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# Personality Analysis with Psychological Astrology

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## GENERAL EXPLANATIONS ABOUT ASTROLOGICAL INTERPRETATION

*Astrology can enlighten our behavior and clarify correlations in life. However, it can't and shouldn't pin a person down. An astrological birth picture consists of symbols that have been translated into words and concrete examples in the following text. For the sake of clarity, some examples have been exaggerated.*

*What astrology has to say can be explained by using examples. You have different aspects of your personality like your will, feelings, rational mind, etc. Imagine these to be actors who are staging the play of "life" together. Astrology describes the actors, their qualities and weaknesses, and their relationships with each other. But astrology has little to say about the play that is being acted. You decide this with your free will.*

*Experienced actors to whom you can constantly give new stage directions are necessary for a good play. The more you know the needs of your actors, the more you can bring them together into a harmonious and unified "play" and let them express themselves on your life's stage. The following pages will be a guide for doing this.*

*When reading them, you will discover contradictions. For example: one section describes the need for a calm and stable relationship, and another section says that you need stimulation and variety within a relationship. Such a contradiction contains the demanding challenge to express both opposites.*

*The following text is not a "fortune-telling horoscope" because you alone are the architect of your own destiny. The horoscope describes the "raw material" that you have available.*

## APPEARANCE

*The Ascendent symbolizes the "display window" or the "mask" of your personality, which means the qualities that you primarily exhibit to the outside world and other people initially perceive in you. It indicates an area with which you are familiar on the one hand, but challenges you throughout your lifetime to intensively develop your personality on the other hand.*

*Ascendent in Cancer*

### **A Soft Shell**

With the Ascendent in Cancer, you radiate a childlike spontaneity and warmth. You feel good within a family atmosphere. You value a certain degree of considerateness and looking after someone who also takes care of you. Through your motherly and caring behavior, you also entice others to show this aspect of their personalities. People react with relative openness toward you and tell you about their joys and worries. Life challenges you time and again to not only show caring, sensitivity, and emotional warmth as a "mask" to the outside world but also let these attributes become your inner qualities. By more or less playing the role of the person who is sensitive and impressionable, you will form your character in this direction and find a deeper access to your own feelings.

The Ascendent is like a pair of glasses through which you can perceive the surrounding world with a special hue. You see your environment from the perspective of a mother-child relationship; a sense of security and trust are primary criteria for you. You have a "soft shell" and are very sensitive. If you feel yourself to be under attack, you will spontaneously retreat. You may possibly sulk or inwardly collect "penalty points" that you pay the other person back at the appropriate opportunity.

When you consider yourself from a neutral standpoint, you probably must admit that you sometimes would like to be a small child again and permitted to cuddle with and lean on someone else. When examined more closely, you may use questionable means as an adult use to get the loving strokes for which you yearn. These means tend to bring you or others into a childlike dependency and include showing yourself to be weak and thereby cause other people to lend you support. It isn't easy for you to face the rough wind of life. And yet, you must repeatedly step out of your familiar security, like a wanderer who leaves his shelter every morning and moves on.

## ESSENTIAL NATURE AND WILL

*Just as the Sun is the central star of the solar system in astronomical terms, it also symbolizes the essential nature of a human being in astrology. Its position in the birth picture tells us something about our ego-consciousness, about our will and the way in which we shape our lives.*

### *Sun in Scorpio*

#### **Probing the Depths of Life**

Your innermost self is deep, passionate, and mysterious. You want to probe what lies beneath the surface. Intensity is important to you, and you therefore enter a situation completely and identify with it; it could be said that you burrow through it into its very depths. In doing so, you are critical and uncompromising and also accept that something could get broken.

Life means intensity and depth for you. A calm existence with a regular daily routine could easily become too superficial and boring. This may mean that you only blossom and show much tenacity and endurance in difficult situations. Perhaps you tend to brood and get too stuck in a problem that - seen objectively from a distance - could be solved more easily. Fanaticism may sometimes be close at hand. You react vehemently and want to probe people and things, and perhaps also dominate them. You also don't share everything with your neighbors but carefully guard your secrets.

