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Catherine Zeta-Jones'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.

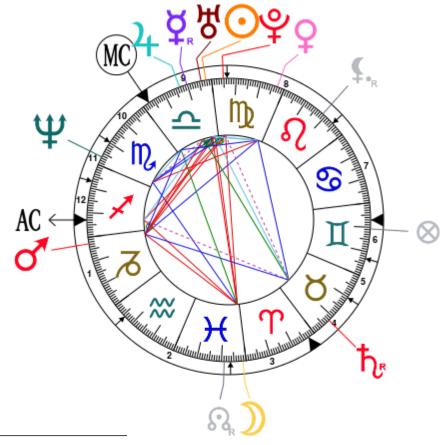
The karmic chart complements the psychological portrait or natal chart. It is based on the positions of the Lunar Nodes, the Black Moon, and the Part of Fortune. These elements of the chart, sometimes referred to as fictitious points, provide information about the spiritual meaning of your destiny. Owing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

Catherine Zeta-Jones, born September 25, 1969, at 02:40 PM, Swansea (Glamorgan), United Kingdom [3.57W; 51.38N; 1E00]

N	Vatal Planets		In House	Natal Houses (Placidus)
O Sun	2°18'	Libra	House 9	House 1 22°59'	→ Sagittarius
) Moon	28°41' >	Pisces	House 3	House 2 5°54' ≈	∞ Aquarius
♥ Mercury	10°13′ R ≤	Libra	House 9	House 3 23°40' >	€ Pisces
Q Venus	2°57' M	2 Virgo	House 8	House 4 27°12' ©	P Aries
O Mars	2°40' \	Capricorn	House 1	House 5 19°47' (7 Taurus
4 Jupiter	13°19'	Libra	House 9	House 6 7°10' 3	€ Gemini
5 Saturn	7°54' R C	Taurus	House 4	House 7 22°59' 3	€ Gemini
₩ Uranus	4°16' <u> </u>	Libra	House 9	House 8 5°54' &	\ Leo
W Neptune	26°34' TT	Scorpio	House 11	House 9 23°40' T	N Virgo
¥ Pluto	25°13' TI	2 Virgo	House 9	House 10 27°12' =	∟ Libra
№ Node	21°08′ R >	Pisces	House 2	House 11 19°47' T	Scorpio
C Lilith	11°25' R &	Leo	House 8	House 12 7°10'	→ Sagittarius
AS AS	22°59'	Sagittarius			
MC MC	27°12'	Libra			

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.

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**** Sun opposite Moon, orb -3° 37'
*** Sun conjunction Mercury, orb 7° 54'
**** Sun semi-sextile Venus, orb -0° 38'
**** Sun square Mars, orb 0° 21'
**** Sun bi-quintile Saturn, orb 0° 24'
***** Sun conjunction Uranus, orb 1° 57'
★★★★★ Sun sextile Neptune, orb -5° 44'
*** Sun conjunction Pluto, orb 7° 05'
★★★★★ Moon square Mars, orb -3° 59'
*** Moon opposite Uranus, orb -5° 35'
**** Moon trine Neptune, orb 2° 06'
★★★★★ Moon opposite Pluto, orb -3° 28'
***** Moon square Ascendant, orb 5° 41'
★★★★★ Moon inconjunction Midheaven, orb 1° 28'
Mercury square Mars, orb -7° 33'
***** Mercury conjunction Jupiter, orb 3° 05'
Mercury inconjunction Saturn, orb 2° 19'
***** Mercury conjunction Uranus, orb 5° 57'
**** Mercury semi-square Neptune, orb 1° 2'
**** Mercury quintile Ascendant, orb 0° 45'
★★★★★ Venus trine Mars, orb -0° 16'
**** Venus trine Saturn, orb -4° 56'
Venus semi-sextile Uranus, orb 1° 19'
***** Venus square Neptune, orb -6° 22'
★★★★★ Venus sextile Midheaven, orb -5° 44'
** Mars trine Saturn, orb 5° 13'
**** Mars square Uranus, orb -1° 35'
★★★★★ Mars square Pluto, orb 7° 27'
***** Mars conjunction Ascendant, orb 9° 4'
**** Mars sextile Midheaven, orb 5° 28'
****** Saturn sesqui-quadrate Ascendant, orb -0° 05'
**** Neptune semi-sextile Midheaven, orb -0° 38'
★★★★★ Pluto square Ascendant, orb -2° 13'
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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

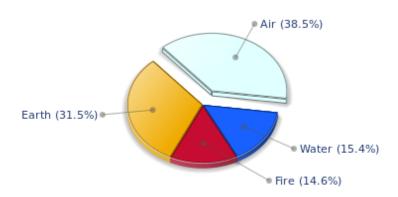


Catherine Zeta-Jones, the diurnal South-western quadrant, consisting of the 7th, 8th and 9th houses, prevails in your chart: this sector brings about a thirst for communication and sometimes, a need to take risks in your dealings with others. Relations are a factor of your evolution and your transformation,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

Your Dominant Modes and Elements

Catherine Zeta-Jones, here are the graphs of your Elements and Modes, based on planets' position and angles in the twelve signs:

Your Four Elements

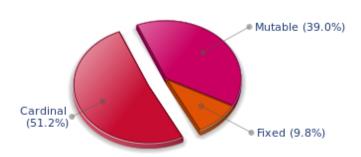


Cheers for communication and mobility, Catherine Zeta-Jones! The predominance of Air signs in your chart favours and amplifies your taste for relations and for all kinds of short trips, whether real (travels) or symbolic (new ideas, mind speculations). You gain in flexibility and adaptability what you lose in self-assertion or in pragmatism.

