

Your Spiritual Path

for Kevin Costner

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Natal Chart for Kevin Costner

Sun in **Capricorn**, at 27° 52', in the eleventh house, Earth, Cardinal.

Moon in **Scorpio**, at 28° 21', in the eighth house, Water, Fixed.

Mercury in **Aquarius**, at 12° 48', in the eleventh house, Air, Fixed.

Venus in **Sagittarius**, at 11° 13', in the ninth house, Fire, Mutable.

Mars in **Aries**, at 02° 32', in the first house, Fire, Cardinal.

Jupiter in **Cancer**, at 24° 31', in the fifth house, Water, Cardinal.

Saturn in **Scorpio**, at 19° 44', in the eighth house, Water, Fixed.

Uranus in **Cancer**, at 25° 34', in the fifth house, Water, Cardinal.

Neptune in **Libra**, at 28° 12', in the seventh house, Air, Cardinal.

Pluto in **Leo**, at 26° 13', in the sixth house, Fire, Fixed.

Midheaven in **Sagittarius**, at 24° 37', Fire, Mutable.

Ascendant in **Pisces**, at 21° 01', Water, Mutable.

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 Capricorn, you are primarily the Sensation type. Sensation types are primarily interested in practical considerations of the world. They will look at the actualities - facts first. They depend on their five normal senses for perception. They wish to have the experience, not hear about it from others. Sensation types learn by doing, so the learning process may be slower. To be satisfied, they need to go over things carefully. They are not less intelligent because they go slower - they are more careful. When given the time to assimilate information, the sensation type may remember it longer and understand the practical uses in more detail. Studying the theory of engineering may be difficult for the sensation type, but the application is their forte. You demand satisfaction all along the way, and will not select occupations that are without positive feedback. You are a healthy consumer, loving life and what it has to offer on the material level and you are best in careers involving real "stuff". You would be a good real estate person, interior decorator, or chef. You enjoy working with your hands and can make this part of the vocation or at least an avocation. You would be a good doctor or health care professional. Any career that requires attention to and intimate understanding of the details is suited to the sensation type. You generally focus on practical considerations first, and you rely on your five normal senses for perception. You first seek to have an experience, not hear about it from others. You learn by doing, and thus may be a bit slower than some people, but once you know something, you know it forever. You may need to go over things carefully. Once learned, you can apply information to the tasks you set for yourself. The sensation type's approach to the spiritual side of life is no different. You seek the facts. You want a practical application of whatever you are learning. When contact with the spirit world feel ungrounded, you will find a way to re-establish a level of comfort in the work. You also will not be satisfied with your spiritual work until you can express it concretely in the world in some way.

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 miserly (when prudence is better). I will be secretive (when caution is enough). I will be exacting (when I could be merely conscientious). I will be unsympathetic (when I could exhibit faith in others). I will be pessimistic (when practicality would serve me better). I will suppress my feelings (when self-control does not require it).

Your Sun is in the 11th house. The physiology that supports walking creates a focus on your shins and ankles. You need to stretch and warm up before walking or running in order to prepare your lower legs properly. You need to flex your mental "muscles" before

engaging in your work as well. You may choose to play games on your computer, do crossword puzzles, or some other mental activity that you enjoy. Don't save the fun for the end, begin your day with some of it. You have the capacity to join intellect and intuition into a formidable spiritual team. Thought alone is not satisfying, and intuition alone has no ground in fact. You need to cultivate both to satisfy your spiritual yearnings.

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 identify with the fearlessness in yourself and others when actions are motivated by Spirit. Even physical desire, when inspired by devotion to the partner, can become a profound expression of your spirituality. You find great joy in life, but are also aware of the depth of sadness and other feelings. As you take the spiritual path, you begin to see these less as opposites and more as part of a continuum of feeling. When you can bring higher values to bear in both joy and sadness, you achieve a synthesis of possibilities. You are a rebel, and you see other people as the cause. In reality you are resisting your own inner voice, and may be projecting that onto others. If you can resist the urge to push people away, your intuition can begin to inform your approach to relationships. Then those hints about feelings become spiritual signposts on the path of awareness. You are very sensitive to the feelings of others, and may confuse your experience with their feelings. You must discriminate between what you feel and how you judge the feeling in order to expand your psychic ability. Psychic awareness then becomes a gift in your interaction with others.