You have a tough will and carry out what you have set your mind to do without letting anyone else have much influence on you. You also possess an extraordinary amount of energy and endurance. Perhaps you sometimes cling too much to your concept. Once a project has been planned, you implement it with iron persistence, even if the external conditions for it have changed. The one side of the coin is an above-average amount of energy and endurance. On the other side of the same coin are inflexible concepts and a passion that almost bears masochistic traits.

*Sun in the Fourth House***A Family-Like Environment**

You would like to show the qualities described above in an intimate, family-like circle of people and express them in a caring "parental function." Taking care of yourself and others and creating an atmosphere in which you and other people feel well is presumably very important to you. Your nature practically blossoms in an area related to the family, traditions, the home, a sense of security, or feelings. You find the path to yourself not in the hectic outside world, but in an intimate environment. This is a matter of often asking yourself what you need emotionally in order to feel well and accepted, in addition to finding the source within yourself that gives your life meaning and direction. At the same time, your own family or a family-like environment can also support you and impart to you the necessary sense of security and safeness you need.

*Sun/Mars in a Harmonious Aspect***Convincing Initiative**

The core of your being and your will have a direct connection to the part of your personality that takes action. This means that you also have the ability to actually do what you want to do. Will and actions are harmonious with each other. When you do something, you do it with your body and soul. Your goals are therefore more than castles in the air since you also have the best prerequisites for turning them into reality. Your initiative and directness has a convincing effect upon others. When you want to, you can achieve a great deal in both your profession and your private life.

*Sun/Jupiter in a Harmonious Aspect***Approaches to Idealism**

You possess initiative and optimism. Your open and tolerant attitude makes many things in life easier for you. In a generous and uncomplicated way, you always do the right thing. You have a holistic perspective of a situation and virtually see the direction in which things are heading. Apart from your tendency of overestimating your abilities, your decisions will probably be right most of the time. You want to identify with something larger than yourself. The company, the nation, or an ideology are some examples of what your idealistic concepts may be related to.

Your need for a pleasant and generous lifestyle can let you become a master of the art of living who keeps restrictive working conditions at arm's length. If another aspect of your being tends toward discipline and responsibility, the need for a generous lifestyle may also cause you to create the foundation for material affluence through work.

## FEELINGS AND TEMPERAMENT

*The Moon symbolizes the emotional, childlike/passive, and receptive principle. It stands for the needy part of us that would like to live according to its feelings and spontaneously reacts according to desire or reluctance. In this part of our personality, we are sensitive and impressionable, perceive moods, and need a sense of security and warmth. We can imagine this part to be like a small child within us. If it gets what it needs, we feel good and lively. However, we often have to go through periods of stagnation and discontentment before we recognize and satisfy its needs.*

*The Moon embodies the feminine principle and also stands for the aspect within us that, full of caring willingness, would like to be a "mother" in the broadest sense of the word. It wants to look after others and create a sense of security.*

*Moon in Leo*

### **With a Natural Warmth and Flair for Dramatic Gestures**

You have a generous, optimistic nature and a great deal of enthusiasm. You want to spontaneously express your feelings, are direct and sincere, and straightforward in saying what you think. At the same time, you may step on other people's toes with your spontaneity.

Your powers of imagination are quite lively. You see every external situation as part of a greater context and react accordingly with dramatic gestures. With your natural warmth, you can be very winning. Since you value attention, you tend to sometimes place yourself too much at the center of attention. You like to be on the sunny side of life and want to miss out on as little of it as possible. You don't like to be reminded of old age, illness, and suffering. It may be that you are a master at covering up your true feelings in certain situations so that your fellow human beings - and perhaps even yourself - don't notice anything of your sadness.

