

The Asteroid Report

Chiron and the Asteroids

Astrological Report for Famke Janssen
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Planet	Sign	Position	House	House Cusps
Sun	Scorpio	12°Sc49'	10th	01 00°Cp08'
Moon	Pisces	28°Pi15'	02nd	02 17°Aq54'
Mercury	Sagittarius	04°Sg13'	11th	03 05°Ar51'
Venus	Sagittarius	29°Sg37'	12th	04 06°Ta42'
Mars	Sagittarius	23°Sg22'	12th	05 27°Ta28'
Jupiter	Cancer	00°Ca51' R	07th	06 14°Ge04'
Saturn	Pisces	10°Pi33' R	02nd	07 00°Ca08'
Uranus	Virgo	18°Vi31'	08th	08 17°Le54'
Neptune	Scorpio	19°Sc29'	10th	09 05°Li51'
Pluto	Virgo	17°Vi55'	08th	10 06°Sc42'
Midheaven	Scorpio	06°Sc42'		11 27°Sc28'
Ascendant	Capricorn	00°Cp08'		12 14°Sg04'
Chiron	Pisces	18°Pi14' R	02nd	
Ceres	Pisces	18°Pi34' R	02nd	
Pallas	Aquarius	07°Aq51'	01st	
Juno	Aquarius	07°Aq23'	01st	
Vesta	Cancer	14°Ca09'	07th	

Introduction

Astrology is an ancient science and art that has been in use for centuries. The planets are named after the Mediterranean gods of ancient Rome and Greece. This illustrates the awareness possessed by our ancestors of the synchronicity between the activation of life's archetypal energies and the movements of heavenly bodies that seem to measure the timing of these events.

The last few centuries have been an exciting time for astrologers. We have witnessed the discovery of the outer planets and watched them conform to the synchronistic meaning ascribed to them by their names, joining and expanding the pantheon of deities that dance through the horoscopes of people and political events. Astrologers have become comfortable with the extended astrological family that now includes Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto, and these have been utilized in western astrology for most of the twentieth century. Since the dust has settled from these cosmic discoveries, astrologers have had some time to study the action of some other newly discovered heavenly bodies - namely Chiron and the asteroids.

The asteroids lie in a belt that orbits between Mars and Jupiter. It is now known that this belt is comprised of thousands of asteroids, but the first four were discovered many years in advance of the rest. These four asteroids were named after four major Olympic goddesses, which happened to redress the gender imbalance among the primarily male planetary deities that populate the horoscope. Thus it was that Ceres, Juno, Vesta, and Pallas Athena came along at the time of the birth of the women's movement in the nineteenth century. Astrologers do work with the myriad of other asteroids as well, but these four, with their associations to four of the most important goddesses, are the "standard" ones in use.

Chiron was discovered in 1977, and was named after the wise Greek centaur who tasted immortality. Chiron lies between Saturn and Uranus and occasionally passes within the orbit of Saturn. At first thought to be a comet or asteroid it is now considered a "planetoid" or small planet-like body.

The astrological portraits of the asteroids and Chiron have emerged through the observations of fascinated astrologers over the last century. This report informs you of their symbolic meaning and gives you insight into how they operate in your own horoscope.

Chiron & the Asteroids in Your Chart

Chiron

The astronomical body, Chiron (once thought to be a comet or asteroid, now considered a "planetoid" or small planet-like body) is named after the ancient Greek, centaur demi-god who was horse from the waist down and human from the waist up. Chiron's orbit, unlike that of the asteroids, lies between Saturn and Uranus, and is irregular in that it occasionally crosses inside the orbit of Saturn. This astronomical characteristic is symbolic of Chiron's reputation for being somewhat of a maverick.

Chiron was no ordinary run-of-the-mill centaur at the mercy of instincts and appetites. He displayed such self-mastery and was so wise and gifted in both the arts of healing and the arts of war and statesmanship, that he found himself mentor to heroes and kings and their sons. His service was of such value that he was granted immortality by the gods. Chance would have it that he was accidentally wounded in the foot by one of his own poisoned arrows, carelessly tossed by one of his fosterlings (Heracles). Since by this time he was immortal, the result of this mishap was that Chiron was condemned by fate to suffer eternally the agonies of a poisoned wound that could not be healed. In order to obtain release from his endless suffering, the wise old centaur decided to relinquish the mantle of immortality that had been bestowed upon him. He gave it, instead, to Prometheus (who needed it to be freed from the punishment he suffered for mocking the gods and stealing their fire). In this way, Chiron embraced death and found release from his suffering.

Astrologically, Chiron's placement in the horoscope indicates one's experience of the wound that does not heal, (or the wound that does not seem to heal, because although an important lesson may be learned through dealing with it, the wound seems to spiral around with another lesson on a deeper level). Chiron represents one's experience of woundedness and the nature of the wound. Second, by coming to terms with suffering through an acceptance of one's mortality, one arrives at a greater state of wholeness or healing. Third, Chiron shows how one comes into one's own as an elder or mentor who can provide healing and guidance to others. Thus Chiron also astrologically indicates the ways and means with which you can guide others, as well as the kind of mentoring and healing you seek for yourself.

