

The Asteroid Report

Chiron and the Asteroids

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Natal Chart for Drew Barrymore

Placidus House System

Sun in **Pisces**, at 03° 34', in the tenth house.
Moon in **Cancer**, at 18° 07', in the second house.
Mercury in **Aquarius**, at 10° 11', in the ninth house.
Venus in **Pisces**, at 29° 17', in the tenth house.
Mars in **Capricorn**, at 23° 42', in the eighth house.
Jupiter in **Pisces**, at 24° 17', in the tenth house.
Saturn in **Cancer**, at 12° 18', in the second house.
Uranus in **Scorpio**, at 02° 21', in the fifth house.
Neptune in **Sagittarius**, at 11° 41', in the sixth house.
Pluto in **Libra**, at 08° 47', in the fifth house.
Midheaven in **Aquarius**, at 29° 20'.
Ascendant in **Gemini**, at 19° 03'.
Chiron in **Aries**, at 21° 12', in the eleventh house.
Ceres in **Aries**, at 01° 57', in the eleventh house.
Pallas in **Pisces**, at 00° 44', in the tenth house.
Juno in **Aries**, at 18° 35', in the eleventh house.
Vesta in **Aquarius**, at 06° 37', in the ninth house.

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 Aries

When Chiron is in Aries, you associate mentoring and the healing process with the acquisition of courage, initiative, self-sufficiency, and assertive or competitive skills -

such as those gained through sports, martial arts and self-defense activities, or the pursuit of independence. 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 bold, exciting, or adventurous. You may feel wounded or inadequate in these traditionally masculine areas of life, or experience an insoluble conflict in regards to these things. Experiences with overt or covert aggression, premature independence, defeat, or loss of courage can evoke your philosophical side and awaken a true sense of wisdom as you struggle to come to terms with the ongoing suffering and the healing sought.

Chiron in 11th House

Chiron in the eleventh house indicates that the wounding/healing experience (as described by Chiron's sign placement) plays itself out through the sphere of life that has to do with collectives, peer groups, or organizations of a humanitarian or fraternal nature. You may be too much of a maverick or freethinker to fit in or belong, or may never quite be accepted by the group. You may experience disillusion with collective social, political, or spiritual movements that are rife with politics, spoken or unspoken "should's," or that may subtly discourage independent thought or action. You may encounter mentor figures through dealing with such painful issues, or through your involvement with collective or humanitarian activities. Experiences such as those mentioned above 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.

Moon Square Chiron Orb: 03°05'

Chiron forms a challenging aspect with the Moon. The Chiron archetype constellates your emotional and instinctive responses (and vice versa) in an adverse manner. You may feel a conflict between your own emotional needs and your activities as a healer/mentor to others. You may have a tendency to end up in situations in which healer, guru, or mentor figures play a role in encouraging you to deny your emotional needs, or take advantage of your emotional neediness, or otherwise leave you feeling emotionally abused. Such scenarios could arise from an early wounding experience having to do with the mother or other anima figure. You may fear that your emotional needs are terrifying and overwhelming forces that could lead you into a bottomless pit of unending grief, fear, or rage, should you permit yourself to feel them. You might flee, in defense, into the role of wise caretaker of others. Until such issues are resolved, chances are that you could be inadvertently encouraging emotional denial in those to whom you act as a mentor or healer. You are being challenged to learn how both the need for healing and wise counsel and the need for emotional comfort can and do co-exist within yourself (and in others). The more you learn to acknowledge both sides of this story, the less conflict you will feel.

Mars Square Chiron Orb: 02°30'

Chiron forms a challenging aspect with Mars. The centaur and the warrior butt heads! You may suffer due to opinions that it is unmanly for men to engage themselves in

healing, therapeutic or counseling endeavors. Or perhaps you struggle with feelings of lack of confidence or fear of confrontation when it comes to fulfilling a calling you feel to teach or mentor. The ability to cope with confrontation and aggression, as well as to assert yourself and express your drive and your anger in effective ways is, for you, experienced as a painful or wounding issue in some way. You may have been exposed, in early life, to an ongoing atmosphere of subtle or overt abuse and intimidation that prevented you from learning the positive skills of self-assertion and healthy anger. You may fear your own capacity for anger, or believe that all anger is destructive. This can lead to a suppression of anger that builds up and does start to feel threatening. As a result you may, consciously or unconsciously, lapse into passive-aggressive behavior patterns or indulge in backhanded competitive efforts to wreak vengeance on those with whom you are angry. Direct honest expression of your anger can be the most frightening and threatening challenge in the world, yet you long to learn how to be able to handle yourself in such a way. When you do, you find the effects incredibly healing. The trick is to learn to see that the need for healing and the need for confrontation are not incompatible, and that by learning to embrace both these needs you find the solution to these old patterns of conflict.