Like the majority of Earth signs, Catherine Zeta-Jones, 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 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



Catherine Zeta-Jones, the Cardinal mode is dominant here and indicates a predisposition to action, and more exactly, to impulsion and to undertake: you are very keen to implement the plans you have in mind, to get things going and to create them. This is the most important aspect that inspires enthusiasm and adrenalin in you, without which you can grow weary rapidly. You are individualistic (maybe too much?) and assertive. You let others strengthen and improve the constructions which you built with fervour.

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 tenanting any given house increase that house's importance and highlight all relevant life departments: it may be marriage, work, friendship etc.

Catherine Zeta-Jones, here is the evaluation diagramme for your planets:





The three planets that are most highlighted in your chart are Mars, Jupiter and Venus.

Mars is one of your dominant planets and provides you with its efficient energy and enthusiasm: with a powerful Mars in your chart, action - but also will and ability to undertake - is not an empty word for you. You are active, dynamic, willing to fight, courageous, and you are never afraid to move mountains, even though risks are part of the adventures that you start with determination.

However, your patience is not always up to your boldness and a kind of feverishness, or even anger, can tarnish the quality of your achievements. That would be a pity since the Marsian is a champion in matters of efficiency! Mars symbolizes display of action, conquering spirit that favours discipline and order - beware of not being fussy - and lies at the frontier between action and brutality, between conquest and potential aggressiveness.

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

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

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

With Venus among your dominant planets, one of your first reflexes is... to please! Your look, your charm, and your seduction are omnipresent elements in your behaviour.

Your approach to things is connected to your heart, and for you, no real communication can flow if your interlocutors exude no sympathy or warmth. Cold and logical reasoning, clear thoughts and good sense are not important to you: if there is no affective bond with your environment, no connection can be established with the Venusian that you are, and nothing happens.

You have a strong artistic side, and you never neglect subjective but clear concepts such as pleasure, beauty, and also sensuality. However, sometimes to the detriment of efficiency, durability, logic, and... detachment.



In your natal chart, the three most important signs, delineated according to the above-mentioned criteria, are, in decreasing order of strength, Libra, Sagittarius and Virgo. 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.

With Libra as a dominant sign in your birth chart, you love to please, to charm, and to be likeable. Moreover, you are naturally inclined towards tolerance and moderation, as well as elegance and tact, as if you were meant to please! Of course, you always find malcontents who criticize your lack of authenticity or of courage and your half-heartedness, but your aim is to be liked, and in this field, you are an unrivalled champion!

Sagittarius, an adventurous and conquering fire sign, is dominant in your chart: you are enthusiastic, enterprising, optimistic, very sociable, and mobile - you have itchy feet both physically and mentally. Nobody gets bored with you because you are always planning things and suggesting excursions, at least... when you are around and not already gone on a trip! Obviously, so many movements for one woman may scare people off, and some of them may even criticize your brutality or your tendency to loose your temper, but you are so warm and genuine, so expansive, isn't this a good thing? And all the more so, since your sense of humour is overwhelming...

Virgo, associated with perfectionism, numbers and reason, is among your dominant signs: you inherit its sense of responsibility and tidiness, a clear mind, an unfailing logic, as well as a need to be useful and to

fulfil your task to the best of your abilities. Obviously, people may think that you are too modest or reserved, suspicious or pessimistic because of your exceedingly critical mind, but aren't logic and wisdom great qualities? Of course, they are. Moreover, you keep your feet on the ground, you never behave irrationally and you are helpful and hardworking - what more can you ask for?!

Your Dominant Houses



Houses 9, 1 and 3 are the most tenanted ones in your natal chart. To compute their strength, planets and angles are weighed according to various astrological criteria such as swiftness, activity, angularity, rulership etc. From the analysis of the most tenanted Houses, the Astrologer deduces the fields of activity that are most relevant to you, be it because of what you are experiencing, or what you may experience in the future, or because of your deep inner motivations.

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

With a dominant 1st house, your magnetism is powerful, and your individuality as well as your willpower are out of the ordinary. You are a determined, strong-willed, and assertive person, with this relative criterion at least.

It is likely that you never go unnoticed when you are in a crowd or a in reunion: an important 1st house suggests that you are a charismatic person with above average vital energy, especially if the Sun is present in this sector.

Your personal interests are always important and you never forget them, which doesn't mean that you are self-centered, but only that you behave according to what is in harmony with your deep nature!

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 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 Libra and your Ascendant is in Sagittarius

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

With this zodiacal signature, you, for one, are never willing to stay by yourself! You go and meet other people because you want to know them and appreciate them at their real worth, and to try not to offend them. You come across as elitist, and since you keep on mixing different types of knowledge and relationships, for fear that you might seem ignorant and Manichean, you come across as a person who lacks sincerity. This is not a problem to you! You aim far. As a Libra, you are concerned about reciprocity, and you are endowed with a strong aesthetic sensitivity. You offer to your friends and relatives a climate of benevolence, and you try to teach them elegance. On the other hand, owing to your Sagittarius Ascendant, your reactions are more ardent when you are in society, and you do not hide your need for consensus, which you do not hesitate to enforce drastically if necessary. You are always on the

move, never where you are expected to be, and you sometimes become wrapped up in your social life or your intellectual world, to the point that you cannot hear your little inner music any more.