Your unconditional "yes" to life and to yourself gives you a sense of self-assurance. On the other hand, this may also let you be too uncritical toward yourself. Can you accept a well-meant reprimand without feeling this to be a personal insult? If you can learn to also accept yourself as a human being with faults, you will be able to dispense with many of the theatrical gestures that used to be important to you. Your natural sincerity and warmth can then develop without restraint and give you a great deal of joy in life and peace of mind.

*Moon in the Second House***Material Security Is Important**

In order to feel well, you need a home, a place that offers stability and gives you a sense of security. You want to have a good time in peace and comfort. With your down-to-earth sensuality, you probably are also interested in enjoying a tasty meal, as well as physical contact and eroticism. You find security through both inner and outer values, such as in a stable sense of self-worth, in your own house, or in a certain luxury. You identify quite strongly with your assets, whether they are material or spiritual. Formulated in rather extreme terms, the way you handle money is dependent on your respective mood. Your free spending may alternate with a tendency to save money. However, a certain material affluence is a prerequisite for your well-being.

*Moon/Jupiter in Conjunction***Trust in the Good**

You encounter life full of cheerful expectations and optimism, together with a lively fantasy and power of imagination when it comes to what could be. Like the girl from the fairytale of the "Star Talers" who catches the treasure from the sky with an open apron, you receive the good in life with open arms. This positive approach makes many things easier for you, but it can also let you disregard reality if you wait too much for good fortune to fall into your lap without doing anything for it.

Your personal charm is remarkable. You are generous and tolerant. However, as a result you may also tend to be immoderate in things like eating or shopping. You want to be valued and respected by your fellow human beings. In order to feel good, you need recognition. You like having a good time. "Live and let live!" could be your motto. You have a natural talent for reacting correctly at the proper moment and saying and doing the right thing. To the extent that you realistically assess your situation, this can open many doors for you.

*Moon/Neptune in Tension***Your Own Needs or Helping Your Neighbor**

You have an immense potential for devotion and can experience a sense of complete solidarity with other people or nature. This soft and sensitive side has the effect that you shy away from sober external reality and prefer to withdraw into an inner world of fantasy and wishes. Music may be a medium for appeasing this need. Since addictive drugs also satisfy this need, at least for a short while, you may have the tendency of reaching too quickly for alcohol, medications, or drugs when the misery of this world overcomes you.

Perhaps during childhood you often experienced that other people determined what you needed. The others were there for you, and you were there for the others, so you had little opportunity to learn to clearly recognize your own needs. As an adult, you possibly have a difficult time in expressing personal wishes since you don't want to appear egotistical. If you are egotistical for once, you may then be vehemently plagued by guilt feelings and

ruin all your enjoyment as a result. It's therefore important to learn to draw the line for yourself, at least at times.

## COMMUNICATION AND THOUGHT

*Mercury symbolizes the area of our personality related to thinking, information, and communication. The position of Mercury in a birth picture throws light on a person's way of thinking, preferred interests, and learning methods, as well as language and rhetorical abilities.*

### *Mercury in Scorpio*

#### **A Probing and Questioning Mind**

You possess a penetrating mind and the ability of easily recognizing concealed or hidden motives. With your sharp and clear eye, you hardly overlook other people's weak points. It's conceivable that this triggers reserve or even fear in your fellow human beings. It may also often be the case that you are too obvious in putting your finger on other people's sore spots, hurting them in this manner. You are also probably familiar with a certain touch of irony. In conversations, you may be very tenacious. You probably can easily entice the desired information out of the other person in the conversation while tending to reveal little about yourself.

In your profession, your probing and scrutinizing mind can prove to be useful since you don't cling to the surface of things. You are an attentive and critical observer and interested in backgrounds and motivations. Your way of questioning the reason for things can be very obstinate and shows a brooding aspect of your nature. With your penetrating mind, over and over again you risk challenging and difficult tasks in which you can practically get stuck.

### *Mercury in the Fourth House*

#### **Interest in the Realm of the Family**

Above all, you apply communication, thought, and knowledge in a family-like and domestic area. It's easier for you to talk to others in a familiar atmosphere than among strangers. If the surroundings appeal to you, then you can really "thaw out," start telling stories, and establish a very warm and hearty contact with other people.

