

# Your Spiritual Path for Muhammad Ali

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Sun	Capricorn	27°Cp01'	09th	01 17°Ta08'
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Venus	Aquarius	20°Aq44'	10th	04 28°Ca38'
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Jupiter	Gemini	11°Ge58'	01st	06 01°Li05'
Saturn	Taurus	21°Ta40'	01st	07 17°Sc08'
Uranus	Taurus	26°Ta28'	01st	08 14°Sg49'
Neptune	Virgo	29°Vi48'	05th	09 06°Cp46'
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Midheaven	Capricorn	28°Cp38'	10th	11 24°Aq55'
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## **Your Spiritual Path**

Each of us has the potential to develop along psychic, intuitive and spiritual lines into the person who best suits our natural gifts. There are essentially three possibilities for how that development may occur:

1. Along the lines dictated by our family, peers and social milieu: Most of us are taught a set of rules as children. Some of those rules prove to be very useful, and some lessons prove to be detrimental to our development, or at least not helpful.
2. Along the lines suggested by your own conscious mind: Each of us is born with the capacity to learn. The person inside us is the life and light of the mind.
3. The inevitable path is a combination of these two possibilities. No one can develop precisely the way someone else dictates. And no one can develop to suit individual desires with no connection to the outer world.

When individuals develop along the lines reflected by their astrological chart, the fullest expression of natural potential is possible. The birth chart places you at the center of your world, and shows your personal relationship to the Sun, Moon and planets. This is the astrological approach to spiritual understanding. It is not limited to one religious sect or emotional expression. The birth chart presents the possibilities that vibrate within your soul, and indicates which will be easier or more difficult to manage.

Your goal or mission is indicated by your natal chart, but you fully understand it only if you are open to the inner spiritual voice that is always present, and is truly your devoted life companion.

The best spiritual path is one that allows you to use your natural talents and skills. Sometimes your latent abilities will require training and practice to develop into spiritual tools. In this report we will consider a number of possibilities to help you get a sense of your talents, and how to develop and use them.

## **Your Creative Process**

The Sun is the source of all physical life as we know it. As children develop, Sun sign characteristics are colored by family circumstances, cultural values, and other environmental influences. Yet we develop according to our own individual character IN SPITE of everything. The voice within us will not be denied. It cannot be eradicated and it never gives up. When we are on an appropriate path to our true spiritual destiny our inner voice is a gentle guide. When we stray into less productive territory, the voice becomes more forceful. When we attempt to stifle this inner voice of character, it waits

patiently for the proper moment and speaks again. The Sun sign reveals your conscious attitude toward the external world. The following description of the Sun explores your natural tendencies of mental style and action.

With the Sun in Capricorn, you are primarily the Sensation type. Sensation types are primarily interested in practical considerations of the world. They will look at the actualities - facts first. They depend on their five normal senses for perception. They wish to have the experience, not hear about it from others. Sensation types learn by doing, so the learning process may be slower. To be satisfied, they need to go over things carefully. They are not less intelligent because they go slower - they are more careful. When given the time to assimilate information, the sensation type may remember it longer and understand the practical uses in more detail. Studying the theory of engineering may be difficult for the sensation type, but the application is their forte. You demand satisfaction all along the way, and will not select occupations that are without positive feedback. You are a healthy consumer, loving life and what it has to offer on the material level and you are best in careers involving real "stuff". You would be a good real estate person, interior decorator, or chef. You enjoy working with your hands and can make this part of the vocation or at least an avocation. You would be a good doctor or health care professional. Any career that requires attention to and intimate understanding of the details is suited to the sensation type. You generally focus on practical considerations first, and you rely on your five normal senses for perception. You first seek to have an experience, not hear about it from others. You learn by doing, and thus may be a bit slower than some people, but once you know something, you know it forever. You may need to go over things carefully. Once learned, you can apply information to the tasks you set for yourself. The sensation type's approach to the spiritual side of life is no different. You seek the facts. You want a practical application of whatever you are learning. When contact with the spirit world feel ungrounded, you will find a way to re-establish a level of comfort in the work. You also will not be satisfied with your spiritual work until you can express it concretely in the world in some way.

### **How You Express Your Will**

The Sun indicates your will power and its direction. One of the reasons we can identify Sun signs in other people is that they are often willful in their actions. Especially in childhood they are determined, demanding and rebellious against anything that does not conform to their will. The Children of each Sun show us the power of will. The information about your Sun sign focuses on the potential expression (and the associated undercurrents).

I will be miserly (when prudence is better). I will be secretive (when caution is enough). I will be exacting (when I could be merely conscientious). I will be unsympathetic (when I could exhibit faith in others). I will be pessimistic (when practicality would serve me better). I will suppress my feelings (when self-control does not require it).

Your Sun is in the 9th house. The hips and thighs are an energetic focal point in your body. Walking, stretching and flexing the muscles of this area are likely to be part of your daily routine. Your awareness expands as you move. You learn to see and sense anything

fresh and new in your environment. You learn to perceive the spiritual source of whatever you encounter. The spiritual path may take many turnings as you gather the meaningful part of each teacher's lessons to your heart. You can be a powerful teacher if you choose, and you are a teacher for anyone you spend time with. You may find that you focus on spiritual values more than your friends do. Your mental focus is on the nature of life in a more philosophical way, so that you are often looking for the higher meaning in events that others brush off as inconsequential. Values that are particularly important to your spiritual path include: boldness, loyalty, generosity, and will power. You have the capacity to draw upon many and varied spiritual disciplines in your development. You will probably try a number of different approaches, but it is through a return to the transcendent values of your Sun sign that you find your strength. Then the soul becomes a mediator between your ordinary material life and creative expression on the spiritual level. As you become the light of your Sun sign, you will retain valuable information and skills from the disciplines you have studied, and you will feel the balance between personal physical urges and creative soul expression.

