you aren't careful to make objective evaluations of others. Women inspire your spiritual life just as they influence you in other ways. Your soul and persona are well aligned. Thus other people are seldom surprised by your decisions and actions.

The Fourth House

The sign on the Fourth House cusp indicates the filter through which you view your core beliefs. It is the wellspring of all the best, most creative and most powerful ideas you will have throughout your lifetime. It indicates the refrain that the inner voice sings to you when you are sad or filled with joy, when you are pessimistic or optimistic, when you are afraid or when you are experiencing the power of love in your life.

You have Virgo on the Fourth House cusp. The essence of your core beliefs centers on the Virgin or goddess, and the fruitful expression of the feminine. You see three distinct expressions of the feminine and, whether you are male or female, you seek to express them through your own life and work. The three expressions are sometimes defined through Eve, Isis, and Mary, as well as other goddesses.

The feminine expression on the mental plane is expressed through the acquisition of knowledge, sometimes through theft. It is the desire to experiment and to understand that is born within you every day of your life. Eve tasted the apple of knowledge; Inanna stole knowledge and other precious items from Enki, her father. Brigit and Minerva both have an aspect of learning and the expression of intellect.

Feminine expression on the emotional or astral plane is connected to desire. Isis is remembered as the devoted mother of Horus and the passionate consort of Osiris. Because she was able to gather together the severed parts of Osiris's body, she is revered as the goddess who can overcome fate. In the Hindu pantheon the goddesses are reborn

again, and again in different forms. An example is Sati, who reincarnated as Parvati, whose dark skin is shed and becomes Kali.

The third expression of the feminine is the cosmic mother. You come to understand that you can be the receptive pole and allow the energy of spirit to act through you. Metaphorically this is represented by the process of gestation, in which the sexual poles are brought together to produce new life. You can understand your core beliefs through this metaphor of inspiration. You have the capacity to inspire others to reveal the god and goddess within themselves because you sense them coming.

The Inner Voice

Planets in the Fourth House reflect the inner voice that accompanies you throughout your life. They indicate the kind of people and experiences that most directly connect you to your core beliefs.

Planets in the Fourth House

Mars in 4th House:

The focus of your spiritual persona is on issues of family tradition. You may spend a lot of time sorting out the family beliefs that ring true for you from those that don't fit well for you. You tend to develop a home environment that is conducive to your spiritual path. Your energy can become scattered when you don't have a safe harbor in which to develop your spiritual focus. People show you the significance of your values on an energetic level. This could include angry disagreements, body language, or fluctuations on the subtler level of the aura. Their heat can act as a metaphorical barometer of your own intensity.

Fourth House Aspects

You have tremendous physical energy that can be applied to the pursuit of spiritual goals. Put your best effort into each of your life activities, all the while keeping the spiritual component in mind. By engaging your heart completely in each act, you come to understand spiritual unity more fully. You become passionate when you discuss spiritual values. You don't like the feeling of anger, yet you allow it to arise when the purpose is to convince yourself or others of a spiritual necessity. You perceive the cruel edge in people, and understand its source. As you deal with your own ruthlessness, you learn how to respond to it in others without risking your physical well-being. Self-confidence develops out of self-control in your interaction with others.

Communication and Mental Development

Most of us were taught a set of "truths" in childhood and we were expected to accept them. To supplement what you have been taught by your parents, teachers, and the world

at large, you need to develop a spiritual learning style that works for you. If you then decide to teach others, you must develop communication skills that let you share these experiences clearly and meaningfully with your students.

Training Your Conscious Mind

Three factors contribute to your ability to train your conscious mind for spiritual development:

* the natural direction of your thinking

* training to take advantage of this direction

* training your nervous system, and learning to respond to it

Element of Mercury

The angel Raphael is associated with healing in the Bible. The capacity for both companionship and healing forms the essence of Mercury's expression.

With Mercury in Gemini, your communication style is primarily the Thinking type. Your healing focus lies in words and skillful communication. You use your intellect to examine conflict, discover its significance, and illuminate the path toward resolution. Adept in the technology of communication, you may have impact over long distances. Whether you focus on oral traditions, written word or artistic communication, you use logic in the mediation between or among people.