Chiron in Pisces

With Chiron in Pisces, mentoring and the healing process are associated with compassion, artistic sensitivity, and the fostering of a viable spiritual awareness. This

applies to both the kind of mentoring you seek for yourself, and the kind that you are eventually able to extend to others. You may encounter mentor figures who are mystical, artistic, or sensitive in some way, or who can help you navigate the choppy waters of spiritual pitfalls. You may experience wounding, inadequacy, or insoluble conflict arising from exposure to victim/martyr dynamics, addictions, spiritual exploitation, or the inability or unwillingness to distinguish "reality" from "non-ordinary" states. Spiritual escapism, or the habit of taking shelter in the cosmic state of oneness (or other addictions) as a way of avoiding the suffering of the world, can hinder the formation of a functional ego and healthy sense of self. Experiences such as these, or the loss of a spiritual mentor, are painful events that evoke your philosophical side and awaken a true sense of wisdom as you struggle to come to terms with the ongoing suffering and the healing sought.

Chiron in 2nd House

Chiron in the second house indicates that the wounding/healing experience (as described by Chiron's sign placement) plays itself out through the sphere of life that has to do with the effort to build up a sense of self-worth. This often occurs through the accumulation of material wealth, property, or possessions which are regarded as a measurement of one's worth or one's stability.) With this placement, there may be difficulty accepting the established value system of the society one finds oneself in, or an aversion to ownership and a fear of being enslaved by one's possessions. Fears and control issues regarding wealth and resources, as well as regarding instinctual and sexual needs are likely to arise from a deep sense of wounding regarding these issues, and can cause you further difficulties when they operate as dysfunctional defense mechanisms. Eventually you learn how to integrate and learn from these experiences in such a way that you cyclically reap deeper and deeper healing and wisdom from them.

Sun Trine Chiron Orb: 05°24'

Chiron forms a harmonious aspect with the Sun. The mentor/wounded healer archetype within yourself supports your sense of self-essence. Creative expression may be very healing for you as well as for those you share your gifts with. Creativity can be an outlet through which you deal with a wound associated with the father, or other animus figures. You may serve as a kind of mentor or healer to creative people or to those who struggle with issues of creativity, self-expression, and self-purpose.

Mars Square Chiron Orb: 05°08'

Chiron forms a challenging aspect with Mars. The centaur and the warrior butt heads! You may suffer due to opinions that it is unmanly for men to engage themselves in healing, therapeutic or counseling endeavors. Or perhaps you struggle with feelings of lack of confidence or fear of confrontation when it comes to fulfilling a calling you feel to teach or mentor. The ability to cope with confrontation and aggression, as well as to assert yourself and express your drive and your anger in effective ways is, for you, experienced as a painful or wounding issue in some way. You may have been exposed, in early life, to an ongoing atmosphere of subtle or overt abuse and intimidation that

prevented you from learning the positive skills of self-assertion and healthy anger. You may fear your own capacity for anger, or believe that all anger is destructive. This can lead to a suppression of anger that builds up and does start to feel threatening. As a result you may, consciously or unconsciously, lapse into passive-aggressive behavior patterns or indulge in backhanded competitive efforts to wreak vengeance on those with whom you are angry. Direct honest expression of your anger can be the most frightening and threatening challenge in the world, yet you long to learn how to be able to handle yourself in such a way. When you do, you find the effects incredibly healing. The trick is to learn to see that the need for healing and the need for confrontation are not incompatible, and that by learning to embrace both these needs you find the solution to these old patterns of conflict.

Uranus Opposite Chiron Orb: 00°17'

Chiron forms a challenging aspect with Uranus. The wounded healer clashes with the forward thinking rebel who is a proponent of change. You may experience wounding that has to do with issues of the devastation wrought by modern technology or with illnesses that effect the nervous system, meridians, or subtle electro-magnetic energy fields of the human body. Iridology, reiki, acupuncture, and cranio-sacral therapy are some examples of the kinds of subtle-energy healing techniques that may be part of your wounding/healing journey. There may be a wound having to do with an extreme sensitivity to the collective unconscious of humanity and the ideals or thought forms that affect it. This can cause you to be swept away by the tides of social, political, or esoteric movements that promise freedom from certain types of restrictions but often just usher in a new form of enslavement. There may be an attitude of indiscriminate rebellion that leads to a perception of all forms of authority as a threat to freedom. This results in a resistance to the voice of one's own inner authority, and mistaking its promptings towards inner change and growth (which could be painful) for demands for conformity. If this inner voice is betrayed, then you ironically do end up selling out and joining the ranks of the order of the day, new and exciting as they may be. Through dealing with the pain caused by these experiences, you come to learn on a profound level that the only change that leads to freedom is a deep internal change involving one's own thought patterns, for they are the root of the behavioral and emotional habits that unnecessarily limit you. The challenge is to learn to see that both the need for healing and the need for freedom exist within you, and that not only are they not mutually exclusive, the one need cannot be met without fulfilling the other! It's up to you to resolve this paradox. Your ability to do this may enable you to serve as a healer/mentor to others who struggle with similar issues.

