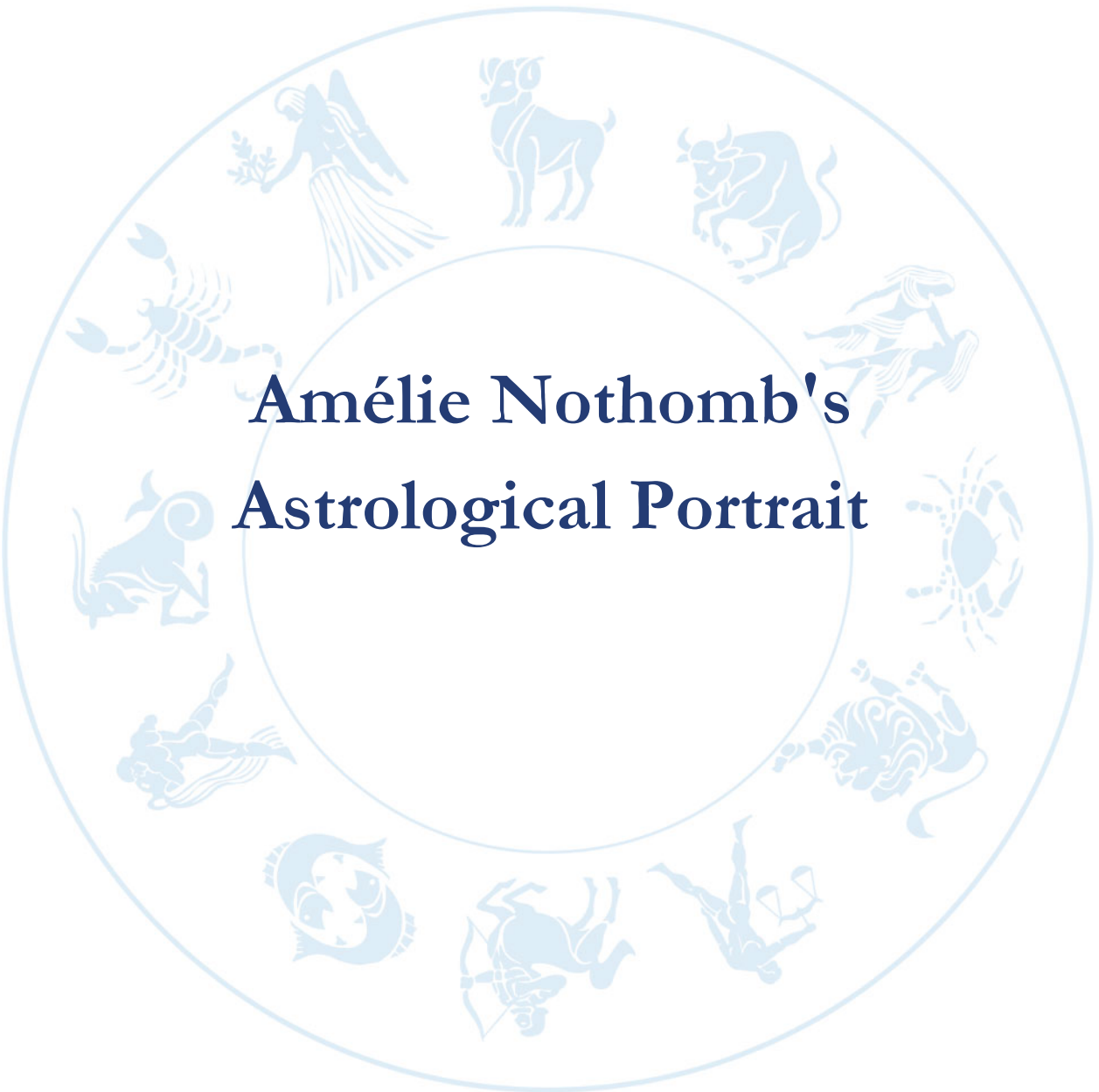




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Introduction

To fully benefit from this portrait, we suggest that you read its introduction and its preamble carefully, and then that to take the time to soak up the interpretations of each chapter. Given the large number of texts, which mirrors the human being's complexity, you may need to go through the contents several times, so as to get a good grasp of their meaning and to know yourself better. This will reward your patience.

The purpose of this report is to describe your psychological portrait and to highlight the most fundamental features on the personal area. The report begins with the analysis of your planetary dominants and outlines your personality's general traits before going into further detail. Minor dominants are analysed at the end of Annex 1, for purposes of clarity. Your report then delineates the various facets of your personality:

In general, even when relationships are not involved, we express ourselves and we feel according to our character and our personal motivations: this is indicated by the Ascendant and the Sun sign which both give details on the way we function. They shed a tremendously important light which allows to figure out your personality. Here, we describe your Sun sign (your inner self), your Ascendant (your behaviour as seen by others), and the ruler of the Ascendant (interesting additional pieces of information about the style of your personality). These descriptions alone cover nearly a third or a half of your psychological signature, depending on your natal chart characteristics.

Then, we address your sensitivity, or in other words, the way you receive things and how you express your emotions ; it works as a constant filter for all your exchanges, even when it becomes a more secondary element in your amorous relationship, because at that moment, affectivity prevails. Sensitivity is the way you perceive things, it is your radar, your daily mood, and at the same time, it indicates how you react to your entourage, on a daily basis. It is what others immediately see of you. In the second paragraph, we explain in which areas of life your sensitivity and your emotions are strongest, therefore, where you are most vulnerable.

After this, it is your affectivity, the way you love and how you charm, that comes into play as soon as you fall in love: the first part indicates its basic structure or its main form. The second part describes the areas where it is best expressed and how you display it, according to your personality.

A third fundamental area deals with your mode of action and your sexuality: how you behave, how you manage to obtain what you want, what kind of desires you have. There are twelve possibilities, very

different from one another. The study discloses the specific one that applies to you. In the second paragraph, we explain in which life areas you may most efficiently take advantage of your capacity for action and for conquest.

Your ways of communicating and of thinking are obviously among the major elements that must be integrated into the delineation and the description of your personality. Indeed, they influence your general behaviour and may modify or enhance the image your project (for instance, extraversion may “compensate” a weak affectivity, but a huge number of cases are possible). An additional chapter indicates the favourite areas where you enjoy communicating, thinking and meeting with people.

Besides, we analyze an even more personal aspect that is important to define and understand what may occur within your couple: each of us have a centre of interest, a privileged manner to be fulfilled or to achieve our destiny; this main motivation is indicated by the positions of your Sun and your chart ruler in the astrological houses and we provide you with its detailed description.

A natal chart contains the potential for specific fulfilment and a whole range of assets, protections and qualities. How does the lucky factor manifest in your personality? In which area can you best exploit your qualities? The answers are precisely revealed to you in this chapter.

On the other hand, we all feel in us a part of vulnerability, doubts and fears. How does this part of solemnity or serious side play out? How is it possible to handle it in order to evolve and to get rid of useless elements? All this information is provided to you in these two paragraphs.

Then, you can discover three additional traits of your personality that must be considered as secondary ones. They deal with your predispositions, which means that they need to be triggered by external events because they are not influenced by your will; let's call it a part of fate. Please, bear in mind that your destiny can unfold only in accordance with what you are: therefore, even if they belong to your more unconscious self, these characteristics are parts of you, definitely.

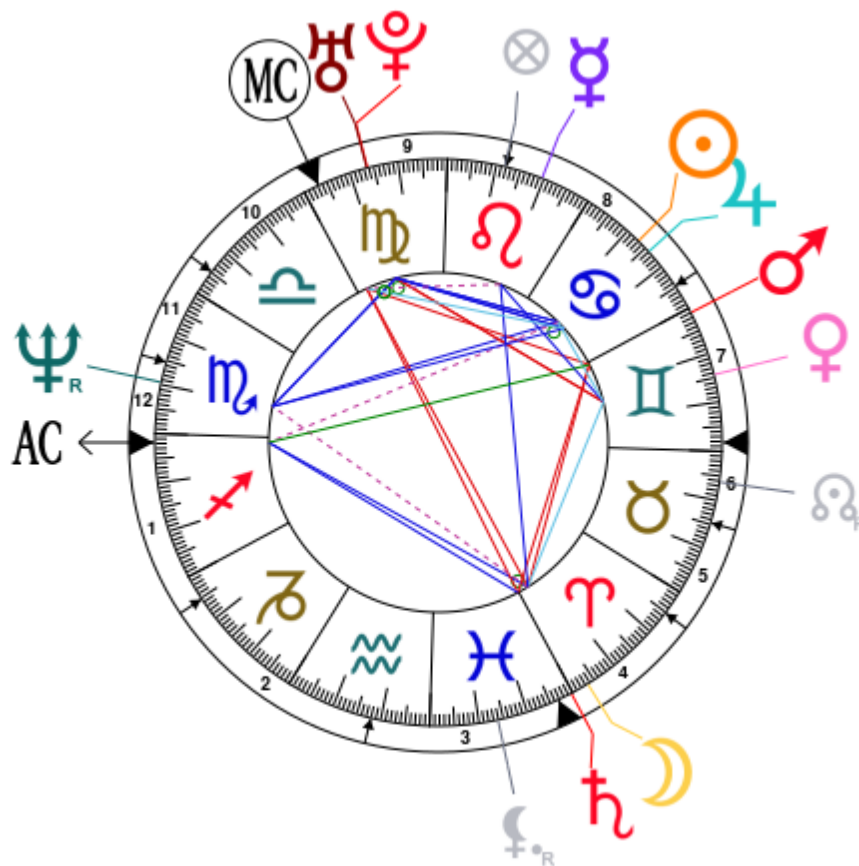
The karmic chart complements the psychological portrait or natal chart. It is based on the positions of the Lunar Nodes, the Black Moon, and the Part of Fortune. These elements of the chart, sometimes referred to as fictitious points, provide information about the spiritual meaning of your destiny. Owing to the fact that we all have in us acquired knowledge and the urge to go on a quest, our life is an evolutionary journey... However, these texts must be read with great caution: this is the reason why you will find this analysis in the Annex 2 of your report.

