

The Cosmo Natal Report for

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Positions of Planets at Birth:

Sun	24 Cap 41	Pluto	29 Gem 39
Moon	10 Vir 11	N. Node	16 Pis 02
Mercury	18 Cap 31	Asc.	21 Can 16
Venus	18 Cap 08	MC	22 Pis 13
Mars	10 Can 52	2nd cusp	7 Leo 04
Jupiter	28 Cap 35	3rd cusp	26 Leo 09
Saturn	11 Gem 54	5th cusp	29 Lib 51
Uranus	6 Aqu 50	6th cusp	15 Sag 12
Neptune	26 Can 54		

Chapter 1: How You Approach Life and How You Appear To Others

Cancer Rising:

You appear gentle, and perhaps rather reserved with others until you feel it is safe to be open with them. Your strong need for emotional security and a sense of belonging makes you deeply attached to your roots, family, cherished friends, familiar places, etc., so that making radical changes or moves away from what is known and safe can be quite difficult. Having a home, a safe haven, is very important.

You approach life subjectively, sensitive to the emotional atmosphere, and subtle undercurrents of feeling in and around you. Instinctive and nonrational, you are often unable to give a clear, simple explanation for your actions. Something FEELS right, or it doesn't. You never forget either kindness or unkindness shown to you.

Emotions and personal loyalties tend to color your thoughts and opinions, as you view life from a very personal perspective and often cannot mentally detach yourself from your own bias or prejudices. You are apt to be concerned primarily with how something affects you and those close to you, rather than with the principle or the broader social implications.

Tenaciously loyal, protective, and supportive of those you care about, you have a strong nurturing nature. You are able to empathize with others and intuitively sense their feelings and needs. Compassionate and sympathetic, you are easily moved by others' pain, and therefore often the one others seek out when they need comfort, reassurance, or help.

Fluctuating moods that change frequently mean that you are sometimes open, sometimes withdrawn emotionally. You communicate nonverbally and appreciate a person who can pick up subtle cues and hints, rather than having to make everything explicit.

Neptune Conjunct Asc.:

Your gentle and receptive nature means you sometimes seem to be living half in another world. There is a natural attunement in all your encounters with others, though your elusive style makes it hard for people to figure you out.

Easily influenced, and somewhat idealistic, you have a spiritual, mystical approach to life and are very affected by the suffering in the world. When you are stabilized in reality, your compassion can do a great deal of good.

Chapter 2: The Inner You: Your Real Motivation

Sun in Capricorn:

Serious, disciplined, and quietly ambitious, you strive to prove yourself, to achieve substantial accomplishments and success. You care about your position in the world and contributions to society, and are capable of persevering through enormous hardship and frustration to reach a goal you have set for yourself.

Your thoughtful, self-contained disposition does not readily show your inner feelings and needs: You like to give the impression that you are always in control, capable, efficient, and strong, and are often the person in the family or group who is given more responsibility (and more work) than others.

Highly conscientious, even as a child you may have developed a maturity, soberness, and worldly wisdom beyond your years.

You are a pragmatist at heart, and though you may have all sorts of dreams, ideals and colorful theories, you tend to believe that the ultimate test of a concept is its practical usefulness. This gives an innate shrewdness and business sense.

Clear-headed, detached and objective, you are not usually swayed by emotional dramatics, and so may come off as strictly fair, but without mercy. You have a respect for traditions: Even if you don't agree with certain laws, you will abide by them or work to change them. Except under great duress, you would not just flagrantly disregard them.

You are inclined to be subtle, understated, quiet, deep, not easy to know intimately, and at times overly self-critical. Giving yourself (and others) permission to feel, to play, to be spontaneous, and to be weak and vulnerable sometimes, is part of your growing edge. Your strength is your commitment to thoroughness, patience, tenacity, and faithfulness.

Sun in 7th house:

You invest a tremendous amount of your creative energy into your relationships with others, particularly your marriage or other close partnerships. You feel you need others in order to be all that you can be, and so try to look for a partner before embarking on solitary activities and endeavors.

