

The Asteroids Report for

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Introduction to the Asteroids Report

Asteroids orbit around the Sun just as planets do, but they are generally smaller than planets, and some of their physical characteristics and orbital characteristics are different from those of planets. Some objects are classified as being dwarf planets, and these objects are more similar to planets than most asteroids but do not fully have the characteristics that are typical of a planet. Pluto was once regarded officially as a planet but has been reclassified as a dwarf planet, and the asteroid Ceres is now widely regarded as a dwarf planet.

Of the hundreds of thousands of asteroids that orbit around our Sun, over 1,000 of them have been given names that are related to myths, legends, literary or historical figures of interest, or places. Some astrologers believe that asteroids have a significance and relevance to human life just as the planets do, and that the astrological significance of the asteroid is often related in some way to the name of the asteroid.

In this report 1,425 asteroids are analyzed to see if they are conjunct in zodiac longitude the Sun, Moon, or planets in the birth chart within a 1 degree orb. If the conjunction occurs, information about the asteroid is provided.

Those astrologers who include hundreds of asteroids in their interpretations believe that the asteroids often related to very specific events in your life. The names of close family and friends and situations that you encounter in life often reflect the nature of the asteroids that are conjunct planets in your chart. You may not be extremely passionate about the subject area related to the asteroid but somehow, as if by fate, you are drawn into situations and circumstances that bring the qualities of the asteroid into your life. By reading your Asteroids Report you can see for yourself if the asteroids conjunct the Sun, Moon, and planets in your birth chart, provide keys to many of the situations that you encounter in your life.

Listed below are the planet positions:

Sun	17	Gem	15	True Node	2	Lib	38
Moon	16	Can	05	Asc.	25	Tau	14
Mercury	9	Gem	50	MC	8	Aqu	54
Venus	20	Can	43				
Mars	26	Leo	55				
Jupiter	10	Can	42				
Saturn	25	Leo	18				
Uranus	13	Sco	04				
Neptune	16	Sag	56				
Pluto	13	Lib	58				

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The Sun

Your Basic Personality: Your Style and the Way You Do Things

Sun Conjunct Celuta, Orb: 0 deg. 59 min.

The meaning of this asteroid's name is unknown.

Sun Conjunct Emma, Orb: 0 deg. 25 min.

The name Emma is derived from the Germanic *ermin*, meaning "whole", "universal" or "all". This name is most famous as that of the protagonist of Jane Austen's comic novel *Emma*. The story concerns "handsome, clever and rich" Emma Woodhouse, an over-privileged and self-aggrandizing young woman.

This asteroid may give a life of luxury, yet a tendency towards pomposity and naive arrogance.

Sun Conjunct Isara, Orb: 0 deg. 18 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of the Isere, a river which flows through the Rhone-Alpes region of southeastern France. The Isere descends from its source in the Alps to merge with the Rhone river.

This asteroid may grant personal relevancy to this waterway and the territory which it inhabits.

Sun Conjunct Josephina, Orb: 0 deg. 36 min.

This asteroid was named for a person dear to its discoverer, Italian astronomer Elia Millosevich.

The name Josephina is the female equivalent to the male name Joseph. Joseph comes from the Hebrew *Yusuf*, meaning "God will increase/add". This name was ascribed to several prominent Biblical characters. In the Hebrew Bible, as well as the Koran, Joseph is mentioned as the favorite son of the patriarch Jacob. In his legend this Joseph is sold into slavery in Egypt by his jealous brothers, but makes the most of his situation by rising in rank from a slave to one of the Pharaoh's viceroys. His skill at interpreting dreams spawned this social ascent.

In the New Testament of the Christian Bible, Joseph is also the name of the Virgin Mary's husband and Jesus' adoptive father. As a saint this Joseph patronizes workers (particularly carpenters, stonemasons, builders and craftsmen) as well as pregnant women and immigrants. The New Testament also speaks of Joseph of Arimathea, a wealthy man who donated his own prepared tomb to the body of Jesus after his crucifixion.

This asteroid may bestow the ability to optimize one's circumstances and increase benefits to oneself and others. Dream interpretation, manual labor, craftsmanship, foster parenting and philanthropy may be favored pursuits. Close friendships may also be held in high regard.

Sun Conjunct Repsolda, Orb: 0 deg. 50 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of German astronomer and firefighter Johann Georg Repsold (1770-1830). Repsold began building a private astronomical observatory in his native town of Hamburg in 1802. This observatory was destroyed in the Napoleonic Wars in 1811. In 1825 it was rebuilt. Repsold served as its director until 1830 when he died while extinguishing fires.

This asteroid may bestow an interest in firefighting and astronomy.

Sun Conjunct Siberia, Orb: 0 deg. 03 min.

Siberia is a vast region constituting almost all of northern Asia. It is currently a part of the Russian Federation, and makes up around 77% of that nation's landmass. It includes a large part of the Eurasian Steppe, extending eastward from the Ural Mountains to the Pacific Ocean. It is bordered to the north by the Arctic Ocean and to the south by Kazakhstan, Mongolia and China. With around 36 million residents inhabiting its 13 million square kilometers, Siberia houses about a quarter of Russia's total population.

The name Siberia may be derived from Siber, a Tartar word meaning "Sleeping Land". This expansive and often desolate territory has historically been inhabited by a variety of nomadic tribes, including Yenets, Nenets, Huns, Scythians, Mongols, Tartars and Uyghurs. The majority of its history remains undocumented and obscure. In the 15th Century eastern Siberia hosted the Khanate of Siber, a monarchic state with its capital at Chimgi-Tura (present-day Tyumen, Russia). In the 16th Century, the emerging power of Russia conquered the Khanate and began to extend its sphere of influence eastward across Siberia. In the 19th Century, political revolutionaries who challenged Imperial Russia were exiled to Siberia. During this time the Trans-Siberian Railroad began to be constructed, leading to the industrialization of Siberia and the exploitation of its extensive mineral resources. Siberia is abundantly rich in valuable minerals including silver, gold, nickel, lead, gypsum, coal, petroleum, diamonds and natural gas. It is also rich in reserves of fresh water. Ecosystems in Siberia range from sub-arctic tundra and taiga to temperate forest. Religious practices in the area include Tibetan Buddhism, Orthodox Christianity, Judaism, Islam and a wide variety of indigenous polytheistic/shamanic traditions.

This asteroid may ascribe personal importance to this unique land.

Sun Opposition Hedwig, Orb: 0 deg. 41 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of Hedwig Lidforss, the wife of Swedish-Danish astronomer Elis Stromgren (1870-1947). Hedwig was a dentist and a writer.

The name Hedwig is derived from a combination of the Germanic words hadu, meaning "battle", and wig, meaning "fight".

Saint Hedwig (also known as Saint Jadwiga) was the sovereign monarch of Poland from 1384 CE until her death in 1399. She was the daughter of Louis I of Hungary and Elisabeth of Bosnia. Hedwig had visionary religious experiences during her rule, and was venerated as a saint in Poland directly following her death. She was officially canonized in 1997 and is the patron saint of queens and of United Europe.

There was also another Saint Hedwig, Saint Hedwig of Andechs (1174-1243). This Hedwig is the patron saint of Poland, Krakow, Berlin and orphaned children. She was known in her time as an advocate of the poor.

This asteroid may give aggressive tendencies. You may assume a role uncommon for those of their gender. A position of both political and religious influence may be attained. Charitable and generous qualities may manifest, and the individual may provide aid to orphaned and/or impoverished people. Endeavors relating to dentistry and writing may be favored. The nation of Poland may also hold personal significance.

The Moon

Your Moods, Deeper Feelings, Home, and Family

Moon Conjunct Brangane, Orb: 0 deg. 08 min.

In Richard Wagner's opera *Tristan and Isolde*, Brangane is Isolde's handmaid. She plays a central role in the drama by substituting a love potion for poison, causing Tristan and Isolde to fall in love.

This asteroid may give an inclination to serve others. Romantic and tragic themes may infuse life. You may play the role of matchmaker.

Moon Conjunct Jo-Ann, Orb: 0 deg. 44 min.

This asteroid was named for Jo-Ann Bowell, the wife of its discoverer.

The name Jo-Ann (like Jeanne, Joan, Jane and Johanna) is a feminine form of the name *John*. John is derived from the Hebrew Yochanan, meaning "HaShem is gracious". HaShem literally means "the Name", and refers to the solitary god of Judaism. Yochanan was the name of several important rabbis of the Second Temple period of Israel. It was a common given name in Judea and Galilee around the time of the invasion of the Roman Empire. Translated into Greek as *Ioannes*, the name also became popular with Early Christians. The Christian figures of John the Baptist (Yochanan ben Zechariah) and John the Apostle (Yochanan ben Zibhdi) also bore this name. As Christianity spread throughout the Western world, so did the popularity of the name John.

This asteroid may grant personal importance to the Judeo-Christian religious tradition. It may also ascribe significance to the institution of marriage.

Moon Conjunct Nyx, Orb: 0 deg. 23 min.

In Greek mythology, Nyx was the goddess of the night. She was considered a primordial deity, having existed from the beginning of creation. With Erebus, the god of darkness and shadow, she produced Aether, the god of the bright upper air (atmosphere) and Hemera, the goddess of the day. She also produced a number of deities through parthenogenesis, including Thanatos, the god of death; Hypnos, the god of sleep; the Oneiroi, chief among whom was Morpheus, the gods of dreams; Charon, the ferryman of the Underworld; the Keres, the goddesses of death; Nemesis, the goddess of vengeance and retribution; Apate, the goddess of deceit; Geras, the god of old age; Eris, the goddess of discord and strife; Oizys, the goddess of distress and suffering; Philotes, the goddess of friendship; Ponos,

the god of hard labor; Momos, the god of satire, mockery and criticism; Moros, the god of impending doom; the Hesperides, nymphs of the evening who inhabited the land of the setting sun; and the Moirae, the goddesses of fate. With Ouranos, the god of the sky, Nyx produced Lyssa, the goddess of madness.

Nyx was traditionally worshipped in the ancient world in association with other deities, such as Artemis, Aphrodite and Dionysus. At the acropolis in Megara an oracle was dedicated to her.

This asteroid may grant personal importance to the nighttime hours. Nocturnal tendencies may develop. Dreams may play an essential role in life, as may the other dominions of Nyx and her children.

Moon Conjunct Pia, Orb: 0 deg. 10 min.

The female name Pia is the feminine form of the Latin-derived name Pius, literally meaning "pious". Pius has been the name of eleven Catholic Popes, as well as several Late Roman leaders.

Piousness, or piety, is the quality of extreme religious devotion, dutifulness and reverence for the divine. In Christianity, piety is considered a virtue and a means of procuring the favor of God. In the Catholic and Anglican traditions it is one of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit; the other six being Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge and Fear of God.

The Latin *pietas*, from which the words *pious* and *piety* arise, may come from the Greek *Piodasses*, which is in turn derived from the Indic Prakrit term *Piyadasi*, meaning "Beloved of the Gods".

This asteroid may give a strong passion for religion or spirituality.

Moon Conjunct Samadhi, Orb: 0 deg. 47 min.

In Hinduism and Buddhism, the term *Samadhi* refers to a state of consciousness which is achieved through deep meditation. In this state, the mind becomes completely still, or "one-pointed". A non-dualistic mental condition is attained, in which the consciousness of the experiencing subject becomes one with the experienced object.

The word Samadhi may have arisen from a combination of the Sanskrit components *sama*, meaning "even" and *dhi*, meaning "intellect". In this case it may be interpreted as "mental equilibrium". Another etymology for this word proposes that it is derived from the Sanskrit components *sam*, meaning "together, integrated", *a*, meaning "towards", and *dha*, meaning "to hold, to get". In this scenario, Samadhi would mean "to acquire wholeness". Both of these potential meanings may illuminate the nature of this concept.

In Buddhism, Samadhi is the third part of the Eightfold Path espoused by the teachings of the Buddha. In Hinduism, Samadhi may also refer to the intentional departure of the soul from the physical body at death. This is sometimes called *Mahasamadhi*, or "Great Samadhi". In the Hindu world Samadhi mandirs are temples honoring the memory of individuals who experienced Mahasamadhi at death or achieved a state of Samadhi during life.

This asteroid may ascribe personal significance to the concept of Samadhi. You may seek to achieve such a state of "mental equilibrium".

Moon Conjunct Schlutia, Orb: 0 deg. 33 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of German businessman Edgar Schlubach and English banker Henry Frederic Tiarks. Together Schlubach and Tiarks financed a 1922 astronomical expedition to the Indonesian island of Java in which this asteroid's discover, Karl Wilhelm Reinmuth (1892-1979), participated.

This asteroid may bestow both philanthropic and adventurous inclinations.

Moon Conjunct Vulcano, Orb: 0 deg. 47 min.

In the ancient Roman religion, Vulcan was the god of artisans, craftspeople, blacksmiths, sculptors, metallurgy, fire and volcanic activity. He is analogous to the Etruscan god *Sethlans*, and later became conflated with the Greek god *Hephaestus*. In Medieval times, alchemists such as Paracelsus adopted him as the patron deity of

their art. He is also known as *Mulciber*.

In Rome Vulcan was honored annually at the festival of Volcanalia, which occurred on August 23rd. During this celebration, bonfires were lit and Vulcan was offered sacrifices of fish. His primary sanctuary, the *Volcanal*, was located in an open area at the foot of the Capitulum. According to Roman folklore, this temple was established by the city's legendary founder, Romulus.

Vulcan was the son of Jupiter and Juno, the King and Queen of the Gods. When he was born his mother thought that he was so ugly that she threw him in disdain from the ethereal abode of the gods to Earth. Being immortal, he survived the fall, but his legs were permanently broken. According to Greek version of the legend, he landed on the Aegean island of Lemnos, upon which he fashioned his fiery forge. This island became a center of his worship. There Vulcan built a chariot to transport himself. In later Roman renditions of his tale, Vulcan was rescued as a child by the oceanic goddess Thetis, for whom he later fashioned many exquisite pieces of jewelry in gratitude.

In the *Iliad* Homer describes the brass humanoid machines which Hephaestus (Vulcan) made to be his assistants, not unlike our contemporary conception of robots. This deity of mechanical genius was particularly revered in the manufacturing and industrial centers of ancient Greece (such as Athens), as well as at Lemnos. He was typically depicted in art carrying the tools of his trade: the hammer, the anvil, the tongs and the ax.

In some legends Vulcan was recorded as using his wit to exact revenge on his superficial mother for crippling and rejecting him. He created a spectacular golden throne which she could not resist, and had it sent to her as a present. When Juno sat in the throne, however, she found herself unable to leave it.

Jupiter arranged for Vulcan to marry the lovely goddess Venus in exchange for his release of Juno from the binding Golden Throne. This marriage failed however, as Venus objected to Vulcan's grotesque appearance. She preferred the handsome war god Mars, and soon began a love affair with him.

Vulcan's name is the etymological origin of the word *volcano*. In the ancient world volcanic mountains were thought to be his workshops. Mount Etna in Sicily was especially associated with him.

This asteroid may grant exceptional skill in manual and mechanical endeavors. Industry, metal work and all manner of crafts are favored. There may also be a tendency towards becoming estranged or ostracized from one's family or society. An affinity with fire and/or geothermal activity may develop.

Moon Opposition Carlova, Orb: 0 deg. 31 min.

The Carolingian Dynasty (also known as the Carolingian Dynasty) was a Frankish noble family tracing their lineage to the Arnulfing and Pippinid clans of the 7th Century CE. The family name comes from the Medieval Latin word *karolingi*, meaning "Descendants of Charles". Charles Martel (646-741 CE), also known as "Charles the Hammer", began this line of kings. His grandson Charlemagne ("Charles the Great") expanded his empire across much of Central and Western Europe, crowning himself Holy Roman Emperor in 800.

This asteroid may give a desire for political power. A position of authority may be attained. Family heritage and tradition may play an important role in life. There may be a tendency towards ruthlessness. The lands of central Europe, once ruled by the Carolingians, may hold personal significance.

Moon Opposition Dora, Orb: 0 deg. 47 min.

This asteroid was named for a friend of its discoverer's wife. The name Dora is of Greek derivation and means "Gift".

The influence of this asteroid may pertain to themes of giving and receiving. A generous nature is possible. You may also become the recipient of unexpected boons. Family friends may play an important role in life.

Moon Opposition Lucretia, Orb: 0 deg. 48 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of German astronomer Caroline Lucretia Herschel (1750-1848), the sister and colleague of Sir Friedrich Wilhelm Herschel. Caroline Lucretia Herschel discovered several comets and nebulae during the course of her career. She also assisted her brother in his work, including his discovery of Uranus.

This asteroid may give a penchant for the study of the stars. Relationships between siblings may also become an important part of life.

Moon Opposition Neith, Orb: 0 deg. 32 min.

Neith is the ancient Egyptian goddess of war and hunting, as well as of crafts, wisdom and creation. She was symbolized in Egypt by two arrows crossed over a shield, an icon expressive of her combative nature.

In another aspect Neith was perceived as the divine personification of the primordial waters of creation. As such she was often depicted nursing a baby crocodile, sometimes identified with the crocodile-headed god Sobek. In this form Neith was associated with primal creation. She was also a protectress of women and married couples. Her name means "Water".

As a creatrix, Neith was allied with the loom and the practice of weaving cloth. She was also lauded as a wise arbiter, serving as an impartial judge in the conflict between the gods Horus and Set.

Cows, serpents and lionesses were viewed as sacred to Neith. She was also the patron deity of the Egyptian cities of Zau (modern day Sais) and Ta-senet (modern day Esna).

During Egypt's Hellenistic period Neith was conflated with the Greek goddess Athena. Athena was also traditionally affiliated with battle, weaving and judiciousness.

This asteroid may grant great skill in military, strategic and protective endeavors. You may act as a mediator during times of conflict. All crafty, creative and productive pursuits are favored, especially those involving textiles. The element, attributes and animals which correlate to Neith (and Athena) may also hold personal significance.

Mercury

How You Process Information and Communicate

Mercury Conjunct Belisana, Orb: 0 deg. 28 min.

Belisana (or Belisama) was a Celtic goddess worshipped in ancient Gaul and Britain. She was associated with lakes and rivers, fire and crafts. Under Roman rule she was conflated with the goddess Minerva, also a patroness of crafts. She is sometimes referred to as the consort of Belenus, the "Shining One", Celtic god of heat and healing.

This asteroid may grant an affinity with Celtic culture, as well as a love of natural bodies of water. The creation of practical and decorative objects may also become an area of interest.

Mercury Conjunct Carol, Orb: 0 deg. 53 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of Carol D. Valenti, a staff member of the Minor Planet Center at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory.

The name Carol is a variation of the Scandinavian Carl, meaning "a free person".

This asteroid may give a talent for scientific research and a love of personal autonomy.

Mercury Conjunct Gudrun, Orb: 0 deg. 35 min.

Gudrun is a character in Norse mythology and Germanic literature. She is attested to in the Volsunga saga, the *Poetic Edda* and the *Song of the Nibelungs*, which was the inspiration for Richard Wagner's opera cycle the *Ring of the Nibelung*.

In her story, Gudrun falls in love with the handsome hero Sigurd. He disregards her, favoring the warrior maiden Brynhildr. Gudrun's mother gives her a magic potion to make Sigurd forget about Brynhildr. She is encouraged in this deception by her brother Gunnar, who loves Brynhildr. For a time the devious plan works, and Brynhildr is fooled into marrying Gunnar, who has taken the form of Sigurd. The lie eventually unravels, causing the deaths of Sigurd, Brynhildr and Gunnar. Gudrun goes on to marry the King Atli (a character based on Attila the Hun), who becomes responsible for killing her entire family. Gudrun exacts revenge on Atli by killing their two sons, Erp and Eitil, and cooking them for Atli's dinner. When he is drunk she tells him what she has done before burning down his hall, killing him as well. She then tries to drown herself in the ocean, but through a twist of fate survives and washes up on the shore of Sweden, where she marries King Jonakr.

This asteroid may give a tumultuous and harsh life filled with tragedy, yet a strong capacity for survival.

Mercury Conjunct Isberga, Orb: 0 deg. 41 min.

This asteroid was named for Saint Isberga, also known as Saint Itisberga, a Christian saint of the 8th Century. Isberga was a Benedictine nun who lived at the convent of Aire in Artois, France. She may have been the sister of Charlemagne, the famous Frankish king and conqueror. Today she is revered as a patron saint of the region of Artois.

This asteroid may grant personal significance to that geographic area and its history, as well as to the Christian religion and the early Medieval era.

