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# Dominique Strauss-Kahn's Astrological Portrait













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#### Introduction

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

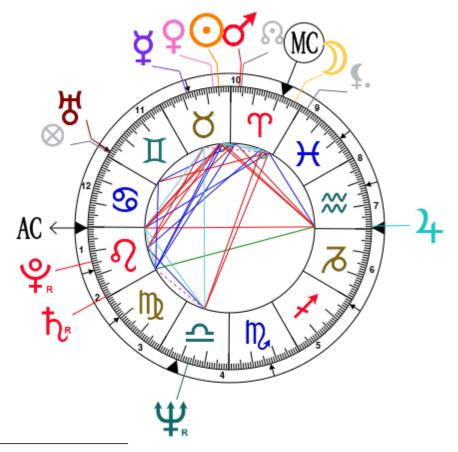
The karmic chart complements the psychological portrait or natal chart. It is based on the positions of the Lunar Nodes, the Black Moon, and the Part of Fortune. These elements of the chart, sometimes referred to as fictitious points, provide information about the spiritual meaning of your destiny. Owing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

## Your Planets, Houses, Aspects, and Natal Chart

Dominique Strauss-Kahn, born April 25, 1949, at 11:10 AM, Neuilly sur Seine (Ile-de-France), France [2.16E; 48.53N; 1E00]

N	Natal Planets		In House	Natal Houses (Placidus)
O Sun	4°52' 8	Taurus	House 10	House 1 0°24′ № Leo
) Moon	3°01' %	Aries	House 9	House 2 17°47′ № Leo
<b>♥</b> Mercury	18°10' 💍	Taurus	House 11	House 3 9°24' M Virgo
Q Venus	7°05' 8	Taurus	House 10	House 4 8°34′   Libra
O Mars	26°28' %	Aries	House 10	House 5 17°09' M Scorpio
4 Jupiter	1°11' 🗪	Aquarius	House 7	House 6 27°54' Sagittarius
<b>5</b> Saturn	29°21′ R €	Leo	House 2	House 7 0°24′ <del>∞∞</del> Aquarius
₩ Uranus	27°37'	Gemini	House 12	House 8 17°47' em Aquarius
W Neptune	13°14′ R <u> </u>	Libra	House 4	House 9 9°24' → Pisces
¥ Pluto	14°09′ R €	Leo	House 1	House 10 8°34' No Aries
<b>№</b> Node	25°41' %	Aries	House 10	House 11 17°09' & Taurus
C Lilith	27°28'	Pisces	House 9	House 12 27°54′ ∺ Gemini
AS AS	0°24′ €	Leo		
MC MC	8°34' %	Aries		

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 semi-sextile Moon, orb 1° 5'
***** Sun conjunction Venus, orb 2° 12'
*** Sun conjunction Mars, orb 8° 23'
*** Sun square Jupiter, orb 3° 4'
*** Sun trine Saturn, orb -5° 31'
*** Sun square Ascendant, orb -4° 27'
***** Moon semi-square Mercury, orb 0° 08'
***** Moon sextile Jupiter, orb 1° 5'
★★★★★ Moon square Uranus, orb -5° 24'
₩wwww Moon opposite Neptune, orb -10° 12'
**** Moon trine Ascendant, orb -2° 37'
***** Moon conjunction Midheaven, orb 5° 32'
***** Mercury bi-quintile Neptune, orb 1° 04'
**** Mercury square Pluto, orb -4'
Mercury quintile Ascendant, orb 0° 14'
***** Venus square Jupiter, orb 5° 53'
♦ Venus trine Saturn, orb -7° 44′
**** Venus square Pluto, orb 7° 04'
*** Venus square Ascendant, orb -6° 4'

★★★★★ Venus semi-sextile Midheaven, orb -1° 28¹

*** Mars square Jupiter, orb -4° 42'
**** Mars trine Saturn, orb 2° 52'
**** Mars sextile Uranus, orb 1° 08'
***** Mars square Ascendant, orb 3° 55'
* Jupiter inconjunction Saturn, orb 1° 5'
***** Jupiter opposite Ascendant, orb -0° 46'
*** Saturn semi-sextile Ascendant, orb -1° 03'
Neptune quintile Ascendant, orb 0° 49'
**** Neptune opposite Midheaven, orb -4° 4'
*** Pluto trine Midheaven, orb 5° 35'
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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.