### **Aspects of the Sun**

You have tremendous physical energy that can be applied to the pursuit of spiritual goals. Put your best effort into each of your life activities, all the while keeping the spiritual component in mind. By engaging your heart completely in each act, you come to understand spiritual unity more fully. You find that spiritual discipline is as much a container for your being as it is the expression of your inner desire. Your perception of duty is to develop the endurance needed to weather emotional and material storms. Spiritual character for you is involved in the playing out of rituals in daily activities. You have an intuitive bias toward respectful behavior, and you listen to this inner voice for guidance in difficult moments. Psychic perception is part and parcel of your daily life. These perceptions develop into sympathy in an ordinary sense, and later into empathy for all living things. Psychic ability manifests easily once you allow it. Your personal power can make you arrogant. If you believe you can use force to control others, then you turn away from higher spiritual values. Instead, develop awareness of power as a currency that flows between you and other people. Sharing it is essential in the pursuit of self-realization. You are closely aligned with your own self-awareness. You may feel that your very being is tied up in the activities that shape your life and career. Whenever you begin a new venture, you can take time to ponder the thought that you are not the new venture, but only its guiding force. You gain recognition through others, and self-confidence through spiritual endeavors as well as public events.

## **Core Beliefs**

Much of the pain and limitation we experience is the result of being taught so-called "truths" that are incompatible with our core beliefs. Family and society train us, and sometimes little is done to nurture our individual realities. It is up to you to identify and nurture the values that are meaningful to you. When the filtering process is undertaken, you uncover a "truth" that is unique to you.

### **The Moon**

The Moon reflects the soul. It governs fluids in your body and imagination in your mind. It generally represents a less conscious part of your being, and reflects the quality and flexibility of your memory. If the Sun indicates the most likely course of your spiritual path, the Moon indicates some of the qualities of the path itself.

With the Moon in Aquarius, your secondary mental style is primarily the Thinking type. Your inner voice is logical - perhaps too logical - and it can have an aloof, cold quality. You may find yourself critiquing your actions in a logical way when your emotional or other response was perfectly suited to the situation. The inner voice can be used to analyze your actions, but you will want to avoid becoming obsessive about every detail of your life. Internal logic is useful in school and other learning situations, as it serves to gather and organize large quantities of material quickly and neatly. A very real advantage of this inner thinking style is that you may reach a conclusion intuitively or on the basis of feelings, and then examine its logical basis at your leisure. The ability to apply reason to your life - cognitive skills - can help you to be socially graceful while also serving your personal desires. You also develop a capacity for delayed gratification of sensual impulses that would not serve your best interests. If an impulse is evaluated and the logic holds up, then you can take action, knowing that you are not violating your internal intellectual.

Your typically aloof nature provides a logical, objective method for examining beliefs. You may argue about issues that reveal illogical patterns or constructs, and you calmly and coolly change your own mind.

### **Aspects of the Moon**

You have an active mind, and you have skillful methods for testing your assumptions against the world around you. Your judgment is good, even when you are in the midst of change. Emotional friction in your activities can make you feel separated from your inner being. Use your physical energy to push through emotional barriers by finding ways to work out feelings without hurting others. Stick with each feeling until you understand how it motivates you. Your higher values radiate from you in the form of spiritual vision. Your actions become more and more consistent with your inner values. Your sympathetic nature utilizes the close connection between other people and your spiritual self. You are open to experience the joy and pain in others, and thereby grow in understanding of your own values. Intense emotions are part of all your relationships. Your challenge is to become aware of which feelings are yours and which belong to others. Your spiritual life thrives in group activities if you learn to cooperate and not coerce change. Each

interaction has the potential to transform your beliefs. What you know about yourself is deeply rooted in your psyche. You can dip into this well of information from time to time to get help with any problem that arises in your life. Your soul life is a major consideration in everything you do. A strong partnership is helpful to your spiritual growth. Women cause problems for you, but may be the source of spiritual wisdom and inspiration.

### **The Fourth House**

The sign on the Fourth House cusp indicates the filter through which you view your core beliefs. It is the wellspring of all the best, most creative and most powerful ideas you will have throughout your lifetime. It indicates the refrain that the inner voice sings to you when you are sad or filled with joy, when you are pessimistic or optimistic, when you are afraid or when you are experiencing the power of love in your life.

You have Cancer on the Fourth House cusp. From the conscious point of view you are certain that your core beliefs are largely instinctual. You may resist the concept that those beliefs have been acquired from family and society at all. When you take a careful look, you find that some of your beliefs are grounded in the material world and the people you have known. Along with those beliefs, you find another, subtler layer of thinking. The symbolism of water is very important to your understanding of your spiritual path. You may be most comfortable when you live near water for this reason.

Life emerged from the water. An examination of the fluids of the body shows that they are like a mini-version of the ocean; replete with the nutrients the body needs to sustain life. Yet you need air to survive. This graphic portrayal of the dualism you experience every day of your life provides a metaphor for the dualism of conscious and unconscious processes. The path to understanding, for you, lies in identifying the two worlds of light and dark for what they are - part of the singularity of Mind.

You may mind that at some point in your life your beliefs system takes a radical departure from what you were taught as a child and believed was the proper path for you.