You were born with the Sun in Libra

Psychologically speaking, your nature is sanguine and communicative or nervous and introverted, depending on who prevails, either Venus, the principle of harmony, extraversion, desire to seduce, easy and airy communication, or Saturn, the principle of rigour, introversion, self-control, concentration and meditation. Unless Saturn is very strong in the rest of the chart, Libra is very delicate and charming. She easily adjusts in society, particularly with her perpetual search of compromise. It is the reason why you may seem to be hesitant and weak. You do not dare to insist or to assert your views: you prefer to intervene as an agent for harmony, of rally and equity, even to the detriment of your self-assertion. You loathe violence and you strive with all your heart to pacify, to smooth things over, and to adjust to the situation with flexibility and grace.

Since you are born under this sign, you are sentimental, charming, courteous, delicate, refined, loyal, pacifist, fair, distinguished, light, romantic, cultured, airy, likeable, spruce, perfectionist, caring, gentle, quiet, tidy, social, artist, with strong aesthetic tastes, tolerant, lenient, sociable, seductive, elegant, kind, respectful, balanced, but you may also be hesitant, weak, wavering, selfish, fragile, indecisive, timid, indolent, cold or even insensitive.

In love, Madam, you are the seductress of the Zodiac: love is your major area of concern and to please is the very expression of your whole being. You are so charming, so considerate, you multiply your conquests with lightness and you are on top form while you are awaiting the love of your lifetime. You have every chance to find him because all your talents are oriented towards communication and meeting with people who, invariably, think that you are charming and distinguished, pleasant and educated, with a lot of good taste and that you manage to make your interlocutor feel comfortable.

As you are exceedingly demanding, it is very likely that you will be disappointed by many lovers and admirers, however, you will never be tired of starting over again your nice soul mate hunting.

You are mildly narcissistic and you have an instinctive need to charm and to see the effects of your seductive powers. The danger is that you may be selfish or that your frenzied need for compliments cannot be fulfilled by your partner who is not able to praise you as well as you expect him to...

You are more sentimental and aesthetics-oriented than Taurus, who is more physical or sexual. The relationship with your partner must include many intellectual exchanges and a deep closeness regarding your artistic tastes or your daily lifestyle.

In general, you will marry only once, in spite of your capacity to charm and to have romantic encounters.

Your Ascendant is in Sagittarius

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

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

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

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

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

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

The ruler of your chart is in Libra

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

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

Aspects to your Ascendant

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

*** Pluto square Ascendant, orb -2° 13'

Pluto is in dissonance with your Ascendant, Catherine Zeta-Jones. You may be slightly aggressive and at the same time, mysterious or impossible to understand, to people's eyes. You are sensitive, instinctive, and you feel everything more deeply than anyone else. Be careful that this feature does not mark your behaviour with too unsociable a note. Indeed, it would be a pity since the forces at work within you can be easily controlled and turned into assets if you care to stand back. Detecting other people's weaknesses is fine. But don't misuse this ability!

****** Saturn sesqui-quadrate Ascendant, orb -0° 05'

This hard aspect between Saturn and your Ascendant may bring about a lack of self-confidence and some inhibitions in your behaviour, in people's eyes, Catherine Zeta-Jones. Therefore, you must have trust in yourself and you must not be taken away into the spiral of doubts with its usual consequences, which are to hide away, or on the contrary and as a compensation, to overdo. Please, keep in mind that all this is highly subjective, and that in most cases, if you fully understand it, you can gradually overcome this slight restraint, and even turn it into strength. This is how you can keep your self-esteem and transform your prudence into... an asset.

★★★★★ Moon square Ascendant, orb 5° 41'

Sometimes, Catherine Zeta-Jones, your sensitivity clashes with the image you want to project. As a result, you may feel vulnerable and suffer if you let yourself be disheartened. Try to put things into perspective and to confront your emotions without fearing your external image. This is how you can compensate for this minor dissonance between the Moon and your Ascendant.

**** Mars conjunction Ascendant, orb 9° 4'

The conjunction of Mars with the Ascendant is the mark of an exceptional energy, Catherine Zeta-Jones! You have a natural taste for action, and your audacity often works wonders. With such a great vitality, you are sometimes inclined to appreciate sports. Should it not be the case, then, your decision-making capacity in society, as well as your entrepreneurial skills, remain strong assets throughout your life.

**** Mercury quintile Ascendant, orb 0° 45'

You are endowed with quite good adaptation capacities, Catherine Zeta-Jones. Thanks to Mercury, your behaviour matches your intellectual concepts, or your style of communication, which is quite an effortless one.

Your Sensitivity

Your sensitivity is all on edge, Catherine Zeta-Jones, and your emotions so deep, your imagination, so lively, that you are often found in the sweet realm of dreams. You create your own fantastical world with entangled fragments of current reality, romantic souvenirs and hidden hopes. Your receptiveness is so intense that it may border on mediumship or, more disturbing and rare, you may have hallucinations. Your character fluctuates according to the stimulation of the moment but in general, you are a nice person, full of gentleness and romanticism, always ready to understand and to dedicate yourself. You have real healing powers, would it be only through your ability to instinctively understand other people's sufferings. Your affective structures can be likened to a roving radar. You are vulnerable, hurt by the slightest aggression and easily influenced because you are unable to step back from people and events; therefore, you may start to be doubtful and lose the self-confidence that you so badly need to progress.