Training the conscious mind involves reasoning on the conscious level. Spiritual Education teaches how to engage your intuitive function. Intuition can be trained. Mercury reflects a specific way for you to learn about intuition. See the section on Uranus for more information on your intuitive ability.

Your thinking loves variety and change, and is therefore flexible and versatile. Training may include the cultivation of an orderly approach and honesty, especially with yourself. Correspondence (either orally or through writing) with others is also an important training factor. You need to create a feedback system through which you use inner tension as a signal to focus your mind. This will help to overcome any communication blocks you may have.

Your Mercury is in the 12th House. You are receptive to energies around you. This is a problem if you take in every idea and feeling that comes your way. It is a strength when you can identify incoming energies and sort through them, attending to those that are important and setting aside less useful or even harmful thoughts and feelings.

Mercury Aspects

Spirit expresses through you in the form of material creation. Whether you use words, music or art, or simply assist others to discover their highest expression, you are mediating between spirit and the material world each day. You become passionate when you discuss spiritual values. You don't like the feeling of anger, yet you allow it to arise when the purpose is to convince yourself or others of a spiritual necessity. When you experience inner tension, regard it as a sign that you can now receive or understand

information about your core beliefs more directly. Tension, even agitation, can be a signal to stop for a moment to meditate. In this way you can open a channel to your inner voice.

Self Esteem and the Development of Spiritual Partnerships

The power of mind is unlimited, except by our own thinking. As you proceed along the spiritual path, self-esteem grows. Relationship with another person is a powerful force for the development of self-esteem and for spiritual growth.

Venus has been called the alter ego of the Earth. Very close to the same size as the earth, Venus has an atmosphere inhospitable to human life. The inner reaches of the unconscious mind were long thought to be inhospitable as well. Modern psychology has delved into the mechanism of mind, and religious mystics have long studied the rocky terrain to be found within each of us. The consensus is that to evolve spiritually, we must first look at ourselves. One way to do this is through relationship with others.

Romantic, business and other relationships all offer us the opportunity to project our thoughts onto other people. The evolutionary nature of a relationship allows us to explore our desires. Then we can achieve spiritual connections that transcend sexual expression.

Right relationships between people provides inner awareness that helps us to mediate between personality and soul, between physical life and higher consciousness. Only through fusion of these apparently separate facets of your being can you approach true knowledge.

The Planet Venus provides indications about your best approach to spiritual partnerships.

With Venus in Leo, your best approach to healthy partnering is through the Intuitive function. Your inspirational energy comes from scientific mental activity-you gather practical facts to help manifest love in your life. You are able to discriminate between extremes, and to explore a variety of options in search of the one best way to complete a project. You are able to see the future potential of the loving energy that goes into today's work.

You thrive in situations where your creature comforts are lavishly cared for. This does not mean you cannot also seek spiritual growth. It just means that you may be expected to demonstrate generosity that you don't always feel. You arouse love, or even devotion, in others.

Your Venus is in the 3rd House. You gather knowledge about your spiritual connections wherever you find yourself. Always looking for information to guide your progress, you listen to others and evaluate what they say, then decide for yourself.

Siblings can be a strong influence.

Venus Aspects

Spirit expresses through you in the form of material creation. Whether you use words, music or art, or simply assist others to discover their highest expression, you are mediating between spirit and the material world each day. On the physical level you feel the sexual spark in relationships immediately. On the spiritual level you are able to discern facts about their future through the same spark.

Doubt, Resistance, and the Development of Psychic Ability

The spiritual path has a number of potential pitfalls. Some of the most treacherous of these lie within our own minds. Our innermost thoughts become a prison, trapping us within walls of our own making. These may be the karmic result of the past, or they may be the result of recent actions. There are several ways we cause our own difficulties:

1) Secrets - Privacy and secrets are part of the picture. Children love the feeling of independence and power that comes with a secret. Problems only arise when the secrets we keep are detrimental to ourselves or to others.

