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Locality Interpretation for

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INTRODUCTION

One thing is certain about you, no matter where you are -- you're one of the people who gets a lot out of life because you look beneath appearances and are willing to think for yourself, astrology being somewhat off the beaten track these days. So what is ASTRO*CARTO*GRAPHY*EXPLAINED? It's based on the common, instinctive idea that a person has different chances, luck, experiences or options in different localities -- that you aren't exactly the same person in New York that you are in Los Angeles. It works by looking at the planets' relationships to the places you've asked about at your birth moment. If a particular planet was especially powerful in the location noted when you were born, then the affairs that it symbolizes should predominate if you travel there, reside there or even have anything to do with that location from some other place.

Since 1976, when the now-standard ASTRO*CARTO*GRAPHY technique was introduced, wide acceptance by both the astrological community and the public has validated it. In addition, ASTRO*CARTO*GRAPHY has been able to benefit from the actual experiences of the thousands who have ordered its maps. The product of this experience is this new service.

WHY DO PEOPLE MOVE?

To understand how this information will be useful, perhaps we should question why people move around so much in the first place. In addition to the obvious reasons are psychological ones. Psychologists (Carl Jung especially) have suggested that people instinctively seek wholeness, or a completeness of their experience. If it's true that different locations accent different parts of your potentials, moving offers a way to speed evolution, to get acquainted with new parts of yourself. So if you find that a location you are obliged to reside at is one in which some of the more problematical influences predominate (such as Saturn, Neptune, etc.), you should look beneath the superficial and immediate desires and concerns of your life and try to understand what emerging consciousness has brought you here. Every location is good for something, and you would not be considering living in a difficult one for no reason. Also, don't get frightened if some of the interpretations sound extreme or perilous. Every planet has numerous possible manifestations, and, while we've tried to include them all here, rarely do the more extreme ones occur. The point in this report is to enable you to anticipate the nature of influences at your potential residence and so become able to recognize and utilize their most positive manifestations.

Different people are apt to react differently to the same astrological influence. You will feel more comfortable with what you already know, so certain planets will be easier for you to live under than others. For example, if you are a woman with traditional values, Mars and the Sun will possibly pose more problems for you than for a man, since the qualities and life experiences associated with these planets are not usually socially encouraged in women's upbringing. Similarly, men will find the Moon and Venus more

challenging. People who tend to follow external authorities and believe in society's order as unchallengeable may find themselves more at home under Jupiter and Saturn lines, and stressed by new experiences under Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto, while individualists and the more self-reliant will reverse these reactions.

You might find it useful to realize that, when faced with challenging astrological potentials, it is sometimes easy to "project" these onto your mate or partner, seeing the emerging parts of your own psyche as things THEY are doing. If your interpretations seem to fit your mate, realize that these things are happening because of possibilities in yourself that you aren't ready to face, and try to develop the positive sides of the astrological potentials described.

EVERY PLACE IS GOOD FOR SOMETHING

But the most important thing to realize is that every location is good for something; if you recognize and understand its potentials, you can use them constructively. You'll find that in some instances you don't even have to travel or live in the location -- that its influence affects you through people who come from there, or remote concerns, such as business, cultural or other life interests that symbolize those psychological potentials described by this report.

So here goes with the ASTRO*CARTO*GRAPHY*EXPLAINED analysis of the locations you're interested in. We hope it opens up for you opportunities to find what you're looking for in life; but we also hope it enables you to look beneath the surface, to see patterns in your own development and your instinctive growth toward wholeness.

Big Rapids,MI

PERMANENT INFLUENCES

At the location which you have specified, there was more than one important influence at the time of your birth. Below we have identified the nature of these influences, and they will probably seem somewhat contradictory to you. Residing in a location where there is more than one important planetary influence is of itself somewhat stressful, and it is likely that one or more of the influences will be "projected"; that is, instead of acknowledging and assimilating the influence yourself, you will be inclined to seek other people, or external situations, to act it out for you. Nevertheless, you should attempt to comprehend all influences operating here, since it is only by inwardly accepting such power that you can gain control over it.