### **The Inner Voice**

Planets in the Fourth House reflect the inner voice that accompanies you throughout your life. They indicate the kind of people and experiences that most directly connect you to your core beliefs.

### **Planets in the Fourth House**

#### **Pluto in 4th House:**

Change comes from deep within your being. The inner voice guides you - and not always in calm, quiet ways. You tend to act only when you are certain that you can - or must. Thus you sometimes have stored up enough energy to explode like a volcano. To be more compassionate, both to yourself and toward others, you gradually learn to exert your will sooner so that you no longer explode out of control. Power issues in childhood caused you to develop some strange, possibly conflicting core beliefs. As you gain

personal strength, you are able to challenge these ideas and resolve them to suit your own needs and desire for transformation.

### **Fourth House Aspects**

Intense emotions are part of all your relationships. Your challenge is to become aware of which feelings are yours and which belong to others. Your spiritual life thrives in group activities if you learn to cooperate and not coerce change. Each interaction has the potential to transform your beliefs. Your personal power can make you arrogant. If you believe you can use force to control others, then you turn away from higher spiritual values. Instead, develop awareness of power as a currency that flows between you and other people. Sharing it is essential in the pursuit of self-realization. You perceive the cruel edge in people, and understand its source. As you deal with your own ruthlessness, you learn how to respond to it in others without risking your physical well-being. Self-confidence develops out of self-control in your interaction with others. You have great power to affect the world and to gain self-awareness. Even when you are using your power in your career or other areas of your life, recall the goal of spiritual self-awareness, moment to moment.

## **Communication and Mental Development**

Most of us were taught a set of "truths" in childhood and we were expected to accept them. To supplement what you have been taught by your parents, teachers, and the world at large, you need to develop a spiritual learning style that works for you. If you then decide to teach others, you must develop communication skills that let you share these experiences clearly and meaningfully with your students.

### **Training Your Conscious Mind**

Three factors contribute to your ability to train your conscious mind for spiritual development:

- \* the natural direction of your thinking
- \* training to take advantage of this direction
- \* training your nervous system, and learning to respond to it

### **Element of Mercury**

The angel Raphael is associated with healing in the Bible. The capacity for both companionship and healing forms the essence of Mercury's expression.

With Mercury in Aquarius, your communication style is primarily the Thinking type. Your healing focus lies in words and skillful communication. You use your intellect to examine conflict, discover its significance, and illuminate the path toward resolution. Adept in the technology of communication, you may have impact over long distances. Whether you focus on oral traditions, written word or artistic communication, you use



logic in the mediation between or among people.

Training the conscious mind involves reasoning on the conscious level. Spiritual Education teaches how to engage your intuitive function. Intuition can be trained. Mercury reflects a specific way for you to learn about intuition. See the section on Uranus for more information on your intuitive ability.

Your inventive nature is well served by developing intuition. You see future needs and focus your thoughts on how to fulfill those needs. Intuition is a natural component of your thinking process. Walking meditation may enhance the intuitive flow.

Your Mercury is in the 10th House. Your grasp of practical factors in any situation comes out in your choice of utilitarian spiritual practice. For example, yoga serves both to center and calm the mind and to strengthen and tone the body. Meditation focused on an object is very helpful.

### **Mercury Aspects**

You have an active mind, and you have skillful methods for testing your assumptions against the world around you. Your judgment is good, even when you are in the midst of change. You are able to express spiritual values in relationships, and you are able to make graceful entrances and exits. Your light-hearted exterior belies a depth of sensitivity. You tend not to push forward along the spiritual path, but instead wander a bit. You allow your thoughts to expand into spiritual realms without restriction, and you use this process to cleanse your mind and your words so that spirit can express ever more cleanly and clearly. You tend to be critical of others. This may be one of your hardest tests of compassion-to lighten up. You can begin by softening your attitude toward yourself.

## **Self Esteem and the Development of Spiritual Partnerships**

The power of mind is unlimited, except by our own thinking. As you proceed along the spiritual path, self-esteem grows. Relationship with another person is a powerful force for the development of self-esteem and for spiritual growth.

Venus has been called the alter ego of the Earth. Very close to the same size as the earth, Venus has an atmosphere inhospitable to human life. The inner reaches of the unconscious mind were long thought to be inhospitable as well. Modern psychology has delved into the mechanism of mind, and religious mystics have long studied the rocky terrain to be found within each of us. The consensus is that to evolve spiritually, we must first look at ourselves. One way to do this is through relationship with others.

Romantic, business and other relationships all offer us the opportunity to project our thoughts onto other people. The evolutionary nature of a relationship allows us to explore our desires. Then we can achieve spiritual connections that transcend sexual expression.

Right relationships between people provides inner awareness that helps us to mediate between personality and soul, between physical life and higher consciousness. Only through fusion of these apparently separate facets of your being can you approach true knowledge.

The Planet Venus provides indications about your best approach to spiritual partnerships.

With Venus in Aquarius, your best approach to healthy partnering is through the Thinking function. Your intellect is fed through close relationships with other people. These may be romantic connections, or you may connect to people you find attractive for some other reason. Ultimately your spiritual life is enhanced when you are able to communicate what you have learned to others.

You are well suited to the team environment and team activities. You can focus on your own role while maintaining a sense of the larger drama. Your progressive views on the subject of romantic partnership may contradict what you were taught as a child. It is probably more important to make sure those ideas do not run against the current of your spiritual leanings.

Your Venus is in the 10th House. You are quite capable of using your magnetic attraction in your career and public life, and you do this without confusing sexual interest with your other goals. You may find that alliances with older individuals help you early in your life, and that you later form alliances with people much younger than yourself.