2) Doubts - When a situation causes you to doubt, it is largely because it is incongruent with what you have learned in the past. You want something new, but your unconscious is in turmoil. You feel naughty, anxious, reluctant, or undeserving. Because of what you have learned from people you trust or from what you have read, you doubt your own decision-making ability.

3) Resistance - Resistance is not all bad. If change were too easy, we would have no stability. We could be talked into all sorts of things. What we need is a way to identify resistance for what it is, and then find ways to work with it.

Where your spiritual path is concerned, Neptune reveals how you handle secrets, how doubt arises for you, and also how to resolve resistance. One strategy involves your psychic ability.

Developing Your Psychic Ability

We use our psychic senses to understand the world of the present. You can train yourself to be more aware of the nuances of psychic awareness, and Neptune indicates how you can develop this ability. You will then connect with the earth and other people in new ways, and also confirm the significance of your spiritual values.

With Neptune in Virgo, your private, psychic style is primarily the Sensation type.

You understand people at the intuitive level, but may find that their outer actions baffle you. While you can be completely logical, the psychic information you obtain may

need to be examined fully before its internal logic is revealed. Your interest in healing certainly extends to the emotional, mental and spiritual healing that many people are seeking. You may find that this healing inclination arises in the spiritual realm and seeks grounding in the material. You have the capacity to heal, but only when you have completed a thorough self-examination and remove the blinders of your own ego.

When you consider your own behavior, you may notice that nagging others arises from an internalized message about your own behavior. Obsessing over details may reflect behaviors you learned in childhood. You internalized these behaviors more or less unconsciously, but you can now examine them and begin to set them aside in favor of more positive communication styles. As you learn to be more generous with yourself, you find you relax around other people. As you curtail your nagging behavior with others, you find that you are generally more satisfied with your own efforts.

Neptune is in the 3rd House. Your very impressionability makes you a great story teller. In the process of reading everything you can get your hands on, you will discover avenues for your spiritual development that are quite different from traditional family values.

Neptune Aspects

You can feel change coming long before it arrives. Occasionally you misjudge the nature of that change, but as you develop your psychic senses, you become a better judge of events. You live on the edge and expose yourself to negative influences if you aren't careful to make objective evaluations of others. Psychic perception is part and parcel of your daily life. These perceptions develop into sympathy in an ordinary sense, and later into empathy for all living things. Psychic ability manifests easily once you allow it. You love to speculate about metaphysical or religious problems, considering both the idealistic expression of spirit and the more mundane applications of what you have learned along your path. You are often fully aware of the suffering of others, and tend to take it into yourself. This can make you rather moody, or it can serve to strengthen your spiritual resolve. It is important for you to sort out your own neurotic behavior before you take on the problems of others. You have natural psychic ability that can express through mediumship, conscious psychic or telepathic communication and mystical interests. This needs to be balanced with physical grounding of some kind. You are easily influenced by other people and need to develop your spiritual voice to counteract this tendency.

The Twelfth House

The sign on the Twelfth House indicates how you color issues of doubt and resistance. It also reflects your most direct approach to your psychic insights.

You have Gemini on the Twelfth House cusp. You are sensitive to the words you hear, and you need to be sensitive about the words you say. Your mystical nature leads you to study hypnosis or other skills where voice is a factor. Life is sometimes confusing. You will benefit from a contemplative practice that allows your own inner voice to be clearly heard.

Planets in the Twelfth House

Planets in the Twelfth House have just risen over the horizon. They have a quality similar to the Sun in that they are casting their influence on you in a fresh, genuine expression of their energy. You accept this energy and consider it, but you may not choose to reveal your thoughts to anyone else.

Both doubts and psychic strengths are a reflection of planets in the Twelfth House that serve as guideposts along the path of self-discovery. Your private thoughts may center on the qualities these planets represent. Your teachers may exemplify the qualities of these planets to the extent that they reach your inner psychic core and help you understand your potential. In the end these planets indicate qualities that you can bring into the world to help others, as well as the feelings of compassion surrounding all your activities.

Mercury in 12th House:

You are receptive to energies around you. This is a problem if you take in every idea and feeling that comes your way. It is a strength when you can identify incoming energies and sort through them, attending to those that are important and setting aside less useful or even harmful thoughts and feelings.