This type of information exchange within a circle of friends and acquaintances will probably give you more knowledge than studying books. In order to optimally deal with what you have learned, you need a family-like climate. You mentally grapple with emotional concerns like the family, the home, a sense of security, and your origins. Psychology, educational issues, or housing construction may possibly interest you.

## RELATIONSHIPS AND ESTHETICS

*When Venus sparkles in the sky as the morning or evening star, it is an expression of harmony and beauty in terms of reality and as an astrological symbol. It stands for the need to be balanced and have things in common, for the striving to build bridges. It is a distinctly feminine and erotic principle and corresponds to the aspect within us that longs for a partner, seeks and creates relationships, and can be open for and enjoy all the beauty in life. The Venus in us chooses what is appropriate and agreeable for us from the diversity of people and things.*

*Venus in Virgo*

### **Beauty Can Also Be Useful**

You need solid ground beneath your feet in a relationship. You tend to express love and affection in a rather inconspicuous manner. Falling in love head over heels doesn't correspond to your taste; you prefer a methodical and sensible approach. Before you enter into a new partnership, you wait for a while, think about the situation, and carefully consider the pros and cons. In addition to reliability, faithfulness, physical closeness, and sensuality, the practical and sensible aspect is important to you. There should be a harmonious balance between giving and taking. Otherwise, you easily feel taken advantage of and can then react to your partner with criticism and pettiness.

Beauty is closely associated with practical considerations for you. Beautiful things that are only there to please the eye easily cause you to question whether they are worth spending the money on them. Beautiful things should also fulfill a purpose. On the other hand, you have certain esthetic standards for the articles of daily use, creating both a practical and beautiful environment for yourself as a result.

*Venus in the Third House*

### **Encounters within the Cultural Framework**

You need a great many people around you with whom you can have conversations and discuss a thousand things. With your partner, you would like to talk about mutual interests, cultural occasions, and current events. Intensity in a relationship is probably less important to you than a good comradely conversation. You also like a cultural or intellectual environment and appreciate the beauty of the language. Or, if this doesn't apply, a hidden streak within you longs for this.

The joy of flirting can also be a reason for you to start a relationship. The better you train your own taste, get a bit of culture here and do something there for the sake of it, the more enjoyable life will become. For you, harmony includes something light and bright with a

great deal of variety. This applies to relationships, as well as everything else that makes life beautiful and pleasant.

### *Venus/Pluto in Conjunction*

#### **How Much Intensity Can a Relationship Tolerate?**

Superficial relationships don't appeal to you; you seek intensity and passion. At the same time, power games can easily sneak in - there is a struggle to decide who is stronger emotionally. You are unaccustomed to a balance of powers with mutual trust and find it difficult to achieve.

It may be that the proximity of another person is sometimes almost too much for you. Your fears of being abandoned cause you to keep a certain distance from others. Or you may attempt to make your partner dependent on you by offering him money or social position. Both reactions have the opposite effect. Put in somewhat exaggerated terms, by using control or distance you practically challenge your partner to manipulate you or let you down.

You actually would like to have a relationship with a great deal of depth. To achieve this, you must reduce your reserve and need to be in control and totally surrender yourself to the other person. This is probably difficult for you to do. Such inner barriers can only be dissolved step by step in a process that takes years. At the same time, the experience of an increasing depth of emotion can enrich your partnership in many ways.