Your Planets, Houses, Aspects, and Natal Chart

Amélie Nothomb, born July 9, 1966, at 05:22 PM, Etterbeek (Brussels), Belgium [4.23E ; 50.50N ; 1E00]

Natal Planets				In House	Natal Houses (Placidus)		
☉ Sun	17°00'	♋ Cancer		House 8	House 1	1°47'	♐ Sagittarius
☾ Moon	3°31'	♈ Aries		House 4	House 2	5°15'	♑ Capricorn
☿ Mercury	10°23'	♌ Leo		House 8	House 3	18°00'	♒ Aquarius
♀ Venus	15°37'	♊ Gemini		House 7	House 4	26°47'	♓ Pisces
♂ Mars	29°01'	♊ Gemini		House 7	House 5	24°52'	♈ Aries
♃ Jupiter	14°01'	♋ Cancer		House 8	House 6	15°21'	♉ Taurus
♄ Saturn	29°41'	♓ Pisces		House 4	House 7	1°47'	♊ Gemini
♅ Uranus	16°26'	♍ Virgo		House 9	House 8	5°15'	♋ Cancer
♆ Neptune	19°32' R	♏ Scorpio		House 12	House 9	18°00'	♌ Leo
♇ Pluto	16°17'	♍ Virgo		House 9	House 10	26°47'	♍ Virgo
♁ Node	23°46' R	♉ Taurus		House 6	House 11	24°52'	♎ Libra
☾ Lilith	13°53' R	♓ Pisces		House 3	House 12	15°21'	♏ Scorpio
AS AS	1°47'	♐ Sagittarius					
MC MC	26°47'	♍ Virgo					

In keeping with the common practice, we consider that a planet posited within 1 degree of the next house belongs to that house. We allow an orb of 2 degrees for the ASC and the MC.



List of Your Active Planetary Aspects

Please find below the list of all the active inter-aspects which are interpreted in this report, in addition to your planets in sign, in house, and all your planetary dominants. Since the aspects between slow-moving planets are of a collective nature, they are not displayed, in compliance with our interpretation rules.

- ★★★★★ Sun semi-sextile Venus, orb 1° 22'
- ★★★★★ Sun conjunction Jupiter, orb 2° 58'
- ★★★★★ Sun sextile Uranus, orb -0° 33'
- ★★★★★ Sun trine Neptune, orb 2° 32'
- ★★★★★ Sun sextile Pluto, orb -0° 42'
- ★★★☆☆ Sun sesqui-quadrant Ascendant, orb -0° 12'
- ★★★★★ Moon trine Mercury, orb 6° 51'
- ★★★★★ Moon quintile Venus, orb 0° 06'
- ★★★☆☆ Moon square Mars, orb -4° 3'
- ★★★★★ Moon conjunction Saturn, orb 3° 5'
- ★★★☆☆ Moon sesqui-quadrant Neptune, orb -1° 01'
- ★★★★★ Moon trine Ascendant, orb 1° 43'
- ★★★★★ Moon opposite Midheaven, orb -6° 44'
- ★★★★★ Mercury sextile Venus, orb -5° 14'
- ★★★☆☆ Mercury semi-square Midheaven, orb 1° 23'
- ★★★☆☆ Venus square Uranus, orb 0° 48'
- ★★★☆☆ Venus square Pluto, orb 0° 39'
- ★★★☆☆ Mars square Saturn, orb -0° 4'
- ★★★☆☆ Mars inconjunction Ascendant, orb 2° 46'
- ★★★☆☆ Mars square Midheaven, orb -2° 14'
- ★★★★★ Jupiter quintile Midheaven, orb 0° 45'
- ★★★★★ Saturn trine Ascendant, orb -2° 06'
- ★★★★★ Saturn opposite Midheaven, orb -2° 54'
- ★★★★★ Uranus conjunction Midheaven, orb 10° 2'
- ★★★★★ Pluto conjunction Midheaven, orb 10° 29'

Meaning of Stars

Stars indicate the strength of the aspects. Two solid coloured stars (there are half-stars also), mean that the aspect is powerful enough to be noticed at the first reading.

We strongly advise that you read the paragraphs displaying less than two stars later on, after you have absorbed the full import of the other texts.

The yellow colour indicates a soothing and conciliating aspect, and the red colour, a dynamic and tense aspect. The red aspects enable you to evolve, to take action, and to learn to turn your "weaknesses" into assets through your life experiences. The yellow aspects are innate strengths on which you rely in order

to grow better with the former...

Preamble

When interpreting a natal chart, the best method is to start gradually from general features to specific ones. Thus, there is usually a plan to be followed, from the overall analysis of the chart and its structure, to the description of its different character traits.

In the first part, an overall analysis of the chart enables us to figure out the personality's main features and to emphasize several points that are confirmed or not in the detailed analysis: in any case, those general traits are taken into account. Human personality is an infinitely intricate entity and describing it is a complex task. Claiming to rapidly summarize it is illusory, although it does not mean that it is an impossible challenge. It is essential to read a natal chart several times in order to absorb all its different meanings and to grasp all this complexity. But the exercise is worthwhile.

In brief, a natal chart is composed of ten planets: two luminaries, the Sun and the Moon, three fast-moving or individual planets, Mercury, Venus and Mars, two slow-moving planets, Jupiter and Saturn, and three very slow-moving planets, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. Additional secondary elements are: the Lunar Nodes, the Dark Moon or Lilith, Chiron and other minor objects. They are all posited on the Zodiac wheel consisting of twelve signs, from Aries to Pisces, and divided into twelve astrological houses.

The first step is to evaluate the importance of each planet. This is what we call identifying the dominant planets. This process obeys rules that depend on the astrologer's sensitivity and experience but it also has precise and steady bases: thus, we can take into account the parameters of a planet's activity (the number of active aspects a planet forms, the importance of each aspect according to its nature and its exactness), angularity parameters; (proximity to the four angles, Ascendant, Midheaven, Descendant and Imum Coeli or Nadir, all of them being evaluated numerically, according to the kind of angle and the planet-angle distance) and quality parameters (rulership, exaltation, exile and fall). Finally, other criteria such as the rulership of the Ascendant and the Midheaven etc. are important.

These different criteria allow a planet to be highlighted and lead to useful conclusions when interpreting the chart.

The overall chart analysis begins with the observation of three sorts of planetary distributions in the chart: Eastern or Western hemisphere, Northern or Southern hemisphere, and quadrants (North-eastern, North-western, South-eastern and South-western). These three distributions give a general tone in terms of introversion and extraversion, willpower, sociability, and behavioural predispositions.

Then, there are three additional distributions: elements (called triplicity since there are three groups of signs for each one) - Fire, Air, Earth and Water - corresponding to a character typology, modality (or quadruplicity with four groups of signs for each one) - Cardinal, Fixed and Mutable - and polarity (Yin and Yang).

There are three types of dominants: dominant planets, dominant signs and dominant houses. The novice thinks astrology means only "to be Aries" or sometimes, for example, "to be Aries Ascendant Virgo". It is actually far more complex. Although the Sun and the Ascendant alone may reveal a large part of the character - approximately a third or a half of your psychological signature, a person is neither "just the Sun" (called the sign) nor just "the first house" (the Ascendant). Thus, a particular planet's influence

may be significantly increased; a particular sign or house may contain a group of planets that will bring nuances and sometimes weaken the role of the Ascendant, of the Sun sign etc.

Lastly, there are two other criteria: accentuations (angular, succedent and cadent) which are a classification of astrological houses and types of decanates that are occupied (each sign is divided into three decanates of ten degrees each). They provide some additional informations.

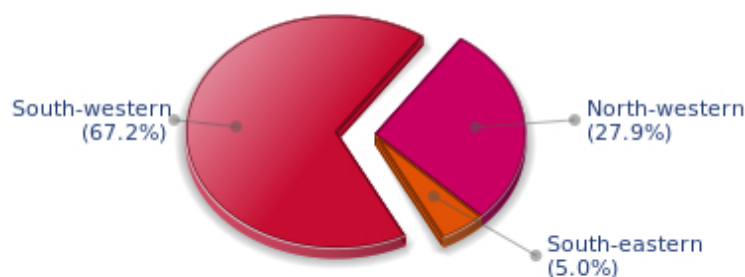
These general character traits must not be taken literally; they are, somehow, preparing for the chart reading. They allow to understand the second part of the analysis, which is more detailed and precise. It focuses on every area of the personality and provides a synthesis of all the above-mentioned parameters according to sound hierarchical rules.

As explained in the introduction of your Psychological Portrait report, minor dominants are analysed at the end of Annex 1, for purposes of clarity.

Your Planetary Repartitions

Each quadrant is a combination of the four hemispheres of your birth chart and relates to a character typology. The Southern hemisphere – the top of your chart, around the Midheaven – is associated with extraversion, action, and public life, whereas the Northern hemisphere prompts to introversion, reflexion, and private life. The Eastern hemisphere – the left part, around the Ascendant – is linked to your ego and your willpower, whereas the Western hemisphere indicates how other people influence you, and how flexible you are when you make a decision.

Your Four Quadrants

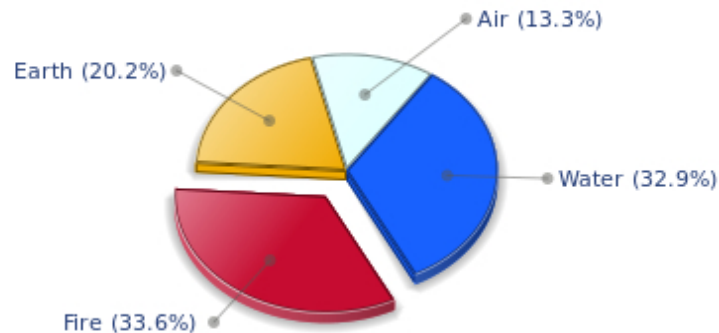


Amélie Nothomb, the diurnal South-western quadrant, consisting of the 7th, 8th and 9th houses, prevails in your chart: this sector brings about a thirst for communication and sometimes, a need to take risks in your dealings with others. Relations are a factor of your evolution and your transformation, which you accept serenely. Indeed, what matters to you is the movement and the energy that link you to others and that make you gain more awareness. A kind of rebellion or a desire to get away from it all is rooted in you.

Your Dominant Modes and Elements

Amélie Nothomb, here are the graphs of your Elements and Modes, based on planets' position and angles in the twelve signs:

Your Four Elements

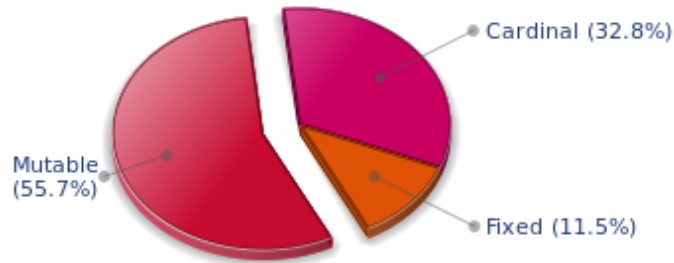


Amélie Nothomb, Fire is dominant in your natal chart and endows you with intuition, energy, courage, self-confidence, and enthusiasm! You are inclined to be passionate, you assert your willpower, you move forward, and come hell or high water, you achieve your dreams and your goals. The relative weakness of this element is the difficulty to step back or a kind of boldness that may prompt you to do foolish things.