Twelfth House Aspects

Spirit expresses through you in the form of material creation. Whether you use words, music or art, or simply assist others to discover their highest expression, you are mediating between spirit and the material world each day. You become passionate when you discuss spiritual values. You don't like the feeling of anger, yet you allow it to arise when the purpose is to convince yourself or others of a spiritual necessity. When you experience inner tension, regard it as a sign that you can now receive or understand information about your core beliefs more directly. Tension, even agitation, can be a signal to stop for a moment to meditate. In this way you can open a channel to your inner voice.

Death and Transformation as Spiritual Processes

Pluto, Scorpio and the Eighth House in the birth chart deal with issues of death and transformation. On the spiritual path a shaman must undergo a death-like initiation in order to come into his or her shamanic powers. In our own lives we continually experience the death of old ways of being and the birth of new possibilities. Transformative events can teach lessons concerning your spiritual growth:

* They are signposts to indicate progress.

* They allow you to modify your behavior in positive ways.

* They remind you to be gentle and kind with yourself.

* They remind you to accept yourself as you are, and to move forward.

* They remind you to support and encourage the child within yourself, just as you would encourage another person.

The Eighth House in your chart defines the mechanisms for change and self-acceptance that are most appropriate for you. By understanding them you develop a sense of self and a set of behaviors that lead more directly to your goal. You discard behaviors that no longer serve you in your journey on the spiritual path.

Scorpio is the natural sign on the Eighth House, and the associated planet is Pluto. How appropriate that Pluto, mythological ruler of the underworld, should be the planetary ruler of the Eighth House of death and transformation.

Yet Pluto attracts the living, though it cannot hold on to them for long. So it is with life. We are attracted to one way of doing things, but we know that change is the only certainty in life. As we travel the spiritual path, we find that each ending is the source of a new beginning, and that we often benefit from even the most traumatic events. By descending into the world of darkness and pain, we borrow a bit of Pluto's power, so that on the next step along the path we are stronger and more courageous.

With Pluto in Cancer, your approach to death and transformation is primarily through the Feeling function. You have the innate capacity to engage feelings appropriate to the nature of events. If you have been discouraged from expressing those feelings, you may attempt to bury them deep within yourself. This is not helpful in the long run because the feelings resurface later or eat away at you internally. What works better is to find suitable ways to express your distress, fear, anger - even your joy. This involves having the conscious experience of feelings and evaluating them for yourself instead of suppressing them. While this is no easy task, it is possible for you to become a stable rock in the midst of a river of change. You have your feelings and continue to manage the tasks before you, and you may surprise yourself at how well you handle even severe traumas.

The influence of family and heritage is strong in your choice of personal direction in career, relationships, and spiritual matters. Yet you have the capacity to change the emotional parameters, and take off in a direction very different from your family.

Pluto Aspects

You perceive the cruel edge in people, and understand its source. As you deal with your own ruthlessness, you learn how to respond to it in others without risking your physical well-being. Self-confidence develops out of self-control in your interaction with others. Your vision focuses on the common destiny of large groups of people, and not on the day-to-day details of life. When you find yourself in the public eye, you may feel that your personal efforts have a limited effect. Look for the karmic links in your associations with others. You have the capacity to reshape your life into whatever you desire. In the long run you transcend base desires by recognizing power and working with it, not be trying to own it.

The Eighth House

The sign on the Eighth House cusp indicates the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual approach you take when dealing with birth, death and transformation.

You have Aquarius on the Eighth House cusp. Your stage for transformation is set with the trappings of intellect. You like to think a process through to its logical end before you make decisions. If you don't have enough time to do this, you tend to make absolute decisions that leave no room for flexibility. Such decisions, if examined carefully, will reflect the same feeling that you had as a child when adults made decisions for you. There is a sense of being trapped in an invisible suspended cage. You may not feel out of balance, but you fear that any movement may cause you to fall from your tight wire.