Lively, even restless sometimes, Catherine Zeta-Jones, 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 opposite Pluto, orb -3° 28'

This planetary configuration causes distrust (Plutonian distance) towards individuals, groups, or your own family environment (lunar values). It may bring about a feeling of affective or relational wound. The feeling of security is absent, or fragmented or illusive. How is it possible to feel integrated whereas you know that you are different and on your own? It is the myth of the « ugly duckling », with its different specific characteristics, an alien to its origins and its roots. It is important that you accept your differences and that you have them accepted by others, without forsaking your essential values. This is how you can exercise your group ownership without allowing them to exclude you or to repress your secret determinations. When this aspect is well integrated, it is a factor of lucidity for your emotions. You perceive without gullibility what is really at stake in your intimate relationships and the flaws of your environment. The fact that you do not readily trust people spares you many traps and delusions.

**** Sun opposite Moon, orb -3° 37'

In your chart, two polarities are clearly opposing - or complementing - each other: on the one hand, solar values, the image you project and the models you follow. On the other hand, lunar values, moments of letting-go and well being through casualness. When you commit yourself in a project, it is often to the detriment of your peace of mind. Conversely, you completely feel that you are your true self only when you are no more under the scrutiny of the outside world. Therefore, you separate your social and professional activities from your private life and you seldom match the requirements of the former with those of the latter. It may be a hurdle, a fundamental anxiety. It may also be an obvious asset, when it is well integrated: in that case, you succeed in assigning to yourself, and in fulfilling, objectives that are not necessarily in line with your intimate natural demands, which are preserved and separated from your intentions, your ambitions and your expectations. Thus, a strong will can turn this Sun-Moon hard aspect into a rich instrument for creativity. A shadow zone, or uncertainty, still remains: on the affective plane, you are very sensitive. May be too much, to the extent that you become vulnerable in many

circumstances. Because in different periods of your life, your landmarks (solar) and your intimate balance (lunar) will be simultaneously challenged.

*** Moon trine Neptune, orb 2° 06'

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 opposite Uranus, orb -5° 35'

The Moon and Uranus intrinsically share little in common: they get along as well as fire and water! It is difficult for you to reconcile your desire for well being and intimacy with your destiny's dazzling passions and thunderbolts. You may feel that your intimate and family realm hampers your freedom. There is a potential for crises, explosions or splits. The desire for independence does not get on well with security concerns. There may be strong temptations endangering your very life foundations and you may embark upon a liberating and personal adventure. However, you fear rash decisions. Your need for security may temper your impulses and put a brake on your individualistic aspirations. To harmonize these tendencies within your intimate life, you must leave yourself enough room for personal expression or for an activity of your own. Otherwise, as days go by, built-up tensions may jeopardize the quiet course of your life.

*** Moon square Mars, orb -3° 59'

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

Your Affectivity

In your chart, the Sun is in Libra and Venus, in Virgo. Two signs as different as Virgo and Libra cannot indicate a monolithic affectivity. The principle of association of the Sun in Libra is coupled with the restraint and the modesty of Venus in Virgo. Your expectations may not be in line with your desires: you dream of a couple where your ideal of harmony can blossom at will through exchanges and mutual respect. But your partner's differences, so heartedly admitted at once, are not completely accepted in the long run. You appreciate only persons who are similar to you and whose rhythms naturally agree with your desires. Your aspirations lead you to accept your partner's manner, nevertheless, you know very well what you like and above all, what you dislike. The danger is that your life becomes entangled in contradictory attitudes: for the sake of quietness, you may opt for a given lifestyle, although you are aware that it does not suit you, or on the contrary, you may reject a promising relationship because a detail upsets your attachment. Your partner must display tact and refinement, otherwise all your

reservations resurface, sooner or later. With time, you become capable of maintaining an undisputable balance within your couple. Better than anyone, you can handle your contradictions, you blend selectivity with open-mindedness, self-protection with active communication.

Catherine Zeta-Jones, inside yourself, feelings are strong and powerful. However, you never show them before weighing up and considering all the possible consequences of your words and your actions: fieriness and spontaneousness are toned down because you cannot help controlling yourself, probably due to your modesty, your discretion or your shyness; you are frightened because you are so concerned with other people's opinion that you see passion, or expressing your feelings too quickly, as sources of danger. However, you are helpful, simple, and you do not fuss around. Reason prevails in your love life but your heart may flare up when the context is well organized and everyday life is cautiously handled with good sense, tidiness and cleanliness. Your sensitivity prompts you to avoid excesses and outbursts and this is how you think that you can achieve happiness without risk.

When you fall in love, Catherine Zeta-Jones, your feelings immediately reach a considerable level of intensity and quickly take you into the realm of passion. You are not a mild person when it comes to love, either you love deeply, or not at all. According to the Tradition, this configuration strongly associates feelings and sexuality. In your approach to love, feelings are intimately linked to desire and love physical aspects. It does not take you long before you deliberately infuse a fair amount of torrid eroticism into your behaviour, so as to make your idyll as burning and deep as your inner feelings are! If no adverse aspect affects Venus in the 8th house, you become possessive in the positive sense of the term: you happily care for your significant other, including for his financial interests. Venus in the 8th house protects everything that deals with investment, management of other people's possessions and particularly, those of the husband. Your benevolent attitude, which you also express outside your couple's relationship, usually causes pleasant surprises in the guise of unexpected inheritances. When there are tense aspects of square or opposition to your Venus, you may fall into the trap of obsessive and dangerous jealousy. And it would be a disgrace since, as the saying goes, jealousy is uncalled-for and very harmful when it is unjustified, and it is useless and too late when harm has been done...