Mercury Conjunct Johanna, Orb: 0 deg. 47 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of Jeanne d'Arc, (1412-1431), the national heroine of *France*. Guided by heavenly voices, Jeanne d'Arc led the French armies to an unexpected victory against English invaders in the Hundred Year's War. Burnt at the stake for heresy at the age of 19, she later became a Catholic saint.

Jeanne is the French feminine equivalent of the name John. John is derived from the Hebrew *Yochanan*, meaning "HaShem is gracious". HaShem literally means "the Name", and refers to the solitary god of Judaism. Yochanan was the name of several important rabbis of the Second Temple period of Israel. It was a common given name in Judea and Galilee around the time of the invasion of the Roman empire. Translated into Greek as *Ioannes*, the name also became popular with Early Christians. The Christian figures of John the Baptist (Yochanan ben Zechariah) and John the Apostle (Yochanan ben Zibhdi) also bore this name. As Christianity spread throughout the Western world, so did the popularity of the name John.

This asteroid bestow a sense of divine guidance. The Judeo-Christian religion may play an important role in life. The nation of France may also hold great personal relevancy.

Mercury Conjunct Lundia, Orb: 0 deg. 58 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of the Lund Observatory in Lund, Sweden. The first astronomical observatory in Lund was built by Anders Spole, a professor of astronomy at the University of Lund in 1672. It was destroyed during the Battle of Lund (fought between Swedish and Danish armies) in 1676 and rebuilt in 1749. The University of Lund, founded in 1666, is one of Scandinavia's oldest and largest institutions of research and higher education. The city of Lund itself is the capital of the province of Scania. It was founded in 990 and became a nexus of Northern European Christianity with the establishment of the Lund Cathedral in 1103.

This asteroid may ascribe personal significance to the city of Lund, as well as to the entire nation of Sweden. The practice of astronomy may be favored, as may other related academic and scientific enterprises.

Mercury Conjunct Minerva, Orb: 0 deg. 36 min.

Minerva, whom Ovid referred to as the "goddess of a thousand works", was the ancient Roman deity of war and peace, strategy, wisdom, civilization, reason and crafts. Minerva's name comes from that of her Etruscan counterpart *Menrva*. This name stems from the Proto-Indo-European root *mn*, indicating the mental, intellectual and mnemonic capacities of human beings.

Forming a holy trinity with her father Jupiter and his wife Juno, Minerva was the divine champion of military, governmental and education institutions in ancient Rome. Today her image continues to adorn the seals of many universities and governments.

Minerva was the Roman adaptation of the Greek goddess Athena, the patron deity of the city-state of Athens. According to legend, Athena battled Poseidon, Lord of the Ocean, for the divine ownership of Athens.

Athena/Minerva is sometimes referred to as the daughter of the goddess Metis, whose name means "Wisdom" or "Knowledge". In other accounts she is the motherless and mind-born daughter of Zeus. In the latter renditions of her tale she is said to have sprung fully grown, dressed and armed from her father's forehead, splitting his skull in two.

Writers such as Plato and Herodotos correlated her to Neith, the Libyan/Egyptian goddess of war and weaving. Although Athena/Minerva delighted in all handiwork, she was particularly connected with the art of the loom. In one ancient tale a mortal woman named Arachne hubristically boasted that she possessed more skill in weaving than Athena. The goddess then challenged her to a contest in which Arachne created a blasphemous tapestry depicting the adulterous exploits of Zeus. Athena transformed Arachne into a spider.

Athena also promoted the concept of heroism and played the role of wise advisor to several legendary Greek heroes such as Perseus, to whom she bequeathed a magical sword.

Athena/Minerva is usually depicted in art wearing armor and a war-helmet. She often holds a long spear. Her aegis, or chest-plate, typically includes a likeness of the severed head of the gorgon Medusa. Medusa was beheaded by Perseus with Athena's help. The gorgon's fearsome gaze was said to turn any living creature to stone. Gorgons were originally protection deities, and Athena's appropriation of Medusa's image may emphasize her role as a divine protectress.

Athena/Minerva is often accompanied by an owl, a symbol of wisdom. One of her epithets was *Glaukopsis*, meaning "Bright Eyed" or "Gleaming Eyed". The Greek word for owl, *glauks*, is derived from the same root.

Another constant companion of Athena is the goddess Nike, a deification of the concept of Triumph. As Athena became known in Roman times as Minerva, Nike became Victoria, from whose name the English word *victory* is gleaned.

Athena's other epithets included *Promachos*, meaning "First fighter" or "She who fights in front". In this form she accompanied infantrymen on the front lines of battle. She was also known as *Athena Atryone*, the "Unwearying Athena" and *Athena Hygeia*, the "Healing Athena". In her form as *Athena Parthenos*, "Virgin Athena", she inspired the construction of the Parthenon, one of the most famous and beautiful temples of Classical Greece.

The olive tree is sacred to her.

This asteroid may grant importance to themes of conflict resolution, social structure, knowledge and education. A clear-minded and unflinchingly courageous character may develop. There may also be a tendency to protect others or to aid in their ambitious endeavors. Working with ones hands creating useful items is a favored pursuit. Counseling, strategizing and teaching may be other areas of strength. A high level of success in any chosen activity may be achieved.

Mercury Conjunct Padua, Orb: 0 deg. 30 min.

The city of Padua (Padova in Italian) lies on the Bacchiglione River in the northeastern Italian region of Veneto, 40 kilometers west of Venice and just north of the scenic Euganean Hills. The Euganean Hills are volcanic in origin and still exhibit geothermal activity. Their beauty has been lauded by the Renaissance humanist Petrarch and the English Romantic poet Percy Bysshe Shelley among others.

Padua may be northern Italy's oldest city. It was purportedly founded by the Trojan prince Antenor, who led the Veneti people to Italy from Paphlagonia (in what is now Turkey) in 1183 BCE. During the Roman era Padua was known as *Patavium*. Its residents were known for their skill at breeding strong and beautiful horses. The area was Christianized by Saint Prosdocimus, the first Bishop of Padua. In 452 CE the city was sacked by the invading Huns. After the decline of the Roman Empire Padua was ruled by the Goths. Between 1405 and 1727 it was under the control of the Venetian Republic, after which it was ceded to the Austrian Empire. In 1866 the

Kingdom of Italy claimed the region.

Padua is known for its rich architectural, artistic and intellectual history. The University of Padua, founded in 1222, has hosted such illustrious characters as Copernicus, Galileo, Fallopius, Bembo and Vesalius. The university is home to the world's oldest anatomical theatre (established in 1594) as well as the world's oldest botanical garden (established in 1545). The garden, known as the Orto Botanico di Padova, originally produced medicinal herbs for use in the university's medical department. It still accommodates an extensive collection of rare plants.

Padua is celebrated as the birthplace of the famous Renaissance architect Andrea Palladio (1508-1580). Palladio's simple and harmonious designs resurrected the aesthetic sensibilities of antiquity. This city also produced the notable explorer and Egyptologist Giovanni Battista Belzoni (1778-1824) and the neo-Classical sculptor Antonio Canova (1757-1822). Canova is perhaps best known for his often reproduced sculpture Psyche revived by love's kiss, which currently resides in the Louvre.

This asteroid may grant personal importance to the unique city of Padua, its culture and its history.

Mercury Opposition Cora, Orb: 0 deg. 07 min.

Cora was the wife of one of the four sons of Pirua Wiracocha, a creation deity of the Incan pantheon.

This asteroid may grant personal significance to the Incan civilization and/or modern day Peru. Marriage to a powerful figure is possible.

Mercury Opposition Kathy, Orb: 0 deg. 04 min.

The female given name Kathy is a short form of Katherine. Katherine is derived from the Greek name *Aikaterine*, the meaning of which is debated. It may arise from the Greek *katharos*, meaning "purity", or the related catharsis, meaning "to purge or cleanse". It may also be akin to the name of deity *Hekate*, chthonic goddess of gateways and crossroads.

The name Katherine became popular in Christian countries owing to Saint Catherine of Alexandria, also known as Saint Catherine of the Wheel or the Great Martyr Saint Catherine. According to her legend Saint Catherine lived at the end of the Roman Era. She converted the pagan Empress to Christianity, thus infuriating the Emperor. The Emperor sent many philosophers to argue with Catherine. She won these debates, and converted many of the philosophers to her religion. The enraged Emperor then sought to torture Catherine using a device known as a *breaking wheel*, but this hideous mechanism miraculously self-destructed at Catherine's touch. She was beheaded instead. The breaking wheel was a popular method of capital punishment in the Late Middle Ages, an epoch in which Saint Catherine's cult flourished throughout Europe. Her power to petition God on behalf of an individual was renowned. She became the patron saint of craftsmen who work with wheels, such as spinners and potters, as well as librarians, apologists, virgins, spinsters, scribes, secretaries, stenographers, lawyers, theologians, nurses, millers, mechanics and philosophers.

This asteroid may grant a pure and genuine nature. A love of simplicity, authenticity, cleanliness and clarity may develop. Pursuits relating to craftsmanship, literature, language, religious debate, philosophy, law, morality and purification are favored. There may also be an inclination to make personal sacrifices for one's beliefs. You may act as an intermediary between humanity and the divine.

Mercury Opposition Massalia, Orb: 0 deg. 24 min.

Massalia is the Greek name for the city of Marseilles, France, where this asteroid was discovered by Italian astronomer Annibale de Gasparis in 1852.

Marseilles is the oldest continuously inhabited city in France. It was founded by Greeks from Phocaea (a Greek settlement on the western coast of Anatolia) around the year 600 BCE. According to the lore of the city, a Greek man named Protis was sailing along the Mediterranean coast searching for the ideal location for a new trading outpost, when he came across a beautiful cove fed by a freshwater stream and protected by two rocky promontories. Protis was welcomed ashore by the local Ligurian chieftain, who invited him to a feast that evening. At the feast he fell in love with Gyptis, the chieftain's daughter. They married and founded the new city of Massalia, now known as Marseilles.

Human habitation of the Marseilles area dates back to the Neolithic era. Today the city is France's second most populous after Paris. It is also the country's largest and busiest commercial sea port. Marine travel and trade, as well as fishing, have traditionally supported the economy of Marseilles. Marseilles is also a center of tourism, being lauded for its beautiful scenery and pleasant Mediterranean climate.

This asteroid may grant personal significance to the city of Marseille, its culture and its history.

Mercury Opposition Victoria, Orb: 0 deg. 18 min.

In the ancient Roman religion, Victoria was the goddess of Victory. She was typically portrayed as a winged woman, sometimes riding in a chariot. She was worshipped by Roman generals triumphantly returning home from war. A temple was maintained in her honor on Palatine Hill, one of the Seven Hills of Rome.

Victoria's Greek equivalent was the goddess Nike. According to her legend Nike was the daughter of the Titan Pallas and Styx, the spirit of the river which separated the land of the living from the Underworld.

Other offspring of Pallas and Styx included Kratos, the god of strength; Bia, the goddess of force; and Zelus, the god of rivalry and zeal.

With her siblings Nike attended Zeus, the King of the Gods. During the war between the Titans and the Olympian gods, Nike drove Zeus' chariot. She was also closely associated with Zeus' daughter Athena, goddess of war, weaving and wisdom.

This asteroid may bestow an inclination towards triumph over obstacles and victory in conflict. Tremendous success may be achieved. Many glorious accomplishments may be enjoyed.

Venus

Romance, Art, Beauty: What You Find Attractive

Venus Conjunct Amicitia, Orb: 0 deg. 37 min.

Amicitia is a Latin word meaning "Friendship". This asteroid may draw attention to close relationships and alliances with others.

Venus Conjunct Benjamina, Orb: 0 deg. 10 min.

This asteroid was named for the son of its discoverer, Russian-French astronomer Benjamin Jekhowsky (1881-1975).

The name Benjamin is derived from Hebrew and means "Son of my right hand side". In the Hebrew Bible, Benjamin is the son of the patriarch Jacob and his second wife Rachel. He becomes the founder of the Tribe of Benjamin, one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel.

This asteroid may draw attention to lineage and familial relationships, especially those between fathers and sons. The land of Israel may also hold personal significance.

Venus Conjunct Clorinde, Orb: 0 deg. 57 min.

Clorinde is a central character in the epic poem "Jerusalem Delivered" (1580) by Italian poet Torquato Tasso. In this tale, set during the First Crusade, Clorinde is a female warrior fighting with the Muslim army against the Christians. The Christian knight Tancredi falls in love with her, but accidentally kills her in a night battle. Clorinde converts to Christianity just before dying.

This asteroid may bestow involvement in conflicts of a political and religious nature.

Venus Conjunct Harmonia, Orb: 0 deg. 14 min.

Harmonia is the ancient Greek goddess of agreement, understanding, peace and mutual compatibility. Her Roman equivalent was the goddess Concordia. The word *harmony* is derived from the Greek version of this goddess' name, as the word concord comes from her Roman title. Harmonia was closely associated with Aphrodite Pandemos, the Goddess of Love in her aspect as Community Unifier. She was also married to Cadmus, the mythical founder of Thebes. With Cadmus she produced Semele, the mother of the god Dionysus.

Harmonia/Concordia is often depicted in Classical art standing between two mortals as a symbol of their camaraderie. Her accoutrements include a *cornucopia*, or Horn of Plenty, a symbol of eternal abundance; and a *patra*, or shallow bowl used for pouring ritual libations of thanks. She is also frequently flanked by the figures of the minor goddesses Pax and Salus (Peace and Health). In 367 BCE Marcus Furius Camillus built a temple to this goddess on the Roman Forum. The imperial families of Rome particularly venerated Concordia Augusta, or "Concordia the Majestic".

This asteroid was discovered on March 31st, 1856. It was so named to celebrate the end of the Crimean War, a bloody three year conflict between the Russian Empire and a coalition of the British Empire, the Ottoman Empire, France and the Kingdom of Sardinia.

This asteroid may bestow the blessing of mutual understanding between people. Good health, prosperity, genuine friendship, happiness and peace may be easily attained. You may bring rivalries to an end and/or aid in the process of reconciliation.

Venus Conjunct Irenaea, Orb: 0 deg. 49 min.

This asteroid was named for Irene Weiss, daughter of Austrian astronomer Edmund Weiss.

In ancient Greece, Irene (or Eirene) was the goddess of Peace. She was the daughter of Zeus and Themis, whose

name means "that which is put in place", the goddess of natural order. Eirene was a part of the divine sisterhood known as the *Horae*, or literally "the Hours". These three goddesses presided over the calm and orderly life. Eirene's sisters were named Eunomia, "Order", and Dike, "Justice". Eirene was portrayed in art as a beautiful young woman holding a cornucopia (symbolizing plenty), a torch (symbolizing guidance), a libation vessel (symbolizing thanksgiving), and a scepter (symbolizing authority). She was also commonly depicted holding the infant Ploutos, the god of wealth.

This asteroid may bring tranquility, peace of mind, harmony, diplomacy, friendship, good will and prosperity. Relationships between parents and children may figure prominently in life.

Venus Conjunction Lanzia, Orb: 0 deg. 35 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of Heinrich Lanz, a German industrialist who provided funds for the establishment of the Heidelberg Academy of Sciences. Lanz developed and manufactured agricultural equipment. His company, Heinrich Lanz AG, was purchased by the American John Deere Company in 1956.

The Germanic surname Lanz translates approximately to "land" or "territory".

This asteroid may give an inclination towards commerce and philanthropy. Pursuits involving technology, manufacturing, farming and scientific advancement are also favored. The ownership of property, particularly farmland, may play an essential role in life.

Venus Conjunction Lova, Orb: 0 deg. 51 min.

Lova is a Lithuanian word meaning "bed".

This asteroid may draw attention to this piece of furniture and the themes associated with it. The nation of Lithuania may also hold personal significance.

Venus Conjunction Phocaea, Orb: 0 deg. 51 min.

Phocaea was an ancient Ionian Greek city on the western coast of Anatolia. It was founded in the 9th Century BCE and grew to become one of the largest cities in the ancient world. It was also the northernmost of the Ionian cities. Colonists from Phocaea founded several other important Mediterranean metropolises, including Massalia (modern day Marseille, France) around 600 BCE, Emporion (modern day Empuries in Catalonia, Spain) around 575 BCE and Elea (now Velia, Italy) around 540 BCE. Herodotus asserted that the Phocaeans were the first Greeks to undertake long sea voyages. They engaged in extensive travel and trade, their sphere of influence extending as far as Egypt.

In 546 Persian forces under Cyrus the Great attacked and conquered Phocaea. Rather than submit to Persian authority, many residents of the city fled to other regions. The majority of these immigrants settled in their new colony of Elea. Around 500 BCE the remaining inhabitants of Phocaea joined the Ionian revolt against the Persians. After the Greek defeat of Persian leader Xerxes I around 480, Phocaea joined the Delian League, an association of Greek city states united under Athenian leadership. During the Hellenistic era the city came under Seleucid and Attalid control. Today Phocaea exists as the city of Foca, Turkey.

This asteroid may assign personal relevancy to the geographic location of ancient Phocaea and its rich history. Civilizations of the ancient Mediterranean may become an area of interest. Seafaring, pioneering and commercial enterprises may also be exalted.

Venus Conjunction Thales, Orb: 0 deg. 42 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of pre-Socratic Greek philosopher Thales of Miletus (624-546 BCE). Thales was included in the canon of the "Seven Sages of Greece". He was regarded by Aristotle as the first philosopher of the Greek tradition.

Thales lived in the city of Miletus in Western Anatolia (present-day Aydin Province, Turkey). According to his biographer Diogenes Laertius, he was the son of Phoenician nobles. None of his writings survive, and his ideas are mainly known through the works of his students. One of these students was Anaximander (610-546), who became the teacher of Pythagoras (570-495).

Thales' is most famous for his cosmogenic theory of water as the first element, or the substance which existed in the beginning of the world, and from which all other elements later arose. This concept is elaborated upon by Aristotle in his text *Metaphysics*, in which it is stated, "For it is necessary that there be some nature either one or more than one, from which become the other things of the object being saved... Thales the founder of this type of philosophy says that it is water".

In addition to philosophy, Thales advanced the science of geometry. In this way he may have greatly influenced Pythagoras, who practiced a form of mathematical mysticism. He was also a businessman involved in the production and distribution of olive oil.

This asteroid may give a philosophical, mathematical and mercantile talents. The intellectual tradition of ancient Greece become a matter of personal importance.

Venus Opposition Gunila, Orb: 0 deg. 31 min.

The name Gunila (or Gunilla) is derived from the name *Gunhild*. Gunhild is of Germanic origin and means "War Sword". This name may be the source of the modern English word *gun*.

This asteroid may give a bellicose and combative nature. Weaponry may become a subject of personal importance.

Venus Opposition Misa, Orb: 0 deg. 02 min.

Misa was a prominent figure in the ancient Greek religion of Orphism, also known as the Orphic mysteries. Orphism, which dates back to at least the 5th Century BCE, was a tradition primarily concerned with death and the afterlife. Its adherents believed that the human soul was divine and immortal, yet doomed to an endless cycle of life, death and subsequent rebirth. Through their rites the Orphics aimed to liberate themselves from this "grievous circle".

Their mythos revolved around the life of the sacred lyric poet Orpheus. Orpheus was the son of Calliope, "She of the Beautiful Voice", the Muse of Heroic Poetry. He was known to travel the ancient world on foot singing and playing his lyre. His music was so beautiful and enchanting that both humans and wild animals froze in captive awe upon hearing it.

Orpheus fell in love with the beautiful oak nymph Eurydice, whose name means "Far Reaching Justice". Shortly after their wedding, Eurydice was bitten by a poisonous snake, succumbing to a tragic death. Orpheus then sang songs of such misery that the nymphs and creatures of the Earth urged him to go to the Underworld to retrieve his bride. Breaking the rules of mortality, romantic Orpheus traveled to the throne room of Hades and

Persephone, where he petitioned the rulers of the Underworld to let Eurydice return with him to the sunlit world. Enraptured by his beautiful music, they agreed to his request, on the condition that he walk in front of Eurydice on their journey home and never look behind him. Eurydice followed Orpheus until he foolishly turned and looked at her. Whether forgetfulness or curiosity caused him to break his promise is unclear. In that moment Eurydice disappeared, this time forever. Orpheus returned alone to the surface of the Earth.

The followers of Orpheus also found profound religious inspiration in the legends of Persephone and Dionysus, both deities who traveled to the depths of the Underworld and returned to the light. They aspired to pass between the boundaries of life and death as easily as these gods.

In Orphic cosmogony, Phanes, whose name means "Bring to Light" or "Make Appear", was the primeval deity of procreation and original generator of all life. Phanes was portrayed as a hermaphroditic figure graced by beautiful golden wings and wrapped in the coils of the serpent of life. In the beginning of creation, Phanes emerged from the World Egg, a singularity which contained the undifferentiated elements, when it was split by Kronos ("Time") and Ananke ("Inevitability").