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 Aries

When Ceres is in Aries, great zeal and boundless energy characterize your idea of nurturing. This position represents the "Warrior Mom" (or Dad) who will fight like a tiger to protect (or hold on to) offspring. You associate nurturance with the acquisition of courage, initiative, self-sufficiency, and assertive or competitive skills - such as those gained through sports, martial arts, or other self-defense activities. Experiences of grief may be due to lack of this kind of nurturance, overly aggressive or dominating parenting, or being forced into independence too soon. Defeat or loss of courage can be a transformative experience for you, one that initiates you into the lessons of loss and return, death and rebirth, and simply letting go.

Ceres in 11th House

With Ceres in the eleventh house, you find that where you can really give to others is in working with groups, causes, and organizations. The integration of parenting with these activities can be an issue that, if not resolved, may lead to the sacrifice of one over the other. Or perhaps you see the whole world as your family, and your nurturing capacity is put to the service of humanity itself. You may seek some type of surrogate parent figure within such groups, or perhaps undergo transformational experiences of loss and return through involvement with them. Friends and peers can be a source of much comfort, and this can be a mutual experience, for they also see you as a mother figure.

Venus Conjunct Ceres Orb: 02°41'

Your Ceres is conjunct Venus. The mother-daughter (parent-child) story is bound up with the pleasure principle: beauty, harmony, and the world of the senses. You associate nurturance with the cultivation of a sense of self-worth through affirmative touch and the affirmation of one's attractiveness. 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. You nurture others (and look to nurturance yourself) through a loving acceptance of the sensual, the artistic and the creative. Your sexual expression may be very caring and tender.

Uranus Quincunx Ceres Orb: 00°23'

Ceres forms a challenging aspect with Uranus. There's a story involving the nurturer and the freedom-fighter, and it may be a trying tale at times. Perhaps you feel that close emotional ties prevent you from the voyage of self-discovery known as individuation. Or perhaps you feel that your need for constant change or the need to march to the tune of a different drummer makes it impossible for you to experience nurturing emotional ties. Humanitarian activities or collective enterprises may conflict with the need to care and be cared for on a personal level. These conflicts may be rooted in your experience (or lack of experience) of the formation and severance of strong emotional ties, especially ties with the mother or with revolutionary, futuristic types. If you can learn to acknowledge both needs within yourself, and find ways to meet them, you'll be able to avoid the natural tendency to unconsciously project one of them out onto others.

Pluto Opposite Ceres Orb: 06°49'

Ceres forms a challenging aspect with Pluto. The Demeter-Persephone asteroid encounters the Lord-of-the-Underworld planet, and this lends the whole Ceres myth an extra impact on your chart. You may feel that close emotional ties conflict with your struggle for self-empowerment, or that if you take your power you will distance loved ones. You may feel like Persephone, torn between a powerful mother and a powerful partner who both seem to want to possess you; innocence, loyalties, and empowerment concerns are asking for reconciliation within you. Issues of control may play havoc with nurturing relationships. These conflicts may be rooted in strong experiences of mother or power-wielding figures. The challenge is to learn to see that both the need for nurturing ties and the need for transformation and self-empowerment can and do co-exist within oneself. You'll need to find ways to meet them both, otherwise chances are you'll project the denied need out onto others and, eventually, fight with it out there.