★★★★★ Venus trine Mars, orb -0° 16'

With this aspect, innate affective behaviours prevail over opportunism and calculations. You do not cheat with feelings and you prefer to be guided by your likes ... or your dislikes. Love is neither to be reasoned upon nor to be explained. It is important to experience one's passions spontaneously and to give free rein to the heart's tumultuous manifestations as well as to the body's demands. In other words, to be one's true self in the "now". You need to live intensely, to try all kinds of situations, sometimes to get hurt. Your sensitivity is the driving force behind your decisions and your actions. Real experiences are worth the best intellectual concepts. Spurred by your thirst for emotions, you try to build your life on bases that match your desires. Here, the trap may be that you pay too much attention to your moods and affects. But without them, life would be so dull. Even though emotionalism betrays you occasionally, it remains your best ally.

*** Venus trine Saturn, orb -4° 56'

You favour deep feelings and a sincere affective life. In love, you are not content with shams or uncertain compromises. Your couple's relationship is based on mutual trust. You strive to build a lasting link, a true love that complies with your aspirations and your heart of hearts. This harmonious Venus-Saturn aspect indicates wisdom. Inexpressible truth is preferred to appearances. A love affair is an adventure, above all. Discovering the other one, step by step... any relationship takes a fundamental dimension

right away. It is relevant to mention a little puff of romanticism and a passionate nature, although quite modest and reserved. You do not commit yourself thoughtlessly! This is a major asset for long lasting love. You are able to question your affective behaviour and to adjust to your significant other. You handle crises quite well and you overcome all the difficulties inherent to amorous rapports.

***** Venus square Neptune, orb -6° 22'

You are very idealistic in love and you may be blind. In many circumstances, you deem your sentimental life heavenly and you lay yourself open to delusions. Love is a dream and waking up is often painful. Your imagination distorts the game of intimate situations. It is important that you keep your sense of reality and that you avoid to embark upon dark or muddled paths. Forget about artificial paradises! The Tradition very rightly insists on the tendency for impossible love affairs. Your demand and your thirst for the absolute may make you dread experiencing a common life that is inevitably flawed with compromises and vagaries. The object of your affection is idealized « because it was him, because it was me » and you do not reckon objective elements that will resurface later in full force. With this planetary configuration, the danger is in the idealistic, even fanciful, nature of your affectivity. It is certain that love cannot be bought or reasoned. But how is it possible to live an absolute passion on a daily basis? You must control your heart impulses and, without losing the sentimental riches that are part of your charm, you must put what you love in harmony with what you dream of.

**** Sun semi-sextile Venus, orb -0° 38'

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

**** Venus semi-sextile Uranus, orb 1° 19'

Your charm lies in the originality of your approach to love and in your uncompromising attitudes. Your motto? Freedom of love, whatever the price! Should your sentimental life become dull, you find a solution: you are romantic and you reinvent your couple's life, you give a new and unexpected momentum to your emotions. You create the kind sharpness that contributes to your exceptional affective life. You do not fear love at first sight or blazing passions. On the affective plane, you know where you are heading for, whom you love ... or love not. There is an indisputable intransigence. The heart impulses are irrevocable and implacable. You dream of a sentimental life that fulfils your aspirations and you use all possible means to achieve your ideal. Even though you may have to make the necessary sacrifices.

The Way You Take Action and Your Sexuality

Catherine Zeta-Jones, you are so resistant and so solid that you are able to cope with any challenge, any ordeal. You behave with persistence, rigour and discipline. You are so obstinate and patient that no effort is impossible to you, as if sensitivity and emotions were unable to divert you from your goals. With calm and lucidity, even coldness, you face up to things and you plan on a long-term basis. Nothing and no one can prevent you from fulfilling your responsibilities. You are a rock, a hard worker, and your iron will equals your resistance to blows. Your practical sense is at the service of your ambition which is real and energetic, even though it may not be obvious. Sexually, you are active and vigorous. If you show more warmth, you may become an excellent lover; indeed, being demonstrative is not your major concern.

You are, by nature, an active person, Catherine Zeta-Jones. This is the only position that does not give a particular orientation towards a specific area of life. It is the most powerful placement and it indicates that your personality is precisely combative, conquering and action-oriented.

You are on the move, with the impetus which urges you, more than anyone else, to transcribe your thoughts and your projects into the real world.

The danger may be that you overdo and you turn into a warrior! This generous flow of energy is an invaluable asset that you use properly as you mature. The danger is also that you may come across as quarrelsome and too domineering to persons who may be scared by your punch and your pugnacity.

★★★★★ Sun square Mars, orb 0° 21'

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 incontrollable situations. Facts contradict your aspirations. When this configuration is properly reined in, it becomes an inexhaustible source of passion and energy.