As the first being, Phanes became the first ruler of the Cosmos. S/he was supplanted in this role by Nyx, the goddess of the Night. From Nyx the rulership of the Universe was passed on to Ouranos, the god of the Sky, who was defeated by Kronos. Kronos was finally defeated by his son Zeus, who then assumed his role as King of the Gods. In some accounts Zeus devoured Phanes in order to assimilate his immense power.

Phanes was also associated with Eros, the god of sexual desire.

Phanes, a hermaphrodite, was envisioned by the Orphics as being split into male and female aspects. The male aspect of Phanes was equated with Iacchus. Iacchus, known as "the light bearing star of the nocturnal mysteries", was a divine attendant of the goddess Demeter and was intimately connected to her mystery religion at Eleusis. He was described as bearing a torch. Iacchus was later conflated with Dionysus, his name becoming an epithet of the ecstatic god. The feminine half of the Primal Creator was known as *Misa*.

Misa may have been perceived as an equivalent of the Earth Mother goddess Cybele. For her devoted followers, Cybele was an embodiment of the fertile Earth, not unlike the Greek Gaia. She was especially associated with forests, caverns and mountains. In Greece, where her religion flourished from the 6th to the 4th Century BCE, she was known as "Mountain Mother". The Romans adopted her worship around 200 BCE, calling her Magna Mater, "the Great Mother". Another ancient title for this divinity was Potnia Theron, "Mistress of Beasts", which emphasizes Cybele's close association with the animal kingdom. She was especially allied with honeybees and lions, and was typically depicted in art as enthroned and flanked by lions or riding in a chariot pulled by these majestic cats. Classical writers recorded Cybele's orgiastic rites, which included wild dancing and music, drumming and drinking. These festivities were originally led by priestesses, but later on a priesthood of castrated males dressed in feminine garb and assuming female identities upheld the traditions of the Goddess.

This asteroid may grant personal importance to the feminine aspect of the divine creative, fertilizing and life-sustaining force. Concepts of death and rebirth may play an essential role in life, as may stories of the creation of the world. Religious ritual, especially that of an emotional and experiential nature, may be found appealing.

Venus Opposition Sybil, Orb: 0 deg. 55 min.

The female given name Sybil (or Cybil) is a variation of the word *sibyl*. In Classical antiquity, sibyls (from the Greek *sibylla*, meaning "prophetess"), were oracular priestesses. They originally undertook their divinatory endeavors at various sacred sites throughout the ancient world such as Delphi and Pessinus. The prophecies of the sibyls were directly inspired by the gods, who communicated with mortals through them. At Delphi, the most prestigious and renowned of ancient oracles, the sibyls were dedicated to the god Apollo. In the archaic days of Delphi, when it was known as Pythos, the Earth goddess Gaia presided over the oracle.

Sibyls were not identified by personal names, only by the name of the location with which they were associated. Along with the Delphic Sibyl, famous sibyls included the Persian Sibyl, who predicted the rise of Alexander the Great; the Cumaean Sibyl, whom Aeneas consults in Virgil's *Aeneid*; the Erythraean Sibyl, who foretold the Trojan War; and the Libyan Sibyl, who prophesized at the temple of Zeus Amon (a syncretic deity combining the Greek Zeus and the Egyptian Amon) at the Siwa Oasis in Egypt.

The sibyls and the divinatory messages they delivered were highly revered and respected throughout antiquity. They were consulted for advice on all matters of importance by people of all classes.

This asteroid may bestow prophetic, advisory and intuitive abilities. You may act as a diviner, cleric or counselor.

Venus Opposition Tjilaki, Orb: 0 deg. 18 min.

Tjilaki (or Tjilik) is the name of a river which flows near the town of Malabar on the Indonesian island of Java.

This asteroid may ascribe personal importance to this geographic locale.

Venus Opposition Velleda, Orb: 0 deg. 57 min.

This asteroid was named for Velleda, a 1st Century CE prophetic priestess (*volva*) and spiritual leader of the Bructeri. The Bructeri were a Germanic tribe who inhabited the land which is now the northwestern German state of North Rhine-Westphalia. During the Roman period, they formed alliances with other Germanic tribes, including the Chatti, Cherusci, Chauci, Sicambri and Marsi.

Velleda lived alone in a tower near the Lippe River. She was honored by the Bructeri as a living deity. She gained fame throughout the Roman world for predicting the victory of the Germanic tribes over the Roman legions in the Batavian Rebellion of 69 CE. She may have in fact incited and encouraged this revolt. In 77 CE she was captured by Roman forces. It is unknown whether she was killed, enslaved, or offered asylum.

Velleda was featured in German author Benedikte Naubert's 1795 novel *Velleda, a Magic Novel*. In this work of fiction, Velleda's tale was merged with that of the famous Brittonic queen Boudica, who also led tribal uprisings against Rome in the 1st Century CE.

This asteroid may give a propensity towards oracular and divinatory as well as sacerdotal and political pursuits. You may become a highly respected religious or spiritual figure who champions the liberty and autonomy of their people. The geographic area in which Velleda once resided may also hold personal significance.

Mars

Your Drive and Ambition: What You Want To Achieve

Mars Conjunct Aigyptios, Orb: 0 deg. 43 min.

In Greek mythology, Aigyptios was a warrior who accompanied Odysseus on his treacherous adventures. He was also the father of the hero Antiphos, whose name means "Without Light". Antiphos was devoured by the Cyclops Polyphemus.

The name *Aigyptios* literally means "From Egypt".

This asteroid may give a love of travel, adventure, challenge and conflict. Personal importance may be ascribed to the land of Egypt.

Mars Conjunct Atossa, Orb: 0 deg. 38 min.

Atossa was an ancient Persian queen of the Achaemenid Dynasty. She was the daughter of Cyrus the Great, the wife of Darius I and the mother of Xerxes I.

This asteroid may give a position of social and/or political authority, perhaps connected to family lineage. The region of Persia (now Iran) may also hold personal significance.

Mars Conjunct Holmia, Orb: 0 deg. 27 min.

Holmia is the Latin name for the city of Stockholm, Sweden's capital and largest city. In addition to being the seat of its government, Stockholm has been Sweden's economic and cultural hub since the 13th Century CE. Its location may be the same as the legendary town of Agnafit described in the Norse sagas. Agnafit was the home of the mythic Swedish king Agne. The first definite record of Stockholm dates back to 1252 CE. Located on Sweden's south-central east coast where Lake Malaren meets the Baltic Sea, Stockholm has long been an important trading port. The central part of the city consists of 14 coastal islands continuous with the Stockholm archipelago. The city's population has expanded from about 9,100 residents in 1570 CE to more than 840,000 today.

This asteroid may imbue this magnificent city with personal significance.

Mars Conjunct Mabella, Orb: 0 deg. 26 min.

This asteroid was named for Mabel Loomis Todd (1856-1932). Mabel was the daughter of renowned American mathematician and scientist Elias Loomis. She became a writer and editor, and married American astronomer David Todd Peck. Mabel Loomis Todd maintained a correspondence with poet Emily Dickinson, and is noted for editing her posthumously published editions. She also had extramarital affair with Dickinson's brother Austin, a lawyer, with whom she exchanged many love letters.

The English female name Mabel is derived from the Latin *amabilis*, meaning "lovable".

This asteroid may bestow literary ability, as well as a charming and alluring character. You may associate with famous or notable figures. Romance outside of marriage may be pursued.

Mars Conjunct Palermo, Orb: 0 deg. 11 min.

The city of Palermo is the capital of the autonomous region of Sicily, an island just southwest of the Italian peninsula in the Mediterranean Sea. The first asteroid ever observed, 1 Ceres, was discovered in Palermo on the first day of 1801 by Sicilian astronomer, mathematician and Theatine priest Giuseppe Piazzi. Two hundred years later, on January 1st 2001, this asteroid (10001 Palermo) was named in honor of this important moment in the history of astronomy. The island of Sicily was sacred in ancient times to Ceres, the Roman goddess agriculture, nourishment, growth and motherhood. Three ears of grain still adorn the Sicilian flag in her honor. In one Roman tale, Ceres loved Sicily so much that she convinced her brother Jupiter to place it in the night sky as the constellation Triangulum, the Triangle, an asterism similar in shape to the island.

As 1 Ceres is the largest object in the asteroid belt, Sicily is the largest island in the Mediterranean.

The Palermo area has been inhabited by humans since at least 8,000 BCE, as evidenced by the archaic cave art found in the vicinity. The city itself was founded by Phoenician settlers about 734 BCE. The ancient Greeks who resided there knew it as *Panormus*, meaning "All-Port". Its strategic location on Sicily's northwest coast has made it a center of Mediterranean trade for thousands of years. After the Greek era, Palermo came under Roman, Byzantine, Arab, and eventually Italian rule.

Palermo is known for its pleasant climate, beautiful art and architecture, rich cultural history and distinctive cuisine. Its economy is supported by commerce, shipbuilding, agriculture, service and tourism.

This asteroid may assign personal importance to the marvelous city of Palermo, its culture and its history. The themes and subjects associated with the goddess Ceres may also hold great significance.

Mars Conjunct Plutarchos, Orb: 0 deg. 02 min.

Lucius Mestrius Plutarchus (46-120 CE), born as Plutarchos and commonly referred to as Plutarch, was a Greek historian, biographer, essayist and Platonist who became a Roman citizen. He was born into a wealthy Boetian family and studied philosophy and mathematics under Ammonius of Athens from 66 to 67 CE.

Plutarch served as a priest of the god Apollo at his oracular shrine at Delphi. He also worked as a diplomat and ambassador.

Plutarch's first biographical work was his *Lives of the Roman Emperors* from Augustus to Vitellius. Little of this text survives today. He then went on to write *Parallel Lives*, a series of biographies of famous Greeks and Romans, arranged in pairs in order to illuminate their similarities and differences. His *Life of Alexander*, written as a parallel to that of Julius Caesar, is one of the few early records of the exploits of Alexander the Great.

Plutarch is also well-known for his work *Moralia* (*translated as Customs and Mores*), a collection of seventy-eight essays on such diverse subjects as the worship of Isis and Osiris and the decline of oracles in the ancient world.

In addition to providing important accounts of the people and customs of antiquity, Plutarch contributed significantly to Western literature. His work inspired such writers as Shakespeare and Michel de Montaigne. *Ralph Waldo* Emerson described *Parallel Lives* as "a Bible for heroes".

This asteroid may grant personal relevancy to the work of Plutarch. The ancient Greco-Roman world may

become a subject of interest. Biographical, historical, philosophical, religious and diplomatic endeavors may be exalted.

Mars Conjunct Rhadamanthus, Orb: 0 deg. 18 min.

This trans-Neptunian object was named for the Greek mythological figure of Rhadamanthus. Rhadamanthus was the son of Zeus, the king of the gods, and a mortal Phoenician woman named Europa. Europa married the Cretan king Asterion, whose name means "Star Ruler". Asterion raised Rhadamanthus as well as his brothers Aeacus and Minos.

According to some legends, Rhadamanthus was the first of his brothers to rule Crete, but was driven out by Minos, who took control of the island. Rhadamanthus fled to the southern Greek province of Boeotia, where he married Alceme, the mother of the great hero Heracles. He became Heracles' stepfather as Asterion had become his.

Rhadamanthus and his brothers were known as judicious law-givers. When they died Zeus assigned them to the task of judging the souls of the dead in the Underworld.

This asteroid may give a shrewd, serious and authoritative manner. You may serve as a judge, evaluator or inspector. Adoptive family members may play an essential role in life.

Mars Conjunct Signe, Orb: 0 deg. 53 min.

This asteroid was named for a character from Scandinavian mythology. In the Volsunga saga, Signe was the daughter of King Volsung. She marries the villainous king Siggeir, who murders her entire family except for her brother Sigmund. Signe has an incestuous affair with Sigmund, which produces her son Sinfjotli. She dies by burning to death along with her monstrous husband.

This character was the inspiration for Sieglinde, a heroine of Richard Wagner's 1870 opera *Die Walkure* (The Valkyrie), the second of the four operas of his epic Ring of the Nibelungs cycle.

In the plot of this opera, the supreme god Wotan (Odin) makes a deal with two giants named Fasolt and Fafnir. In exchange for building his mighty hall of Valhalla, Wotan says he will give the giants Freya, the goddess of love. When they accomplish the task, however, Wotan is unwilling to surrender Freya. The giants say they will accept the treasure of Alberich as payment instead.

Alberich is a wealthy dwarf, specifically a type of dwarf known as a *Nibelung*. His treasure hoard is legendary, especially since he had stolen the magical gold of the water spirits known as the Rhine maidens, and used it to craft a ring which would give its bearer power over the entire world if he or she completely renounced love.

After stealing Alberich's treasure, Wotan was intrigued by the power of the ring, but refused to give up love. He cursed the ring and gave the treasure hoard to Fasolt and Fafnir as promised. As soon as they got it, the curse of the ring took effect, and Fafnir slew Fasolt. He then used *Tarnhelm*, a magical helmet with the power of shape-shifting (a piece among the many treasures of Alberich) to transform himself into a monstrous dragon. In this form Fafnir retreated to a remote cavern to guard his new and plentiful wealth.

Wotan feared Alberich's revenge if he regained the ring, so he gathered around him a formidable army. He did this with the help of his daughters the Valkyries, a class of brave and ferocious warrior spirits. Chief among these was Brunhilde. Wotan also began to set events in motion which would lead the ring to fall into the hands

of a pure-hearted hero free from divine influence. With a mortal woman he fathered a set of twins named Siegmund and Sieglinde (or Sigelinde).

When the twins were young a marauding tribe killed their mother and abducted Sieglinde. Siegmund became a loner and a misfit. At the beginning of *Die Walkure*, he has taken refuge in a stranger's cottage after fleeing from a clan who he had attacked for trying to make a woman marry a man she didn't love. As he tells his tale to his hostess, she realizes that he is her long lost brother. Sieglinde and Siegmund are joyfully reunited, but Sieglinde's brutish husband Hunding tells him that the clan which he attacked were his kinsmen, and although he is welcome to stay the night, he must fight him in the morning to avenge his family's honor. An incestuous liason between the reunited twins is implied.

Sieglinde tells Siegmund that a long time ago a mysterious stranger plunged a sword into a nearby tree, but no one has ever been able to remove it. She believes that he was destined to wield it. Indeed Wotan left the magical sword there for his son.

From the realm of the gods, Wotan watches these events transpire. He tells his Valkyrie daughter Brunhilde to aid Siegmund in defeating Hunding. Wotan's wife Fricka (Frigg) enters and chastises him for this plan, pointing out that Siegmund is in no way free from the influence of the gods, having been set on his path by Wotan. Fricka also tells her husband that Siegmund is guilty of adultery and incest. She convinces him not to aid the young warrior in his fight against Hunding, nor to let the Valkyries do so.

Brunhilde goes to Siegmund and warns him that his death is immanent. She invites him to go with her to the realm of the gods, but he refuses to go without Sieglinde. Brunhilde is compassionate towards Siegmund and decides to help him, going against Wotan's orders. During the fight between Siegmund and Hunding, Wotan himself interferes, shattering Siegmund's magic sword with his spear. Hunding slays Siegmund, and Brunhilde leads Sieglinde away to safety. Wotan then kills Hunding.

Brunhilde takes Sieglinde to a meeting of the Valkyries, but they refuse to offer her refuge, fearing Wotan's wrath. Brunhilde declares that Sieglinde, now pregnant with the child of her dead brother, will give birth to the world's greatest hero, Siegfried. She advises Sieglinde to flee. Brunhilde is then confronted by angry Wotan, who banishes her from Valhalla, transforming her into a mortal woman.

This asteroid may give unintentional involvement in epic dramas beyond one's control. You may be separated from family members early in life, but later be reunited with them. Much tragedy may be experienced throughout life, particularly in the area of marriage. Exceptional children may also be produced.

Mars Conjunct Stereoscopia, Orb: 0 deg. 32 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of the *stereo comparator* (also known as the blink comparator), a device used by astronomers to detect objects using photographic images of an area of the sky taken at different times. This was the first minor planet discovered through this process. The most notable object ever discovered with the stereo comparator was Pluto.

Stereoscopy, or three-dimensional imaging, is any technique capable of recording three-dimensional visual information or creating the illusion of depth in a two-dimensional image. Its name is derived from the Greek *stereos*, meaning "solid", and *skopos*, meaning "watcher".

This asteroid may grant personal importance to photographic and optical devices and techniques, particularly those with scientific applications.

Mars Conjunct Turandot, Orb: 0 deg. 46 min.

This asteroid was named for the eponymous main character of Giacomo Puccini's 1926 three act opera *Turandot*. Puccini's opera was based on Carlo Gozzi's 1762 short comedic play of the same name. This play was inspired by a tale from the classic Arabian collection of folktales known as *One Thousand and One Nights* or *Arabian Nights*.

The plot of the legend concerns *Turandot*, a vain and cold-hearted Chinese princess. The name *Turandot* is an adaptation of the Persian *Turandokht*, literally meaning "Daughter of Turan". Turan was an ancient Iranian designation for Central Asia.

In this tale, the princess declares that she will only marry a man who can correctly answer three riddles. Those who cannot meet this challenge will be put to death. In the beginning of Puccini's opera, the Prince of Persia is about to be executed for trying and failing to win *Turandot's* hand. The crowd begs the princess to spare the handsome prince's life but she insensitively refuses, dismissing him with a flippant gesture.

The Prince of Tartary has arrived on the scene and upon seeing *Turandot* falls in love with her. Against his father's wishes, he accepts the challenge.

When the Prince of Tartary succeeds in providing *Turandot* with the correct answers to her riddles, the princess becomes distraught and begs her father not to make her marry the stranger. The victorious prince tells her that as she still does not know his name, if she can discover it by morning than she will have won and he will concede to be executed.

Turandot quickly finds the man and woman with whom she saw the mysterious prince conversing at the Prince of Persia's execution. They are his father, the deposed King of Tartary, and his only loyal servant. The servant, named Liu, claims to be the only person who knows the man's name. *Turandot* sadistically tortures Liu, but she stubbornly refuses to give up, as she is both exceedingly faithful to her employer and secretly in love with the prince. She dies without revealing his name.

In the morning *Turandot* is forced to concede. The triumphant prince reveals his identity as Calaf, Prince of Tartary.

This asteroid may give cold, cruel and haughty attributes. You may attempt to maintain a position of sovereign authority through trickery, eventually leading to defeat. The geographic region of Central Asia may also hold much personal significance.

Mars Opposition Damocles, Orb: 0 deg. 34 min.

Damocles is the main character of a famous moral anecdote of ancient Greece. In this tale, *Damocles* is the servant of a powerful king. He remarks to his master how tremendously lucky he is to be king. In response the king proposes that the two trade places for a day, to which the servant enthusiastically agrees. The next day as king, *Damocles* is enjoying his royal feast until he notices a sword dangling above his head by a thin horse hair. The sword symbolizes the constant possibility of death and treachery with which powerful figures live. The "Sword of *Damocles*" allegory is often used to bring attention to this bitter aspect of political power.

This asteroid may grant a prestigious yet dangerous and high-pressured social position. You may choose a more humble life to avoid peril.

Mars Opposition Edna, Orb: 0 deg. 37 min.

This asteroid was named for Edna Stone, the wife of Julius F. Stone, a benefactor of science. The name Edna is of Hebrew origin and means "Pleasure". It is closely related to the Hebrew word Eden, "A Delightful Place", a synonym for Paradise.

This asteroid may give a tranquil and contented existence. You may bring joy and peace to the lives of others. Utopian ideals may develop. Marriage and partnership may be highly valued. An idyllic domestic life is possible.

Mars Opposition Quetzalcoatl, Orb: 0 deg. 57 min.

Quetzalcoatl, whose name means "Feathered Serpent" in the Nahuatl language, was an important deity of the Aztec pantheon. He was also worshipped by other Mesoamerican civilizations. The Mayans knew him as Kukulcan or Ququmatz, also meaning "Feathered Serpent". The earliest known representations of feathered serpents in Mesoamerica are attributed to the Olmec culture (1400-400 BCE).

Quetzalcoatl is depicted in art as either a dragon-like creature or as a man clad in an elaborate feathered headdress and monstrous mask.

Along with his twin brother Xolotl, Quetzalcoatl was the son of the goddess Coatlicue, whose name means "Lady of the Serpent". Coatlicue was known as "Goddess of Life, Death and Rebirth" and "Mother Goddess of the Earth who gives birth to all celestial things". She was the patroness of women who died in childbirth, and was depicted as a woman wearing a skirt made of living serpents and a necklace made of human hearts, hands and skulls. In addition to Quetzalcoatl and Xolotl, Coatlicue gave birth to the Moon, the Stars, and Huitzilopochtli (whose name means "Left-Handed Hummingbird") the patron god of Mexico City.