## ACTIONS AND ASSERTION

*Mars symbolizes masculinity and physical strength, as well as the capacity to take action and be assertive. It represents the part of our personality that is active in the outer world and wants to cause things to happen, that makes decisions and simply does things without asking, and that doesn't shy away from conflicts or confrontations. If something doesn't suit us, this is the part within us that defends itself and, if necessary, reacts with aggression and anger.*

*Mars in Capricorn*

### **Purposeful Actions**

You act in a matter-of-fact and purposeful manner. Your activities are reminiscent of the prudent and guiding authority of a father. You are aware of the responsibility for your actions and prefer time-tested and conventional methods. If something contradicts social rules, you don't particularly want to do it. Whenever possible, you set yourself a clear goal that you can translate step by step into action with endurance and determination. In the process, you can mobilize ambition and vigor to achieve whatever you have planned to do. Even if the outer circumstances change, you don't like to deviate from your line. In extreme cases, you imperturbably follow your path according to the motto: the end justifies the means. You also tend to be rather serious and strict with yourself and don't have much time for fun and games.

You see hierarchies and structures as necessary preconditions for the functioning of a society. You recognize people with authority and strive for such a position yourself. This means you are in demand for working situations where reliability, impartiality, and endurance are required.

*Mars in the Sixth House*

### **The Need to Take Action Related To Reality and Everyday Life**

You are vigorous and have a capacity to act that proves itself primarily in everyday life. When it comes to everyday problems, you want to take action in a consistent and methodical manner. If something gets in your way, you can become quite annoyed. According to the motto of "little strokes fell big oaks," you can not only master everyday life in untiring detail work but also achieve bigger goals.

You generally take action for the sake of the matter at hand and not as much for recognition. The joy of success and in mastering concrete difficulties is presumably greater than your striving for recognition and praise. The question as to the benefit of an activity also stands in the foreground for you. If it serves mastering everyday life and existence in the broadest sense, you are willing to intensely commit yourself.

With great probability, the type of man who fascinates you personifies many of these qualities. This means that you like practical, realistic, and sensible men with whom you can master everyday life and accomplish a job. A love relationship that also enables you to work as a team should particularly appeal to you.

#### *Mars/Jupiter in a Harmonious Aspect*

##### **An Optimistic Attitude Guarantees a Successful Outcome**

Your actions are coupled with your inner optimism. You are convinced that what you are doing also leads to success. This healthy self-confidence is the best precondition for a successful outcome. On the other hand, it may also lead you to no longer seeing your own limitations. Then you can become quite excessive in your activities.

Your way of taking action has an enthusiastic aspect to it. It's important to you that your activities have a meaning and take place within a larger context. You are capable of doing something with total enthusiasm, and you also can and want to inspire others with it. Once you get going, you can hardly be stopped. You have something like the vitality of a cowboy who freely rides through life, says what he wants to say, and is completely himself. You do the right thing at the proper moment. With your healthy ego, you push through what you feel to be meaningful.

#### *Mars/Saturn in Tension*

##### **In the Field of Tension Between Action and Responsibility**

When you do something, you want to do it correctly. You expect the same from others as well. You are thorough, purposeful, tenacious, and capable of hard work; as a result, you can achieve a great deal in terms of your profession. Perhaps you are afraid of failing in these qualities in particular. The expectations that you place on what you do are enormously high. Yet, you shouldn't be too strict with yourself; allow yourself errors and don't curb your initiative just because the result isn't totally perfect.

You probably have quite a clear idea of what society expects from you, what people "should" do, and you work hard - possibly too hard - for it. Despite great effort, you experience time and again that people slow you down. For example, your professional advancement is hindered or you are held accountable for traffic offenses. Here as well, it's important to achieve an inner reconciliation between "full speed ahead" and "putting on the breaks" so that you act with a sense of responsibility and can express your will. Then you will be capable of extraordinary achievements.

The combination of taking action and assuming responsibility is also reflected in your choice of a partner. You are attracted to men who behave with authority, are willing to put an enormous effort into their work and achievements, and are anchored in reality with both feet firmly on the ground.