While you may wish to be independent in all things, this sense of inertia is a cue to ask for help. By asking you will feel less isolated. The act of extending your hand to another person for help will get you moving again. I am reminded of a child learning to ride a bicycle. Someone has their hand on the bike to steady it, and that hand provides the confidence we need to experience the balancing technique as we pedal. Before we know it, the hand is no longer there and we are balancing just fine.

The Development of Intuition

Intuition is an ability beyond logical thinking. Through it you can consider future outcomes. In the Buddhist tradition, intuition is a mental ability, equal to intellect that can provide direct insight. In mathematics intuition is the capacity to "guess" the answer to a problem, skipping the regular logical processes.

Intuition is more than your inner voice. Intuition is one of the methods by which you understand the world. It is a skill you can develop and use consciously. Intuition often surfaces during meditation. When the mind is quiet, then intuition can be heard. Once trained, you can access intuition by stopping your normal waking process and entering the calm that you have cultivated.

The planet associated with intuition is Uranus. With Uranus in Taurus, your intuition works best through the Sensation function. Your intuition comes to you in very concrete images. For example, you can see a piece of land and clearly envision a house, a road, or a bridge being built there. You actually see the finished product in your mind's eye, and then take the practical steps to achieve the result you see. You also can find multiple uses of tools, and can usually handle an emergency with whatever materials and tools you have available.

You use your intuition to create equilibrium in your environment. People enjoy being around you because you anticipate their every need. Practical planning is your natural direction. Financial activities benefit from your ability to see future paths and outcomes.

Your Uranus is in the 10th House. You often see a clear path out of a problem situation. It's like you "beam" yourself to another location or time, where the difficulty can be resolved. You are quick-thinking in the most difficult situations.

Uranus Aspects

Your inner spirit functions easily on the intuitive plane, as you are able to identify and listen to the voice that guides your interactions with others to both their highest good and your own. On the physical level you feel the sexual spark in relationships immediately. On the spiritual level you are able to discern facts about their future through the same spark. You have natural psychic ability that can express through mediumship, conscious psychic or telepathic communication and mystical interests. This needs to be balanced with physical grounding of some kind.

The Midheaven: Self-Awareness and the Use of Intuition

How can you use your self-awareness to access intuition, a presumably involuntary, less conscious capacity? To take the direct, conscious path is challenging at best. This method only works if you can consciously enter unconscious territory, and by definition, that territory is unconscious because you cannot access it directly. You can rarely dive in intentionally.

You can wait for intuition to arise naturally without doing anything. Or you can practice meditation. It is fairly easy to learn and requires no particular physical or mental skills, except the ability to focus the mind.

In addition, you have specific avenues, or points of focus, to aid you in the practice. The sign on the Midheaven indicates an area of the subconscious that you can access through meditation, thereby identifying spiritual keys to your development. By going within, you find the higher values most suited to your own path.

With the Midheaven in Pisces, your self-awareness and your path to self-realization are primarily through the Feeling function.

Beneath the subconscious desire to understand the minute details of physical existence, you find the capacity to experience the germination of your spiritual life. As a child you observed the way your parents and other people involved themselves with the details of their daily existence, and you learned how to manage your own activities with attention to specifics.

While you were learning the practical skills you needed for daily activities, spiritual awareness was also growing deep within you. You have rejected the strict bonds of servitude on the material plane, yet you have cultivated the joyful possibility of spiritual service, even if you are only vaguely aware of this fact. You are learning that you can engage on the thoughtful, personal level in activities that help you and others, or you can

expand your understanding to include a broader spiritual venue in which you transcend your ordinary mental boundaries.

Midheaven Aspects

As you move through life, you find that what you know about yourself more and more closely approximates your inner spiritual being. You are able to evaluate your spiritual position with great precision. When you experience inner tension, regard it as a sign that you can now receive or understand information about your core beliefs more directly. Tension, even agitation, can be a signal to stop for a moment to meditate. In this way you can open a channel to your inner voice. You have the capacity to reshape your life into whatever you desire. In the long run you transcend base desires by recognizing power and working with it, not be trying to own it.