Working with people on a one-to-one basis to bring about mutual understanding, harmony, and satisfaction is an area in which you could do well. You might really shine in situations where your counseling or negotiating skills are needed.

Sun Conjunct Mercury:

Tending to see things from your perspective only, you enjoy talking and expressing your views, but may not always be as open to others' viewpoints. Your clear mind and love of learning brings many new experiences, and continual mental stimulation.

Sun Conjunct Venus:

You are loving and well-loved by others, with a strong need for kindness, friendship, and affection. Your artistic and creative powers should also be well developed, enabling you to do everything in a harmonious, gracious, pleasing manner. Your personal appearance and attractiveness are also probably very important to you.

Sun Conjunct Jupiter:

Blessed with abundant optimism, self-confidence, and cheerful generosity, you have the ability to inspire others to believe in themselves too.

You may have grand visions and aspirations for yourself, and the desire to succeed in life in a big way. Expecting the best, you usually get it, as your good will and friendliness win you many allies.

Sun Opposition Neptune:

Extremely sensitive and imaginative, you are motivated by dreams, fantasies, and visions, believing that you have to be something extraordinary, or you're nothing at all. There can be an aptitude for artistic and creative pursuits, the world of color, beauty, and emotion. Gentle and peace-loving, you may also be drawn to mysticism, having deep spiritual aspirations and yearnings. You may have to struggle to find the competitive spirit needed to make your mark in the world, putting off

your idealistic vision, to face the hard realities of life.

Chapter 3: Mental Interests and Abilities

Mercury in Capricorn:

Clear, objective, and realistic, you are unimpressed by exaggerated claims or promises. You want to see facts to back up any statement you hear. You approach problems clearly and rationally and are capable of maintaining your poise and objectivity even in the midst of critical situations. Anyone seeking your advice is certain to get an unemotional and unbiased assessment of their situation, and you therefore would make a good arbitrator or judge. Thorough, conscientious, and disciplined in your thinking, you have an aptitude for business, organization, and administration. A good strategist, you will plan and patiently follow a realistic course which will lead to your eventual success. Serious-minded and studious, you enjoy quiet time alone for thinking or reading.

Mercury in 6th house:

You use your mind to organize, classify, and bring order to your environment. You are interested in the refinement of your technical skills and abilities, and can be a stickler for details. Organizational or secretarial skills, training others in your area of expertise, or work involving teaching and communications would take advantage of this aptitude. Your daily routine involves the need to think clearly and analyze conditions from moment to moment.

Mercury Conjunct Venus:

You appreciate aesthetics and have a fine sense of form, design, and beauty. You could develop considerable technical skill as an artist, designer, craftsman, or creative writer. You could also sell objects of beauty - artistic products, cosmetics, jewelry, etc.

You have the ability to please and harmonize well with others and tend to ameliorate relationships between people. Your sense of humor, tact, and personal charm are of great benefit to you in any work with people on a one-to-one level.

Chapter 4: Emotions: Moods, Feelings, Romance

Moon in Virgo:

You are sensitive, cautious, and shy about showing others your feelings. Though you may love and care for someone a great deal, you rarely express those feelings openly and freely. Very often your love for someone will be expressed by trying to help them, doing something tangible to benefit them, or serving them in some way.

It is also difficult for you to receive warmth, affection, or appreciation, for you may feel that you don't really deserve it or that "they don't really mean it". You can therefore seem rather cool and aloof, much more so than you really feel.

A deeply ingrained critical attitude can make you difficult to live with at times. You benefit by learning to be gentler and less of a perfectionist with others and with yourself.

Moon in 3rd house:

There's an inclination to make decisions solely for emotional or personal reasons, because something "feels right", or because you've always done it a certain way, and are uncomfortable changing it. Even when you think you're being rational, long held prejudices, intuitions, and feelings influence your reasoning a great deal. Because you are comfortable talking about personal subjects, and sharing confidences, you enable others to express their inner feelings with you as well. This can give you good psychological insight into others.