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 Pisces

Pallas Athena in Pisces denotes perceptive insight into suffering and the human condition. You may be intuitively subtle or wise in your ability to express empathy, compassion, and unconditional love; and it may be important for you to utilize these skills in your career. You could possess considerable psychic sensitivity, arising perhaps from a natural ability to experience states of mystic unity, or as a result of personal suffering, loss, or deprivation. Your compassion and sensitivity may be expressed aesthetically in powerfully moving song, poetry, or other art forms that emphasize the dreamy, inspirational and ethereal. You may put these abilities to use in the defense of some cause, especially any group that, for you, symbolizes the "suffering humanity" (see Pallas Athena's house position, below) - indeed you may be a crusader for universal Love. Difficulty may arise if your natural spirituality and sensitivity are directed into a crusade or militaristic campaign for unattainable ideals such as a perfect or divine society - especially if religious guilt is involved. Skills in healing or conflict resolution may lie in the creative ability to work with psychic or faith healing; spiritual practices involving the use of meditation, mantra, or visualization; shamanic journeying or imagery; art, dance, or music therapy; and dream work.

Pallas in 10th House

With Pallas Athena in the tenth house your profession or career is where you express

your practical wisdom and creative intelligence. All your fighting spirit is invested the need to succeed in the professional world and your accomplishments in this sphere of life may be quite exceptional. This is also the sphere of life in which you are likely to encounter gender issues, perhaps you need to develop the skills of the opposite gender in order to succeed. Or perhaps the resolution of gender conflict or the reclaiming of the Feminine is an aspect of your work. Difficulty can arise if the career develops into a kind of fanatical crusade in which your professional life becomes the only thing in life that matters.

Sun Conjunct Pallas Orb: 02°50'

The asteroid Pallas Athena (the patron-goddess of wisdom, culture and the arts) is conjunct the Sun (one's sense of identity and essential purpose). Your sense of self is strongly colored by your practical creativity and your fine sense of artistic, cultural, and socio-political awareness. You may associate your sense of life purpose with the need to express your mental creativity in some creative, intellectual, or artistic way that serves a socio-cultural need - perhaps through some effort to restore dignity and cultural significance to a group or minority wounded by social prejudice. You may be attracted to animus or father figures who display these characteristics or who have a refined or perhaps androgynous bearing.

Uranus Trine Pallas Orb: 01°37'

The asteroid Pallas Athena forms a harmonious aspect with Uranus. The cultural protectress-patroness of the arts meets the freedom fighter and she smiles. You may utilize your creative insight to support humanitarian, "new age," or alternative ideals. You are sympathetic towards cultures or traditions that have been suffered at the hands of religious or imperial oppression. You can balance the need for aesthetic or cultural expression with the need for change and excitement. You enjoy mental stimulation and new concepts, and your mental or creative expression may possess an unconventional flavor, or uncanny futuristic insight. You may have a natural grasp of modern technology, computer sciences, or subtle energy fields.

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 Aries

With Juno in Aries, the qualities you enjoy in a committed relationship are honesty, courage, and plenty of spunk - someone to fight by your side (a "valiant knight" or a "Joan of Arc"), and perhaps engage in a wrestling match or two with you, as well. There needs to be lots of activity, energy, and high-spiritedness. The need for independence can be a vital factor in your committed relationships. It could be that, in spite of your best efforts, you yourself experience a sense of powerlessness when it comes to such matters (courage, independence, and the right to be angry), 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 frankness and courage. There could be some dramatic fireworks, especially where these issues are concerned. Acceptance of this need to blow off steam (and finding non-destructive outlets in which to do so) may help improve your partnerships.

Juno in 11th House

Juno in the eleventh house indicates that your committed relationship will involve issues around interactions with clubs, groups, organizations and humanitarian causes. It is important for the relationship that you have these experiences, whether shared by the both of you, or whether one partner be granted the freedom to do so by the other. Behind this is the need for friendship and companionship in your relationship, which can be revitalized through drawing on the friendship of a broad base of people who share your interests and concerns. If not married, this could represent the one who is wedded to a cause in a fully committed way. Alternatives (in relationships, lifestyle, or social concerns) may be important. 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: 00°29'

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).

Mars Square Juno Orb: 05°06'

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

difficulties with aggression or anger.

Saturn Square Juno Orb: 06°18'

Juno forms a challenging aspect with Saturn. The need for a mutually supportive relationship comes into conflict with the urge to manifest and give practical expression to your goals. The struggle for equality and autonomy with a partnership may conflict with one partner's need to be the breadwinner or to pursue a career. Duty, obligation, pressure to excel, or an over-emphasis on material comforts may create stress between partners. Or perhaps intimate relationships are troubled by accusations of emotional coldness and undemonstrativeness that are born of insecurities. Perhaps one of you feels intimidated by the whole idea of a committed relationship with its attendant power struggles, and responds by severing ties, or avoiding closeness altogether. One partner may seek a responsible father-figure in the other. The challenge is to learn to see that both the need for intimacy and the need for a realistic, non-oppressive sense of committed responsibility can and do co-exist within oneself. You may need to find ways to meet both these needs, and to avoid the natural tendency to unconsciously repress or project one of them out onto others (especially your partner).