Karma and Dharma

Perhaps no single principle of Asian religions has fascinated us more than karma and its link to reincarnation. Karma refers to the cause and effect relationship between what we do and the results we get. Our actions bring reactions, constructive and not so constructive. However, everyday feedback often comes from individuals who are no more clear about their spiritual values than we are. So, what should you take seriously?

How does karma work in your life? Will it be played out in your next incarnation, or will you experience it in the here-and-now?

Certainly you do not have to believe in karma or reincarnation to make progress along your spiritual path. However, if you do astrology can offer insight into what factors in the past may be influencing you today. The following are suggestions concerning past influences. Think of them as relating to family and childhood experience, or you can relate them to your past lives, or both.

With Saturn in Pisces, you experience karma and dharma primarily through the Feeling function. Intelligent activity, for you, is inspired by the feeling component of your mind. You can make a plan using any of the mental strategies, but you evaluate and judge its efficacy through the feeling function. In looking back on your own past, into past lives, or even ancient human history, you judge people's actions by the results they achieved, and you also consider whether those results were worth the effort. Even if the outcome was what people wanted and needed, you evaluate the effectiveness of the action. You are able to learn from the past and to exercise good judgment in almost everything you do. You may tend toward caution in your planning, and you gather information at every step of the process. Because of sensitive positioning, you are able to make adjustments to suit the needs of the moment. You like to have the time to project your plan into the future to think through the possible outcomes. When you feel rushed into implementing a plan, you may be reluctant if you cannot see a positive outcome. For this reason, it may be difficult to have faith in someone else's plan.

You are generally retiring, and may even decide on a life of renunciation - at least for a time. Your mystical tendencies are well suited to the contemplative life, and you wish to avoid any unnecessary conflict. You are your own best source of recognition, as you are the best person to evaluate the effectiveness of your decisions and actions.

Your Saturn is in the 9th House. Events that focus your attention on transcendent values involve time, authority and responsibility. You tend to be harder on yourself than anyone else is because you expect perfection in yourself. When disagreements arise with others, you may take them to heart, worrying about what you could have done differently, even if there was no other possible outcome. Qualities that Saturn helps you to develop include patience, compassion, and humility. You know very well that your skills are gifts from a higher source, and you learn to apply them to tasks in your life without feeling spiritual pride in your own actions. As you experience the death of loved ones and the weakening of your own physical powers, you come to understand the cyclical nature of physical life and the immortality of spirit.

Saturn Aspects

You demand discipline from yourself, and you expect it in others. You may have had harsh teachers. Your spiritual path focuses on compassion for others, and you have to develop compassion for yourself as well. When others provoke fear in you, look also for the love they struggle to express. You find that spiritual discipline is as much a container for your being as it is the expression of your inner desire. Your perception of duty is to develop the endurance needed to weather emotional and material storms. You have the capacity to endure through the daily grind to find something of spiritual value in your work and relationships. You are happy to spend time in seclusion, studying or meditating. You are often fully aware of the suffering of others, and tend to take it into yourself. This can make you rather moody, or it can serve to strengthen your spiritual resolve. It is important for you to sort out your own neurotic behavior before you take on the problems of others. You learn to take small, careful steps on any path, but you find that a steady pace results in positive outcomes. You work well with older people.

Transcendent Values

Behind what you know about yourself - behind all other considerations of spirituality, lie the transcendent values that are most important to you. These are the values you have worked to discover from among all the rules you have been taught. They are the reason you have read books, studied with teachers, privately pondered and examined the events of your life. They are the fundamental principles that you believe will help you find fulfillment as a human being. As such they are the source of energy behind your self-awareness, the motivation of your spiritual search, and the principles that you apply to your dharma, or life path.

With Jupiter in Scorpio, your approach to and understanding of transcendant values is

primarily through the Feeling function. You find it easy to expand your emotional range to encompass other people, large projects, and even global thinking. You naturally want to engage with others because this is one of the principal ways you learn. While you may use intellect skillfully in your daily activities, it is at the emotional heart level that you connect to the planet, to humanity, and to spirit. It may seem that fusion of heart and mind is easier when Jupiter is in a water sign because we ordinarily experience the values of the heart in an emotional way. However, such fusion is not limited to water signs, nor do water signs limit the possible expression of transcendent values in any way. One advantage to this placement is that a constant flow of spiritual energy is possible. You may benefit from a meditation practice that focuses on the flows of energy through your body, whether it be breath or energy on a higher plane.

