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Rafael Nadal's Astrological Portrait













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Introduction

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

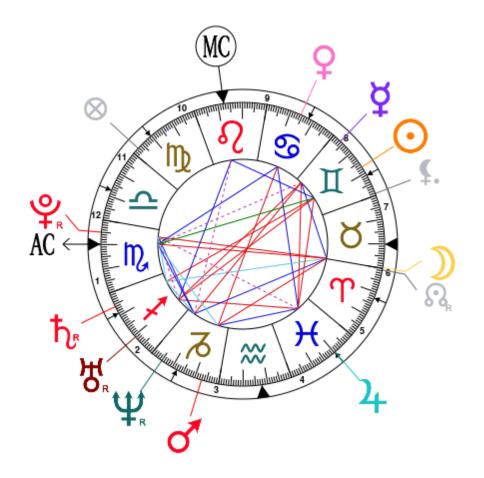
The karmic chart complements the psychological portrait or natal chart. It is based on the positions of the Lunar Nodes, the Black Moon, and the Part of Fortune. These elements of the chart, sometimes referred to as fictitious points, provide information about the spiritual meaning of your destiny. Owing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

Your Planets, Houses, Aspects, and Natal Chart

Rafael Nadal, born June 3, 1986, at 06:20 PM, Manacor (Balearic Islands), Spain [3.12E; 39.34N; 2E00]

Natal Planets			In House	Natal Houses (Placidus)			
Sun	12°47'	H	Gemini	House 8	House 1	9°51'	M. Scorpio
) Moon	0°17'	Ø	Taurus	House 6	House 2	8°53'	→ Sagittarius
♥ Mercury	26°19'	H	Gemini	House 8	House 3	12°10'	⅓ Capricorn
Q Venus	15°40'	0	Cancer	House 9	House 4	17°35'	≈≈ Aquarius
O Mars	22°56'	18	Capricorn	House 3	House 5	20°18'	→ Pisces
4 Jupiter	20°30'	+	Pisces	House 5	House 6	17°34'	Maries
5 Saturn	5°55' R	N	Sagittarius	House 1	House 7	9°51'	o Taurus
₩ Uranus	20°42' R	N	Sagittarius	House 2	House 8	8°53'	₩ Gemini
W Neptune	5°01' R	18	Capricorn	House 2	House 9	12°10'	O Cancer
¥ Pluto	5°00' R	m	Scorpio	House 12	House 10	17°35'	€ Leo
& Node	29°22' R	op	Aries	House 6	House 11	20°18'	M Virgo
C Lilith	0°47'	Ħ	Gemini	House 7	House 12	17°34'	<u> </u>
AS AS	9°51'	m.	Scorpio		•		
MC MC	17°35'	N	Leo				

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



List of Your Active Planetary Aspects

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

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★ ★ ★ ★ Sun square Jupiter, orb -7° 42'
** Sun opposite Saturn, orb -6° 52'
*** Sun opposite Uranus, orb -7° 54'
**** Sun inconjunction Ascendant, orb -2° 56'
★★★★★ Sun sextile Midheaven, orb 4° 47'
★★★★★ Moon sextile Mercury, orb -3° 58'
★★★★★ Moon square Mars, orb 7° 21'
Moon bi-quintile Saturn, orb 0° 22'
★★★★★ Moon trine Neptune, orb -4° 44'
★★★★★ Moon opposite Pluto, orb -4° 42'
★★★★★ Moon opposite Ascendant, orb -9° 33'
★★★★★ Mercury square Jupiter, orb 5° 49'
**** Mercury opposite Uranus, orb -5° 36'
***** Mercury opposite Neptune, orb -8° 42'
★ ★ ★ ★ Mercury sesqui-quadrate Ascendant, orb -1° 27'
*** Venus opposite Mars, orb -7° 16'
** Venus trine Jupiter, orb -4° 49'
*** Venus trine Ascendant, orb -5° 49'
*** Mars sextile Jupiter, orb -2° 26'
**** Mars quintile Ascendant, orb 1° 05'
**** Uranus trine Midheaven, orb 3° 07'
***** Neptune sextile Ascendant, orb -4° 49'
**** Neptune sesqui-quadrate Midheaven, orb 2° 26'
***** Pluto conjunction Ascendant, orb 4° 51'
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Meaning of Stars

