





Carla Bruni's Astrological Portrait



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Introduction

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.

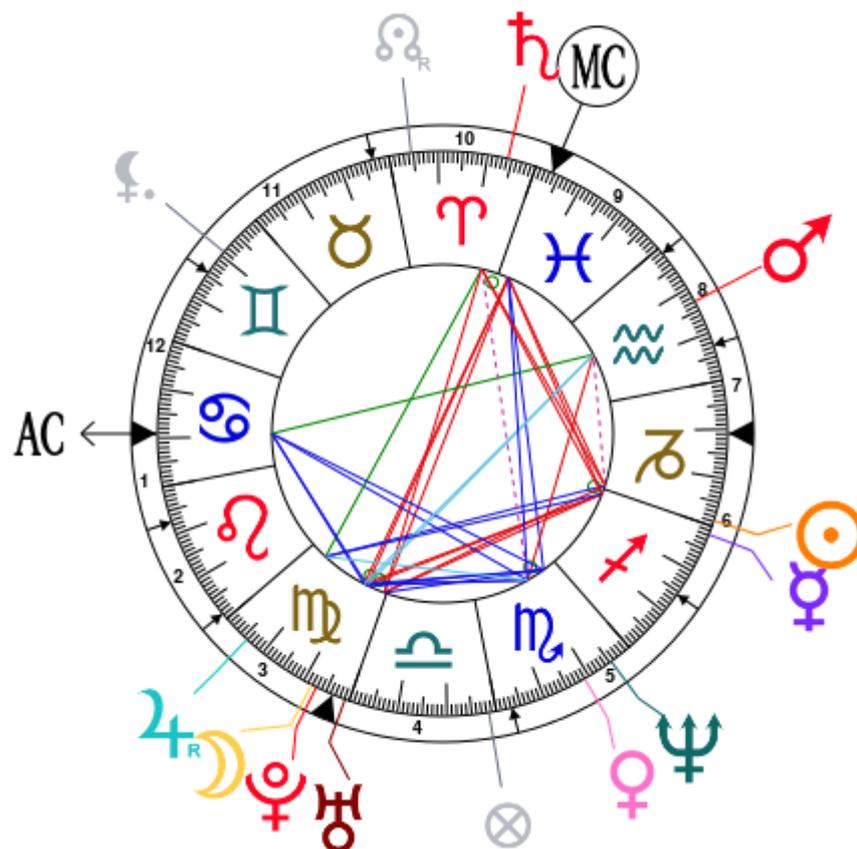
The karmic chart complements the psychological portrait or natal chart. It is based on the positions of the Lunar Nodes, the Black Moon, and the Part of Fortune. These elements of the chart, sometimes referred to as fictitious points, provide information about the spiritual meaning of your destiny. Owing 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

Carla Bruni, born December 23, 1967, at 06:10 PM, Turin > Torino (Piemonte), Italy [7.40E ; 45.03N ; 1E00]

Natal Planets				In House	Natal Houses (Placidus)			
☉ Sun	1°11'	♄ Capricorn	House 6	House 1	19°07'	♋ Cancer		
☾ Moon	21°49'	♍ Virgo	House 3	House 2	7°20'	♌ Leo		
☿ Mercury	28°12'	♐ Sagittarius	House 6	House 3	28°39'	♌ Leo		
♀ Venus	19°01'	♏ Scorpio	House 5	House 4	26°26'	♍ Virgo		
♂ Mars	16°59'	♒ Aquarius	House 8	House 5	3°16'	♏ Scorpio		
♃ Jupiter	5°50' R	♍ Virgo	House 3	House 6	14°25'	♐ Sagittarius		
♄ Saturn	5°50'	♈ Aries	House 10	House 7	19°07'	♄ Capricorn		
♅ Uranus	29°09'	♍ Virgo	House 4	House 8	7°20'	♒ Aquarius		
♆ Neptune	25°23'	♏ Scorpio	House 5	House 9	28°39'	♒ Aquarius		
♇ Pluto	22°52'	♍ Virgo	House 3	House 10	26°26'	♓ Pisces		
♁ Node	25°26' R	♈ Aries	House 10	House 11	3°16'	♉ Taurus		
♇ Lilith	9°09'	♊ Gemini	House 11	House 12	14°25'	♊ Gemini		
AS AS	19°07'	♋ Cancer						
MC MC	26°26'	♌ Leo						

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 conjunction Mercury, orb 2° 59'
- ★☆☆☆☆ Sun semi-square Mars, orb 0° 47'
- ★★★★★ Sun trine Jupiter, orb -4° 39'
- ★★☆☆☆ Sun square Saturn, orb 4° 38'
- ★★☆☆☆ Sun square Uranus, orb 2° 01'
- ★★☆☆☆ Sun square Midheaven, orb -4° 45'
- ★☆☆☆☆ Moon square Mercury, orb 6° 22'
- ★★★★★ Moon sextile Venus, orb -2° 48'
- ★★★★★ Moon bi-quintile Mars, orb 1° 09'
- ★★★★★ Moon conjunction Uranus, orb 7° 19'
- ★★★★★ Moon sextile Neptune, orb 3° 33'
- ★★★★★ Moon conjunction Pluto, orb 1° 02'
- ★★★★★ Moon sextile Ascendant, orb 2° 42'
- ★★★★★ Moon opposite Midheaven, orb -4° 36'
- ★☆☆☆☆ Mercury trine Jupiter, orb -7° 38'
- ★☆☆☆☆ Mercury square Saturn, orb 7° 37'
- ★★★☆☆ Mercury square Uranus, orb -0° 57'
- ★★☆☆☆ Mercury square Pluto, orb 5° 2'
- ★★★☆☆ Mercury square Midheaven, orb -1° 46'
- ★★★☆☆ Venus square Mars, orb -2° 02'
- ★☆☆☆☆ Venus quintile Jupiter, orb 1° 1'
- ★☆☆☆☆ Venus sesqui-quadrate Saturn, orb 1° 48'
- ★★★★★ Venus conjunction Neptune, orb 6° 22'
- ★★★★★ Venus sextile Pluto, orb -3° 5'
- ★★★★★ Venus trine Ascendant, orb -0° 05'
- ★☆☆☆☆ Venus trine Midheaven, orb 7° 24'
- ★★★★★ Mars bi-quintile Pluto, orb 0° 06'
- ★☆☆☆☆ Mars inconjunction Ascendant, orb 2° 08'
- ★★☆☆☆ Jupiter inconjunction Saturn, orb 0'
- ★★★★★ Saturn conjunction Midheaven, orb 9° 24'
- ★★★★★ Uranus opposite Midheaven, orb -2° 43'
- ★★★★★ Neptune trine Ascendant, orb 6° 16'
- ★★★★★ Neptune trine Midheaven, orb 1° 02'
- ★★★★★ Pluto sextile Ascendant, orb 3° 44'

★★★★★ Pluto opposite Midheaven, orb -3° 34'

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.

