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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.

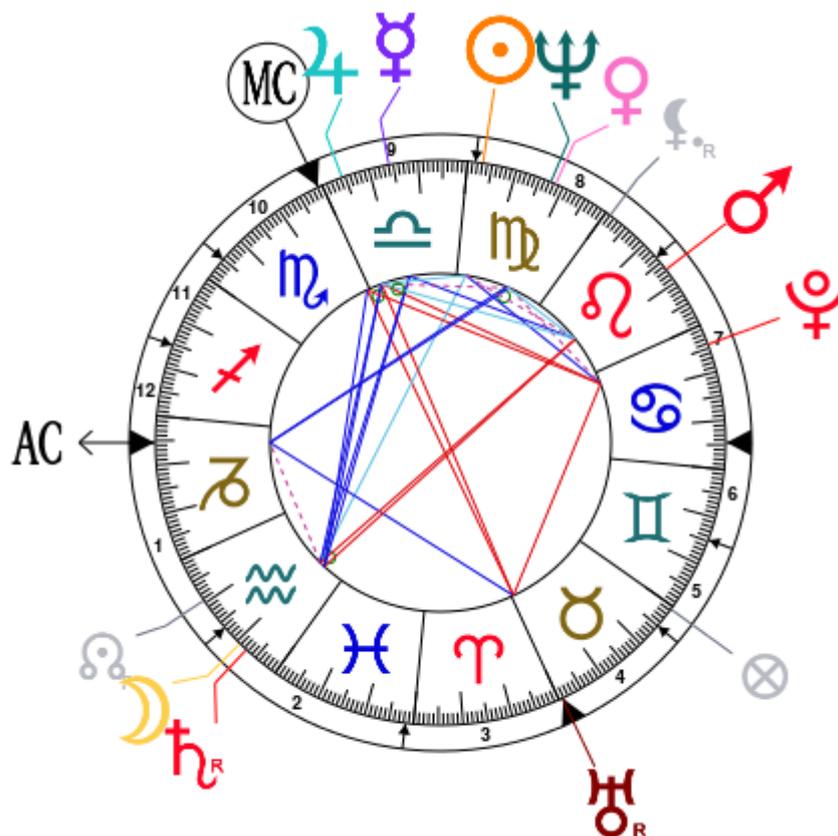
The karmic chart complements the psychological portrait or natal chart. It is based on the positions of the Lunar Nodes, the Black Moon, and the Part of Fortune. These elements of the chart, sometimes referred to as fictitious points, provide information about the spiritual meaning of your destiny. Owing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

Sophia Loren, born September 20, 1934, at 02:10 PM, Rome > Roma (Lazio), Italy [12.29E ; 41.54N ; 1E00]

Natal Planets				In House	Natal Houses (Placidus)		
☉ Sun	26°53'	♍ Virgo	Virgo	House 8	House 1	5°27'	♐ Capricorn
☾ Moon	20°45'	♒ Aquarius	Aquarius	House 2	House 2	16°22'	♒ Aquarius
☿ Mercury	15°54'	♎ Libra	Libra	House 9	House 3	28°24'	♓ Pisces
♀ Venus	11°37'	♍ Virgo	Virgo	House 8	House 4	0°51'	♉ Taurus
♂ Mars	13°12'	♌ Leo	Leo	House 7	House 5	25°03'	♉ Taurus
♃ Jupiter	25°40'	♎ Libra	Libra	House 9	House 6	15°19'	♊ Gemini
♄ Saturn	22°33' R	♒ Aquarius	Aquarius	House 2	House 7	5°27'	♋ Cancer
♅ Uranus	0°42' R	♉ Taurus	Taurus	House 4	House 8	16°22'	♌ Leo
♆ Neptune	12°41'	♍ Virgo	Virgo	House 8	House 9	28°24'	♍ Virgo
♇ Pluto	25°47'	♋ Cancer	Cancer	House 7	House 10	0°51'	♏ Scorpio
♁ Node	9°23' R	♒ Aquarius	Aquarius	House 1	House 11	25°03'	♏ Scorpio
♇ Lilith	28°57' R	♌ Leo	Leo	House 8	House 12	15°19'	♐ Sagittarius
AS AS	5°27'	♐ Capricorn	Capricorn				
MC MC	0°51'	♏ Scorpio	Scorpio				