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

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

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

Preamble

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

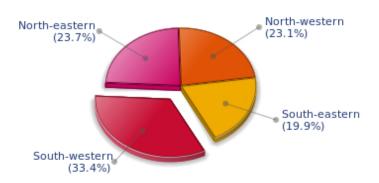
These general character traits must not be taken literally; they are, somehow, preparing for the chart reading. They allow to understand the second part of the analysis, which is more detailed and precise. It focuses on every area of the personality and provides a synthesis of all the above-mentioned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

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

Your Planetary Repartitions

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

Your Four Quadrants

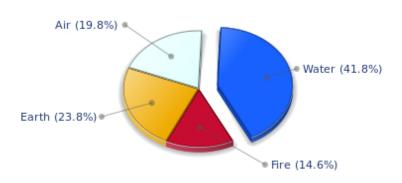


Rafael Nadal, the diurnal South-western quadrant, consisting of the 7th, 8th and 9th houses, prevails in your chart: this sector brings about a thirst for communication and sometimes a need to take risks in your dealings with others. Relations are a factor of your evolution and your transformation, which 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

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

Your Four Elements

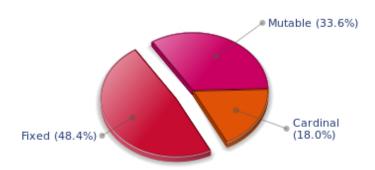


The predominance of Water signs indicates high sensitivity and elevation through feelings, Rafael Nadal. Your heart and your emotions are your driving forces, and you can't do anything on Earth if you don't feel a strong affective charge (as a matter of fact, the word "feeling" is essential in your psychology). 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.

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

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

Your Modes



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

Your Dominants: Planets, Signs and Houses

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

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

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

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

Rafael Nadal, here is the evaluation diagramme for your planets:

Your Dominant Planets



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

With Pluto as a dominant planet in your chart, you are a magnetic and mighty predator, like the Scorpio sign ruled by this planet, who needs to exert pressure on others in order to "test" them. You are always ready to evolve, to risk destruction for reconstruction - including your own - to live more intensely whilst imposing your secret authority on things and on people you encounter.

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

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!

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.



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

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

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

With the Taurus sign so important in your chart, you are constructive, stable, and sensual. Good taste, sense of beauty, manners, and unfailing good sense - all these qualities contribute to your charm and

seductive power. Furthermore, if some people criticize your slow pace and your stubbornness, you rightly reply that this is the price for your security, and that you like the way it is - slow and steady....

Your Dominant Houses



Houses 8, 12 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 8th house is very highlighted: it is the most complex house of the Zodiac. It symbolizes above all passion and transformation, which often go hand in hand. Indeed, you have a tendency to experience everything to the bitter end, and you overstep propriety borders because you want to understand everything, even what is... forbidden. This house relates to complex spheres such as sexuality, possessions and dispossessions that don't depend on you (inheritances, donations, sudden financial losses), death too - not yours in particular, so, don't worry! - and understanding of hidden or occult things: here are the fields that affect you generally, because you are naturally interested in them or because life gets you involved in spite of yourself.

The 12th house is emphasized in your chart: like the 8th house, it has a rich and complex meaning. Although its bad reputation is likely to scare most readers in the first place - it is indeed the house of hidden or isolated places, of solitude, of ordeals or enemies - it can also mean that a part of your life is very deep and intense. If your achievements are not visible in the public eye, you may fulfil yourself in a different but equally important way: you may be involved in secret activities, humanitarian causes, and projects in favour of disadvantaged people. You are likely to work in quiet and remote places. In many cases, you will gain from these hidden activities as many treasures as people who have a more public destiny. It may be because you sublimate your work, or only because you successfully carry out your task within your environment. There is no such things as a good or a bad house, because each area of life is necessary in its own way, and we need all of them, if we are to improve spiritually.