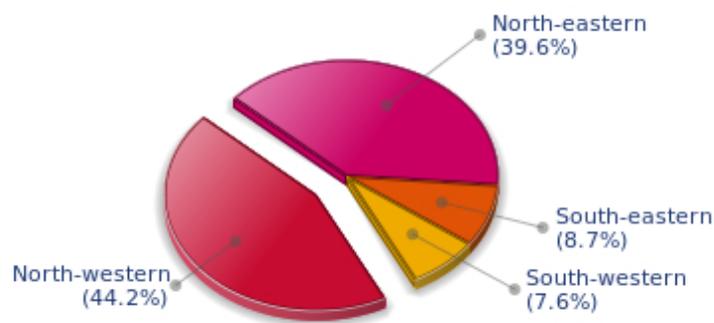
These general character traits must not be taken literally; they are, somehow, preparing for the chart reading. They allow to understand the second part of the analysis, which is more detailed and precise. It focuses on every area of the personality and provides a synthesis of all the above-mentioned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

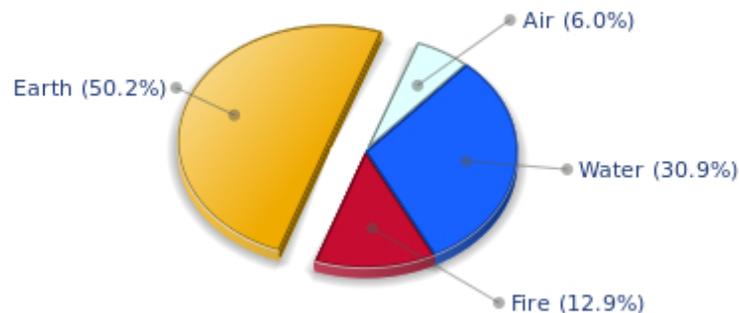


Carla Bruni, the nocturnal North-western quadrant, consisting of the 4th, 5th and 6th houses, prevails in your chart: this sector favours creativity, conception and some sort of specialization or training, with helpfulness and relations as strong components. You need others' cooperation in order to work properly, although you are not very expansive: creating, innovating and thinking are what matter most to you because this self-expression enriches you and totally satisfies you.

Your Dominant Modes and Elements

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

Your Four Elements



Like the majority of Earth signs, Carla Bruni, you are efficient, concrete and not too emotional. What matters to you is what you see: you judge the tree by its fruits. Your ideas keep changing, words disappear, but actions and their consequences are visible and remain. Express your sensitivity, even if it means revealing your vulnerability. Emotions, energy and communication must not be neglected; concrete action is meaningless if it is not justified by your heart, your intellect or your enthusiasm.

The predominance of Water signs indicates high sensitivity and elevation through feelings, Carla Bruni. 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.

Air is under-represented in your natal chart, with only 6.02% instead of the average 25%. Air symbolizes the values of communication, exchanges with others, but also adaptability and flexibility abilities: if you don't get out of your cocoon to talk, to show interest in others, and to socialize, you may have problems understanding others. Because of your lack of flexibility or of your refusal to adapt yourself, you may be suddenly overwhelmed by events. You should get into the habit of talking, of phoning, and of thinking in terms of "mobility, flexibility, adaptability, change" in every circumstance. It will spare you so many troubles!

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, Carla Bruni, 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!

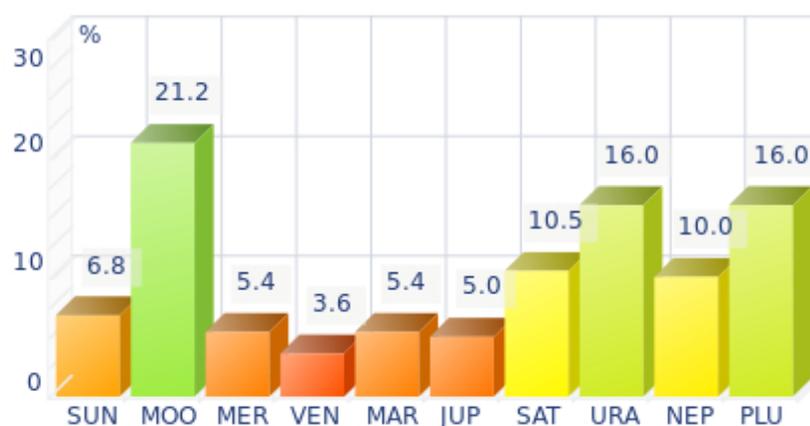
The ten planets - the Sun throughout Pluto - are a bit like ten characters in a role-play, each one has its own personality, its own way of acting, its own strengths and weaknesses. They actually represent a classification into ten distinct personalities, and astrologers have always tried to associate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

Carla Bruni, here is the evaluation diagramme for your planets:

Your Dominant Planets



The three planets that are most highlighted in your chart are the Moon, Uranus and Pluto.

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!

Uranus among your dominant planets: just like Neptune and Pluto, Uranian typology is less clearly defined than the so-called classical seven planets that are visible to the naked eye, from the Sun to Saturn. However, it is possible to associate your Uranian nature with a few clear characteristics: Uranus rhymes with independence, freedom, originality, or even rebelliousness and marginality, when things go wrong...

Uranus is Mercury's higher octave and as such, he borrows some of its traits of character; namely, a tendency to intellectualize situations and emotions with affective detachment, or at least jagged affectivity.

Therefore, you are certainly a passionate woman who is on the lookout for any kind of action or revolutionary idea, and you are keen on new things. Uranians are never predictable, and it is especially when they are believed to be stable and well settled that... they change everything - their life, partner, and job! In fact, you are allergic to any kind of routine, although avoiding it must give way to many risks.

With Pluto as a dominant planet in your chart, you are a magnetic and mighty predator, like the Scorpio sign ruled by this planet, who needs to exert pressure on others in order to "test" them. You are always

ready to evolve, to risk destruction for reconstruction - including your own - to live more intensely whilst imposing your secret authority on things and on people you encounter.

You may come across as wicked, cruel or too authoritarian, but actually you only follow your instinct, you sound people out, and you like to exert your domination simply because your vital energy is too powerful to remain inside. You are inclined to be passionate, with hidden motivations. You are sometimes misunderstood but one of your great Plutonian assets is to go successfully through each life ordeal with ever growing strength.

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 Scorpio. 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 unflinching 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 Scorpio as a dominant sign, you are a strong and astute person, complicated and passionate, sometimes destructive and intolerant, but strong-willed, tough and daring, sometimes bordering on

aggressive. So many qualities and dangers combined in one person! Obviously, this often results in a natural selection of people around you: those who stand up to you or admire you and those who can't bear you anymore! But that is precisely what you want. You are what you are and you are not going to transform yourself just to please. You are too proud and you never dread confrontations, although your way of fighting is secret, as is your nature that, mysteriously enough, you are so reluctant to reveal even to your close friends who will never understand you. That said... what a hellish charm you have!



Houses 3, 6 and 5 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.

As the 3rd house is one of the most important houses in your chart, communication plays a major role in your life or in your deep motivations: frequent short trips, open-mindedness - which may offset a lack of mutable signs for instance - listening, discussion, interest in learning, knowledge accumulation or long-term studies, etc., are all areas that greatly appeal to you and are part of your daily life.

