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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.

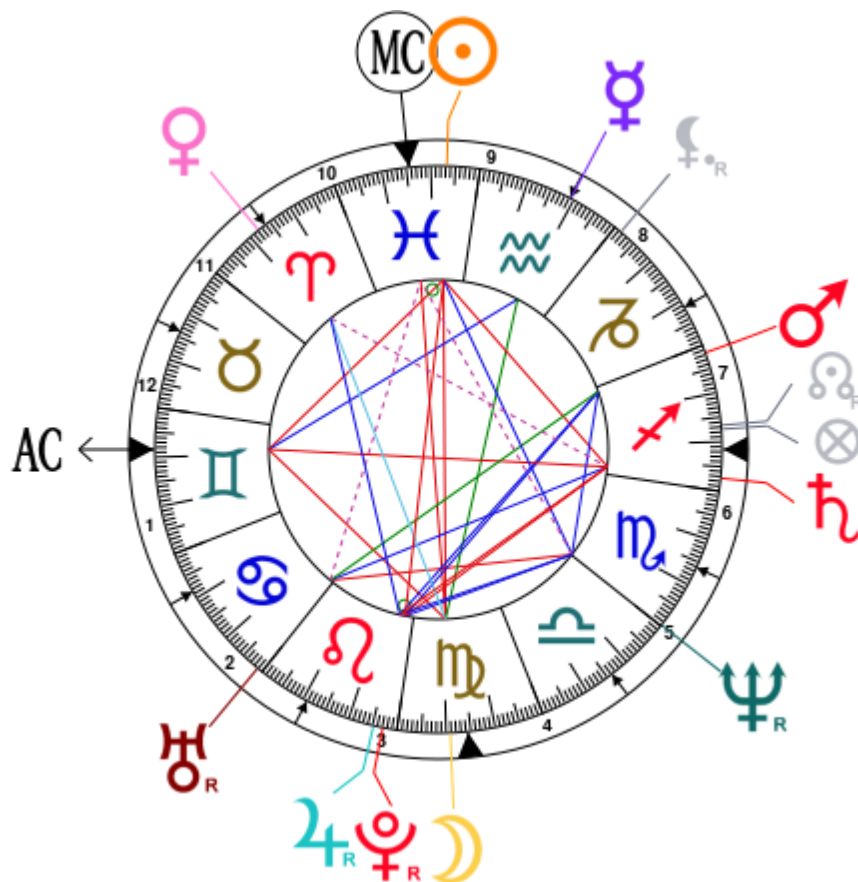
The karmic chart complements the psychological portrait or natal chart. It is based on the positions of the Lunar Nodes, the Black Moon, and the Part of Fortune. These elements of the chart, sometimes referred to as fictitious points, provide information about the spiritual meaning of your destiny. Owing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

Michel Houellebecq, born February 26, 1956, at 01:00 PM, Saint-Pierre, Reunion [55.28E ; 21.20S ; 4E00]

Natal Planets			In House	Natal Houses (Placidus)		
☉ Sun	6°45'	♓ Pisces	House 9	House 1	8°27'	♊ Gemini
☾ Moon	10°51'	♍ Virgo	House 3	House 2	8°30'	♋ Cancer
☿ Mercury	10°40'	♒ Aquarius	House 9	House 3	10°51'	♌ Leo
♀ Venus	17°50'	♈ Aries	House 11	House 4	14°26'	♍ Virgo
♂ Mars	28°23'	♐ Sagittarius	House 7	House 5	16°06'	♎ Libra
♃ Jupiter	25°13' R	♌ Leo	House 3	House 6	13°50'	♏ Scorpio
♄ Saturn	2°38'	♐ Sagittarius	House 6	House 7	8°27'	♐ Sagittarius
♅ Uranus	28°52' R	♋ Cancer	House 2	House 8	8°30'	♑ Capricorn
♆ Neptune	0°15' R	♏ Scorpio	House 5	House 9	10°51'	♒ Aquarius
♇ Pluto	27°09' R	♌ Leo	House 3	House 10	14°26'	♓ Pisces
♁ Node	13°21' R	♐ Sagittarius	House 7	House 11	16°06'	♈ Aries
♇ Lilith	28°28' R	♑ Capricorn	House 8	House 12	13°50'	♉ Taurus
AS AS	8°27'	♊ Gemini				
MC MC	14°26'	♓ Pisces				