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



List of Your Active Planetary Aspects

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

- ★★★★★ Sun bi-quintile Moon, orb -0° 07'
- ★☆☆☆☆ Sun semi-square Mars, orb -1° 19'
- ★★★★★ Sun semi-sextile Jupiter, orb -1° 12'
- ★★★★★ Sun sextile Pluto, orb 1° 05'
- ★★★★★ Moon trine Mercury, orb 4° 5'
- ★☆☆☆☆ Moon opposite Mars, orb -7° 32'
- ★★★★★ Moon trine Jupiter, orb -4° 55'
- ★★★★★ Moon conjunction Saturn, orb 1° 48'
- ★☆☆☆☆ Moon semi-square Ascendant, orb 0° 17'
- ★★★★★ Mercury sextile Mars, orb 2° 42'
- ★★★★★ Mercury conjunction Jupiter, orb 9° 45'
- ★★★★★ Mercury trine Saturn, orb 6° 38'
- ★☆☆☆☆ Venus semi-square Jupiter, orb -0° 57'
- ★★★★★ Venus conjunction Neptune, orb 1° 03'
- ★☆☆☆☆ Venus semi-square Pluto, orb 0° 5'
- ★★★★★ Venus trine Ascendant, orb -6° 1'
- ★★★★★ Mars quintile Jupiter, orb 0° 27'
- ★☆☆☆☆ Mars opposite Saturn, orb -9° 2'
- ★★★★★ Mars semi-sextile Neptune, orb -0° 31'
- ★★★★★ Jupiter trine Saturn, orb -3° 06'
- ★★★★★ Jupiter conjunction Midheaven, orb 5° 1'
- ★★★★★ Saturn trine Midheaven, orb -8° 17'
- ★★★★★ Uranus trine Ascendant, orb -4° 45'
- ★★★★★ Uranus opposite Midheaven, orb -0° 08'
- ★★★★★ Neptune trine Ascendant, orb -7° 13'
- ★☆☆☆☆ Pluto square Midheaven, orb 5° 03'

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.

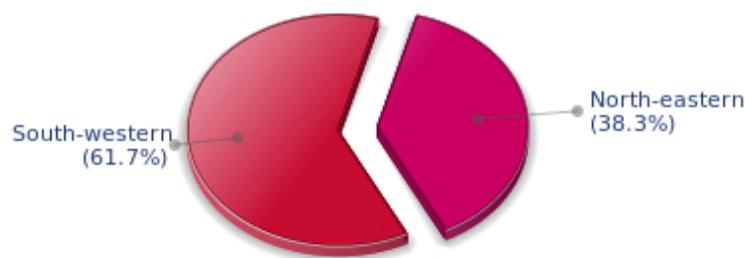
These general character traits must not be taken literally; they are, somehow, preparing for the chart reading. They allow to understand the second part of the analysis, which is more detailed and precise. It focuses on every area of the personality and provides a synthesis of all the above-mentioned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

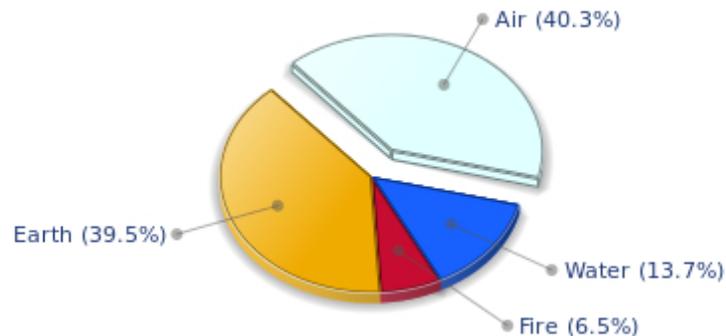


Sophia Loren, the diurnal South-western quadrant, consisting of the 7th, 8th and 9th houses, prevails in your chart: this sector brings about a thirst for communication and sometimes, a need to take risks in your dealings with others. Relations are a factor of your evolution and your transformation,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

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

Your Four Elements



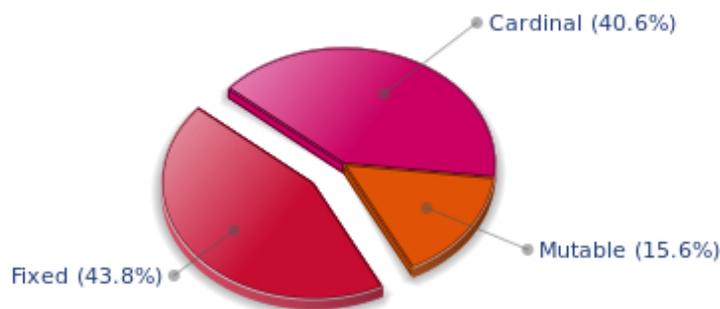
Cheers for communication and mobility, Sophia Loren! The predominance of Air signs in your chart favours and amplifies your taste for relations and for all kinds of short trips, whether real (travels) or symbolic (new ideas, mind speculations). You gain in flexibility and adaptability what you lose in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

Like the majority of Earth signs, Sophia Loren, 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.