Neptune Trine Juno Orb: 06°54'

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

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 help 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 Aquarius

Vesta in Aquarius indicates that change and the unconventional 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 revolutionary ideals and humanitarian or alternative causes with dedication, zeal, and even sacrifice (described further by Vesta's house position, below). You can be quite the freedom fighter, and yet you are quite capable of denying your own need of freedom and individual expression for the sake of your commitment to your cause. You may even sublimate your sexual energies into zealous causes. Sexual fulfillment can come through unexpected or unusual avenues. It is possible that, through one-pointedness, you focus so much on these impersonal humanitarian concerns that the means becomes an end in itself and you lose sight of the goal they are meant to serve. If this happens, fixation on the collective can render you insensitive to the individuals of whom the collective is comprised. This can leave you

feeling alienated and out of touch with others and yourself. By learning to constantly re-anchor your revolutionary humanitarianism in your sense of inner spiritual presence, you can endow it with personal feeling and renew the sense of inspired dedication to your commitments.

Vesta in 9th House

Vesta in the ninth house indicates that sacrificial dedication and intense focus are centered around your belief system, life purpose, or search for truth, and possibly on the dissemination of teachings regarding such matters. The sense of sacrifice that you experience concerning these issues could be expressed either as denying yourself these things for the sake of some other goal (which may be spiritual or religious in nature), or as an intense one-pointed focus and sacrificial dedication to these very things themselves. If this focus is disconnected from your sense of inner centeredness, you can feel thwarted in your efforts to achieve true expansion of mind, perhaps because you become obsessed or fanatical in your views, and thus lose your sense of broadmindedness. Your belief system could revolve around political, educational, philosophical, legal, or spiritual issues. It might also be concerned in some way with the reconciliation of spirituality and sexuality, or with religious attitudes toward sexuality. 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.

Mercury Conjunct Vesta Orb: 03°34'

Your Vesta is conjunct Mercury. You have a great ability to focus and discipline the mind. You may feel called or inspired to teach, disseminate information, or communicate your thoughts and views to others through your writings. You may dedicate yourself to the development of the mind, either through study or through techniques, such as meditation, that help you focus and direct your mental energies. There may be sacrifices made for the sake of the research and learning, or perhaps it is the learning itself that is sacrificed for the sake of some other (perhaps religious) goal.

Uranus Square Vesta Orb: 04°16'

Your Vesta forms a challenging aspect with Uranus. The whole idea of dedication and sacrifice clashes with the urge for freedom, experimentation, and change. An overemphasis on the need for constant change and excitement may thwart the urge for dedication and commitment. On the other hand, the capacity for passionate commitment may inhibit your need for freedom and change. Revolutionary ideals and rebellious tendencies may tend toward fanaticism and end up oppressing the need for spiritual or sexual self-empowerment. Abstract idealism may lead to a denigration of the physical world, and a "good-bad" split between the spiritual and the physical-sexual aspects of self. Identification with unconventional sexual mores may create stress or nervous tension. You'll probably need to accept the fact that you have two different needs: your Vesta needs and your need for change and freedom. And although one of these may seem to be a thorn in your side at the moment, the irritation is a signal that's trying to call attention to this one-sided stance you have unconsciously adopted in favor of one need

over the other.

Pluto Trine Vesta Orb: 02°10'

Your Vesta forms a harmonious aspect with Pluto. Your capacity for self-sacrifice and your sense of sacredness complements your urge for powerful and transformative experience. Your psychological depth and sense of self-empowerment can benefit your spiritual/sexual life or the activities to which you are committed and into which you pour your focused life-energies. You may channel some of your capacity for dedication and intense commitment towards supporting those who are experiencing or recovering from abuse of some kind. You are able to balance your need for spiritual/sexual expression with the inner need for regenerative healing, self-transformation and self-empowerment.

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.