### **Venus Aspects**

You are able to express spiritual values in relationships, and you are able to make graceful entrances and exits. Your light-hearted exterior belies a depth of sensitivity. You tend not to push forward along the spiritual path, but instead wander a bit. You may find that your best sexual relationships are with individuals who are significantly older or younger than yourself. The role of teacher is so significant in your life that it may pervade your love life. You will need to overcome a sense of reserve or inhibition to deepen your spiritual connection. You tend to fall in love instantly, and you need to discriminate between passing sexual fancy and something that can last "forever." As your intuition develops, you will be able to identify the difference more clearly. When you "fall," that is a good time to marshal all your respect for yourself and your partner, and to take things one day at a time until you have forged a deep connection. You have to work hard to create an environment that suites your spiritual values.

### **Doubt, Resistance, and the Development of Psychic Ability**

The spiritual path has a number of potential pitfalls. Some of the most treacherous of these lie within our own minds. Our innermost thoughts become a prison, trapping us

within walls of our own making. These may be the karmic result of the past, or they may be the result of recent actions. There are several ways we cause our own difficulties:

1) Secrets - Privacy and secrets are part of the picture. Children love the feeling of independence and power that comes with a secret. Problems only arise when the secrets we keep are detrimental to ourselves or to others.

2) Doubts - When a situation causes you to doubt, it is largely because it is incongruent with what you have learned in the past. You want something new, but your unconscious is in turmoil. You feel naughty, anxious, reluctant, or undeserving. Because of what you have learned from people you trust or from what you have read, you doubt your own decision-making ability.

3) Resistance - Resistance is not all bad. If change were too easy, we would have no stability. We could be talked into all sorts of things. What we need is a way to identify resistance for what it is, and then find ways to work with it.

Where your spiritual path is concerned, Neptune reveals how you handle secrets, how doubt arises for you, and also how to resolve resistance. One strategy involves your psychic ability.

### **Developing Your Psychic Ability**

We use our psychic senses to understand the world of the present. You can train yourself to be more aware of the nuances of psychic awareness, and Neptune indicates how you can develop this ability. You will then connect with the earth and other people in new ways, and also confirm the significance of your spiritual values.

### **The Twelfth House**

The sign on the Twelfth House indicates how you color issues of doubt and resistance. It also reflects your most direct approach to your psychic insights.

You have Aries on the Twelfth House cusp. The development of your personality begins with private moments in which you discover that you are an individual. You may doubt your ability to be an independent person, but you learn how to exert your ego by considering your actions before you make any moves. You become confused when you don't have time to think through new ideas, and you need to separate your thoughts from those of other people.

### **Planets in the Twelfth House**

Planets in the Twelfth House have just risen over the horizon. They have a quality similar to the Sun in that they are casting their influence on you in a fresh, genuine expression of their energy. You accept this energy and consider it, but you may not choose to reveal your thoughts to anyone else.

Both doubts and psychic strengths are a reflection of planets in the Twelfth House that serve as guideposts along the path of self-discovery. Your private thoughts may center on the qualities these planets represent. Your teachers may exemplify the qualities

of these planets to the extent that they reach your inner psychic core and help you understand your potential. In the end these planets indicate qualities that you can bring into the world to help others, as well as the feelings of compassion surrounding all your activities.

### **Mars in 12th House:**

The focus of your spiritual persona is on issues hidden deep in the Collective Unconscious. You experience the upwelling of images that have affected people throughout history, and you seek to fit them into your spiritual perspective. Deeply introspective, you are able to listen to your inner voice and follow its urging. To the extent that you cultivate self-examination, you come to see the world as a container for your life, and not as an enemy to be fought against.

### **Twelfth House Aspects**

Emotional friction in your activities can make you feel separated from your inner being. Use your physical energy to push through emotional barriers by finding ways to work out feelings without hurting others. Stick with each feeling until you understand how it motivates you. You have tremendous physical energy that can be applied to the pursuit of spiritual goals. Put your best effort into each of your life activities, all the while keeping the spiritual component in mind. By engaging your heart completely in each act, you come to understand spiritual unity more fully. You perceive the cruel edge in people, and understand its source. As you deal with your own ruthlessness, you learn how to respond to it in others without risking your physical well-being. Self-confidence develops out of self-control in your interaction with others. Your biggest challenge may be to harness your own energy so that your self-awareness keeps pace with your actions. Otherwise you find yourself wondering what happened to your self-control.

## **Death and Transformation as Spiritual Processes**

Pluto, Scorpio and the Eighth House in the birth chart deal with issues of death and transformation. On the spiritual path a shaman must undergo a death-like initiation in order to come into his or her shamanic powers. In our own lives we continually experience the death of old ways of being and the birth of new possibilities. Transformative events can teach lessons concerning your spiritual growth:

- \* They are signposts to indicate progress.
- \* They allow you to modify your behavior in positive ways.
- \* They remind you to be gentle and kind with yourself.
- \* They remind you to accept yourself as you are, and to move forward.

\* They remind you to support and encourage the child within yourself, just as you would encourage another person.

The Eighth House in your chart defines the mechanisms for change and self-acceptance that are most appropriate for you. By understanding them you develop a sense of self and a set of behaviors that lead more directly to your goal. You discard behaviors that no longer serve you in your journey on the spiritual path.

Scorpio is the natural sign on the Eighth House, and the associated planet is Pluto. How appropriate that Pluto, mythological ruler of the underworld, should be the planetary ruler of the Eighth House of death and transformation.

