

# Astro\*Carto\*Graphy

Locality Interpretation for

**Matt Damon**

at Manhattan, NY



## **Your Chart Data**

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**Locality Interpretation For**  
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### **Permanent Influences (Lines):**

Saturn IC  
Moon Ascendant  
Neptune MC

### **Secondary Influences (Crossings):**

Too many influences to be individually significant.

### **Temporary Influences (CCG):**

Moon/IC  
Saturn/Descendant

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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.

**Manhattan, NY**

**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.

To understand the following influence, you should be aware that it is strong in this locality, though not overbearingly so. While reading the psychological description of its manifestation below, you should recognize the major theme that has operated for you (or will operate) here, though it may not be your prime concern at all times. You can ignore it for long periods, and this moderation of the influence tends to mitigate some of the more frightening and dangerous excesses that can occur. Probably, the more unusual manifestations won't happen to you, as this influence merges with others in your personality, creating a more balanced manifestation.

**Saturn-Imum Coeli:**

**IF YOU'RE JUST VISITING, YOU MADE A RATHER STRANGE CHOICE**

If you have been drawn to this zone, it is symbolic of a need for deeper investigation of your darker side and hidden self. Things may not go well here, but problems point out the way to necessary future growth. It is a good locale for hard work, but health and emotional levels are depressed, and problems of control intrude into most relationships. There is an intoxication here that comes from the taste of forbidden fruit, however, and challenging authority, demanding your way, and doing things your father would disapprove of makes your stay meaningful, if not altogether pleasurable. If you're here only briefly, most of the effects of this zone probably won't even be felt, but an indefinable taste will tempt you to return for a more thorough experience later.

**IF YOU PLAN TO LIVE HERE, YOU'D BETTER LIKE WORKING**

This zone, under astrological Saturn, is for those for whom happiness is not enough. No one has better described the experience of this planet of limitation and power than Liz Greene, in her epochal book, Saturn: "Human beings do not earn free will except through self-discovery, and they do not attempt self-discovery until things have become so

painful that they have no other choice." Accordingly, this location is one in which you will be tested by frustration, but from this testing you emerge with knowledge of both your limitations and your actual powers. Conscious beings utilize defeat and restriction as propulsion towards self- development and greater awareness, so that every difficulty you encounter (and there are apt to be many) should be seen as prefigurement of an emerging part of the personality requiring exploration and assimilation. Saturn represents the Shadow, the repressed parts of self, memory, and personality that must be come to terms with for wholeness to be accomplished. No one can utilize their potential for power in the world without first assimilating this darker side of selfhood, since its repression requires tremendous psychic energy which, when liberated, can be directed toward creativity.

The spirit is essentially unlimited -- anything is imaginable, but material reality (and human bodies) are bound by time and strict physical laws which establish the limits of possibility. Residence in this zone makes you aware of such limitations, in abstract and specific contexts, and as such confinements are usually the result of either health or economic strictures, it is these concerns that most often become problems. Constant concentration upon limited material reality in turn gives rise to an attitude of essential conservatism -- life is seen as a limited quantity, to be economized and frugally stored up. Weak parts of the self are transformed into strengths through this type of lonely toil and dedication which is motivated by remembrance of insult or insufficiency. Patience and wisdom come after long self-searching, and what is gained here is yours and yours alone, an inner fiber that less afflicted personalities will never appreciate. Disciplined power, constructive material values, realism, resourcefulness, seriousness, self-denial, and control are perfected here, and others are expected to share or confirm your puritanical, melancholy point of view.

### **THE GOD WHO DIDN'T TAKE CHANCES**

Saturn was a dark, archaic earth god, and so symbolizes our attachment to matter and the earth, quite out of fashion in our modern, cerebral, technological "information society." Here, where his influence is strong, you may seek religious or material roots, and experience a more direct, primitive level of being. Saturn was also the god of Time, so protective of his own power that he ate his children rather than see them grow to overthrow him, and as such symbolizes the negative aspects of this zone: power lust, entrenchment of authority (you may have to deal with frustrating, unresponsive people who hold unassailable, paternal power over you), blind conservatism, and institutional dehumanization.