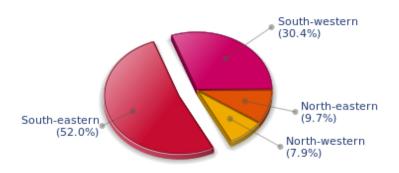
These general character traits must not be taken literally; they are, somehow, preparing for the chart reading. They allow to understand the second part of the analysis, which is more detailed and precise. It focuses on every area of the personality and provides a synthesis of all the above-mentioned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

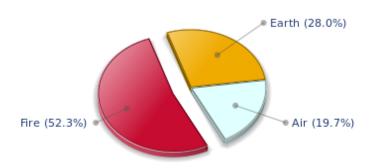


Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the diurnal South-eastern quadrant, consisting of the 10th, 11th and 12th houses, prevails in your chart: assertion and goals achievement are at the centre of your concerns. You are very keen to implement your dreams and your plans. You achieve your ambitions as soon as possible, whether through an active social life, highly charged friendly relations, or an urge to take actions in order to reap - in the eyes of the world, of course - the rewards of your dynamism. It is likely that spirituality or humanitarian actions are part of your motivations, sometimes at the price of some degree of isolation.

#### Your Dominant Modes and Elements

Dominique Strauss-Kahn, here are the graphs of your Elements and Modes, based on planets' position and angles in the twelve signs:

#### Your Four Elements



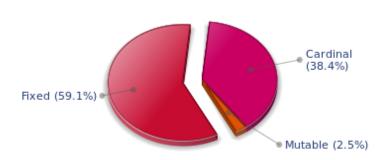
Dominique Strauss-Kahn, Fire is dominant in your natal chart and endows you with intuition, energy, courage, self-confidence, and enthusiasm! You are inclined to be passionate, you assert your willpower, you move forward, and come hell or high water, you achieve your dreams and your goals. The relative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

Like the majority of Earth signs, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, 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.

Your natal chart shows a lack of the Water element, with only 0.00% instead of the average 25%. Whether you are aware of it or not, affective values bring about problems, for you or your close friends. In general, a lack of Water does not necessarily mean that you are unable to love as much as others do. However, you may find it difficult to express the deepness of your heart and of your feelings. In the best cases, you come to terms with it, you adjust, you manage to show more affection or, why not, you pretend to be really affected! In the worst cases, you get into the terrible habit of repressing these essential values and you tend to forget that they are the basis of the richest and strongest bonds between human beings.

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

#### Your Modes



The Fixed mode corresponds to a majority of elements in your chart, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, and represents the desire for security and durability: you are able to concretely appreciate a situation and its stability. You definitely prefer to play the role of a loyal, obstinate and hard-working person, rather than to try new and risky experiences - beware, however, not to confuse obstinacy with intransigence. You structure, cement, and strengthen everything you find on your way: it is your nature, although you are not especially interested in swiftness: slow and steady...

## 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.

Dominique Strauss-Kahn, here is the evaluation diagramme for your planets:

#### Your Dominant Planets



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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

## Your Dominant Signs



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

Arian blood runs through your veins! You have that enthusiasm, frankness, courage, and fastness which usually make you so likeable in spite of your somewhat rough, naive, or violent side. As a bonus, Aries' gushing fire always gives you the impetus to make a fresh start, should you stumble or undergo life hardship!

With the Taurus sign so important in your chart, you are constructive, stable, and sensual. Good taste, sense of beauty, manners, and unfailing good sense - all these qualities contribute to your charm and seductive power. Furthermore, if some people criticize your slow pace and your stubbornness, you rightly reply that this is the price for your security, and that you like the way it is - slow and steady....

With Leo as a dominant sign, you naturally shine brightly. Your dignity, your sense of honour, and your generosity can almost turn you into a solar mythological hero, a knight or a lord from the ancient times. People may blame you for your selfishness, your pride or your somewhat loud authority, but if you are self-confident, kind-hearted and strong-willed, it surely makes up for your little flaws, as long as they remain moderate...

#### Your Dominant Houses



Houses 10, 9 and 7 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.

With a prominent 10th house, your destiny's achievement may be very notable: the 10th house represents your career, your public life, and your ambitions. A good deal of your energy may thus be used to successfully implement what you have in mind. Instinctively, you are very keen to make your dreams come true. Sooner or later, you will deal with the public, and your personal achievement will go through trials and ordeals: other people and visible actions.

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. It may also be that you spend a part of your life far from home, etc. You are driven by some kind of rebelliousness, which urges you to explore the Unknown; it may also be the call of the adventure. Besides, if the rest of your chart concurs, you may be considered as a real draught, often up hill and down dale, constantly on the lookout for exciting discoveries and new, enchanting horizons.

Your 7th house is one of your dominant houses: it symbolizes other people, marriages, associations, contracts, and partnerships. Your personal achievement and maybe your problems - depending on the rest of your chart - are mainly influenced by your rapports with others, the area in which you tend to commit yourself a lot. You appreciate communication, and you give importance to others' opinions. Success requires the support of others, which seems obvious and natural to you. Your marriage generally contributes to your fulfilment.