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



List of Your Active Planetary Aspects

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

- ★★★★★ Sun opposite Moon, orb -4° 06'
- ★★★★★ Sun square Saturn, orb 4° 07'
- ★★★★★ Sun trine Neptune, orb 6° 3'
- ★★★★★ Sun opposite Pluto, orb -9° 36'
- ★★★★★ Sun square Ascendant, orb 1° 42'
- ★★★★★ Sun conjunction Midheaven, orb 7° 41'
- ★★★★★ Moon inconjunction Mercury, orb -0° 11'
- ★★★★★ Moon bi-quintile Venus, orb -0° 58'
- ★★★★★ Moon square Ascendant, orb 2° 23'
- ★★★★★ Moon opposite Midheaven, orb -3° 35'
- ★★★★★ Mercury trine Ascendant, orb -2° 12'
- ★★★★★ Venus trine Jupiter, orb 7° 22'
- ★★★★★ Venus sesqui-quadrate Saturn, orb 0° 12'
- ★★★★★ Mars trine Jupiter, orb 3° 1'
- ★★★★★ Mars inconjunction Uranus, orb -0° 28'
- ★★★★★ Mars sextile Neptune, orb -1° 51'
- ★★★★★ Mars trine Pluto, orb 1° 14'
- ★★★★★ Jupiter square Saturn, orb 7° 25'
- ★★★★★ Saturn opposite Ascendant, orb -5° 49'
- ★★★★★ Uranus sesqui-quadrate Midheaven, orb -0° 34'
- ★★★★★ Neptune sesqui-quadrate Midheaven, orb -0° 48'

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.

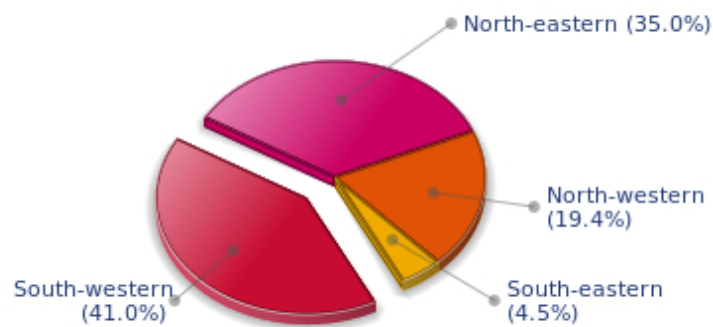
These general character traits must not be taken literally; they are, somehow, preparing for the chart reading. They allow to understand the second part of the analysis, which is more detailed and precise. It focuses on every area of the personality and provides a synthesis of all the above-mentioned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

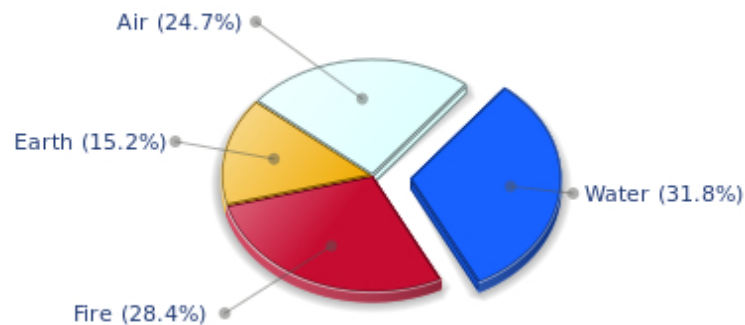


Michel Houellebecq, the diurnal South-western quadrant, consisting of the 7th, 8th and 9th houses, prevails in your chart: this sector brings about a thirst for communication and sometimes a need to take risks in your dealings with others. Relations are a factor of your evolution and your transformation,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

Your Dominant Modes and Elements

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

Your Four Elements

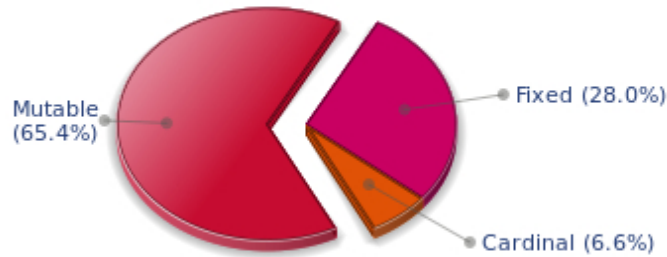


The predominance of Water signs indicates high sensitivity and elevation through feelings, Michel Houellebecq. Your heart and your emotions are your driving forces, and you can't do anything on Earth if you don't feel a strong affective charge (as a matter of fact, the word "feeling" is essential in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

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

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

Your Modes



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

Your Dominants: Planets, Signs and Houses

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

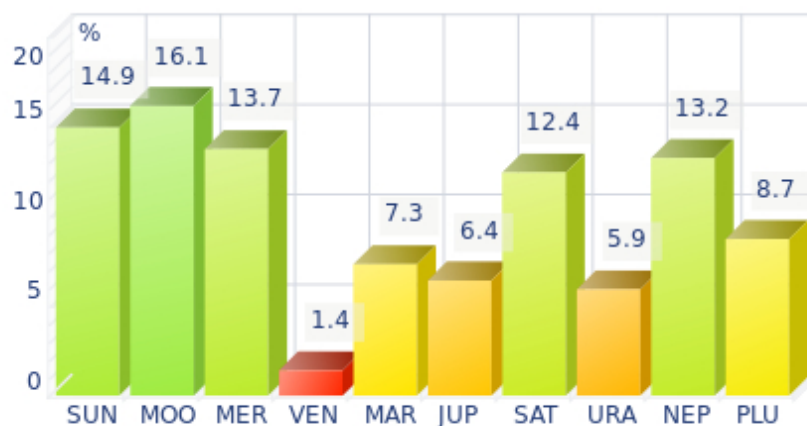
The ten planets - the Sun throughout Pluto - are a bit like ten characters in a role-play, each one has its own personality, its own way of acting, its own strengths and weaknesses. They actually represent a classification into ten distinct personalities, and astrologers have always tried to associate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

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

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

Michel Houellebecq, here is the evaluation diagramme for your planets:

Your Dominant Planets



The three planets that are most highlighted in your chart are the Moon, the Sun and Mercury.