Your 6th house is quite emphasized and indicates interest in work and daily occupations that take up a lot of your time: in analogy with Virgo, this house inclines towards perfectionism and training; somehow, you may be fulfilled through the process of being useful and investing your energy in your work. An environment appealing to you may be involved - your colleagues, for example - or a passion for one of these daily occupations. Medical positions or pets may play a role in your life; or ancillary love affairs too... These are a few possibilities indicated by an important 6th house.

The 5th house is one of your dominant houses: hobbies, love life, sports, and games, including speculation and all kinds of entertainment, are fields that you actually take seriously! On a more subtle level, artistic creation as well as other forms of creation - including begetting children - could be one of your assets. You gain from taking part in leisure associations and various activity clubs in which a catchword resounds more than for most people: pleasure.

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 Capricorn and your Ascendant is in Cancer

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:

With this sign combination, it is not surprising if people think that you are difficult to figure out! Your Sun sign and your Ascendant sign are equally discreet. They both jealously guard their tranquillity and give you a strong inclination for inner explorations and solitary daydreaming. Cancer's emotionalism remains deeply concealed beneath its shell, and when you meet people for the first time, you come across as a calm and careful person. Nevertheless, you react very aggressively when you feel harmed and when you have to protect your loved ones or your private fiefdom. You disconcert your entourage with your mood swings or your personal logic which is a bit irrational. Capricorn and Cancer occupy exactly opposite places in the zodiacal wheel, which means that their characteristics are opposed but also complementary. Indeed, Cancer's lunar and privacy-oriented mind clashes with Capricorn's saturnine

and disembodied mind. Only the people who know you well are aware of your inner self, defined by your Capricorn Sun, and understand that, although you are stern, distant, and clumsy in expressing your affectionate feelings, you remain loyal and you fulfil your responsibilities in all circumstances. You are somehow a tender and sincere heart locked up behind a solid shell...

You were born with the Sun in Capricorn

Psychologically speaking, your nature is introverted and cold, totally controlled and phlegmatic, at least regarding the image you project invariably. You seem unemotional and austere. Actually, due to your secondarity, you chew over your strategies or your reactions required by your environment. You are slow but very thoughtful, solid and balanced. You are as curt as you are cold and you put the entire strength of your character at the service of your huge and long-term ambition or of your detachment from earthly riches and you focus on spiritual values.

Like all the persons born under an apparently reserved and tough sign, your inner personality is often charming and gentle, as if the thick armour, forged throughout childhood, had entirely preserved the purity and the warmth of the soul imprisoned within.

As you are born under this sign, you are serious, cold, disciplined, patient, focused, thoughtful, ambitious, indomitable, cautious, lucid, persistent, provident, steady, introverted, stern, wilful, hard-working, responsible, persevering, honest, realistic, loyal, reserved, resolute, moralistic, quiet, rigorous, attached and reliable. But you may also be curt, withdrawn, calculating, petty, cruel, unpleasant, ruthless, selfish, dull, rigid, slow or sceptical.

You are courageous and rational, Madam, but you need affection and tenderness in spite of what you say. You try constantly to be reasonable and to repress the sentimental weaknesses that come up once in a while. In general, there are few amorous encounters at the beginning of your life.

But quite rapidly, you become aware that solitude is not good for your balance. You remain on the defensive, you are hurting in your shell, that convenient ivory tower where you protect yourself in all areas, except this particular one...

With an aching heart, you will finally forsake your defences and you eventually experience a few rare exceptional encounters. Among them, you will meet with your soul mate, to whom you will dedicate all your time and your love with loyalty, faithfulness, a strong sense of duty and maximal efficiency.

You will control your children's education, inculcating in them the values of effort, patience, perseverance and social rules. You will teach them that the old saying applies to them too, that slow and steady wins the race. To be early is not to be on time... but their time will come!

Your Ascendant is 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.

The ruler of your chart is in Virgo

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 the Ascendant, Carla Bruni, is the Moon. In the sign of Virgo, it turns you into a cautious and rational person, sometimes to the detriment of your feelings. You like to improve yourself, and you pay a great deal of attention to details. You respect the rules, and you appreciate well-done work. However, you may lack self-confidence or you may hesitate, perhaps because you hate to make mistakes, since you believe that truth is a major quality.

Aspects to your Ascendant

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

★★★★★ Venus trine Ascendant, orb -0° 05'

Thanks to Venus, Carla Bruni, your behaviour is in harmony with your affective life, and you need not make any special effort in order to express your feelings in a natural way and without arousing people's criticisms. This asset enhances your natural easiness and charm, which is definitely not unpleasant!

★★★★★ Moon sextile Ascendant, orb 2° 42'

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

★★★★★ Pluto sextile Ascendant, orb 3° 44'

Pluto, the planet of instinct and secret, is in soft aspect with your Ascendant, Carla Bruni. It endows you with exceptional lucidity, which enables you to behave in society in an appropriate, though slightly scathing and domineering way. You exploit your nose and your magnetism, and you do so very successfully!

★★★★★ Neptune trine Ascendant, orb 6° 16'

Neptune in soft aspect with your Ascendant endows you with a sharp intuition which enables you to instinctively adopt the behaviour which your entourage appreciates, Carla Bruni. You have the natural flair which prevents you from making errors of judgment on people. You understand the crowd, and you have the good reflexes for being well-accepted by all.

★★★★★ Mars inconjunction Ascendant, orb 2° 08'

When Mars is in dissonance with the Ascendant, Carla Bruni, 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 sensitivity is dominated by your reason, Carla Bruni, and you tend to analyze your emotional reactions in the slightest details, as if you wanted you hold them at bay so that they cannot overwhelm you or weaken you. Your nature is anxious, shy, you do not like to be in the forefront and you lack self-confidence. You are extremely perfectionist, you need to examine, to organize and to plan everything according to your logic. You like to help and to feel that you are useful, in your own work or through your wise and clever advice. You may also be very demanding and critical, even unbearable, because you are insistent and you find fault in everything. Learn to gain some self-confidence and do not constantly be ready to criticize...

Lively, even restless sometimes, Carla Bruni, your thoughts are roaming, prolific, fluctuating: you are interested in many things and your “Jack of all trades” side is part of your charm, even if you have difficulties in concentrating and completing what you start.

Your emotions are particularly active during your contacts and your frequent travels. You almost chat too much sometimes, mixing practical and affective matters, often changing your mind. However, you are very intuitive when it comes to instantly grasp the personality of the person you are dealing with. If you are a journalist or a writer, you probably have chosen the best direction for you! Relations with females are usually favoured, or at least, they are numerous and intense.

★★★★★ Moon conjunction Pluto, orb 1° 02'

You are a riddle for people... and for yourself. This harmonious Moon-Pluto aspect arouses your desire to understand and to express elements hidden in your unconsciousness. You are interested in the occult, in laws that rule beings and things in the dark. You like to pull strings and to manipulate situations without people's knowledge in order to remain mysterious. You feel fine when you are not in the limelight, but you intervene in the dark, with subtlety. Your intimate behaviour reveals the distance that you strive to keep in order to protect your inner life. You gladly cultivate the angel of the bizarre, even in your life habits and in your daily rhythms.