Fire's qualities are not very present in your chart, with only 6.54% instead of the average 25%, which means that you may lack warmth, enthusiasm, conquering spirit, or energy. You may look indifferent to others, with almost no desire, no joy of life or no enterprising ability. Actually, it is not true, but you should let go, force yourself to be more daring, and show your amazement as well as your vitality. You certainly have as much energy as others, you just need to release it, and it is up to you to display more of it, since it will be all to your benefit: shout, sing, pull faces, dance! That's the right mean for you... In the end, you'll never be accused of being sad, phlegmatic or a killjoy!

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

Sophia Loren, here is the evaluation diagramme for your planets:

Your Dominant Planets



The three planets that are most highlighted in your chart are Jupiter, Uranus and Saturn.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saturn is part of your dominant planets: among the facets of your character, you have a grave and serious side, wise and somewhat severe, since your concentration can be powerful to the detriment of carelessness and friendliness.

You often look austere, but it is only an appearance, a kind of modesty or reserve; however, it is true that the Saturnian, who is fond of time, effort, asceticism, rigour and sobriety, may have popularity issues. Nevertheless, honesty and straightforwardness, reliability, as well as slow, wise and deep mental process, although not very popular and visible qualities, eventually become noticed and appreciated. Saturnians' second part of life is usually easier and more fulfilling.

Like the Jupiterian, your Saturnian facet prompts you to seek the essential, security, and longevity. However, the difference with the former is that you will never give priority to wealth or "the bigger, the better" philosophy for the sake of power. Saturn, like Jupiter, symbolizes social integration, and it is usually considered positive to have a harmonic Jupiter and Saturn in one's chart because of their social adaptation capacities.

Your vulnerability lies in your too serious and austere side, which may lead to unwanted loneliness and affective frustration. This generally does not last because Saturnians often hide deep down a golden heart that ends up revealing itself...

Your Dominant Signs



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

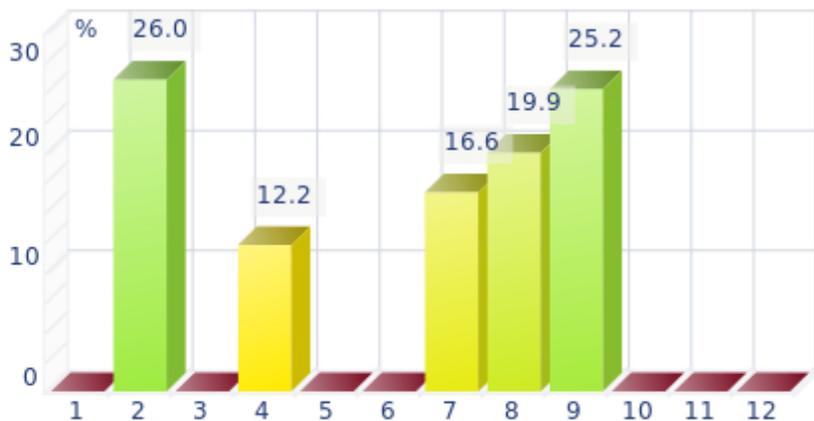
Aquarius is one of the most important signs in your natal chart: it endows your personality - at least one of its facets - with originality, to the point of eccentricity in spite of a sometimes distant and humane side. Likeable and impassive at the same time, you are a paradoxical woman, very hard to define because the two planets Uranus and Saturn blend their qualities to create the so complicated and endearing sign that inspires your character. Saturn's seriousness and impassivity is added to Uranus' rebellion, talent,

individualism, charisma, extravagance, and unpredictability! One of your main characteristics is that you never open up on a personal basis, but you tend to do so easily in public. You are actually quite strange. Sexy and charming in public, despite your nice and sociable character, you could frustrate many of your admirers in private because of your impossibility to show deep and warm affection, emotions, tears... But appearance and reality are two different things anyway - you are a kind of a genius, or you have at least a tremendous charm with this sign. You have many friends and an active social life. If you are detached in your love life - only in this aspect, since the rest of chart will confirm it or not - this is no big deal!

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

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

Your Dominant Houses



Houses 2, 9 and 8 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.

The 2nd house is among your three most tenanted houses: life's material aspects - with everything that is implied in terms of security, appetite for life, desire for possession - are deep-seated and you can never be content with living on love and fresh air. On a more abstract level, you may have similar feelings regarding relationships: possessiveness and jealousy in the worst cases, but also faithfulness and durability.

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

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.

