

Rahu and Ketu in Signs

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Rahu in Aries (Mesh) and Ketu in Libra (Tula)

Rahu in Aries enables the native to undertake daring deeds with every chance of success; and he should not hesitate to go forward. Fortune favours him. This position indicates rashness that is profitable. It is also lucky for love; but after much torment on this account. In a critical situation, Rahu in Aries helps the native to extricate himself from trouble. It is similar to the Square in an unfortunate hand; it is the antidote to misfortune.

Ketu in Libra prophesies lawsuits connected with material questions. It also means disputes in the home and danger of separation. It is not a good position for the spiritual evolution of the native, as it makes him practical (often too practical), which may lead to trouble with the law, or with those with whom he comes into contact. This position, especially in the fifth house, shows anxiety on account of a child. Nevertheless, if Ketu is in the third decanate of Libra and is well aspected, it is sometimes an indication of material abundance and increase of possessions. But money does not always bring happiness, and the native will realise this.

Rahu in Aries gives self-assertion and a progressive nature. Should develop independence and stand on their own convictions. Personality should be brought to full development. Before you can give yourself away, you have to have a self to give.

Ketu in Libra shows there has been too much emphasis on leaning on others and letting them run the life. Now this person must make his own decisions whether they are right or wrong. Growth comes through one's own expression and experience.

Here the soul is learning the lessons of self-consciousness on the most elemental levels. Experiences in prior incarnations did not permit the Self to form as a singular identity. Now the individual is paying the price for the indecisiveness of his former lives as well as learning how to rise out of his confusion by developing 'one-mindedness'.

Highly susceptible to flattery, he goes far out of his way to do the things he believes will please others; but because he has not yet himself gone through ego identification, he becomes confused as to what course of action to take. Always trying to balance those around him, he finds himself to be the eternal referee between two or more opposing ideas, people, or conditions. Standing in the middle, he assumes the role of the buffer trying desperately to bring harmony to

both sides at the same time. From moment to moment and day to day, he seesaws from one side to the other, hoping that he will never be required to take a definite stand!

In prior lives he judged his happiness by the successes or failures of those close to him. Now he continues to identify his life through others. His confidence can easily be shattered, for he hardly yet knows who he is. By confusing the collective needs of others with his own unrealized desires, he makes himself susceptible to long states of depression. Still, no matter how drained he feels, he continues this past-life pattern of seeking out people with whom he can identify.

At times he develops resentment at his inability to pull the opposite parts within himself together. Yet he is so used to entertaining solutions to contrary ideas that he keeps creating more.

He is attracted to music and the arts, feeling comfortable in an environment that is gracefully delicate. When circumstances around him become coarse or brittle he loses control.

He doesn't like to live alone but desires to be left alone. For his own peace and tranquillity, he must learn to overcome his enormous sensitivity to all the disharmonious needs of those around him. He does this best by dropping the attitude that he must fight for his very survival and refocusing his attention on what positive thoughts help him to develop his own identity.

In past incarnations there was great sacrifice to others which was not fully appreciated. Now the soul reincarnates with traces of resentment at not reaping the rewards of its efforts. This brings out the contrariness of the Libra Ketu and actually prevents the individual from finding his real Self! The Rahu can come out only when the Ketu is brought to the highest possible karmic level. Thus, this individual will achieve his greatest potential after he learns to serve willingly, without desiring any rewards beyond his own self-growth.

He was impressionable in other lifetimes. Now he spends at least the first half of this life coping with the leftover residue of his own gullibility. As the years pass, he becomes an avid reader, which helps him to crystallize his thoughts. Still, there are so many past-life habits of indecisiveness that he finds it extremely difficult to make concrete decisions.

Always liking to see both sides of everything, he divides himself in half at every

crossroad. When these divisions become so painful that he can no longer bear his own indecision, he starts to reach for his Aries Rahu.

Ultimately he learns not to be afraid of taking a stand for what his higher Self senses is Truth. He reaches this by teaching himself to be an individual, rather than an extension of somebody else. Still, he must build on his prior incarnations which taught him how to love rather than hate. Thus, as he starts to find himself, he must still be mindful of how his newly-discovered assertiveness influences those close to him.