★★★★★ Moon sextile Venus, orb -2° 48'

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 conjunction Uranus, orb 7° 19'

This harmonious Moon-Uranus aspect indicates that your well being depends on the original quality of your charm and on new-ness. You are not influenced by prevailing trends and fashion. You have a personal view of what a balancing private life should be. You enjoy unexpected situations, even extravagant ones. But if you feel that your living environment hampers your freedom, you suddenly change your attitudes and your habits. Independence is your true realm. You may show an exceptional

inflexibility when your intimate life moves away from the patterns you need, deep down. Your entourage must get used to your demands and to the values you are determined to keep with all your might and on which you are uncompromising. This determination does not allow for a laid-back attitude, or an indolence that so often causes degradations. You keep your own daily rhythms under control.

★★★★★ Moon sextile Neptune, orb 3° 33'

This harmonious Moon-Neptune aspect indicates an exceptional receptivity. You are sensitive to ambiances and you can grasp what is at stake in any given situation. You can pick up things in the general atmosphere that the majority of people miss out. Your deep intuition allows you to feel the subtlest details, that « little nothing » which is the key to behavioural patterns. Inspiration is your guide and imagination accompanies your daily rhythms. Mysteries, psychology, esoterism, fantasy, the supernatural... one of these fields, at least, is of concern to you. You pay utmost attention to your inner life, to moments of tranquillity when you relax, when you allow your mind to wander at will. The danger is that you may seek refuge in the imaginary and that you shirk reality.

★★★★★ Moon bi-quintile Mars, orb 1° 09'

Your vivid imagination goes hand in hand with you desire to make your dream come true and to fight, so as to remain true to yourself. You easily mobilize your energy and your resources. This harmonic Moon-Mars aspect indicates the will to keep your intimate balance under all circumstances. You thrive in action; you court danger, particularly when your regular environment is endangered. In the private sphere, you exhibit complete straightforwardness. This planetary configuration allows you to quickly get back on your feet within a new context. You adjust well to unprecedented situations. Your capacity to integrate events rapidly can only increase your adaptation abilities.

Your Affectivity

In your chart, the Sun is in Capricorn and Venus, in Scorpio. Your solar and Venusian signs have in common a marked tendency to resilience. Here, there are two distinctive forms of resistance, which may clash as much as they may complete each other: while Capricorn strives to preserve his own logic (ivory tower is often mentioned with this sign) and resists external stimulations, Venus in Scorpio is fond of situations of crisis, and she is more an opponent than she is distant. With this Venus, your passions have quite particular contours. There may be some sort of dramatized dimension of your affective experiences. This is an aspect that the Sun in Capricorn does not appreciate too much... You probably handle the art of paradoxes skilfully, shifting from a cautious, distant and self-protective attitude to an excited, passionate and extremist behaviour. In these conditions, it is difficult for your entourage to grasp the logic presiding over your sentimental life! There is also an obvious rejection of situations that you deem too simple, a form of reserve, especially when you feel moved in the deepest parts of your sensitivity. How is it possible to protect yourself from passionate injuries without renouncing your desires, without forsaking the thrills and fantasies that give a fulfilled relation all its savour?

You cannot dissociate love from passion, Carla Bruni. Your feelings are immediate, imperious, intense, and it is absolutely impossible for you to think of an amorous relationship without fusion, without the irresistible desire to know everything about your partner: emotions, feelings, sexuality, everything must be experienced in a possessive, absolute and unrestricted way. Actually, your feelings are as complex as they are deep. You seldom love, but when you do, a burning ardour and its torrid, violent frolics consume your couple. It is obvious that such powerful feelings may lead to jealousy and absolute exclusivity,

almost bordering on the will to control your partner. If your relationship is genuine, all is fine. But if it is not the case, there are real dangers of shared wounds within your couple; it is hard to reconcile passion with tranquillity and it is clear that for you, sentimental serenity involves a partner who is either as complex as you and who instinctively understands you, or who is complementary, and as calm and steady as your impulses are intense and deep.

Carla Bruni, your Venus has a natural affinity with this house. She feels very comfortable and she gives her best in terms of intensity of feelings, artistic creativity, inclination for leisure, entertainment, fine arts and music gifts and even, the capacity to easily communicate with children. With Venus in this house, more than in any other position, the affectivity is increased and endows you with an active and enterprising attitude, in this area of life. Creativity is associated with the 5th house and Venus here allows you to blend pleasure and motivation, not only in the field of artistic creation and entertainment, but also in love, where you are prompted to fearlessly create or to actively develop romantic relationships with the elected person. Besides, you are particularly at your best here, more ready to extend extreme kindness, warmth or seduction than in any other of your daily activities. However, the danger with this position is to fall prey of your own great ability to please, to seduce or to enjoy yourself, be it through romantic dissipation or through sheer pleasure to shine.

★★★★☆ Venus square Mars, orb -2° 02'

This Venus-Mars aspect indicates a sensitivity all on edge and an impulsive character. Emotions and heart impulses cause a marked tension. Life is an affective battlefield. Love is omnipresent but often fragile: impulsiveness reigns over the realm of feelings. The object of desire may become irresistible and implacable, or the sense of confrontations prevents affective tranquillity. However, the richness of your emotional responses is to be noted: you are more inclined than others to be guided by amorous fevers and you live intense passionate experiences. Your overwhelming impressionability must be contained. Romantic people seldom enjoy tranquillity!

★★★★☆ Venus conjunction Neptune, orb 6° 22'

Your sentimental life unfolds like a strange dream. Love is too delicate to be tamed or controlled. You follow your heart impulses in an idyllic ambiance, far from reality's ordinary constraints, far from conventions and conformism. You exude a particular charm, discreet and subtle. But your affectivity may be disconcerting. You are very sensitive to marks of affection and tenderness, although you are aware that love cannot be bought or won. What is meant to be will be and it is impossible to know the hows and the whys behind a prevailing harmony. The obvious danger is that you may refuse to make any effort in such conditions. Living as a couple must feel natural and you do not need to objectively build the foundations of a relationship. You are an idealist and you dream of an affective paradise, which may be too good to be true...

★★★★☆ Venus sextile Pluto, orb -3° 5'

You exercise exceptional clear-sightedness in love. Your passions are subtle, deep, although disconcerting and imperceptible to the outsider. You display no gullibility and you keep your distance. This is part of your charm. You detect what is really at stake in your couple's relationship and in your sentimental attitude. You drive the boat of your sensitivity without falling victim to mirages and affective traps. The only danger is that you may be too calculating. As you try to totally control love and to constantly pull the strings, you may lose the ingenuity and innocence which are necessary to nurture a relationship. You give proofs of your love in a very personal way and you never hesitate to use paradoxes to preserve the authenticity of your relations. You can anticipate problems and prevent difficulties.