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Mars-Descendant:

IF YOU'RE JUST VISITING, BRING YOUR RUNNING SHOES

A short stay in this zone can galvanize your self-sufficiency, build a fire under your competitive instinct, and stoke up sexual appetites, especially if men are the objects of your desires. Sports of any kind, but especially competitive ones, shine here, so expect to have more energy than usual if on vacation, and look for athletic and vigorous pastimes. Cooperation, love, and harmony may be noticeable by their absence, however, and if you're travelling with people you harbor ill feeling for, expect constant confrontation. This can also be an accident-prone area, especially for those who do not feel comfortable with sex, competition, maleness, and assertion. Ideal for a survivalist vacation in the mountains, this zone is less suited for social relationships, investment, or business other than daring, entrepreneurial ventures.

LIVING HERE: IT'S HARD WORK BEING INVINCIBLE

Mars's nature assures that the dominant theme in this, your "energy locale," is action and the projection of strength outward, often in the service of some symbolically masculine cause or ideal. Mars power is intense; it should be respected and used with

caution. Raw, masculine energy is regulated and discouraged by modern society (despite its media idealization in Westerns and crime movies), so its expression elicits a hostile reaction even though you think it appropriate in what you see as a world peopled with dragons and princesses in need of rescue and where your ego pushes you into the thick of every battle. Your physical intelligence develops, and through erotic stimulation and challenge you may "become a man" (no matter what your sex), learning to take control of your own life and to be responsible for your own destiny, but this battle of selfhood will have to be fought over and over. The idea that all nature is renewed by fire, sex, or war is in keeping with Mars, so bridges are burned in this locale and childhood left behind forever. Mastering the environment and defending oneself against harm are the two most obvious functions of Mars, inclining you to force yourself onto others, to seek perpetual activity, and to destroy what you cannot master, feeling force as purgative to the psyche.

Competition is the prevalent mode of relating in this locale, and anyone you do not dominate or master sexually you will attempt to overcome covertly. There is both a continuous testing of yourself and an attempt to bridle your passions; you make decisions and take courses that commit you to the struggle for survival. It is hard to feel close to men especially, as all are seen as potential competitors, and valiant, passionate, and impulsive actions keep you on constant guard, never able to relax. Every life activity seems directed by domination and competition, so that virility, some cruelty, and violence are expressed, exercise of power is invigorating, and action and adventure are sought. You feel at home with pain and danger, both of which are frequent experiences.

THE DEFENSIVE SURVIVALIST

Mars's myth is of course that of the god of war, and, while an unpleasant human reality, it is war that expresses "natural selection" among subgroups of the species, assuring a strong genetic stock. Mars purges and burns away what is no longer needed, as predators thin herds of deer. Personally, this shows an area where you learn to fend for yourself, perhaps under actual military conditions or imagined dangers. The result is a spare, impetuous, athletic, trimmed-down personality, unburdened and stimulated to healing and growth by the abrupt removal of some of life's past accumulations on psychological and material planes.

The early stages of Mars awareness are of course the most difficult, and people who have ignored or repressed their capacities for sexuality, competition, or aggressiveness may find themselves dealing with these aspects of personality in other people -- quarrelsome, violent, sexually aggressive, irritating people with whom involvement seems inescapable. Unconsciousness of Mars's potentials in this zone can lead to injury, being attacked or accident prone. In later stages of awareness you may act out these very attributes: boisterous, crude, leering, annoying, and noisy, you act the obnoxious adolescent, cocky and pugnacious, losing friends and alienating almost everyone. More mature acceptance of your own Martian power suggests a cool recognition of the necessity to do constant battle with injustice, and, like a surgeon, you learn how to do good by selective destruction. The mastery of one's environment -- taming rivers and the other chaotic forces of nature -- shows the necessity of Mars, and you would probably fit best into pioneering, natural and/or rural situations far from the diplomatic give-and-take

of relationship in a complex society. Mars's power is such that society spends a great deal of energy in regulating it, and the closer you are to the urban bourgeois reality in which most modern humans live, the less appropriate is its energy. There is little real room for entrepreneurial activity, for pioneering and for original, forceful, and decisive accomplishment in present-day society, despite the glorification of these ideals in public mythology.