Quetzalcoatl and Xolotl were both associated with the planet Venus. Where Quetzalcoatl was the Morning Star, or Venus appearing in the east just before dawn, Xolotl was the evening star, or Venus appearing in the West just after sunset. Xolotl, often portrayed as a dog-headed man, was responsible for leading the souls of the dead to Mictlan (the Underworld). He was also associated with fire and lightning.

Quetzalcoatl's mythological role was similar to that of the Greek Titan Prometheus. He was assigned the task of creating the bodies of the current human race. According to Mesoamerican beliefs, four previous epochs of mankind (called "Suns") have preceded our own. At the advent of the fifth sun Quetzalcoatl fashioned new humans out of the bones of the deceased denizens of the previous ages. He used his own blood to enliven them. He also cared for the welfare of humanity, providing the gifts of corn cultivation, written language, religion and education. Quetzalcoatl was the patron of the Aztec priesthood, as well as of knowledge, literacy, the arts, craftsmanship and the marketplace. His presence heralded organized civilization.

This asteroid may give a benevolent nature and an interest in education, humanitarianism and social structure. Agricultural, literary, sacerdotal and commercial enterprises may be favored. Humanity's uniqueness and identity as a whole may become a subject of personal importance.

The culture and religion of ancient Mesoamerica may also hold personal significance.

Mars Opposition Suleika, Orb: 0 deg. 27 min.

The Arabic-derived female given name Suleika (or Zuleika) means "Fair, Beautiful, Lovely".

This asteroid is named for the *Book of Zuleika*, composed by German polymath Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832) between 1814 and 1819. *The Book of Zuleika* was among the twelve books of Goethe's epic *Westostlicher Diwan* (West-Easterner Diwan), a collection of lyric poetry inspired by the work of Persian poet Hafez (1315-1390).

The Book of Zuleika is comprised of a series of love poems in which Goethe celebrates a mysterious "beloved one". The object of his affection may have been fellow poet Marianne Willemer, whose work is included in the *Westostlicher Diwan*.

This asteroid may give a love of poetry, an eye for beauty, and a romantic spirit. The synthesis of eastern and western cultures through the creative arts may become an area of interest.

Jupiter

Expansion, Growth, and Adventure: Areas You Enjoy Exploring

Jupiter Conjunct Agathe, Orb: 0 deg. 42 min.

This asteroid was named after the daughter of Austrian astronomer and mathematician Theodor von Oppolzer (1841-1886).

The name Agathe is derived from the Greek agathos, meaning "good, honorable". This name was popularized in Europe by Saint Agatha of Sicily, a 3rd Century Christian martyr.

This asteroid may give reputable, conscientious and self-sacrificing qualities. You may place great emphasis on ethical and moral conduct.

Jupiter Conjunct Ellen, Orb: 0 deg. 14 min.

This asteroid was named for its discoverer's wife. The name Ellen is the English and Dutch form of the name Helen. Helen is derived from the Greek Helene, meaning "Torch". Helene may be etymologically related to *Selene*, the name of the ancient Greek goddess of the Moon. The most famous Helen of Classical legend was Helen of Troy (originally Helen of Sparta), the daughter of mighty Zeus and the mortal Leda. She was the sister of the divine twins Kastor and Polydeuces (represented in the firmament as the constellation Gemini). Helen was married to King Menelaus of Sparta. She was the most beautiful woman in the world. At that time Paris, a Trojan prince, traded one of the singular Golden Apples to the goddess Aphrodite for marriage to "the most beautiful woman in the world", not even knowing who she was. When Paris abducted Helen, the Trojan war began.

The name Helen was also commonly adopted by early Christians in homage to Saint Helena (246-330 CE). Saint Helena was a Roman Empress, the consort of Emperor Constantius Chloris and the mother of Emperor Constantine I. Constantine I stopped the persecution of Christianity in Rome, effectively paving the way to allow it to flourish as a major religion. Helena is credited with finding the relics of the True Cross, or the actual wooden cross upon which Jesus was crucified. She became the patron saint of archaeologists, difficult marriages, converts and Empresses.

This asteroid may ascribe much importance to the institution of marriage. Discord may arise as the unintended result of one's charm and allure. The practice of archaeology is favored. You may embrace a new religion.

Jupiter Conjunct Kiev, Orb: 0 deg. 43 min.

Kiev is Ukraine's capital and largest city. It is one of Eastern Europe's oldest cities. Beginning as an Eastern Slavic trading post along the Dneiper River in the 5th Century CE, Kiev grew to become a major center of industry, culture and education. Over two million people currently reside in the city. The name Kiev derives from *Kyi*, one of the four legendary founders of the city (three brothers and a sister).

This asteroid may emphasize the importance of Kiev specifically, and of the greater nation of Ukraine, its history and its culture.

Jupiter Conjunct Lipperta, Orb: 0 deg. 45 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of Eduard Lippert, a German businessman and philanthropist. Lippert was an important benefactor of the Hamburg Observatory.

The surname Lippert is derived from the *Germanic Liutberht*, which is a compound of *liut*, meaning "people" or "tribe" and *berht*, meaning "bright", "shining" or "famous".

This asteroid may give business acumen as well as philanthropic tendencies. Great fame and renown may be attained.

Jupiter Conjunct Lotis, Orb: 0 deg. 44 min.

In Greek mythology, Lotis was a water nymph. She was either the daughter of Poseidon, the Lord of the Sea, or the oceanic Titan Nereus. Lotis was pursued by the god Priapus. To escape from him she transformed herself into a lotus tree.

The identity of the "lotus tree" referred to in ancient lore is debated. In Homer's *Odyssey* the "lotus tree" is described as bearing a fruit which causes a pleasant and hypnotic drowsiness to overtake those who consume it. In this tale the tree grows on an island inhabited by the *lotophagi*, or "lotus eaters", a tribe of people lulled into perpetual apathy by their diet of lotus fruit.

This asteroid may draw bestow the ability to change one's identity in order to avert harm. It may also ascribe personal importance to soporific plants. The animistic concept of spirits inhabiting natural features may play a role in life.

Jupiter Conjunct Luscinia, Orb: 0 deg. 31 min.

This asteroid was named for the *Luscinia genus* of birds, also known as *nightingales*. The name nightingale arises from the Anglo-Saxon *nihtingale*, meaning "Night Songstress". As this title makes clear, the nightingale is known for its propensity to sing at night as well as during the day. The song of the nightingale is loud and distinct, being comprised of dramatic whistles, trills and gurgles. It was traditionally assumed in Europe and Asia, where these birds are endemic, that the female nightingale sang at night. It is now known to be the solitary male nightingale who vocalizes in the dark, the purpose of his nocturnal serenade being to attract a mate. The nightingale is symbolically linked to romantics, poets, singers, troubadours and the desire for love and companionship.

This asteroid may confer a vocally and emotionally expressive nature. The themes associated with the nightingale may hold special significance.

Jupiter Conjunct Memphis, Orb: 0 deg. 57 min.

The city of Memphis was the capital of ancient Egypt throughout the Old Kingdom and during certain periods of the New Kingdom. It remained both an administrative center and a hub of commerce, religion and culture from the inception of ancient Egyptian civilization until its final dissolution.

The Greek historian Herodotos attributed the founding of Memphis to Menes, the mythical first king of a united Egypt. According to Herodotos, the capital was established around 3100 BCE.

Memphis was known by its inhabitants as Ineb Hedj, meaning "White Walls". The word Memphis was the Greek interpretation of the name of Pepi I's pyramid, Men-nefer. Memphis was also referred to as Ankh Tawy, or "That which binds the Two Lands". This title suggests both the city's location at the confluence of Upper and Lower Egypt and the importance of their unification.

The Egyptian historian Manetho called Memphis Hi-Ku-P'tah, or "the Place of Ka and Ptah". Hi-Ku-P'tah was translated into Greek as Ai-gy-ptos, the origin of the word *Egypt*.

At the height of its glory in the 6th Dynasty (2345-2183 BCE), Memphis was the center of the worship of the god Ptah. Ptah was credited with creating the universe by breathing or speaking it into being after having dreamt of it in his heart. Because of his method of creation, he was known as "the Opener of the Mouth", and was connected to the funerary rite of "the Opening of the Mouth". In this ceremony the deceased individual's soul was released from their body by a priest.

As the Divine Creator, Ptah became the patron of artisans and craftsmen. Those who worked with stone were especially favored by him. Some of the world's most masterful and awe-inspiring works of stone art and architecture, such as the Saqqara necropolis, were produced in the city of the craftsman god.

Today the ruins of Memphis lie approximately 20 kilometers (12 miles) south of Egypt's current capital, Cairo.

This asteroid may ascribe personal significance to the ancient city of Memphis and the unique culture which flourished there for thousands of years.

Jupiter Conjunct Paulina, Orb: 0 deg. 51 min.

The name Paulina is a feminine diminutive form of the name Paul. Paul is derived from the Latin *Paulus*, meaning "Small, Humble". This name was popularized throughout the world along with the spread of the Christian religion.

Saint Paul of Tarsus (circa 5 BCE-67 CE) was an early Christian convert and missionary. He is credited with the composition of much of the New Testament of the Bible. Born Saul of Tarsus in what is now south-central Turkey, Paul was a Hellenistic Jew who at first opposed the new sect.

One famous tale recounts how Paul received a vision of the resurrected Jesus while he was traveling on horseback to Damascus, Syria. He was knocked to the ground and temporarily blinded by the brilliance of the divine image. Upon arriving in Damascus Paul sought out Ananias, a disciple of Jesus, to be baptized. During

the baptism he regained his sight. He changed his name from Saul to Paul and devoted the rest of his life to traveling and converting others to Christianity, as well as writing many of the religion's seminal texts. Paul of Tarsus is considered responsible for the first introduction of Christianity into the Roman Empire. He became known as the "Apostle to the Gentiles".

As a saint Paul is the patron of missions and theologians. He is typically depicted in art holding a sword and/or a book. His famous conversion is celebrated on January 25th.

This asteroid may give a zealous character. You may experience a dramatic, extramundane occurrence which inspires great personal transformation. The result of this experience and the intellectual or spiritual work which it catalyzes may have significant social and historical repercussions.

Jupiter Conjunct Regina, Orb: 0 deg. 46 min.

Regina is a Latin word meaning "Queen". It is related to the Latin verb *regere*, or "to rule".

This asteroid may bestow authoritative, majestic, proud, sovereign and dignified attributes. You may ascend to an esteemed position.

Jupiter Conjunct Sabine, Orb: 0 deg. 05 min.

The Sabines were an ancient Italic tribe inhabiting central Italy's Apennine Mountains. The Sabine language belonged to the Osco-Umbrian subgroup of Italic languages.

According to Roman lore, the early Romans merged with the Sabines in the 8th Century BCE to form the Kingdom of Rome. Rome's second king, Numa Pompilius, was of Sabine origin. Several influential Roman families, such as the Claudia family, claimed Sabine heritage. Sabine ancestry was also declared by Roman scholar Marcus Terentius Varro (116-27 BCE). Varro claimed that the practices of augury and oneiromancy, as well as the worship of the goddess Minerva, originated with the Sabines. These assertions are unable to be verified.

This asteroid may grant personal relevancy to the Sabines, their contributions to Western civilization, and the geographic region in which they resided.

Jupiter Conjunct Sisyphus, Orb: 0 deg. 26 min.

In Greek mythology, Sisyphus was the son of Aeolus, the first king of Corinth. He was known as "the craftiest of men".

Sisyphus was a ruthless, greedy and deceitful ruler who violated the ancient laws of hospitality by murdering his houseguests. He also hubristically thought that he could out-wit the gods. When Zeus sent Thanatos, the god of death, to escort Sisyphus to the Underworld, he tricked Thanatos and bound him in his own chains. Thanatos was eventually freed by Ares, the god of War, who was annoyed with his absence on Earth's battlefields. Then Sisyphus tried to escape his fate by asking his wife to leave his dead body naked in the town square. When he arrived at the throne of Persephone, the goddess of the Underworld, he convinced her to allow him to return to the world of the living to chastise his wife for not giving him a proper burial. She consented. Once on Earth, Sisyphus refused to return to the Underworld and had to be forcibly taken there by Hermes.

For these egregious crimes Zeus banished Sisyphus to Tartarus, the deepest abyss of the Underworld. There he

was punished by being forced to roll a heavy boulder up a hill, only to have it roll back down to the bottom, for all eternity.

The 1st Century BCE Roman philosopher Lucretius likened Sisyphus' struggles to those of politicians grasping for fleeting power in the public sphere.

The story of Sisyphus became analogous with the internal pain caused by engagement in futile endeavors. The once mighty king gave his name to the English adjective *Sisyphean*, meaning "endless, toilsome and unavailing".

This asteroid may give a tendency towards immoral actions which lead to severe personal consequences. Frustrating, futile and maddeningly repetitive endeavors may be undertaken.

Jupiter Opposition Asia, Orb: 0 deg. 42 min.

In Greek mythology, Asia (also known as Clymene) was a Titaness married to the Titan Iapetus. This primordial couple were the progenitors of the entire human race. Asia was the daughter of the marine Titans Oceanus and Tethys. She gave birth to Prometheus, the champion of humanity, and his foolish brother Epimetheus. The names Prometheus and Epimetheus mean "Foresight" and "Hindsight". Other children of Asia and Iapetus included the mighty Atlas, who became responsible for holding up the dome of the sky, and Menoetius, an insolent warrior whose name means "Ruined Strength".

This proto-goddess may have lent her name to Earth's largest and most populous continent.

This asteroid may bestow accomplishments and blessings of voluminous proportion. You may parent exceptional children or become the progenitor of an important lineage. The continent of Asia may also play an essential role in life.

Jupiter Opposition Briseis, Orb: 0 deg. 28 min.

In Greek mythology, Hippodameia Briseis (often referred to by her surname only) was a Trojan woman taken captive by the Greeks during the Trojan War. The Greek hero Achilles fell deeply in love with her.

This asteroid may confer an inclination toward involvement in conflict.

An alluring and attractive persona may also develop.

Saturn

Seriousness, Honesty, and Responsibility: Things You Take Seriously

Saturn Conjunct Atossa, Orb: 0 deg. 59 min.

Atossa was an ancient Persian queen of the Achaemenid Dynasty. She was the daughter of Cyrus the Great, the wife of Darius I and the mother of Xerxes I.

This asteroid may give a position of social and/or political authority, perhaps connected to family lineage. The region of Persia (now Iran) may also hold personal significance.

Saturn Conjunct Galahad, Orb: 0 deg. 31 min.

Galahad was an important figure in the Arthurian legend cycle of Medieval Europe. This body of literature concerns King Arthur, a mythical British King. According to medieval histories and romances Arthur led Britain to defend itself from the invasions of the Saxons in the early 6th Century CE. It is a highly debated matter as to whether he was a real person or merely a fabrication of legend. In either case, he represents the archetype of the True King, destined to rule for the good of his people as an embodiment of their character and will.

The Arthurian legend cycle evolved to include the chivalric adventures of the Knights of the Round Table and their sacred quest for the Holy Grail. These stories presented a romantic and idealistic portrayal of knighthood which lodged itself firmly in the Western imagination. They combined elements of Celtic myth with mystical Christianity.

In the Arthurian tales, Sir Galahad was an exceptionally pure-hearted knight of the Round Table. He was the illegitimate son of Sir Lancelot and Elaine of Carbonek. Galahad epitomized the contemporary ideals of chastity, courage and spiritual purity. His character may have been inspired by the philosophy of such warrior-monks as Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, reformer of the Cistercian monastic order. Saint Bernard advocated the Knights Templar, a chivalric organization who shared the logo of a red cross on a white shield with Sir Galahad. It has also been hypothesized that Galahad, one of only three Arthurian characters to attain the Holy Grail, was symbolic in the legends of the figure of Jesus Christ.

This asteroid may ascribe personal importance to a religiously-informed moral code. You may favor a life of piety and asceticism in pursuit of spiritual goals. The journey towards the attainment of such internal objectives may be mirrored by external travels.

Saturn Conjunct Gilgamesh, Orb: 0 deg. 08 min.

Gilgamesh was a mythical Sumerian hero-king. According to Sumerian king lists he ruled Uruk around 2700 BCE. He was the fifth king of that city, being the son of King Lugalbanda.

Gilgamesh is the central character of the poetic *Epic of Gilgamesh*, one of the earliest known examples of literature. The *Epic of Gilgamesh* was originally entitled *Surpassing All Other Kings or He Who Saw the Deep*. In this tale, Gilgamesh and his friend Enkidu embark on heroic adventure-quests. Gilgamesh is portrayed as half-divine, being the son of the goddess Ninsun, or "Lady Wild Cow". After the death of Enkidu, Gilgamesh ruminates on the nature of mortality and immortality.

Gilgamesh has been compared to the Greek hero Heracles. Both Gilgamesh and Heracles were described as half-human and half-god, and both of their tales include a quest for eternal life. The two heroes are also portrayed vanquishing similar animal adversaries; such as bulls, serpents and lions. These two are also united in their grievous mourning. As Gilgamesh pines for the lost Enkidu, Heracles is burdened by the death of his wife and children, whom he murdered in a fit of insanity. Gilgamesh and Heracles were thought to embody the qualities of strength, courage, virility, valor and ingenuity by their respective ancient cultures.

This asteroid may give a position of political power or authority, as well as the desire to travel and explore. Impediments and obstacles may be overcome. Close emotional attachments to friends may be formed, potentially leading to feelings of sadness and loss. You may be lauded for their bravery and valor. Immortality may be attained through the written word.

Saturn Conjunct Hermentaria, Orb: 0 deg. 05 min.

This asteroid was named for Herment, a village in the Puy-de-Dome department of the central French region of Auvergne.

Its influence may emphasize the significance of this geographic location.

Saturn Conjunct Moskva, Orb: 0 deg. 26 min.

Moskva is the native name of *Moscow*, the capital of Russia. With over 10 million residents, Moscow is the largest city in Russia and the seventh largest city in the world. It is a major international center of culture, trade, transportation, finance, education, sports and religion. Moscow boasts one of the world's largest populations of billionaires as well as the world's second busiest metro system after Tokyo's.

Moscow is located on the *Moskva River*, for which the city is named. The Moskva is a tributary of the Oka River, which is itself a tributary of the Volga. The origin of the name Moskva is unclear.

The first historical mention of the settlement of Moscow dates back to 1147 CE. In 1156 Prince Yuri Dolgoruki ordered a wooden wall to be built around the emerging town. In 1237 the Mongols sacked Moscow, burning it to the ground. It recovered, becoming the capital of the independent Vladimir-Suzdal principality in 1327. From there it evolved into the stable and prosperous Grand Duchy of Moscow. In 1571 it was again sacked and burned, this time by the Crimean Tartars. In 1609 Swedish forces attacked the city. From 1654 to 1656 half of Moscow's population succumbed to the plague. In 1712 the Russian capital was moved to St. Petersburg by Peter the Great. In 1812 French legions under the control of Napoleon Bonaparte attempted to take the city by force. After Russian Revolution of 1917 Moscow became the capital of the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic, and five years later the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

This asteroid may assign personal relevancy to the city of Moscow, its culture, its history, and its global impact.

Saturn Conjunct Nestor, Orb: 0 deg. 33 min.

In Greek mythology, Nestor was the King of Pylos. As a young man he undertook many heroic adventures including fighting off the marauding Centaurs, participating in the famous Calydonian Boar Hunt, and accompanying the hero Jason on his quest for the Golden Fleece..

In his later years Nestor fought on the side of the Greek army during the Trojan War. Too old to engage in combat, Nestor served as a charioteer and doled out advice to the young men on the battlefield.

This asteroid may give a courageous character and a love of challenge and adventure. You may become an experienced counselor, mediator or mentor.

Saturn Conjunct Penelope, Orb: 0 deg. 29 min.

In Greek mythology, Penelope is the faithful wife of Odysseus, the King of Ithaca. Odysseus fought on the side of the Greeks during the Trojan War. He led the final siege of the ten year conflict, in which a giant wooden horse was given to the Trojans as a gift. Within the hollow belly of the Trojan horse, Greek soldiers lay in wait. When this false gift was safely within the walls of Troy, the soldiers disembarked and destroyed the city. For plans such as these Odysseus was known as *Odysseus the Cunning*.

After the ten year war Odysseus spent ten more years trying to get back home to Ithaca. This perilous journey, which includes harrowing encounters with monsters, sorceresses and desperate sea nymphs, is the subject of Homer's epic poem, *The Odyssey*.