Yet Pluto attracts the living, though it cannot hold on to them for long. So it is with life. We are attracted to one way of doing things, but we know that change is the only certainty in life. As we travel the spiritual path, we find that each ending is the source of a new beginning, and that we often benefit from even the most traumatic events. By descending into the world of darkness and pain, we borrow a bit of Pluto's power, so that on the next step along the path we are stronger and more courageous.

With Pluto in Leo, your approach to death and transformation is primarily through the Intuitive function. Your most direct way of managing transformative events is to will yourself to envision the future. Whether this means imagining life without someone who has left you, or simply moving from one home to another, your strength lies in the ability to listen to your own intuition.

Yet you also sense the hand of the divine - however you define divinity in your life - in the unfolding of a larger plan. While in the moment of transition you may feel helpless and weak, you don't remain helpless for long because you quickly begin to evaluate clues about outcome. You gather information from your surroundings, your thoughts, your feelings, and your sense of spiritual connection to the energy around you.

You wish to rule, and so do a lot of your peers. This could lead to trouble if you all think you have to be the first and the best. Once you experience coming in second or third, you focus your sights on those areas that truly matter to you. Then you make spiritual progress along with achieving career and other successes.

### **Pluto Aspects**

Intense emotions are part of all your relationships. Your challenge is to become aware of which feelings are yours and which belong to others. Your spiritual life thrives in group activities if you learn to cooperate and not coerce change. Each interaction has the potential to transform your beliefs. Your personal power can make you arrogant. If you believe you can use force to control others, then you turn away from higher spiritual values. Instead, develop awareness of power as a currency that flows between you and other people. Sharing it is essential in the pursuit of self-realization. You perceive the cruel edge in people, and understand its source. As you deal with your own ruthlessness, you learn how to respond to it in others without risking your physical well-being. Self-confidence develops out of self-control in your interaction with others. You have great power to affect the world and to gain self-awareness. Even when you are using your

power in your career or other areas of your life, recall the goal of spiritual self-awareness, moment to moment.

### **The Eighth House**

The sign on the Eighth House cusp indicates the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual approach you take when dealing with birth, death and transformation.

You have Sagittarius on the Eighth House cusp. You are philosophical in your thinking, and you change best in a contemplative frame of mind. Sudden or unexpected events can throw you back into childhood feelings of being threatened. When you feel that way, it is hard to act like a rational, thinking person, and you may revert to what feels like a life and death struggle for independence. In comparing the two choices, you naturally desire to act the adult, meditating about the changes you need to make, and planning how to achieve them.

By experiencing both the philosophical and the threatened feelings, you develop compassion for others. When they feel threatened, you can take a philosophical position and act as an anchor for their difficult experiences. Paradoxically, when you feel threatened, you allow them the opportunity to perform up to their level of philosophical development. In both cases, by going with your own experience, you are able to help others.

### **The Development of Intuition**

Intuition is an ability beyond logical thinking. Through it you can consider future outcomes. In the Buddhist tradition, intuition is a mental ability, equal to intellect that can provide direct insight. In mathematics intuition is the capacity to "guess" the answer to a problem, skipping the regular logical processes.

Intuition is more than your inner voice. Intuition is one of the methods by which you understand the world. It is a skill you can develop and use consciously. Intuition often surfaces during meditation. When the mind is quiet, then intuition can be heard. Once trained, you can access intuition by stopping your normal waking process and entering the calm that you have cultivated.

The planet associated with intuition is Uranus. With Uranus in Taurus, your intuition works best through the Sensation function. Your intuition comes to you in very concrete images. For example, you can see a piece of land and clearly envision a house, a road, or a bridge being built there. You actually see the finished product in your mind's eye, and then take the practical steps to achieve the result you see. You also can find multiple uses of tools, and can usually handle an emergency with whatever materials and tools you have available.

You use your intuition to create equilibrium in your environment. People enjoy being around you because you anticipate their every need. Practical planning is your natural

direction. Financial activities benefit from your ability to see future paths and outcomes.

Your Uranus is in the 1st House. Intuition is first perceived as a natural physical function. In fact, you may be surprised to discover that other people don't share your ability. You are able to foresee events and feelings they will engender in yourself and the people around you.

### **Uranus Aspects**

Spiritual character for you is involved in the playing out of rituals in daily activities. You have an intuitive bias toward respectful behavior, and you listen to this inner voice for guidance in difficult moments. You tend to fall in love instantly, and you need to discriminate between passing sexual fancy and something that can last "forever." As your intuition develops, you will be able to identify the difference more clearly. When you "fall," that is a good time to marshal all your respect for yourself and your partner, and to take things one day at a time until you have forged a deep connection. Life's cycles seem to be filled with difficulties. And you may tend to rebel against your spiritual teachers. Use your will to get through the sudden turns of events, and develop the ability to roll with the waves of life's fortunes. You have natural psychic ability that can express through mediumship, conscious psychic or telepathic communication and mystical interests. This needs to be balanced with physical grounding of some kind. Your independence of mind is both the most difficult mental obstacle to overcome and the most refined mental state you can reach. This paradox occupies your thoughts and provides rich ground for spiritual development.

### **The Midheaven: Self-Awareness and the Use of Intuition**

How can you use your self-awareness to access intuition, a presumably involuntary, less conscious capacity? To take the direct, conscious path is challenging at best. This method only works if you can consciously enter unconscious territory, and by definition, that territory is unconscious because you cannot access it directly. You can rarely dive in intentionally.