★★★★★ Venus sesqui-quadrate Saturn, orb 1° 48'

This Venus-Saturn dissonance indicates a demanding, complex and often challenged affectivity. You are wondering about the meanings of love, pleasure and emotions. Your passions take an absolute character right away. No compromise, no sham must stain your sentimental life. In such a context, doubts abound. This aspect prompts you to review the roots of your affectivity, so as to find the assurance you lack and to soothe your dormant sentimental anxiety. Love is an eternal and endless quest. Because you are doubtful of the affection people have for you, you may never feel that you are really loved. Your affective behaviour reveals your uncertainties: tests and challenges follow one another until, eventually, you are certain to experience a love that meets your demands. It is obvious that on the sentimental area, you are not looking for the easy way out.

★★★★★ Venus quintile Jupiter, orb 1° 1'

Charm and seduction are your assets. This harmonious Venus-Jupiter aspect favours your affective fulfilment and your sentimental well being. You earn your entourage's sympathy thanks to your conciliating sensitivity, your desire to please and your behaviour in society. In many circumstances, you arouse esteem and consideration – essential values to you. You like social whirls, life in society, the aesthetics and the arts. You often tend to look for the easy way out in your business and your affective relationships. You are known as a complacent person. However, your amorous commitments may be quite superficial. It is important that, without breaking the spell, you opt for a more genuine attitude, respectful of your essential desires. As we all know it, love cannot be bought. An indication of balance: because you are aware that compromises are necessary for a love affair to endure, better than anyone else, you know how to maintain harmony in love.

The Way You Take Action and Your Sexuality

Carla Bruni, the way you take action is quite paradoxical: you carry out your business perfectly well when you are in a teamwork with collective goals, but you do so in your original and individualistic manner: this is your main peculiarity. Your concern is to express your originality and your specificity while remaining immersed in a human community. You are curt and not very flexible. You are inventive and you easily fight authority, just because its very principle runs counter to the sacred values of freedom, independence and, above all, the absence of constraint. Competition does not appeal to you. You prefer to be useful and to conquer new territories of the humanitarian or the intellectual type. On the sexual plane, you are also often original and surprising regarding your fantasies and your tastes.

Carla Bruni, this atypical configuration in your natal chart is one of the most complex to describe because of the very nature of the 8th house, the house of transformation, of crises leading to personal reconstruction, but also the house of sexuality, hidden knowledge, investment and inheritance.

In addition, the 8th house always deepens emotions and quickly brings passion into the previously mentioned areas. In this house, the quality of Mars' expression depends on the rest of the natal chart.

In order not to make mistakes, it is safer to talk about a possible range of fields of predilection: your energy can be expressed efficiently in areas dealing with financial investment, death, possessions and sexuality.

This configuration may also simply increase the intensity of emotions connected with these hidden

topics and, depending on the rest of your natal chart, it may or may not translate into life assets. More than with any other placement, you can be born again from your ashes, like the phoenix. After having undergone a few major ordeals, it is likely that you will have the strength and courage to do so.

★★★★★ Mars bi-quintile Pluto, orb 0° 06'

You have a very personal way of taking action and of experiencing confrontations and struggles. The laws of the world are subtle, often with complex and hidden mechanisms. For these reasons, you prefer to act behind the scenes rather than openly. You manage your daily life in a distant and subtle fashion while you try to understand the logic underlying observed facts. You may also provoke events although you act as if you were not concerned. Your interventions will be as efficient as they are discreet. You may secretly transform your life and you live through the inexpressible motivations that connect you with the invisible realm. Things, which cannot be formulated, must be experimented and felt. You test experiences that your entourage find uninteresting and meaningless.

★★★★★ Sun semi-square Mars, orb 0° 47'

This aspect shows impulsiveness, a fiery character and sensitivity all on edge. Excess of strength and of energy may jeopardize your life balance and cause impulsive and unconsidered actions. Your ideals are not always in line with your deeds. You are certainly reactive and you stand for yourself heroically. But your untimely fits of anger may worsen existing tensions and bring about uncontrollable situations. Facts contradict your aspirations. When this configuration is properly reined in, it becomes an inexhaustible source of passion and energy.

Your Intellect and Your Communication Style

Your thirst for learning is considerable, Carla Bruni, and you can spend a lifetime studying languages, geography, philosophy and law, particularly. You are open-minded and you want to abolish all kinds of frontiers. The humanist, who is dormant in you, may turn into a "frequent traveller" reaching out to others in order to understand them and communicate with them. You express your opinions and your beliefs with honesty and clarity and likewise, you receive others' views with enthusiasm. You have numerous centres of interest and you may be perceived to be superficial, heedless and over-optimistic. However, if you manage to control your tendency to scattering, all your encounters, all your discoveries can positively influence your philosophical life approach.

It is at work that you can release your mental power full steam ahead, Carla Bruni. What's the point of racking one's brains if it's not to show one's professional value, to climb the social ladder, to earn one's colleagues' esteem, and to improve oneself every day. You adjust very well to your work environment or at least, this is one of your main concerns.

Your intelligence is rather practical or concrete and you are often interested in health and sometimes in pets, and you are very keen to turn each day into a source of intellectual stimulation.

★★★★★ Sun conjunction Mercury, orb 2° 59'

You know how to play with your image, how to give multiple representations of yourself. A precious asset: you are sensitive to other people's opinion and you adapt yourself to the audience. Of course, there is a "show" side in your manner that may prevent perfect cohesion. But that's the other side of the coin, for an extraordinary capacity to discover. This aspect translates into an acute sense of observation, an

intense desire to learn and to bring everything to light. You strive to be informed in many circumstances, to understand the machinery of the world surrounding you, particularly regarding all human topics. And you will change according to that information and the knowledge gained. You have the chameleon's adaptation powers. And its vulnerability, as well.

★★★★★ Mercury square Uranus, orb -0° 57'

You are the champion for useless intellectual speculations, for crazy and revolutionary ideas. This Mercury-Uranus dissonance is the signature for an eccentric character, more ready to ridicule generally accepted ideas than to build up stable patterns. Your sense of humour reveals a critical and forceful mind. You can stand for an idea in the face of all opposition but you do not hesitate to support the opposite thesis the day after... with the same conviction. The coherence of your points of view is harmed by these spectacular reversals that constitute your speciality. In the relationship area, you may also provoke dramatic turns of events if your ideas are conflicted. The good news is that it seems difficult to convince you to accept points of view running counter to your principles. Intransigence also has its virtues.

★★★★★ Mercury square Pluto, orb 5° 2'

Forget simplicity! You definitely enjoy acting behind the scenes and dealing with what is going on underneath. You play games and you operate in the dark. You leave the front of the stage to others and to the gullible ones. You don't display much sociability. When you are nice, it is because you are looking for flaws. This Mercury-Pluto dissonance mingles unconscious fantasies with reality. When it is kept under control, this aspect becomes an unparalleled source of discernment. To that aim, you must overcome your strong tendency for provocations. It is certainly amusing to play destabilizing games but it may also be dangerous. Keep this treatment for your opponents only.