MARY POPPINS -- WATCH OUT

Obviously, certain types of people will find this environment more difficult than others do; those who have adapted well to social relatedness and who value cooperation, harmony, and peace will find this zone very perplexing and problematical. Also, people for whom sex is repressed, sinful, or psychologically stressful will be disturbed to find it irrepressible, demanding, and omnipresent. More adventuresome, independent, pioneering, and athletic types, at home with their bodies and biology, might find this zone invigorating, energizing, and one in which new approaches and possibilities are discovered.

As a woman, you'll find this zone one of special problems for you. Women are not usually socialized to be comfortable with their aggressive, assertive power and tend instead to attach themselves to men whose overt masculinity is usually in direct proportion to the suppression of their own. This tendency will be exaggerated in this locale as you find yourself at the beginning stages of Mars consciousness. Hopefully, you will learn to take control of your own masculine energy and feel more at home with anger, sex, assertion, and self-expression. You may have to willingly undertake integration of your masculinity, as with assertiveness training, martial arts, or vigorous physical activity. The result of such integrating will be a wider, more mature personality, increased personal power, and the valuable gift of personal autonomy.

CASEY JONES, PAUL BUNYAN, AND JOHN HENRY

On more practical levels, this zone is one in which temper, violence, passion, sex, and other biological urges are more powerful, much the opposite of peace, harmony, or the desire for security. You tend to be opportunistic, and relationships, even marriage, tend to be contentious rather than cooperative. Mars is the planet of "machismo," so that daring, courage, adventuresomeness, and risk-taking, as well as masculine pride and sensitivity to insult, develop here. Life outside of self is valued and sought, and an eternal discontent drives you to explore, test, and dominate every aspect of the outer world with zest and energy. You can be persuasive, combative, spontaneous, impulsive, and excitable. There is a coarse element to Mars, the opposite of refinement and culture, so that intolerance, crudeness, and lustfulness may also be excited.

Professions in which Mars excels are obvious: athletics, military, police, meat-packing and butchery, heavy industry, construction, metal work, use of tools, engineering, and jobs traditionally associated with men -- all are good areas to express Mars's creative energy and physicality. Such active occupations tend to relieve the impetuous and intense energy of this zone. Formalized competition may be important if you do not work in a Martian occupation, and athletes expect to excel here, perhaps

setting lifetime records. The mind becomes more mathematical, scientific, and materialistic.

The dangers of Mars to personal well being are of two types: injury and burnout, both being the result of too much energy without rest, moderation, or social cooperation. Physical activity tends to relieve tensions that are likely here.

WHERE THE MEN ARE MEN, AND THE WOMEN ARE TOO

Even if you can't travel to these areas, they may be important in your life through people who come from there. These may either antagonize you unpredictably, making you angry and putting you in touch with your passions and competitive spirit, or spur you on to growth and self-realization through continually setting goals and testing. You may associate these goals with hardy pioneer types and adventuresome risk-taking activities; poor for investment, these zones are good for development of new ideas and personality capacities.

The particular position that Mars occupied in this location at your birth will direct this type of energy and experience particularly into certain life areas; while the most important thing to understand is the underlying meaning and psychological principle, these are apt to manifest more obviously in specific life areas than in others.

IT'S ALL THEIR FAULT

In this locale, the position of Mars manifests most obviously in your relations with other people, which tend to be intense, competitive, and confrontive. This location is one in which the more negative aspects of Mars are apt to become evident, as the tendency is to project your own violence and antipathy outward, especially if there is any self-dislike in your makeup. You may see yourself as innocent and loving, and wonder why so many people seem to be so belligerent. Later, you may accept that you are probably denying certain aspects of your own sexual or aggressive identity and unconsciously seeking them out in others. Relationships go so poorly here that you may be forced to rely on yourself, but it's not easy, as competitors instinctively go for your weak spots and take a lack of assertiveness on your part as an invitation to aggression.