Moon Square Saturn:

Growing up, you may have experienced restriction, or felt neglected for some reason. Though you may appear cool or self-contained, you actually care very much about being included. However, it can sometimes seem easier to withdraw into a shell than to open yourself to the emotional bumps and bruises that you risk when you let others really know you. Your natural reserve and caution could limit opportunities for connecting with others, making you more attached to the few people you consider "real friends".

When young, you may have internalized the belief that you must DO something, or BE something, in order to be acceptable. It may be helpful to be aware of ways you learned to 'overcompensate' for that feeling, and decide whether, at this stage of life, you still need to work so hard to be loved....

You would benefit by practicing "prosperity consciousness", to counteract a tendency to focus on what is lacking. Inner security and strength can be your reward for periods of solitude, if you view them as times to nourish yourself and develop your own interests, rather than as times of loneliness.

Moon Sextile Mars:

You have the ability to be assertive and deal with difficulties in a direct sort of way. Rather than dwelling on emotional slights from the past, you'd rather give people the benefit of the doubt, and move on. Permissive with yourself and with others, your 'easy come, easy go' attitude helps you stay tuned to what really matters to you.

Venus in Capricorn:

You care about others' opinions, and crave love and appreciation as much as anyone, but no one would know it by your reserved and seemingly detached approach.

Casual, superficial relationships do not hold much interest for you. Your caution and reserve about love only indicates your desire for a deep, genuine love. Old-fashioned about commitment, you will remain faithful to your loved one in good times and in bad. You tend to be attracted to persons of quality and experience, preferring someone who seems emotionally mature and reliable.

Venus in 6th house:

When you care about someone, you like to serve them, doing small thoughtful favors, helping them, or doing something tangible to show your affection.

You also have considerable artistic or creative skill and may sew or do other handiwork or crafts. In fact, you are suited for a profession involving beauty or pleasure or making people happy in some way.

Chapter 5: Drive and Ambition: How You Achieve Your Goals

Mars in Cancer:

You prefer to avoid direct confrontation as much as possible and are uncomfortable with aggressiveness, competition, and personal power. Not especially ambitious or eager to push your way to the top, you may try to avoid situations that call for strong, forceful action.

The only instance in which you will really fight is when you feel your loved ones, or something dear to you, is being harmed: Then you become a fierce defender. You have a very strong protective impulse: Reacting on instinct, you may lash out at anyone you perceive as threatening to your home or family. Otherwise, you will rarely initiate a confrontation. Your goals also tend to be very personal and centered around family closeness and inner satisfaction rather than worldly achievement.

Sensitive to stress, you do not handle a high-pressured, competitive atmosphere very well, and can become very touchy, irritable, and difficult to live with when there are too many demands at work. Your energy level is inconsistent and very much dependent upon the emotional harmony (or lack of it) in your home. A supportive partner is of great benefit to you in helping you achieve your goals and desires.

Mars in 12th house:

Asserting yourself, being direct and forceful about what you want, may be difficult for you. Though you may have a great deal of energy and drive, you simply don't want to put yourself and your interests first.

Positively put, you can be very unselfish, working more on behalf of others rather than for yourself. But when you deny your own desires and needs too much, you can secretly accumulate anger, which can potentially sabotage your finest efforts. Learning about your own power, reflecting on your own unconscious drives, and owning your own anger will illuminate a lot of subtle problems in life.

Chapter 6: Other Influences

Jupiter in Capricorn:

There is an innate shrewdness, an ability to develop a clear strategy and follow it carefully in order to reach your goals. A natural sense of order, structure, and self-discipline enables you to excel in whatever field you enter, and it is important to you to do a conscientious job, no matter how humble the task.

Jupiter in 7th house:

You are a very sociable person, and you need to reach out and communicate with many different people. You are interested in what others can teach you and are drawn to those with more knowledge or breadth of experience than yourself. You expect a high level of integrity and sincerity from others and can not abide pettiness or hypocrisy in your close friends or marriage partner.

You also need freedom and want a partner who will support your need to keep learning and growing, who will not limit you or set too many boundaries.