Saturn, in its earliest and least developed phase, represents this blind power in both its poles: the absolute autocrat, authoritarian, intolerant, tyrannical, and cruel, and the victim, powerless and constantly assailed. Experience at one pole usually creates its opposite, as young people victimized by harsh and unresponsive parents will grow themselves to be authoritarian and narrow-minded. Both power and powerlessness corrupt with either tyranny or a defeatist expectation of failure. After longer experience with Saturn, you realize how Time is an ally -- tyrants will age, and water wears away the stone. This capacity to use Time must come, of course, with maturity. If you come close to mastering Saturn, you will shine with its positive qualities: dependability, material

success, wisdom, ambition, perseverance, responsibility, prudence, realism, and wry, ironic humor. You know life is not easy, but in recognizing its limitations and inherent materiality, you are guided to an appreciation of the here and now, the possible and attainable.

Saturn zones seem to have a telescoping effect on time: days, full of toil and often frustration, seem long, but decades pass unresisting. Instinctively recognizing that Time is the key to understanding this locale and the problem it poses, you plan years in advance and never question your ability to develop ambitions that require lifelong application. Occasionally tiring of the continual frustration and slow, painful progress, you may plan for years to leave this zone, but stay on anyway, deriving compensatory satisfaction from seeing Time's plan unfold and learning the power and efficacy of determination, tenacity, and resoluteness.

### **IT'S HARD TO KNOW WHEN YOU NEED DISCIPLINE**

This zone is particularly difficult for the imaginative, the superficial, for people who want happiness and pleasure alone from life, whose relationships are important to them, and who continually delegate the power to run their own lives to others. Saturn is not kind to such, continually demanding deeper awareness by imposing from without a discipline and awareness of life's depth that is denied within. Conversely, those who demand autonomy and power over their own lives, and are fascinated with politics, government, and authority may find this zone almost congenial, though never easy.

Men in this zone often find themselves in a battle with established authority, which may hark back in some symbolic way to their early relationship with their fathers. Goaded on by insult or indignity, you undertake to perfect your own powers to overcome external coercion. The whole problem of the oppressed becoming the oppressor may be particularly relevant, and you should be warned that those who seize power from others will not rest easily, knowing that there will be others as dedicated as they.

### **WHERE PLEASURE SEEMS TRIVIAL**

The practical, immediate effects of living in this zone center on overcoming obstacles and acquiring direction and purpose in life. You will learn the hard way what is lacking in your makeup, and periods of hardship, penury, privation, enforced idleness, hunger, delay, miserliness, disappointment, or loneliness all serve to point you to your weaknesses and repressed potentials which must be come to terms with here. Personal power, health, and vitality seem at lowest ebb, and other people seem to have all the things you want, so are envied or disliked. You choose a monkish or Spartan existence, seem older than your years, and find responsibility and duty (often to the elderly or family members) burdensome and overwhelming. Despite all this, you learn to fend for yourself and learn to recognize and compensate for your limitations realistically -- physically, mentally, and socially. You enjoy hard work and acquire will power, frugality, and orderliness, taking life a day at a time, thinking little of pleasure or reward, but rather of humility and doing a good job. Your moods are apt to be depressed, and thoughts tend to center on weighty subjects: death, materialism, determinism, or fate. The occult and black arts may be delved into through your fascination with the forbidden, as

well as a need for self-protection. Dirt, decay, and uncleanness are often themes in this area, though you can feel an ironic sense of freedom. Pleasures here are made all the sweeter by their rarity and, like carnival, because they precede deprivations.

Saturn zones tend to be ones in which your health weaknesses surface, and among its lessons is the inescapable fact that the mind's enchainment to the physical body has pain and debilitation as its ultimate eventuality. Bones, joints, skin, and sense organs frequently deteriorate here, and deficiencies are felt. Relationships are apt to be based on unequal power, and thus are the seat of much struggle and contest. People are seen essentially as competitors, and personal ambition leaves little room for cooperation. Work goes best in earthy, self-motivated fields, and farming can succeed with considerable toil; mining, and other occupations dealing with crystals, lead, gems, cement, death, mathematics, property, coal, refrigeration, or allied ideas are linked to Saturn and may succeed after long preparation and drudgery.