## THE SEARCH FOR MEANING AND GROWTH

*Jupiter symbolizes the optimist in us, the part that wants meaning and expansion and sometimes gets out of control. It lets us look out for something higher and rise above the banalities of everyday life. It symbolizes the part in us that creates a relationship between things. It fills sober reality with a meaning by apportioning significance to each thing and imparting symbolic content to situations, words, and deeds.*

*Jupiter in the Second House*

### **The Meaning of Personal Values**

Since your parents have supported you in a relaxed approach to values of both a material and a non-material nature since early childhood, you have been able to develop an optimistic attitude in this respect. By confidently trusting that money will fly in your window, this hope almost becomes a fact. In any case, you aren't used to long hauls or at least don't see them as a reason to worry. You deal with property and wealth in a rather generous manner. That you will always have enough to live on appears obvious to you, and you see it as your due. Perhaps you have had the experience at some time of not knowing how you could pay the next rent. Yet, you were probably still able to get a good night's sleep because you are able to trust in a solution with complete confidence and optimism.

Since you presumably value a good meal and tend toward opulence, the force within you striving for strength may also express itself on the physical level. You gain weight. Or do you tend toward extravagance and live beyond your means? Just as you are an optimist in material and financial areas, you are also an optimist in terms of your inner values. You possess a healthy sense of self-worth. Instead of underestimating your talents, you will tend to overestimate them.

## THE SEARCH FOR STRUCTURE AND ORDER

*Saturn symbolizes the raised index finger within us, the inner authority with which we set ourselves boundaries and demand structure and responsibility from ourselves. The Saturn aspect within us is often very rigid, and then we block ourselves. However, if we have learned during the course of the years to reduce our fears and our standards of perfection, we will primarily experience Saturn as inner stability and security. In both the concrete and figurative sense, it symbolizes our backbone.*

*Saturn in the Ninth House*

### **The Demands of the Absolute Truth**

You seek security in the meaning of life, among other things. The thought of having nothing to believe in and taking the wrong path awakens a sense of uneasiness within you. You do a great deal in order to find a secure and founded truth. You question what your parents and the Church have conveyed to you and search a long time for the ideal philosophy of life. When you believe you have found it, there is no more room for something else. Then you can easily turn into a dogmatist.

Sooner or later, you will run up against your boundaries; the truth, which had previously been crystal clear, now develops cracks and finally gives way to a crisis of meaning. In this way, you are challenged to develop your own truth. A readymade opinion that you have taken over from someone else doesn't suit your nature. As soon as differences evolve, you must either close your eyes to them - then you will become rigid and dogmatic - or change the concept. If you do the latter, with time you can develop a feeling for what is right, genuine, and true for you. Together with the intellectual foundation for it, the truth that has grown within you provides support and security. Then you can also accept other people's opinions and truths without having to immediately defend yourself.

## THE NEED FOR CHANGE

*Uranus symbolizes the "wind spirit" within us that strives for psychological growth through constant change. It stirs up an inner unrest that drives us to set out time and again, that lets us seek variety and new experiences, and that keeps us from psychological and physical stagnation. It represents the wanderer within us who does not settle down for long anywhere. When something has barely become a habit, he tears down his tents and surprises us with new ideas. His originality knows no limits, and the same applies to his noncommittal nature.*

*Uranus in the Third House*

### **Mentally Wide-Awake**

Your interests are diverse and unconventional. You are constantly open for future prospects and new things. You never lack ideas. To the contrary - it's quite possible that you can hardly keep up with processing and actualizing everything that goes through your mind. You can absorb a great deal of information. However, you tend to allow more impulses to come in than is good for you. This can lead to an inner irritability and unrest so that you cannot organize what you have absorbed - let alone make meaningful use of it - because you are so busy collecting information.

In your relations with others, you present yourself in an original and quick-witted way. Perhaps you sometimes attempt too much to draw others out of their shell. You are mentally active and love a change of pace. A large, unconventional circle of acquaintances can offer you the desired stimulation. This also applies to working in a technical field, in electronics, or with computers.