For short periods of time, he will have to isolate himself in order to gather his strength.

His biggest lessons center around learning how to make his head rule his heart, for he still melts too easily at the slightest attention.

Of all the zodiac, this individual has the least amount of past-life experience in examining himself. Now he must find out who he really is!

In the current life he is destined to make the transition from the reaper to the sower, whereupon every thought becomes a creative seed for his new beginning.

The house which contains the Ketu shows the area in life where too much past identification with others inhibited self-development. The house which contains the Rahu designates the area where the Self is now experiencing its birth. Once a new sense of Self-identity is achieved, this individual will feel like Columbus discovering America; and the most amazing part of his discovery is reaching the awareness that it was there all along, but he never knew it.

Previous incarnation for this person was very easy-going and in considerable luxurious surroundings. Good things in life were the main pursuits for this soul. Learning on a mental level was very important for him. In this lifetime, he has to work with actions and aggression. Things are not always balanced for him now. As a result of this, he has to utilize all the means he can within his energies to carry through his wishes. Impatience and lack of tolerance can cause frustrations for him in this life. His job is tough as he has to keep his feet on the ground and at the same time watch for what goes on well above him. Failure to keep both ends tied up may cause loss of many successful opportunities in this lifetime.

You need to learn to do things for yourself. Your Libra Ketu may respond:

‘Yeah, but it’s much easier to let others do things for me. Every time I try to do my own thing, either somebody takes advantage of me or I wind up getting somebody mad at me’.

Your major problem is that you are not rational when it comes to relationships.

Possible reasons: You have such a hang-up about being fair to everybody that you bend over backwards for others at the expense of your own individuality. You’ve stifled your leadership abilities because using them led to friction or discord. You’re unable to get started on things without help, due to lack of ambition or self-motivation. Life experiences have over-emphasized the value of leaning on others and encouraged passivity as a means of gaining acceptance.

Possible solutions: Force yourself to undertake leadership roles. Dare to be enthusiastic about your beliefs and interests. Cultivate spontaneity. Do things on your own once in a while. Find a guru to follow. Find a big strong man (or good woman) to lean on.

With Libra Ketu, decision-making is often a problem. This is because with Libra Ketu, there’s a tendency to overdevelop logic to the point that it smothers the Aries feeling and acting functions. However, feelings can’t be totally ignored. They have a way of coming out and moving you in certain directions whether you choose to be aware of them or not. If they’re denied positive expression through individuality and assertiveness, they’ll be forced to take a negative route through insincerity, meddling or dependence. With Libra Ketu, rationalization can lead to irrationality, since feelings get lost in the shuffle. Usually, this dependency on passive intellectualizing is the result of some traumatic experience where feelings have let the individual down. Often he or she has been ridiculed or rejected for reasons that were never clearly understood, and from that point on has decided that feelings can’t be trusted. So figuring out strategies replaces feelings. The Libran Ketu takes great pains to be sure that all decisions about marriage, job and life style in general are formulated logically and planned thoroughly. The trouble is that logic without feeling leads to marriage without love, prestige without satisfaction, and existence without living. Eventually depression sets in and logic ceases to function. At that point, Libra Ketu is forced to get in touch with his or her feelings and take appropriate action, thus attaining a nodal balance between Aries and Libra.

In my experience, the person with an over-developed Libra Ketu dislikes being

alone; asks for help and advice, but then seems resentful of it; spends a great deal of time and money on grooming, cosmetics, clothing etc.; speaks in a monotone or a very tiny voice; is indecisive; is extremely co-operative to the point of being a door mat; has an inferiority complex; is a gracious host or hostess whose door is invariably open to everyone at all times; works hard at romance; and feels sorry for single people, regardless of their circumstances.