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 Virgo and your Ascendant is in Capricorn

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:

How serious you are! What a great sense of organisation and discipline! You know how to protect yourself against regrettable vagaries which might upset the reassuring pace of your life. However, your Virgo Sun always retains the necessary hindsight which prevents from falling into oppressing austerity, probably because this sign is ruled by Mercury, the planet of communication fond of humour. Since Virgo is a Mutable sign, it is flexible and mentally agile. It remains updated and makes progress in its chosen fields as well as in its personal achievements. Capricorn and Virgo are quite similar because they are both Earth signs, but your Capricorn Ascendant projects a more abrupt and aloof image towards your acquaintances. It has an aura of aristocratic and solemn seriousness which may repel or intrigue your interlocutors. Furthermore, Capricorn always gives the impression that it bears the weight of the world

on its shoulders, perhaps because its vision of the world is too realistic and ambitious. In order not to fall into pessimism, you use your black humour. In any case, regardless of the sign exerting the strongest influence on your personality, you are endowed with an unfailing modesty and a loyalty which is seldom disappointing.

You were born with the Sun in Virgo

Psychologically speaking, your nature is nervous and secondary. Before you take action, you cautiously ponder over things and you review any possible alternative and reaction. You strive systematically to find the best possible response to any given problem. You are a perfectionist above all and you have no rest until you optimize a situation, in each and every area, be it professional, pragmatic, aesthetic or in pleasure. You do not accept spontaneity and, to fully enjoy life and go further, you consider that demanding the best is the least you can do, even though it is detrimental to the rough force associated with your instinct. The intellectual element intervenes before both the physical ones and your feelings: it is one of the essential clues to understanding your personality.

As you are born under this sign, you are cerebral, clear-sighted, focused on details and on numbers, analytic, serious, competent, reasonable, modest, tidy, organized, spruce, industrious, provident, honest, loyal, reserved, shy, helpful, willing to progress, talkative, perfectionist, logical, hardworking, tactful, patient, precise, concrete, spiritual. You can also be narrow-minded, calculating, irritating, petty, pernickety, hung up, anxious, cold, repressed or sarcastic.

In love, Madam, you are discreet, modest and intellectual. You may experience love only in the second part of your life if you do not make the effort to become aware that feelings and sexuality don't fare well with excessive reflection and prudence. In this area, one must not rely on reason...

Once you understand this principle, you will become the best wife, meticulous, tidy, but warm and withdrawn, caring for your family's well being and perfectly tackling your children's minor health problems. Your concern for tidiness and cleanliness allows you to have a healthy, safe and refined home.

You are fond of changes, variety and humour and you attach a special importance to your partner's comments and attentions.

You may marry twice or you may have a secret love affair, in spite of your seriousness, because Virgo is a dual sign, like Gemini, Pisces and Sagittarius.

Your Ascendant is in Capricorn

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The ruler of your chart is in Aquarius

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

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

Aspects to your Ascendant

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

★★★★★ Uranus trine Ascendant, orb -4° 45'

Uranus is in soft aspect with your Ascendant, Sophia Loren. Although your behaviour is original, nonconformist, and free, it is not unpleasant. On the contrary, this facet of your personality is sometimes considered by other people as endearing and unpredictable, in the good sense of the word. One never gets bored in your company because you are often found where you are not expected, whether regarding your ideas, your lifestyle or the way you react. You possess the charm independent and free persons are endowed with!

★★★★★ Moon semi-square Ascendant, orb 0° 17'

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

★★★★★ Venus trine Ascendant, orb -6° 1'

Thanks to Venus, Sophia Loren, 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 trine Ascendant, orb -7° 13'

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, Sophia Loren. 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.

Your Sensitivity

Your sensitivity is devoid of infatuation or carelessness, Sophia Loren; you belong to the cerebral type and, due to your needs for inner security and for freedom, you consider feelings and emotions as burdens. You are apparently phlegmatic and almost detached. However, your swift reactivity and your fertile imagination make you appreciate friendly gatherings with numerous and varied exchanges. You do not wear your heart on your sleeve. At first, you seem cold but those who know you are aware of your very original and unique sense of humour. Your receptiveness is remarkable. Your observation talents and your detachment work wonders in the defence of your anti-conformist and rebellious ideas. Your stubbornness is obvious and it is very difficult to make you change your mind because you are affectively too vulnerable: it would require lengthy and thorough argumentations aiming at your intellect...

Material affairs can have an importance disconnected from reality, Sophia Loren: you tend to be very emotional about practical matters related to your personal interests.

Maybe you unconsciously fear some kind of shortage. You seek financial security, however, it may prove counterproductive if you display too much sensitivity in a field that doesn't need any.