You are somewhat ruthless in your striving for emotional fulfillment that falls short of your spiritual aspirations. Instead of focusing on physical pleasure, contemplative practice can elevate your material desire tot he level of spiritual yearning. Then all activities - even sexual - can provide spiritual ecstasy.

Aspects of the Jupiter

Your higher values radiate from you in the form of spiritual vision. Your actions become more and more consistent with your inner values. Your good fortune, seemingly accidental in character, is more likely the consequence or effect of your aspiration to express love through wisdom, and wisdom through love. People are comfortable in your presence. You have the capacity to endure through the daily grind to find something of spiritual value in your work and relationships. You are happy to spend time in seclusion, studying or meditating. You love to speculate about metaphysical or religious problems, considering both the idealistic expression of spirit and the more mundane applications of what you have learned along your path. You are fortunate throughout your life to have discovered your inner spiritual voice. Share it with others.

The Ninth House

You have Aquarius on the Ninth House cusp. Your primary transcendent focus is on group consciousness. This focus is a most significant factor in your personal development, as it is the inspiration for selflessness. A second transcendent value is your lower mental nature. Intellectual development is key to your spiritual progress. Note that group consciousness is primary, and that personal intellect serves a supporting role. A third value is the truth of unity or Universal Mind. It is through the intuitive understanding of the oneness of all existence that you are able to mobilize your intellect in the service of group consciousness. As these values become the motivation for your conscious actions, you will find that your spirit flows like water from an endless source, enriching the lives of others as you move toward personal liberation.

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Mars: Your Spiritual Persona

Mars indicates an area of life that is vitally important to your spiritual growth. Whatever path you choose, this factor will come up again and again. Others will see how it affects you, but they are unlikely to understand the depth of its significance. You yourself may not understand the power of this influence on your life.

The Element of Mars

Mars is naturally associated with Aries, a fire sign. Traditionally Mars was also associated with Scorpio, a water sign. Thus the expression of Mars shares the nature of these two elements to some extent. The movement between water and fire involves the capacity for discriminating awareness. Mars governs the five senses-touch, taste, sight, hearing and smell. The position of Mars directly reflects your capacity to relate to the world through your senses.

With Mars in Libra, your spiritual persona is expressed most fluently through the Thinking function. You are able to take an idea and wind it into an imaginative, yet logical picture, filled with colorful images and connections. Your spiritual discipline is likely to reflect this strong use of intellect. You find causes to which you devote time and

energy, and you are best placed in jobs or activities that draw upon your mental capacity. Today's focus on the Internet and telecommunications suits your energy very well, as you are able to picture systems and to devise strategies for the future.

The sign placement of Mars is significant to developing your spiritual persona. The sign colors the message you receive concerning the direction your spiritual path will take. Here are three personality traits associated with Mars in your chart: Cooperation, Honesty, Impartiality. If you consider each trait and consciously evoke it in your daily activities, you will find that the path becomes more fulfilling, more insightful, and easier. By actively devoting energy to the development of the traits of your Mars, you spontaneously develop several traits associated with other signs.

House Placement of Mars

Your Mars is in the 4th House. The focus of your spiritual persona is on issues of family tradition. You may spend a lot of time sorting out the family beliefs that ring true for you from those that don't fit well for you. You tend to develop a home environment that is conducive to your spiritual path. Your energy can become scattered when you don't have a safe harbor in which to develop your spiritual focus. People show you the significance of your values on an energetic level. This could include angry disagreements, body language, or fluctuations on the subtler level of the aura. Their heat can act as a metaphorical barometer of your own intensity.