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 Scorpio, your secondary mental style is primarily the Feeling type. You have a powerful internal mechanism for identifying the truth in any situation. You may be able to see auras, and you can certainly feel other people's energy. Because of this you value your privacy. You needed your own room as a child and you continue to need

time alone as an adult. Yet you love to know that there are people around you who care about you and respect you as a person. You tend to judge the world on the basis of your internal meter. You often act on impulse and baffle others by your actions. They don't have any idea where the decision came from unless you tell them. This makes it important to be surrounded by people you trust deeply. Only then can you be yourself. At the same time they will come to trust your psychic sense. On the rare occasion where others attack you directly, you are thrown completely for a loop. Until you understand their motivation, you may be stuck in a loop of trying to figure out what you did wrong.

Change is such a strong component of your life that you are able to abandon any less than useful core beliefs. However, you are careful not to toss away something that has intrinsic value. You analyze your beliefs deeply, based on your contact with other people.

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. The spirit within you desires material expression, and you search fearlessly for the way to show how you feel to others. People find they can depend on your devotion to your principles. Your higher values radiate from you in the form of spiritual vision. Your actions become more and more consistent with your inner values. Self-control marks your spiritual path, just as it marks your practical daily interactions. You desire to understand each step in your spiritual development, and you carefully consider what to accept and what to reject, from each experience. 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. Intense emotions are part of all your relationships. Your challenge is to become aware of which feelings are yours and which belong to others. Your spiritual life thrives in group activities if you learn to cooperate and not coerce change. Each interaction has the potential to transform your beliefs. 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 Gemini on the Fourth House cusp. Your core beliefs are gathered around the principle of Change - Change with a capital "C" because we are not talking about minor day-to-day ups and downs. We are considering the profound changes in mind and spirit that lead to human progress. These changes first appear in the beliefs of individuals and may take years or generations to spread throughout human culture, but they are the stuff of material and spiritual progress. You become the mediator between what has gone before and what is possible for the future.

First you must learn how your beliefs allow you to mediate within your own personality. You learn to argue logically and clearly by having internal conversations about questions or problems. You learn to distinguish between what is truly part of your own beliefs and what is not. You see the apparent separation between self and other clearly.

Second, you develop a similar awareness of the connection between mental and spiritual beliefs. Here you experience an adjustment of your personal desires vis-à-vis your spiritual aspirations. You see how the two relate to each other. At this level you may find that you perform the services of a mediator for others.

Third your core beliefs focus on your relationship to Spirit. At this level you refine your core beliefs concerning your mind, your will and spiritual love. You find that you lose the personal sense of things and contact the greater unity and harmony. You may find that you chafe at the restrictions, within yourself or others, that prevent the higher spiritual light from shining forth. You see the spiritual potential in everything, and wish others could see and manifest it more fully.

In the end you discover that you understand both the tendency to struggle or argue, and the tendency to resolution and harmony. As this understanding develops, you also find that you can cheerfully accept other people's foibles, just as you learn to more cheerfully accept your own. You reach a point where mind and heart are expressing as one.

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 Aquarius, 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 inventive nature is well served by developing intuition. You see future needs and focus your thoughts on how to fulfill those needs. Intuition is a natural component of your thinking process. Walking meditation may enhance the intuitive flow.

Your Mercury is in the 11th House. You see the value of change, even reform in your spiritual practices, yet you also have the capacity for steady thinking and sound judgment. You grasp the essentials of contemplative practice quickly, and then must settle into a consistent daily practice, if only for a few minutes each day.

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 seek people with whom you can engage in serious spiritual work. Your capacity to concentrate on ideas can develop into deep philosophical understanding. You may become a teacher for others, as you recognize the effort required and can inspire it in your students.

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 Sagittarius, 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 idealize your relationships, seeking to find love in every contact. You are very sensitive to the desires of romantic, business, and other partners, and can dissipate your energy in trying to satisfy them. You benefit from solid, grounded partners who help you to remain focused, and from them you learn how to contain and use your idealistic intuition to good advantage.