For obvious reasons, women particularly will have problems in this area, and marriage is not apt to be much assurance of safety, since your husband may well be the offending party. A vigorous and physical lifestyle may relieve some of the tension, and you begin to balance some of your intense energy off against intense challenges. There is danger of injury and accident as well, and oppression, coercion, and unwelcome sexual advances may be the price that is paid by all but the most self-assured and inwardly honest. Neither investments nor partnerships seem very good prospects, and litigation should be avoided at all costs. Despite all this, your confidence in yourself develops, and if you can get in touch with your anger and sexuality, you may find a powerful new sense of your own ability. The hard sell dominates where the world seems (and perhaps is) hostile, putting constant pressure on you. Any professions that deal with violence, fire, sexuality, or interpersonal altercation may act out some of the pressure; success comes

only through arduous and consistent effort.

This location is a little east of the precise planetary influence; therefore, of the possibilities listed above, those which seem most external, objective, and detached from your own self and personality are the ones most apt to manifest. As suggested, the influence will act itself out in a social arena, but, specifically, will act most often in people, situations, and social or cultural influences that represent external authority or the whole of society and its values. If you're in a position of authority, you will clearly exemplify the potentials described above; but more likely will be your repeated exposure to others who act out both this role for you and the role of authority as well. You are assimilating your own leadership potentials from these experiences, as you are powerfully influenced by cultural, educational, legal, or religious institutions. Expect the people, gender, social roles, and professions mentioned anywhere above to become dominant in your social and career life, and anticipate that they will offer important guidance and valuable insights as to what your ultimate social power is and where it lies.

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Neptune-Ascendant:

IF YOU'RE JUST VISITING, LOOK FOR ART AND MUSIC

A short stay in this locale can put you in touch with your more delicate sensibilities and spiritual aspirations. It's all an illusion, but illusions make the hard reality of life more acceptable, and they can be done with artistry and subtlety. Perhaps you came here to get in touch briefly with your inner ideals, and you can meet people who exemplify such idealism to you. A feeling of intoxication and hysteria lies just beneath the surface, and if you're trying to get away from who you usually are, you've come to the right place. Still, it's all very confusing, and you can't help feeling that you don't really know what's going on. Try to avoid dealings with authorities and stick to well-lighted places. Your dreams and inner life can be quite spectacular in this locale.

LIVING HERE: PLUGGED INTO THE COSMIC CIRCUIT

Life in this zone is influenced by the planet Neptune, and, try as you may, it's going to be really difficult to live your life on a superficial, happy-go-lucky, day-to-day level, as you are constantly moved by forces originating so deep within that you have no way to control or understand them. There exists a strange cohesion among social animals: at times they build pyramids and at other times computers. While government may have a limited role in determining these directions, there is also a current that carries us all along, as invisible to us as the water is to the fish. Neptune is this current, which

communicates to each of us through cultural expressions like music, fashion, fads, and movements. Residence in this zone plugs you in, for good or ill, to these inexplicable "vibrations." This "communication" is never conscious, bypassing the ego altogether, so being influenced by it often proves dangerous and perhaps destructive to personality, at least as it is idealized in modern society. Living here, you yearn to experience anew the total merging with an exterior, protective, and totally absorptive whole that is felt in the womb. A self-annihilating commitment to rediscovering Paradise Lost hints at the difficulty of retaining a cohesive identity in the presence of the ecstasy of the surrender of ego to something both larger and totally unlike the self.

Of course, there can be advantages to being so plugged in to the currents and mystical patterns that guide humankind: in business, you can intuit the next trends and fashions; in music, or other performing arts, you can put your audience in touch with the cosmos, and bring them safely home again; and in mysticism and religion, you have a direct channel to the universal. But in most cases, you may act out the tragedy of the martyr, sacrificing the integration of your ego for an illusion of a greater end, only to find that your beneficiaries either crucify you or distort your idealism into the usual, materialistic, and banal forms they prefer. Acting out society's unconscious, you are likely to be exploited, harrassed, put under surveillance, and seen as a dangerous, counter-culture, anarchic force or, occasionally, worshipped as a super-human ideal -- the expression of some collective yearning -- like 1940s movie stars.