### **THE MAGNETISM OF WHAT IS FEARED**

Even if you don't travel to these areas, they may represent parts of the world that you fear or dislike. You may be repelled by ethnic types or religious, racial, or cultural expressions coming from these areas, as they stimulate reflection on parts of your past and psyche that you would rather forget. People from these zones push all your buttons, and you often become involved in power conflicts with them. There is a strange fatality to such areas -- for all your intense dislike and fear of them, you are at times drawn to them and may find that from them comes some symbol or tool to release a new level of maturity and self-fulfilment. These areas are poor for all but very long-term investments, though values acquired here are permanent, immune to inflation or speculation.

The particular position that Saturn 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.

### **THE INNER DESERT**

The position Saturn occupies in this location tends to stress your relationship with your family and with the psychological concepts of your origins, "roots," and inmost self-definition. You may find yourself tied unwillingly to the past, the family, or its traditions (as in the care of an aging relative and the burdens that such would impose), but through such assumption of responsibility, you symbolically come to terms with and define the character of your own declining years. Finding yourself tied as well to family traditions, religion, outdated customs, and property, the inheritance or ownership of property is likely here, though it will take more than its toll in effort and drudgery. There can be a sense of bitterness and awareness of what you have missed in life but, on the positive side, this area is one in which you center yourself, finding inexhaustible reserves of inner fiber and power, and create a self-image that can weather any storm. A close and small circle of truly reliable friends or relatives constitutes the foundation of a sense of security and acceptance. You may come to expect a dry, dispassionate, and friendless

environment, withdrawing from society and becoming something of a hermit.

The image of the desert may be a relevant symbol here, as it doesn't rain much while you're around. Agriculture may fail, but there are possibilities for success in minerals and mining, and land values gradually increase. Like Biblical hermits, you can excel in self-denial, mortification (often for the sake of others), contemplation, and an austere self-mastery. More abstractly, this area is one in which your religion and world view get in touch with an archaic Earth-centered tradition, and you may feel greater attachment to Native American traditions, or more primal, tribal types of social community. Isolation seems a part of your home environment which may be cut off from the usual forms of social accessibility. Stagnation, reclusiveness, ill health, and loneliness may have to be dealt with, but such privations work to identify the limits which you can endure. This is a poor place to retire, unless autonomy and isolation appeal to you, and the idea of a place uniquely your own (largely because no one else wants it) can spur you to self-mastery and empowerment.

This location lies a little to the west of the exact planetary influence; therefore, of the possibilities listed above, those which suggest the direct influence on you by your family, cultural, or ethnic background are the ones most likely to manifest. The planet tends to act outside of you, and polarizes your self-image in opposition to its more negative potentials, requiring by either positive example or direct coercion your development of the described qualities. Who you are, meaning in this case who your family, past, and "roots" have been, becomes a potent force in the creation of who you are growing to be, a force whose nature will conform closely to the description above. Living here will change these most inward of concepts of self, often by direct confrontation with your origins and past.

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### **Moon-Ascendant:**

#### **IF YOU'RE JUST VISITING, YOU'LL BE IMPRESSED BY THE PEOPLE**

A short stay in this zone will immerse you in human interest concerns, day-to-day dramas, and emotional storms. Because your appetites (all of them) are intensified, their gratifications are more rewarding, and the body and its pleasures take on new meaning. Gourmets of all kinds will find opportunities for indulgence. You will want to care for or be taken care of by others, so women (especially mothers), family, and domestic concerns dominate. It's hard to pass through this zone without getting embroiled with other people, but you feel closer to your humanity, humbled and still ennobled by the struggles we all

share.

### **IF YOU PLAN TO LIVE HERE, GET USED TO DESIRE**

This is your intense "feeling" zone, and living here in this location puts you in touch with the astrological Moon -- your deepest and most significant needs. Existence can be viewed as a constant war of the will between seeking independence and pure, spiritual expression (the Sun) and attaching to the physical world, with subsequent needs for security, nurturance, supportive surroundings, and awareness and sensitivity to environmental influences. In this location, you become attuned to the latter half of the equation, so that life is surrendered to sensation, feeling, vulnerability, needs, and attachment. The gratification of appetites becomes the central focus here, needs seem more intense than in other places, and senses perceive more strongly. Appetites guide destiny, as the self finds itself drawn and attracted to people or their approval in an effort to fill out some missing pieces. Erotic urges are insatiable and often compulsive.