The predominance of Water signs indicates high sensitivity and elevation through feelings, Amélie Nothomb. Your heart and your emotions are your driving forces, and you can't do anything on Earth if you don't feel a strong affective charge (as a matter of fact, the word "feeling" is essential in your psychology). You need to love in order to understand, and to feel in order to take action, to the detriment of a certain vulnerability against which you should learn to fight.

The twelve zodiacal signs are split up into three groups or modes, called quadruplicities, a learned word meaning only that these three groups include four signs. The Cardinal, Fixed and Mutable modes are more or less represented in your natal chart, depending on planets' positions and importance, and on angles in the twelve signs.

Your Modes



The Mutable mode is the most emphasized one in your natal chart, Amélie Nothomb, which indicates a mobile character that is curious and thirsty for new experiences and evolution. You are lively and flexible, and you like to react quickly to solicitations, but don't confuse mobility with agitation, since this is the danger with this configuration - and with you, stagnation is out of the question. Security doesn't matter as long as you are not bored. You optimize, you change things, you change yourself... all this in a speedy way.

Your Dominants: Planets, Signs and Houses

The issue of dominant planets has existed since the mists of time in astrology: how nice it would be if a person could be described with a few words and one or several planets that would represent their character, without having to analyse such elements as rulerships, angularities, houses, etc!

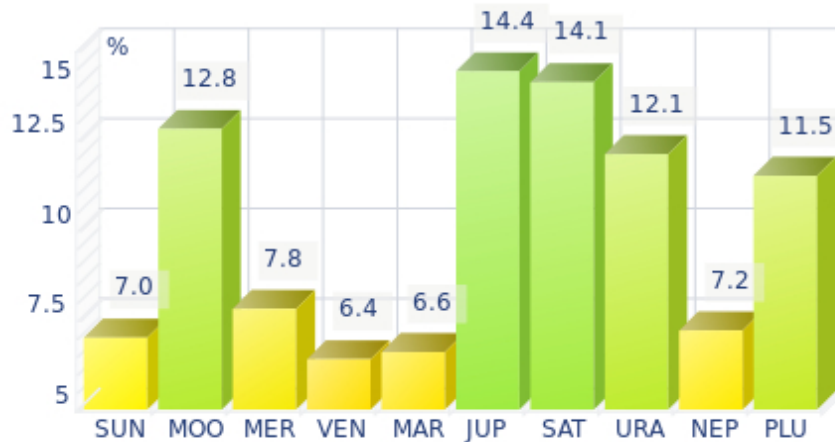
The ten planets - the Sun throughout Pluto - are a bit like ten characters in a role-play, each one has its own personality, its own way of acting, its own strengths and weaknesses. They actually represent a classification into ten distinct personalities, and astrologers have always tried to associate one or several dominant planets to a natal chart as well as dominant signs and houses.

Indeed, it is quite the same situation with signs and houses. If planets symbolize characters, signs represent hues - the mental, emotional and physical structures of an individual. The sign in which a planet is posited is like a character whose features are modified according to the place where he lives. In a chart, there are usually one, two or three highlighted signs that allow to rapidly describe its owner.

Regarding astrological houses, the principle is even simpler: the twelve houses correspond to twelve fields of life, and planets tenanted any given house increase that house's importance and highlight all relevant life departments: it may be marriage, work, friendship etc.

Amélie Nothomb, here is the evaluation diagramme for your planets:

Your Dominant Planets



The three planets that are most highlighted in your chart are Jupiter, Saturn and the Moon.

Jupiter, the planet of expansion, organization, power and benevolence, is quite emphasized in your chart. Like any Jupiterian, you are warm, open, sociable, consensual, active and optimistic. You can use your self-confidence to erase differences of opinion, and you leave the task of analyzing and perfecting things to specialists. Your role, and you know it since you were young, is to gather, to demonstrate your synthesizing and conciliatory mind, and to naturally reap its fruits - power.

You appreciate legality, social order but also order in general. With you as a leader, every plan or human entity can be organized and structured. You excel at supervising. The Jupiterian type is indeed the politician par excellence, and a positive Jupiter in your chart is synonymous with good integration into society, whatever the chosen path.

Is this idyllic picture really perfect? Certainly not: each planet's typology has its own weaknesses. One of yours is pride, like the Solarian, but your will of expansion at all costs may generate a form of exaggeration in everything, endless pleasure, inappropriate self-confidence that could lead you to rough materialism and the thirst for absurd material comfort - in the worst cases, of course.

Saturn is part of your dominant planets: among the facets of your character, you have a grave and serious side, wise and somewhat severe, since your concentration can be powerful to the detriment of carelessness and friendliness.

You often look austere, but it is only an appearance, a kind of modesty or reserve; however, it is true that the Saturnian, who is fond of time, effort, asceticism, rigour and sobriety, may have popularity issues. Nevertheless, honesty and straightforwardness, reliability, as well as slow, wise and deep mental process, although not very popular and visible qualities, eventually become noticed and appreciated. Saturnians' second part of life is usually easier and more fulfilling.

Like the Jupiterian, your Saturnian facet prompts you to seek the essential, security, and longevity. However, the difference with the former is that you will never give priority to wealth or "the bigger, the better" philosophy for the sake of power. Saturn, like Jupiter, symbolizes social integration, and it is usually considered positive to have a harmonic Jupiter and Saturn in one's chart because of their social

adaptation capacities.

Your vulnerability lies in your too serious and austere side, which may lead to unwanted loneliness and affective frustration. This generally does not last because Saturnians often hide deep down a golden heart that ends up revealing itself...

The Moon is one of the most important planets in your chart and endows you with a receptive, emotive, and imaginative nature. You have an innate ability to instinctively absorb atmospheres and impressions that nurture you, and as a result, you are often dreaming your life away rather than actually living it.

One of the consequences of your spontaneity may turn into popularity, or even fame: the crowd is a living and complex entity, and it always appreciates truth and sincerity rather than calculation and total self-control.

As a Lunar character, you find it difficult to control yourself, you have to deal with your moods, and you must be careful not to stay passive in front of events: nothing is handed on a plate, and although your sensitivity is rich, even richer than most people's, you must make a move and spare some of your energy for... action!

Your Dominant Signs



In your natal chart, the three most important signs, delineated according to the above-mentioned criteria, are, in decreasing order of strength, Virgo, Cancer and Gemini. They are often prominent because your Ascendant and your Sun are posited there. However, it is not always the case: it may be because they are occupied by a cluster of planets, by a planet near an angle other than the Midheaven and the Ascendant, or because two or three planets are very active and form numerous aspects from these signs. Therefore, you partly take on the three signs' characteristics, which are somehow superimposed on your natal chart, and all the more so if any of the signs in question is highlighted.

Virgo, associated with perfectionism, numbers and reason, is among your dominant signs: you inherit its sense of responsibility and tidiness, a clear mind, an unfailing logic, as well as a need to be useful and to fulfil your task to the best of your abilities. Obviously, people may think that you are too modest or reserved, suspicious or pessimistic because of your exceedingly critical mind, but aren't logic and wisdom great qualities? Of course, they are. Moreover, you keep your feet on the ground, you never behave irrationally and you are helpful and hardworking - what more can you ask for?!

Cancer is one of your dominant signs and endows you with imagination and exceptionally shrewd sensitivity. Although suspicious at first sight - and even at second...- as soon as you get familiar with people and let them win your confidence, your golden heart eventually shows up, despite your discretion and your desire for security that makes you return into your shell at the slightest alert! Actually, you are a poetess and if you are sometimes blamed for your nostalgia and your laziness, it is because your intense inner life is at full throttle...

With Gemini as a dominant sign, your qualities include being lively, curious, mobile, clever, and flexible: you often make others dizzy, and you may come across as a dilettante - a bit inquisitive, shallow, and insensitive because you may be too intellectualizing. However, your natural curiosity, a nice quality, and your quick humour, allow you to demonstrate to everyone how much they may gain from your company, and that your apparent flightiness hides an appetite (particularly mental) for life, which itself conceals a terrific charm!

Your Dominant Houses



Houses 8, 4 and 9 are the most tenanted ones in your natal chart. To compute their strength, planets and angles are weighed according to various astrological criteria such as swiftness, activity, angularity, rulership etc. From the analysis of the most tenanted Houses, the Astrologer deduces the fields of activity that are most relevant to you, be it because of what you are experiencing, or what you may experience in the future, or because of your deep inner motivations.

Your 8th house is very highlighted: it is the most complex house of the Zodiac. It symbolizes above all passion and transformation, which often go hand in hand. Indeed, you have a tendency to experience everything to the bitter end, and you overstep propriety borders because you want to understand everything, even what is... forbidden. This house relates to complex spheres such as sexuality, possessions and dispossessions that don't depend on you (inheritances, donations, sudden financial losses), death too - not yours in particular, so, don't worry! - and understanding of hidden or occult things: here are the fields that affect you generally, because you are naturally interested in them or because life gets you involved in spite of yourself.

With an important 4th house in your chart, your private life, your intimacy, as well as your family and home, play a fundamental role. Your security and your family unit, the one you come from, but also the one you set up when you get married and start a family - or even as a girl bachelor living alone in your sweet home - are necessary for you to blossom. According to the Tradition, your father may play an

important role in your life.

Your 9th house being one of your most tenanted house, or at least emphasized, travels and faraway places play a major role for you: travels may take place in a symbolic sense, namely mind speculations or conceptions about political matters, philosophy, religion or spirituality, or in the literal sense, such as real long distance travels by plane. You may also spend a part of your life far from home, etc. You are driven by a kind of rebelliousness, which urges you to explore the Unknown; it may also be the call of the adventure. Besides, if the rest of your chart concurs, you may be considered as a real draught, often up hill and down dale, constantly on the lookout for exciting discoveries and new, enchanting horizons.

Your Style, Behaviour, and Peculiarities

What is commonly known as "sign" indicates the position of the Sun in the Zodiac. The Sun highlights all the characteristics of the sign he tenants. According to astrology traditional rules, these characteristics are all the more pure and exact when the Sun is strong in the sign, or when the sign is particularly highlighted within the chart. Here, we indicate the pure characteristics of the sign but you must bear in mind that they may only shed a light on a particular aspect of your personality. Indeed, the sole sign of the Sun, or of the Ascendant, can never describe an astrological chart because it depends on the degree of strength of the said sign in your chart.