★★★★★ Moon square Mercury, orb 6° 22'

The Moon suggests relaxation, whereas Mercury implies a discoverer's mind. They both make sense and each one requires special attention, as they are sometimes upsetting. This Moon-Mercury aspect is likely to bring about nervousness or instability. Nervousness stems from the multiplication of your spots of interest and the perpetual restlessness of your mind, which prevents relaxation and well being from settling in. The outside world constantly appeals to your attention and you shift from one issue to another, to the detriment of your tranquillity. Therefore, it is important that you find the balance between two antinomial attitudes: letting-go versus curiosity, tranquillity versus communication. The new persons you meet with are not necessarily trustworthy and there is no certainty that the contact is harmonious. It is important that you use both influences alternately.

★★★★★ Mercury trine Jupiter, orb -7° 38'

You display strong abilities for adaptation, social insertion and various learning capacities. You are credited with an acute sense of relations, probably because you can speak other people's language. You easily assimilate the most varied settings and your qualities are acknowledged. Your attitude and the words you use have the power to seduce and to convince your entourage. Diplomacy is an asset in your game. You are fit for negotiation and you seek compromise solutions. The only danger may be that sometimes, you too readily accept agreements that turn out to be less positive than foreseen, after a while. This is the other side of the coin for your exceptional flexibility and your unquestionable tact.

★★★★★ Mercury square Saturn, orb 7° 37'

This Mercury-Saturn dissonance does not allow for simple and spontaneous relations. Your vision of the world is complex. You are sensitive to the fragileness of human relations and you are doubtful of transparent situations. You need to look for hypothetical calculations and you suspect that unclear reasons are underlying beneath dialogues and encounters. Your sociability is limited. You are a loner because you dread relationships and you trust very few people among your close friends. You ask yourself more questions than you can find answers! Therefore, you are on the look out, troubled by the unknown. Everything is subjected to your questionings. It seems difficult to find certainties and to be satisfied with commonplaces that cannot soothe your doubting mind. The forte of this aspect is that it brings about undisputable capacities for discernment. Although your lucidity may hinder your relations, it also grants a lasting protection against gullibility. By nature, you belong to the category of the sceptics!

Your Goals, Motivations, Career, and Destiny

Your Sun is posited in the 6th House

You are a perfectionist, Carla Bruni. Your constant concern is to improve yourself in every regard, to amass knowledge, to become helpful and to be at the top of your performances and your competencies. Work is an important area and, contrarily to many others, you are comfortable in this field where you can expend a lot of efforts and progress.

You are obsessive about organization and tidiness. Your varied interests - service to others is their common aspect - are less important than the harmonious and quiet ways you display when you carry out your responsibilities.

Being helpful is one of the important motivations that make you feel alive. You can't help it, you are very keen, not only to use your work capacity in a lasting and well-organized way, but also to feel the gratitude of your superiors or of the persons you commit yourself to with loyalty and with the constant concern to demonstrate that you improve yourself.

According to the Tradition, you are naturally interested in health, dietetics and all medicines dealing with well being and fitness. You may work happily in medical fields because they suit your tendency to do favours, to be helpful and to continuously improve your efficiency.

Your strong predisposition to be helpful is in contradiction with the taste for commandment. To become a leader or to accept too many responsibilities is not your cup of tea. You prefer to be the accomplished number 2 and to make yourself indispensable, rather than to take on the burden of authority struggles and to embark upon unsafe territories. For this reason, with this configuration, you may be somehow over-competent for the position you hold, contrarily to the well known Peter's principle stipulating that one reaches one's highest level... of incompetence at the end of one's career. You are a good specialist, a trustworthy person, an irreplaceable aid and that's more than enough for you.

Going further into the description of your deep motivations, in the least favourable cases, you may repress your legitimate ambitions. You are among the persons who need to be encouraged to free themselves from their inhibitions and to not fear the Unknown. You may worry over the fact that you are not up to it or over your health condition: the cure? Charge ahead, go for it, handle your career without

fear and beware of ever becoming a hypochondriac...

The ruler of your chart is in the 3rd 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 chart is in the 3rd House, Carla Bruni. In this configuration, it facilitates your exchanges with people, your short trips, your correspondence, and your capacity to adjust to situations and people, particularly the members of your entourage, as well as your siblings if you have any.

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:

★★★★★ Uranus opposite Midheaven, orb -2° 43'

Uranus is in opposition to your Midheaven, Carla Bruni. Strictly speaking, this is not a dissonance since it is at the same time a conjunction with your Imum Coeli which symbolises your roots, your family, the home where you were born, as well as the home you set up. Since he symbolises deep changes, Uranus brings about repeated and continuous changes in your private life. It does not mean changing partner, but home moving, new human environment, removals, dwelling in very different places, and experiencing unexpected lifestyles. These areas are the ones most affected by changes, which is not the case for the professional plane, although in some circumstances, both are linked of course.

★★★★★ Neptune trine Midheaven, orb 1° 02'

Thanks to this soft aspect of Neptune to your Midheaven, Carla Bruni, your intuition is very sharp, as far as your possibilities for success are concerned. Thus, you have no difficulties in finding your professional or social path, and your nose tells you whether something is good or not for you, even before you start to analyse it. Your imagination and your visionary qualities accompany you along your journey towards success.

★★★★★ Pluto opposite Midheaven, orb -3° 34'

Pluto is in opposition to your Midheaven, Carla Bruni. Strictly speaking, this is not a dissonance since at the same time, Pluto is in conjunction with your Imum Coeli which symbolises your roots, the home where you were born, childhood, and your family. This configuration may indicate that transformations and upheavals affecting your career are finally less important to you than those occurring in your home, or at least, that values associated with the place where you dwell, or your family, are particularly sensitive and important to you. Since Pluto is a collective planet, you usually "undergo" removals more than you choose them.

★★★☆☆ Mercury square Midheaven, orb -1° 46'

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.

★★★★☆ Sun square Uranus, orb 2° 01'

This Sun-Uranus dissonance indicates a dazzling will to be the centre of attention and to proclaim your specificity, by all means. This aspect belongs to the rebel and the revolutionary restive to all forms of authority and of model. To balance this interpretation, the strong need for autonomy bordering on frenzied individualism must be highlighted. You allow nothing or no one to hinder your chosen line of conduct. Obviously, your attitudes are inflexible. You prefer to continue to the bitter end, even when you are wrong, rather than to be more open to people's ideas. Tyrannical attitudes often turn against the perpetrator... However, this configuration is a powerful agent for creativity, provided your hothead and extremist nature is kept under control.

★★★★☆ Moon opposite Midheaven, orb -4° 36'

The Moon in opposition to your MC does not create a real dissonance in your natal chart, Carla Bruni. 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.

★★★★☆ Sun trine Jupiter, orb -4° 39'

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.

★★★★☆ Sun square Saturn, orb 4° 38'

The Sun-Saturn dissonance indicates frequent questionings. For the sake of lucidity, you are doubtful of everything that makes up your life environment, as well as of your entourage and of yourself. Past events are the cause of your distrust. Your motivations are not based on conventions or established norms. They may produce a feeling of loneliness or of revolt. However, you withstand difficult situations. You are pre-adapted to changes of direction and you are able to question the very basis of your life. Doubts are often overwhelming and hamper your steps. It is important that you accept facts with more simplicity and that you take life as it comes, without constantly questioning the validity of this or that option. It does not imply that you must lose the lucidity that is your characteristic. It only means that you have to build the self-confidence that you are lacking.