There is a naive emotional reaction to every event and affect, and you are immersed in reality, like a kid watching a movie, hypnotized by the play of sensations and forms outside you. You become especially reactive to other people's awareness of you, unable to ignore their attention or interest, both craving the feeling of substantialness that such attention gives you and resenting your dependence upon it. Yet, just as no seed can grow apart from the earth, this entanglement in sensation fertilizes spiritual potential; the incredible magnetism exerted by people, things, and situations acts to draw you to complete involvement outside yourself -- to parenting, creativity, or other actualization of your possibilities. The tides of attraction are so strong here that you cannot remain aloof and are pulled toward a fertile marriage with material reality. The myth here is of course the Child-Who-Becomes-A-Parent, a union of opposites motivated by the mortality of the flesh to which spirit is wed and the untamable desire of the spirit to live beyond the durability of its bodily prison. And, just as the child is unaware of its identity as a child but is directed entirely toward trying to become "like" its parent, here "what you want to be" becomes the center of attraction, as opposed to "what you are," the focus under the Sun.

### **CHILDREN COME IN ALL SIZES AND AGES**

In the earliest stages of Moon consciousness, the child dominates; there is acute awareness of personal incompleteness and a need to be cared for that is fueled by apprehension that you would perish if left alone. Hunger is the feeling of the unformed lunar consciousness, that aching void within which stems from the umbilicus, the place where mother was "taken" from us. In early stages of Moon consciousness (often the only ones that men ever learn), appetites are so deep and unfulfilled that they threaten to devour their objects. This childlike dependency leads eventually to a role of parent in oneself -- from being child, one switches roles and perceives the parent, the nurturer, provider, and mother-to-the-world -- either as one's own role or in the person of other people. This can result in the unquestioned but total attachment one enjoys with relatives, an unconditional awareness that you and the other person are in life together, for better or worse. The development of this type of interdependency acknowledges that there are other entities in the world. Finally, the Moon matures as the ultimate nurturing parent --

the person who can by his or her mere presence make others feel secure, protected, loved unconditionally, and safe in a supportive and growth-sustaining world. Since all these aspects of Moon consciousness depend on interactions with others, it is in the area of human relationships that most of this awareness is acted out, and it is through such relationships that the different stages are at first defined and then, eventually, assimilated. The tortured pangs of unfulfilled needs lead to the ability to fill those needs not only for oneself, but for others as well.

### **WHY IS EVERYONE SO EMOTIONAL ALL THE TIME?**

This location will be especially critical for men, the masculine-identified, and the self-consciously "superior." People who cannot feel their feelings will project them onto other people and find themselves embroiled in constant wars of emotion and possessiveness. If you see yourself as independent, spiritual, superior to the flesh and its temptations, then this zone will pose real problems for you, although you may insist these are the result of other people's failure to rise above their attachments.

As a man, you will find this area one of particular difficulty for you. You will probably emerge at the earliest stages of Moon awareness noted above, and Woman (or a thinly disguised symbol) will constitute the "reigning need" without which you feel you cannot exist. Goaded by desire, you will seek to attach yourself in an effort to regain your autonomy and independence, often to whomever or whatever first makes itself available. As society encourages men to ignore their feelings, your self-discovery will be a lonely one, but the intensity and insatiability of your desire will force you to seek fulfillment within yourself, most likely through parenting.