Penelope never gave up hope for her husband's safe return. She persistently spurned the advances of her numerous suitors (108 in all) for the 20 years during which Odysseus was away. When Odysseus finally returned, he slew the hoard of suitors. For her enduring faithfulness Penelope is commonly considered an icon of fidelity.

This asteroid may grant loyal, steadfast, allegiant and patient attributes.

Saturn Conjunct Signe, Orb: 0 deg. 44 min.

This asteroid was named for a character from Scandinavian mythology. In the *Volsunga saga*, Signe was the daughter of King Volsung. She marries the villainous king Siggeir, who murders her entire family except for her brother Sigmund. Signe has an incestuous affair with Sigmund, which produces her son Sinfjotli. She dies by burning to death along with her monstrous husband.

This character was the inspiration for Sieglinde, a heroine of Richard Wagner's 1870 opera *Die Walkure* (The Valkyrie), the second of the four operas of his epic Ring of the Nibelungs cycle.

In the plot of this opera, the supreme god Wotan (Odin) makes a deal with two giants named Fasolt and Fafnir. In exchange for building his mighty hall of Valhalla, Wotan says he will give the giants Freya, the goddess of love. When they accomplish the task, however, Wotan is unwilling to surrender Freya. The giants say they will accept the treasure of Alberich as payment instead.

Alberich is a wealthy dwarf, specifically a type of dwarf known as a *Nibelung*. His treasure hoard is legendary, especially since he had stolen the magical gold of the water spirits known as the Rhine maidens, and used it to craft a ring which would give its bearer power over the entire world if he or she completely renounced love.

After stealing Alberich's treasure, Wotan was intrigued by the power of the ring, but refused to give up love. He cursed the ring and gave the treasure hoard to Fasolt and Fafnir as promised. As soon as they got it, the curse of the ring took effect, and Fafnir slew Fasolt. He then used *Tarnhelm*, a magical helmet with the power of shape-shifting (a piece among the many treasures of Alberich) to transform himself into a monstrous dragon. In this form Fafnir retreated to a remote cavern to guard his new and plentiful wealth.

Wotan feared Alberich's revenge if he regained the ring, so he gathered around him a formidable army. He did this with the help of his daughters the Valkyries, a class of brave and ferocious warrior spirits. Chief among these was Brunhilde. Wotan also began to set events in motion which would lead the ring to fall into the hands of a pure-hearted hero free from divine influence. With a mortal woman he fathered a set of twins named Siegmund and Sieglinde (or Sigelinde).

When the twins were young a marauding tribe killed their mother and abducted Sieglinde. Siegmund became a loner and a misfit. At the beginning of *Die Walkure*, he has taken refuge in a stranger's cottage after fleeing from a clan who he had attacked for trying to make a woman marry a man she didn't love. As he tells his tale to his hostess, she realizes that he is her long lost brother. Sieglinde and Siegmund are joyfully reunited, but Sieglinde's brutish husband Hunding tells him that the clan which he attacked were his kinsmen, and although he is welcome to stay the night, he must fight him in the morning to avenge his family's honor. An incestuous

liason between the reunited twins is implied.

Sieglinde tells Siegmund that a long time ago a mysterious stranger plunged a sword into a nearby tree, but no one has ever been able to remove it. She believes that he was destined to wield it. Indeed Wotan left the magical sword there for his son.

From the realm of the gods, Wotan watches these events transpire. He tells his Valkyrie daughter Brunhilde to aid Siegmund in defeating Hunding. Wotan's wife Fricka (Frigg) enters and chastises him for this plan, pointing out that Siegmund is in no way free from the influence of the gods, having been set on his path by Wotan. Fricka also tells her husband that Siegmund is guilty of adultery and incest. She convinces him not to aid the young warrior in his fight against Hunding, nor to let the Valkyries do so.

Brunhilde goes to Siegmund and warns him that his death is imminent. She invites him to go with her to the realm of the gods, but he refuses to go without Sieglinde. Brunhilde is compassionate towards Siegmund and decides to help him, going against Wotan's orders. During the fight between Siegmund and Hunding, Wotan himself interferes, shattering Siegmund's magic sword with his spear. Hunding slays Siegmund, and Brunhilde leads Sieglinde away to safety. Wotan then kills Hunding.

Brunhilde takes Sieglinde to a meeting of the Valkyries, but they refuse to offer her refuge, fearing Wotan's wrath. Brunhilde declares that Sieglinde, now pregnant with the child of her dead brother, will give birth to the world's greatest hero, Siegfried. She advises Sieglinde to flee. Brunhilde is then confronted by angry Wotan, who banishes her from Valhalla, transforming her into a mortal woman.

This asteroid may give unintentional involvement in epic dramas beyond one's control. You may be separated from family members early in life, but later be reunited with them. Much tragedy may be experienced throughout life, particularly in the area of marriage. Exceptional children may also be produced.

Saturn Conjunct Turandot, Orb: 0 deg. 52 min.

This asteroid was named for the eponymous main character of Giacomo Puccini's 1926 three act opera *Turandot*. Puccini's opera was based on Carlo Gozzi's 1762 short comedic play of the same name. This play was inspired by a tale from the classic Arabian collection of folktales known as *One Thousand and One Nights* or *Arabian Nights*.

The plot of the legend concerns *Turandot*, a vain and cold-hearted Chinese princess. The name *Turandot* is an adaptation of the Persian *Turandokht*, literally meaning "Daughter of Turan". Turan was an ancient Iranian designation for Central Asia.

In this tale, the princess declares that she will only marry a man who can correctly answer three riddles. Those who cannot meet this challenge will be put to death. In the beginning of Puccini's opera, the Prince of Persia is about to be executed for trying and failing to win *Turandot's* hand. The crowd begs the princess to spare the handsome prince's life but she insensitively refuses, dismissing him with a flippant gesture.

The Prince of Tartary has arrived on the scene and upon seeing *Turandot* falls in love with her. Against his father's wishes, he accepts the challenge.

When the Prince of Tartary succeeds in providing *Turandot* with the correct answers to her riddles, the princess becomes distraught and begs her father not to make her marry the stranger. The victorious prince tells her that as she still does not know his name, if she can discover it by morning than she will have won and he will

concede to be executed.

Turandot quickly finds the man and woman with whom she saw the mysterious prince conversing at the Prince of Persia's execution. They are his father, the deposed King of Tartary, and his only loyal servant. The servant, named Liu, claims to be the only person who knows the man's name. Turandot sadistically tortures Liu, but she stubbornly refuses to give up, as she is both exceedingly faithful to her employer and secretly in love with the prince. She dies without revealing his name.

In the morning Turandot is forced to concede. The triumphant prince reveals his identity as Calaf, Prince of Tartary.

This asteroid may give cold, cruel and haughty attributes. You may attempt to maintain a position of sovereign authority through trickery, eventually leading to defeat. The geographic region of Central Asia may also hold much personal significance.

Saturn Conjunct Tyche, Orb: 0 deg. 36 min.

Tyche is the ancient Greek goddess of fate, fortune and luck. She was a popular deity during the Hellenistic period, being associated with the wellbeing and prosperity of cities. She was typically portrayed wearing a mural crown (a crown resembling the walls of a city) and holding a cornucopia. She was accompanied by Agathodaemon, whose name means "Good Spirit", the spirit of good luck and health. Tyche was also associated with Nemesis, the goddess of divine retribution and vengeance.

Tyche was worshipped throughout the ancient world. Her premier temple, the *Tychaeon* in Alexandria, Egypt, was described by the Greek philosopher Libanius (314-394) as one of the world's most magnificent sanctuaries. Prominent shrines were also maintained in her honor at Antioch and in Itanos, Crete, where she was known as Tyche Protogeneia, or "Tyche, the First Born".

In the Greco-Buddhist art of Gandhara (an ancient kingdom in what is now northern Pakistan), Tyche was conflated with Asian goddess Hariti, a divine protectress of children.

Tyche's Roman equivalent was the goddess *Fortuna*, who gave her name to *fortune*. The name Fortuna may have been derived from the earlier Etruscan *Vortumna*, meaning "She who revolves the Year". Often portrayed within a wheel, Fortuna was perceived as governing the human life cycle as well as other natural cycles, such as the annual turning of the seasons. She was also commonly shown wearing a blindfold, a symbol of her capricious and indiscriminating nature.

Throughout the Roman world a multitude of shrines addressed the many aspects of Fortuna. As Fortuna Muliebris she was solely concerned with the luck of women. At an oracle dedicated to *Fortuna Muliebris*, the future was divined by a young boy who selected oak rods inscribed with possible future events. As Fortuna Populi Romani, this goddess embodied the collective fate of the entire Roman people, whereas *Fortuna Privata* ruled the destiny of each individual separately. *Fortuna Virilis* was in charge of the fate of a man's career, as Fortuna Primigenia governed the destiny of a family's firstborn child. In the late days of the Roman Empire this goddess was synchronized with the Egyptian Isis to form Isis-Fortuna. She was also closely associated with the worship of Eventus Bonus, an agricultural and commercial deity involved with granting good harvests and profits.

This asteroid may draw attention to the ideas of luck, probability, fate and fortune. Advantageous circumstances may be enjoyed by chance.

Cyclical patterns may become a matter of personal relevancy.

Saturn Opposition Academia, Orb: 1 deg. 00 min.

The word *academia* generally refers to a community of scholars involved in higher education and research. This asteroid was specifically named in honor of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

An emphasis on the pursuit of knowledge, especially that of a scientific nature, may be implied by this asteroid's influence.

Saturn Opposition Eurykleia, Orb: 0 deg. 37 min.

In Greek mythology, Eurykleia (whose name means "Wide Renown") was the wet nurse of the hero Odysseus. She was the first person to recognize Odysseus when he came home from the Trojan war, even though he was disguised as a beggar.

This asteroid may give an inclination towards the care of infants and young children. Observant and popular characteristics may develop.

Saturn Opposition Fisher, Orb: 0 deg. 30 min.

This asteroid was named after Ronald Aylmer Fisher (1890-1962), a notable and accomplished English statistician, evolutionary biologist and geneticist. Fisher is an English occupational surname originally applied to fishermen and their families.

This asteroid may exalt scientific endeavors, especially those pertaining to biology and/or statistics. It may also ascribe personal importance to the practice of harvesting the sea's bounty.

Saturn Opposition Hypatia, Orb: 0 deg. 18 min.

Hypatia of Alexandria was a mathematician, astronomer and Neo-Platonist philosopher who lived in the Roman city of Alexandria in Egypt. She was born between 350 and 370 CE. Her father and teacher, Theon, was the last known mathematician associated with the Museum of Alexandria. Hypatia was further educated in Athens and Italy before returning to Alexandria in 400 CE to become the head of the Platonist school there. Among her pupils was the eminent philosopher Synesius of Cyrene, who went on to become the Bishop of Ptolemais.

Hypatia's work included writing commentaries on the works of Diophantus and Apollonius, as well as the charting of celestial bodies. She edited the existing version of Ptolemy's *Almagest*, a text concerned with the complex motions of stars and planets. She is also credited with the invention of the *hydrometer*, an instrument used for ascertaining the specific gravity of liquids. Much more of her work may have been buried or destroyed.

In March, 415 CE Hypatia was dragged from her chariot by a rabid mob of Christians led by a man only identified as Peter. She was stripped naked and dragged through the streets of her beloved city to the newly Christianized Caesareum Church where she was brutally murdered. Her death is often considered to be the official end of Classical antiquity.

This asteroid may give an inclination towards intellectual and academic pursuits, especially those involving astronomy, mathematics and philosophy. The knowledge of the ancient Greco-Roman world may play an

essential role in life. A tendency to become involved in the education of others may manifest. The individual's work may also put them at risk of harm and persecution.

Saturn Opposition Irma, Orb: 0 deg. 21 min.

The female name Irma is derived from the Old High German word *irmin*, meaning "world". It is sometimes translated as "complete" or "universal".

This asteroid may grant a sense of wholeness. A keen awareness of the greater world of which one is a part may develop.

Saturn Opposition Lucia, Orb: 0 deg. 58 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of the daughter of Count Johann Nepomuk Wilczek (1837-1922), an Austro-Hungarian polar explorer and patron of the fine arts. Lucia is a Latin-derived name meaning "Light".

This asteroid may emphasize the importance of relationships between fathers and their children. Light, in either the literal or philosophical sense, may play an important role in life. Venturesome, creative and philanthropic pursuits may be favored.

Saturn Opposition Pomona, Orb: 0 deg. 08 min.

Pomona is the ancient Roman goddess of fruit trees and orchards. Her name is etymologically connected to the Latin *pomum*, meaning "fruit", the root of the French *pomme*, or "apple", and the English pomegranate.

Pomona is traditionally depicted as a robust woman holding fruit and a pruning knife. In 19th Century art she is shown with a cornucopia or platter of fruit. She is the consort of Vertumnus (or Vortumnus), the shape-shifting god of gardening and the changing of the seasons.

This asteroid may give a love of gardens, farms and orchards. An abundant and productive existence may be enjoyed. Botanical enterprises are exalted.

Saturn Opposition Quetzalcoatl, Orb: 0 deg. 41 min.

Quetzalcoatl, whose name means "Feathered Serpent" in the Nahuatl language, was an important deity of the Aztec pantheon. He was also worshipped by other Mesoamerican civilizations. The Mayans knew him as Kukulcan or Ququmatz, also meaning "Feathered Serpent". The earliest known representations of feathered serpents in Mesoamerica are attributed to the Olmec culture (1400-400 BCE).

Quetzalcoatl is depicted in art as either a dragon-like creature or as a man clad in an elaborate feathered headdress and monstrous mask.

Along with his twin brother Xolotl, Quetzalcoatl was the son of the goddess Coatlicue, whose name means "Lady of the Serpent". Coatlicue was known as "Goddess of Life, Death and Rebirth" and "Mother Goddess of the Earth who gives birth to all celestial things". She was the patroness of women who died in childbirth, and was depicted as a woman wearing a skirt made of living serpents and a necklace made of human hearts, hands and skulls. In addition to Quetzalcoatl and Xolotl, Coatlicue gave birth to the Moon, the Stars, and Huitzilopochtli (whose name means "Left-Handed Hummingbird") the patron god of Mexico City.

Quetzalcoatl and Xolotl were both associated with the planet Venus. Where Quetzalcoatl was the Morning Star, or Venus appearing in the east just before dawn, Xolotl was the evening star, or Venus appearing in the West just after sunset. Xolotl, often portrayed as a dog-headed man, was responsible for leading the souls of the dead to Mictlan (the Underworld). He was also associated with fire and lightning.

Quetzalcoatl's mythological role was similar to that of the Greek Titan Prometheus. He was assigned the task of creating the bodies of the current human race. According to Mesoamerican beliefs, four previous epochs of mankind (called "Suns") have preceded our own. At the advent of the fifth sun Quetzalcoatl fashioned new humans out of the bones of the deceased denizens of the previous ages. He used his own blood to enliven them. He also cared for the welfare of humanity, providing the gifts of corn cultivation, written language, religion and education. Quetzalcoatl was the patron of the Aztec priesthood, as well as of knowledge, literacy, the arts, craftsmanship and the marketplace. His presence heralded organized civilization.

This asteroid may give a benevolent nature and an interest in education, humanitarianism and social structure. Agricultural, literary, sacerdotal and commercial enterprises may be favored. Humanity's uniqueness and identity as a whole may become a subject of personal importance.

The culture and religion of ancient Mesoamerica may also hold personal significance.

Saturn Opposition Raphaela, Orb: 0 deg. 49 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of French politician, banker and philanthropist Raphael Louis Bischoffsheim (1823-1906). In 1879 Bischoffsheim founded the Nice Observatory.

In the Jewish, Christian, and Islamic religious traditions, Raphael is one of the four *archangels*, the highest-ranking servants and messengers of the supreme and absolute God. The other three archangels are Michael, Gabriel and Uriel.

The name Raphael means "God Heals" or more literally, "Heal-God". This archangel is associated with curative powers. In the *Book of Tobit Raphael* appears disguised in human form as the traveling companion of the character Tobias. In this guise he performs many miraculous acts of healing, including reendowing a blind man with sight.

Raphael is typically portrayed as a winged man holding a bottle, a fish and/or a staff.

As a Christian saint Raphael is the patron of apothecaries and pharmacists, physicians, nurses, the sick, the blind, travelers and young people.

This asteroid may give philanthropic tendencies as well as an inclination towards medical, therapeutic and health-related activities. You may travel and provide aid for those in need. Protective and beneficent qualities may manifest.

Saturn Opposition Sunshine, Orb: 0 deg. 04 min.

Sunshine, or sunlight, is the total frequency spectrum of the electromagnetic radiation given off by the Sun. It is filtered through the Earth's atmosphere. Sunlight is crucial to *photosynthesis*, the process through which plants convert carbon dioxide to organic compounds such as sugars. Photosynthesis is fundamental to sustaining all life on Earth.

This asteroid may emphasize the importance of the star around which our planet revolves and the vitalizing properties of its emanations.

Uranus

Improvisation and Innovation: Ways You Like to Be Free and Spontaneous

Uranus Conjunct Bali, Orb: 0 deg. 11 min.

In the Hindu religious texts known as the *Puranas*, Bali (also known as Mahabali, or the Great Bali) was the king of the Daityas. The Daityas were a race of giants who waged war against the Devas (godly beings) out of jealousy. Bali, however, is portrayed in literature as a righteous and benevolent leader. He was a devotee of Lord Vishnu. Peace and prosperity triumphed in his kingdom during his reign. He was the son of the Earth goddess Diti. Bali is particularly associated with the Kerala region of southwestern India. The residents of Kerala honor King Bali each year during their Onam festival. It is said that in the future Bali will ascend to the position of Indra, the King of the Devas.

This asteroid may ascribe personal significance to the Kerala area. It may also grant wide popularity and a position of responsibility and respect. Divine and extramundane themes may pervade life.

Uranus Conjunct Bettina, Orb: 0 deg. 04 min.

This asteroid was named for Baroness Bettina von Rothschild, wife of Albert Saloman von Rothschild, a member of the powerful Rothschild banking family of Austria. Bettina was the mother of seven children. The name Bettina is an Italian form of the name *Elizabeth*, which is derived from the Hebrew Elisheva, meaning "God is my Oath".

This asteroid may give social ascendancy and an influential position, possibly in connection with one's family. The continuance of heritage and tradition may be a major life theme.

Uranus Conjunct Felicitas, Orb: 0 deg. 31 min.

In the ancient Roman religion, Felicitas was the goddess of good luck and success. The proper names Felicia and Felix (meaning "happiness"), as well as the English word felicity (meaning "bliss") are derived from Felicitas.

This asteroid may bestow great joy, cheerfulness, exuberance and elation. A good-natured temperament is likely. Prosperity, success and victory may be achieved.

Uranus Conjunct Hawaii, Orb: 0 deg. 17 min.

Hawaii is a US State comprising the entire Hawaiian Island chain. It is a sister state of Japan's Ehime Prefecture, home of the Kuma Kogen Observatory, where this asteroid was discovered in 1994.

There are seven major islands as well as a multitude of smaller ones in this island chain, which rests in the center of the Pacific Ocean. The area was originally settled by Polynesians who came to the islands in double-hulled canoes. These early pioneers brought their pigs, dogs, chickens and crops with them. It is unknown whether they arrived all at once, or in a sequence of separate migrations. The name *Hawaii* is derived from the Proto-Polynesian word Sawaiki, meaning "Homeland". It is not known exactly how long ago the first Polynesians came to the Hawaiian islands.

The first European contact with *Hawaii* occurred in 1778 when Captain James Cook and his crew unexpectedly arrived there during one of their exploratory voyages. Cook noted the Hawaiian sport of surfing in his journal. He named the islands "the Sandwich Islands". Cook returned the next year and attempted to hold a Hawaiian chief captive for ransom, a plan which led to his death.

The Hawaiian islands were traditionally each ruled by a separate chief. They were politically unified for the first time in 1810 under King Kamehameha I. In 1819 his successor Kamehameha II took the throne, ruling jointly with his stepmother Ka'ahumanu. They dismantled the age-old Hawaiian system of legal regulations, known as the kapu system. Kapu means "forbidden" and is etymologically related to "taboo". This cultural disruption was directly followed by the arrival of Christian missionaries from New England in 1820. These missionaries succeeded in converting many Hawaiian nobles to their religion. The islands were then invaded by England, and later France. *Hawaii fought* for its independence from European rule, only to be conquered by the United States of America, which annexed Hawaii as a territory in 1900. The 1941 attack on Hawaii's Pearl Harbor brought the United States into World War II. In 1959 Hawaii gained statehood, become the fiftieth of the United States.