Life becomes vicarious, as you seem invisible, unconnected in any relevant fashion to the real world. Your romantic ideals, self-fictionalizations, and vivid, imaginative "might-have-beens" come to substitute for real relationships. Existing relationships may be marked with paranoid and neurotic fears, as they get bogged down in projections -- your own unconscious acted out by your partner. You may attract the things you fear the most, and vulnerable and psychically sensitive as you are, your moods swing in wild excesses of elation and despair. Yet, for those few who can act as channels for the "currents" without getting their egos involved, or for those who thrive without a sense of ego or identity, this zone can be one in which the heights of spiritual awareness are reached, where you wander in the bardos, and the division between the self and the not-self dissolves.

"REALITY. WHAT'S REALITY?"

It is fitting, of course, that the god Neptune ruled the sea, as this symbol of life's origins stands also for sleep, dreams, and the human unconscious. Neptune was also associated with earthquakes, and the loss of self and material sustenance that earthquakes occasion seem fitting symbols for this planet of the not-self. All life evolved from the sea, symbolically linking it with a primordial consciousness and a past we all share. The consciousness of sea creatures does one little good on land, where hard, cold reality must be dealt with.

Awareness of Neptune does not seem to follow a set evolutionary pattern as much as with other planets. To be sure, in time people learn to adapt to its vagueness, inspiration, and lack of selfhood and usually abandon the more destructive and injurious manifestations. There is an hysterical, wild intoxication when one first encounters

Neptune, an ecstatic surrender of selfhood to merge with some imagined Whole, that later can lead its victims into paranoia, delusion, inflation of the ego, and perhaps insanity or addiction. While all this is going on within, deterioration besets the real world without -- poverty, confusion, perplexity, victimization, invalidism, and powerlessness are common. With more maturity or, perhaps, with the right sort of personality, these excesses are avoided, and Neptune's intuition and mysticism enable artistic accomplishment and spiritual evolution of the highest sort. The problem is in telling one stage from another, in distinguishing between self-deception and "real" inspiration, as there are no objective criteria in Neptune's realm, and one's perceptions are no more real than one's imagination.

MATERIALISTS, BEWARE

Clearly, people who have to be strongly in control of their lives and environment find this zone the most repugnant of all. If you are ambitious, masculine, materialistic, possessed of a strong sense of self, and tend to see the world in objective, scientific, or causal terms, this zone will present the most difficult problems of your entire life, as all your criteria for evaluating experience will turn undependable and deceive you, while inexplicable, weird events leave you doubting your sanity. Conversely, those who delight in self-sacrifice, recognize a higher power that guides their lives, and see themselves as "channel" for some sort of divine or cosmic energy may find this zone a perfect one in which to develop such awareness along with psychic, artistic, and intuitive gifts. Musicians seem particularly able to benefit from Neptune, as they are really channels for and interpreters of the very sort of "vibrations" to which this zone attunes one's sensitivity.

As a woman, you stand a slightly better chance to turn these impulses to good account, especially if you study or perform the arts enumerated above. Still, relationships with men are apt to be problematical, as men here either act out a dominant and/or parasitical role, or conversely, worship you as an ideal, then become disillusioned when your humanity shows through. You have magical or enchanting powers here, but use them against yourself too easily; reality constantly intrudes, and you find it hard to manage the practical side of your life.

CAUGHT UP IN SOMETHING YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND

In daily, prosaic matters, Neptune poses its most difficult problems: on a personal level, imagination and inspiration are enhanced, so that spiritual pursuits, psychism, and intuition improve. But this is balanced with an inclination to abuse drugs, and a dreamy, fool's-paradise escapism based on an addiction to glamour and romanticism that real life rarely supplies. The line between dreams and reality blurs. You get caught up in something you don't understand, and when you finally wake up you may have lost your possessions, your identity, your position in society, or even your reason. This zone exudes a vague, depressive, gray-like atmosphere.