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!

One of the dominant planets in your natal chart is the Sun. He symbolizes will, magnetism, sense of honour and dignity. You are a Solar being, and you often display charismatic and leadership qualities. Your warmth and your persuasive power lead you far away from pettiness. You enjoy thinking big and, consequently, you move forward according to what you decide.

Your Solarian weakness may be related to the sin of pride or to excessive authority. The frontier between pride and vanity is tenuous: be careful not to overstep it and to keep the nobleness of heart that is part of your charm.

With Mercury among your dominant planets, you are certainly cerebral, nervous, swift, curious, quick-witted, and you love to communicate. Your psychological pattern is intellectual, all the more so since Mercury is important, with its whole set of assets but also of weaknesses, obviously.

Your sensitivity, emotions, and heart's impulses give precedence to thinking, which can lead people to believe that you are a playful and witty but heartless person, intellectualizing situations and juggling with words and numbers whilst ignoring human aspects of things. Of course, it is said that cats always land on their feet - this is your Mercurian strength and your trump card!

Your weakness lies in your nervousness, and you may miss your goal because of your "over-intellectualization" that may be detrimental to other kind of energies such as instinct, spontaneity, heart, sensitivity, etc.

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

Pisces is among your dominant signs and endows your personality with unlimited sources of emotions, dreams, imagination, and sensitivity, to the extent that you literally swim in a cloudy ocean of delightful impressions. These impressions are so intense and overwhelming that you don't really need to take action concretely, to show your dynamism or your willpower, since you already live so intensely with your feelings - you are as keen as a radar, always on the alert! That is why some people may not like your carelessness, and the lack of clarity in your opinions or actions; however they quickly notice your artistic talents, your poetic or artistic side, and your total lack of wickedness. Besides, you feel compassion for people in pain - empathy is one of your great qualities. Thanks to your flexibility, your intuition, and your generosity, you may spend an important part of your life helping others. And if you are creative or if you have well-known artistic talents, everybody will forgive your little flaws: absent-mindedness, lack of energy or of will, too dreamy temperament...

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

Virgo, associated with perfectionism, numbers and reason, is among your dominant signs: you inherit its

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

Your Dominant Houses



Houses 9, 3 and 6 are the most tenanted ones in your natal chart. To compute their strength, planets and angles are weighed according to various astrological criteria such as swiftness, activity, angularity, rulership etc. From the analysis of the most tenanted Houses, the Astrologer deduces the fields of activity that are most relevant to you, be it because of what you are experiencing, or what you may experience in the future, or because of your deep inner motivations.

Your 9th house being one of your most tenanted house, or at least emphasized, travels and faraway places play a major role for you: travels may take place in a symbolic sense, namely mind speculations or conceptions about political matters, philosophy, religion or spirituality, or in the literal sense, such as real long distance travels by plane. 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.

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

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

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 Pisces and your Ascendant is in Gemini

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:

This zodiacal duet has everything it needs to make your head spin! Pisces and Gemini are both Mutable, dual, and even multiple signs which share the same adaptable, flexible, and ambiguous temperament. Owing to your ambivalent and undulating qualities, you are able to understand the most different viewpoints, and you focus so much on their nuances that you seem to revel in contradictions. Indeed, versatility is not devoid of shortcomings, and instability is often one of them. To make up for it, you display the compassion and the capacity to put yourself in people's shoes, all features which come from your Sun in Pisces, a Water sign with a subtle and complex sensitivity. However, owing to your Gemini Ascendant, you come across as a caustic, lively, and nervous person. This intellectual sign is responsible for your detached and chameleon-like outward appearance, which your entourage may perceive as quite

a superficial one, in the worst cases. When you are in society, you are communicative and curious, and you seldom unveil your idealistic and mystical tendencies, which are the traditional attributes of Pisces. Therefore, contrarily to the image you project, you are more resistant to social norms and codes because you are obsessed by chimeras belonging to a different world...

You were born with the Sun in Pisces

Psychologically speaking, your nature is adaptable and receptive, exactly the opposite of the sign of Virgo whose very essence is to analyze every detail, thus creating a definite duality between the self and the outside world: conversely, Pisces absorbs and erases all forms of differentiation they face. With Pisces, there is no opposition, no conflict and no individual reaction. There is only fusion, non-separation, a perpetual and mobile spreading of the self over some blurred and huge sensation of sympathy with the environment. It is the absolute reign of feelings and emotions over the intellect and its separative logics.