Your Venus is in the 9th House. You anchor your higher values in concrete facts. Your life includes many significant events in the social sphere where you are able to gather information concerning whatever is truly important to you. You may have learned certain manners from your family and teachers, but it is through interaction with others that you learn how to be both a considerate companion and a responsible individual. At first you may be indulgent, doing whatever the "crowd" suggests, or flirtatious regardless of the risk involved. You may vacillate, letting others lead you into activities that are not in your own best interests. As you move through your life, you attend to your own values early in any relationship. There is less friction in your interaction with others, and you find that others appreciate your ability to define and adhere to your principles. Knowledge comes from many sources, and you must study closely to gain the value from the experience of others. You may travel the world to gather information, or you may stay closer to home and read about far-reaching ideas.

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.

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 Libra, your private, psychic style is primarily the Thinking type.

Your psychic sense is directly connected to intellect. Whether you hear, see, or even smell psychic information, mental processing reveals the meaning. It may help to share psychic insights with others, as this is the way you can identify your own projections and distinguish them from psychic energy being projected by other people.

Language is a powerful medium for your peer group. During your lifetime several profound changes in communication have occurred, including the rise of personal computers and the Internet. These allow you to communicate instantly with points around the world. This does not lessen the desirability of psychic development. Being able to reach out may actually enhance psychic ability, allowing you to confirm your thinking quickly and easily in many cases.

You may want to record your psychic impressions in a journal. In this way you can track and confirm your impressions later. Too often we dismiss these impressions and may miss the connections. The psychic undercurrents of your life provide a rich resource

for your imagination, and they reveal how your life is a fabric woven of various energies.

Neptune is in the 7th House. You are idealistic about partnership and love. Through strong relationships you are able to pursue your spiritual path. Weak relationships can lead to serious disappointment. Therefore you will want to use your head as well as your heart when you enter into what you expect to be a long-term union.

Neptune Aspects

You are very sensitive to the feelings of others, and may confuse your experience with their feelings. You must discriminate between what you feel and how you judge the feeling in order to expand your psychic ability. Psychic awareness then becomes a gift in your interaction with others. You seek the company of visionaries, as you appreciate their ability to speculate on the future and to develop something radically new and different out of something well established. You either succumb to your impressionability, and gullibility, or you learn to discern the motives that drive others and then make your own decisions. Through contact with other people, you develop an inner psychic vision. At first you dismiss your psychic insights as flukes, but later you may find that they become more frequent, more accurate, and more spiritually enriching. You are sensitive to the urgings of your inner voice, and you may even hear the voice within other people. You will experience visions and other forms of psychic awareness. Your natural psychic ability provides creative imagination and bolsters your self-esteem. It also sets up the opportunity for self-doubt that in turn tests your core beliefs and allows for creative change.

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 Aquarius on the Twelfth House cusp. You find that you attract people like a magnet, and it may be difficult to sort out the positive connections from destructive relationships. Your dreams provide a way to measure the sincerity of others toward you. Your inner voice will tell you when there is something not quite right about a situation or person. Meditation that focuses your mind on an object supports clarity in your dreams, and together the two help you to loosen the bonds of the physical body, as well as to find the best soul companions.

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 Leo, your approach to death and transformation is primarily through the Intuitive function. Your most direct way of managing transformative events is to will yourself to envision the future. Whether this means imagining life without someone who has left you, or simply moving from one home to another, your strength lies in the ability to listen to your own intuition.

Yet you also sense the hand of the divine - however you define divinity in your life - in the unfolding of a larger plan. While in the moment of transition you may feel helpless and weak, you don't remain helpless for long because you quickly begin to evaluate clues about outcome. You gather information from your surroundings, your thoughts, your feelings, and your sense of spiritual connection to the energy around you.

You wish to rule, and so do a lot of your peers. This could lead to trouble if you all think you have to be the first and the best. Once you experience coming in second or third, you focus your sights on those areas that truly matter to you. Then you make spiritual progress along with achieving career and other successes.