Neptune Trine Chiron Orb: 01°15'

Chiron forms a harmonious aspect with Neptune. Your capacity for compassion, sensitivity, and transcendent experience is a great resource that helps you to heal painful wounds (your own, or those of others). These wounds are likely to involve issues arising from a poor sense of personal boundaries, feelings of victim-hood or helplessness, escapism via spiritual or substance abuses, or difficulty distinguishing ordinary from non-ordinary states of mind. A non-acceptance of human failings and the sufferings and evils

of the world, and a desire to regress to a womb-like state can play a part in these problems. You may have a healing influence upon others via your artistic or musical gifts, your spiritual sensibility, or your compassion and psychic sensitivity. Your artistic expressions may touch the wounds of others, deal with healing themes, or be utilized in therapeutic settings. Dream therapy, dream journaling or visualization techniques may also be a part of your healing kit.

Pluto Opposite Chiron Orb: 00°19'

Chiron forms a challenging aspect with Pluto. The mentor/wounded healer archetype within yourself combines with the urge for powerful and transformative experience in such a way that these two aspects of yourself seem to be at odds with each other. You may experience a personal sense of wounding due to issues involving death, sexuality, power abuses, destructive urges, or intense and deeply buried emotions such as rage, jealousy, or possessiveness. There could be an inability to perceive the destructiveness in oneself or others, or a lack of trust in one's own instincts and gut feelings; in either case, one's self-preservation skills may be impaired or wounded in some way. You may be attracted to exciting but dangerous experiences that tempt fate - until you get burned enough to recognize that something's got to change. The challenge is to learn to reconcile the need for healing and wise counsel with the need to deal with power and peak experiences. You need to make room for both needs in your life, and to avoid the natural tendency to unconsciously repress or project one of them out onto others. Once you have embarked upon your own healing journey, you can have a profound healing influence on others who are struggling with issues of power abuses and powerful or destructive emotional, archetypal, or sexual energies. Your avenue of healing or counseling may involve work with shamanism, initiation experiences, depth psychology, or primal or archetypal energies.

Ceres

Ceres is the expression of the Earth Goddess archetype that has been worshipped in many forms by various cultures. This archetype has always been associated with mother earth, harvests, a transformational journey to and from the underworld, rites of passage, and the birth or resurrection of a fertility deity.

The myth of Demeter (da mater or "earth mother") and the sudden abduction of her dearly loved daughter Persephone by the lord of the underworld contains the same universal symbolism as other Earth Goddess myths. These myths may appear, at first, to be early explanations for the changing of the seasons. They are actually wise, rich, symbolic teachings on such profound themes as loss and renewal, death and rebirth, and the endless transformation that constitutes the very laws of creation to which this universe and everything in it adheres.

On a more personal level, the Ceres myth deals with the severance of the bonds of love and/or attachment. When we experience love as we have known it being taken from us, we can feel as if we have been cast into a realm of eternal darkness, never to return to

the world of the living again. We may then be unable to let go of the past, reliving it again and again in our minds - protesting and resisting the present, and demanding that it somehow hand over to us the treasure that has been snatched away.

Yet as with Demeter, who chose to forgo her divinity and wander in the world of humans, after which she was reunited annually with her transformed daughter, it is only when we can give up notions of eternal paradise and immortality that we can relinquish old attachments. Only when we have been humbled by and have accepted those mysterious cyclic forces beyond ourselves that we can be restored to a state of plentitude and abundance in the here and now. Then we can truly understand how our cup must be emptied in order to be filled afresh.

Ceres in the birth chart thus describes what one really cares about, and the way one nurtures others (and needs to be nurtured oneself) in a parental kind of way. It also indicates where one may tend to cling, the kind of separations that can be traumatic, and what one may be required to give up (or share with others) in order to grow. It can also indicate the ways in which we seek for something that seems to be missing, something we didn't get enough of, as well as the ways that can help us mourn such a loss. As with Demeter and Persephone, Ceres can also indicate the kind of experience that constitutes a rite of passage - the most profound transformation: the death and rebirth of the self.