On social levels, you end up too often the patsy; society sees in you something dangerous and chaotic, so victimization by the law, surveillance, or arrest can befall you despite nonviolent, communitarian idealism. A milder manifestation might be involvement with institutions, in which you are faceless and probably unappreciated,

laboring for noble principles. Caring for society's disinherited and rejected is among the few positive applications of this influence, but you eventually tire of "rescuing." A desire to be taken care of can often involve you with utopian visions of a nurturing, all-knowing social structure -- notwithstanding the poor records such visions have had in practice. This need to be cared for has a sinister side as well: this zone can see you dealing with hospitals, prisons, asylums, or other institutions -- hopefully in the provision of services or idealistic administration.

As mentioned above, there are some professions that seemingly benefit from Neptune's influence: music, the arts, movies, dance, photography, TV work, and any business that requires a knowledge and intuition of fashion and public trends. Glamour, the creation of illusions of beauty and desirability, religion (or demagoguery), professions dealing with chemicals, anaesthetics, petroleum, or drugs all can direct some of the imaginative and hypnotic energy of Neptune constructively. You probably need a lot of time alone to handle the subtle, intuitive, and sensitive capacities that develop under Neptune -- this might be well, as relationships go particularly poorly here, with other people either taking advantage of you and using you or idealizing you and ignoring who you really are. People closest to you appear so vague, haphazard, and disorganized that it is impossible to relate to them. In matters of health, this area is far from ideal: chronic infections, mysterious ailments, psychosomatic disorders, and dysfunction of the immune system leave you open to a host of maladies. Vitality is low and resistance to environmental contaminants poor. Intense reactions to drugs occur, often with long-range consequences.

PAST LIVES AND SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

Even if you do not reside in or visit this location, it may still have long-distance effects upon you. You may imagine it as a childhood fantasy or utopia or, equally likely, as a place where you would be taken advantage of, victimized, or totally misunderstood. Cultures in this part of the world speak to you on deepest levels (perhaps as "past lives"), and especially through music or religious ideas. People who come from this area tend to confuse and upset you, getting you all excited over things that rarely come to fruition. Occasionally, the spiritual master will come from this zone. Investments are not advised in this area, nor real estate ownership, except possibly for petroleum exploration. But artistic, spiritual, and cultural pursuits allied with this zone will speak to the deepest parts of your soul and establish powerful responses that can transform and uplift you.

This, then, is the underlying psychological principle of the planetary influence operating for you in this location, and you should strive to understand the abstract as well as the particular manifestation of this energy as described above. However, due to the position Neptune held at birth at this location, it is apt to operate more in certain life areas than in others.

CONFUSION PROPAGATOR

This is an excellent location for salespeople, because people don't recognize or see you for who you really are, and you come to stand in their minds for some ideal, some

unreachable goal or impossible dream. People project their fondest and most unrealistic wishes onto you, assuring an ephemeral popularity. Seen as fascinating, beautiful, and mysterious, you are actually only holding a mirror up to everyone's incompleteness. Self-image is confused with other people's, and you collude in this game all too willingly, since your own idea of who you are is amorphous, intangible, and constantly in flux. The confusion invites a retreat from the world isolating you, since among people you feel a need for total and complete immersion in the personality of some "other," often making your relationships dependent, masochistic, addictive, or decidedly unequal in the distribution of power. If you do "make it," you do so as a "media image," invisible as who you really are beneath the makeup and hype. This presents an acceptable compromise, as you cannot stand scrutiny here; one effective way to deal with everyone's attention is to distract them with a false personality. You may acquire a wild love of luxury, a la Hollywood, another way of expressing the fact that you really have a hard time knowing who you are or where you are going while in this locale.