Pluto Aspects

Intense emotions are part of all your relationships. Your challenge is to become aware of which feelings are yours and which belong to others. Your spiritual life thrives in group activities if you learn to cooperate and not coerce change. Each interaction has the potential to transform your beliefs. You can bull your way to success at the expense of

the people around you, or you can learn to step outside your own ego and see the larger importance of your actions. Your strength makes you a powerful practitioner of magic, and also permits profound spiritual development in seclusion or silence. You are sensitive to the urgings of your inner voice, and you may even hear the voice within other people. You will experience visions and other forms of psychic awareness. 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 by 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 Scorpio on the Eighth House cusp. The direct path to change is always a good choice. Your strong awareness of the rhythm of change matches your will in such situations. Death is seen as a natural adjustment or companion for life. When major transitions occur, you tend to face them and enter into them with all your faculties alert. Open to the experience, you feel the joy or sadness, anger or fear of the moment in the moment.

Planets in the Eighth House

Moon in 8th House:

You are capable of wild emotional swings, and you tend to throw yourself into all of life's activities with all the emotional power you can muster. Other people may tire long before you do. Learn to identify the pace that others can maintain, and slow down sometimes so that they can accompany you on life's journey. You love the truth - maybe a little too much. You don't have to say every true thing that you know. You can't put the words back in your mouth. The spiritual challenge for you is to feel profoundly, think deeply, and then speak. Your core beliefs are founded in other people's resources. You may depend on others to make your decisions and you believe that they care enough to do so. As an adult you will be challenged to reconsider some of those ideas. You will then be able to use the resources of others instead of being controlled by them.

Saturn in 8th House:

You find that you often take responsibility for other people. You are intelligent, serious, and enjoy problem-solving, even when the problems are very difficult. You also like to drink deeply from the metaphysical well, and you can benefit from meditation practice that allows thinking to be supplemented by intuitive insights. You are likely to experience a spiritual rebirth at least once in your lifetime. This can come after a lot of hard work, or it can come after you have helped others to get through their difficulties.

Eighth House Aspects

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. The spirit within you desires material

expression, and you search fearlessly for the way to show how you feel to others. People find they can depend on your devotion to your principles. Your higher values radiate from you in the form of spiritual vision. Your actions become more and more consistent with your inner values. Self-control marks your spiritual path, just as it marks your practical daily interactions. You desire to understand each step in your spiritual development, and you carefully consider what to accept and what to reject, from each experience. 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. Intense emotions are part of all your relationships. Your challenge is to become aware of which feelings are yours and which belong to others. Your spiritual life thrives in group activities if you learn to cooperate and not coerce change. Each interaction has the potential to transform your beliefs. 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. Self-control marks your spiritual path, just as it marks your practical daily interactions. You desire to understand each step in your spiritual development, and you carefully consider what to accept and what to reject, from each experience. You seek people with whom you can engage in serious spiritual work. Your capacity to concentrate on ideas can develop into deep philosophical understanding. You may become a teacher for others, as you recognize the effort required and can inspire it in your students. 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. Bad things happen. This is a fact of life you must come to terms with. You have the spiritual depth to overcome the physical difficulties and to reach out for the spiritual intelligence behind any situation. You can bull your way to success at the expense of the people around you, or you can learn to step outside your own ego and see the larger importance of your actions. Your strength makes you a powerful practitioner of magic, and also permits profound spiritual development in seclusion or silence. 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.

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 Cancer, your intuition works best through the Feeling function. Your intuition flows more smoothly in a calm environment. Ritual preparation is very helpful in cultivating this kind of insight. Contemplative practice also helps, and it doesn't have to be sitting on a cushion to meditate. You may find that walking, swimming, or other exercise provides a gateway to expanded intuition.

You are able to perceive the emotional and astral flows of energy, and you often can determine which current to follow before the decisive moment. You tap into energy patterns just enough to gain a sense of direction.

Your Uranus is in the 5th House. You begin by noticing that you have thoughts about things that may happen in the future, only to have your thoughts come true. You can develop the ability to create slightly different outcomes, until eventually you may be able to divert negative events or at least modify the negativity through your own mental effort.