The Hawaiian islands are known for their biological and ecological diversity and their natural beauty.

This asteroid may ascribe personal significance to this beautiful and unique geographic location.

Uranus Conjunct Herakleitos, Orb: 0 deg. 20 min.

Heraclites (535-475 BCE) was a pre-Socratic philosopher from Ephesus, Ionia. Known for his melancholic and misanthropic character, he is referred to as "the Weeping Philosopher" and "the Obscure". Heraclites is often portrayed in art wearing dark clothes and wringing his hands in distress. His disdain for other philosophers was famous. He was born into a wealthy family and considered himself to be self-taught. He died at the age of 60 of edema (formerly known as dropsy), an abnormal accumulation of fluid in the body. The meaning of his adage "All things come to be in accordance with this Logos" is much debated.

Heraclites supported the concept of a perpetually changing Universe. He said, "You cannot step twice in the same river.". He also acknowledged the unity of opposites, stating "The path up and the path down are one and the same."

This asteroid may give a contemplative and philosophical nature combined with arrogant and morose tendencies. A love of riddles and cryptic sayings may develop.

Uranus Conjunct Herodotus, Orb: 0 deg. 28 min.

Herodotus was an ancient Greek historian of the 5th Century BCE. Revered in Western culture as the "Father of History", he was the first of his profession to collect his materials systematically, test their accuracy, and arrange them in the form of a narrative. Born in the Anatolian city of Helicarnassus (now known as Bodrum, Turkey), Herodotus documented in detail the Greco-Persian wars and the circumstances which led to them. His accounts of India are some of the oldest inquiries into that civilization by a foreigner.

This asteroid may bestow an inclination towards the study of history.

Uranus Conjunct Hippodamia, Orb: 0 deg. 30 min.

In Greek mythology, Hippodamia (whose name may mean "Horse Tamer" or "Horse Spirit") was the daughter of King Oenomaus of Pisa. She wanted to marry, but her father had heard a prophecy that his son-in-law would kill him. He proclaimed that only a man who could beat him in a chariot race could marry his daughter. Thirteen men had already tried and died before Pelops attempted the contest. Pelops loved Hippodamia. He bribed Myrtilus, Oenomaus' charioteer, to replace the bronze lynch-pins of the king's chariot with those made of beeswax. During the race, when the wax lynch-pins melted, the king's chariot fell apart and he died, thus fulfilling the prophecy. Pelops and Hippodamia married. At their wedding, a group of rowdy, intoxicated Centaurs disrupted the ceremony and unsuccessfully attempted to abduct Hippodamia.

Myrtilus, the charioteer, also attempted to carry off Hippodamia. Pelops killed him by pushing him off a high cliff. As Myrtilus fell, he uttered a curse upon Pelops, Hippodamia and their descendants.

Pelops himself had a bizarre early life. His father, Tantalus, had attempted to disprove the omniscience of the gods by murdering Pelops and serving him as the main dish at a feast. The Olympians, however, saw this deception and sent Tantalus depths of Tartarus for eternal punishment, while resurrecting Pelops.

Hippodamia and Pelops were the parents of Atreus, King of Mycenae, the progenitor of the cursed House of Atreus. This royal house was dually blighted by the sins of Tantalus and the imprecation of Myrtilus.

Their other children included Atreus' twin brother Thyestes, wise King Pittheus of Troezen, and Alcahous, who vanquished the Cithaeronian lion.

This asteroid may give a life of dramatic circumstances, tumult and brutality. The ill will of others may be incurred against oneself and ones family. Equine finesse may also manifest.

Uranus Conjunct Orpheus, Orb: 0 deg. 52 min.

The sacred lyric poet Orpheus was an important figure in ancient Greek legend and worship. He was the central figure of a mystery religion (known as Orphism or the Orphic Mysteries) dating back to at least the 5th Century BCE.

Orphism was a tradition primarily concerned with death and the afterlife. Its adherents believed that the human soul was divine and immortal, yet doomed to an endless cycle of life, death and subsequent rebirth. Through their rites the Orphics aimed to liberate themselves from this "grievous circle".

Orpheus was the son of Calliope, "She of the Beautiful Voice", the Muse of Heroic Poetry. He was known to travel the ancient world on foot singing and playing his lyre. His music was so beautiful and enchanting that both humans and wild animals froze in captive awe upon hearing it.

Orpheus fell in love with the beautiful oak nymph Eurydice, whose name means "Far Reaching Justice". Shortly after their wedding, Eurydice was bitten by a poisonous snake, succumbing to a tragic death. Orpheus then sang songs of such misery that the nymphs and creatures of the Earth urged him to go to the Underworld to retrieve his bride. Breaking the rules of mortality, romantic Orpheus traveled to the throne room of Hades and Persephone, where he petitioned the rulers of the Underworld to let Eurydice return with him to the sunlit world. Enraptured by his beautiful music, they agreed to his request, on the condition that he walk in front of Eurydice on their journey home and never look behind him. Eurydice followed Orpheus until he foolishly turned and looked at her. Whether forgetfulness or curiosity caused him to break his promise is unclear. In that

moment Eurydice disappeared, this time forever. Orpheus returned alone to the surface of the Earth.

Orpheus himself met death in a violent manner, being ripped to pieces by the crazed and intoxicated followers of Dionysus. His severed head was said to float down the Hebrus River still singing. It floated out to the island of Lesbos where it was buried and honored with an oracular shrine.

In addition to his musical virtuosity and romantic spirit, Orpheus is praised in Classical literature as a master of medicine, agriculture, writing, divination and astrology.

In Orphic cosmogony, Phanes, whose name means "Bring to Light" or "Make Appear", was the primeval deity of procreation and original generator of all life. Phanes was portrayed as a hermaphroditic figure graced by beautiful golden wings and wrapped in the coils of the serpent of life. In the beginning of creation, Phanes emerged from the World Egg, a singularity which contained the undifferentiated elements, when it was split by Kronos ("Time") and Ananke ("Inevitability").

As the first being, Phanes became the first ruler of the Cosmos. S/he was supplanted in this role by Nyx, the goddess of the Night. From Nyx the rulership of the Universe was passed on to Ouranos, the god of the Sky, who was defeated by Kronos. Kronos was finally defeated by his son Zeus, who then assumed his role as King of the Gods. In some accounts Zeus devoured Phanes in order to assimilate his immense power.

Phanes was also associated with Eros, the god of sexual desire.

Phanes, a hermaphrodite, was envisioned by the Orphics as being split into male and female aspects. The male aspect of Phanes was equated with Iacchus. Iacchus, known as "the light bearing star of the nocturnal mysteries", was a divine attendant of the goddess Demeter and was intimately connected to her mystery religion at Eleusis. He was described as bearing a torch. Iacchus was later conflated with Dionysus, his name becoming an epithet of the ecstatic god. The feminine half of the Primal Creator was known as *Misa*. Misa may have been perceived as an equivalent of the Earth Mother goddess Cybele.

This asteroid may bestow extraordinary poetic, musical, literary and/or prophetic talents. A nomadic lifestyle may be adopted. Popular adoration may be attained. Concepts of death and rebirth may play an essential role in life, as may those of romantic love. You may undergo a symbolic "journey to the Underworld". Religious ritual, especially that of an emotional and experiential nature, may be found appealing.

Uranus Conjunct Oskar, Orb: 0 deg. 47 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of Oskar Ruben von Rothschild (1888-1909), a benefactor of astronomy who died a tragic death at a young age.

The name Oskar (or Oscar) is derived from the Old English phrase *os gar*, meaning "Spear of the Gods". It is cognate to the Old Norse *Asgeir* and the Germanic *Ansgar*.

In Irish mythology Oscar was a legendary warrior. He was the son of the epic poet Oisín. This Oscar's name is derived from the Gaelic *oscara*, meaning "Deer Lover".

This asteroid may give combative and war-like tendencies, as well as philanthropic ones. An affinity with deer may manifest.

Uranus Opposition Amelia, Orb: 0 deg. 47 min.

This asteroid was named by its discoverer, Spanish astronomer Josep Comas Sola (1868-1937), in honor of his wife.

The name Amelia is derived from the Germanic amal, meaning "work".

This asteroid may confer the attributes of industriousness, diligence and assiduity. Marriage may also be held in high regard.

Uranus Opposition Chrysothemis, Orb: 0 deg. 36 min.

In Greek mythology, Chrysothemis was the daughter of King Agamemnon and Queen Clytemnestra. Unlike her sister Electra, she did not seek revenge on her mother for her infidelity to her father (and his eventual murder). The name Chrysothemis literally means "Golden Justice".

This asteroid may give a calm, compassionate and forgiving character. Themes of justice and morality may play an important role in life.

Uranus Opposition Dejopeja, Orb: 0 deg. 34 min.

In Roman mythology, Dejopeja (or Deiopea) was a water nymph whom Juno, Queen of the Gods, offered in marriage to Aeolus, Ruler of the Winds, in exchange for his release of the wind upon Aeneas' sea-faring vessels.

This asteroid may emphasize the importance of natural forces and meteorological phenomena.

Uranus Opposition Lyka, Orb: 0 deg. 48 min.

This asteroid was named for a friend of the sister of its discoverer, Russian astronomer Grigory Neujmin (1886-1946).

The name Lyka may be a feminine form of the Greek Lykos, meaning "Wolf". In Greco-Roman myth, wolves were associated with familial loyalty and kinship. In one tale a mother wolf becomes responsible for the care of the infant Romulus, the legendary founder of Rome, and his twin brother Remus. In this cultural context the wolf was also thought to be an animal sacred to Mars, the god of War.

This asteroid may ascribe personal importance to relationships with one's sibling's friends. The social, cultural or family group with which one identifies may play a pivotal role in life. Aggressive and bellicose attributes may manifest, and the individual may feel called to fiercely protect and defend their loved ones.

Uranus Opposition McDonalda, Orb: 0 deg. 07 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of the McDonald Observatory, an astronomical research station in the remote Davis Mountains of West Texas. The McDonald Observatory is owned and operated by the University of Texas at Austin. Its initial construction was funded by wealthy Texas banker William Johnson McDonald (1844-1926), who endowed most of his fortune to the project (much to the chagrin of his heirs). Today the McDonald Observatory conducts cutting edge astronomical investigation utilizing the Hobby-Eberly telescope, one of the world's largest optical telescopes.

The surname McDonald is the Anglicized form of the Gaelic Mac Dhomnuill, literally meaning "the Son of the Leader".

This asteroid may bestow financial finesse and a penchant for scientific advancement and philanthropy. Leadership abilities may manifest. You may become a patron of the study of the cosmos. The geographic region of West Texas may also hold personal significance.

Uranus Opposition Mildred, Orb: 0 deg. 30 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of Mildred Shapley, the daughter of its co-discoverer, American astronomer Harlow Shapley (1885-1972).

The female given name Mildred is derived from the Old English Mildreth, meaning "Gentle Strength". This name was popularized by Saint Mildreth, an early 8th Century Anglo-Saxon abbess. According to her hagiography, Saint Mildreth was born to a noble family with close ties to the Merovingian rulers of Gaul. She chose a life of religious devotion over one of royal luxury, and was lauded for her great kindness and generosity.

This asteroid may draw attention to relationships between fathers and daughters. A solid and enduring yet kind and beneficent nature may manifest.

Uranus Opposition Nausikaa, Orb: 0 deg. 28 min.

In Greek mythology Nausicaa, whose name inexplicably means "Burner of Ships", was a princess who aided the hero Odysseus on his travels. She was the daughter of King Alcinous and Queen Alete of Phaeacia. Although she was a princess, Nausicaa worked with the palace servants maintaining the royal household. One day, she was washing clothes by the river when shipwrecked Odysseus stumbled out of the woods naked and confused. Nausicaa gave him some clothes to wear and advised him to go to the palace alone and seek an audience with her mother Alete, which he did. Alete graciously welcomed the bedraggled Odysseus into her court. Much of Homer's *Odyssey* consists of Odysseus recalling his past adventures to the Phaeacian royal family. In this tale Princess Nausicaa and Odysseus are attracted to each other, yet their implied romance never comes to fruition.

This asteroid may give an inclination towards helping others in need. An aptitude for domestic work may manifest.

Uranus Opposition Pondicherry, Orb: 0 deg. 01 min.

Puducherry, formerly known as Pondicherry, is a region of southeastern India. In the late 18th Century Puducherry was a territory of *France*. The region's capital and largest city is also known as Puducherry.

Puducherry is famous as the birthplace of Tamil poet Bharathidasan (1891-1964). It also became the home of Indian nationalist, poet, author, philosopher and yogi Sri Aurobindo (1872-1950), who wrote some of his most celebrated works there.

This asteroid may ascribe personal significance to the region of Puducherry, its history and its culture.

Uranus Opposition Rhodope, Orb: 0 deg. 19 min.

In Greek mythology, Rhodope was a Thracian queen married to King Haemus. Haemus was the son of Boreas, the spirit of winter and the cold north wind. Haemus and Rhodope foolishly compared themselves to Zeus and Hera, the king and queen of the gods. For this act of blasphemous hubris the gods transformed them into mountain ranges. Haemus became the Balkan Mountains (known in ancient times as Haemus Mons) and Rhodope became the Rhodope Mountains.

The Rhodope Mountains lie mostly in modern-day western Bulgaria, and partially in eastern Greece. These mountains are rich in natural water sources. Their rivers and streams provide hydroelectric power to much of Bulgaria. The mountains are also a popular tourist destination, praised for their scenic beauty and pleasant climate. Agriculture and mineral mining also contribute to the region's economy.

The Thracians were the first culture known to inhabit the Rhodope Mountains. In the Middle Ages they were alternately ruled by the Byzantine and Bulgarian Empires. In the 14th Century the region was occupied by the Ottoman Turks during the Bulgarian-Ottoman Wars.

The Rhodope Mountains are home to several notable fortresses and monasteries, including the Bachkovo Monastery. Founded in 1083, the Bachkovo Monastery is one of the oldest Eastern Orthodox monasteries in Europe.

This asteroid may ascribe personal importance to the geographic region of the Rhodope Mountains. It may also confer vain pretensions which lead to an eventual fall from grace.

Uranus Opposition Taiwan, Orb: 0 deg. 23 min.

Taiwan is an island 180 kilometers off the coast of mainland China. It has a land area of 35,801 square kilometers, much of which is mountainous. It is bordered to the southeast by the Taiwan Strait, to the north by the East China Sea, to the east by the Philippine Sea, to the south by the Luzon Strait, and to the southwest by the South China Sea. Its capital and largest city is Taipei.

Since 1945, Taiwan has been governed by the Republic of China.

Archaeological evidence for the human habitation of Taiwan dates back at least 30 thousand years. Around 4,000 years ago, the ancestors of Taiwan's aboriginal people came to the island. These indigenous Taiwanese are related to the Polynesians and Malaysians. Records indicate that the Han Chinese (mainland China's predominant ethnic group) were aware of Taiwan's existence in the 3rd Century CE, yet made no attempt to colonize or explore the island until the 16th Century.

In 1544 a crew of Portuguese sailors became the first known Europeans to set eyes on Taiwan, naming it Isla Formosa, or "Beautiful Island". In 1624 Dutch merchants established a trading post there. From 1626 until 1642 the Spanish occupied northern Taiwan. During the 19th Century the Japanese took control of Taiwan.

Taiwan is known for its beautiful mountains, rivers, jungles and beaches. It has a marine tropical climate. Natural disasters such as typhoons and earthquakes are common occurrences.

Taiwan has over 23 million residents, 93% of whom adhere to a mixture of Buddhist, Taoist and Confucian religious practices and beliefs. The indigenous ocean goddess Mazu ("Mother Ancestor") also maintains popular veneration. About 85% of Taiwanese residents are the descendants of early Han Chinese settlers.

Taiwan is also recognized throughout the world for its visual and performing arts, as well as its architecture. In addition to tourism, the business and financial sectors support the island's bustling economy.

This asteroid may grant personal importance to this unique island, its culture, its history and its natural splendor.

Neptune **Dreams, Visions, and Ideals**

Neptune Conjunction Hedwig, Orb: 0 deg. 22 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of Hedwig Lidforss, the wife of Swedish-Danish astronomer Elis Stromgren (1870-1947). Hedwig was a dentist and a writer.

The name Hedwig is derived from a combination of the Germanic words hadu, meaning "battle", and wig, meaning "fight".

Saint Hedwig (also known as Saint Jadwiga) was the sovereign monarch of Poland from 1384 CE until her death in 1399. She was the daughter of Louis I of Hungary and Elisabeth of Bosnia. Hedwig had visionary religious experiences during her rule, and was venerated as a saint in Poland directly following her death. She was officially canonized in 1997 and is the patron saint of queens and of United Europe.

There was also another Saint Hedwig, Saint Hedwig of Andechs (1174-1243). This Hedwig is the patron saint of Poland, Krakow, Berlin and orphaned children. She was known in her time as an advocate of the poor.

This asteroid may give aggressive tendencies. You may assume a role uncommon for those of their gender. A position of both political and religious influence may be attained. Charitable and generous qualities may manifest, and the individual may provide aid to orphaned and/or impoverished people. Endeavors relating to dentistry and writing may be favored. The nation of Poland may also hold personal significance.

Neptune Conjunction Istria, Orb: 0 deg. 41 min.

This asteroid was named for the Istrian peninsula (or simply Istria), the largest peninsula in the Adriatic Sea. It was in the town of Pula, on the tip Istria, that Austrian astronomer Johann Palisa discovered this asteroid in 1878 while serving as the head of the Austrian Naval Observatory. Pula was at that time included in the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Today it is a part of Croatia. The Istrian peninsula is now shared by Italy, Slovenia and Croatia, with Croatian territory comprising the majority of its land. The region's name is derived from that of the *Histri*, an Illyrian tribe residing there in antiquity. Roman historians described the Histri as a fierce tribe of pirates and warriors.

This asteroid may ascribe personal importance to this region of the world, its culture and its history.

Neptune Opposition Deni, Orb: 0 deg. 49 min.

The meaning of this asteroid's name is unknown.

Neptune Opposition Emma, Orb: 0 deg. 05 min.

The name Emma is derived from the Germanic ermin, meaning "whole", "universal" or "all". This name is most famous as that of the protagonist of Jane Austen's comic novel Emma. The story concerns "handsome, clever and rich" Emma Woodhouse, an over-privileged and self-aggrandizing young woman.

This asteroid may give a life of luxury, yet a tendency towards pomposity and naive arrogance.

Neptune Opposition Eros, Orb: 0 deg. 48 min.

Eros was the ancient Greek god of sexual desire, love and beauty. His Roman equivalent was the Cupid, also known as Amor. Eros was originally worshipped as a fertility deity. He was said to either be one of the primordial gods of the son of Aphrodite, the goddess of love, and Ares, the god of war.

Married to Psyche (whose name means Soul), Eros was the father of Hedone, goddess of Bliss. It is from the name Hedone that the word *hedonism* is derived, and from her Roman equivalent Volupta that we get *voluptuous*. The name Eros is the root of *erotic*, and Amor survives today as the word for love in several romance languages.

This asteroid may bequeath an amorous nature and place emphasis on themes of pleasure, delight, joy and sensuality.

Neptune Opposition Isara, Orb: 0 deg. 01 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of the Isere, a river which flows through the Rhone-Alpes region of southeastern France. The Isere descends from its source in the Alps to merge with the Rhone river.

This asteroid may grant personal relevancy to this waterway and the territory which it inhabits.

Neptune Opposition Josephina, Orb: 0 deg. 17 min.

This asteroid was named for a person dear to its discoverer, Italian astronomer Elia Millosevich.

The name Josephina is the female equivalent to the male name Joseph. Joseph comes from the Hebrew *Yusuf*, meaning "God will increase/add". This name was ascribed to several prominent Biblical characters. In the Hebrew Bible, as well as the Koran, Joseph is mentioned as the favorite son of the patriarch Jacob. In his legend this Joseph is sold into slavery in Egypt by his jealous brothers, but makes the most of his situation by rising in rank from a slave to one of the Pharaoh's viceroys. His skill at interpreting dreams spawned this social ascent.

In the New Testament of the Christian Bible, Joseph is also the name of the Virgin Mary's husband and Jesus' adoptive father. As a saint this Joseph patronizes workers (particularly carpenters, stonemasons, builders and craftsmen) as well as pregnant women and immigrants. The New Testament also speaks of Joseph of Arimathea, a wealthy man who donated his own prepared tomb to the body of Jesus after his crucifixion.

This asteroid may bestow the ability to optimize one's circumstances and increase benefits to oneself and others. Dream interpretation, manual labor, craftsmanship, foster parenting and philanthropy may be favored pursuits. Close friendships may also be held in high regard.