Ceres in Pisces

With Ceres in Pisces, nurturance is associated with selflessness, compassion, and the fostering of spiritual awareness, mysticism or an experiential sense of the sacred. There is great sensitivity and the parent-child bond can be incredibly intuitive or telepathic. Nurturance may also be expressed through the encouragement and appreciation of other people's sensitivity and musical or artistic abilities. Lack of this kind of sensitive nurturance at an early age could be a source of grief that leads to feelings of spiritual abandonment and powerlessness, forcing you to find ways to fulfill this need for yourself, and thus enabling you to nurture others in this manner. Difficulties can also arise from an exaggerated parental focus on selflessness, which ignores the child's needs and encourages martyrdom. Mothering can be an all-consuming giving of the self that fulfills a spiritual need, but could lead to suffering when children finally leave the nest. A painful sense of separation from God, and the sundering of parent-child bonds due to mysterious causes or as the result of a spiritual calling, are examples of the type of experiences that could serve as initiations into the lessons of transformation, loss and return, death and rebirth, and simply letting go.

Ceres in 2nd House

Ceres in the second house indicates that you like to nurture a sense of self worth through the development of resources and abilities, as well as through the cultivation of a healthy value system. You are at home in the physical world and in your body, with a graceful earthiness that is both healthy and a pleasure to behold. You may cling to possessions or old values that no longer serve you. Hating to throw anything away, your appreciation of the earth's limited resources makes you a natural protector of the

environment and a champion of such practices as recycling and wilderness preservation. The waste or devastation of resources - the earth's or your own - can cause you much grief, and may trigger a profound inner transformation.

Sun Trine Ceres Orb: 05°45'

Ceres forms a harmonious aspect with the Sun. The qualities of nurturance and emotional bonding combine with the sense of self-essence or self-identity in a natural, easy manner. You like to care for others, and your grace in dealing with life's losses and difficult rites of passage makes you a comfort to others grappling with these issues. You may have a green thumb, for you have a knack for getting things to flourish.

Mars Square Ceres Orb: 04°48'

Ceres forms a challenging aspect with Mars. Mother/daughter meets the masculine god of war! Your need for or experience of parent-child bonding seem to be at odds with your fighting spirit and warrior skills. Perhaps your own assertiveness or aggressive tendencies were thwarted by an overly forceful parent, or not given encouragement. Or perhaps you feel that nurturance and caring are not consistent with or undermine the masculine qualities of risk-taking, competitiveness, and confrontation. Such types of conflict may have their roots in your past parent-child experiences or in your experience of the formation and severance of strong emotional ties with maternal or warrior figures. The lesson here is to learn to see that both the need for nurturing ties and the need for assertive, forceful action belong to one and the same person. Both need to be met consciously; this corrects the natural tendency to unconsciously project one of them out onto others, which can result in difficulties with aggression or anger.

Uranus Opposite Ceres Orb: 00°03'

Ceres forms a challenging aspect with Uranus. There's a story involving the nurturer and the freedom-fighter, and it may be a trying tale at times. Perhaps you feel that close emotional ties prevent you from the voyage of self-discovery known as individuation. Or perhaps you feel that your need for constant change or the need to march to the tune of a different drummer makes it impossible for you to experience nurturing emotional ties. Humanitarian activities or collective enterprises may conflict with the need to care and be cared for on a personal level. These conflicts may be rooted in your experience (or lack of experience) of the formation and severance of strong emotional ties, especially ties with the mother or with revolutionary, futuristic types. If you can learn to acknowledge both needs within yourself, and find ways to meet them, you'll be able to avoid the natural tendency to unconsciously project one of them out onto others.

Neptune Trine Ceres Orb: 00°55'

Ceres forms a harmonious aspect with Neptune. Your longing for nurturing bonds blends naturally with your spiritual and transcendent urges. You nurture others by affirming their spiritual essence, and by encouraging their sensitive ability as expressed through artistic, psychic, or mystical sensibilities. You yourself are nurtured in the same

way. Your compassion and your sense of the sacred are a source of comfort to those who struggle with issues of grief and loss; you have the ability to nurture others on a soul level.

Pluto Opposite Ceres Orb: 00°39'

Ceres forms a challenging aspect with Pluto. The Demeter-Persephone asteroid encounters the Lord-of-the-Underworld planet, and this lends the whole Ceres myth an extra impact on your chart. You may feel that close emotional ties conflict with your struggle for self-empowerment, or that if you take your power you will distance loved ones. You may feel like Persephone, torn between a powerful mother and a powerful partner who both seem to want to possess you; innocence, loyalties, and empowerment concerns are asking for reconciliation within you. Issues of control may play havoc with nurturing relationships. These conflicts may be rooted in strong experiences of mother or power-wielding figures. The challenge is to learn to see that both the need for nurturing ties and the need for transformation and self-empowerment can and do co-exist within oneself. You'll need to find ways to meet them both, otherwise chances are you'll project the denied need out onto others and, eventually, fight with it out there.