## 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 Taurus and your Ascendant is in Leo

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:

These two signs are equally determined. Your Leo Ascendant influences your outward appearance, which is perceived by people who do not know you well, and it projects a quite demonstrative and even brilliant image. You have a real knack for showing yourself off to advantage, or in a subtler way, you manage to be admired. You are very conscious of the image you present, and you consider that humour and theatricality are your best assets. Because you use your look, some people may find you endearing. If one scratches this bright veneer, one finds a more natural, genuine, and simple personality. You are very stubborn in your ideas and your actions because both Taurus and Leo are Fixed signs, and therefore, inflexibility is one of your main traits. It is very hard for you to accept to lose control over any situation. Perhaps Taurus, which has strong concern for its self-interest, is slightly more able to change than proud

Leo.

#### You were born with the Sun in Taurus

Peace, joy of life and sensuality are essential to you: You have a simple and quiet nature. You easily find happiness because you are not competitive. In addition, your relaxed attitude and your common sense always take you to places where you are happy, even though you are not the number one, even though you do not move in haste. The important thing for you is to construct, with patience and persistence. These two qualities yield strong, steadfast, and sustainable efforts that can withstand any pitfalls.

You are gentle, with a slow thinking process, but once you have opted for an orientation, nothing, no one, can make you change your mind. You loathe changes in general, and once you have taken the few major unavoidable decisions in the course of your life, you are on track!

As you are born under this sign, you are loyal, steadfast, strong, patient, enduring, persistent, attached, sensual, realistic, constructive, tenacious, with a strong need for security. But you may also be stubborn, rigid, possessive, materialistic, static and slow.

In love, Sir, more often than not, your passions are strong. It may take you some time to be moved, but once you choice is made, it is a lasting one and you are particularly endearing and loyal. You are not interested in infidelity or in having numerous partners.

Your love emerges slowly but it grows in depth, like a root which solidifies with time. You are not too romantic because you are so practical and conventional... but your style and your sexiness compensate for your lack of idealism. You tend to associate the concept of marriage with that of lifestyle or of the benefits that come with it.

Your physical urges are pressing; you are sensual and pleasure takes an important place in your life. You appreciate partners who cook like a cordon-bleu and who may cause a few gastronomic excesses, but you readily accept them.

#### Your Ascendant is in Leo

Psychologically speaking, your nature is powerful and self-assured. You are a leader whose strength and nobleness naturally arouse your entourage's respect and adherence and your legitimacy is unquestioned. Your sense of commandment, the honour your person constantly exudes, your prestige and your charisma is a whole which puts you into the spotlight wherever you go.

As you are born under this sign, you are proud, determined, wilful, loyal, solemn, generous, ambitious, courageous, heroic, full of vitality, creative, confident, seductive, happy, daring, proud, majestic, honest, magnanimous, charismatic, responsible, noble, brilliant, radiant, dramatic, affectionate, full of humour, demonstrative, swaggering and self-confident. You can also be domineering, conceited, touchy, authoritarian, stubborn, intolerant, self-centered, irascible, violent, and nonchalant.

In love, Sir, you are very demanding. You are a powerful and loyal lover. Your partner must be the most beautiful and the most brilliant person and she must make you feel that she admires you. In such a case, your generosity has no limit and you give your love without reservation, with nobleness, liberalities and luxury. You set up a stable and brilliant home where children have the essential part.

The main danger is that you value trust to the extent that you grant it generously but too hastily: if you happen to find out that your trust is misplaced, the whole world around you crumbles and the relationship is forever damaged. In this regard, you are cut-and-dried and you feel so hurt and humiliated that you seldom can forgive.

Another similar danger comes from the fact that your expectations are very high and it is very unlikely that real life offers such unconditional and lasting love: for this reason, it is not unusual that you never marry, all the more so because your self-centered character is not prone to self-questioning...

#### The ruler of your chart is in Taurus

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.

In your chart, the ruler of the Ascendant is the Sun. This specific feature means that the Sun's characteristics previously delineated are strengthened.

#### Aspects to your Ascendant

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

#### ★★★★★ Jupiter opposite Ascendant, orb -0° 46'

In astrology, Jupiter is the planet of greater fortune. He is in opposition to your Ascendant, Dominique Strauss-Kahn. However, he is also in conjunction with the opposite angle, the Descendant, which symbolises your rapport with other people. So, we are not dealing here with a dissonance, but with assets for your communication skill, and a form of natural benevolence which arouses sympathy. Although your behaviour is somehow oriented towards other people, and therefore not the direct expression of yourself, owing to this Jovian facet, your manner is lenient, understanding, and optimistic, which is usually appreciated and offers you many satisfactions in the area of partnership, and harmony in your marriage.

#### **★★★★★** Moon trine Ascendant, orb -2° 37'

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

#### \*\*\* Mars square Ascendant, orb 3° 55'

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

#### \*\*\* Sun square Ascendant, orb -4° 27'

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

#### ★★★★★ Mercury quintile Ascendant, orb 0° 14'

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

#### ★★★★★ Venus square Ascendant, orb -6° 4'

In certain circumstances, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, you tend to adopt an attitude that is not necessarily in line with your real emotions. This discrepancy between your behaviour and your feelings, caused by Venus, may disconcert the people you mix with. Have self-confidence, don't be too pushy or... withdrawn, and forget your fears. Then, people can have a better perception of your personality, and you can harvest the fruits of your efforts.