Another important point must be underlined. Contrary to the Ascendant, which clearly describes your appearance, your vitality, your physical constitution, your spontaneous behaviour and the image you project, your Sun sign describes your inner self, which you may not completely be aware of, and which may emerge gradually as you mature: it is about your inner personality that you reveal only to the members of your entourage whom you trust. The Sun sign is likely to be the final form of your personality, once it has evolved in line with the energies of the other parts of your chart, the beginning of which is seen in the Ascendant, your external "bark".

The Ascendant is one of the major components of your natal chart. It is the zodiacal sign that rises in the East at the very moment of your birth. To calculate it, it is therefore necessary to know your exact time of birth.

It provides with a wealth of information on your personality. It is one of the key features that allows the analysis of several parts of you, such as your appearance, your character as it is initially perceived and your immediate behaviour. It describes the external aspect of your personality which you always display, but it also describes your physical constitution in the long-term, in other words, your health.

Please be aware that, in spite of the importance of the Ascendant, the accuracy of its description depends on how strongly highlighted it is in your natal chart. We use the entire set of astrological rules to assess the strength of the Ascendant. In most cases, the Ascendant is as revealing as your "sign", i.e., the sign where the Sun is posited at the time of birth.

You were born under the sign of Cancer and your Ascendant is in Sagittarius

Before broaching the details of the meaning of your Sun and your Ascendant, as a preamble, we offer a brief generic interpretation of their combination in your chart:

Ah, bohemian life... Escaping into faraway lands is one of your main aspirations, with Sagittarius' mind and adventurous spirit, or with Cancer's fruitful imagination, the choice is all yours. Owing to your Sagittarius Ascendant, you come across as an enthusiastic, open-minded person who has original ideas and is interested in the diversity of the world as well as in the most different viewpoints. You are philosophy-oriented, and you are fond of lyrical flights which take you very far, to both spiritual and concrete areas. Your friends and relatives know your Cancer inner self and your candour. You dream of a "Home sweet home" where you could laze about alone or in the company of your loved ones. People are often surprised by your mood swings and your emotionalism, which you carefully hide beneath your ordinary behaviour. Your generosity is endearing, but you never know whether you should set out to

conquer people and the world, or whether you should wrap yourself up in your imagination, your sloppy, fanciful, but so soothing refuge.

You were born with the Sun in Cancer

Psychologically speaking, your nature is dreamy, oriented towards nostalgia for things past. You are very instinctive and you protect yourself against the outside world. Your inner life is rich, with fertile and even unlimited imagination, a propensity to avoid unnecessary risks and to pursue security. You show your true face only to persons you can trust, when there is a kind of well being triggered by the nostalgia for the past.

As you are born under this sign, you are emotional, sentimental, restful, imaginative, sensitive, loyal, enduring, protective, vulnerable, generous, romantic, tender, poetic, maternal, dreamy, indolent, greedy and dedicated. You may also be fearful, unrealistic, evasive, passive, touchy, anxious, dependent, stubborn, lunatic, backward-looking, lazy, burdensome, impenetrable and a homebody.

In love, Madam, you are so romantic and dreamy, that you are in love practically all the time, even though it never shows... because you are so subtle and interiorized that everything is actually occurring in your head, most of the time.

You need to be in confidence, you need time and certainties, otherwise your powerful feelings and the marvellous stories you invented will have little chance to translate into concrete reality. But when they do, nothing will stop you and you will live through the destiny that your intuition identified.

Your nature is deeply maternal, charming, amusing too, when you feel in harmony with yourself. You will really blossom when you have your own home and when you dedicate yourself to your children's happiness; as you do so, try not to forget your husband... It is certain that you will then be the most gifted woman for the creation of a cosy and protective cocoon and of a family network that will allow you to actively give free rein to your rich and deep qualities.

You need a strong and stable partner whom you can rely on.

Your Ascendant is in Sagittarius

Psychologically speaking, your nature is extroverted and independent, oriented towards expansion and sociability. You have the soul of a leader, energetic and active. Your charisma and your drive are fully integrated into the collective life. Indeed, as an action-oriented fire sign, you challenge yourself and you succeed in accomplishing the task straight away. Sagittarius is hard to follow because his spirit and his independent mind constantly prompt him to go further and higher.

As you are born under this sign, you are charismatic, fiery, energetic, likeable, benevolent, tidy, jovial, optimistic, extroverted, amusing, straightforward, demonstrative, charming, independent, adventurous, straightforward, bold, exuberant, freedom-loving. But you may also be irascible, selfish, authoritarian, inconsistent, unfaithful, brutal, unreliable, reckless, tactless or unpleasant.

In love, Madam, you are a whirlwind made of life and warmth. You are mobile, cheerful, extroverted, always feeling comfortable and dynamic, a freedom-lover who appreciates variety. Had you not been so sane and so benevolent, you would have been mistaken for an Amazon of the mythological era.

You are pleasant to deal with, as long as your partner accepts your desire to constantly move. You are not fussy, you are lively, with numerous centres of interest. You often take the initiative in your amorous encounters that are likely to take place during your holidays or business trips. With you, no tragedies, no complication no questioning! You fully enjoy the present moment when you are around, unless you are already in your plane, flying towards new adventures...

Once you calm down, you will be a wonderful wife and mother. You will set up a home and start a family where your husband and your children will move with you as often as possible during school holidays. You may also move into a different city or a different country, because of professional changes.

Because Sagittarius is a dual sign, it may happen that you marry more than once, if your needs for freedom and mobility, which are so important to you, are not fully met.

The ruler of your chart is in Cancer

The ruler of the Ascendant, also referred to as the chart ruler, brings a few interesting nuances to the meanings provided by the Sun and the Ascendant. The sign in which the ruler of the Ascendant is posited fine-tunes the style of personality described by the Sun and the Ascendant. It may strengthen it if the sign is identical to either of them.

The ruler of your Ascendant is in the same sign as your Sun. This specific feature means that the Sun's characteristics in sign previously delineated are strengthened.

Aspects to your Ascendant

Several planets form an aspect with your Ascendant, Amélie Nothomb. Therefore, in their specific way, they modify your behaviour and your personality, which do not take on the pure characteristics of your Sagittarius Ascendant only, but which are a blend of its characteristics with those of the said aspects.

★★★★★ Moon trine Ascendant, orb 1° 43'

Your instinct seldom misleads you, as far as your external appearance is concerned, thanks to the Moon's soft aspect with your Ascendant, Amélie Nothomb. You keep your emotions under rather good control, in instinctive and smooth ways.

★★★★★ Saturn trine Ascendant, orb -2° 06'

Saturn is in soft aspect with your Ascendant, Amélie Nothomb. This harmonious configuration brings about a responsible, loyal, persevering, and patient behaviour, and in a word, reliable. Your seriousness is appreciated, and owing to your capacity to easily analyse situations, you come across as a sincere and trustworthy person.

★★★☆☆ Sun sesqui-square Ascendant, orb -0° 12'

There may be a contradiction between your will and your external appearance, Amélie Nothomb, which slows down your natural spontaneity and in some circumstances, gives rise to doubts regarding your behaviour towards other people and the need to be true to your own beliefs. There is certainly nothing serious with this minor dissonance between the Sun and your Ascendant, only choices that are to be made, so as to remain in harmony with yourself.

★★★★★ Mars inconjunction Ascendant, orb 2° 46'

When Mars is in dissonance with the Ascendant, Amélie Nothomb, in some particular circumstances, it may translate into hastiness, and even hostility on your part, which your entourage may not understand. You have audacity galore, but it is up to you to show alertness, so that you don't come across as a short-tempered person unable of self-control.

Your Sensitivity

Your temperament is impulsive, Amélie Nothomb, you are fond of instant thrills and you do not like to wait because you grow weary quickly. With you, things must keep moving fast! Your vivid imagination triggers enthusiasm, audacity and independence because you need to undertake and to achieve. You do not fear to be defeated and, far from slowing you down, rivalry and struggle have a stimulating effect. Because of your sensitivity all on edge, you are irascible and unpredictable: it is easy to unwillingly get you started and this makes your life a bit difficult with the family and with friends. You are perceived as an impatient person, short-tempered, whimsical, unstable and even, aggressive, and people think that you don't take your entourage's needs into account. However, you may also be warm, ready to help and to comfort whenever you are able to control your impulsiveness. You must not be worried about losing your identity when you listen more to your close friends...

Your family, your home and often your mother, Amélie Nothomb, have a strong emotional importance. You feel attached to your roots and the intimate surroundings in which you live are essential; you are deeply fulfilled by this continuous source of affective charges: your home and private life are sacred for you, and you can feel very uncomfortable or unsafe if you are deprived of your haven of peace.

Paradoxically, the Tradition indicates that you are predisposed to frequent home moves.

★★★★★ Moon conjunction Saturn, orb 3° 5'

This harmonious Moon-Saturn aspect is an element of stability for your private life. Your daily life lives up to your demands, you are totally true to yourself and logical through your very intimate behaviour. You do not choose the easy way out: on the contrary, it is in difficult situations that you are at your best. It is very unlikely that you become destabilized by trifles. This aspect indicates stability and also perfectionism. You are longing for a private life respectful of your heart of hearts and your genuine desires. Your well being is at this price, and its quest remains perpetual. Despite your reserved private behaviour, your emotions run very deep. You have a strong need for protection and for security. Your aspirations lead you towards contemplation or studies, more than towards social futilities.

★★★☆☆ Moon square Mars, orb -4° 3'

This Moon-Mars dissonance suggests touchiness and sometimes, aggressiveness. You are irascible and very sensitive to all sorts of threats and dangers. You react very quickly, too hastily. To protect your well being, you must learn to control your mood, to coordinate your actions and to balance your opinions. You are often disturbed by plain facts: either you seek refuge in your intimate realm and refuse to face the truth or, on the contrary, you are engaged in altercations, which forbid all tranquillity. It is important that you balance these two tendencies and that you alternate moments of action with phases of carelessness and relaxation. These two attitudes are relatively irreconcilable.