Neptune Opposition Repsold, Orb: 0 deg. 30 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of German astronomer and firefighter Johann Georg Repsold (1770-1830). Repsold began building a private astronomical observatory in his native town of Hamburg in 1802. This observatory was destroyed in the Napoleonic Wars in 1811. In 1825 it was rebuilt. Repsold served as its director until 1830 when he died while extinguishing fires.

This asteroid may bestow an interest in firefighting and astronomy.

Neptune Opposition Siberia, Orb: 0 deg. 16 min.

Siberia is a vast region constituting almost all of northern Asia. It is currently a part of the Russian Federation, and makes up around 77% of that nation's landmass. It includes a large part of the Eurasian Steppe, extending eastward from the Ural Mountains to the Pacific Ocean. It is bordered to the north by the Arctic Ocean and to the south by Kazakhstan, Mongolia and China. With around 36 million residents inhabiting its 13 million square kilometers, Siberia houses about a quarter of Russia's total population.

The name Siberia may be derived from Siber, a Tartar word meaning "Sleeping Land". This expansive and often desolate territory has historically been inhabited by a variety of nomadic tribes, including Yenets, Nenets, Huns, Scythians, Mongols, Tartars and Uyghurs. The majority of its history remains undocumented and obscure. In the 15th Century eastern Siberia hosted the Khanate of Siber, a monarchic state with its capital at Chimgi-Tura (present-day Tyumen, Russia). In the 16th Century, the emerging power of Russia conquered the Khanate and began to extend its sphere of influence eastward across Siberia. In the 19th Century, political revolutionaries who challenged Imperial Russia were exiled to Siberia. During this time the Trans-Siberian Railroad began to be constructed, leading to the industrialization of Siberia and the exploitation of its extensive mineral resources. Siberia is abundantly rich in valuable minerals including silver, gold, nickel, lead, gypsum, coal, petroleum, diamonds and natural gas. It is also rich in reserves of fresh water. Ecosystems in Siberia range from sub-arctic tundra and taiga to temperate forest. Religious practices in the area include Tibetan Buddhism, Orthodox Christianity, Judaism, Islam and a wide variety of indigenous polytheistic/shamanic traditions.

This asteroid may ascribe personal importance to this unique land.

Pluto

Compulsiveness, Obsession, and a Sense of Mission

Pluto Conjunct Aristides, Orb: 0 deg. 53 min.

Aristides (530-468 BCE) was an Athenian statesman. He was nicknamed "the Just" for his ability to make fair decisions.

This asteroid may confer an aptitude for politics as well as a sense of ethics and honor.

Pluto Conjunct Frostia, Orb: 0 deg. 38 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of American astronomer Edwin Brant Frost (1866-1935). Frost was born in Brattleboro, Vermont. His scientific work focused on determining radial velocity using stellar spectrometry. In addition to astronomy, Frost enjoyed music and literature, as well as outdoor activities such as golf and ice skating. He also played a crucial role in helping eminent Ukrainian astronomer Otto Struve immigrate to the United States after living as an impoverished exile in Turkey.

This asteroid may give an inclination towards scientific pursuits, as well as an interest in other intellectual and athletic activities. You may provide aid for colleagues in need. Themes involving winter and the cold may also pervade life.

Pluto Conjunct Gertrud, Orb: 0 deg. 13 min.

This asteroid was named for its discoverer's granddaughter. The name Gertrude is a derivation of Gertrudis, which itself is comprised of the Germanic *ger*, meaning "spear", and *trut*, meaning "beloved".

This asteroid may grant importance to relationships between grandparents and grandchildren. A tendency to endear oneself to others may manifest, as may war-like and combative qualities.

Pluto Conjunct Herba, Orb: 0 deg. 06 min.

The Latin root *herba* means "grass" or "plant". The word herb came to mean any plant valued for its flavor, scent, or medicinal properties.

This asteroid may draw attention to the importance of the plant kingdom. Botany, biology, perfumery, medicine, aromatherapy and the culinary arts may be favored pursuits.

Pluto Conjunct Nymph, Orb: 0 deg. 45 min.

In Greek mythology a *nymph* was a female nature spirit. Nymphs were associated with particular locations and natural features, such as trees, grottoes, springs, rivers, valleys, hills and groves. They also joined the entourages of gods. Deities associated with the wilderness such as Pan, Artemis and Dionysus were particularly favored by nymphs.

This asteroid may give a deep love of nature. The concept of spirits inhabiting the land may play an essential role in life. An animistic ideology may develop.

Pluto Conjunct Reginhild, Orb: 0 deg. 48 min.

Reginhild is a Germanic name meaning "Battle Ruler".

This asteroid may give confrontational, combative, aggressive and dominating characteristics.

Pluto Conjunct Vanadis, Orb: 0 deg. 16 min.

Vanadis is an alternate name for Freya, the Norse goddess of love, beauty, fertility and eroticism. Freya's divine role was similar to that of the Greek Aphrodite, as she was beseeched by her followers for happiness in love. She is among the *Vanir*, a class of earthly deities who went to war with the *Aesir*, or gods of the sky.

The name Freya simply means "Lady" or "Mistress". It is etymologically related to the German word *Frau*, also meaning "Lady". Similarly, Freya's brother Freyr's name means "Lord" or "Master". As Freya concerns herself with love and pleasure, Freyr rules the forces of peace, prosperity, rain, sunshine, growth and agricultural abundance. Freya and Freyr were fathered by *Njord*, god of the sea, fishing and wealth. Njord was the mythical First King of Sweden.

Freya was also closely associated with the goddess Frigg, even being conflated with her in some Germanic traditions. As Freya was the chief goddess among the Vanir, Frigg was the wife of Odin and the Queen of the Aesir (a similar role to that of the Greek Juno). The word Friday is derived from the Old English *frigedaeg*, literally meaning "Frigg's Day".

In addition to matters of the heart, Freya governs magic, prophecy and the afterlife. It was said that half of the warriors who died in battle went to Odin's realm of *Valhalla*. The other half, however, joined Freya in her realm of *Folkvangr*, "the People's Field". Here she entertained the slain warriors at her hall, known as *Sessrumnir* ("Seat Room"). In Folkvangr Freya traveled in a chariot drawn by large cats in a similar manner to the Anatolian Great Goddess *Cybele*. The Volvas, a class of ancient Scandinavian oracular sorceresses, were closely associated with Freya in her aspect as mistress of magic.

This asteroid may give personal charm and beauty as well as a love of pleasure, passion and romance. Love may play an essential role in life, as may divination, magic and/or prophecy. Eminence and the reverence of others may be easily attained. Ancient Scandinavia may also become a subject of personal importance.

Pluto Opposition Aaltje, Orb: 0 deg. 38 min.

Aaltje Noordewier-Reddingius (1868-1949) was a Dutch soprano singer and music teacher.

This asteroid may give a love of music and education.

Pluto Opposition Eris, Orb: 0 deg. 41 min.

Slightly more massive than Pluto, the dwarf planet Eris is the ninth largest body known to orbit our Sun.

In Greek mythology, Eris is the goddess of discord and strife. She is the opponent of Harmonia, the goddess of Harmony. Eris' Roman equivalent is Discordia, who grants her name to *discord*. Homer equated Eris with Enyo, a terrifying war goddess. Furious Enyo, "the destroyer of cities", was the consort of Ares and accompanied him on the bloody battlefield. It was Eris who initiated the Trojan war by providing Paris with the Golden Apple which he awarded to Aphrodite in exchange for marriage to Helen (the most beautiful woman in the world), who was already married. Eris is also noted for being dispatched by Hera to wreak havoc upon those who offended the Queen of the Gods. Today Eris is the chief deity of the modern religion of Discordianism.

Eris (the trans-Neptunian object) is encircled by one moon, Dysnomia, named for the daughter of the mythical Eris. Dysnomia means "Lawlessness". She is allied with Ate, the spirit of Ruin.

This dwarf planet may bestow a penchant for mischief and troublemaking. A strong tendency towards fomenting disorder, chaos, disruption, confusion and rebellion may manifest.

Pluto Opposition Etheridgea, Orb: 0 deg. 40 min.

The surname Etheridge is of Anglo-Saxon origin. It derives from the Germanic Aethelric, meaning "Noble Rule".

This asteroid may give an inclination towards leadership and authority.

Pluto Opposition Israel, Orb: 0 deg. 11 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of Dutch astronomer Frank Pieter Israel.

Israel, a predominantly Jewish nation, lies on the eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea. It is bordered by Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Egypt. The name Israel refers both to this land and to the Jewish people. It was the name ascribed to the Biblical patriarch Jacob after he wrestled with an angel of God. According to the Torah, the Land of Israel was promised to the three patriarchs of the Jewish people by God. The country as it exists today was founded in 1948, after World War II.

This asteroid may grant personal relevancy to the Land of Israel and the culture and religion of Judaism. Astronomical endeavors may also be favored.

Pluto Opposition Leonisis, Orb: 0 deg. 35 min.

This asteroid was named for chemist and industrialist Leo Gans (1843-1935), the President of the Physical Society of London, on the occasion of his 70th birthday; and also for the Egyptian goddess Isis, the patron deity of the Physical Society. The Physical Society (founded in 1874) was a British scientific organization devoted to the burgeoning field of physics. It merged with the Institute of Physics in 1960.

Leo is a Latin name literally meaning "Lion". Lions have long been revered by humans and identified with the qualities of grace, nobility, strength and courage. The oldest known figurine combining human and animal attributes is a stone carving of a lion-headed man. This "Lion Man" was discovered in Germany's Hohlenstein-Stadel cave and is attributed to the Upper Paleolithic Aurignacian civilization.

Lions have also been depicted in the art of virtually every ancient civilization including Babylon, Assyria and Mycenae. The Ancient Egyptians worshipped the deity Sekhmet, who is portrayed as a woman with the head of a lion. Sekhmet was the ferocious and fearsome goddess of War. She was invoked for courage in battle. Similarly, in India lions were the emblem of the Kshatriya, or warrior class. The Indian goddess Durga, a fierce warrior and divine protector, is often seen riding a lion. The Nubian god Dedun, who came to be associated with wealth and prosperity also took the form of a lion.

Gans is a Germanic surname meaning "Goose". It was originally an occupational name ascribed to those who tended and raised geese. In ancient Egypt, geese were considered to be sacred to Isis.

Isis (Ese) was the goddess of motherhood, fertility, nature and magic. Her worship dates back to at least 2,500 BCE in Egypt and continued to thrive in the Greco-Roman world until the advent of widespread Christianity.

Isis was the first daughter of Nut, the Sky goddess, and Geb, the deified Earth. With her brother/consort Osiris, god of agriculture and the afterlife, she produced Horus, the falcon-headed lord of the sky.

A beloved and benevolent deity of many powers, Isis was most fervently revered for resurrecting Osiris after his murder by the sinister god Set. In this capacity, she was known by the title "Mistress of the House of Life", and associated with the power of regeneration. She was also engaged in giving life through her role as mother of the god Horus. Images of Isis nursing the baby Horus were extremely common in Egypt (and later Rome), and therefore may have directly inspired the Christian image of the Virgin Mary nursing the baby Jesus. This is especially probable granted that both Isis and the Virgin Mary have been called Stella Maris, or "Star of the Sea", a title which may refer to the planet Venus. Isis is also known as the "Great Lady of Magic". Her legend relates that she had to learn (or invent) magic in order to resurrect Osiris, and is therefore intimately connected

to its practice. This goddess is also connected to the concept of power and authority, her name meaning "She of the Throne".

This asteroid may bestow the power to create, revive, nurture and sustain life. Involvement in the care and healing of others is likely. A highly productive, helpful and compassionate nature may manifest. A position of public eminence and popular appeal may be attained (such as the presidency of an organization). Bold, courageous, ferocious, august and majestic characteristics may also manifest. Scientific pursuits, especially those involving physics, are highly favored.

Pluto Opposition Manhattan, Orb: 0 deg. 55 min.

Manhattan is an island in the Hudson river. It is also one of the five boroughs of New York City. Before European colonization, Manhattan Island was inhabited by the Lenape, a group of Native Americans organized into matrilineal clans. The word Manhattan is derived from a Lenape phrase meaning "Island of Many Hills". The first European explorer to pass New York Harbor was a Florentine named Giovanni da Verrazzano. Verrazzano visited the area and made contact with its inhabitants in 1524. Henry Hudson, the Englishman for whom the river is named, mapped the island for the Dutch East India Company in 1609. About 10 years later the Dutch embarked on an ambitious fur-trading enterprise in the area, which led to the establishment of their colony of New Amsterdam. In 1664 the British invaded and conquered the area, renaming New Amsterdam "New York" in honor of the Duke of York and Albany, who later became King James II.

In the 19th and 20th Centuries New York became a bustling metropolitan center of culture, commerce, finance, art and education.

This asteroid may assign personal importance to this geographic locale.

Pluto Opposition Painleva, Orb: 0 deg. 39 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of French mathematician, engineer and politician Paul Painleve (1863-1933). Painleve served twice as the Prime Minister of the Third Republic. He was also deeply involved in the nascent field of aviation. In 1908 he became Wilbur Wright's first airplane passenger in France. In 1909 he developed the first university course on the subject of aeronautics. His mathematical work involved differential equations, trigonometric functions and Einstein's newly proposed theory of relativity.

This asteroid may bestow talents and interests in aeronautic, mathematical and political matters.

Pluto Opposition Taurinensis, Orb: 0 deg. 23 min.

Taurinium is the Latin name for the city of Turin, Italy. Turin is the capital of the northwestern Italian Piedmont region.

The city began in 28 BCE as a Roman military camp known as Castra Taurinorum. It was later renamed Augusta Taurinorum in honor of Caesar Augustus. After the fall of the Roman Empire, Turin was ruled by the Lombards, and then by the Franks under Charlemagne. In the late 13th Century it was annexed to the Duchy of Savoy, becoming its capital in 1563. In 1706 the French invaded Turin for over 100 days, yet failed to conquer it. In the 19th Century, Turin played an important role in the unification of Italy by hosting the first Italian Parliament. In 1861 this Parliament proclaimed Victor Emmanuel II (formerly the King of Piedmont, Savoy and Sardinia) the King of Italy. In 1862 they declared Rome the new nation's capital.

Since World War II, Turin has been an important center of the Italian manufacturing industry, particularly in the automobile and aerospace sectors. Cuisine, fashion, education and the arts have also thrived in Turin for centuries. The city is known for its Rococo, Baroque and Neoclassical architecture. The University of Turin, founded in 1404, is one of Italy's oldest and most prestigious institutions of higher education.

Today the Turin metropolitan area is home to over two million residents. Notable natives of the city have included Giovanni Agnelli (1866-1945), the founder of the car company FIAT; singer, model, actress and French first lady Carla Bruni (born 1967); Italian Senator, neurologist and Nobel laureate Rita Levi-Montalcini (born 1909), and vermouth producer Alessandro Martini (1812-1905).

This asteroid may ascribe personal relevancy to Turin, its culture and its history.

Pluto Opposition Walkure, Orb: 0 deg. 21 min.

This asteroid was named for the *Valkyries*, a race of airborne female warrior spirits found in Norse and Germanic mythology.

Attested to in the *Eddur* and the *Sagas*, as well as in various runic inscriptions, the Valkyries were envisioned as strong and beautiful *sheildmaidens*, or female warriors. They were thought to ride on flying horses over battlefields, collecting the bravest souls among those of the slain warriors and accompanying them to Valhalla.

Valhalla is a hall in Asgard, the realm of the *Aesir* gods, presided over by the supreme deity Odin, "the All-Father". The Valkyries report directly to Odin, and are sometimes associated with his iconic ravens.

The word *Valkyrie* means "Chooser of the Slain", arising from a combination of the Old Norse *valr*, or "slain in battle", and *kjosa*, or "to choose". The spirits of those heroes honored with being selected by the Valkyries for an afterlife in Valhalla were known as *Einherjar*, or "Lone Fighters". The Valkyries also served mead to the *Einherjar* as they feasted in Odin's great hall.

The Valkyries seem to personify divine reward for valor in battle. Long after the Viking age, they continued to captivate the Western imagination, making numerous appearances in art and literature.

This asteroid may bestow a propensity towards heroism and great courage in conflict which leads to recognition and honor. The culture and lore of northern Europe may become a matter of personal importance, as may the concept of female fighters.

The Ascendant

How You Approach Life: Your Stance Towards the World

Note: A change of only a few minutes of birth time can change the interpretations in this section of the report.

Asc. Conjunct Abstracta, Orb: 0 deg. 01 min.

Abstract objects, called *abstracta*, do not exist in physical form but rather in the conceptual realm of ideas.

The presence of this asteroid may denote an emphasis on mental, intellectual and theoretical activity.

Asc. Conjunct Anaxagoras, Orb: 0 deg. 58 min.

Anaxagoras, whose name means "Lord of the Assembly", was a Pre-Socratic Greek philosopher. He introduced the philosophical concept of *nous*, meaning "mind" or "intellect". Anaxagoras perceived *nous* as the ordering force of the Universe, which created the cosmos out of primordial chaos.

This asteroid may connote mental fortitude and the capacity for abstract or philosophical thought.

Asc. Conjunct Aeneas, Orb: 0 deg. 04 min.

In Classical myth, Aeneas was a warrior who fought on the side of Troy during the Trojan War. He was one of the few Trojans to escape death and enslavement as the city burned. His journey upon leaving Troy eventually led to the founding of Rome, as chronicled in Virgil's *Aeneid*. He was the mythical progenitor of Romulus and Remus, and thus the Roman people. Aeneas was the son of Dardanian prince Anchises and the goddess Aphrodite.

This asteroid may give a tumultuous and eventful life, keen survival skills, and a legendary character. The themes associated with Aeneas' mother Aphrodite; love, romance and beauty; may also be applicable. The ancient history of Rome may become a subject of personal importance.

Asc. Conjunct Antigone, Orb: 0 deg. 59 min.

In Greek mythology, Antigone was a Theban princess, daughter of the incestuous union between King Oedipus and his mother Jocasta. Antigone's name combines the Greek *anti*, meaning "against", and *gone*, meaning "that which generates". It is often translated as "Against Motherhood". Antigone's tale revolves around her quest to secure a proper burial for her brother Polynices (whose name means "Manifold Strife"), a traitor to Thebes.

This asteroid may bring many dramatic struggles and family quarrels. Great devotion to siblings is possible.

Asc. Conjunct Aquitania, Orb: 0 deg. 28 min.

This asteroid was named for Aquitaine, a region in the southwestern corner of *France*. Aquitaine is bordered on the west by the Atlantic ocean. It lies directly north of the Pyrenees Mountain range, which separates France from Spain. The region is known for its distinctive wines.

This asteroid may emphasize the significance of this geographic area.

Asc. Conjunct Carolyn, Orb: 0 deg. 32 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of Carolyn Jean Spellmann Shoemaker (born in 1929), an American astronomer. Shoemaker holds the record for discovering more comets than any other individual in history. One of her discoveries was the famous Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9, which broke apart and collided with Jupiter in July 1994. This event provided astronomers with their first direct glimpse of an extraterrestrial collision of objects in the solar system.

The name Carolyn is a form of Caroline, the feminine version of the name Charles. Charles is derived from Karl, meaning "a free man".

This asteroid may give an inclination towards scientific work, especially that involving the cosmos.

Extraordinary discoveries and surprises are possible. A love of freedom may also manifest.

Asc. Conjunct Conscience, Orb: 0 deg. 02 min.

Conscience is the facet of the human mind which distinguishes between right and wrong. This informer of morality is often referred to as an inner voice. Indeed the word *conscience* comes from the Latin *conscire*, meaning "to be mutually aware", an amalgam of *com* ("with") and *scire* ("to know").

This asteroid may denote the potent influence of such an inner guide.

Asc. Conjunct Erynia, Orb: 0 deg. 43 min.

In Greek mythology the Erinyes, or the "Angry Ones", were a sisterhood of three chthonic deities personifying Vengeance. They were alternately known as the Eumenides, or "the Kindly Ones". The Erinyes were known to the Romans as the Furies, from which the word *fury* is derived. They served humanity as enforcers of justice and balance. The Iliad describes them as "those who beneath the Earth punish whoever has sworn a false oath". They are portrayed in myth and art as winged warrior women, often crowned with serpents. Their eyes dripped with blood. On their terrible wings they swooped down to torment those who had committed crimes against the natural order.

The Erinyes names were Alekto, Megaera and Tisiphone. Alekto means "Unceasing". She was charged with punishing crimes of a moral nature, especially those against others. Megaera means "Grudging" or "the Jealous One". She was particularly concerned with crimes involving envy, such as marital infidelity. Tisiphone, whose name means "Avenging Murder", did just that.