#### \*\*\*\*\* Neptune quintile Ascendant, orb 0° 49'

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

#### \* Saturn semi-sextile Ascendant, orb -1° 03'

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

## Your Sensitivity

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

Your emotions, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, prompt you to experiment what is faraway and foreign to your roots. You are indeed attracted by the unknown or by what is different from you, and it is mainly abroad that you realize that your emotions are exalted or that your popularity is enhanced. Besides, it is likely that your wife is a foreigner or at least, that you meet with her abroad.

Women may play an important role for your philosophical or moral training, or for your quest of knowledge and expanded horizons.

#### \*\*\*\* Moon sextile Jupiter, orb 1° 5'

Why should one complicate one's life if it is possible to enjoy the simple joys of the present? This harmonic Moon-Jupiter aspect indicates a cheerful nature, which earns your entourage's liking and protects the balance of your intimate life. Your sociability is supported by your desire to smoothly adhere to a group, a social or family cell. You are fond of moments where you unwind and relax. You value your daily comfort and, to preserve it, you accept to play by the rules of privacy. When this aspect dictates your attitudes, you behave like a person easy to get along with... even though your personal demands, relegated to the backseat, come up again at top speed and force you to behave more in line with your inner needs.

#### ★★★★★ Moon square Uranus, orb -5° 24'

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 opposite Neptune, orb -10° 12'

This Moon-Neptune dissonance wonderfully turns on the poetic soul, the exhilaration of feelings and dreams... and disturbs your practical life, as well as the management of contingencies. You do not lack inspiration but your reasons of living may be beyond your entourage's understanding! Bohemian life is pleasant but it is probable that you experience muddled situations. Your aims are noble and your intentions are very good. But you may not have the will to turn them into reality. It is important that you

are wary of artificial paradises: escaping in the imaginary is not necessarily the best solution for problem solving. You are in search of an inaccessible tranquillity and you tend to procrastinate chores. Nevertheless, facts remain present and you may see that non-interventionism can only increase your difficulties. You must put an end to this vicious let-go circle. This does not imply that you have to forsake your dreams or to repress your very rich sensitivity.

#### \*\*\* Sun semi-sextile Moon, orb 1° 5'

This aspect is a strong homogeneity factor: the image you project is in conformity with your real nature and does not upset your basic balance. This is probably the cause of your feeling at ease, your consistent behaviour and your determination to remain your true self, regardless of external pressures and whatever is expected from you. At best, your will and your sensitivity are in harmony, your unconscious abilities are mobilized and controlled by your conscious will, with no imbalance. However, it is important to avoid the traps of self-satisfaction that would be harmful to your real exchanges and would lock you up in comfortable and rigid schemes. It is possible to remain natural and yet, not be content with the sole well being of those who never cheat themselves.

## Your Affectivity

In your chart, the Sun and Venus are both in Taurus. According to the Tradition, Venus rules Taurus and she thrives tremendously in her sign... in the Sun's company. More than anyone, you are prone to sentimental attachments and you need your loved one to be all yours, as much as you are hers. The attributes of Taurus are the instinct for self-preservation and a relative faithfulness in love and in hatred. Your inclinations and your repulsions are unvarying and you pay special attention to sensual relationships. Not everything makes sense, but everything is sense. In this regard, the Tradition is very clear: it talks about voluptuous pleasure and eroticism. When this configuration is well integrated, it produces the Epicurean, and a person made of desires. But on the negative side, lewdness is condemned, firmly or leniently, according to one's beliefs! More seriously, the Sun-Venus duet in Taurus gives precedence to love fulfilment and plenitude over discovery and first days' amazement. This is probably the basis of the stability your sign is credited with. But make no mistake: the desire to intensify, to retain and to fully enjoy the savour of your relationship makes you a demanding person.

There is so much voluptuousness and so much charm in your personality, Dominique Strauss-Kahn! You are what is called a "nature" and when confidence is established, slowly but steadily, you become deeply attached to your partner and you can be filled with passion. It may take months, even years, but you are so generous and affectionate that, in most cases, your relationship has many chances to blossom, with time. You are very physical and sensual and you are very keen to delight in your intimate moments. This aspect of your amorous relationship usually contributes to its sustainability. Everything seems idyllic, Dominique Strauss-Kahn. It would be so if your jealousy and your possessiveness did not get started simultaneously with your powerful feelings. But you have so many assets, so be content!