Pallas

As with goddess-myths associated with the other asteroids, the myths that pertain to the warrior goddess Pallas Athena reflect socio-historic upheavals as well as archetypal themes. One of the most interesting aspects of Athena's myth, as it has evolved, is the changing nature of her birth. In her earliest form she was said to have been born of Lake Triton in Libya, home of the legendary amazons. Her worship was brought to the Greek islands much later by the Libyans themselves as they emigrated across the Mediterranean sea. The story of her birth reflected this migration, for she was then said to be born of Metis - a sea goddess. Further evolution of her myth reflects the encounter of the goddess worshipping peoples with the patriarchal people invading Greece from the north: Metis (whose name means Wise Counsel), pregnant with Athena, was devoured by the invaders' god, Zeus, who later gave birth to a fully grown and fully armored Pallas Athena from his head. Later versions of this myth omit altogether any mention of Metis, and depict Athena as having been conceived without a woman's involvement.

Later myth also portrays Athena as bringing about the destruction of both Pallas and Medusa in what appears to be sociological evidence of the attempt to destroy goddess worship. (Pallas, Athena, and Medusa were the three faces of the Libyan version of the triple goddess.) In one of these myths Zeus tricks Athena into killing her Amazonian sister Pallas during a friendly competition. Another myth relates how Athena helped King Perseus to cut off Medusa's head by giving him a mirror to use so he could avoid her deadly gaze. Yet, as much as these myths might have been used as evidence of the wise Athena's denunciation of the Feminine, they also contain symbolism that indicates how Athena preserved the goddess trinity. For, upon the death of Pallas, the grieving Athena placed her sister's name before her own. As for her attitude towards Medusa, she bore Medusa's image upon her breastplate and distributed her blood to healers as a

regenerative medicine. The symbolic importance of the mirror in the Perseus-Medusa conflict also hints at Athena's wisdom and gift as a mediator in teaching how to reconcile opposites by seeing in oneself the disowned qualities that are projected onto opponents.

Pallas Athena signifies wisdom and creative problem solving in which a holistic view of conflicting or opposite elements (the Masculine and the Feminine) is required. This sense of fairness is backed up by a willingness to defend or fight for the underdog. Thus Pallas Athena is also associated with fighting for causes. She represents the application of practical skill and creative intelligence in order to best be of service. She was the goddess of war (defense, originally) as well as the goddess of wisdom and culture - patroness of the civilized arts such as pottery, sculpture, weaving, architecture, and animal husbandry. Pallas Athena can also represent the denial of one's own gender in an effort to cope with situations that require the skills of the opposite gender in order to survive, as well as the struggle to rediscover and reconnect with essential qualities of one's own sex. Androgynous conditions and healing through feminine wisdom, energy balancing or conflict resolution are also expressions of the Pallas Athena archetype.

Pallas in Aquarius

Pallas Athena in Aquarius denotes perceptive insight or intuitional skill when it comes to futuristic vision: you have a natural instinct for revolutionary trends, innovation, and technological advances. You may be particularly inventive in your use of technology - perhaps using computers, machinery, or electronics aesthetically in order to produce abstract art, or radical music that expresses the cutting edge or the vision of a new paradigm. You might possess a subtle grasp of abstract theory or the latest frontiers of science, and even be a ground-breaker in these fields. It may be important for you to utilize these skills in your career. Your perception into revolutionary and liberating trends, and your technological ability may be put to use in the defense of some cause or freedom-seeking group - or perhaps the youthful or the orphaned (see Pallas Athena's house position, below). You could be a champion of the right to be eccentric, unique, or different from others. Difficulty can arise if your crusade on behalf of a futuristic vision neglects the problems of the here and now. Skills in healing or conflict resolution may lie in a creative ability to work with the so-called "new age" techniques: the use of crystals, gems, color, light, vibration, electro-magnetism, and their effects on the human energy field.

Pallas in 1st House

With Pallas Athena in the first house your sense of identity may revolve around your career, thus you may be quite ambitious or assertive in your chosen line of work - perhaps over-reaching yourself at times by having too many irons in the fire. Your tremendous fighting spirit and your need to put it to use in championing some humanitarian purpose or cultural contribution often lies behind this great drive. The expression of intellect, cultural refinement, wisdom, healing ability/conflict resolution or creativity is probably an important part of your identity. There may also be an androgynous quality to your physical appearance, mode of dress, or behavior, and you may not feel comfortable with traditional male/female roles. Difficulties can arise if

Pallas Athena's energy is expressed as a "self" crusade that ignores the interests of others.

Sun Square Pallas Orb: 04°59'

The asteroid Pallas Athena (the patron-goddess of wisdom, culture and the arts) forms a challenging aspect with the Sun (one's sense of identity and essential purpose). As a result, you may identify with one side of the resulting conflict between the two, and fight or deny the other side. This could be an internal or external conflict, or both. You may feel that assertive socio-political striving or that the cultural world of the arts or crafts are activities for the privileged only. Or you may expect the male animus or father figures in your life to live out this side of your nature for you, or to cause you trouble for doing so. You might feel threatened by androgynous types who don't seem to conform to the traditional gender role models that give you a sense of identity. On the other hand, you may be the one with the socio-cultural or artistic interests who experiences either self-doubt or resistance from strong animus or father figures who are uncomfortable with your activities. You may feel alienated from your one gender or uncomfortable with traditional male role models. It is important that you not consider cultural expression and positive self-image to be mutually exclusive. Tension will be lessened energy levels will increase as you find ways to meet both these needs.