Your arrival in a social situation (or in someone's life) signals a period of confusion and relationship to dark inner realities: people feel inspired, propelled by unconscious winds of feeling, and in tune with the cosmic when you're around, but this does little to provide you with any sense of relationship or stability. You may seem to others like a free-form broadcaster of confusion (or occasionally inspiration) and particularly the most logical and "in-control" types find your presence baffling and disturbing. Health is apt to be poor in this locale and very subject to influence from drugs or environmental allergens. You are psychic, imaginative, and hypersensitive, and success comes best through music or some other profession that allows universal, cosmic, and superpersonal rhythms and impulses to use you as their instrument.

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While the possibilities of how these influences might interact are limitless, the description below suggests some of the experiences you can expect.

Mars*Neptune:

SEX AND DRUGS -- OR PEOPLE WHO LIKE THEM

A positive, down-to-earth attitude toward masculinity and sex are critical here, for without them this zone can be a real nightmare. Ideally, like hippies, you live out a more archaic masculine archetype, one in tune with natural and mystical forces and respondent to intuition and inspiration. You will be rarely content to let ambitions and career concerns pursue commonplace objectives; there must be mystery, singularity, and magic and, in some cases, you are able to bring such fantasy into reality through wishing and visualization, as well as to influence people (almost against their will) through charisma. Your power over others is implicitly sexual, resulting in an ability to seem to be everyone's sexual fantasy or, alternatively, to see everyone as yours. In either case, extremes of indulgence or asceticism result. In fact, this is probably the most sexually bizarre zone possible, and just about everything erotic you've ever heard of may present weird or unpleasant options to you. You may find yourself enthralled by people you don't really like, and you can revel in impurity or unusual practices; fetishes, particularly masculine ones (leather, guns, etc.), may develop as well.

You may exhibit unusual imagination and intuition in business and particularly in arts involving motion and energy -- dance, gymnastics, ballet, etc. -- but usually aspirations are all out of proportion with reality, except in a few cases where you actually become a symbol for beauty and sex -- TV stars, media athletes, and models occasionally succeed spectacularly here. For those uncomfortable with the masculine archetype (which includes most members of modern society), this location can be fantastically unpleasant: illnesses (including venereal ones), unprovoked attacks from strangers, allergies, victimization by society or its lower elements, problems with parasites (the two- or six-legged varieties), drug habituation, sexual problems, paranoia, and neurosis are some of the less glamorous aspects of this zone, the evidence of what seems an indefinably hostile environment, in which the forces that attack you are invisible, covert, or unconscious, often stemming from within.

At best, this area may see you defend the underdog through nonviolent means and Gandhian ingenuity, but for the most part you can't count on your allies, and humiliation, defeat, and victimization are too often the result of your effort to implement your ideals.

SECONDARY INFLUENCES

The material presented above describes the most potent and significant planetary influences operating at the location you have designated at the time of your birth. It is these concerns and manifestations that should demand your concentrated attention, and it could be suggested that it is to assimilate and understand this type of experience that you have considered residence in this locale. However, there are additional, less potent influences, that also operate here, due to the geographical latitude at which it is located, a latitude that has special importance for you. These influences will constitute a "subplot" or subsidiary influence while you are here, influences of about one-third the power of the major ones described above, and ones which are apt to manifest in relationships especially -- with either you or your partner acting them out.

Venus*Pluto:

A PARTNERSHIP WITH PASSION

In this zone, the normally pleasant, happy, and joyful life areas of love and relationship are gateways to discovering the mysteries of mortality, power, and sex, whether you want them to or not. Sexual needs are intense and intrusive, always seeming to upset equanimity and relationship, and eroticism seeks to feel more, perhaps attracting you to extreme or exotic forms of satisfaction. Your insatiable needs lead to passionate relationships, a "punk rock" social life, and leave time for little else. There is the desire to merge entirely with the loved one, but ambivalent feelings of love/hate, jealousy, and sexual control make sure that any relationship is the constant scene of upheaval and the intrusion of the unconscious into life. Every time you let someone get close, it opens up the cellar rooms of the repressed past, and the monsters of possessiveness, envy, jealousy, power, and your potential to betray your own love must be dealt with. Love and destruction are intertwined themes as you seek the ideal mate with an almost tragic intensity, moderation in anything being difficult. Positively, you can enjoy the deepest levels of love and identity-merging, if you are ruthlessly honest with yourself and your beloved, and allow room for periodic changes and upheaval in your relationship. Among less happy outcomes of relating in this zone are alienation, involvement in prostitution, or a celibacy resulting from disillusionment.