If there are no tense aspects with other planets in your chart, this configuration suggests that you are prone, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, to create a link between your career and the sentimental area, even though it may come under various guises: you may be in favour with women in general and enjoy their support as you climb the social ladder and you achieve success more quickly making use of your charm and of your seductive ability. Sometimes, you may mingle love and career (or marriage), thus combining business with pleasure and indeed even... with your destiny. In other cases, you will be interested in

Venusian occupations such as the arts, aesthetics, decoration, luxury trade or diplomacy. Whatever your activity, you will appreciate it tremendously and you will feel very much at ease. You will enjoy affective popularity and consequently, an aura of the luck of the devil that can propel you to the top or, at least, to where you dream of being. You are often a perfectionist and the careful zeal you dedicate to the attainment of your objectives greatly contributes to their achievement. Never do you forget them, and nothing pleases you more than to rub shoulders with important people in the higher spheres of diplomacy, politics or business. You love to act as the mediator or the go-between and to have your irresistible charm duly acknowledged and rewarded. According to the Tradition, Venus in the 10th house often indicates that men are strongly attached to their mother and this tie favourably influences their destiny. In some adverse circumstances, you may lack constancy or perseverance in love, or this area may, to some extent, contradict your career objectives, owing to your carelessness. You may be dominated by women, lack authority or you may find yourself doing a balancing act between your love life and your professional life, and being unable to make a choice, thus damaging both.

#### ★★★★★ Sun conjunction Venus, orb 2° 12'

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 seduction 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 square Jupiter, orb 5° 53'

This Venus-Jupiter dissonance indicates a strong will to seduce. However, there may be discrepancies between your words and your actions, as well as between your behaviour and your instinctive reactions. You may be carried away by a maelstrom of emotions, feelings and pleasures and you do not consider the possible consequences of your superficial attitude. Therefore, the apparent state of grace may turn into delusion. Proprieties and necessities of the moment forbid you to experience your desires. What you deem reasonable does not suit your heart's impulses. What a dilemma... Hopefully, as time goes by, you may reconcile your desires, your life patterns and the reasons of your heart with those of your mind.

#### **★** ★ ★ Venus square Pluto, orb 7° 04'

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

#### \*\*\*\* Venus trine Saturn, orb -7° 44'

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.

## The Way You Take Action and Your Sexuality

Impulsive, impatient, quick and energetic? You? Yes of course, Dominique Strauss-Kahn. You are courageous and able to make intense and huge efforts for a short while; and what a terrific rhythm! In sport, of course, or in your sexuality, you are not the type who ponders, you take action instinctively, "in a rough and ready way". You are outspoken, you do not worry about other people's opinion and you do not allow them to slow you down or to judge you. You must succeed or fall apart. You cannot be bothered with diplomacy or with compromises. You are too straightforward and unyielding to waste time with finesse or shrewdness. This is what makes you charming because, with you, one always knows where one stands.

Your energy and your capacity for action are at the service of your career and your destiny, Dominique Strauss-Kahn: No doubt, this is one of the simplest and most transparent planetary configurations. You do not hesitate. For you, action means climbing up the social ladder, sooner or later, winning the marshal's baton, defeating setbacks through efforts and work, and overcoming the obstacles on your path.

You get your reward by the sweat of your brow, and you are aware that it is no easy business. Your personal approach is that nothing can be achieved without an effort because you are wise enough to be aware of it.

It is so deeply rooted in you that you may feel that you will get nothing if you do not fight for it. You are right, actually, at least as far as you are concerned, because it is your manner. Your destiny implies many struggles, and you have the necessary courage to join battle. However, as time unfolds, try to be gentle with yourself and indulge in a few moments of well-deserved rest and respite!

#### \*\*\* Mars trine Saturn, orb 2° 52'

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 sextile Uranus, orb 1° 08'

This harmonious Mars-Uranus aspect indicates an unshakable determination and the will to further your ideas through drastic, sudden, sometimes dramatic actions. You bend the string of your bow before taking action and you hit at the right time. The secret of your feats? An excellent command of your blitz actions. You concoct your plans in the dark, and then you move to an efficient and quick execution step that is often dazzling. You do not have the temperament of a loser. When you face and ordeal, you focus your entire energy and will on your unique aim: victory over any obstacle. This planetary configuration may lead to dangerous, even heroic actions. The danger is that you may over-estimate your strength or your chances for success.

#### \*\*\* Mars square Jupiter, orb -4° 42'

You assert yourself in a spectacular and demonstrative manner as soon as an assembly gathers and there is a chance for success. However, too much haste and zeal may harm your projects and spoil your expected outcome. The danger with this aspect is your overzealousness as you strive to achieve your objectives and your ambitions, forcing your way through events, whereas the situation requires diplomacy and patience. Too much fieriness may make you miss your target. With this planetary configuration, it is important that you keep in mind that some circumstances need to be handled with precision and clear-sightedness. Not all opportunities are necessarily good. It would be a pity to lose your efficiency through excesses of opportunism or of enthusiasm.