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 too These are a few possibilities indicated by an important 6th house.	love affairs

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 Gemini and your Ascendant is in Scorpio

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:

Wouldn't you be some kind of prankster? Do admit that you cannot help putting your finger on the detail which seems wrong. Although Gemini and Scorpio are very different, they have in common an excellent knowledge of human relations and the art of finding the right word. With your Ascendant in the Fixed Water sign of Scorpio, you cannot be easily tamed, and you are reserved and punctilious in your contacts, as if you needed to test people before you can admit them into your private circles. Your Gemini Sun defines your inner self and contrasts with your instinctive Scorpio behaviour. Indeed, no sign is more flexible and sociable than Gemini, even though it shows a lack of politeness at times. Actually, it is just being natural, and it wishes to be treated in the same way. It can't be bothered with formal behaviours because it believes that everyone is a potential friend. When people meet you for the first time, they

perceive something tensed in your attitude, but as they get to know you more, they realise that it is only a facade for your casual and light-hearted essence. Having said this, it is necessary to underline that Scorpio and Gemini perform equally well when they want to throw the members of their entourage off balance, each in its own ways.

You were born with the Sun 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!

Your Ascendant is in Scorpio

Psychologically speaking, your nature is bilious, with aggressive impulses that lead you towards the transformation of your entire being and, continuously, of the situation surrounding you. You seem to be constantly struggling for your self-assertion. You cannot refrain from testing others with cutting remarks, not because you want to hurt them, but because you want to know them better through their reaction; for you, life and the feeling of aliveness are experienced through rebellion and tension. You may be manipulative and your aggressive attitude may equate with sly inquisition. You often remain silent, introverted and secretive, mulling over turbulent thoughts in the depths of your mind, leaving others puzzled by your somewhat peculiar behaviour.

As you are born under this sign, you are secretive, powerful, domineering, enduring, intuitive, assertive, charismatic, magnetic, wilful, daring, clear-sighted, passionate, creative, independent, vigorous, generous, loyal, hard-working, persevering, indomitable, possessive, shrewd, stubborn, ambitious, instinctive, tenacious, sexual, sexy, proud, intense and competitive. But you may also be aggressive, destructive, stubborn, anxious, tyrannical, perverse, sadistic, violent, self-centered, complex, critical,

cruel, nasty, jealous, calculating, vulnerable and dissembling.

In love, Sir, you are very magnetic, with a discreet and indefinable charm that inevitably attracts the persons you set your heart on. You detect their weaknesses so well that you can, at will, exert your powers and your manipulation tendencies over them. There are no negative consequences, as long as things go well, because you are very sensual, charming, possessive and swaggering and you make happy all the people who look for this domineering aspect in their partner. However, when things start to deteriorate, your almost pathological jealousy and your capacity to harm when you feel threatened are the causes of your partners' tears.

For you, passion means tension and tragedy. It is the price to be paid for sharing your sexuality loaded with unlimited fantasies, male ardour, loyalty and generosity. You are excessive, but very endearing, and your partner finds it very hard to leave you. It is preferable when things are fine between you.

The ruler of your chart is in Scorpio

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

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

Aspects to your Ascendant

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

*** Pluto conjunction Ascendant, orb 4° 51'

Pluto is in conjunction with your Ascendant, Rafael Nadal. The planet of taboos, power, secrets, and instinct endows your behaviour with an uncontrollable domineering note which is not negative as such. At the same time, it also provides you with exceptional lucidity. In spite of yourself, Pluto prompts you to discover people's secrets, to provoke them in order to better understand their "truth". Your mysterious and slightly frightening magnetism is definitely part of your seduction!

Venus trine Ascendant, orb -5° 49'

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

***** Neptune sextile Ascendant, orb -4° 49'

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

★★★★★ Mercury sesqui-quadrate Ascendant, orb -1° 27'

Sometimes, you find it hard to behave the way you wish, Rafael Nadal. It is because of Mercury who is not really in phase with your Ascendant. You happen to dislike the way you communicate, either because you exceedingly intellectualise everything, or on the contrary, because you do not make the effort to thoroughly analyse the situation when you are with other people.

Moon opposite Ascendant, orb -9° 33'

The Moon is in opposition to your Ascendant, Rafael Nadal. It is not a dissonance, strictly speaking, since at the same time, the Moon is in conjunction with your Descendant. Your sensitivity is oriented towards other people, and you are endowed with some sort of radar which enables you - sometimes too quickly - to feel other people's sympathy or hostility towards you. As a consequence, although your behaviour is flexible and adaptive, it is also less self-confident than it would be if you were less concerned about gossips.