This area can also be one in which the themes of intensity, rebirth, and betrayal take place in the financial arena, and extraordinary, major gains or losses occur. Partnerships involving money can be subject to the same problems as romantic liaisons. Again, honesty and directness are the only ways to prevent catastrophe. Values also change and may emerge more mature, tested, and tempered. Pregnancy may be dangerous in this area. Peak experience is sought and feared, as frequent explosions keep most social relationships honest and nonillusory. Your desire for "sooner, quicker, faster, more" marries you to passion as you learn the true facts of life (and death) which shatter an earlier naivete. Artists may find themselves very productive here, and erotic urges are acted out in some public arena, perhaps in scandal or intrigue.

Even though the following influence is subtle, it can be developed, especially if it seems compatible with your personality or with other influences operating in this location. Look upon it as a potential resource constituting an occasional or less important preoccupation.

Mercury*Pluto:

THE WORLD REFLECTED IN A GRAIN OF SAND

It is hard to imagine what the lighthearted messenger of the gods and the darkling lord of the underworld have in common; mentality and mortality are difficult concepts to link, so this zone may indeed be one of conflicts. Life areas of career, health, and day-to-day concerns in the community may be where there are continual intrusions of dark forces, so that if your work doesn't of itself put you in touch with absolutes, with conflicts and struggles over power, sex, life, and death, there could be frequent interruptions,

drastic changes, and long periods of intense obsessive preparation, culminating in a transforming, often unwelcome illumination. The most attuned and self-controlled can use this energy to see the universe as a hologram, and by directing their attention to any part, can receive knowledge of the whole; your own governing past patterns may be uncovered, grasped, and redirected while here. Esoterically, this suggests access to the Akashic Records and a link to universal knowledge that gives you great power and insight. Continuous transformations of attitudes, conversions of thought or idealism, and the impossibility of compromise with critics and adversaries make this an area of too-frequent growth and intrusion of the universal into the normal.

Language and speech difficulties can also manifest here, for while you speak and hear well enough, it seems impossible to get any meaningful knowledge out of information. Sometimes a fear of harsh reality underlies inability to meaningfully communicate. The mind is attracted to forbiddingly technical or socially disapproved areas of thought. Research may require a new symbolic language, digitalization, or the synthesis of data in and outside yourself in new ways. Beware of becoming immersed in unnecessary details or lost in fascinating blind alleys of research, or of duplicating efforts already done. It is difficult to work for others, and situations often arise that demand a commitment you are unwilling to make. Your ideas don't make you popular despite their novelty, and even persecution for them is possible. Your best talent is for looking beneath the surface and extracting the universal kernel of truth. Here, the seeds of total inner transformation may be unobtrusively planted in your consciousness through the acquisition of some seeming innocent knowledge.

These, then, are the important astrological influences which affect this location, now and in the future. Needless to say, they all won't manifest the moment you arrive, but will indeed emerge as the most powerful psychological potentials over time.

EPILOGUE

This concludes our enumeration and description of the planetary influences, permanent and temporary, that affect the locations that you submitted. As you have observed, some of the information is psychological in nature, as it is the belief of ASTRO*CARTO*GRAPHY that planets act, not through any mystical "power" or magic, but by paralleling potentials in the human psyche, and in orderly and comprehensible fashion, marking the development of this maturity. It is hoped that you are able in this way to see that there are really no "good" or "bad" locations for you -- that in the process of growing into mature completeness, you will have to experience every psychological possibility. At best, this report will work to inform you what these are for you in the locations you are considering, letting you know what to expect, and so empowering you to be able to utilize the most positive possibilities.