The way you earn money often looks like roller coasters: sometimes lucky, even very lucky, but you may lose a lot too, because you are unable to stay Zen in all circumstances. Business requires cold blood, although emotions add charm...

★★★★★ Moon conjunction Saturn, orb 1° 48'

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 facilities.

★★★★★ Moon trine Jupiter, orb -4° 55'

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

★★★☆☆ Moon opposite Mars, orb -7° 32'

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

that you balance these two tendencies and that you alternate moments of action with phases of carelessness and relaxation. These two attitudes are relatively irreconcilable.

★★★★★ Sun bi-quintile Moon, orb -0° 07'

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

Your Affectivity

In your chart, the Sun and Venus are both in Virgo. With this double membership of Virgo, your affectivity is clearly selective. More than others, you need to control your affectivity and the relationship you are involved in. You sort out, you select, you observe, relentlessly, to the extent that you place yourself and your partner in a pattern where your respective role, function and *raison d'être* are specified. Therefore, it is useless to peddle the virtues of a current, the benefits of a fashionable way to love or of trendy attitudes. You remain faithful to... your principles. You prefer clarity of relationships to passionate tumults. This is probably the reason why you are credited with modesty and reserve. It is not that your affectivity is withdrawn – on the contrary, you are sensitive because you are vulnerable. However, you are distrustful of impulses that may gratuitously destabilize your relationship. You are more reliable than you are demonstrative, more loyal than exuberant, you fully express yourself within a couple based on the principle of complementarity: your partner's naturalness and spontaneity nurture your affectivity, whereas your reliability and your sense of moderation efficiently protect your couple against life's vagaries. Although it is theoretical, this pattern allows the emergence of amorous behaviours that are, by nature, too discreet or too timid.

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

When you fall in love, Sophia Loren, your feelings immediately reach a considerable level of intensity and quickly take you into the realm of passion. You are not a mild person when it comes to love, either you love deeply, or not at all. According to the Tradition, this configuration strongly associates feelings and sexuality. In your approach to love, feelings are intimately linked to desire and love physical aspects. It does not take you long before you deliberately infuse a fair amount of torrid eroticism into your behaviour, so as to make your idyll as burning and deep as your inner feelings are! If no adverse aspect

affects Venus in the 8th house, you become possessive in the positive sense of the term: you happily care for your significant other, including for his financial interests. Venus in the 8th house protects everything that deals with investment, management of other people's possessions and particularly, those of the husband. Your benevolent attitude, which you also express outside your couple's relationship, usually causes pleasant surprises in the guise of unexpected inheritances. When there are tense aspects of square or opposition to your Venus, you may fall into the trap of obsessive and dangerous jealousy. And it would be a disgrace since, as the saying goes, jealousy is uncalled-for and very harmful when it is unjustified, and it is useless and too late when harm has been done...

★★★★★ Venus conjunction Neptune, orb 1° 03'

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

★☆☆☆☆ Venus semi-square Pluto, orb 0° 5'

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

★☆☆☆☆ Venus semi-square Jupiter, orb -0° 57'

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

The Way You Take Action and Your Sexuality

What an energy, Sophia Loren! You take so many initiatives, you have so much strength for action, construction and struggle! You are part of the conquerors, loyal and concerned about panache. Your vitality is such that you can achieve your objectives and release all your creativity. However, you are so proud and so unyielding that you cannot tolerate the faintest annoyance on your way: if you are vexed,

you may turn into the opposite direction as a matter of reaction. Sexually, your magnetism and your energy work wonders. You are not complicated and, as long as your slightly domineering nature is respected and you are granted due admiration, all goes perfectly well. You usually have a lot of self-confidence and you believe in you. This characteristic feature may turn you into a hero with Hercules's strength and solar charisma.

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

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

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

★★★★★ Mars semi-sextile Neptune, orb -0° 31'

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

★★★★★ Mars quintile Jupiter, orb 0° 27'

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

★★★★★ Mars opposite Saturn, orb -9° 2'

Why should you take action? And how? The surrounding world is not to be trusted. Past events have taught you to question simple situations and to intervene after thorough consideration. You are vulnerable to the traps of life, to confrontations and struggles. You may complicate your behaviour at will, often missing your target due to your self-censoring. Your interventions may lack spontaneity. You must overcome your doubts and acquire the certainty that you are able to handle realities and facts. If you make that effort, you can understand that there are many ways to make life simpler for yourself.