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. You are a rebel, and you see other people as the cause. In reality you are resisting your own inner voice, and may be projecting that onto others. If you can resist the urge to push people away, your intuition can begin to inform your approach to relationships. Then those hints about feelings become spiritual signposts on the path of awareness. You find yourself brushing up against dangerous situations. Spiritually you learn from each one, eventually learning how to help others without taking unnecessary risks yourself. You love your freedom, and will end relationships that threaten it. The right spiritual path for you allows you to approach the material world intuitively and wait for the right moment to make important decisions. Bad things happen. This is a fact of life you must come to terms with. You have the spiritual depth to overcome the physical difficulties and to reach out for the spiritual intelligence behind any situation. Through contact with other people, you develop an inner psychic vision. At first you dismiss your psychic insights as flukes, but later you may find that they become more frequent, more accurate, and more spiritually enriching. You are quick to respond, and intuition helps you find the right answers. You may upset others with your enthusiasm.

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 Sagittarius, your self-awareness and your path to self-realization are primarily through the Intuitive function.

Beneath the subconscious desire to be the arbitrator of conflicts in your life, you find the capacity to achieve resolution, both within yourself and among others, through more conciliatory means. You examine situations from an early age with an eye to how they are resolved, who is a skilled mediator, how they find the middle ground and convince others to be flexible. You may study history and politics, or you may focus on sociology or psychology, depending on the direction of your interests.

Your understanding that all difficulties are largely a result of misunderstanding or lack of information can grow into an ability to serve others through diplomacy and tact, and through detailed examination of the factors involved in a problem. You have the makings of a researcher into profound subjects, as you believe in examining the source of a situation, and not merely the apparent symptoms.

Midheaven Aspects

Your biggest challenge may be to harness your own energy so that your self-awareness keeps pace with your actions. Otherwise you find yourself wondering what happened to your self-control. Your natural psychic ability provides creative imagination and bolsters your self-esteem. It also sets up the opportunity for self-doubt that in turn tests your core beliefs and allows for creative change. 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 by 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 Scorpio, 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.

Your intense focus on the metaphysical realm can distract you from the demands of physical relationships. Sexual energy can be inhibited unless you can see the path to ecstasy includes all levels of consciousness. You see the spiritual value in all life, and understand birth and death as necessary transitions.

Your Saturn is in the 8th House. You find that you often take responsibility for other people. You are intelligent, serious, and enjoy problem-solving, even when the problems are very difficult. You also like to drink deeply from the metaphysical well, and you can benefit from meditation practice that allows thinking to be supplemented by intuitive insights. You are likely to experience a spiritual rebirth at least once in your lifetime. This can come after a lot of hard work, or it can come after you have helped others to get through their difficulties.

Saturn Aspects

Self-control marks your spiritual path, just as it marks your practical daily interactions. You desire to understand each step in your spiritual development, and you carefully consider what to accept and what to reject, from each experience. You seek people with whom you can engage in serious spiritual work. Your capacity to concentrate on ideas can develop into deep philosophical understanding. You may become a teacher for others, as you recognize the effort required and can inspire it in your students. 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. Bad things happen. This is a fact of life you must come to terms with. You have the spiritual depth to overcome the physical difficulties and to reach out for the spiritual intelligence behind any situation. You can bull your way to success at the expense of the people around you, or you can learn to step outside your own ego and see the larger

importance of your actions. Your strength makes you a powerful practitioner of magic, and also permits profound spiritual development in seclusion or silence. 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 Cancer, your approach to and understanding of transcendent 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.

Your strong sense of family and hereditary values guides your work and inspires your emotional life. Contemplative practice should be designed to help you focus on one spiritual target. In this way you develop the capacity to focus in all areas of your life.

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. You find great joy in life, but are also aware of the depth of sadness and other feelings. As you take the spiritual path, you begin to see these less as opposites and more as part of a continuum of feeling. When you can bring higher values to bear in both joy and sadness, you achieve a synthesis of possibilities. 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 your freedom, and will end relationships that threaten it. The right spiritual path for you allows you to approach the material world

intuitively and wait for the right moment to make important decisions. You seek the company of visionaries, as you appreciate their ability to speculate on the future and to develop something radically new and different out of something well established. You either succumb to your impressionability, and gullibility, or you learn to discern the motives that drive others and then make your own decisions. You are fortunate throughout your life to have discovered your inner spiritual voice. Share it with others.