### **THE TEARS AND LAUGHTER**

On a more practical level, this area is one in which you get very much involved in every thing and person around you. You are the center of attention and feel self-conscious, exposed, and sympathetic to the multicolored spectrum of emotions that you react to and perceive in others. There are strong domestic, religious, devotional, nostalgic, and sentimental impulses here that can lead to a xenophobic conservatism. You are easily influenced, like a child, unable to say "No." Psychic abilities are highlighted. Love is intensely needed, a frequent crisis concern, so it tends to become one-sided and impermanent, at least until you learn to nurture and care for yourself emotionally. Your relationship with your mother comes to the fore here (too often reenacted in marriage), and you feel your instincts and desires more strongly. You will seek security, are prone to tears and laughter, and may find yourself playing the consumer, trying to fill the empty void and incompleteness that you can't help feeling here. An unpretentious identity is often the product of imitation, and you react with a naive emotionality to every affect, as you sense yourself too close to every human situation in which you become involved. Life seems more like a soap opera, where domestic concerns and a feeling of kinship and "family" with any and all humans take over; this is not an area to go to feel superior -- you are too aware of the needs that bind you and all people together, resulting in a gravitation toward a working-class and shopworn reality, with its variegated feelings and frequent domestic and human-interest crises. The Moon is the "infinite capacity for perception," and here, feelings guide destiny.

Fields in which others are cared for are suggested occupations here: parenting, cooking and restaurant work, helping professions, counseling, roles of interpreter and agent. Success is also likely in gynecology, midwifery, nursing, baking, real estate, public concerns, or daily life concerns such as sales, etc. Feelings are at the bottom of most health complaints, which frequently center in allergies, the gastrointestinal tract, breasts, and female organs.

If you find yourself attracted to and involved with take-charge, maternal types, this may show that you have not accepted your own potential for nurturing, domesticity, caring for yourself and others. Work out life routines that enable you to experience and satisfy your emotional needs; working with others defines these needs and enables you to find in yourself a safe haven and the capacity for self-sustenance.

### **WHAT DOES THIS ZONE MEAN IF I STAY AWAY?**

Even if you can't travel to these areas, you will find yourself better able to care for your own needs as a result of people from here, a sense of family that you may find associated with this part of the world, or even religious doctrines that come from here. Pay attention to information and travelers from these world zones, as they bear messages telling you what you truly need to feel secure and safe in this world. If you relate strongly to your ethnic background, Moon lines may well pass through that part of the world, or residence here activate ancestral patterns in some significant way. Some maternal figure (probably a relative) who lives here may have exemplified an early ideal of the perfect, nurturing mother role in you, which you either attempt to live out yourself or seek in someone else.

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 Moon held at birth at this location, it is apt to operate more in certain life areas than in others.

### **YOU ARE WHAT YOU FEEL**

The general and particular characteristics of the Moon are most apt to manifest through your self-image and self-concept here; the identification with your mother is strong, as is the urge to become a parent yourself. It is hard not to yield to temptation, and you may be rather shy, retiring, vulnerable, sympathetic, and needful, molding your personality so as to please or impress others. Identifying with your own or others' needs inclines you to get mixed up in everyone's affairs. Ideally you become the homebody and pattern your persona after the best and most positive manifestation of the nurturing mother image. You are deeply affected by environmental considerations and seem timid on the surface; yet, when operating from your feeling (which is much of the time), you can be surprisingly unrestrained, powerful, and intense. Adaptation is a key to survival here, as you try to become what others seem to want you to be, painfully aware of their opinions and inner feelings about you. Self-definition is arrived at through introspection, reflection, intuition, and sensitivity; your tendency to attract and care for others

imitatively eventually leads to a powerful self-definition. Negative manifestations may include weight gain, moodiness, instability, unreliability, and procrastination. Others' needs for you may be used to justify a "letting go" and surrender to a dowdy, conventional conduct.

This location is a little west of the actual planetary influence; therefore, among the possibilities listed above, those involving your direct perception of your own personality and identity should be where most of the action manifests. You will probably come to identify strongly with the various functions, energies, personality attributes, and activities of this zone, and consciously incorporate them into your repertory of personality options. Power comes from recognizing the nature and potency of this influence, which you can come to symbolize in a very real way for others -- exaggerate it, consciously act out the positive aspects of its role, and you'll find other people empower you, recognizing your instinctive ability to handle energies that make them uncomfortable, or which they do not understand. In your personal relationships, you will often play the role assigned by this psychological influence, and your partner may well play whatever is opposite. Success comes from accepting this role and learning to manage and project it consciously.