★★★★★ Mars square Uranus, orb -1° 35'

This Uranus-Mars dissonance indicates frequent commotions. Your actions may be foolhardy and thoughtless. You may not control your temper and you let impulsiveness take over logics. This brings about drastic, whimsical or untimely decisions. There is no monotony in your life: thunders and tyrannical behaviour are on the agenda! Your fighting spirit certainly allows you to cope with life hardships. Nevertheless, beware of damages. As one wants to act as a hero, one can make mistakes. Because forces are overestimated or because inflexibility forbids compromise solutions. Therefore, it is important to balance your decisions and to avoid solutions that are as final as inappropriate.

***** Mars trine Saturn, orb 5° 13'

Persistent action always bears fruit eventually. All that is needed is patience... A quality you have, undoubtedly. As confrontations become unavoidable, you show strong persistence and indisputable perseverance. Potential obstacles are more stimulating to you than they are discouraging. You are naturally fit for effort and for confronting realities and facts. You quickly overcome difficulties and you respond to crises in an efficient and considerate manner. You are enduring. You handle events with rigour and precision. These are valuable qualities nowadays, for they often come with the capacity to undertake adventurous experiences and to take limited risks!

★★★★★ Mars square Pluto, orb 7° 27'

There is a limit to your respect for laws and norms! Morals, conventions, social marks are of little value to you. With a touch of anarchy in the soul, you disregard conventions and you experience a sort of personal revolution. You prefer unconventional actions to dull conformism. To express your differences, you use a wide scope of possibilities that ranges from brewing revolt to ideological renunciation. Sometimes, you dismiss concrete facts that are nevertheless unavoidable. Hence, you undergo delusions and backlashes. You may also act rashly, to the detriment of your ideals. It is important that you control your actions and that you balance the respect for constraints with your personal demands and inner motivations.

Your Intellect and Your Communication Style

Your thought process is rather slow because you need time and tranquillity to review everyone's ideas and opinions, to weigh the pros and the cons and to eventually take the most equitable decision. You reject all fanatical and extremist behaviours and you are always in search of the happy medium. Your tolerance, your sense of logic and your negotiating skills are acknowledged but your indecisiveness and your propensity to procrastinate are often criticized. Therefore, you may need to be encouraged and to be nudged into action, in order to offset your fatalistic attitude that may be likened to laziness. Do not seek other people's approval so constantly, express yourself more and take action...

You have a roaming mind, Catherine Zeta-Jones, in the best sense of the term: you are interested in higher knowledge, whether in the moral, spiritual, political or religious field. You are attracted to what is far away and you want to travel to discover new horizons. It is possible that, early in your life, there was a kind of rebelliousness against preconceived ideas and sometimes, against the education within your family.

You have broad and open ideas. No petty or too concrete thoughts for you! Going further and higher is what matters to you. In accordance with your childhood aspirations, as an adult, you are a great traveller, both in mental travels and physical ones. In all cases, the foreign world's riches stimulate you.

**** Mercury conjunction Jupiter, orb 3° 05'

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 conjunction Uranus, orb 5° 57'

Your state of mind is innovative and turns the surrounding world into a constantly moving field of experiences. You ask relevant questions ... and you answer them. Although you are flexible when you ought to, your principles and your beliefs are unwavering. It seems difficult to catch you off your guard. You multiply observations, relationships, contacts and you never lose face: actually, your mobility hides an unshakable determination and a deep lucidity. In a split second, you are able to catch the useful information or the enriching relationship. The original and fanciful steps you take exclude monotony. Your approach to life is amazing!

***** Sun conjunction Mercury, orb 7° 54'

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 inconjunction Saturn, orb 2° 19'

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!

**** Mercury semi-square Neptune, orb 1° 2'

With this Mercury-Neptune dissonance, relations may be distorted by the mirages of sensitivity. You have to make an effort to keep your objectivity. If this aspect is not well integrated, it may harm your good evaluation of human stakes. Your intimate beliefs may limit the dialogue, as if a very specific sensitivity prevented true communication. It may be difficult to find the right wording to express fragile and ineffable experiences. Imagination in power is not easy to share and the poetry of your speeches may be beyond your audience's understanding!

**** Mercury square Mars, orb -7° 33'

This Mercury-Mars dissonance brings about impulsiveness into relationships and contacts. Your sense of controversy and criticism leads to blunders and thoughtless actions. Your verbal violence may harm the efficiency of your actions. You certainly display your views without circumlocution. Your straightforwardness would be commendable if it did not cause those blunders that spoil many situations. It is important that you learn to control your decisions, to coordinate your mental abilities and your fieriness, so as to fully express the quickness of your mind and of your action. Learn to count to ten before you say anything, as it is an excellent exercise for you!

Your Goals, Motivations, Career, and Destiny

Your Sun is posited in the 9th House

Catherine Zeta-Jones, early in life, you apply to yourself the saying "No man is a prophet in his own country". Since you were a little girl, you had the impression that something in you was different and could not be understood by your close friends. Your natal environment prompts you to venture into

unknown territories and remote lands, where you hope your real talents and qualities will be acknowledged.

You are more comfortable when you are away from home because of your rebellious mind, because you feel different or because of an awareness which stems from your good sense: what attracts you is far too original, compared to what your family or your roots may offer or may apprehend.

This peculiarity may take various forms, depending on your destiny and your personality: an inclination or a strong aspiration for distant trips, higher and abstract studies, higher knowledge, spirituality, philosophy, religion, moral or culture. You are also interested in occupations allowing you to meet your need to be elsewhere, physically or intellectually, such as for instance, the positions of ambassador, judge, exporter, philosopher, researcher, university teacher, reporter or in any job with the clergy.