**** Sun inconjunction Ascendant, orb -2° 56'

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

***** Mars quintile Ascendant, orb 1° 05'

Your vitality and your taste for action are obvious, Rafael Nadal. Thanks to Mars, your behaviour is often perceived as energetic, or at least, as action-oriented and enterprising. Your dynamism is one of your constant assets.

Your Sensitivity

You love nature as much as your comfort, Rafael Nadal, you are an Epicurean willing to enjoy life's beautiful and good things within the family "clan" or with friends who value your conviviality and your kindness. You are faithful, stable, with your feet rooted in the ground and you are reliable in all circumstances. You are attached to your affective and material security. You tend to be jealous and possessive and, although your nature is quite slow, you may be short-tempered and aggressive when you feel threatened. In such cases, you display an exceptional stubbornness and fury and it becomes impossible to make you change your mind. Although you are aware that your behaviour is wrong, you stick to your line and your grudge is persistent. However, you are so sensitive to tenderness and to concrete gestures of affection that a few presents or a few caresses are enough to make you see life through rose-coloured glasses again...

Rafael Nadal, it is likely that you are popular in your work environment, and you may even be considered to be some kind of star by your colleagues. Or, if it is not the case, you have a clear tendency to react emotionally, very quickly and strongly in this sphere. At work, you need to feel liked and appreciated and to be shown accordingly!

You are mobile and changeable in your profession, and to tell the truth, your everyday life is full of surprises. Sensitive and imaginative, you are vulnerable to others' opinions. Health issues concern you more than they should; beware of not becoming a hypochondriac, some day...

**** Moon opposite Pluto, orb -4° 42'

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

**** Moon trine Neptune, orb -4° 44'

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

**** Moon bi-quintile Saturn, orb 0° 22'

This harmonious Moon-Saturn aspect is an element of stability for your private life. Your daily life lives up to your demands, you are totally true to yourself and logical through your very intimate behaviour. You do not choose the easy way out: on the contrary, it is in difficult situations that you are at your best.

It is very unlikely that you become destabilized by trifles. This aspect indicates stability and also perfectionism. You are longing for a private life respectful of your heart of hearts and your genuine desires. Your well being is at this price, and its quest remains perpetual. Despite your reserved private behaviour, your emotions run very deep. You have a strong need for protection and for security. Your aspirations lead you towards contemplation or studies, more than towards social futilities.

★★★★★ Moon square Mars, orb 7° 21'

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

Your Affectivity

In your chart, the Sun is in Gemini and Venus, in Cancer. It is difficult to imagine a more complementary – and opposite – combination of solar and Venusian signs. Gemini discovers, whereas Cancer integrates. The former implies a communication function and the latter, a protection function. It influences your affectivity with the paradoxical character proper to any double-faced configuration: love is just a game, but a trapping game. There is a strong inclination for novelty, comedy and whims. Without these ingredients, your love life would be very dull. You respond to flirting and to the entertainments offered by your seduction. However, you do not allow everybody into your affective realm. This is a restricted and valued area. Indeed, despite appearances, despite your real capacity to exchange and to communicate, your affectivity is particularly selective and you are comfortable only with people whom you know well and with whom you naturally feel in harmony. You may get caught in your own traps: your ever searching soul, your eagerness for experiences and discoveries, but also, your need for a slowly maturing, isolated and privileged relationship. In addition, you have a very unusual romantic trend that flavours your sentimental life with salt, sugar and... pepper.

You are sensitive, vulnerable and tender at the same time, Rafael Nadal. When you love, you give your entire affection and your partner may in all confidence rely on a long-lasting and reassuring relationship. You are so calm and so tender that you think that it is enough to win over your partner's heart, and you are often right. However, do not mix up giving and receiving. You so deeply need to receive love in return that you may be too passive and in the long run, as you become demanding, you may show immaturity. Security and sustainability in your relationship are of utmost importance. Your family also is important, it is the refuge, even the sanctuary, where you like you hide when things go awry. You also dream of love, may be too much, and it may be detrimental to what might be concretely experienced if you were more dynamic or less fearful to get hurt. However, remember that you receive only as much as you give.