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### **Neptune-Midheaven:**

#### **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 man, you obviously will have problems with this zone: our society trains men to be in control, to master external reality, and to think logically and objectively, none of which is easy here. To survive, you will have to learn a whole new way of feeling and relying on inner vision, as well as accommodating to being rather invisible and unconnected. Moreover, since many men cannot acknowledge this influence in their own personalities, they instead choose a partner who acts out these chaotic, deceptive, dreamy, and unrealistic attributes. Any dealing with drugs or intoxicants will most assuredly end up badly here.

### **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.

The particular position that Neptune 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.

## **MESSIAHS AND MARTYRS NEED NOT APPLY**

In this locale, the general influence of Neptune is most apt to manifest in your relationships with society. You will be strongly inclined to follow a career in a large cooperation or serving profession should be especially aware of the dangers of being socially victimized by being cast into one of society's many self-defeating roles. Ending up a scapegoat is all too possible here, as are arrests, martyrdom, or scandal. Your appraisal of social trends and patterns is contaminated by wishfulness and illusion, while there is possibility of genius-like intuition of future fashion and devotion to some social ideal, or the idolized movie-star syndrome. But you should remember that in Hollywood there are ten thousand who sell out for every one who "makes it," and your wishes for the impossible dream may incline you to waste much of your life in the idle pursuit of unrealizable objectives. You get gossiped about in the sensational manner of supermarket tabloids, suggesting that you appeal to people out of touch with their own unconscious who see in you some larger-than-life figure with their own faults and unfulfilled dreams magnified to mythological size.

Society poses the most difficult dilemma of this locale, however, as you see yourself as either Messiah or martyr when in fact you don't command much serious attention at all. Feelings of confusion, imprisonment, dependency, and victimization dominate, leaving you with uncertainty and a challenged identity. Artistic vocations may proceed well, though, as you are able to tune into others' needs for the fantastic and furnish them with glimpses of worlds that seem far better than the "real" one. Commitment may fluctuate among various social philosophies, especially nonviolent ones, so that your identity in society is seen through your willingness to sacrifice your personal privacy and life goals for some abstract ideal. Society does not see you for what you really are, and while some will be able to pull the wool over the eyes of the world in this zone, the joke will usually be on you.

This location lies a little west of the precise planetary influence; therefore, of the possibilities listed above, those which seem most outer-oriented, yet personally relevant, are those which should be most apt to manifest. As suggested, the influence will act itself out in a social arena, as you find yourself thrust into situations where imposed leadership or responsibility requires you to develop the capacities and skills enumerated above. At first, of course, you are likely to be exposed to people and situations that command your attention (unwillingly, if these are concerns which you would deny having to deal with) and pose examples of how to assume the required authority and properly act it out, but quickly you'll be left on your own, immersed in challenges and situations that clearly require you to develop the skills and awarenesses mentioned above in a public and highly visible manner. If you feel the world is watching you, that's because it is, as your career or vocational position in society demands acceptance of and growth into the potentials enumerated above.

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

**Moon\*Saturn:**

## **SO WHO SAID LIFE WAS FAIR?**

Life here can get pretty serious and no-nonsense. You tend to feel that there is something in your background -- some "family curse" that you can never overcome, that destines you to a life of hard work, service to others, and acceptance of a supporting role in relationships. You're pretty sure that you are not going to measure up to the standards that you imagine established authority has set, and a sense of "sin" or karma makes all the hard work, restriction of feelings, and suppression of your own needs seem justified. It's hard for you to know what you feel, resulting in an immature lack of self-knowledge and constant comparison of self to others, all of which can lead to depression, isolation, frustration, and melancholy. A certain satisfaction results from remaining in a low station in life (or dealing with others who have found themselves down and out).

You are inclined to sacrifice your hopes and ideals for dependent family members or unavoidable responsibilities, often in the care of the elderly or infirm. On the more positive side, this area is good for introspection and self-study, although you tend to dwell on details and miss the broad view. There is a personal dignity and long-suffering stoicism, a stubborn self-sufficiency and overdrive, but horizons are narrow here, and you find yourself comfortable in restricted, usually rather boring and habitual areas of life. There is a pattern here of "internalized oppression": inner voices that say "No" to everything you want to do; a Spartan distaste for abstractions, luxuries and pleasures makes you seem to others a little old-fashioned, Victorian, dreary, and parsimonious. Nevertheless, self-control has its advantages, as here you may be best able to abandon injurious habits and overcome flaws in character through will power. Things happen to you here that have you silently swear, "I'll get even, someday."