You can wait for intuition to arise naturally without doing anything. Or you can practice meditation. It is fairly easy to learn and requires no particular physical or mental skills, except the ability to focus the mind.

In addition, you have specific avenues, or points of focus, to aid you in the practice. The sign on the Midheaven indicates an area of the subconscious that you can access through meditation, thereby identifying spiritual keys to your development. By going within, you find the higher values most suited to your own path.

With the Midheaven in Capricorn, your self-awareness and your path to self-realization are primarily through the Sensation function.

Beneath the subconscious desire to be comfortable with your present belief system, you find the desire to create conditions that provide for the transformation from a being driven by instinct to a person governed by intellect. The Moon combines its energy with other planets to bring this change about, so the Moon's aspects will have an important impact on how this change is wrought. In childhood you may simply absorb and accept the beliefs (and thereby act on the instincts) of your family. As you complete your childhood and begin adult developmental processes, you will find that not every basic belief of your family suits your individual needs. You then apply your mind to discovering what will work better for you.

You have a fluid mind and are able to retain what you have been taught while at the same time motivating yourself through new experiences. Because you are listening for the nuances of your soul, you find the proper direction for your own activities, and you do this without needing to break the mold provided by your family and social position. When the intellect has been fully engaged, you will move into the rich experience of intuition, and you will be able to foresee the results of your decisions and plan even more responsibility.

### **Midheaven Aspects**

What you know about yourself is deeply rooted in your psyche. You can dip into this well of information from time to time to get help with any problem that arises in your life. Your soul life is a major consideration in everything you do. A strong partnership is helpful to your spiritual growth. You are closely aligned with your own self-awareness. You may feel that your very being is tied up in the activities that shape your life and career. Whenever you begin a new venture, you can take time to ponder the thought that you are not the new venture, but only its guiding force. Your biggest challenge may be to harness your own energy so that your self-awareness keeps pace with your actions. Otherwise you find yourself wondering what happened to your self-control. You have the structure within your spirit to organize and concentrate the teachings you experience. Much of this work may take place in isolation, as it is serious personal work. You have the endurance you need for your spiritual work. Your independence of mind is both the most difficult mental obstacle to overcome and the most refined mental state you can reach. This paradox occupies your thoughts and provides rich ground for spiritual development. Your natural psychic ability provides creative imagination and bolsters your self-esteem. It also sets up the opportunity for self-doubt that in turn tests your core beliefs and allows for creative change. You have great power to affect the world and to gain self-awareness. Even when you are using your power in your career or other areas of your life, recall the goal of spiritual self-awareness, moment to moment.

## **Karma and Dharma**

Perhaps no single principle of Asian religions has fascinated us more than karma and its link to reincarnation. Karma refers to the cause and effect relationship between what



we do and the results we get. Our actions bring reactions, constructive and not so constructive. However, everyday feedback often comes from individuals who are no more clear about their spiritual values than we are. So, what should you take seriously?

How does karma work in your life? Will it be played out in your next incarnation, or will you experience it in the here-and-now?

Certainly you do not have to believe in karma or reincarnation to make progress along your spiritual path. However, if you do astrology can offer insight into what factors in the past may be influencing you today. The following are suggestions concerning past influences. Think of them as relating to family and childhood experience, or you can relate them to your past lives, or both.

With Saturn in Taurus, you experience karma and dharma primarily through the Sensation function. Intelligent activity is guided by practical considerations. Your perception of things through sight, touch and other ordinary senses is your first and strongest avenue to working with the world. You are able to root out the facts from the body of writing about the past. This uncanny ability may disregard the ephemeral trends of a period and focus instead on the details of the material situation of the time. You are also able to mobilize a massive quantity of data, and to organize it to suit your purposes. You sift through data to find the gems that point directly to your point. Sometimes you have to discover the way to make your conclusions more meaningful to others who are less adept. Finally, you use information to guide your intelligence where future plans and goals are involved. You rarely make long-term decisions based on emotion. It's not that you have no feelings, because you do. It's that you know feelings will change far more easily than the material foundation on which they rest.

What can be stubborn insistence on getting your own way in your work and relationships can become the perseverance that is needed to work out your karmic attachments, and to pursue your personal dharma. Slow, steady advancement is preferred.

Your Saturn is in the 1st House. Your lessons come from your sense of personal responsibility. You are ambitious in terms of career and material things, and your ambition extends to your spiritual life as well. As you transcend selfish ambitions, you engage instead in the pursuit of higher spiritual aspirations, which are firmly grounded in your ability to learn from all your experiences.

### **Saturn Aspects**

You find that spiritual discipline is as much a container for your being as it is the expression of your inner desire. Your perception of duty is to develop the endurance needed to weather emotional and material storms. You may find that your best sexual relationships are with individuals who are significantly older or younger than yourself. The role of teacher is so significant in your life that it may pervade your love life. You will need to overcome a sense of reserve or inhibition to deepen your spiritual connection. Life's cycles seem to be filled with difficulties. And you may tend to rebel against your spiritual teachers. Use your will to get through the sudden turns of events, and develop the ability to roll with the waves of life's fortunes. You have the structure within your spirit to organize and concentrate the teachings you experience. Much of this

work may take place in isolation, as it is serious personal work. You have the endurance you need for your spiritual work. You prefer to associate with your elders, and you gain spiritual maturity early in life. You learn from experience, your own and that of others.