#### \*\*\* Sun conjunction Mars, orb 8° 23'

This planetary Sun-Mars aspect reinforces courage, determination and energy. The need for action is obvious. Whatever your will designs is implemented with fieriness, despite all oppositions. You are decisive and wilful, even foolhardy. Your behaviour may be heroic: you know how to face adversity, to stand for your rights and your decisions, regardless of the confrontations you may have to cope with. The only danger may be that you overestimate your chances and your strength. But your audacity turns out to be rewarding, more often that not.

## Your Intellect and Your Communication Style

Your mind is calm and balanced; even though you assimilate slowly, your memory is remarkable. Your judgment is based on reflection and reason and draws on past experiences. Dominique Strauss-Kahn, you are a good adviser, a reliable person whom people can confide in discreetly. You are full of good sense, cautious, methodical and disciplined and you are able to carry many good projects to a successful conclusion. You are very opinionated and determined in your actions. However, your tendency for intolerance and prejudices may offend your entourage. They wish that you exercised more flexibility instead of systematically refusing what cannot be immediately checked. You usually express yourself with a lot of charm and this is what allows you to get people to better accept your well-established habits.

You are intelligent and brilliant as soon as you have identified a goal and you have partners to work with you. You are less inclined to undertake strictly personal projects, Dominique Strauss-Kahn. Your mind and your curiosity include friends and collective projects. You believe that your particularly well-developed sociability is an asset for them.

Collective works, customers and public domain appeal to you, and you feel that you can achieve in those

fields. Your negotiating skills are paradoxically stronger when you face the anonymity of a group rather than in intimate individual exchanges, may be only because you have no real interest in your own projects, for several reasons.

#### \*\*\* Mercury square Pluto, orb -4'

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

#### ★★★★★ Moon semi-square Mercury, orb 0° 08'

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

#### \*\*\*\*\* Mercury bi-quintile Neptune, orb 1° 04'

Your sense of psychology and of human intimate mechanisms is acutely developed. Your relations are nuanced, clever and guided by a good intuition of individuals. Without effort, you pick up what is at stake in relationships and in contacts. Your « sixth sense » inspires you and may take you into strange roads. On the relations' plane, there is an indisputable subtlety. You know what you should not say or, on the contrary, you naturally find the suitable words. Your natural and non-rational attitudes often prove right. The unknown fascinates you... Your curiosity for occultism and mystery is keen. Besides, life is a huge human enigma for you.

## Your Goals, Motivations, Career, and Destiny

#### Your Sun is posited in the 10th House

Dominique Strauss-Kahn, your need for assertion is very strong. It is clearly oriented towards the success of your professional or social destiny, or at least, towards an important rise compared to your initial background; your effort, your will and your goals are well defined in your mind: you have a concrete vision of the kind of destiny you are interested in and you do not want to stay on the backstage! Because in traditional astrology, the Midheaven relates to the mother, should other configurations of your chart concur, your mother might favour your ambition or speed up the success of your career.

You have an innate sense of commandment and a definite taste for honours, prestige, recognition of your self-worth. You don't like vagueness and your objectives are very concrete. You want to quickly leave

anonymity and the quietness of the dark, for which you have no affinity. Your determined attitude, and your irresistible desire to play an increasingly important role in the position you hold, are major assets for the actual achievement of your goals. You want to shine forth and to heave yourself up, always higher and higher.

There are real indications of fame, provided that other elements of your chart concur. Even though you did not rise to fame, it is likely that, in your area, you enjoy some degree of glory. You are efficient and, with the help of your organizational skills, it is not difficult for you to find your spot in the sunshine.

In some rare cases, your ascent goes beyond the average ones and it may occur on the spiritual plane instead of the professional or the social plane. Therefore, you may be called upon to play a solar authority role in line with your beliefs and your commitment. You may become a leader or a master in the path you have chosen.

Even though you may hesitate to admit it and to tell others, your frenzied inclination for success inevitably brings about conflicts of authority; striving to heave yourself up, too high and too quickly, to a level that is so different from the one you were at, not so long ago, exposes you to clashes with the hierarchy or with those whom you regularly outgrow in the course of your ambitious journey and who may not agree with you.

There is also the fearsome and dormant danger of exhilaration of power and its disastrous consequences; hopefully, you do not have to jump into it with both feet. A fair dose of detachment and meditation may spare you many a trouble.