★★★★★ Sun semi-square Mars, orb -1° 19'

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

Your Intellect and Your Communication Style

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

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

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

★★★★★ Mercury sextile Mars, orb 2° 42'

This harmonic Mercury-Mars aspect is the signature of a quick wit and an energetic character. You take decisions rapidly and you implement them straight away. You never accept stiff situations. You need to design, to take action, to fight to express your acute sense of relation: the world, the people, everything is of concern to you... You need to be involved in relationships and in dialogues. Your sharp retorts earn you a reputation of straightforwardness. On the relations' area, your quick wit and your mobility are greatly appreciated. You find the allies and partners you need at the right time. An art of resourcefulness that is precious...

★★★★★ Moon trine Mercury, orb 4° 5'

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 trine Saturn, orb 6° 38'

Your vision of the world is rigorous and objective. An exemplary logic characterizes your mental attitude and your human relations. Your discerning faculties overlook no detail. You need to know the whys of your life and to explore the backstage of your surrounding world. The deepness of your relations dismisses superficial connections. It may be the reason why your interest is aroused when you are in touch with elements that are alien to your mode of functioning. You have the soul of a researcher, regardless of the form that your investigations may take. It may be an exacerbated curiosity for human topics or a will to understand relationship stakes. It may also be a hobby or a course of study that introduces you to a riddle. It does not matter! Life is a perpetual quest for the unknown. Your critical mind is highly developed and you take commonplaces for granted only after thorough consideration.

★★★★★ Mercury conjunction Jupiter, orb 9° 45'

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

Your Goals, Motivations, Career, and Destiny

Your Sun is posited in the 8th House

One thing is certain, Sophia Loren, 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 2nd 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 2nd House, Sophia Loren. This position in the House of money earned through work may facilitate the way you deal with financial matters, and may give you the desire to work even harder. Your material situation often improves at the age of thirty.

Aspects influencing your ambitions

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

★★★★★ Uranus opposite Midheaven, orb -0° 08'

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

★★★★☆ Jupiter conjunction Midheaven, orb 5° 1'

Jupiter, the most beneficial planet of the Zodiac, is in conjunction with your Midheaven, your destiny, Sophia Loren. It is undeniably an auspicious configuration which favours your social ascent or your professional destiny, which are often influenced by your respect for the law, and your natural self-confidence. These qualities remove pitfalls out of your way. With this very nice configuration, your

profession or your destiny may also be linked to values symbolised by Jupiter: prominent political figure, medical doctor, businesswoman, judge, solicitor, or any respectable occupation.

★★★★★ Sun sextile Pluto, orb 1° 05'

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

★★★★★ Jupiter trine Saturn, orb -3° 06'

Jupiter and Saturn are favourably linked to each other in your natal chart. The Tradition indicates that this planetary aspect is a good omen for your social success and good integration in the society. Indeed, Jupiter stands for public life, respect for laws and hierarchy, and acceptance of established rules, whereas Saturn symbolises wisdom, time, seriousness, and perseverance. Therefore, it is only logical that with this Jupiter - Saturn configuration, your career, or your social destiny if you do not work, is well thought of by society, and that you are most likely to experience its happy outcomes sooner or later.

★★★★★ Pluto square Midheaven, orb 5° 03'

Owing to this dissonance of Pluto with your Midheaven, Sophia Loren, you may experience brutal changes in your professional or your living conditions. These upheavals are imposed on you by fate, and they sometimes take on a mysterious nature. Although you do not always understand the cause behind them, you must accept these changes as they occur, in order to bounce back in a different path, or just elsewhere.

★★★★★ Saturn trine Midheaven, orb -8° 17'

Thanks to this soft aspect between Saturn and your Midheaven, your long-term efforts and your perseverance are rewarded, and you gradually climb up the stairs of success. Time is your ally as far as your career and social destiny are concerned. Carry on the good work, and rest assured that your seriousness and your obstinacy are appreciated. They are instrumental in your success, especially during the second part of your life.

★★★★★ Sun semi-sextile Jupiter, orb -1° 12'

This harmonious Sun-Jupiter aspect indicates an optimistic background that usually wins the entourage's adherence. It also suggests ambition and generosity and favours social integration and success. The desire to earn general consideration prompts you to display energy, joviality and benevolence. However, opportunism may be the other side of the coin. As you strive to win everyone's esteem, you may fall into disrepute. It is important that you remain clear-sighted so as to persistently pursue your long-term aims without believing that you should always « grab each and every opportunity ». However, this aspect remains an element of success because it allows you to adjust your objectives to the context, to whatever the situation offers or, on the contrary, to force your way through events and to achieve your ideals.

Your Assets and Your Part of Joviality

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

Jupiter brings you a heaven-sent present, Sophia Loren, which is particularly nice because there is here an analogy between the planet and the house. Jupiter's broad, benevolent and warm vision of life is in line with the fields of higher education, philosophy, politics, and human sciences symbolized by the 9th House. As you mature, you radiate with wisdom. On the concrete plane, long-distance travels are very favoured, throughout your life.