## **Transcendent Values**

Behind what you know about yourself - behind all other considerations of spirituality, lie the transcendent values that are most important to you. These are the values you have worked to discover from among all the rules you have been taught. They are the reason you have read books, studied with teachers, privately pondered and examined the events of your life. They are the fundamental principles that you believe will help you find fulfillment as a human being. As such they are the source of energy behind your self-awareness, the motivation of your spiritual search, and the principles that you apply to your dharma, or life path.

With Jupiter in Gemini, your approach to and understanding of transcendent values is primarily through the Thinking function. Regardless of your typical mental style, indicated by the element occupied by the Sun, you tend to process best through thinking, and through the skillful use of words. You aspire to more perfect expression, both within yourself and in the social realm. Mental and spiritual training benefit you by providing rigorous reasoning skills and by opening your heart to the intuitive information that flows around you. Even when you have achieved fusion of heart and mind, you find that your mental process and expression focus on intellect and the thinking process. You may come to trust your intuition deeply, but you gain this level of confidence through testing your intuitive knowledge logically and rationally. You understand that the cycle of cause and effect begins on the mental plane, descends through the emotional realm, and manifests in the physical world.

Your versatility makes you the welcome guest at any gathering. You thrive on the many social connections that feed your self-awareness and spiritual bank account. Because you love change, you move forward on the spiritual path with relative ease, as long as you keep your own values in mind.

### **Aspects of the Jupiter**

Your higher values radiate from you in the form of spiritual vision. Your actions become more and more consistent with your inner values. You allow your thoughts to expand into spiritual realms without restriction, and you use this process to cleanse your mind and your words so that spirit can express ever more cleanly and clearly.

### **The Ninth House**

You have Capricorn on the Ninth House cusp. The reality of concrete materialization is the first transcendent value you meet. Because you have a firm grip on physical reality, this may not seem transcendent, but it is important to any future tasks. The second value

lies in understanding completion. You seek to finish the tasks you begin - for you the outcome is perhaps more important than the means. Appreciation of the means is something you may want to develop. A third value is in the understanding of new or renewed effort. Once you achieve the pinnacle of personal expression on the physical or spiritual plane, you will recognize that yet another goal is in sight, and you re-orient your efforts to that end. What is perceived as a real struggle or strain may become a more friendly path, both for you and for those around you.

### **Planets in the Ninth House**

#### **Sun in 9th House:**

The hips and thighs are an energetic focal point in your body. Walking, stretching and flexing the muscles of this area are likely to be part of your daily routine. Your awareness expands as you move. You learn to see and sense anything fresh and new in your environment. You learn to perceive the spiritual source of whatever you encounter. The spiritual path may take many turnings as you gather the meaningful part of each teacher's lessons to your heart. You can be a powerful teacher if you choose, and you are a teacher for anyone you spend time with. You may find that you focus on spiritual values more than your friends do. Your mental focus is on the nature of life in a more philosophical way, so that you are often looking for the higher meaning in events that others brush off as inconsequential. Values that are particularly important to your spiritual path include: boldness, loyalty, generosity, and will power. You have the capacity to draw upon many and varied spiritual disciplines in your development. You will probably try a number of different approaches, but it is through a return to the transcendent values of your Sun sign that you find your strength. Then the soul becomes a mediator between your ordinary material life and creative expression on the spiritual level. As you become the light of your Sun sign, you will retain valuable information and skills from the disciplines you have studied, and you will feel the balance between personal physical urges and creative soul expression.

#### **Ninth House Aspects**

You have tremendous physical energy that can be applied to the pursuit of spiritual goals. Put your best effort into each of your life activities, all the while keeping the spiritual component in mind. By engaging your heart completely in each act, you come to understand spiritual unity more fully. You find that spiritual discipline is as much a container for your being as it is the expression of your inner desire. Your perception of duty is to develop the endurance needed to weather emotional and material storms. Spiritual character for you is involved in the playing out of rituals in daily activities. You have an intuitive bias toward respectful behavior, and you listen to this inner voice for guidance in difficult moments. Psychic perception is part and parcel of your daily life. These perceptions develop into sympathy in an ordinary sense, and later into empathy for all living things. Psychic ability manifests easily once you allow it. Your personal power can make you arrogant. If you believe you can use force to control others, then you turn away from higher spiritual values. Instead, develop awareness of power as a currency that flows between you and other people. Sharing it is essential in the pursuit of self-realization. You are closely aligned with your own self-awareness. You may feel that

your very being is tied up in the activities that shape your life and career. Whenever you begin a new venture, you can take time to ponder the thought that you are not the new venture, but only its guiding force. You gain recognition through others, and self-confidence through spiritual endeavors as well as public events.

## **Mars: Your Spiritual Persona**

Mars indicates an area of life that is vitally important to your spiritual growth. Whatever path you choose, this factor will come up again and again. Others will see how it affects you, but they are unlikely to understand the depth of its significance. You yourself may not understand the power of this influence on your life.

### **The Element of Mars**

Mars is naturally associated with Aries, a fire sign. Traditionally Mars was also associated with Scorpio, a water sign. Thus the expression of Mars shares the nature of these two elements to some extent. The movement between water and fire involves the capacity for discriminating awareness. Mars governs the five senses-touch, taste, sight, hearing and smell. The position of Mars directly reflects your capacity to relate to the world through your senses.

With Mars in Taurus, your spiritual persona is expressed most fluently through the Sensation function. You are generally practical in your activities. If it has no hope of reaping actual, measurable results, then you just won't do it. This practical streak carries over into the spiritual realm as a desire to develop a regular practice that deepens your sense of devotion to a teacher or to a body of understanding about your true purpose. On the material level your actions are designed to help you acquire whatever you need, but also to acquire those material things that enhance your feeling of comfort and richness. On the spiritual level your devotional practice-prayer, meditation, good works-also focus on a goal. Many teachers suggest that meditation has no goal, but in our culture you are almost certainly seeking something from whatever you do, including the spiritual direction you take.