As you are born under this sign, you are emotional, sensitive, dedicated, adaptable, nice, wild, compassionate, romantic, imaginative, flexible, opportunist, intuitive, impossible to categorized, irrational, seductive, placid, secretive, introverted, pleasant, artistic, and charming. But you may also be indecisive, moody, passive, confused, wavering, lazy, scatterbrained, vulnerable, unpredictable and gullible.

In love, Sir, you are the very type of the sentimental romantic in the highest meaning of the term. You live your love affairs in your mind. You upkeep the web of your endless daydreamings just to exacerbate your emotions and your feelings, over and over again.

You fall in love frequently and according to how your encounters develop. You adjust to the person you set your heart on and you may harbour illusions because your imagination and your capacity to intensely live a virtual life are very strong. You are utopian and you are so gentle that you usually achieve your aims in spite of your boundless passivity: you seldom take the first step, except when you are thrown a line, which is as big as a tree trunk...

You live for love and through love. Your only weakness may be your lack of determination at the early stage of a relationship. However, once you get started, if there is any compatibility, you trap your prey with your overflowing affectivity and your unlimited sensuality.

Pisces' waters are shifting and changeable. When other opportunities appeal to you, you are able to handle two relationships simultaneously. You achieve an alternate osmosis with your partners and you see no harm in doing so, because you live the instant with plasticity and in communion.

You loathe solitude and you prefer to be caught in the nets of a woman even though she does not match your personality. If, by lack of chance, your partner belongs to the domineering and unscrupulous type, you may be trapped and wake up bitter and disappointed that you extended for too long the illusion of a marvellous story.

Once you find your soul mate, your home is usually harmonious. In your couple, love is immense, even mystical. Like a wave, it bathes the shores of your emotions, which range from the noblest feelings to the wildest physical passions. Since you merely live in concrete life, it is necessary that your partner be well grounded, so that your home is well up kept and your children are properly reared!

Your Ascendant is in Gemini

Your mobility is such that you are in every place where you are not expected. You spend lots of time asking questions and... answering them. Your curiosity and your quick-wittedness are insatiable. Your mind is in constant turmoil, hopping from one topic to another, solving problems, accumulating anecdotes and knowledge within a short range of time. Your mobility is mostly mental, it takes you afar and turns your daily life into a mosaic of intense and pleasant moments that are not necessarily related to one another...

As you are born under this sign, you are nervous, expressive, lively and adaptable, with a quick mind and a good sense of humour. You are bubbling, playful, sociable, clever, curious, whimsical, independent, intellectual, flexible, ingenious, fanciful, imaginative, charming, cerebral, and you are into everything. You may also be whimsical, unfocused, quirky, superficial, indiscreet, opportunist, unmindful, selfish, sarcastic or mercurial.

in love, Sir, you increase the number of your love affairs, probably because you do not want to give up your freedom too quickly. You are cerebral to the extent that games of seduction remain... a real game, where feelings and carnal pleasures are merely present.

Paradoxically, you are very charming and attractive but you are more interested in the game itself. Indeed, thrills of verbal joust, fun, the pleasure to communicate over and over again, remain the centres of your concerns.

You clearly prefer to be a bachelor because you appreciate its hustle and bustle: outings, exciting parties or a wide range of encounters etc. However, when you meet with your soul mate, you turn into a pleasant and charming partner, although you may not be around too often!

The ruler of your chart is in Aquarius

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

The ruler of the Ascendant, Michel Houellebecq, is Mercury. In the sign of Aquarius, it adds a note of eccentricity and inventiveness into your chart, as well as warmth and the knack for establishing contact with people. You enjoy undertaking numerous projects. An individualist, you paradoxically like to set up and participate in groups of discussion, provided that your originality is appreciated as it deserves to be.

Aspects to your Ascendant

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

★★★★☆ Sun square Ascendant, orb 1° 42'

There may be a contradiction between your will and your external appearance, Michel Houellebecq, 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 trine Ascendant, orb -2° 12'

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

★★★★★ Moon square Ascendant, orb 2° 23'

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

★★★★★ Saturn opposite Ascendant, orb -5° 49'

Saturn is in opposition to your Ascendant, Michel Houellebecq. It means that at the same time, he also is in conjunction with your Descendant, the angle which symbolises your rapport with other people. This configuration endows your behaviour with a tone of solemnity and seriousness that some people may claim to be ... overwhelming! Therefore, you must absolutely be aware of this configuration, and force yourself to a more laid-back attitude, especially in your romantic relationships or in your marriage. This type of relationships precisely requires that you open up if you want to succeed, whilst solemn Saturn often curbs your spontaneity. If you are fully aware of this fact, you can turn your sober features into strength, and your often belated marriage can be a great achievement!