Mercury Sextile Pallas Orb: 03°38'

The asteroid Pallas Athena forms a harmonious aspect with Mercury. Your intellectual-communicative abilities and your cultural and socio-political urges mutually enhance each other. You appreciate fine or thought-provoking literature and intellectual discussions, especially when the topic revolves around issues of the arts or non-traditional gender, cultural, or political issues. You may enjoy networking with community projects that support these issues, perhaps supporting them through your writing or communicative skills.

Juno

Juno (whose Greek name is Hera) is an ancient Queen of Heaven Goddess dating from that matriarchal period when the sovereign Deity was female and reigned alone, presiding over the mysteries of birth, motherhood, and the various phases of reproduction. Mythology relates how she was seduced by Zeus, married him out of a sense of honor, endured a marriage characterized by power struggles over issues of fidelity and bearing a line of descent, as well as how she went into retreat occasionally in order to renew and center herself. Her myth parallels the history of social upheaval in the lands where she was worshipped. Northern invaders struggled to impose traditions of patrilineal descent and the worship of their chief god, Zeus, upon the indigenous matriarchal cultures of Mycenaean Greece and Crete. Over a period of hundreds of years of cultural conflict, the two divinities were forced to share the altar. Thus, in addition to her authority over matters pertaining to childbirth and motherhood, Juno has come to be associated with issues of socially acknowledged relationship, legal marriage, marital fulfillment through commitment and fidelity, and the struggle for equality within a

relationship. She represents, also, the kind of power struggles that involve controlling the partner through control over offspring, or through the withholding of sex or emotional intimacy. Juno can also represent committed relationships entered into out of a sense of duty, guilt, or for social reasons.

Juno represents both the need for relationship and the refusal to accept inequality within the context of a relationship. She represents the struggle to balance the need for intimacy with the opposing need for freedom - needs which both partners have, although one of these needs may be projected onto the partner. She can also represent the need to take marriage as a sacred trust, a way that leads to spiritual fulfillment through the reconciliation of the opposites in a state of union.

On another level, Juno can represent the way in which one feels rendered powerless by conflict in spite of sincere effort and irreproachable conduct on one's own part. The harder one tries, the more inadequate one's efforts seem to be, for there is a tendency to cling to old methods when circumstances have changed and a whole new paradigm is needed before the way clear can be seen. This frustration can sometimes lead to self-depreciation and loss of faith in oneself. Juno thus symbolizes the transition state between old and new ways of being, where the old fails to meet the needs of the times and the new is not yet manifest. She describes the need for a kind of spiritual self-rejuvenation that is needed in order to see oneself through times of utter disintegration into the future that awaits. Juno in the horoscope thus represents the ways in which we need to renew ourselves, and where our ability to adjust to changing circumstances is most tested.

Since marriage proved to be this goddess' testing ground, Juno in the horoscope also indicates the qualities associated with one's marriage partner and the ways in which one handles intimacy/freedom needs as well as the jealousy and insecurity that often accompany this balancing act. Juno's position describes the nature of any control issues, the ways in which such power struggles get enacted, and the type of sacred cows that need to be relinquished so that the path to marital fulfillment can unfold. Juno's placement in your chart can refer not only to your mate (or the way that you perceive your mate), but to the relationship and to your own behavior in a committed relationship as well.

Juno in Aquarius

With Juno in Aquarius, you may seek a relationship with someone who marches to the beat of a different drummer. You and/or your partner may need a relationship with plenty of scope for individuality, originality, and the freedom to pursue the process of individuation and explore alternative lifestyles. The relationship can feel very restricting if these needs to live one's own life are not met. The need to work for revolutionary changes and humanitarian ideals could be a central issue in the relationship. It could be that, in spite of your best efforts, you yourself experience a sense of inadequacy or powerlessness when it comes to such matters, or that your partner is doing all the expressing in this regard (or vice versa). This could be a source of difficulty when it comes to intimate relations. Intimacy/freedom needs, childbearing, fidelity, and power issues need to be handled with inventiveness and experimentation. Otherwise you or your

partner may become unreliable or rebellious.

Juno in 1st House

Juno in the first house indicates that your identity is connected with being a partner in a committed relationship. You come across as someone who is aware of the honors, duties and status involved in socially acknowledged vows of commitment. You may not be able to find your identity or feel self-confident until or unless you have found a mate, and it will be important for you to learn how to make relationships and how to make them last. Your self-image could involve an acute awareness of your social standing, perhaps as a result of your choice of partner. Issues regarding your self-image are likely to be a major focus in your relationship. The qualities described by Juno's sign position (above) indicates the manner in which you can best deal with these issues.