★★★★★ Moon quintile Venus, orb 0° 06'

The harmonious Moon-Venus aspect is an element of intimate balance that favours sensual and affective fulfilment. The search of well being includes all kinds of emotions and feelings. You love, you enjoy life in simple ways and you arouse your entourage's affection. The persons belonging to your inner circle are also objects of desire and pleasure. Tenderness and love are probably one and only thing: you are moved by the gestures of affection provided to you and by the daily acts, which strengthen two persons' mutual attachment. Whereas other people dread routine, in your case on the contrary, it increases your amorous feelings. You loathe all kinds of violence, particularly in your intimate life. The danger of this planetary configuration may be your constant changes of mood: whims are often on the agenda... and your will is

quite weak. One last point: this aspect is frequently found in the charts of people with an aesthetic or artistic sensitivity.

★★★★★ Moon sesqui-square Neptune, orb -1° 01'

This Moon-Neptune dissonance wonderfully turns on the poetic soul, the exhilaration of feelings and dreams... and disturbs your practical life, as well as the management of contingencies. You do not lack inspiration but your reasons of living may be beyond your entourage's understanding! Bohemian life is pleasant but it is probable that you experience muddled situations. Your aims are noble and your intentions are very good. But you may not have the will to turn them into reality. It is important that you are wary of artificial paradises: escaping in the imaginary is not necessarily the best solution for problem solving. You are in search of an inaccessible tranquillity and you tend to procrastinate chores. Nevertheless, facts remain present and you may see that non-interventionism can only increase your difficulties. You must put an end to this vicious let-go circle. This does not imply that you have to forsake your dreams or to repress your very rich sensitivity.

Your Affectivity

In your chart, the Sun is in Cancer and Venus, in Gemini. Such different signs as Cancer and Gemini can only forge an affectivity that is rich in its contrasts and complexity. It comprises two antinomical modes: the desire for discovery of Venus in Gemini opposes the ideal of security of the Sun in Cancer. The former is a learning function and lives on the multiplicity of experiences. The latter is a protection function and tends to isolate the couple in order to enable thorough exchanges and total fusion. It is crucial that you find a good balance between these equally important tendencies: to experience renewed emotions, without endangering the absolute and unique nature of the relationship, amounts to allow your affectivity some freedom within a context of mutual respect and confidence. Freedom does not mean unfaithfulness! The wholeness and indivisibility of the cell-couple is of utmost importance. You are possessive and exclusive. However, Venus in Gemini needs her fair share of varied emotions. Routine destroys desire in the medium term. You may tend to establish a playful mode in your couple; whims and fantasy nurture steady bonds. If this condition is met, you become able to build a relationship full of tenderness, never barren, never smothered by inextricable and disastrous habits.

What is it, that really appeals to you, Amélie Nothomb, to love or to please? You have so much charm and so much volubility that you easily manage to be what is known as a femme fatale. Feelings and intellect are so tightly mingled that you may not know any more whether you are really in love or whether you are acting. You have a taste for flirt and variety, and you appreciate very much complicated situations where no one knows where the truth lies any more. You shift from one game to another. To you, everything can be an agent for seduction, be it your attitudes, your words or the way you dress. You do not separate your actions from your desire to please. People who do not understand this are in trouble because, if they take your sweet and well-phrased speeches too literally, they are likely to undergo cruel disappointments: for you, it is only a matter of living in the moment and you never commit yourself because, above all, you loathe confinement, even just its thought.

Amélie Nothomb, your warmth and your attractiveness are at the service of your future or current marriage! In the 7th house, Venus colours the expression of your feelings with commitment, a request for reciprocity and for something concrete. Venus gives way, to a great extent, to your desire to be loved as much as to love: in the romantic field, your entire being aims at harmony, diplomacy, mind-openness

so as to find, at any cost, a common ground where you can achieve your aim, that is to say a sweet idyll and, why not if it is possible, a nice marriage as an ending. Are problems arising? A disagreement? A lack of understanding? Immediately, you undertake to soothe your partner and to highlight what brings you together, while skilfully omitting anything that might harm the so much sought after harmony. Of course, this merely complacent attitude seems to allow you to progress with conviction towards your goals but there is a price to be paid. The dependency upon your couple becomes tangible. Paradoxically, anyway, you care little about that because it is just the way you are and that, worst comes to worst, you prefer to continue this constant game consisting in a kind of self-sacrifice with its fruitful benefits, rather than to push yourself to the forefront and to take the risk of being less attractive... Actually, you are never happier than when you formalize your union and there is no doubt that, once you are married, you will be a charming spouse and you will strive to make your conjugal life a pleasant one in a spirit of sharing and warmth.

★★★★★ Venus square Pluto, orb 0° 39'

Nothing is simple in love. You consider your love life with a distant and remote glance. You do not believe in obvious, transparent relationships. Love is a complex issue and its machinery is beyond you. To avoid delusions and indifference, the rules must be changed. Your feelings are alternately cruel and passionate, distant and burning, often paradoxical. Are you the executioner or the victim? Power struggles are omnipresent in your affective life. You seem unable to take life as it comes and to love without asking yourself questions, without doubting. You often love those who are indifferent towards you, while you despise those who love you. It is important that you change your attitude if you want a smooth and happy life. Rely on your forte: an indisputable lucidity that makes it impossible to delude your heart.

★★★★★ Venus square Uranus, orb 0° 48'

Your sentimental life is adventurous: you prefer Bohemia to the comfort of a quiet but shaky love affair. You are a hard-liner and you think that love should be genuine or it should not be at all! You have difficulties in resisting your heart impulses and untimely passions that may challenge your affectivity. You need air, freedom and a relative independence. You also need to fully experience your love impulses, regardless of the price to be paid. The heart has its own reasons that no rules can hamper... The obvious danger may be to cause dramatic hurly-burly. Your inflexibility on the affective plane does not favour a quiet life where « one makes do with very little ». You are the all or nothing type. But does the absolute really belong to our world?

★★★★★ Mercury sextile Venus, orb -5° 14'

This aspect sensitizes you to games of seduction. You like to multiply romantic undertakings, you invent new reasons to seduce or to be seduced. Although your romantic life is not a model of stability, it is full of discoveries, varied emotions, both sensual and cerebral. You know how to earn your entourage's liking through your acute sensitivity. You play around with feelings, with relationships and with love... Mercury and Venus commonly share the capacity to sensitize to human topics. Your receptivity towards others is high. Your broad-mindedness goes hand in hand with your heart's generosity. You pay particular attention to the way people look at you and the effect you make when you meet or exchange with someone. Actually, you expect a lot from others: acknowledgement of your qualities, as well as esteem and consideration. You may also be touchy beyond what you may give to think. In many instances, relationship games may turn out to be more serious than expected.

★★★★★ Sun semi-sextile Venus, orb 1° 22'

This aspect gives a strong concern about the image you project. You pay a lot of attention to the impression you make and to the charm you exude. You need to know that you can rely on your seductive capacity and earn the liking of your entourage. What people think is important to you and you try to meet your close friends' expectations. You certainly want to please them, but above all, you need their attention. You are seeking pleasure, esteem and affection. But ideals and desires make up a whole: you can be at your best only with those who naturally attract you and for whom you have an esteem that is independent from facts. Your feelings are a response to your quest of the absolute: the persons you find likeable are adopted. Other people are rejected irrevocably! Your character is very affective and it constitutes an asset in many circumstances. Your capacity to seduce, to gain support and to earn esteem is above average. The only danger may be that you abide by the current fashion and trend more than by your own motivations and by what is essential, for the sake of appearances.

The Way You Take Action and Your Sexuality

Amélie Nothomb, your mental activity is exuberant. Ideas are buzzing at high speed and you have the ability to think of several different things and to simultaneously process them. You are less interested in actions on the concrete or physical plane, because once you “see” a solution, its implementation is not that important any more since the crucial thing is that your mind remains bubbling with excitement. You are cerebral and curious and your sexuality is filled with fantasies, where pleasant ideas are mixed up with amplifying and enriching desires. Therefore, you are not simple but if your partner follows you, the stake is really worth it. Verbal jousting, the pleasure to debate and to discuss are continuous, with you. The only danger is to irritate people who may not have your swiftness or your sense of humour.

You have a tendency to think relationships in terms of a duel, where one of the partners must hold sway over the other one, Amélie Nothomb. It may be disturbing, but you are satisfied because you know that your strong natural authority enables you to be in the domineering, and not in the dominated position!

Therefore, you excel in all activities having an important relationship component, or with some form of rivalry, authority, or fighting: a critical and uncompromising presenter, a prosecutor, a salesperson responsible for canvassing (although it may be double-edged), an attorney (but not to the defence, of course) etc.

You appreciate people who have the energy to take decisions. For you, in the end, to take action means to confront others, for worse, but hopefully, very often, for better.

★★★★★ Mars square Saturn, orb -0° 4'

Why should you take action? And how? The surrounding world is not to be trusted. Past events have taught you to question simple situations and to intervene after thorough consideration. You are vulnerable to the traps of life, to confrontations and struggles. You may complicate your behaviour at will, often missing your target due to your self-censoring. Your interventions may lack spontaneity. You must overcome your doubts and acquire the certainty that you are able to handle realities and facts. If you make that effort, you can understand that there are many ways to make life simpler for yourself.

Your Intellect and Your Communication Style

Your intellectual and nervous energy is considerable, Amélie Nothomb, with good concentration abilities and a strong determination. You have plenty of planning and organization skills and enthusiasm. Your helpfulness is deep and you never hesitate to solve other people's problems. You are thought of as a reliable person and you enjoy it very much. You believe in your own capacities and you tend to speak with a dramatic pomposity because you want to attract attention. People who do not share your opinion are in trouble! Your determination is strongest and you may show stubbornness and inflexibility because you do not easily accept it when your ideas or your actions are criticized. Some people believe that you assert yourself in an authoritarian and condescending way, but you are not aware of it and therefore, you keep on thinking that you are right.

You need to understand, to explore the unknown, to shed light on mysteries and to immerse yourself into the hidden fields of the unconscious or the afterlife, actually, into whatever escapes you, Amélie Nothomb. You are not content with what seems obvious because you are on Earth to evolve and not to stagnate or remain in a mindless state and a lack of understanding.

Interestingly enough, astrology connects the spheres of death, after-life and mysteries with the spheres of other people's possessions, investments, inheritances etc. This analogy probably comes from the fact that in those two fields, everything remains inaccessible right away. It might be the reason why such mysterious topics are so attractive to you.

Your investigative mind enables you to easily express your feelings and to explain the inner mechanisms of your whole being, almost as if your own self was a specimen to study, without modesty and with the only motivation to go as far and as deeply as possible.