Your Sensitivity

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

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

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

★★★★☆ Sun opposite Moon, orb -4° 06'

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

★★★★★ Moon bi-quintile Venus, orb -0° 58'

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

Your Affectivity

In your chart, the Sun is in Pisces and Venus, in Aries. The spring and ingenuous fieriness of Venus in Aries resists the lucid scepticism of the Sun in Pisces. All emotions make sense and they immediately stimulate the natural enthusiasm of your Venusian sign. However, whatever your senses and affectivity stir up, it cannot quench the solar sign's thirst for the absolute. The contrast is obvious: on the one hand, the ability to believe in the "I love you" of the moment and on the other hand, the subtlety of the affective models which cannot be satisfied with a fleeting excitement or a transient love. These contradictions bring about complications into your love life, but they are also part of the richness and the charm of the configuration. As long as you manage to reconcile detachment (Pisces) with involvement (Aries), subtlety with animality, candour with distance, you are able to cope with any eventuality, alternately shifting from enchantment to lucidity... A thorny programme, a challenge up to your solar sign's ambitions and to your Venusian sign's thirst for novelty. Beyond your contradictions, from beginning (Aries) to end (Pisces), love is a process of constant renewal.

Love at first sight, flash in the pan, amorous impulsiveness? All these are part of your way of loving or to fall in love, Michel Houellebecq. Throughout your relationship, you maintain this kind of jerky and lively style, that may seem childish or naïve, but that is so generous and cheerful! You are undeniably possessive and you are not concerned with your partner's opinion but, fortunately, you readily forgive because of your spontaneity and your authenticity. When your relationship is intense, everything is fine. There is no romanticism, no complications with you. You love with ardour and, except for a few crazes and opportunities for new pastures here and there, the only danger may be that boredom settles in. In that case, you leave without regret and you quickly forget what consumed you, not so long ago.

In general, your sociability is impressive, Michel Houellebecq, and this powerful feature of your personality leads you to tread with ease between love and friendship, with your close entourage having some difficulties in discriminating, because you are so welcoming and charming. You are prone to obtain great satisfaction out of your friends and in most cases, you will be very naturally led to realize that your friendly relationship imperceptibly and gradually turns into a real love story! Besides, if by any chance your tie does not last forever, there is no doubt that you will be able to maintain a delightful rapport with your ex and, eventually, to get back to the ancient warm friendship which had served as the foundation of the idyll you had just experienced, with souvenirs as a bonus... Your affectivity is paradoxically both warm and unselfish because, like the astrological house that colours this part of your nature and the sign of Aquarius in analogy with the house, you are a refined and tolerant person, more focused on a large and collective vision rather than on a strictly personal approach in the romantic area. You are often granted protections for the projects you implement, particularly by your numerous feminine friendships. They deeply appreciate the cultured and refined side you exhibit at will and your inclination for your outings to the theatre, a concert, a conference etc. As far as feelings are concerned, your potential weaknesses may precisely stem from your detachment or from your lack of involvement, which, although they are natural for you, may offend or may shock some of your love relationships. They may criticize you for some sort of distance or a half-hearted attitude and they may want you to change the way you express yourself: in such moments, be more demonstrative so as to prevent any possible budding reproaches...

★★★★★ Venus sesqui-quadrate Saturn, orb 0° 12'

This Venus-Saturn dissonance indicates a demanding, complex and often challenged affectivity. You are wondering about the meanings of love, pleasure and emotions. Your passions take an absolute character right away. No compromise, no sham must stain your sentimental life. In such a context, doubts

abound. This aspect prompts you to review the roots of your affectivity, so as to find the assurance you lack and to soothe your dormant sentimental anxiety. Love is an eternal and endless quest. Because you are doubtful of the affection people have for you, you may never feel that you are really loved. Your affective behaviour reveals your uncertainties: tests and challenges follow one another until, eventually, you are certain to experience a love that meets your demands. It is obvious that on the sentimental area, you are not looking for the easy way out.

★★★★★ Venus trine Jupiter, orb 7° 22'

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

The Way You Take Action and Your Sexuality

Michel Houellebecq, you are a real Goliath and you often excel in sport; your thirst for conquests prompts you to constantly launch new challenges. The enthusiasm you put in your undertakings is perfectly well supported by your moral concepts and an idealism compatible with the values of the society you live in. You are pragmatic, enterprising and sometimes, naive. You do not pay attention to details and you launch various great adventurous projects that are all doomed to success. In a few rare cases, you can funnel your huge energy into more philosophical, even spiritual or religious enterprises, where your entire fieriness works wonders. On the sexual plane, your ardour and your spontaneity are your main assets. The danger is that you may spread yourself too thin in the sense that you may forget about faithfulness, particularly during the extensive faraway travels you are so fond of.