*Uranus/Pluto in Conjunction*

### **The Energy of a Volcano**

Your strength and energy could be compared to a volcano. It is unpredictable and difficult to channel. It is likely that this triggers a sense of discomfort in you. Then you often hesitate to go completely into life and prefer to create an image of how the world could and should be. When things are seething in your surroundings and the dark sides of life become apparent, it becomes easier for you to find access to your inner strength. One could almost say that you are then in your element. Your gift of reacting quickly and energetically in a crisis situation and mastering it becomes evident. Yet, you basically have a very high level of energy that, if it expresses itself in a raw form, can break some of porcelain. If you learn how to handle it, you can use this power in a more selective way.

## THE LONGING FOR LIBERATION AND DEVOTION

*Neptune symbolizes our mystical side that continually dissolves the boundaries between our ego-consciousness and the outside world, reminding us that we are part of a greater whole. This part lets us feel the longing for another world. It can equally be the motivation for reconnecting with something divine, for total devotion and a readiness to help, or for retreating from life and losing ourselves, which ultimately results in self-pity and chaos.*

*Neptune in the Fourth House*

### **A Strong Family Ideal**

The boundaries between illusion and reality are unclear in the realm of family and private life. You tend to idealize your family, background, and feelings of security and belonging together. You may feel strongly connected to your family. A willingness to help each other is an important principle in your private life. At the same time, the boundaries between you and the family are blurred. A readiness to help can easily become dependency and a martyr role in which you are in danger of losing yourself.

Your great ability to be devoted to your home and family can bring you much fulfillment; however, an excessive amount of it prevents you from being yourself because too much solicitude creates dependence. The same applies to your loved ones. Your behavior hints at the attitude that you are available at all times for everyone. So that you are not taken advantage of, you must also be able to discriminate when your support is needed and when you should and must set boundaries in addition to your capacity for empathy

*Neptune/Pluto in a Harmonious Aspect*

### **Confrontation with the Void**

The question about the extent to which a belief in the greater whole is just an artificial creation and protection against the absolute void may arise within you time and again. If, for example, religious devotion is self-evident for you, then this is a matter of ultimately letting go of this support and penetrating to the true heart of what it means to be human, especially by dissolving every type of form.

## THE "DARK" SIDE

*Pluto symbolizes the most radical, energized, and passionate aspect of our personality that, especially because it is so bent on "all or nothing," also triggers fear. So we often feel this side of ourselves to be "dark" and inwardly turn away from it. Then we suppress this intensive part with somewhat the same effect as pressing a lid onto a pot with boiling water: We burn our fingers. We can only find an access to its power and liveliness when we accept this uncompromising and intensive part of ourselves and learn to deal with it. Then this aspect in particular can develop an enormous energy potential and lead us through and beyond profound crises.*

*Pluto in the Third House*

### **The Challenge to Call a Spade a Spade**

The idea that knowledge means power should be a very fundamental fact for you. You don't even have to think twice about it. Dealing with information, knowledge, communication, and trade may fascinate you in a strange way. Perhaps you are almost passionate about acquiring knowledge, researching, experiencing, or using the power of language intensively, whether through advertising, communication, or quite simply a manipulation of language in little everyday situations. Words are excellent weapons and means of power. You can presumably use them in a light and skillful way. Since you know more about precisely hitting the other person's sore spot in the conversation and have overwhelming strategies in the process, dealing with knowledge and communication becomes a considerable challenge. It is important not to use your advantages for egotistical purposes but to serve the good of all. Or do you suffer from some type of difficulties in speaking? The tightrope walk close to the abuse of power can be so frightening that you have unconsciously decided not to use the full possibilities of language and intellect so that you don't virtually burn your fingers. However, it is important to stand up for the "power of knowledge and language," using them in a conscious way.

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*These pages aren't meant to say: "This is how you are! You do this and that, and this is how you think," even if the formulation sometimes may give this impression. These pages contain an overview of the symbolism of the planets, as they stood in the heavens at the time and place of your birth. According to experience and statistics, there are parallels between the planetary constellations and character traits. We can use these as guides through the countless aspects of our own personality, more consciously recognizing our motivations and behavior patterns with their help.*

*These pages are meant to give you more clarity and some sudden insights about yourself, as well as accompany you on a portion of your path in life.*