It is clear that your social status can be improved in places located far from your home. Your ambitions are not hampered because you are favoured and predisposed for international contacts, or for contacts that are different from your natal environment. You have no problem learning foreign languages and you study this area with the certainty that you are forging valuable assets for the rest of your life.

Your self-assertion and your success go through experiences abroad or connected with foreigners.

As you mature, there is a spiritual, moral or intellectual brilliance linked to higher knowledge that radiates from you. It may also be due to the fact that you are dedicated to a noble cause for which you sincerely spare no effort.

When great planetary configurations of tension are formed in very few moments of your life, you may be affected by illnesses or fevers contracted abroad; or in your profession, where foreign matters are involved, you may have to bear the consequences of conflicts that tarnish your prestige or your honour. What constitutes your strength does not exclude cautiousness. Too much ease may lead to unforeseen situations: even though this applies obviously to all life areas, it is certain that, when exotic trips are involved, or figuratively, when you take intellectual, moral or spiritual stands, you must cautiously step back and show restraint.

The ruler of your chart is in the 9th House

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

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

Aspects influencing your ambitions

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

**** Sun conjunction Uranus, orb 1° 57'

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

** Sun conjunction Pluto, orb 7° 05'

This harmonious Sun-Pluto aspect indicates an exemplary clear-sighted mind. Without destabilizing your appearances or your personality mask, Pluto makes you aware of your subjective and questionable character, as well as of your manner. You never take yourself completely seriously. You have a good grasp of human nature's complex games, without gullibility, without excessive simplification. Because you can perceive hidden elements underlying any situation better than anyone else, you are acknowledged as perspicacious. This aspect allows you to distance yourself from difficult circumstances and to remain impassive when you must overcome pitfalls.

*** Sun bi-quintile Saturn, orb 0° 24'

This aspect indicates a firm and discreet will, a rigorous and objective character. You are clear-sighted, particularly in difficult situations. You enjoy the moments of calm and solitude during which you can review your life at will. Your judgments are enduring and often extremist. You are outraged by injustice and inconsistency. When a problem arises, you do not take the easy way out with short-term solutions, on the contrary, you strive to solve the issue thoroughly. Better than anyone else, you challenge yourself, you review your choices and your attitudes. This is the reason why you are capable of handling crises and of overcoming any obstacle that requires an in-depth and relevant response. You may lack spontaneity but your behaviour reveals your wisdom. When you are facing an issue, you put forward the good question, to others, but also to yourself.

★★★★★ Moon inconjunction Midheaven, orb 1° 28'

There is a dissonance between the Moon and your Midheaven, Catherine Zeta-Jones. It may indicate a discrepancy between your sensitivity and the goals you set for yourself in life, although this dissonance seldom plays out dramatically. You may feel that your emotions sometimes catch you off your guard in society, and that the level of your popularity is not too satisfactory, without your knowing the reasons why. In some cases, females may thwart your social ascent.

***** Neptune semi-sextile Midheaven, orb -0° 38'

Thanks to this soft aspect of Neptune to your Midheaven, Catherine Zeta-Jones, 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.

★★★★★ Mars sextile Midheaven, orb 5° 28'

Your energy serves your professional goals and your social ascent in general, Catherine Zeta-Jones. This beneficial aspect of Mars to your Midheaven endows you with strong dynamism, and it rewards your sustained and efficient efforts. You enjoy taking action, and your results are gratifying most of the time.

***** Venus sextile Midheaven, orb -5° 44'

In your natal chart, Catherine Zeta-Jones, 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.

★★★★★ Sun sextile Neptune, orb -5° 44'

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

Your Assets and Your Part of Joviality

Catherine Zeta-Jones, seeking consensus and compromise, as well as moderation at any cost: these components are part of the natural qualities endowed by the position of the planet of Greater Fortune in your chart. It may also give you a very good taste and a charm that enhances the quality of your contacts, particularly regarding all your associations, professional ones as well as the most intimate ones, such as marriage.

Jupiter brings you a heaven-sent present, Catherine Zeta-Jones, which is particularly nice because there is here an analogy between the planet and the house. Jupiter's broad, benevolent and warm vision of life is in line with the fields of higher education, philosophy, politics, and human sciences symbolized by the 9th House. As you mature, you radiate with wisdom. On the concrete plane, long-distance travels are very favoured, 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 Libra endows you with sociability, popularity and charm! You are very appreciated because your open-mindedness and your generosity naturally prompt you to compromise in all things: what is important to you is not to have the last word, but to reach an agreement with your entourage and to establish nice relationships with them. You are diplomatic and your sense of justice is expressed in a

humanistic and benevolent way.

Your Serious Side

Material, practical or frivolous matters (comfort etc.) are highlighted. Obstinacy, even stubbornness, and the instinct of possession may get you into trouble. On the other hand, you can learn how to step back and to improve the practical management of your assets.

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

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

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

Saturn in Taurus decreases your appetite for material things but he endows you with more caution and wisdom in the financial area in general. He also gives you a more obstinate and deeper nature.