Rahu in Aries wants to be outgoing. He or she wants to be a self-started, well able to lead and assertive enough to get what he or she wants. In contrast, this person is generally well-liked but inclined to see himself or herself as passive or too shy. There's usually an interest in or talent for art, fashion, editing, publicizing, or some other Libra-ruled talent; but because the person seldom challenges that talent by doing anything innovative, he or she is passed by when the acclaim gets handed out, and may begin to feel resentful. He or she can be sympathetic to the point of becoming a doormat, and may become so enmeshed in others' struggles for success and happiness that his or her own needs remain unfulfilled.

Antidotes for Aries imbalance: Psychological counseling (particularly assertiveness training) is often helpful in learning to utilize the Aries Rahu. The client might be advised to write or tape a statement of his or her philosophy of life, including a list of goals for the next year. You may then help the client determine how to best express this philosophy while fulfilling the goals. Scientific study, particularly in the field of physics or physical development, may be recommended if the client shows aptitude along these lines. Any sort of discipline program - from Scouting to the National Guards - could prove beneficial. Travel - preferably alone - is recommended. Leadership roles - particularly in the work sphere - should be accepted.

For any type of Aries imbalance, the catch-phrase should be 'Try something new'. This 'something new' should naturally coincide with some untapped talent, as shown in the chart.

For many reasons, clients may not be ready to embark on a totally new life style. In these cases, a new hobby could prove beneficial. Among the hobbies I'd recommend for Aries nodal imbalance are: any sort of nature activities, from hunting to photographing wildlife, football or soccer, hockey, boxing or karate, enamel work.

You may need to be more independent and not be reliant on relationships or others' perceptions of you. You should avoid shaping your identity by assuming others' attitudes, beliefs, and values. Lacking self-confidence can result in confusion and indecision, especially when important decisions are required. At times, it may appear that you allow others to decide for you.

Relationships can provide security and stability; and you try to please those on whom you depend. Yet, through lacking self-knowledge, you may fail to acknowledge and respect your own needs, desires, and aims.

Be wary of more dominant influences; you may be gullible and impressionable. If so, you need to outgrow this and assume responsibility for evaluating situations and options. Relying on others will interfere with your choices and major decisions. At times of crisis, a divided self only offers additional confusion and pain; and you need to be decisive to resolve issues.

Try to follow inner promptings - perhaps previously ignored or dismissed 'messages'. Move in the direction toward which intuition guides you. Through developing faith in this process, you can release potential and be true to your nature. In so doing, you can discover how to honor your whole self.

When overly sensitive to others' needs or tending to confuse them with your unrealized and unfulfilled desires, you may experience weakened vital energies, which can create occasional depression. Acknowledge and assert your requirements, and take responsibility to satisfy them, as these are important for integration and personal growth. While a concept of service to others may remain a motivating force, your first priority must be to yourself, so that you integrate your whole being, instead of diminishing yourself through relationship dependency. Once this is achieved, you could serve from a different yet more effective perspective. When you attain inner harmony, energies radiating from you will also embody this quality to benefit them, even though some may find these energies uncomfortable due to their own disharmonious state.

Your new assertiveness also needs to respect relationships, connecting self and others for mutual benefit. You need to be true to yourself and to discover how to co-operate with others. By acknowledging your nature, you can explore relationships to greater depth, enriching them through shared understanding. Often, the Libran energy is activated when you try to unify people, ideas, and situations, operating like a central balance between opposite conditions. The new

balance required from you is ‘self and others’, where you develop balanced attitudes, individuality, and independence, while creating interdependent relationships. The key to this is to transform dependent behavior patterns.

Aries is the cardinal Fire sign. It is ‘the’ sign par excellence, in which self-manifestation takes place. Here, the ‘I’ must stand out against the world, and especially against the ‘You’. We must be able to say ‘Yes’ to ourselves, and to express this attitude in our lifestyle. Nevertheless, the way in which the desire for self-assertion is expressed by the Aries native will depend on our state of awareness. Or, to put it another way, the hazier the picture we have of ourselves, the more we resort to force; but the more differentiated our consciousness is, the more subtly we proceed. Yet even when being fairly subtle we still use ‘push’ - we have plenty of that. The ‘I’ tends to manifest itself in what may be pictured as a series of pulsations. The same is true when the Moon’s Node is in Aries: we try to bring our personality to bear on the world in order to make things happen. This placement of the Node is usually a fairly strong incentive to be creative. Someone with the Node in Aries is incapable of settling down to routine work, even when output would increase. Increased output is not a consideration with Aries; what matters is creating something unlike anything anyone else can create. To produce something creative that is completely personal is the ultimate in self-expression for this sign.