★★★★★ Moon trine Mercury, orb 6° 51'

Curiosity is part of your nature. You perceive everything with sharp acuity. You increase your attempts to establish connections and to exchange opinions and information, particularly when you are in a familiar and intimate context. When this configuration is well integrated, it underlines the multi-faceted nature of the mobility that defines your behaviour and your living conditions and endows you with strong adaptation abilities. You also show a remarkable gift for improvisation and you pick up the quality of the atmosphere so swiftly that you get off any tricky situations. However, you must keep your adaptation capacity under control because when it is overdeveloped, it may become an agent for instability.

Your Goals, Motivations, Career, and Destiny

Your Sun is posited in the 8th House

One thing is certain, Amélie Nothomb, your motivations cannot be easily figured out because this configuration is quite special and complex. Everything pertaining to the realm of emotions is deepened. You have a tendency to infuse passion in nearly everything in life and it will translate differently, according to your temperament and other characteristics of your chart.

Several common elements are noted however. There is a predisposition for essential matters connected to life and death and to great mysteries that go beyond daily life. You need to understand, to drill and to always delve deeper. You are inhabited by some sort of desire for transcendence, maybe because you feel

everything with deep intensity: therefore, you are more vulnerable because events hit you full in the face and you unconsciously understand that, if you manage to decipher how and why things appear, you will become tougher. But there is another reason to it. Your curiosity is continuously on the alert and you are amazed by apparently insignificant facts that stir up the chain of causes and effects and lead you towards the more essential matters that are knocking at the door of your soul.

Your concerns and your inclination may take you into such various fields as psychoanalysis, amassing knowledge in mystics, religion, occultism or spirituality (desire for transcendence and immediate access to an upstream reality). What is hidden mesmerizes you and you spend lots of time polishing your lucidity, as if progressing ahead and evolving further were the materialized forms of your life's challenge.

On a more terrestrial plane, here are the areas that are particularly important to you: sexuality, probably because of its transcendence and its hidden nature; death, either because you experienced a loss with a big impact on your evolution or on your destiny, or only because you are interested in this topic; finance, investments, inheritances, speculations, in other words, any financial area other than those of money earned by yourself, expenses, and the way you use your patrimony and your resources.

Your entire being strives towards assertion as you win over ordeals or over life hardships: nothing stimulates you better, nothing makes you evolve more than these critical periods of life when, on the brink of the abyss, you feel with maximal intensity all the choices that are offered to you. During such periods, you always manage to give of your best, you transform yourself and you come out enriched and more lucid: crisis and metamorphosis. This pattern suits you best. You want to move fast, always faster and further, because you intensely understand that daily reality is important only through its authentic and hidden contents. To discover the reality, your only tool is self-awareness development. However, do not take too many risks and do not systematically enter into the eye of the storm as you may be badly and repeatedly shaken up.

You lost your father quite early, literally or figuratively (sometimes, you find him again after an ordeal), although, paradoxically, he played a major role. If the theory is borne out, it is only an additional step towards sublimation and the overcoming of certain ordeals towards the road to wisdom. You, a mystic? Yes, in your own way, of course!

The ruler of your chart is in the 8th House

The ruler of the Ascendant, also referred to as the chart ruler as explained in a previous chapter, is also posited in one of the twelve Houses of the chart. Just like the Sun in his House, the ruler of the Ascendant provides certain abilities, or it makes you appreciate more keenly certain areas of life.

The ruler of your Ascendant is in the same House as your Sun. This specific feature of your chart strengthens the Sun's characteristics previously delineated.

Aspects influencing your ambitions

Regarding your destiny or your career, the following aspects of your natal chart allow to fine-tune what has just been said above:

★★★★★ Sun conjunction Jupiter, orb 2° 58'

This harmonious Sun-Jupiter aspect indicates an optimistic background that usually wins the entourage's adherence. It also suggests ambition and generosity and favours social integration and success. The desire to earn general consideration prompts you to display energy, joviality and benevolence. However, opportunism may be the other side of the coin. As you strive to win everyone's esteem, you may fall into disrepute. It is important that you remain clear-sighted so as to persistently pursue your long-term aims without believing that you should always « grab each and every opportunity ». However, this aspect remains an element of success because it allows you to adjust your objectives to the context, to whatever the situation offers or, on the contrary, to force your way through events and to achieve your ideals.

★★★★★ Saturn opposite Midheaven, orb -2° 54'

Saturn is in opposition to your Midheaven, Amélie Nothomb. He is at the same time in conjunction with your Imum Coeli which symbolises your roots, your family, and later on, your home. This configuration indicates that roots and family are important to you, may be too much. They are both a protection and a hindrance which prevent you from fully spreading your wings, lest you lose the security you definitely crave. When the time comes, you must reconstruct by yourself a stable and reliable platform similar to that which protected your childhood, and you must never get disheartened in the process. If you are patient enough, time is your ally, even though in return, your professional destiny becomes somehow less important than your private cell, your home...

★★★★★ Sun sextile Uranus, orb -0° 33'

This aspect reinforces the determination as well as the will to further your original, sometimes revolutionary, ideas and designs. Your capacity of innovation is important for your image. You have the soul of a leader. You display a forceful and synthesizing mind. You may tend to oversimplify or to schematize situations. In most cases, you know where you are heading to and how to reach your goals. Your determination is two-edged... not everybody will appreciate your contrasted standpoints. It is yes or no, black or white! This planetary configuration indicates certainties. When it comes to acting according to your inner motivations and to respecting your models, you can show an unusual willpower and sweep aside all obstacles lying on your path.

★★★★★ Mars square Midheaven, orb -2° 14'

Because Mars is in dissonance with your Midheaven, in some circumstances, you may feel misunderstood, Amélie Nothomb. In society, you may even feel hostility towards you as you try to climb up the steps of your professional life, or when you strive to reach a higher social status. Your efforts may be resented. You must be twice as careful as you usually are and tone down your behaviour in order not to be rude to other people, even though from your viewpoint, and it is actually most often the case, it only has to do with misunderstandings or some eagerness on your part.

★★★★★ Sun sextile Pluto, orb -0° 42'

This harmonious Sun-Pluto aspect indicates an exemplary clear-sighted mind. Without destabilizing your appearances or your personality mask, Pluto makes you aware of your subjective and questionable character, as well as of your manner. You never take yourself completely seriously. You have a good

grasp of human nature's complex games, without gullibility, without excessive simplification. Because you can perceive hidden elements underlying any situation better than anyone else, you are acknowledged as perspicacious. This aspect allows you to distance yourself from difficult circumstances and to remain impassive when you must overcome pitfalls.

★★★★★ Sun trine Neptune, orb 2° 32'

This harmonious Sun-Neptune aspect indicates a highly developed intuition and clear-sightedness and sometimes, a sixth sense. Mental images or information drawn from the unconsciousness impress your mind. What was only a muddled feeling turns into certainty and deep conviction. You do not necessarily need to justify your attitudes: you take a decision because you feel that you have to do so, although you may not control the underlying logics. The danger is that you may follow fanciful or adventurous roads. Beliefs you cannot explain may prove wrong or over-optimistic. However, your intuition is seldom misleading. One last comment: there is often a keen curiosity for the « bizarre » and the paranormal with this planetary aspect.

★★★★★ Moon opposite Midheaven, orb -6° 44'

The Moon in opposition to your MC does not create a real dissonance in your natal chart, Amélie Nothomb. Actually, the Moon is also in conjunction with your Imum Coeli which represents your roots, your family, and your home. In fact, you take pleasure in letting yourself go when you are with your entourage, in the privacy of your home, rather than in society, where you keep your guard on, for fear of criticisms. Thus, your emotions are not at the service of your career, but rather exclusively dedicated to your family circle.

★★★★★ Mercury semi-square Midheaven, orb 1° 23'

You are not pleased with the way you intellectually approach your professional goals, or simply your destiny. Because of this mild dissonance between Mercury and your Midheaven, in some circumstances, your communication style is tainted with a few hesitations or clumsinesses. There is nothing serious to worry about, and it is up to you to gradually build self-confidence through the study and mastering of your projects.

★★★★★ Uranus conjunction Midheaven, orb 10° 2'

Uranus is in conjunction with your Midheaven, Amélie Nothomb. This very important aspect usually indicates a destiny which, in some rare life occurrences, takes most surprising twists. Like trans-Saturnian planets, out of the blue and beyond free will events occur by accident, as if they were caused by some sort of fatality. Thus, it is possible that your life changes its course completely and repeatedly, in a more than above average way, when transits and progressions activate your Uranus-Midheaven conjunction. Uranus stands for life upheavals, surprise, rebellion, freedom, and nonconformism. Whether it indicates inner needs or external events, which is the most frequent case, your destiny is very likely to be deeply disrupted, especially when transiting Uranus forms major aspects with your natal Midheaven (towards the ages of 21, 28, 42; 56, 63, and 84). Uranus' half-return (around the age of 42), is the most important one. It is also possible that your career or social destiny takes a stronger Uranian tone, with tight connections to modernity, space, astrology and out-of-the ordinary subjects, as well as physics, electricity, speed, etc.

★★★★★ Jupiter quintile Midheaven, orb 0° 45'

Jupiter is in soft aspect with your Midheaven, Amélie Nothomb. It means that you are often lucky, or that you receive support in your career or your social destiny. You trust your abilities to overcome

obstacles coming up in your way, and you respect authority and laws. So, thanks to this configuration, you make your way in the world with the feeling that you move forward rather quickly, as compared to average people.

★★★★★ Pluto conjunction Midheaven, orb 10° 29'

Pluto is in conjunction with your Midheaven, Amélie Nothomb. This very powerful aspect indicates that your career may have a fatality nature in the sense that, as with all trans-Saturnian planets (Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto), events of the collective category may deeply influence your personal destiny. Pluto is the planet of secret power, domination, unspoken words, taboos, police forces, and investigations. Therefore, depending on the other configurations found in your natal chart, it is possible that your career or your social destiny inherits a Plutonian note, and is connected with mysteries, sexuality, inherited money, or some sort of occult power, such as the grey eminences or leaders working in the dark.

Your Assets and Your Part of Joviality

This planetary configuration in your chart is very positive, Amélie Nothomb, because Jupiter, the planet of Greater Fortune, is in his exaltation, which means, in a privileged position. Jupiter protects your family area and later, your own home. Your sense of responsibilities is increased, your inclinations for comfort and customs are strengthened; usually, you are well integrated in society. You mature affectively early, and this fact enables you to avoid many setbacks. The only danger with this pleasant configuration may be your attraction to good things, in all areas, and their consequences.

Amélie Nothomb, the planet of Greater Fortune in this house is a heaven-sent present. It indicates inheritances, intense and fulfilling sexuality as well as a strong and secret intuition. You may be content! Your feelings also are magnified and deep. Undeniably, you are very lucky with this position of Jupiter in your chart.