As it is hard to know your feelings, needs tend to be denied resulting in cynicism, self-dislike, and perhaps a conclusion that life is only a task. Authority, for all its oppression of you, is still rather slavishly respected, particularly if "they" set standards you can't possibly attain. Health may also be poor here, personal pride is battered by circumstances beyond your control, and lack of objectivity may result in phobias and a reliance upon women, due largely to lack of understanding of your own feeling and nurturing nature.

As likely as the above is another set of possibilities formed by combining the influences you have operating:

### **Moon\*Neptune:**

#### **SUBMERGENCE IN FEELING**

This combination of planets can be pretty extreme in its effects, though at first life may seem to have changed only subtly, if at all. The major influence here is one of the surrender of the ego; you will be strongly drawn to act out, either in your own life or the lives of those you deal with, an idealism so powerful that it demands total surrender of identity, self-preservation, and any sense of form or structure in life. There is total immersion in the rainbow of experience and without guidance of purpose or ego, this results in an overpowering exaggeration of feeling and sensation. Torrential emotions,

wild unsubstantiated fears and hysterical elations, phobias, and imaginations may be among the intense and vivid mental experiences of this location. A life of submission, self-sacrifice, perhaps even humiliation and surrender to others' needs could ensue.

The collective unconscious becomes all too accessible, so that dreams, myths, and psychological inner realities become everyday aspects of life. Psychism and sensitivity are greatly expanded, but practical, financial matters may suffer. Relationships tend to intrigues that ensnare you, and confinement, voluntary or otherwise, may occur. For those willing to give up ego and material life, there is deepened imagination, a life of service or monastic retreat, and you could find your spiritual guide here. People take advantage of you, though, and illusions are a large part of the "enlightenment" you believe to be just around the corner. To survive in this weird and magical climate, you need to learn to deal with the power of humanity's universal, mythological inner mind, assimilate your own past and unconsciousness, and forswear the pleasures of the ego. The desire to return to the womb may lie beneath religious fascination.

Too sensitive to live easily in the day-to-day world of reality here, you withdraw into some artificial reality. This may be an institutional environment (including jobs in large corporations, as well as the more obvious examples such as hospitals or mental wards) or a pharmaceutical one -- addictions and drug abuse can be results of the nervous sensitivity here. Imagination is strong, along with psychic, intuitive awareness of rhythms and others' needs, so artists, or anyone else who needs to sense exactly what the public needs at a given moment, may do well here. More often, though, there is insatiable thirst for sensation, a phony "enlightenment" that thinly masks moralistic self-dislike, public ignominy, confinement, and the repeated intrusions of the unknown, the far-out, and the mystical into everyday life.

### **Saturn\*Neptune:**

#### **A VOICE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS**

This is rarely a congenial locale, as ghosts from the past must be lived with, and darkest secrets eventually come out into public scrutiny. Pessimistic introversion, loneliness, solitude, and mindless obsession with inconsequentiality are moods experienced here, and, while possibly congenial for monks, hermits, and others seeking solitude and contemplation, this area seems negative (at least for external concerns) for almost anyone seeking an active, productive life. Career progress is apt to be slow and often made through subterfuge (which usually is discovered); reality and imagination seem to become confused, with a resultant tendency to paranoia, terrific illusions, persecution feelings, and wild visions of apocalypse. Yet, despite such inclinations, you retain awareness of your own rather hypnotic power over others. Rigorous spiritual discipline is one pursuit for which this zone is good, however, and there could be advance in spiritual hierarchies, musical theory, yoga, or complex social ideas.

Unfortunately, the ideal and the real rarely function well together, and may require frequent lubrication by your compulsive experience of ill health, fatigue, disgrace, allergies, ailments of age, addiction, imprisonment, or asceticism. Such experiences may

lead you to appreciate your link to the whole universe, but do so by underscoring the commonality of suffering to which the flesh is heir. Illusions are constantly pierced, and you may be the victim or perpetrator of fraud, deceit, or even crime. Involvement with institutions is hard to avoid, and unless these are in some serving career (such as nurse, prison worker, social worker, etc.), they could be involuntary. Self-sacrifice (without even the rewards of others' appreciation) is the one pursuit that is encouraged, but you may emerge with a feeling that there was little purpose in your painful self-denial. The ego is oppressed powerfully, and only those who can forswear its attachments and pleasures will be able to enjoy this locale. Despite all this, you retain a basic feeling of your own self-worth, or are forced to forge one, perhaps for the first time.