★★★★☆ Sun square Midheaven, orb -4° 45'

What you really want to do, or the way you consider everything, may be in contradiction with your professional goals, Carla Bruni. You may experience conflicts of authority, or a few hesitations over how to manage your career. In any case, you must display flexibility and water down your wine if you want to remain on the right track and achieve professional success. It is the only solution to this discrepancy between the Sun and your Midheaven.

★★★★★ Jupiter inconjunction Saturn, orb 0'

Jupiter and Saturn form a dissonance in your natal chart. It is far from being horrendous. This planetary configuration, which is deemed somewhere between the individual and collective characteristics, only indicates that your social integration may be delayed, or may encounter a few difficulties. Such slight delays or setbacks often have their origins in your own behaviour. Indeed, since Jupiter represents laws and public life, and Saturn, seriousness and perseverance, in many instances, you may become impatient, or even rebellious to any form of authority or legal constraints, to the extent that you cross the white line... When you face such circumstances, you must resign yourself to listening to reason and accept to wait for your turn, lest... your achievements are even more slowed down by your own haste.

★★★★★ Saturn conjunction Midheaven, orb 9° 24'

Saturn, the planet of perseverance, seriousness, time, and responsibilities, is in conjunction with your Midheaven, Carla Bruni. It often indicates a strong potential for professional success - or bright destiny in general - even though with Saturn, nothing is easy or simple. If you are not careful, and if the situation does not fit what you wish for, reversals may occur quickly. Astrologers have observed that with this configuration, you can successfully launch an activity which matches your character, and if possible, which also corresponds to Saturn's principles, such as for instance politics, administration, sciences, agriculture. By extension, it includes all occupations requiring intense and sustained efforts (Saturn being the master of time), even though the said occupation is not too "Saturnian". Commit yourself for a long stretch of time, and with obstinacy, you can harvest the fruits of your hard work.

★★★★★ Venus trine Midheaven, orb 7° 24'

In your natal chart, Carla Bruni, sweet Venus is in soft aspect with your Midheaven. It means that your natural charm and the way you express your feelings are appreciated in society. Usually, this configuration speeds up the achievement of your professional goals, or in any case, of a certain social status. A female - or females - may prove helpful for your career or your destiny.

Your Assets and Your Part of Joviality

The major asset of the planet of Greater Fortune in your chart, Carla Bruni, is the increase of your practical sense and of your capacity to create order in your surroundings. You progress easily in your activities, and in most cases, you are efficient, useful and cautious. The danger may be that you do not put yourself at the forefront to reap the rewards of your efforts, especially if the rest of your chart indicates a tendency for introversion or a lack of self-confidence.

Carla Bruni, the position of the planet of Greater Fortune in this astrological house brings about easy interpersonal relations, your siblings' love, great communication abilities within your neighbourhood, and pleasant short trips throughout your life.

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 Virgo gives you a talent for work, for practical activities and a higher than average dexterity. You have a strong sense of duty. You are very appreciated in your work environment because you are a perfectionist. The Tradition underlines that all the fields related to health and physical wellbeing are favoured.

Your Serious Side

Your natural fieriness and your impulsiveness are slowed down and well-controlled. You gain in stability, tolerance, and stamina what you lose in spontaneity, competitiveness, and freshness.

Your responsibilities, Carla Bruni, constantly increase, slowly, but steadily, as years go by. Your acute sense of duty, your good management of time, your long-term vision, and your moral rigour are the qualities which contribute to your inexorable rise to power with, deep down, odd feelings of anxiety.

With your definite taste for power or for success, you work your way up the top place. But the danger to fall is strong. You need as much persistence to reach the heights of your career, as to... remain there! Many Heads of State have this configuration, at the same time beneficial and a source of potential disappointments if too much importance and energy are dedicated to it. Indeed, climbing to the top should be only one facet of life.

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 Aries decreases your impulsiveness, your primary-ness and your spontaneity. But it endows you with more patience, tolerance and reflection in the long run.

A Few Special Points

Your Uniqueness and Your Utopias

As a general rule, at the end of your childhood, you quickly leave your parents' home because your thirst for independence is incompatible with a quiet life with your parents; in other cases, the atmosphere in your family is quite extravagant, even chaotic, and it is difficult for you to become stabilized, to feel secure, even though you need it for your balance. You are craving for it and this is what prompts you to leave your roots, sooner or later.

You are prone to unexpected home moves. Paradoxically enough, it seems that, as soon as you achieve stability, something makes you itch. You may be too sensitive, and when tense situations emerge, you

feel an irresistible need for change. The best way to handle these problems may be that you, yourself, organize your instability at home, for instance through extensive outings or trips. In any case, you should manage to create the impression that you are not in the same place for too long.

The stages of your life unfold without continuity as if there was a rupture between each successive environment created as time goes by. The past disappears quite abruptly and allows you to grow faster. It is up to you to find some stability or some security elsewhere!

Your Inspiration and Your Illusions

This pleasant combination may magnify your love affairs and your creativity and give them a romantic and whimsical side. If you are an artist, you often feel inspired and carried away by love and emotional impulses.

This area of your life is intense and, as a consequence, you are more vulnerable than other people. It is up to you to sort out among your positive, creative impressions on the one hand, and your out-of-proportion reactions caused by frustrating events, on the other hand.

You must know that you are exposed to love delusions. However, you are also entitled to the best part of love, when all is well.

In the fields of entertainment and relations with children, you are quite easily influenced and you follow your intuition more than your rational mind; rather emotion all on edge than reason...

Your Passion and Your Authority

Your mind is particularly clear-sighted and, if you are so inclined, you can show creativity in literature because your vision is extremely deep and intuitive.

Your clear-sightedness may be a source of troubles within your entourage or your siblings. Indeed, your penetrating mind may prompt you to say things that you should never utter. You may also show a form of authority that lacks diplomacy when you deal with others.

Your short trips may be surrounded with mystery. In a few rare instances, they may bring about turmoil or on the contrary, happy disruptions.

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 unsuspected

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.

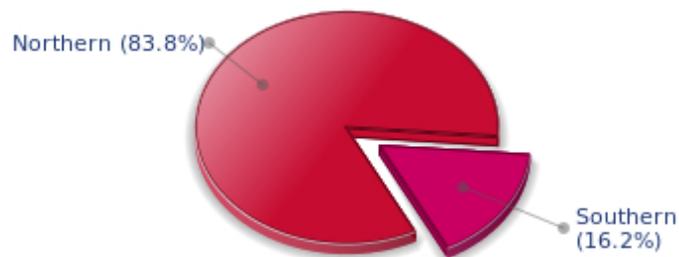
Your Planetary Repartitions: Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Hemispheres

The axis linking the 1st house's cuspid (the Ascendant) to the 7th house's cuspid - 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, Carla Bruni, the ten main planets are distributed as follows:

Your Northern and Southern Hemispheres



Carla Bruni, the predominance of planets in the Northern hemisphere prompts you to reflect and imagine rather than to exteriorize your actions and to be at the forefront of the stage. So, should you wish to remedy this situation, it is up to you to force your nature to take action in broad daylight, to communicate, and to assert yourself... then, you can move forward in this concrete life and enjoy your newly won situation.