A Few Special Points

Your Uniqueness and Your Utopias

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

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

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

Your Inspiration and Your Illusions

As soon as you are within a group or you are involved in a project, your attitude becomes quite peculiar. Instead of asserting yourself and differentiating yourself, you strive to completely merge into the group because you do not intend to impress or to be set apart. The danger may be that you lose your identity or that you are abused and deceived by the group, or by one of your friends who is a group member.

In general, because of your feelings and your strong intuition, you have a good capacity to become integrated and to slowly gain self-confidence in group settings.

The same holds true for your friendship life. You tend to fuse, to be totally devoted, and to adjust with flexibility to your friends' personality. However, it is hard for you to assert yourself, and you may wrongly be considered as lacking in conviction, although not a weak person.

Your Passion and Your Authority

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

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

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

Your Isolated Planets

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

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

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

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

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

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

Annex 1: Your Minor Dominants

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

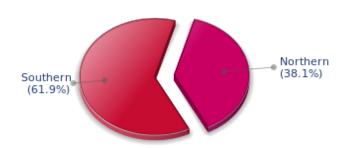
Your Planetary Repartitions: Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Hemispheres

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

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

In your birth chart, Catherine Zeta-Jones, the ten main planets are distributed as follows:

Your Northern and Southern Hemispheres



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

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

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

Catherine Zeta-Jones, here is the planetary repartition in your Eastern and your Western hemispheres:

Your Eastern and Western Hemispheres



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

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

Your Yin and Yang Polarity

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

Your Yin and Yang Polarity



According to the disposition and qualities of your planets and angles, you are rather influenced by Yang energy, the active polarity, Catherine Zeta-Jones: more concerned about actions than reflection, you sometimes rush without standing back and without the deepness that is needed. However, your spontaneity prompts you to take fresh starts, even after repeated failures caused by your rashness.

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 cuspides 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, Catherine

Zeta-Jones. 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!

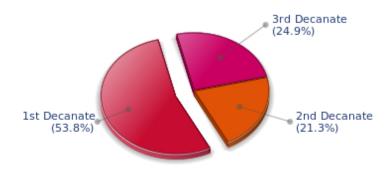
Your Esoteric Decanates

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 first decanate, which means the part between 0° and 10° of any zodiacal sign, prevails in your natal chart, Catherine Zeta-Jones: this decanate is traditionally linked to vitality and physical constitution, and may indicate that you efficiently express your concrete energy on the material and sensual planes.

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.

Your doings indicate the challenge to dedicate an important part of yourself to devotion and abnegation. Life imposes a few sacrifices on you, whether agreed upon (and voluntarily taken up) or imposed by daily vagaries. Very early you showed a sharp critical sense and your attitudes were rational, logical and reasonable, although individidualistic. As time goes by, you learn to make concessions and to offer an essential part of yourself so as to outgrow the "every man for himself" principle. Ordeals are meaningful: people may not respond to your games and your entourage may thwart your plans and your ambitions... You may need to achieve the "old souls" detachment, those beings who have learnt that only essentials are to be kept – inner life or survival- and who know that this world "petty things" are vain. Better than anyone else, you cope with situations of crisis because, whatever the circumstances, there is a hidden spiritual dimension and a springboard for evolution. You will slowly get to know the art of accepting things without going back on what you have said or done. Compassion and altruism become the central theme of your life.

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

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.

One of the main drives of your life is your rejection of mediocrity: the intention is commendable although it is two-edged. You attach so much importance to charisma that you may reject a person whom you deem – wrongly – unworthy of your esteem! If you avoid this trap, the requirements that you demand from yourself as well as from your close friends become an exceptional springboard for evolution.

This configuration predisposes to the quest of the absolute on two accounts: firstly, the very nature of the Black Moon, implacable and extremist, and secondly, she is in a sector of the Zodiac that is traditionally evolutional but extremist. Here, you flirt with death, danger and challenge. Everything suggests transformation, abandonment and revival, passion and cruelty. There is no half-measure in your behaviour, only a terrifying and marvellous thirst for the absolute... That'll take some doing for the person who will experience it with required intensity!

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 6th house: your professional life is particularly important to you. Your career is your favourite field of expression: your concern is not to be the leader but to become the best and most accurate person among all the participants. You seek perfectionism. It is within the exercise of self-discipline and a rigorous behaviour that you can fully blossom.

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.

The planet Mercury was retrograde on the day of your birth. You probably have to make an effort to harmonize your relations: you are prone to screen others with a critical eye and you do not overlook the slightest flaw. You are exceedingly clear-sighted and you approach your contemporaries with distance rather than with natural. This type of behaviour may be an asset: your enquiring and pernickety mind prevents you from being too gullible. However, your reservations may impede your communication. As time goes by, you learn to establish contacts more spontaneously. During your childhood, you faced problems of expression in your heart of hearts: your doubts prompted you to project an image that was

out of touch with the reality... turbulent or withdrawn, you could hardly establish conventional ties. As an adult, you are in a better control of these elements. You still have to find the right way to tell who you really are: this is how you can improve your relationships.

The karma associated with Saturn may border on self-censorship: during your childhood, particularly, you were doubtful of your abilities and your talents. You had a propensity to put yourself is a no-win situation and to under-estimate yourself. Obstacles abound: taboos and prohibitions of all kind slow down your evolution. Little by little, you learn to re-evaluate your possibilities and to gain more self-confidence. Your personal rigour then turns out to be constructive: you are not destabilized by life ordeals and you practice a self-discipline that favours steady evolution. Although your path may be steep, it is nonetheless safe.

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.

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