### The ruler of your chart is in the 10th 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:

#### \*\*\*\* Neptune opposite Midheaven, orb -4° 4'

Neptune is in opposition to your Midheaven, and therefore, he is at the same time in conjunction with your Imum Coeli which symbolises your roots, your family, the home where you were born, as well as the home you set up, Dominique Strauss-Kahn. Thus, this is not a dissonance strictly speaking, but a capacity of fusion with your original environment through emotion and instinct, and which you use amazingly well. There is a counterpart, of course, and with this configuration, you feel deeply comfortable at home, to the extent that you tend to set aside your professional goals, or to postpone them. Nevertheless, your empathy, your abilities to understand your close friends, and your propensity to create osmosis within your private sphere are very much worthwhile! You must not forget that, ineluctably, you must also plunge into the great bath of society and take a chance with people you do not

know. Taking action in society is not necessarily in contradiction with feeling comfortable at home. You must totally integrate this truth in order to experience your professional life as successfully as your family life.

#### \*\*\*\* Moon conjunction Midheaven, orb 5° 32'

The Moon in conjunction with the Midheaven receives good press, Dominique Strauss-Kahn. She indicates potential fame, or in any case, some degree of popularity. Your sensitivity is well perceived and, above all, it perfectly fits your professional destiny and your social ascent. Females may greatly influence your success. Your social status or your profession may be tightly linked to lunar values, such as frequent contacts with the crowd, children, women, daily matters, imagination, school, administration, leisure and sports for children, hotel and restaurant industry, bakery, poetry, the arts...

#### \*\*\* Sun square Jupiter, orb 3° 4'

This Sun-Jupiter aspect indicates a strong desire for social and professional integration but it may cause a few difficulties of expression in that regard, owing to excesses or immoderation. There may be discrepancies between your objectives and the means implemented to achieve them. The danger of this configuration may be that you forsake an essential part of yourself for some ambitious but out of proportion plan. Too many efforts of adaptation and an excess of opportunism may make you miss the target. It is important that you remain true to your values and that you do not seek, at any cost, to adjust your attitudes to the situation. However, do not fall into the opposite trap: a need for the absolute that forbids compromises, although they are so necessary. You must reconcile idealism with the demands of the moment, the respect for principles with the sense of timeliness. When this configuration is not well integrated, things get out of hand. Extravagances are glaring. They may translate into an exuberant, overly demonstrative disposition. Personal ambition turns into pride, and joviality becomes immoderation. Outbursts of anger are frequent. However, in a reserved and cautious context, this configuration reveals its positive nature.

#### \*\*\*\* Sun trine Saturn, orb -5° 31'

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.

#### \*\*\*\*\* Pluto trine Midheaven, orb 5° 35'

Pluto is in soft aspect with your Midheaven, Dominique Strauss-Kahn. Your natural perspicacity and your propensity to move deeper into the understanding of all the things surrounding you may favour your career. Besides, in some circumstances, secret protections or relationships at work in the dark may very well help you climb up the stairs to success. At the same time, your intuition and your capacity to overcome pitfalls are your constant assets.

\*\*\*\* Jupiter inconjunction Saturn, orb 1° 5'

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

★ X X X Venus semi-sextile Midheaven, orb -1° 28'

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

## Your Assets and Your Part of Joviality

Your mental activity, your enthusiasm when you handle your projects, especially the collective ones, are very favoured by this planetary configuration: one of your best qualities, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, is your capacity to be integrated in a group and at the same time, to keep your originality intact. As a natural consequence, your friendships are favoured and your protections last throughout your life.

With this planetary position, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, your natural benevolence is greatly favoured in your dealings with others. Jupiter in the 7th house is usually considered... to be one of the best possible indications for a successful marriage and a springboard for your social life! Your feelings are generously expressed, and your company is pleasant.

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 Aquarius stimulates your mental activities and favours the area of collective or humanitarian projects. In these fields, you can easily assert your originality and develop your interests for new topics and unusual things in general: sciences, higher technologies, but also esoterism, astrology and occultism. Your friendship life is favoured too by this configuration.

#### **Your Serious Side**

Your ambitions and your self-perception are marked with some degree of detachment. You become less frivolous and more detached from individual and superficial values as time goes by.

Financial affairs, and more particularly, your earning capacity, constitute the challenges of your life, Dominique Strauss-Kahn. In this area, your practical sense is not too good and remains to be improved. This is the first thing you should work in order to progress and to gain self-confidence.

You are distrustful and you spend too much time analyzing before taking action by yourself; you must understand that, to be able to win, you must accept to lose, to take risks, and to give for the sake of giving. There is no other way out. As time goes by, you use your persistence to gain material security and to steady the flow of your income in order to overcome feelings of frustration.

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 Leo tends to detach you from pleasure and leisure and gives you a serious and responsible nature. These are good qualities if Saturn is not badly aspected, even if your inclination for having fun is not particularly increased by this planetary configuration...

## A Few Special Points

#### Your Uniqueness and Your Utopias

It is within a setting of secrecy or of isolation that unexpected events may suddenly occur. Sometimes, it may be on the occasion of unpredictable events that isolation settles, be it a context of exile, forced solitude such as illness, or imprisonment caused by enmittees or by fate.

Great satisfaction may also occur in a secret context. It may be a hidden love affair, an activity carried out in the dark or an association with a person whose identity cannot be revealed.