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

Jupiter in Libra endows you with sociability, popularity and charm! You are very appreciated because your open-mindedness and your generosity naturally prompt you to compromise in all things: what is important to you is not to have the last word, but to reach an agreement with your entourage and to establish nice relationships with them. You are diplomatic and your sense of justice is expressed in a humanistic and benevolent way.

Your Serious Side

Solemnity and concentration are at the service of your projects and your altruistic ideals. To the detriment of your own individuality, you become demanding with time, and you learn to better define the human values that are really important to you. Struggling in order to better assert your individual qualities can be highly profitable.

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

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

The planet Saturn symbolizes contraction, effort, time, limitation and concentration. Saturn eliminates anything that is not authentic, sooner or later. It is impossible to cheat him as he gives an irresistible desire to form a coherent whole with oneself, in responsible and wise ways. He is the great purifier. He represents our limitations but also our truth. In your natal chart, the house position where Saturn is posited is more important than his sign position because, like Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto, he is

a slow planet. Many people born in the same period have Saturn in the same sign. This is the reason why the sign occupied here is less meaningful than when it is occupied by the so-called fast planets, i.e. the Sun, the Moon, Mercury, Venus and Mars. Therefore, some caution is to be exercised as you read what follows.

Saturn in Aquarius endows you with the capacity to deliver in collective areas, humanitarian causes or avant-gardist projects. Your sensitivity is withdrawn but it is offset by your ability to handle human relationships in a daring and efficient way, which allows you to achieve your goals for the sake of a cause.

A Few Special Points

Your Uniqueness and Your Utopias

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

You are prone to unexpected home moves. Paradoxically enough, it seems that, as soon as you achieve stability, something makes you itch. You may be too sensitive, and when tense situations emerge, you feel an irresistible need for change. The best way to handle these problems may be that you, yourself, organize your instability at home, for instance through extensive outings or trips. In any case, you should manage to create the impression that you are not in the same place for too long.

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

Your Inspiration and Your Illusions

There is a form of confusion or of vague perception in matters of sexuality, investments, inheritances and, as a general rule, other people's finance and the money you do not earn by yourself.

You have the gift for sounding the depths of your psyche, for feeling what others' motivations are, and you thoroughly understand behavioural patterns, in a sensitive, emotional and non-intellectual way.

This configuration may bring fortune as well as breaches of trust. Be very cautious before trusting anybody, as far as investment and finance are concerned.

Your Passion and Your Authority

You have a natural strong authority as soon as you are with other people, and you tend to consider relationships as fights that allow you to display your might and your influence, insidiously but obviously, particularly for... the others!

Your contacts and your associations require so much emotional intensity that people who consider that relationships should be light and flowing may be frightened or disconcerted.

There is a strong possibility that you marry a powerful and secretive man with whom you form a whole unit and on whom you totally rely in confidence. Should it not be the case, it is very unlikely that he accepts that you retain a lot of personal freedom.

Your Isolated Planets

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

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

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

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

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

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

Annex 1: Your Minor Dominants

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

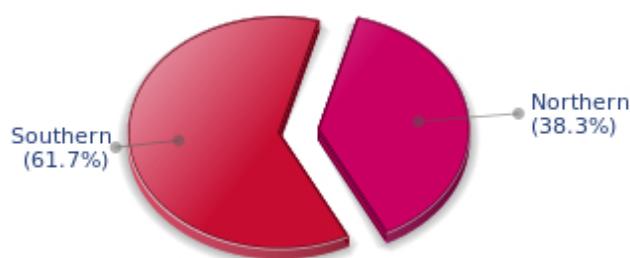
Your Planetary Repartitions: Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Hemispheres

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

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

In your birth chart, Sophia Loren, the ten main planets are distributed as follows:

Your Northern and Southern Hemispheres



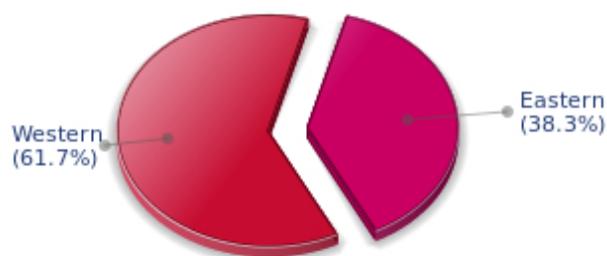
Sophia Loren, the predominance of planets in the Southern hemisphere prompts you to take action, to draw attention on yourself, and to make your actions and what you have in mind visible to everyone. Sometimes, without giving a single thought to, and to the detriment of, a richer inner life and a deeper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