Sun Square Juno Orb: 05°26'

Juno forms a challenging aspect with the Sun. The need for intimacy and a mutually supportive relationship combines inharmoniously with one's sense of self-essence or self-identity. You may feel that the effort you put into making a relationship work takes all your energy and doesn't permit you to express your own creative self-purpose. Or perhaps you feel that if you try to fulfill your own personal expression you will not be able to partake in a relationship of equality and mutual support, either because you don't want to divert some energy into supporting another, or because you don't think you can find someone who would support your own struggle for self-fulfillment. The challenge is to learn to see both the need to do one's own thing and the need for compromise in relationship as important, and to find ways to meet both these needs, rather than repressing or projecting one of them out onto others.

Mercury Sextile Juno Orb: 03°10'

Juno forms a harmonious aspect with Mercury. Mental urges combine nicely with the urge to relate intimately and on equal terms. Your grace in communicating your need for equality and autonomy within your relationship strengthens the bond between partners. You have a knack for making your partner feel understood and listened to, and for being able to communicate on his or her level. Or perhaps it is your partner who possesses these abilities. Interests in intellectual stimulation, learning, community networking, or communications may provide you and your partner with a comfortable way to share and enrich your relationship.

Vesta

The asteroid Vesta (Latin) is named after the ancient Greek goddess Hestia, first born of the Olympian deities and last released by her father Cronos (father Time), who at one point swallowed all his offspring. Thus she denotes the beginning and the end - alpha and omega - and serves as a reminder of the source from which all things originate and to which all must return. She represents the preservation of sacredness and the state of

connection to formless Essence. As such, she is the only Olympic deity not worshipped anthropomorphically; she is symbolized only by the altar and its sacred flame. Thus she also represents any sacred space - be it temple, sweat lodge, or meditation corner - that acts as a container in which we may center ourselves, and feel the presence of Spirit. In ancient times Vesta was worshipped both in the city center as the flaming altar, and in every home as the central hearth whose embers were literally passed on down through the generations from mother to daughter when the daughter married and established her own hearth. In this manner Vesta came to represent the perpetuation of the spark of life, and of civilization and one's ancestral and cultural roots.

In early matriarchal societies, priestesses honoring Hestia maintained a connection to this spiritual essence (represented by a sacred flame that they tended night and day). They offered themselves in sacred sexual union in order to teach the divine aspect of sexuality and the need to remain aware of the sacred while engaged in physical life. The priestesses remained unmarried and committed to none but themselves and their worship. Their sons (conceived anonymously during ceremonial summer solstice rites) served as year-kings when there was no royal heir. These customs were finally abolished when patrilineal traditions were enforced and the priestesses were compelled by the Roman king to serve as keepers of the new (patriarchal) civilization and to observe vows of celibacy. To break these vows entailed a cruel death penalty. In exchange for the relinquishment of their sexuality, matrilineal customs, and true spiritual function, the priestesses (Vestal Virgins) were granted freedom from paternal control.

Vesta's sacred flame represents, in the yogic tradition, the kundalini force which, when properly awakened and channeled, leads to spiritual development. Thus, astrologically, Vesta has come to represent both spirituality and consecrated (or desecrated) sexuality. This can include a wide range of sexual expressions such as abstinence, renunciation and celibacy, the celebration of spiritually honored sexuality, sexual idealism, and the sacred whore. Astrologically, Vesta stands for that which provides us with inner sustenance; the way in which we are pulled back to our core or inner self; and the struggle between this and the demands of the outer world. Vesta represents the way in which we long to bless others with the fruits of the spiritual resources we have found within ourselves, but it is also the need to retreat and preserve our inner sanctuary against any disrespectful intrusion. Vesta is associated with dedication, focus, and commitment. She represents those things that helps us focus, the way in which we dedicate ourselves with heart and soul, and that for which we are ready (or compelled) to make a sacrifice. The things indicated by Vesta's position in your chart may be things that you feel compelled to give up or sacrifice, often out of a sense of spiritual compulsion. Yet they can also be the very things that evoke your dedication - leading to a sense of deep inner fulfillment when you are willing to make some sacrifices on their behalf. Keep this paradox in mind as you read on, for Vesta can express itself one way or the other - or both!

Vesta in Cancer

Vesta in Cancer indicates that nurturance, emotional rapport, and a sense of shelter (whether from the family home or from spiritual refuge) are the things that help you feel

focused and centered. Externally, they are also the means through which you can commit your focused energies with dedication, zeal, and even sacrifice (described further by Vesta's house position, below). There may be sacrifices in connection with home and family. You revere emotional tenderness when it comes to sexuality as well, for through it you can experience the spiritually fulfilling nature of sex. You have a great capacity for empathy, but you can invest so much emotional energy into caring for others that you renounce your own emotional needs in favor of theirs - to the point that you seem to have no emotion or feeling of your own. Or you may, through one-pointedness, become so absorbed in your own emotional need that you lose sight of the goal your emotional sensitivity serves. In either case, you can end up feeling emotionally unbalanced (hypersensitive or clingy), and out of touch with your inner self. It helps to balance your care of others with concern for your own emotional well being. By constantly re-anchoring your empathy and emotional sensitivity in your sense of inner spiritual presence, you can renew the sense of fulfilling dedication to your goals.