Rafael Nadal, the choice is yours: love encountered while travelling abroad, or just love for travels and focusing your feelings upon this ideal of evasion towards far-off lands? Or may be both. In any case, you often tend to fall in love, and even to get married, with a person of foreign origins. Exoticism and difference mysteriously appeal to you and there is little you can do against it. Early in life, you have a

craving for space and for changes, particularly regarding your feelings: there is not a single chance that you are content with habits or that you refuse any new and exciting experience full of unusual and unknown features. You are always on the move and you feel so great when you finally find yourself in a ship at the other end of the world or somewhere in an airport, with all your senses stimulated, ready to be seduced by the unusual charm of the person whom you will meet and who will not resemble you. Your feelings are vast and generous, sometimes even sublimated and idealized because you so adamantly refuse any limitation. You have an undying thirst for higher knowledge that can only be gained in the field of spirituality or, in the literal sense, through roaming about remote lands, or also analogically, through interacting with culturally different people who have so much to teach you. Your feelings are coloured with the distinctive nobleness and long-term vision that characterize broad-minded persons who do not look at things with an ego-centered and simplistic glance. It is true that, seen from an airplane, the authenticity of all things important stands out finally with more acute sharpness...

*** Venus trine Jupiter, orb -4° 49'

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.

*** Venus opposite Mars, orb -7° 16'

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

The Way You Take Action and Your Sexuality

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

Your entourage becomes quickly aware of your liveliness and of... your contentious and witty mind, Rafael Nadal. Your energy efficiently focuses on communication, writing, verbal jousting, speeches, etc. but also on the numerous short trips you make to meet with people.

For you, to take action means to communicate, to convince, to accumulate contacts and, somehow, to assert yourself as you hold sway over your entourage. You may be restless. You think that communication is the basis of any progress and that it is much more useful than any direct initiative: in your opinion, if people are convinced, everything else always follows naturally.

Your siblings, if you have any, have probably felt the warrior hint in the way you communicate. As you mature, you may learn to tone down your manners as soon as someone is around...

★★★★★ Mars sextile Jupiter, orb -2° 26'

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.

Your Intellect and Your Communication Style

Rafael Nadal, an enquiring intelligence, an instant understanding and a wide range of interests prompt you to go towards other people in all circumstances with a view to exchanging ideas and to show your talent for repartee. Ideas and actions must be quick and you are likely to be impatient, even critical and sarcastic with people who cannot match your frantic rhythm. You are very adaptable, you can do several different things at the same time and also think of a future action because you constantly need to be on the move. You may be criticized for your superficiality, for spreading yourself too thin and for your propensity to conceal the truth, but you always get out of tricky situations incredibly well because you are very astute, shrewd and charming.

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

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

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

**** Mercury opposite Uranus, orb -5° 36'

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

★★★★★ Moon sextile Mercury, orb -3° 58'

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

***** Mercury square Jupiter, orb 5° 49'

You play with social norms and you scoff at them. Your morality is seldom questioned: you adopt the most rewarding behaviour, precisely the one that wins you your entourage's consideration. But you sometimes cheat. You are an opportunist and you act according to circumstances, particularly because your moral stand is only a superficial mask. You enjoy concealing your beliefs: life is a social game and you change its rules to suit your convenience. Your flexibility and your adaptation abilities are appreciated. However, it is important that you do not behave inconsistently. A stable and transparent course of conduct may help you avoid many pitfalls or delusions. Beware of words spoken thoughtlessly, of empty promises, and do stick to your indisputable cleverness.

★★★★★ Mercury opposite Neptune, orb -8° 42'

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

Your Goals, Motivations, Career, and Destiny

Your Sun is posited in the 8th House

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

Several common elements are noted however. There is a predisposition for essential matters connected to life and death and to great mysteries that go beyond daily life. You need to understand, to drill and to always delve deeper. You are inhabited by some sort of desire for transcendence, maybe because you feel everything with deep intensity: therefore, you are more vulnerable because events hit you full in the face and you unconsciously understand that, if you manage to decipher how and why things appear, you will become tougher. But there is another reason to it. Your curiosity is continuously on the alert and you are amazed by apparently insignificant facts that stir up the chain of causes and effects and lead you towards the more essential matters that are knocking at the door of your soul.

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

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

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

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

The ruler of your chart is in the 12th House

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

The ruler of your chart is in the 12th House, Rafael Nadal. Your private and inner life is of utmost importance to you. "To have a happy life, live unexposed" is a proverb that you can apply to yourself. You are particularly fond of quietness, and sometimes even of solitude. You steer clear of agitation and hubbub, and you prefer to dedicate yourself to values you deem essential, without making any noise.