The planet Jupiter symbolizes expansion, broadness and generosity. Jupiter is associated with the functions of synthesis, enthusiasm and optimism. In your natal chart, his house position is more important than his sign position because, like Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto, he is a slow planet. Many people born in the same period have Jupiter in the same sign. This is the reason why the sign occupied here is less meaningful than when it is occupied by the so-called fast planets, i.e. the Sun, the Moon, Mercury, Venus and Mars. Therefore, some caution is to be exercised as you read what follows.

Jupiter in Cancer is in the sign of his exaltation, which means that he is at great ease and he can express his essence more powerfully. He amplifies your emotions, your imagination and your optimism. You can be a good head of family or you develop a natural interest for matters linked to your home, your roots, your patrimony or that of your family. All your domestic affairs are protected.

Your Serious Side

The side effects of melancholy or isolation are the capacity to accumulate wisdom and the ability to step back. Therefore, if you really mean it, you have the possibility to make a better distinction between the concrete values that enable you to progress in actual life, and sugary daydreams that only bring some virtual pleasure and no real meaning.

Amélie Nothomb, you worry when you are at home, in private. You may feel, wrongly usually, that your family does not love you, that they do not understand you, that you are lonely, and that your father is too strict.

You are often attached to the past and to painful souvenirs. Your challenge is to understand that the present can become light and pleasant and that the burden of your sufferings comes from your own doubts and not from your family environment. If you succeed in doing so, you will win on all counts since, at the end of the day, you become responsible, stable and... happy at home!

The planet Saturn symbolizes contraction, effort, time, limitation and concentration. Saturn eliminates anything that is not authentic, sooner or later. It is impossible to cheat him as he gives an irresistible desire to form a coherent whole with oneself, in responsible and wise ways. He is the great purifier. He represents our limitations but also our truth. In your natal chart, the house position where Saturn is posited is more important than his sign position because, like Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto, he is a slow planet. Many people born in the same period have Saturn in the same sign. This is the reason why the sign occupied here is less meaningful than when it is occupied by the so-called fast planets, i.e. the Sun, the Moon, Mercury, Venus and Mars. Therefore, some caution is to be exercised as you read what follows.

Saturn in Pisces limits your ability to feel other people's emotions or to profusely express your own feelings. For this reason, you are less vulnerable but at the same time, you can revel in isolation. On the other hand, you are genuine, you cannot be satisfied with chimeras and you remain far away from illusions but also... from dreams!

A Few Special Points

Your Uniqueness and Your Utopias

Your ideas and revolutionary concepts, at odds with what really exists, make you appear as a pioneer in your area. In your concrete life, several important trips are significantly involved in major turning points. Your instinctive need for strangeness, as well as your thirst for independence, must be given a positive outlet.

Sometimes, your positions are original to the point that they become marginal, and your dyed-in-the-wool desire for expatriation exposes you to undergo reversals that are as explosive as unexpected. More than anyone else, you must guard against fanaticism or the systematic exploration of remote and dangerous lands, even though the call of the unknown or of exoticism is deeply rooted in you and you find it hard not to respond!

On a more symbolic plane, you are generally interested in abstract topics which are out of the ordinary such as metaphysics, religions, sociology, philosophy, etc.

Your Inspiration and Your Illusions

You may be particularly sensitive to other people's sufferings and you want to dedicate yourself to a humanitarian cause. Your psychical life may be so intense that it brings about moments of loneliness

that you use to transform yourself and to live through your ideals in sheer sincerity.

These moments of solitude may upset you. Undefined worries or hidden enemies may cause troubles, in a few rare occurrences.

In any case, this configuration is not negative as such, because there is an analogy between the planet Neptune, the 12th house, and Pisces. Your compassion and your emotional content may work wonders in your surroundings, and at the same time, they make you evolve spiritually.

Your Passion and Your Authority

Your capacity for concentration and your mental power are your major assets for the study of higher knowledge and ideological concepts. You also tend to get away from your usual geographical cocoon! You are inhabited by passion and persistence, and you do not resist the temptation to explore foreign lands or to thoroughly explore ideas.

Besides, once you enter those attractive fields, it is most likely that you become deeply transformed and shattered. Nothing is any more what it used to be, and this is precisely what your unconscious suspected when you were magnetically drawn towards these remote realms.

Sometimes, these transformations may deeply hurt you, but isn't it the only way to change and evolve? Otherwise, all the benefits are yours: adrenaline increased by the passion and creativity of the moment, along with the happiness to be spiritually enriched, later on.

Your Isolated Planets

In general, the ten planets of the chart are connected to other planets by major or minor astrological aspects. It is owing to those ties that the planets' energies can manifest in the chart owner's personality and play out within safeguards according to a specific tonality.

It seldom happens that in a natal chart, a planet is totally disconnected from the nine other planets.

Astrologers have observed that when such a case occurs, the person feels the energy of the unaspected planet in quite a singular way, very jerky and powerful at the same time. Thus, for instance, the famed astrologer Jean-Baptiste Morin de Villefranche wrote that "an unaspected planet heralds that something strange or extraordinary will take place regarding the meanings of the house in which the said planet is posited" (source : l'astrologie selon Morin).

Rules for detecting an unaspected planet: among all the testimonies that we have reviewed to this day, based on our experience, we tend to agree with American astrologer Janis Huntley who accepts seven aspects, which involve the zodiacal twelve sections of 30 degrees. The aspects to be considered are the conjunction (0 degree, cooperation or tension), the semi-sextile (30 degrees), the sextile and the trine (60 and 120 degrees respectively, aspects of cooperation), the square and the opposition (90 and 180 degrees respectively, tensed aspects), and the quincunx (150 degrees, slightly tensed). In this detection, the chart's angles are not taken into account.

In any case, it is important to remember that an isolated planet clearly expresses its influence when it is a personal planet. Thus, when the Sun, the Moon, Mercury, Venus, or Mars is isolated, it is certain that the effects described by Jean-Baptiste Morin de Villefranche will become manifest. As for Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto, one must be cautious because the volume of cases documented is not yet large enough.

Your chart has no isolated planet, and this particular case does not apply to you.

Annex 1: Your Minor Dominants

The five following dominants are less significant than those described at the beginning of your report. They may not be strongly felt. In some cases, they add several minor details to the analysis of your character, but they are rather for curiosity purposes. It is not necessary to take them into account when you first read your portrait.

Your Planetary Repartitions: Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Hemispheres

The axis linking the 1st house's cuspide (the Ascendant) to the 7th house's cuspide - the Descendant - divides the zodiac into two bowls, a superior bowl, in the South, and an inferior bowl in the North. Quoting an expression by the famous American astrologer Rudhyar, the Southern part and the Northern part correspond to two functions: "being" and "doing". Other concepts are also associated with this North and South distribution, such as introversion - Northern hemisphere - and extraversion - Southern hemisphere - being or appearances, inner life or external life, reflection or action, dreaming one's life or living one's dreams, the abstract or the concrete, backstage or limelight.

This is not about determination but about personal inclination: thus, some people will be thrown into public life despite a prominent Northern hemisphere. If this happens, however, it will not be due to their will, their taste or their deep nature. Conversely, a prominent Southern hemisphere will not bring about a famous destiny to its owner, even if he tends to turn the spotlight on himself, or if he looks for a more active life. It is a matter of deep nature and natural inclination. Of course, none of the typologies is "superior" to another.

In your birth chart, Amélie Nothomb, the ten main planets are distributed as follows:

Your Northern and Southern Hemispheres



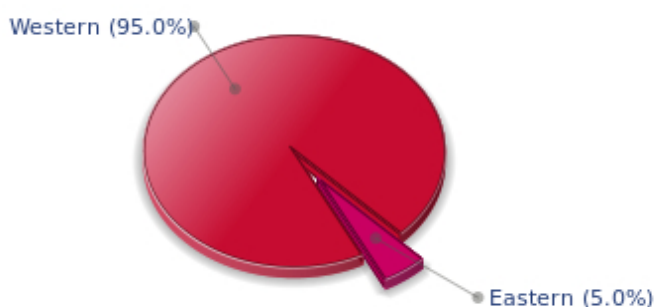
Amélie Nothomb, the predominance of planets in the Southern hemisphere prompts you to take action, to draw attention on yourself, and to make your actions and what you have in mind visible to everyone. Sometimes, without giving a single thought to, and to the detriment of, a richer inner life and a deeper and wiser reflection. Action and communication are inevitable in your opinion and you tend to think that the only thing that matters is what is seen! This is not always true, and it is up to you to progress through the development of inner qualities such as meditation, solitude and imagination so as to become stronger.

The birth chart is divided into two other parts, Eastern and Western, by the axis linking the Midheaven to the Imum Coeli.

The Eastern part, on the Ascendant side, shows the person's ego, will, magnetism, and vitality, whereas the Western part, on the Descendant side, symbolizes other people, communication, relationships and their influence, as well as flexibility and adaptability.

Amélie Nothomb, here is the planetary repartition in your Eastern and your Western hemispheres:

Your Eastern and Western Hemisphere:



The predominance of planets in the Western hemisphere of your chart means that you are quite flexible, capable of empathy, convivial and communicative. An excellent factor for many professional activities or for your social or sentimental life for example.

A definite asset... provided that you are not at the centre of the decisions you must take in your life: you may be tempted to listen to the last person who spoke, and your flexibility won't always get you out of the tight spot. You are therefore advised to learn to decide alone and to cope with the consequences of your actions with courage and without regrets. This attitude will allow you to combine flexibility and action, adaptability and absence of hesitation.

Your Yin and Yang Polarity

The twelve signs are divided into two polarities, called active or passive, or sometimes masculine and feminine, positive and negative, Yang and Yin. This classification corresponds to two quite distinct tonalities, the first one bringing extraversion, action, self-confidence and dynamism, the second one, introversion, reactivity, reflection and caution. None is superior to the other, each group has its own assets and shortcomings. Odd signs - Aries, Gemini, Leo, Libra, Sagittarius and Aquarius - belong to the first group, whereas even signs - Taurus, Cancer, Virgo, Scorpio, Capricorn and Pisces - belong to the second group.

Your Yin and Yang Polarity



According to the disposition and qualities of your planets and angles, you are rather influenced by Yin energy, the passive polarity, Amélie Nothomb: you are quite introverted, imaginative and sometimes discreet, but you are a deep and wise person who is not content with just noisy and flashy things. At times, you doubt but you think that those who don't are a bit... thoughtless. Allow yourself to take more laid-back attitudes and put your reserve aside, because good equilibrium is always healthier.