Jupiter Opposition Neptune:

There is probably a profusion of inspiration in many areas of your life. You are refreshed by time spent in nature in quiet meditation, but at other times it is worth the effort to bring forth your insightful ideas. There may seem to be an ongoing debate in your head about whether to simply contemplate your own insights, or go out on the stump and profess your message to the world.

You tend to be highly idealistic, ready to believe anything is possible, no matter how impractical it sounds to others. This can mean you are forever looking for an unattainable ideal. ("Somewhere Over The Rainbow" could be your theme song...) Eventually, you'll learn how to balance your lofty idealism with a degree of temperance and practicality. Just don't let anyone take your dreams away. You are a channel for great things, which can bring unmeasurable benefit to others.

Saturn in Gemini:

You doubt your own intelligence and mental capacities, and you may work very hard at studies in order to compensate for this. You are often overly serious and disinterested in light or superficial conversation. Spontaneous communication, social give-and-take, and making small talk are likely to be difficult for you.

Saturn in 11th house:

At times in life, you may have been uncomfortable with organizations centered around some common ideal, because you found the rules and procedures restrictive - or you may have simply felt that you did not fit in. At other times you may grow to appreciate the value of groups, and even become a leader yourself.

Uranus in Aquarius:

You are part of a 7 year group of people who are very bright and inventive, and contribute much to the sciences. Your age group advances technology at an even greater rate than previous generations, and could develop extremely large facilities for furthering research and development of new technologies. Increased cooperation and communication throughout the world assists you in this progress, for most of the development is made possible by large-scale cooperation rather than single individuals.

Uranus in 7th house:

You will need a lot of freedom in your close one-to-one relationships. There is a tendency to rebel against convention and restrictions when it comes to marriage, or to try to be 'authentic' by choosing a highly unusual, eccentric, or unconventional partner. And anyone who tries to control you will have a rebel on their hands.

The main thing is to cultivate a trust, that there is a way, perhaps in a nontraditional living arrangement, to have a relationship that gives you enough space for your independent spirit. It's a good idea in any partnership, to negotiate for your own space, by communicating up front your need to be free and spontaneous in your dealings.

Neptune in Cancer:

You are part of a 14 year group of people that are highly intuitive, emotional, and sentimental. Your generation approaches religion in an emotional and devotional manner, and is less concerned with specific dogma and doctrine than other generations. You are an emotional and sentimental group that clings to your memories of precious and special moments.

Neptune in 1st house:

Yielding, gentle, and impressionable, you tend to "melt" into your surroundings, and do not project a very powerful, vivid impression. Especially while young, you may not have a very clear sense of your own identity.

Sensitive and compassionate, you do not enjoy fighting and no matter what you profess, are a pacifist at heart.

Pluto in Gemini:

You are part of a 30 year group of people who have a lighthearted and carefree attitude towards life. Your subconscious and emotional needs are not as great and not as difficult as other generations. You approach life in a more airy and easygoing manner. You know how to have a good time and do not take life as seriously as other generations do.

You are a curious and inquisitive bunch and love puzzles and word games. Some members of your generation will follow these interests with great depth, and contribute spectacular breakthroughs in the areas of languages, mathematics and logic.

These breakthroughs also highlight the importance of educational skills and the benefits they can bring, and your generation is highly motivated to improve the educational standards and academic skills of people. A tremendous push is given to ensure literacy of all people, to develop adequate verbal and mathematical skills, and to slow down the dropout rate from high schools. Needless to say, these are noble goals that all generations support, but your generation puts a much greater emphasis on these issues than others age groups do.

The generation following yours is far more emotional and personally sensitive than your group. Consequently, many of you are oblivious to the emotional support and tender nurturing that your children (who are likely to be members of this next generation) require.

Pluto in 12th house:

There is a deep interest in secrets, the unconscious, and anything hidden and mysterious. You may try investigating your dreams, or other subtle methods of uncovering secrets, as you can be exceptionally perceptive intuitively or psychically. Your inherited emotions and subconscious energies are complex, and periodic transformations and personal crises are sprinkled liberally throughout your lifetime.