Aspects influencing your ambitions

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

***** Uranus trine Midheaven, orb 3° 07'

Thanks to this soft aspect of Uranus to your Midheaven, Rafael Nadal, you are endowed with the gift to let yourself be carried away by the changes cropping up on your way. Instead of being disheartening, modifications affecting your professional or social environment... stimulate you! Then, you may show opportunism, in the good sense of the word, and throughout your life, you may experience strokes of good luck, the consequences of which can be increased, thanks to your talent and your lack of fear whenever you face newness.

***** Sun opposite Saturn, orb -6° 52'

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 opposite Uranus, orb -7° 54'

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

*** Sun sextile Midheaven, orb 4° 47'

In the professional and social status areas, Rafael Nadal, you know what you want, and you know how to cleverly obtain it. Because the Sun and your Midheaven are in agreement in your natal chart, you have no qualms and no hesitations when it comes to defining the strategy for reaching your goal.

**** Sun square Jupiter, orb -7° 42'

This Sun-Jupiter aspect indicates a strong desire for social and professional integration but it may cause a few difficulties of expression in that regard, owing to excesses or immoderation. There may be discrepancies between your objectives and the means implemented to achieve them. The danger of this configuration may be that you forsake an essential part of yourself for some ambitious but out of proportion plan. Too many efforts of adaptation and an excess of opportunism may make you miss the target. It is important that you remain true to your values and that you do not seek, at any cost, to adjust your attitudes to the situation. However, do not fall into the opposite trap: a need for the absolute that forbids compromises, although they are so necessary. You must reconcile idealism with the demands of

the moment, the respect for principles with the sense of timeliness. When this configuration is not well integrated, things get out of hand. Extravagances are glaring. They may translate into an exuberant, overly demonstrative disposition. Personal ambition turns into pride, and joviality becomes immoderation. Outbursts of anger are frequent. However, in a reserved and cautious context, this configuration reveals its positive nature.

***** Neptune sesqui-quadrate Midheaven, orb 2° 26'

Owing to this dissonance between Neptune and your Midheaven, Rafael Nadal, 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!

Your Assets and Your Part of Joviality

Rafael Nadal, your sensitivity, your emotions, and your artistic capacities, particularly regarding music and rhythm, are strongly increased with this position of the planet of Greater Fortune in this borderless sign. It endows you with an artistic and endearing side as well as with flexible and mobile ways to consider your relationships and your environment. Your dreamy state of mind and your sensitivity to other people's sufferings may get involved with compassion in great humanitarian causes.

For you, Rafael Nadal, nature's present includes a lot of great satisfaction in the area of leisure, entertainment, creation and love. Anything with a hint of pleasure is favoured. A marvellous world exempt from constraint and obligation illuminates your life. According to the Tradition, your luck also applies to your communication with children and your descendants are harmonious and successful.

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 Pisces increases your natural generosity and your dedication capacity. Your empathy is strong and you are inclined to offer your strength and your enthusiasm to the most deprived people and to give unlimited assistance to others. Your imagination is powerful and your feelings may flare up easily: with your sensitivity on the alert and your unbridled affectivity, you belong to the category of people who intuitively detect other people's sufferings and most valuable qualities of the heart, as if you were a human radar.

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.

Solemnity, seriousness and discipline are your keywords, Rafael Nadal. It is difficult for you to relax, and it is most likely that at the beginning of your life, you are shy, quite introspective, and distant. You may be worried even though you have no reasons to do so. Your doubts may be overwhelming to the extent that they affect your vitality.

As time goes by, thanks to your strong will, your serious side becomes an asset for your success. You learn spontaneity, risk-taking, and lightness, and you are less concerned with the image you project because, in your heart of hearts, there already are hindsight, solemnity, and some sort of wisdom!

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

Your relationship to money is particularly vague. You tend to avoid analyzing your financial resources, as though this topic were neither important nor real. You belong to the category of people who never know how much they have in their bank account and in their purse.

This approach is positive in that, if you have a strong sixth sense, you can get good bargains more easily than other people... It may be some sort of blindfolded fortune, although there are real dangers of losing a lot and of being deceived.