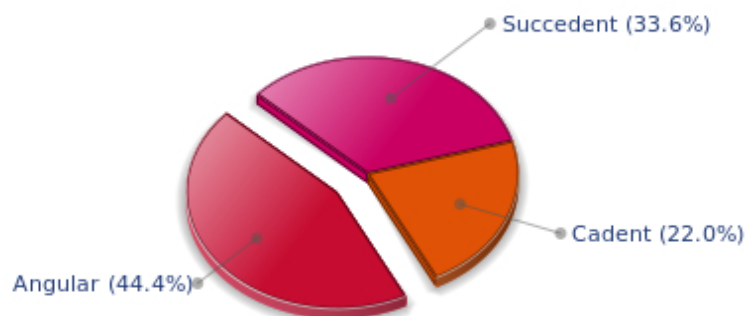
Your Houses' Accentuations

Houses are split up into three groups: angular, succedent and cadent.

The first ones are the most important ones, the most "noticeable" and energetic houses. They are the 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th houses. Their cusps correspond to four famous angles: Ascendant for the 1st house, Imum Coeli for the 4th house, Descendant, opposite the Ascendant, for the 7th house and Midheaven for the 10th house, opposite the Imum Coeli.

Planets are evaluated according to a whole set of criteria that includes comprehensive Western astrology rules. At their turn, planets emphasize specific types of houses, signs, repartitions etc., as previously explained.

Your Houses' Accentuations



Your angular houses, namely, the 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th houses, are very emphasized in your chart, Amélie Nothomb: according to the Tradition, they are the strongest and most dynamic houses. Should the rest of your chart concur, angular houses suggest that you are an enterprising, energetic and assertive woman. Indeed, angular houses are said to generate impulsions and to give a powerful and domineering personality.

Unusual fates are often linked to a predominance of angular houses, but this is only a partial indication...

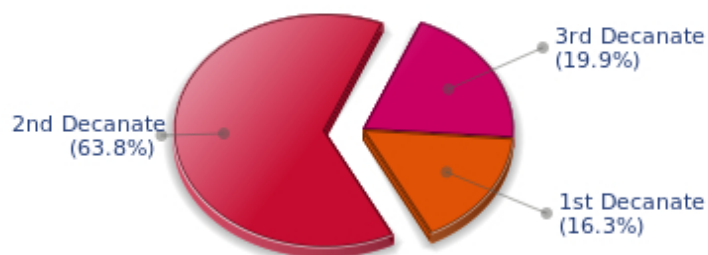
Your Esoteric Decanates

Each sign contains 30 degrees and can be divided into three equal parts: the decanates. The Tradition indicates that specific meanings can be associated to each of the three decanates. Their sphere of activity is usually limited to the Sun sign, however, it is even more interesting to observe the distribution of all the planets in the chart to get an idea of the respective importance of the three decanates, which can complement the description of the personality.

These meanings must be considered with the greatest caution. Indeed, they are minor characteristics that can only underline other outstanding traits of character.

Traditionally, the first decanate highlights the characteristics of the sign where a planet is located. The two other decanates correspond to sub-dominant planets, depending on the nature of each sign. This system leads to a multiplication of meanings and it is impossible to have a clear understanding: here, we prefer to give only the meaning of one decanate in comparison with the other two, within the birth chart as a whole. Again, the greatest caution is needed with regard to this minor indication as it is not always reliable: it is not essential that you read these texts in the beginning. You can get back to them later on, once you have read more important interpretations

Your Esoteric Decanates



The second decanate, which means the part between 10° and 20° of any zodiacal sign, prevails in your natal chart, Amélie Nothomb: these 10 zodiacal degrees emphasize logical thought and mental values. Therefore, you may be drawn to some kind of scientific activities, research, writing or any sort of expression where you have to... think a lot.

Annex 2: Karmic Study

The karmic theme is a good complement to the psychological portrait, or natal chart. This analysis is based on the positions of the Lunar Nodes, the Black Moon and the Part of Fortune: they are also called fictitious points and describe the spiritual purpose of your destiny. Because there is in all of us an experience and a quest, our life is an evolutionary journey... provided that we head towards the right direction, of course! Indian astrologers highly prize the Nodes axis (North Node and South Node). It is the Ariadne's thread that we are invited to follow. The Black Moon indicates the sector where we are most likely to transform or to transcend, whereas the Part of Fortune points out the area where we can easily express our specificity.

The Lunar Nodes: a spiritual path

Lunar Nodes have their roots in the Indian tradition and they are based on a simple concept: each of us have a mission of their own, here on earth, a destiny, a course. According to the Indian philosophy, life is a school: the nodal axis describes our past experiences (South Node, our karma, our spiritual inheritance or our previous lives), and our aims on earth (North Node, our Dharma, the purpose of our current incarnation). This is the reason why the study of the lunar nodes is called "Karmic astrology". Here, we shall not step into hypothetical past lives. Wherever our current trends may come from, all that really matters is that we become aware of the purpose of our life, its finality and our dharma. We are likely to understand our life purpose around the age of 37, when the Lunar Nodes return to their natal position.

You are a rebel. Your extremist attitude earns you successes and setbacks, alternately, and prompts you to transform your lifestyle. However, you long for stability. Your life challenge is to accept to enjoy life's simple joys without gratuitously challenging your assets. As years and experiences go by, you learn the value of what you possess. Things that used to make you indignant, because they were too comfortable, become gradually highly worthy. Your progression encourages your level-headedness: in a first stage, you are prone to struggles, dissidence and contestations... that cause more delusions than satisfactions. Therefore, you set aside your outbursts of anger and strive towards wisdom: acceptance of facts – which does not mean resignation –, renunciation without submission. Although it may not please the frenzied adventurers, you need a minimal dose of quietness and comfort if you are to give of your best and to fully blossom!

A part of you is bohemian: you may shirk realities (at least during the first years of adulthood) and you keep your distance from the constraints of this world! However, life reminds you of them... As years go by, you show more pragmatism. Of course, you must keep your assets: a sharp intuition of people and things, a profitable detachment that allows you to cope with daily petty things. But you must also control the vagaries of life that may fall into the bad side of a "bohemian life" if you are not careful. The consequences may be setbacks and delusions that will cease only when you become aware of realities. As you progress, you may be a therapist who heals the body (a medical occupation)... or the soul because you are altruistic and you know how to listen.

Lilith or the Dark Moon

The Black Moon is the spark of refusal and distance that is dormant in all of us. Depending on the sign where she is found in your chart, she highlights the desire to transform and to sublimate a part of your life. The Black Moon is unfathomable and mysterious. She gives a different dimension to the sector she touches. Her manifestations are subtle; nonetheless, she is powerful, implacable, demanding to the extreme... The Black Moon is also called Lilith. She is the inner flame of your heroism and

insubordination.

The Black Moon here readily sacrifices the ties of this world to the essential: spiritual life and renunciation, fusion into an ideal. Your dreams are strange: life vagaries do not matter since your quest is internal. In the course of your progression, you may often show an unusual faculty of detachment. Although the reasons why you give up a given road for another one may not be always understood... though deep down, you know the reason why.

Twin relations (those that include your fellow creature, your double) are an object of fascination. You are in quest of your soul mate, your identical being rather than your complement... This attitude brings about exaltations and setbacks: you think that you recognize that special one who really resembles you? Differences, however, grow more painfully as time unfolds. But your search of an absolute relation may also become the cement of a close and privileged couple, impervious to life vagaries.

The Part of Fortune in House

The Part of Fortune is a very ancient fictitious point that depends on the lunar phase at the time of birth. The astrological house tenanted is particularly strengthened. In your chart, the Part of Fortune is in the 9th house: you live for adventures and you want to go beyond the limits of your abilities with a view to discover new schools of thought. The key to your motivations is travel under all its forms, geographical, spiritual or inner exploration. You need to broaden your field of consciousness, which can be too ambitious a word to describe simple experiences: the taste for foreign or strange cultures, accepting and understanding differences.

Retrograde Planets

The karmic tradition insists on the issues related to the so-called retrograde planets. They are considered to be the inheritance of a past that was not well experienced, a sort of unfinished business. The interpretations of the retrogradation may seem negative or excessive to you. However, you may relate to a scenario that you have often and repeatedly experienced... as if you underwent several setbacks that all have the same cause. Until the day you become aware of it and you can free yourself from it! Through the slow integration of these planetary energies, you will be able to overcome your difficulties and to pay your karmic debt. Actually, each retrograde planet highlights an opportunity for evolution. Nothing can be achieved without the will to grow spiritually and to defeat your own demons.

Neptune retrograding concerns spirituality. You may have expressed early in life a few reluctances about the subtle world of faith. You may have ignored destiny's signs and winks and you preferred to stick to your certainties, to a rigorous and objective control of your life. You dread your own aspirations and you readily trust others': this causes a lack of autonomy and the feeling that you may not receive as much as you give. However, several delusions teach you that you must relativize your calculating and methodical attitude and open up to the irrationality of love in order to find an inner and more spiritual progression. Embracing the invisible is a process that unfolds as years and experiences go by. Your own generosity increases as you become aware of your entourage's generosity.

N.B: modern astrology attaches less and less importance to the principles of retrograding planets.

Conclusion

A few remarks are needed here in order to allow you to fully take advantage of your astrological portrait: firstly, do not forget that a birth chart is also a photograph of the sky at birth and a structure that not only contains the personality's characteristics, but also its potential evolution.

We all know that, in real life, people begin to know themselves when they are in their forties, or even later. Likewise, several traits of character in a portrait may seem surprising: in most cases, it means that such features are not yet developed.

Some personalities reveal themselves late in life, whereas others are more precocious. It must be remembered that psychological structures are in a state of continuous evolution because they are influenced by unfolding events and gradual maturity. We can never underline strongly enough the "mobile" nature of the personality, throughout a lifetime.

On the other hand, it is difficult to discriminate what is "already present" at this moment in your life when you are reading your chart's interpretation, from what will appear later in the logic of your evolution: you must sort out all the pieces of information provided and, in most cases, you will see that your astrological portrait is helpful for your endeavours to know yourself better.

Finally, several readings of an astrological portrait are usually necessary in order to absorb all its different meanings and to evaluate the relevance of each character trait.

In any case, better self-knowledge obviously contributes to faster personal blossoming, and it is undoubtedly one of astrology's major roles: contributing to know oneself better, in order to improve more rapidly, to deal with one's weaknesses and to avoid its drawbacks, and to take advantage of one's assets as efficiently as possible.