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

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

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

★★★★★ Mars trine Pluto, orb 1° 14'

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

★★★★★ Mars trine Jupiter, orb 3° 1'

Coordinated action wins over almost all obstacles! You mobilize your energy and your fighting spirit advisedly and you take timely action. This is the reason why you are efficient in situations requiring courage, determination, swift responses and diplomacy, altogether. You do not fear confrontations but you never provoke them unnecessarily. You take advantage of your chances and you adjust your behaviour to concrete situations. You empirically handle events with relevance. The only danger is that you may be overzealous to seize any opportunity... even those that are not necessarily good in the long run. You should take the time to carefully consider the facts and their consequences. The swiftness of your reactions must remain an asset.

★★★★★ Mars sextile Neptune, orb -1° 51'

This harmonious Mars-Neptune aspect is a signature for the missionary or the inspired activist. You are guided by an irresistible and implacable ideal. Exaltation may border on sacrifice for the sake of the noble or rebellious causes that inspire your struggles and your actions. Far from intellectual speculations, you need to live through your passions, to take action and to let yourself be carried away by a mission, an ideal or sometimes, an illusion. Indeed, you may be a Don Quixote fighting windmills, dedicating all your energy to an indefensible or a fanciful cause. More often than not, your commitments are courageous, even heroic. And the faith you display turns perilous enterprises into feasible projects. You can successfully implement actions that are considered doomed to failure by others.

★★★☆☆ Mars inconjunction Uranus, orb -0° 28'

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

Your Intellect and Your Communication Style

You are a “free-thinker”, Michel Houellebecq, and you tackle problems with a swift and efficient mind. Freedom, progress and originality are your driving forces. You are resolutely future-oriented and with ingenuity and inventiveness, you reform what is outgrown and you constantly innovate: psychology, computer sciences, new technologies... have almost no secret for you. Your human and idealist qualities

are obvious, you are a very pleasant and interesting interlocutor, even though your rebellious and revolutionary side may be criticized. Indeed, you seem to be driven by a strong argumentativeness: you seldom share your friends' views and, although you may come across as obstinate, intransigent and unpleasant, you do not hesitate to speak the truth! Instead of causing sudden break-ups with your friends, it is advisable that you express your creative potential more persistently whenever your nervous tension is too high.

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

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

★★★★★ Moon inconjunction Mercury, orb -0° 11'

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 antinomial attitudes: letting-go versus curiosity, tranquillity versus communication. The new persons you meet with are not necessarily trustworthy and there is no certainty that the contact is harmonious. It is important that you use both influences alternately.

Your Goals, Motivations, Career, and Destiny

Your Sun is posited in the 9th House

Michel Houellebecq, early in life, you apply to yourself the saying "No man is a prophet in his own country". Since you were a little boy, you had the impression that something in you was different and could not be understood by your close friends. Your natal environment prompts you to venture into unknown territories and remote lands, where you hope your real talents and qualities will be acknowledged.

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

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

judge, exporter, philosopher, researcher, university teacher, reporter or in any job with the clergy.

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

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

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

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

The ruler of your chart is in the 9th House

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

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

Aspects influencing your ambitions

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

★★★★★ Moon opposite Midheaven, orb -3° 35'

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

★★★☆☆ Sun square Saturn, orb 4° 07'

The Sun-Saturn dissonance indicates frequent questionings. For the sake of lucidity, you are doubtful of everything that makes up your life environment, as well as of your entourage and of yourself. Past events are the cause of your distrust. Your motivations are not based on conventions or established norms. They may produce a feeling of loneliness or of revolt. However, you withstand difficult situations. You are

pre-adapted to changes of direction and you are able to question the very basis of your life. Doubts are often overwhelming and hamper your steps. It is important that you accept facts with more simplicity and that you take life as it comes, without constantly questioning the validity of this or that option. It does not imply that you must lose the lucidity that is your characteristic. It only means that you have to build the self-confidence that you are lacking.

★★★★★ Sun conjunction Midheaven, orb 7° 41'

With the Sun in conjunction with the Midheaven, your will is entirely at the service of your ambitions. With such an aspect, Michel Houellebecq, it is most likely that your destiny is meant to be exceptional, and that you rise to some sort of fame. You may shine in your professional activity, or at least, you may enjoy an enviable social status as early as in the first part of your life. Besides, your profession may have a solar characteristic, which means any occupation with strong glamour, leadership, and personal authority components.

★★★★★ Uranus sesqui-quadrature Midheaven, orb -0° 34'

Uranus is in hard aspect with your Midheaven, Michel Houellebecq. There is definitely nothing serious to worry about. There may be a lack of perseverance in the efforts you put in order to move forward in your career or your social destiny. When unexpected hurdles crop up, more than anyone else, you must accept the unavoidable changes without losing sight of your aims, and above all, without getting disheartened. More than anyone, you must learn to accept the values of time and duration, if you are to reap their fruits.

★★★★★ Neptune sesqui-quadrature Midheaven, orb -0° 48'

Owing to this dissonance between Neptune and your Midheaven, Michel Houellebecq, you may have difficulties in knowing what you want regarding your professional orientation. Your imagination and your flexibility cause contradictory feelings and sometimes result in indecisiveness. You are doubtful about the path your social or professional destiny should follow. There is definitely nothing serious to worry about. It is just that Neptune represents a heavy emotional burden which you must firmly deal with, so as not to delay your trek towards success!