This asteroid may bespeak themes of law, judgment, justice and retribution. You may seek to actively avenge wrongdoings. A tenacious, unrelenting, vigilant and unforgiving character may develop.

Asc. Conjunct Euphrosyne, Orb: 0 deg. 05 min.

In Greek mythology, Euphrosyne was one of the three *Charities*, goddesses of charm, beauty, fertility and kindness. Euphrosyne means "Mirth" or "Joy". Her two sisters were known as Aglaea, "Beauty", and Thalia "Good Cheer". This triad was thought to foment feelings of friendship and benevolence among people. They were either the daughters of Zeus and Eurynome (whose name means "Far Wandering") or Dionysus and Aphrodite. Homer said that they were among the entourage of lovely Aphrodite. The Charities were also associated with the mystery religion of the Earth goddess Demeter.

This asteroid may bestow the blessings of camaraderie, mutual affection, harmony, joy and ease. You may bring happiness to others.

Asc. Conjunct Lumen, Orb: 0 deg. 00 min.

Lumen is a Latin word meaning "Light". This asteroid was named for Camille Flammarion's book *Lumen: Recits de l'infini* (Lumen: Stories of the Infinite).

Camille Flammarion (1842-1925) was a prolific author in addition to a respected astronomer. He wrote on the subjects of popular science, science fiction, spiritualism and reincarnation. He favored approaching spiritual subjects from a scientific point of view. Flammarion was the first to suggest the names Amalthea and Triton for the moons of Jupiter and Neptune.

This asteroid may draw attention to the subjects investigated by Camille Flammarion. Light, in either the literal or philosophical sense, may play an important role in life.

Asc. Conjunct Parsifal, Orb: 0 deg. 20 min.

In the Arthurian legend cycle, Parsifal (also Percival or Parzifal) was a Knight of the Round Table. He is most closely associated with the quest for the Holy Grail, and his eventual attainment of that sacrosanct object after many trials and tribulations. Parsifal was able to possess the Grail due to his purity of heart and great virtuousness. As the Grail is a symbol of mystical union with the divine, Parsifal's character exemplifies one truly worthy of such an experience.

Parsifal was first attested to in the work of 12th Century French poet Chretien de Troyes. He later became the subject of Medieval German poet Wolfram von Eschenbach's epic poem Parzifal, and thus Richard Wagner's 1883 opera Parsifal. In these tales Parsifal uses the healing power of the Grail to cure Amfortas, the king of the knights, of an unhealing wound which he accidentally acquired while wielding the Holy Spear.

This asteroid may give a genuine, truthful, honorable, pure-hearted, beneficent and generous nature. The pursuit of divine fulfillment may become an essential part of life. You may also seek to alleviate the suffering of others.

Asc. Conjunct Ruperto-Carola, Orb: 0 deg. 27 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of the *Ruprecht Karl University of Heidelberg*, also known as *Ruperto Carola*, and more commonly referred to as the University of Heidelberg. The University of Heidelberg is a public research university. It is Germany's oldest university, being founded by Elector Palatine Rupert I ("the Red") in 1386 CE. At the time of the school's establishment, Heidelberg was the seat of the Holy Roman Empire's electoral college.

The University of Heidelberg originally specialized in the areas of philosophy, theology, jurisprudence and medicine. It later became instrumental in the development of the modern sciences of psychiatry, psychopharmacology, psychiatric genetics and environmental physics.

The university has been affiliated with 30 Nobel prize winners. Heidelberg astronomical researchers have discovered over 800 asteroids, as well as the North American Nebula.

Heidelberg scientists have also been credited with the invention of the Bunsen burner, the discovery of the chemical elements Caesium and Rubidium, and the development of spectroscopy.

This asteroid may ascribe personal relevancy to this eminent academic institution, as well as to the areas of human knowledge to which it has historically contributed.

Asc. Conjunct Yes, Orb: 0 deg. 04 min.

This asteroid, discovered in 1993 by American astronomer Carl W Hergenrother, is named for the English progressive rock band *Yes*.

The word *yes* is a common reply used to express affirmation or assent. It arises from the Old English *gise* (or *gese*), meaning "so be it", an amalgam of *gi*, or "so", and *si*, or "be it". It was originally used as a more emphatic

form of the Old English *yea*.

This asteroid may emphasize themes of affirmation, acceptance, agreement and endorsement. Advantageous, positive and auspicious circumstances may be indicated.

Asc. Opposition Thessalia, Orb: 0 deg. 24 min.

Thessaly (Thessalia) is a geographic and political region in north-central Greece. It is bordered to the north by Macedonia, to the west by Epirus, to the south by Sterea Hellas, and to the east by the Aegean Sea.

Thessaly has been inhabited since at least the Neolithic age. During the 2nd Millennium BCE it was settled by the Mycenaens. During the 4th Century BCE a kingdom under Jason of Pherae was established there. This kingdom was conquered by Phillip of Macedon, the father of Alexander the Great. It later came under Roman, then Byzantine rule. From 977 until 1014 Thessaly was occupied by the Bulgarians. In 1204 it was seized by Boniface I, Marquess of Montferrat, the leader of the Fourth Crusade. In 1224 it was ceded to Theodore Komnenos Doukas, the ruler of Epirus. In the early 14th Century the Almogavars, a class of soldiers and mercenaries from the Crown of Aragon, settled there. The land was subsequently ruled by Athenian, Serbian and Ottoman parties. In 1821 Thessaly joined other Greek regions in fighting the Greek War of Independence. However, it was not officially recognized as a part of the nation of Greece until 1881.

In antiquity Thessaly was known as Aeolus. This region held much significance in Greek myth as Mount Olympus, the home of the gods, is situated on the border of Thessaly and Macedonia. It was on the Plain of Thessaly, between Mount Olympus and Mount Oeta, that the Olympian gods fought their famous war against the Titans. In Homer's *Odyssey*, Odysseus voyages through this region. It is also cited as the place where the hero Jason began his quest for the Golden Fleece.

This asteroid may ascribe personal importance to the region of Thessaly and its rich history.

The Midheaven

Recognition and Career

Note: A change of only a few minutes of birth time can change the interpretations in this section of the report.

MC Conjunct Amalthea, Orb: 0 deg. 30 min.

In Greek mythology, Amalthea was the Goat Goddess (or goat-tending nymph) who cared for the infant god Zeus in a remote cave where his mother Rhea hid him from the murderous rage of his father Cronos. The name Amalthea means "Tender Goddess". She symbolizes nourishment, care and protection from harm. Amalthea's horn is the cornucopia, or Horn of Plenty, which provides unlimited food and drink.

This asteroid may confer the inclination and ability to nurture others. There may be a great love of children and infants as well as nature and solitude. Material abundance may be attained. Animals (especially goats) may also play an important role in life.

MC Conjunct Benda, Orb: 0 deg. 36 min.

Benda was named in honor of Karel Bendl (1838-1897), a Czech composer and friend of Antonin Dvorak.

This asteroid may give a talent for musical composition. Czech culture may also hold personal significance.

MC Conjunct Birgit, Orb: 0 deg. 42 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of the daughter of Swedish astronomer Bror Ansgar Asplind. The name Birgit is a Scandinavian version of the Irish *Brigid*.

Brigid, whose name means "Exalted One", was an ancient Irish goddess closely associated with the pursuits of poetry, craftsmanship, invention and healing. She was said to be the daughter of Dagda, the All-Father, and the wife of Bres, King of the Tuatha De Danaan. Her British counterpart Brigantia was conflated with the goddess Minerva under Roman rule. Minerva (the Roman Athena) was also a patroness of eloquence and crafts.

Brigid lent her name, festival day (February 1st) and attributes to the Catholic Saint Brigid of Kildare (451-525). In this form she is the patron saint of Ireland, blacksmiths, craftsmen and poets as well as dairy workers, chicken farmers, babies, printing presses and travelers.

Saint Brigid in turn gave her name to Maman Brigitte of Voodoo. Maman Brigitte is a death goddess who protects gravestones in cemeteries. She is married to Baron Samedi, lord of the dead and giver of life.

This asteroid may bestow a tendency to excel in pursuits relating to poetry and storytelling, scientific and mechanical invention, industry and craftsmanship, midwifery and healing. A creative and adventurous nature is possible.

MC Conjunct Echo, Orb: 0 deg. 23 min.

In Greek mythology, Echo was a mountain nymph who loved to talk. While Zeus lustfully pursued other nymphs, Echo chattered endlessly to Hera, distracting her from her husband's infidelity. When Hera realized Echo's intentions, she punished her by taking away her voice. From then on Echo was condemned only to repeat what others shouted, never again to form her own words.

This asteroid may grant a loquacious nature You may involve themselves in the affairs of others to their own detriment.

MC Conjunct Juno, Orb: 0 deg. 14 min.

Juno was the Supreme Goddess of the ancient Roman religion. She was the daughter of Saturn, originally an agricultural god, and Ops, the primeval goddess of earthly abundance. She was also the sister/wife of Jupiter, the King of the Gods. As Jupiter's consort she became the patroness of marriage. Her epithets Interduca, "She who leads the bride into marriage", and Domiduca, "She who leads the bride into her new home", attest to this. The month of June, named in honor of this goddess, was traditionally thought to be an auspicious time to marry.

As *Juno Regina*, or "Juno the Queen", she epitomized authority. In this guise Juno protected and upheld the social organization and stability of the Empire. As *Juno Moneta* (an epithet from which the word money is derived), she oversaw the state's finances. Roman coins were minted in Juno Moneta's temple on Capitoline Hill. Juno was also allied with soldiers, and was often portrayed in art clad in the goatskin cloak typical of military men. She was the mother of Mars, the god of War.

Juno also gave birth to Vulcan, the craftsman god, and Juventas, the goddess of eternal youth.

Juno is equivalent to the Greek goddess Hera, and the Etruscan goddess Uni. Uni's name may be the origin of the Latin root uni, meaning "one, solitary, singular". Both the names Uni and Juno may have arisen from the

Proto-Indo-European root *yeu*, meaning "life force". Like Hera, Juno was known for her regal, haughty and jealous nature.

She was celebrated by women each year at the festival of Matronalia, or "Festival of the Mother", which occurred on March 1st. The Kalends, or the days beginning of each month, were also sacred to her, as were July 7th and September 13th.

In addition to her roles as queen, wife, mother, treasurer and patroness of marriage and the military, Juno was known as Ossipagina, "Bone Strengtheners" and Pomona, "Goddess of Fruit".

This asteroid may grant much importance to the institution of marriage. Social status may become a matter of personal relevancy. A commanding, dignified and august character may manifest. A love of wealth and opulence is also likely. Pursuits involving leadership, management, government, economics and financial planning are favored.

MC Conjunction Kovacia, Orb: 0 deg. 40 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of Friedrich Kovacs, a physician who treated the wife of its discoverer, Austrian astronomer Johann Palisa (1848-1925). Kovacs is a Slavic and Hungarian occupational surname meaning literally meaning "smith" or "forger".

This asteroid may bestow exceptional talents in the fields of medicine and metalwork.

MC Conjunction Monterosa, Orb: 0 deg. 53 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of the Monterosa (literally meaning "the Mountain Rose"), a ship utilized by the University of Hamburg in their North Sea voyages.

This asteroid may give a penchant for marine navigation, exploration and recreation. The flora endemic to mountainous environs may also acquire personal significance.

MC Conjunction Thia, Orb: 0 deg. 08 min.

In Greek mythology Thia (or Thea, Theia) was among the Twelve Titans, a class of archaic deities who ruled the world before the Olympian gods took power. The name Theia simply means "Goddess". She was also known as Euryphaessa, meaning "Wide-Shining".

Thia was associated with the faculty of sight, as well as with the clear blue sky and upper atmosphere. She was also thought to be the deity who endowed precious metals and gems with their glittering radiance and intrinsic value.

Thia ruled both physical and divinatory sight. An oracular shrine was maintained in her honor at Phthiotis in Thessaly.

She was the consort of the Titan Hyperion, "the High One", and with him produced Helios, the god of the Sun; Selene, the goddess of the Moon; and Eos, the goddess of the dawn. According to Hesiod's Theogony, Thia's parents were the Earth goddess Gaia and the Sky god Ouranos.

This asteroid may draw attention to the primordial forces of nature. You may possess the ability to illuminate

and clarify. Exceptional eyesight is possible, as are prophetic inclinations. Precious stones and metals may become a subject of interest or expertise.

MC Conjunction Washingtonia, Orb: 0 deg. 18 min.

This asteroid was named for George Washington (1732-1799), the first President of the United States of America.

George Washington was born in the Virginia Colony. He was the son of a planter named Augustine Washington and his second wife, Mary Ball Washington. His great-grandfather John Washington immigrated to the Virginia Colony from England in 1657. As a young man, Washington worked as a surveyor.

In 1759 Washington married Martha Dandridge Custis, a widow with two children. They had no children together. Washington may have been left sterile from an earlier bout of smallpox, followed by tuberculosis.

In 1775 the Continental Congress appointed him as the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army. The next year he led American forces to drive the British out of Boston. His leadership eventually led to victory in the American Revolutionary War, which ended in 1783.

In 1787 Washington presided over the Philadelphia Convention, which drafted the United States Constitution. From 1789 until 1797 he served as President, establishing many of the customs of the executive branch of the newly formed American government. In 1793 he issued the Proclamation of Neutrality, which declared the United States neutral in the ongoing conflict between Great Britain and France.

Washington stepped down from office in 1797, being succeeded by his Vice President John Adams. He retired to his Virginian estate, Mount Vernon, where he devoted himself to farming. He died two years later of pneumonia.

George Washington suffered from dental problems throughout his life. This may have been due to his use of mercury oxide, which was prescribed to treat smallpox at the time. By the time he became President, only one of his original teeth remained. He was fashioned a custom set of dentures made of hippopotamus ivory and other human teeth. His condition gave him a considerable amount of pain, for which he took laudanum (a tincture of opium).

This asteroid may grant special importance to the life of George Washington, and to early history of the United States of America. You may serve as a military and/or political leader. Involvement in revolutionary actions and the establishment of new governments is possible.

MC Opposition Asplinda, Orb: 0 deg. 49 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of Swedish astronomer Bror Ansgar Asplind. It may grant an interest in the study of the stars. Personal significance may also be ascribed to Scandinavia.

MC Opposition Franzia, Orb: 0 deg. 43 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of Franz Wolf, son of German astronomer Max Wolf (1863-1932). Max Wolf is credited with the discovery of over 200 asteroids, including this one.

The name Franz is a Germanic variant of the name *Francis*. Francis is derived from the Latin *Francia*, meaning

"Land of the Franks", the etymological origin of the name of the nation of *France*.

The Franks (or Frankish people) were a West Germanic tribal confederation first attested to in the Third Century CE. The title Frank itself is often translated as "fierce one", being related to the Old English *franca*, meaning "javelin". The word *Frank* in the Old Germanic language may have also implied freedom as opposed to slavery. The Late Latin word *francus* means "free" or "a free man".

This asteroid may ascribe personal significance to the country of France, its people, its culture and its history. A love of personal autonomy may develop. Relationships between fathers and sons may also hold personal significance.

MC Opposition Hammurabi, Orb: 0 deg. 21 min.

Hammurabi (1792-1686 BCE) was the sixth king of the ancient Mesopotamian city-state of Babylon. His name comes from an amalgam of the Amorite Ammu, meaning "paternal kinsman" and Rapi, meaning "healer". Thus it is often translated as "the kinsman is a healer". In 1728 BCE Hammurabi inherited the throne of Babylon from his father, Sin-muballit. In the early portion of his reign Hammurabi engaged in ambitious building projects, fortifying the city's walls and expanding its temples. He then set to expanding his scope of power to include much of Mesopotamia, transforming Babylon from a city-state to an Empire. After his death, however, his successors were unable to maintain control over the large territory he had conquered.

Hammurabi is best known for his legal code, known as the *Code of Hammurabi*. It is the first known canon of its kind. The Code of Hammurabi consisted of 282 laws, written in simple terms and inscribed in stone. Each law consisted of a crime and its corresponding punishment. The great stone stele upon which the Code was written was displayed in public for all to see, although the majority of Babylonians may have been illiterate. The punishments it describes seem harsh by today's standards; most called for death or disfigurement. At the top of the stele Hammurabi is shown receiving the Code from a deity, probably the Sun god Shamash. This image was reproduced in a relief sculpture on the side of the US Supreme Court building. Hammurabi is also one of the twenty-three law givers depicted in the chamber of the United States House of Representatives. The stone stele was plundered by raiders from the neighboring nation of Elam, who took it to their capital at Susa (in modern day Iran). Here it was discovered in 1901 by French archaeologists. It currently resides in the Louvre.

This asteroid may give an authoritative and commanding character. Worldly power may be acquired and maintained. Legal and judicial matters may hold much personal importance. You may create a system or paradigm with lasting relevancy and appeal. The geographic region of Mesopotamia may also be significant.

MC Opposition Kartvelia, Orb: 0 deg. 25 min.

This asteroid is named for the *Kartveli*, or the people of the nation of Georgia. Georgia is located in the Caucasus region of Eurasia, at the juncture of Eastern Europe and Western Asia. It is bordered by Russia, Turkey, Armenia, Azerbaijan and the Black Sea. This land was in ancient times the location of the kingdoms of Colchis and Eastern Iberia.

The Kartveli people refer to their country as *Sakartvelo* and their native language as *Kartuli*. These titles derive from the name of their mythical patriarch Kartlos. The name Georgia is derived from the Greek word for *agriculture*, which has been an important facet of life in the region for centuries.

In the early 4th Century CE this nation became one of the first to officially adopt Christianity as their state

religion. In the 19th Century Georgia was subsumed by the Russian Empire. It attained independence only for a short time before being conquered by the Soviet Union. It again became a sovereign state in 1991.

This asteroid may ascribe personal importance to this country, its people, and their unique cultural history.

MC Opposition Martha, Orb: 0 deg. 25 min.

This asteroid was named for the Biblical figure of Martha, described in the Gospels of Luke and John. In these texts Martha was described as living in the town of Bethany with her siblings Mary and Lazarus. After Lazarus died, Jesus brought him back to life. This miracle was witnessed by Martha.

The name Martha is derived from the Judeo-Aramaic Marta, meaning simply "Lady" or "Mistress". As Martha provided Jesus with food and shelter in her home during his stay in Bethany, she is often associated with hospitality and domestic work. As a saint, Martha is the patron of butlers, cooks, dietitians, domestic servants, hotel keepers, homemakers, servers and travelers. She is depicted in art carrying a broom, keys and/or a soup ladle. In Roman Catholic tradition, her feast day is celebrated on July 29th.

This asteroid may give an inclination towards the trades traditionally associated with Saint Martha. You may also bear witness to extraordinary transformations or extramundane events, possibly involving members of their family.

MC Opposition Mellena, Orb: 0 deg. 56 min.

This asteroid was named in honor of Werner von Melle (1853-1937), the mayor of Hamburg, Germany. Melle was noted for his promotion of the establishment of the University of Hamburg in 1919.

The Germanic surname Melle is a place name referring to the town of Melle in the northwestern German state of Lower Saxony.

This asteroid may confer an aptitude for politics and an interest in establishing or advocating institutions of higher education. The nation of Germany, and the towns of Hamburg and Melle in particular, may hold much personal significance.

MC Opposition Mireille, Orb: 0 deg. 43 min.

This asteroid was named for *Mireille*, a narrative poem composed by French poet Frederic Mistral (1830-1914). *Mireille* was adapted by Charles Gounod as an opera which premiered in Paris in 1864. The plot concerns Mireille, a rich heiress who falls in love with Vincent, a poor basket-weaver. Although Mireille and Vincent love each other, they are kept apart by Mireille's father, as well as her jealous suitors. At the end of the tale Mireille dies of exhaustion after searching tirelessly for Vincent.

The French female given name Mireille is derived from the Latin root *mir*, meaning "wonder" or "amazement". It is from this root that the English words *miracle*, *mirror* and *admire* are formed.

This asteroid may give a tendency to attract the mutual affection and admiration of others. There may also be an inclination towards falling in love with someone from a different social class. Romantic fulfillment, however, may be obstructed by forces beyond one's control.

MC Opposition Scientia, Orb: 0 deg. 47 min.

Scientia is the Latin word for "Knowledge". It is the root of the English word science, which in a broad sense means "knowledge acquired by study" or "a particular branch of knowledge". In a more specific, contemporary sense, science means "systematic knowledge of the material world gained through observation and experimentation".

This asteroid may grant personal relevancy to the practice of science. You may pursue an understanding of the world's workings through systematic analysis.