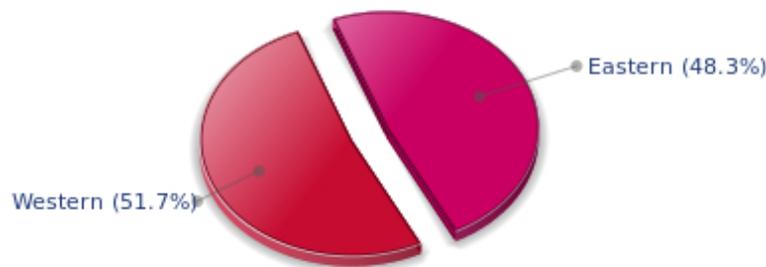
The birth chart is divided into two other parts, Eastern and Western, by the axis linking the Midheaven

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.

Carla Bruni, here is the planetary repartition in your Eastern and your Western hemispheres:

Your Eastern and Western Hemisphere:

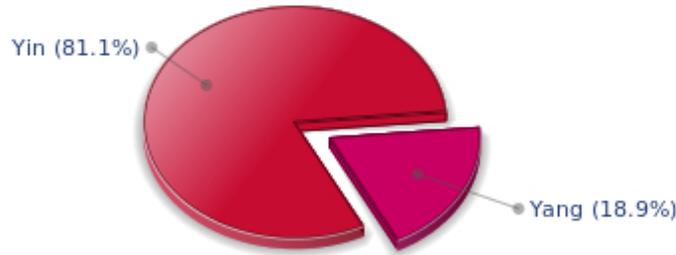


Carla Bruni, the East and West sides are well balanced in your chart. This means that you are not too determined or authoritarian, and that you are neither impressionable nor fragile. You are capable of taking decisions, in full awareness, without anyone's help when circumstances so require. However, you have no problem taking your entourage's viewpoints into consideration, with tact and intelligence.

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, Carla Bruni: 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.

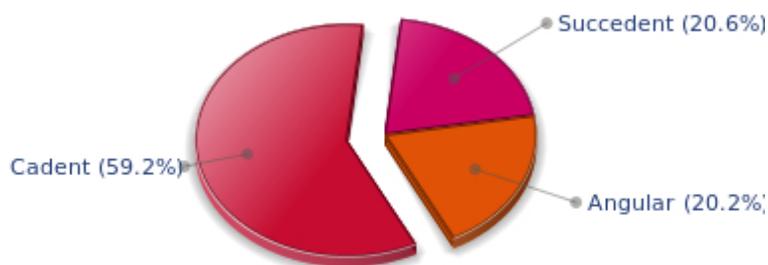
Your Houses' Accentuations

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



Cadent houses, namely the 3rd, 6th, 9th and 12th houses, are very emphasized in your chart, Carla Bruni. They indicate important potential for communication, adaptability and flexibility. These houses are symbolically linked to the mind and intellect. The relative weakness implied by these characteristics indicates your tendency to hesitate or to be indecisive, but also your remarkable ability to start off again, which is a nice quality, finally: you can easily get yourself out of a tight spot thanks to your mobility and casualness, in the best sense of the term. This group of houses corresponds to evolutionary characteristics of your personality. However, they are only indications and you must include them in the rest of your chart in order to see whether they are validated or not!

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 third decanate, which means the part between 20° and 30° of any zodiacal sign, prevails in your natal chart, Carla Bruni. It contains the degrees of spirituality, traditionally more delicate to deal with, since they incline towards evolution and therefore, destabilizations. Individuals with an emphasised third decanate may have a deeper sensitivity than most people, which often brings about ordeals, but also spiritual rewards.

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 have obvious sociability qualities. You know better than others how to adjust to a new context and to copy your entourage's behaviour exactly. You do not dissociate yourself from groups or cells (social, family), on the contrary, you frequently adopt flexible attitudes that meet other people's expectations. This may translate into a lack of fighting spirit. You may not dare to go against prevailing fashions and currents. Because you dread unknown situations, you may miss the opportunity to innovate. It is important that you learn to go it alone and to get rid of scruples that hamper your doings: life encourages you to leave aside other people's opinions and, as time goes by, to find your autonomy of thought and action. While keeping your sociable nature, it is important that you develop a sense of individual initiative. In many situations, one can only rely on oneself. In such cases, you have the possibility to achieve the freedom many people dream of, without really giving themselves the means to implement it. Do not allow your entourage to dictate your way of life, over and over again. However, do not fall into the opposite excess: the frenzied individualism of those who value nothing except their own interest! Your life's purpose may be to master your destiny.

Your life is marked with the major challenge of developing your social image, of asserting your personality... and of leaving your shell. Your childhood and your family roots are very present. You have an inclination for quietness, protections and intimacy. You enjoy at will the moments when you feel "at home", in known territory and familiar situations. But you must learn to thrive in society, to give of your best, to socially shine, particularly when you feel that external pressure and opinions are upsetting. Do not fall in the trap of your dreams and souvenirs! Life implies responsibilities and the will to control, otherwise you cannot feel your true self. You may be too dependent and you must learn to slowly become autonomous, free to take decisions and to take action. Your sense of duty allows you to climb all the steps of a perilous, yet thrilling, social ladder. As years go by, you claim more autonomy, more power and more freedom of action.

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.

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.

It is in the humanitarian field that rebellion is best expressed. Your dream is to become the spearhead for a different project of society, the Quixote of altruism. Each individual must be independent, really free to think and to act. Any hindrance to free will makes you indignant! The danger is that you may not tolerate any external constraint. This is probably the price to be paid for a freedom of thought that constitutes the core of your progression.

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 4th house: you are constantly looking for basis and for roots. You seek security and integration into a group, a clan or a family. To fully blossom, you need to feel that you are in harmony with your environment. Sound concepts and stable ambiances are reassuring to you. It is within the familiarity of a homogeneous entourage that you are at your best.

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.

With Jupiter retrograding on the day of your birth, the lesson is about grasping the opportunities that are offered to all of us but that some people take advantage of, while others don't. Persons who quickly adjust to circumstances are more likely to achieve their ambitions than those who need to be encouraged to take action. During your childhood, you may not have efficiently responded to life's concrete enticements, leaving other "luckier" people to achieve what you were dreaming of. You preferred to enjoy yourself, here and now, rather than to look for new paths of development or exploration. It is possible that you were not optimistic enough. Enterprising minds were alien to you... Later, you find out that, indeed, you give little importance to the credit of the frenzied expansion praised by the modern

world. Your path is not oriented towards personal prestige. With subtlety, you integrate non-material values and you accept well the fact that you missed past opportunities.

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.