★★★★★ Sun trine Neptune, orb 6° 3'

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

★★★★★ Sun opposite Pluto, orb -9° 36'

You are dealing with both sides of the coin. People are mistaken when they think that they know you well, because the image you project does not necessarily depict what you really are. You may look like any given model, whereas you actually consider social values to be empty and childish. Deep down, you are an anti-establishment person and you do not belong to the world and its laws. Or, on the contrary, you may project a more marginalized image and make it a point of honour to literally stick to your aspirations' ethics. You do not know who you are really, and where you stand. You may choose some sort

of marginality, the adherence to another realm and a different scale of values. Unless you choose a life that apparently lives up to the expectations of others. In that case, you preserve a corner for your private secrets, with no norms, no fashion concerns, relationships off the beaten tracks, passions very removed from conventions. Your attitudes may seem paradoxical as you shift from commitment to refusal and from involvement to withdrawal.

★★★★★ Jupiter square Saturn, orb 7° 25'

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

Your Assets and Your Part of Joviality

Your charisma, your natural authority, and your generosity are favoured with this position, Michel Houellebecq. The devil takes pettiness: you think big and generously. You have a natural propensity to look at things pleasantly, although it often means that you put yourself at the forefront. Children appreciate you, and people in general are sensitive to your charm. Even if the rest of your chart indicates introversion, this position highlights the warmth of your personality. So much to your credit! If you are extroverted, you must beware of the danger of vanity.

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

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

Jupiter in Leo gives you a strong inclination for luxury, arts, parties and shows: your nature is fond of leisure, preferably in noble, proud, even dramatic ways. You feel comfortable in the field of entertainment. You love children, laughters and splendour... Your creativity is often remarkable.

Your Serious Side

You thoroughly analyse and criticise the values of freedom, your desires for evasion, and your philosophical concepts. You have your feet firmly on the ground, and you prefer to progress on familiar grounds, step by step, but in depth.

The association of the astrological house of effort with the planet symbolising concentration and the necessity to overcome one's fears is not negative in itself. In your daily life and in your work, Michel Houellebecq, more than anyone else, you are dependent on your courage and your persistence.

The danger is that you underestimate yourself psychologically, or that you give up a task just because you think that you cannot live up to people's expectations. Your challenge is to gain self-confidence and wisdom and to pursue your effort because in the long run, they will be rewarded.

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 Sagittarius limits your taste for exoticism and for rebellion. On the other hand, he strengthens your sense of responsibilities and your authority. You focus on what is concrete and real and you avoid venturing into unknown territories.

A Few Special Points

Your Uniqueness and Your Utopias

Material topics often take an unexpected turn and may even thrive in sudden and exceptional ways. Conversely, they may also cause serious troubles. This area of your life is filled with ups and downs.

On a more symbolical plane, your attachments to people, as well as your sensual behaviour, are devoid of conventional steadfastness and quietness: you may be possessive or surprisingly detached. You are impossible to categorized and you are definitely special.

Your Inspiration and Your Illusions

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

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

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

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

Your Passion and Your Authority

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

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

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

Your Isolated Planets

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

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

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

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

In your birth chart, Michel Houellebecq, the ten main planets are distributed as follows:

Your Northern and Southern Hemispheres



Michel Houellebecq, the planetary elements of your chart are well balanced between the North and South hemispheres. As a result, your public destiny and your inner life are harmonious, and there is no conflict between your actions and your thoughts. Your private and public spheres coexist in harmony and naturally match your temperament.

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.

Michel Houellebecq, here is the planetary repartition in your Eastern and your Western hemispheres:

Your Eastern and Western Hemisphere:



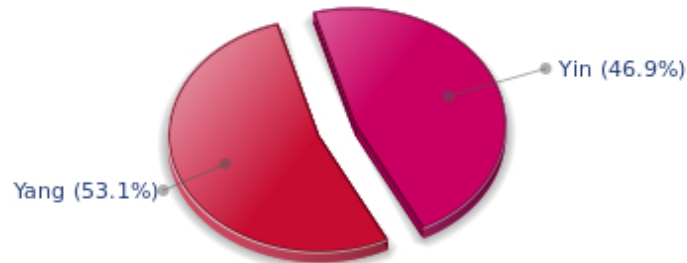
The predominance of planets in the Western hemisphere of your chart means that you are quite flexible, capable of empathy, convivial and communicative. An excellent factor for many professional activities or for your social or sentimental life for example.