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

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

Sophia Loren, here is the planetary repartition in your Eastern and your Western hemispheres:

Your Eastern and Western Hemisphere:



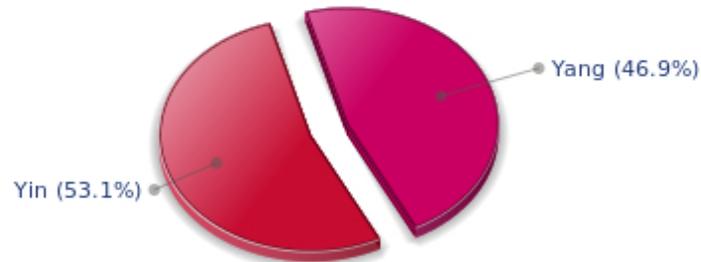
The predominance of planets in the Western hemisphere of your chart means that you are quite flexible, capable of empathy, convivial and communicative. An excellent factor for many professional activities or for your social or sentimental life for example.

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

Your Yin and Yang Polarity

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

Your Yin and Yang Polarity



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

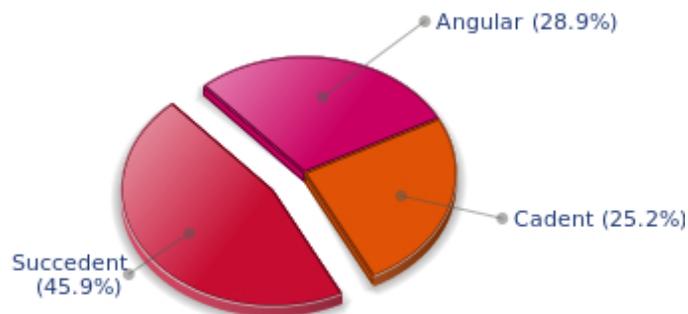
Your Houses' Accentuations

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

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

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

Your Houses' Accentuations



The emphasis is on succedent houses in your chart, namely, the 2nd, 5th, 8th and 11th houses, Sophia Loren: this configuration usually endows a personality with affective and sensitive qualities. Obviously, to the detriment of self-confidence or self-assertion, but your heart qualities may be very important. These houses also favour realization. Time and patience are part of their characteristics. However, they are only indications and you must include them in the rest of your chart in order to see whether they are validated or not!

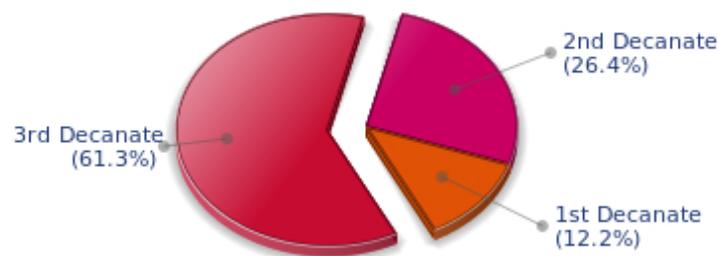
Your Esoteric Decanates

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

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

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

Your Esoteric Decanates



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

Annex 2: Karmic Study

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

The Lunar Nodes: a spiritual path

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

Very early in life you showed a strong desire to intensely live through your passions. You are sensitive to your personal prestige and you adopted dramatic attitudes as you needed your merits to be acknowledged and you wanted to arouse esteem and admiration. Your individualistic ways may have caused setbacks: you are criticized for your egocentrism or at least, for your lack of openness and compassion. As time goes by, your life's challenge is probably to gain a taste for collaborations, fraternity, and unselfish love. If you can put aside your touchiness, you become able to relinquish your pride and to focus your energy on larger actions such as collective tasks, or even, universal works. Life teaches you a philosophy of harmony and union, far from your primary desires and needs. You then discover an entirely different realm, a spiritual dimension, the major features of which are abnegation, selflessness and the access to a world of altruism that provides more satisfactions than anything else. Self-sacrifice, friendship and fraternity are the path to your fulfilment.

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.

Lilith or the Dark Moon

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

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

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

The Part of Fortune in House

The Part of Fortune is a very ancient fictitious point that depends on the lunar phase at the time of birth. The astrological house tenanted is particularly strengthened. In your chart, the Part of Fortune is in the 5th house: to you, success means to create, to produce a fruit or a work, or to give birth to a child. Being in this world does not content you; you need "to do", to design, to live hand-to-hand with your surroundings. You are sensitive to power and you want to arouse esteem and admiration in your entourage.

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 in 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.

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.