Mars Aspects

You have tremendous physical energy that can be applied to the pursuit of spiritual goals. Put your best effort into each of your life activities, all the while keeping the spiritual component in mind. By engaging your heart completely in each act, you come to understand spiritual unity more fully. You become passionate when you discuss spiritual values. You don't like the feeling of anger, yet you allow it to arise when the purpose is to convince yourself or others of a spiritual necessity. You perceive the cruel edge in people, and understand its source. As you deal with your own ruthlessness, you learn how to respond to it in others without risking your physical well-being. Self-confidence develops out of self-control in your interaction with others. You may have many relationships that never get beyond the surface physical attraction. As you learn to cooperate on the mundane issues, your astral relationships will take on emotional intensity. Collaboration then occurs on many levels of consciousness.

The Ascendant: Expressing Spirit in the World

The Ascendant provides a personal anchor for understanding spiritual potential and process in the birth chart. It shows how you express yourself in the world. This is because the rising sign represents choice - you choose what you want to show to the world. Ultimately, however, you come back to the Sun sign on the spiritual level.

Each person learns about the Sun sign's higher spiritual values and cultivates those values by developing the positive traits of the Ascendant. Each sign as it rises brings to light different personality traits, different physical appearance, and a different sense of spiritual direction. The rising sign offers a container for your experimentation with constructive, creative personal choices about how to act in the world. Later you can take this practice back to the Sun sign and master its lessons.

Remember that the Midheaven and Ascendant depend on an accurate birth time. If you have no idea of your birth time, the material included here may help you to focus on a spiritual persona for yourself.

Your Rising Sign (Ascendant)

Cancer is the first of the water signs. On the material level it reflects the group energy of humanity, so you are able to both feel the energies of other people and experience the flow of energy within yourself. It is this capacity to feel that gives rise to the nurturing side of this sign. The sign Cancer reminds us of water flowing downhill. It is the relentless quality of the flow that you resonate with. Even when you feel stuck in situations, you can identify the "flow" that continues among the individuals involved and around the objects in your environment.

Much of your feeling experience occurs on the soul level. If you see auras, you may see all the way to the soul level of the person. This can be both informative and frightening, as you may not wish to relate that closely with everyone. If you don't actually see auras, you certainly feel the energy of other people and need to have inner clarity so that you can interpret those signals correctly. Therefore it is important for you to have a spiritual practice that is designed to cultivate clarity of mind.

Movement is a key principle in your life. How you begin the digestive process, for example, determines what you are able to assimilate from your food. The movement of fluids through your body is a familiar and comfortable barometer of your moods. Good spiritual practice may focus on movement as well. Walking meditation may be helpful for you. If you feel stuck, strenuous exercise may help to shake loose whatever is bothering you. Then you can return to a more meditative pace of movement. Follow movement with sitting for a few minutes to experience the inner calm that has been strengthened.

As you experience your spiritual being, you come to understand the two sides of the sign of Cancer. One side has to do with self-preservation and includes the nurturing you receive and the care you give to others. It includes the impulse to incarnate in the first place. The other side relates to immortality. Your creative energies are freed as you gain understanding of this aspect of life. By understanding the desire to incarnate, along with the truth of your immortal being, you perceive the flow of the evolutionary process across physical lifetimes. The mystery here is the link between the Mother of Form (the Moon) and the Father of the Waters (Neptune). On the physical plane form is not necessarily rigid, and movement is not necessarily unrestricted. The two aspects are intertwined in all living things. On the spiritual plane, form may seem less significant or less solid, but the principle of form continues to be active until Unity is achieved.

Ascendant Aspects

Women inspire your spiritual life just as they influence you in other ways. Your soul and persona are well aligned. Thus other people are seldom surprised by your decisions and actions. You are generally self-confident and you find self-esteem within yourself, not from others. You are likely to gain recognition, and you desire it. You are fortunate throughout your life to have discovered your inner spiritual voice. Share it with others. You learn to take small, careful steps on any path, but you find that a steady pace results in positive outcomes. You work well with older people. You are easily influenced by other people and need to develop your spiritual voice to counteract this tendency.

Conclusion

This interpretation of your life path has provided a systematic look at astrological factors that together add up to a spiritually oriented map. As you come to understand your unique map, you can move forward through life joyously and courageously, knowing that the path is appropriate to your personal beliefs, desires and needs.