Beware not to overstep legal boundaries, lest someday your carelessness in the financial area gets you

into big troubles. It would be a pity if what you earned, thanks to your sixth sense, were taken away from you.

Your Passion and Your Authority

You have an unconscious desire to experience your ordeals to the bitter end, regardless of their consequences for your future.

Your clear-sightedness and your investigative capacity enable you to solve mysteries in a deep and intuitive way. But they may also lead you into conflicts, crises and confrontations with enemies who are ruthless, at least in your opinion; having said this, you precisely have the ability to cope with them and to deeply evolve in the process.

You are predisposed to go through ordeals, on the human plane or in the area of health. The pains thus triggered contribute to transform you more rapidly than the majority of people. Your destiny is certainly to progress forward and, above all, to consider such ordeals as stepping-stones instead of signs of some unhealthy fatality.

The Tradition indicates that you may be prompted to take action in humanitarian causes, all the more so, because your personal ordeals incite you to readily help others, even though this tendency is not at once visible.

Your Isolated Planets

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

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

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

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

In any case, it is important to remember that an isolated planet clearly expresses its influence when it is a personal planet. Thus, when the Sun, the Moon, Mercury, Venus, or Mars is isolated, it is certain that the

effects described by Jean-Baptiste Morin de Villefranche will become manifest. As for Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto, one must be cautious because the volume of cases documented is not yet large enough.

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

Annex 1: Your Minor Dominants

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

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

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

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

In your birth chart, Rafael Nadal, the ten main planets are distributed as follows:

Your Northern and Southern Hemispheres



Rafael Nadal, 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.

Rafael Nadal, here is the planetary repartition in your Eastern and your Western hemispheres:

Your Eastern and Western Hemisphere:

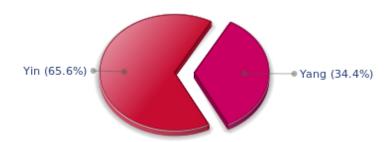


Rafael Nadal, the East and West sides are well balanced in your chart. This means that you are not too determined or authoritarian, and that you are neither impressionable nor fragile. You are capable of taking decisions, in full awareness, without anyone's help when circumstances so require. However,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

Your Yin and Yang Polarity

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

Your Yin and Yang Polarity



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

Your Houses' Accentuations

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

The first ones are the most important ones, the most "noticeable" and energetic houses. They are the 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th houses. Their 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, Rafael Nadal. 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!

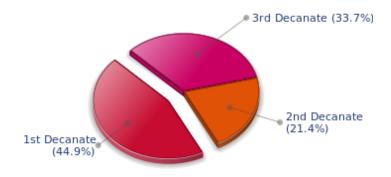
Your Esoteric Decanates

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, Rafael Nadal: this decanate is traditionally linked to vitality and physical constitution, and may indicate that you efficiently express your concrete energy on the material and sensual planes.

Annex 2: Karmic Study

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

The Lunar Nodes: a spiritual path

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

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

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

Lilith or the Dark Moon

The Black Moon is the spark of refusal and distance that is dormant in all of us. Depending on the sign where she is found in your chart, she highlights the desire to transform and to sublimate a part of your

life. The Black Moon is unfathomable and mysterious. She gives a different dimension to the sector she touches. Her manifestations are subtle; nonetheless, she is powerful, implacable, demanding to the extreme... The Black Moon is also called Lilith. She is the inner flame of your heroism and insubordination.

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

You decidedly assert yourself as a person made of desires, love and the absolute. If this configuration is not well controlled enough, your thirst for timeless relationships may hamper simple, natural and obvious affairs. You may reject persons whose attitudes do not perfectly live up to your expectations. However, as you keep on looking for your muse, it is very likely that you will find the person to whom fate has relentlessly tied you.

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 11th house: anything that has a human nature catches your attention. Friends, ideals, great humanitarian causes... You have original ideas for the betterment of the world. You do not consider the Tradition – or Traditions – to be immutable and ossified. It is important that you work on a reform or an overhaul of existing institutions: although you do not turn into a revolutionary, you are sensitized to society or educational projects. With the help of your entourage, and because, better than anyone else, you can earn the consideration of your close friends, you will slowly transform your familiar surroundings... since you cannot change the world!

Retrograde Planets

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

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

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.