The areas of the occult or of secrets (espionage, police, secret society, etc.) are frequent causes for change in the course of your destiny. Reversals and incomprehensible disruptions may give you the opportunity to understand that the persons whom you considered as your friends do not side with you, or sometimes, more happily, you realize that the persons whom you considered as your sworn enemies are actually of invaluable help and support, and that they even become... your friends!

#### Your Inspiration and Your Illusions

Your vision of your childhood home, or of your father, is quite vague, but your emotions in these areas are intense. There is a vital need for you to feel comfortable at home because, otherwise, you tend to imagine horrors that exist only in your mind!

You may encounter complications, lack of understanding, or mystery regarding your origins or your real estate. In any case, it is hard for you to discern when you are "at home" and, even when all is well, you tend to idealize your household.

#### Your Passion and Your Authority

Your close friends are aware that your underlying tension may break open as soon as you feel threatened or when your honour is tarnished by ambiguous actions or talks. You have an innate taste for power, and you exude a strong form of magnetism and authority.

Your need to transform both your environment and your personality may prompt you to display aggressiveness. But more often than not, it remains a form of blackmail in order to dominate others, something similar to the chess principle that "threat is better than implementation".

#### 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.

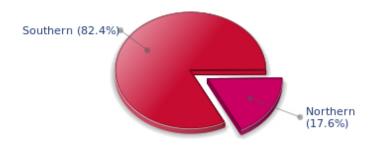
#### Your Planetary Repartitions: Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Hemispheres

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, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the ten main planets are distributed as follows:

## Your Northern and Southern Hemispheres



Dominique Strauss-Kahn, 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.

Dominique Strauss-Kahn, here is the planetary repartition in your Eastern and your Western hemispheres:

## Your Eastern and Western Hemisphere:



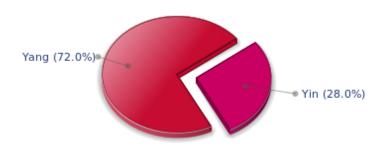
The predominance of planets in the Eastern hemisphere of your chart enables you, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, to assert yourself and to rely on your determination: you know what you want and you have a tendency to take action and to decide with your personal goals as priorities, even if they can be in contradiction with what others think.

A definite asset... provided that you never make mistakes in your choices. You should pay more attention to your entourage in order to counterbalance your nature and to take advantage of your assets wisely. The danger is that you may be too authoritarian and not conciliating enough. Strong determination coupled with flexibility and acute sense of communication are qualities you should develop.

#### 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, Dominique Strauss-Kahn: 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



Your angular houses, namely, the 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th houses, are very emphasized in your chart,

Dominique Strauss-Kahn: according to the Tradition, they are the strongest and most dynamic houses. Should the rest of your chart concur, angular houses suggest that you are an enterprising, energetic and assertive man. Indeed, angular houses are said to generate impulsions and to give a powerful and domineering personality.

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

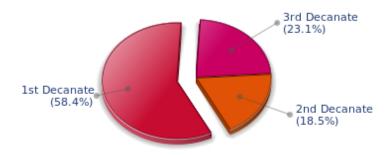
#### Your Esoteric Decanates

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

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

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

#### Your Esoteric Decanates



The first decanate, which means the part between 0° and 10° of any zodiacal sign, prevails in your natal chart, Dominique Strauss-Kahn: 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.

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

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

#### Lilith or the Dark Moon

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

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

The notion of freedom takes a special meaning: to be free does not only mean being able to move as you please here and there, nor does it mean having a few hours of leisure available. Above all, it means being able to lead a spiritual quest, to access a different dimension in life: to encounter, to travel, to love and to never be hampered by contingencies, never be slowed down by daily life. That'll take some doing! The comfortable routine of the contemporary world, in this regard, puts you off.

#### 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 12th house: it is when you face difficult situations that you give of your best. Ordeals have a stimulating effect on you, once the first moment of bitterness or of despondency is gone. Life hardships make you stronger and make you grow. You can better than anyone else shift cycles or lines of conduct: you are detached from events and you give them their inner and spiritual dimension. You challenge yourself and you evolve according to the obstacles laid on your path. Your destiny is particularly influenced by altruism, dedication and renunciation. Your spiritual progression may take precedence over your everyday constraints: source of ordeals, but above all, of inner growth. Life is a perpetual initiation and a quest beyond the invisible.

#### **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 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.

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

Pluto retrograde suggests power issues and mishandled relations: for you, everything comes down to power struggles, submission and domination, Machiavellian manoeuvres, including within your couple... The results are complex behaviours and an obsession for the power to influence people. Yet, life teaches that you must simplify your relations and adopt more transparent attitudes and healthier desires... As years go by, you will tend towards more simplicity and you will slowly discover that human energy can, and must, be at the service of the good, or of well being, in compliance with our individual progression.

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.