Vesta in 7th House

Vesta in the seventh house indicates that sacrificial dedication and intense one-pointedness are focused on the issues of intimate relationships, marriage, and partnership. You are able to sacrifice yourself for the sake of others (especially for your partner or your relationship). Your devotion and loyalty provide a firm foundation for an enduring relationship. But there is also an inclination to become obsessed with these things - which could be unbalancing for you, since you might then feel a need to withdraw from others in order to center yourself. You could feel overburdened or overly dutiful when it comes to your partner, perhaps due to a sense of feeling personally responsible for the success or failure of the relationship or for the other person's happiness. You may also experience self-denial of fulfillment through relationship, so that instead of making sacrifices for the sake of relationships, you experience a sacrifice of relationships themselves. Issues involving sexuality and spiritual or religious convictions could have a strong influence on your view of marriage and intimate relationships. Careful consideration of these activities or issues will help you understand how to best manage your sense of commitment and remain centered in your self.

Sun Trine Vesta Orb: 01°20'

Your Vesta forms a harmonious aspect with the Sun. You are able to balance the need for intense concentration and work with the need for fun and games, and taking time for yourself. Perhaps you dedicate yourself to or make sacrifices for the sake of creativity, children, self-expression, or the dramatic arts. Your approach to spirituality is one that affirms your inner essence and helps you find your spiritual authority from within. Your awareness of the sacredness of the self and of life energies may extend to your sexual energies as well.

Saturn Trine Vesta Orb: 03°36'

Your Vesta forms a harmonious aspect with Saturn. The need for commitment to a cherished goal and your capacity for self-sacrifice are nicely complemented by your

sense of discipline and realism. You are able to take a balanced approach towards the integration of career/breadwinner activities with issues of spiritual commitment and/or sexual fulfillment. You can balance your outer worldly life with the fire of inspiration that burns within. Your organizational ability and your sense of duty can be put to use in the support of that which connects you to the sense of the sacred.

Uranus Sextile Vesta Orb: 04°21'

Your Vesta forms a harmonious aspect with Uranus. You can balance the need for spiritual and/or sacred sexual expression with the need for change and excitement. Similarly, you are able to balance your passionate one-pointed commitment to your particular sacred cow with the need for freedom and new ideas. Your willingness to experiment can enhance your awareness of the sacredness of spiritual/sexual energies. You may have a burning passion for technology, computer sciences, or other work with energy fields. You may utilize your capacity for self-sacrifice to support some humanitarian or "new age" goal, or in support of some collective vision of progressive future change.

Neptune Trine Vesta Orb: 05°19'

Your Vesta forms a harmonious aspect with Neptune. The Neptunian transcendental urges enhance Vesta's perception of the sacred unity of spirituality and the physical/sexual aspects of life. You are able to balance your need for passionate focus and dedication to work with your need for transcendental experience. You can integrate spiritual and sexual needs without creating a split between the two. Your capacity to concentrate and focus your energies may be used in support of the healing arts, or artistic or spiritual pursuits.

Pluto Sextile Vesta Orb: 03°45'

Your Vesta forms a harmonious aspect with Pluto. Your capacity for self-sacrifice and your sense of sacredness complements your urge for powerful and transformative experience. Your psychological depth and sense of self-empowerment can benefit your spiritual/sexual life or the activities to which you are committed and into which you pour your focused life-energies. You may channel some of your capacity for dedication and intense commitment towards supporting those who are experiencing or recovering from abuse of some kind. You are able to balance your need for spiritual/sexual expression with the inner need for regenerative healing, self-transformation and self-empowerment.

This sums up your report for Chiron and the asteroids in your chart. An astrological chart is like a blueprint of the human psyche, with its great and dramatic cast of archetypes. And each human psyche is like a unique, one-of-a-kind carpet woven from many beautiful threads of many different colors. Chiron and the asteroids are five of those threads.

This report has described each of those five threads by house and sign, and has even

described what happens when one of those threads is intertwined with other single threads (the other planets). And this does give you some kind of overall picture. But the best way to understand the pattern that all the threads make in their weaving of the whole unique carpet, is to consult an astrologer skilled in chart interpretation. The astrologer can make a big difference in helping you piece together the puzzle of your chart so that, in the end, you can see the beautiful carpet where once, perhaps, all you saw was a tangle of threads. Hopefully, this report will help you to understand some of the magical threads that are woven into your life.