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

Your Yin and Yang Polarity

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

Your Yin and Yang Polarity



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

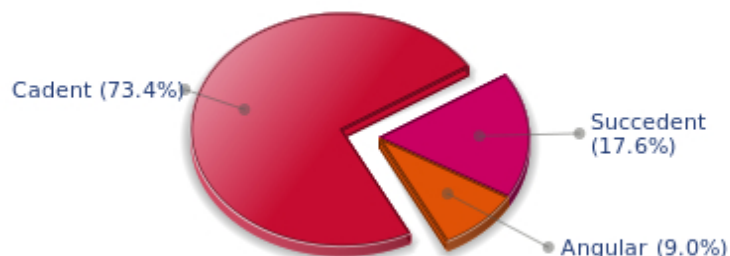
Your Houses' Accentuations

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

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

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

Your Houses' Accentuations



Cadent houses, namely the 3rd, 6th, 9th and 12th houses, are very emphasized in your chart, Michel

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

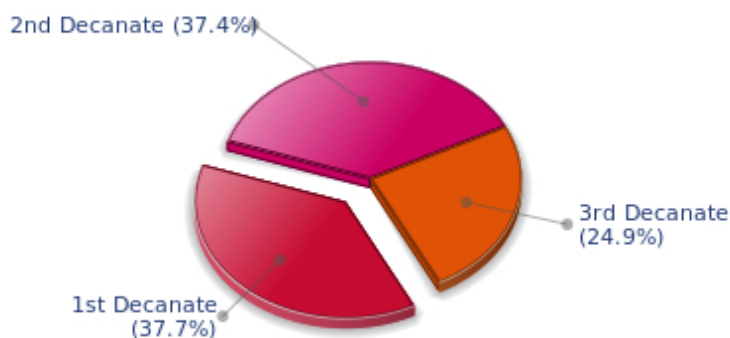
Your Esoteric Decanates

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

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

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

Your Esoteric Decanates



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

Annex 2: Karmic Study

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

The Lunar Nodes: a spiritual path

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

Your destiny hinges on spiritual values. Early in life, you developed relationship abilities and you showed a healthy curious mind. You are insatiable when it comes to exchanging new concepts but you limit your horizon line to tangible and useful facts. As time goes by, you feel the desire to leap further and to discover new territories or different philosophies. You may have a growing interest in metaphysics or in religions, or you may travel, so as to keep up with your desire for evolution. Never mind! What is essential is that you never stagnate and that the vagaries of life do not take precedence over your thinking process or your spiritual growth. You dream of getting rid of everyday constraints and of reaching another dimension of life pertaining to large spaces and to ideals. You need to live intensely, to discover again and again. You long for a better world? The danger is that you may get trapped in illusions and utopias. But life would be so dull without an ideal!

During the first part of your life, you manifested an acute sense of challenge, a taste for personal initiatives and an unfailing fighting spirit: these qualities prove helpful in handling any possible setback today. However, you must make an effort to accept your entourage and adopt more open and accommodating attitudes! Life teaches that you must become more sociable and develop the flexible behaviour that you lack. Do not play around with mavericks; It is important that you earn your close friends' affection and that you rely on their collaboration. You slowly become more aware of other people's reasons, of their desires and their concerns. Your destiny may be influenced by relationships. If you had a tendency to provoke people or events, now you have gained complementary qualities: diplomacy and human tact, cleverness in the art of reconciling opposite views. It is true that it required a huge personal effort!

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.

You have the feeling that you are different from your entourage because you are in charge of both a special mission, and an extraordinary destiny. This configuration may indicate an immoderate pride (when the Black Moon is not well integrated enough). However, when she is well integrated (and she will be, as time goes by), the Black Moon forges an exceptional destiny that implies sacrifices, asceticism and solitude to some extent. The danger is to show too strong an intransigence and to be unable to forgive your entourage's weaknesses as well as your own. But it is also where your strength is found: an innate sense of duty, regardless of the price to be paid for a slow ascension.

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

The Part of Fortune in House

The Part of Fortune is a very ancient fictitious point that depends on the lunar phase at the time of birth. The astrological house tenanted is particularly strengthened. In your chart, the Part of Fortune is in the 7th house: you need the presence of the other one (whether the object of your desire, your wife or your partner), as the indispensable mirror of your life. You are in search of privileged contacts, of fusion and harmony. At each step of your life, there is an important relationship that is always experienced with intensity and in an absolute manner, regardless of its positive or negative consequences. Like all the persons born shortly after the full moon, you are particularly interested in the relationship with your loved one, your double and your model.

Retrograde Planets

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

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

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

Uranus was retrograding on the day of your birth: you have the soul of a rebel and your behaviour may often be tyrannical or extremist. Your manner has brought you setbacks. You lack the flexibility that spares you the pain of forcing your ways through events. The danger may be that you get trapped into rigid patterns and into personal logics incompatible with others'. This is precisely what your life's lesson is about: as years go by, your judgments are more qualified and your attitudes become less cut-and-dried, less stubborn. You must lose the essentially individualistic character of your childhood and be more open to other people's ideas and problems. In other words, a path of love. Without losing your remarkable resolution, you must practice some form of renunciation and be sensitive to various logics that constitute the wealth of your social life.

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.