The underlying problem is an irrepressible need to act out utopian idealism in a material world and to try bringing romantic and unrealistic expectations into being. You may at best be attracted to community-type groupings in an effort to explore these needs, but your messianic impulses often lead to chaos and disillusion.

In addition to what has been explained above, you should understand that the latitude at which this location is found is a very important and potent one for you. A large number of subsidiary influences will confuse and complexify the issues set forth above, and relationships especially are under stress here. If you wish to preserve the indications set forth above, without the complexity of this latitude's influence, you might well consider moving 300 or 400 miles north or south of this location.

### **TEMPORARY INFLUENCES**

In addition to the permanent, lifelong planetary influences described above, which affect the location you inquired about no matter when you reside there or deal with it, there are also important influences of a temporary nature. These operate strongly during the period about which you inquired (this year if you did not specify a time period).

#### **Progressed Moon:**

### **AN EMOTIONAL INTERLUDE**

During the time period you designated for residence in this zone, there is a powerful temporary influence, lasting about eight months. When it is past, your reactions to this zone should return to conformity with its lifetime indications described above, but during this period, feeling, needs, and emotions are intensified, along with responsiveness, sensitivity, excitement, and involvement in the moods and sensations of others. You become far more aware of the subtle emotional climate of your location and the social milieu and other people's needs and demands on you, and you are caught up in the daily crises and feelings of anyone around. This time is one in which your appetites for affection, nurturance, and sustenance become critical, and a sharpening of desire presages the development of your abilities to care for yourself and others; the power of your needs galvanizes you toward their fulfillment. Instability and restlessness are felt when, goaded by the increased urgency of desires and impossibility of their satisfaction, your life changes frequently and unpredictably. You are apt to be much the center of attention now, despite the likelihood that accentuation of your feelings and needs makes you

sensitive and shy; resultant self-consciousness nevertheless can endear you to people, hinting at success in political concerns and anything requiring others' support. Your life will seem populated by mothers and/or dependent children, an indication that issues of self-nurturing and support for yourself are demanding recognition. During this period you'll probably feel a loss of control and that the environment is calling the shots; other people's concerns dominate, so ambitious, selfish schemes and plans may have to be postponed a bit. The value of the time lies in the awareness you gain of what you need, and, hopefully, of how you can begin to satisfy that in yourself.

### **Transiting Saturn:**

#### **RESPONSIBILITY THE KEYNOTE THIS YEAR**

During the time period you designated for residence in this zone, there is a powerful temporary influence, lasting as long as one year. When it is past, your reactions to this zone should return to conformity with its lifetime indications described above, but during this period responsibility is a central issue, and events and situations in your life conspire to force you to accept more of it. Increased pressure is put on you by employers, friends, your home milieu, and most other external forces in your life, and though you begin fearing inadequacy in the face of such demands, you will later realize that this period was important in establishing your capacity to deal with an issue which becomes essential to your social position, power, and autonomy in society. Restriction and frustrations are encountered, forcing you to trim hopes and aspirations in order to deal with tiresome and dreary day-to-day issues. Other people are unsupportive or hostile, sensing your subtle need for individual power and control in any situation, so cooperation is usually neither sought nor forthcoming. This is a time of growing up, and if you willingly assume new responsibilities and autonomous power in your life, it will simply seem a time of hard work and slow, satisfying progress to distant goals. If you do not, misfortune and difficulty, particularly in health, relationship, career, or family matters, may enforce the patterns noted above and restrict your freedom until you are willing to limit it yourself. This influence usually operates in the guise of harsh external authorities by withdrawal of material resources, so finances, real estate, and your parents can impose limitations on you and require the accomplishment of difficult tasks which later prove essential to the evolving purpose of your life.

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.