The Ninth House

You have Sagittarius on the Ninth House cusp. While human emotions may not seem transcendent, understanding them is one of your highest values. This is important for you as an individual, and it is also significant in the way you interact with others. A second value is focused consciousness. Learning to focus is key to the proper orientation of your work, whether in the material or spiritual realm. Without focus, your work wanders all over the map, never reaching its destination. A third transcendent principle lies in the perceived duality of physical existence. You find many ways to understand the illusion of duality, and to help others understand it as well. As you become aware of these specific values, you find that your efforts follow as sure a path as an arrow shot from a bow, and the power of your path lies in your personality, just as the power of the arrow is inherent in both arrow and bow.

Planets in the Ninth House

Venus in 9th House:

You anchor your higher values in concrete facts. Your life includes many significant events in the social sphere where you are able to gather information concerning whatever is truly important to you. You may have learned certain manners from your family and teachers, but it is through interaction with others that you learn how to be both a considerate companion and a responsible individual. At first you may be indulgent, doing whatever the "crowd" suggests, or flirtatious regardless of the risk involved. You may vacillate, letting others lead you into activities that are not in your own best interests. As you move through your life, you attend to your own values early in any relationship. There is less friction in your interaction with others, and you find that others appreciate your ability to define and adhere to your principles. Knowledge comes from many sources, and you must study closely to gain the value from the experience of others. You may travel the world to gather information, or you may stay closer to home and read about far-reaching ideas.

Ninth 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.

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 Aries, your spiritual persona is expressed most fluently through the Intuitive function. You naturally consider the future while taking action in the present. You relate to the physical world via intuition, and you do the same in spiritual considerations. When you encounter a dilemma or paradox in your life, you tend to project the problem into the future to hypothesize how it will be resolved, and then you take action in the present to move toward that outcome. Your actions, while focused on the future, are always a reflection of a purification process that is usually associated with water.

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: Spontaneity, Enthusiasm, Courage. 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. You will find that 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 1st House. Ideally you want to use your energy to move yourself along the spiritual path. Your own evolution is plenty for you to manage, so to some extent you may disregard the needs of others in your haste to progress. At some point you begin to shift personal desires toward more spiritual aspirations. When this happens you find that movement is faster, detours fewer, and you generally feel that your spiritual life is more closely aligned with your physical activities.

Mars Aspects

The spirit within you desires material expression, and you search fearlessly for the way to show how you feel to others. People find they can depend on your devotion to your principles. You identify with the fearlessness in yourself and others when actions are motivated by Spirit. Even physical desire, when inspired by devotion to the partner, can become a profound expression of your spirituality. You find yourself brushing up against dangerous situations. Spiritually you learn from each one, eventually learning how to help others without taking unnecessary risks yourself. 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. Your biggest challenge may be to harness your own energy so that your self-awareness keeps pace with your actions. Otherwise you find yourself wondering what happened to your self-control.

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)

The symbol for your rising sign is two fishes, bound together but moving in opposite directions. These fish represent your soul nature and your form nature. You have a form nature in order to experience the growth of your soul, yet the two can seem to struggle against each other. You find that pursuing your own personal material desires does not resolve this struggle, but only deepens it. You need to find a spiritual path that allows you both to satisfy your personal needs and desires, and to satisfy your spiritual yearning for significance.

How to accomplish this balance? You can focus first on your instinctual nature. You find that you usually have a feeling about what to do in any situation, but you sometimes listen to other people instead of paying attention to your inner daimon. One way to allow this inner voice its say is to take time each day to isolate yourself and listen. Listening to the sound of water can focus your mind and let your inner voice be heard.

On the physical plane you are drawn to mediumship - your psychic senses perceive a lot that other people overlook. As you begin to listen more deeply, you find that your role is that of mediator between the seen and unseen worlds. You can sympathize with the

difficulties of others, and you can synthesize the feelings and motivations that can help them. As you develop this skill, you will find that you are no longer operating from the instinctual level, but now use your intellect to discern on both planes and to synthesize the information you gather.

Probably your major problem is your psychic sensitivity. You need to work with this ability on the intellectual level so that you can use it effectively, instead of being its victim. Your sign is associated with the feet. Forward progress involves learning how to walk, both physically and psychically, through the obstacles before you.

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 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 quick to respond, and intuition helps you find the right answers. You may upset others with your enthusiasm.

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.