The sign placement of Mars is significant to developing your spiritual persona. The sign colors the message you receive concerning the direction your spiritual path will take. Here are three personality traits associated with Mars in your chart: Persistence, Generosity, Patience. If you consider each trait and consciously evoke it in your daily activities, you will find that the path becomes more fulfilling, more insightful, and easier. By actively devoting energy to the development of the traits of your Mars, you spontaneously develop several traits associated with other signs.

### **House Placement of Mars**

Your Mars is in the 12th House. The focus of your spiritual persona is on issues hidden deep in the Collective Unconscious. You experience the upwelling of images that

have affected people throughout history, and you seek to fit them into your spiritual perspective. Deeply introspective, you are able to listen to your inner voice and follow its urging. To the extent that you cultivate self-examination, you come to see the world as a container for your life, and not as an enemy to be fought against.

### **Mars Aspects**

Emotional friction in your activities can make you feel separated from your inner being. Use your physical energy to push through emotional barriers by finding ways to work out feelings without hurting others. Stick with each feeling until you understand how it motivates you. You have tremendous physical energy that can be applied to the pursuit of spiritual goals. Put your best effort into each of your life activities, all the while keeping the spiritual component in mind. By engaging your heart completely in each act, you come to understand spiritual unity more fully. You perceive the cruel edge in people, and understand its source. As you deal with your own ruthlessness, you learn how to respond to it in others without risking your physical well-being. Self-confidence develops out of self-control in your interaction with others. Your biggest challenge may be to harness your own energy so that your self-awareness keeps pace with your actions. Otherwise you find yourself wondering what happened to your self-control.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Ascendant: Expressing Spirit in the world</b></p>
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The Ascendant provides a personal anchor for understanding spiritual potential and process in the birth chart. It shows how you express yourself in the world. This is because the rising sign represents choice - you choose what you want to show to the world. Ultimately, however, you come back to the Sun sign on the spiritual level.

Each person learns about the Sun sign's higher spiritual values and cultivates those values by developing the positive traits of the Ascendant. Each sign as it rises brings to light different personality traits, different physical appearance, and a different sense of spiritual direction. The rising sign offers a container for your experimentation with constructive, creative personal choices about how to act in the world. Later you can take this practice back to the Sun sign and master its lessons.

Remember that the Midheaven and Ascendant depend on an accurate birth time. If you have no idea of your birth time, the material included here may help you to focus on a spiritual persona for yourself.

### **Your Rising Sign (Ascendant)**

From the spiritual perspective you are expressing the power of desire on all levels of your being. On the subjective level you are able to communicate the intensity of your passion, whether it be in terms of your career, your relationships, or any project you undertake. You believe there is no point in doing something unless you do it well, and

you strive for perfection in every area of your life. At the same time, you are constantly aware of your comfort zone, and may shy away from activities that present impossible challenge.

Throughout your life you will develop a personal style for expressing your desires, perhaps learning to moderate them, or perhaps learning more and more skillful means of satisfying them while also presenting a socially graceful face to the world. At the same time your spiritual yearnings lead you to the best expression of your being on this higher level. Finally, you learn to direct your will so that all efforts satisfy both your material desires and your spiritual aspirations. You may find from time to time that you are faced with this question: are my actions being driven by material desires, or am I following my spiritual aspirations? The answer helps to refine your awareness of your deepest motivations.

Proper care of the physical body is important for your spiritual expression. As you emphasize the wholeness and wellness of the physical body, you metaphorically focus on the wholeness and wellness of your spiritual being.

The neck and throat become a powerful physical focus for your expression. Because proper speech is so important to you, the organs of speech and the thyroid gland are your most valuable physical attributes. Voice training or other attention to the throat and throat chakra may be important to your development of clear communication. But first you need to listen, to others and to your inner voice.

You have the capacity to understand the duality of the material world and to penetrate the paradoxes that arise in your life. You can learn to see the ebb and flow of energies in your inner experience and in the outer world, and you understand that the attraction and repulsion of these energies leads to eventual synthesis. You perceive that sexual desire is one expression of duality on the physical level. The power of this duality provides the impulse to transcend mere physical desire and to discover the mystical union of forces. As you gain in experience, your sexual expression may deepen into the ritual of Tantra. Then you will feel the blossoming of spiritual awareness on a higher vibratory level.

Perhaps the greatest challenge you face is the transmutation of knowledge into wisdom. You have to develop spiritual awareness in order to go beyond stubborn attachment to personal desires. Your temper will give way to spiritually directed effort. Blind pursuit of self-interest will give way to a spiritual focus. Self-pity will give way to a concern for all humanity.

### **Ascendant Aspects**

Women cause problems for you, but may be the source of spiritual wisdom and inspiration. You gain recognition through others, and self-confidence through spiritual endeavors as well as public events. You tend to be critical of others. This may be one of your hardest tests of compassion-to lighten up. You can begin by softening your attitude toward yourself. You have to work hard to create an environment that suites your spiritual values. You prefer to associate with your elders, and you gain spiritual maturity early in life. You learn from experience, your own and that of others.

## **Conclusion**

This interpretation of your life path has provided a systematic look at astrological factors that together add up to a spiritually oriented map. As you come to understand your unique map, you can move forward through life joyously and courageously, knowing that the path is appropriate to your personal beliefs, desires and needs.