With hard aspects to the Node, there is a danger of over-producing like some sort of ‘Hard Nosed’. The native engages in hectic activity, and revels in quantity instead of being creative. However, the individual with the Node in Aries can produce an enormous amount of truly creative work.

Rahu in Taurus (Vrishabh) and Ketu in Scorpio (Vrishchik)

Rahu in Taurus brings great pleasure in regard to the affections; the native loves more with his heart and mind than his senses, and this may cause him to worry needlessly, as the position denotes a certain amount of jealousy which, though not exhibited outwardly, nevertheless causes suffering. It is also a sign of hesitation in most matters, which is a mistake on the part of the native, inasmuch as this position should encourage him to act, and to look forward confidently to the future, and above all not to engage in wrong thinking, to which his natural disposition inclines him. Things on the whole cannot go otherwise than well, but

the native must be prepared to help himself and to abandon pessimism. In the third decanate of Taurus it signifies a journey connected with business, or else a plan which will turn out fortunately.

Ketu in Scorpio is very evil. It often denotes lack of moral and physical courage, which induces the native to seek more or less questionable methods of succeeding, apart from steady exertion; but they will only be trifling methods, and the results will not fulfil his desires. This position is also harmful for the health. There are evident signs of lymphatism. Danger of pecuniary loss through theft is also shown.

Rahu in Taurus gives resourcefulness and the ability to be very practical in the approach to material world. Attracts possessions and those who want to be possessed. Must help others to be independent by refusing them the luxury of being dependent. Crutches, if used too long, even psychological crutches, can keep the individual from developing strength.

Ketu in Scorpio implies that the downward path has been trodden in the past and this must be redeemed through overcoming resentment and not using force to compel. Lust and greed must become love, and the giving spirit must overcome the grabbing tendency.

Here the soul is confronted with some of the most difficult karmic lessons in the zodiac. Past lives have been strewn with endings as the Plutonian force of Scorpio worked through its process of transformation.

Now the individual is so frightened by the memory of having the rug completely pulled out from under his feet that he develops a defensive attitude toward all who offer him regenerative advice. In past incarnations he literally went through the fires of hell to burn away his false values. Now, instead of falling back on the

remains of Scorpio still within him, he must build through Taurus a new set of substantial values by which to live.

Most of the conditions in this life are still controlled from his subconscious level, buried deeply below the scrutinizing eyes of society. He may appear jovial and friendly, while he is in fact planning some mysterious adventure of intrigue inside.

The chart must be studied carefully to see just how far the soul has come out of Scorpio before an accurate interpretation can be given. For those already closer to Taurus, the violent churning of Scorpio is purposefully avoided at all costs. For those just barely out of Scorpio, the internal revolutions are still going on. Planets conjunct either Node will pull the individual toward that Node and literally force him to live through it in the current life.

For all with these Nodes, the past residue of revolution is of such powerful intensity that there is bound to be some after-effect spilling over into their present-life relationships with family members and close loved ones.

Each day seems to be filled with new emergencies, until one crisis built upon another creates such a turmoil of conflict that the individual is reduced to his most very basic struggle for survival. He doesn't yet know the art of moderation or how to take things at face value, for he still believes that others always have an ulterior motive. Inside he feels that he must constantly escape from punishment; and in his escapes he leaves behind him a tornado-like shambles of all he once held dear. At times he sees others turning on him; but rarely does he stop long enough to understand that he is the cause. Whether he is still acting out his past incarnations in Scorpio or advancing through Taurus, his fixed stubbornness is very much a part of his ingrained way of doing things.

He will make much growth when he is able to see the actions of others as reflections of his own subconscious!

From past incarnations, he has become accustomed to attuning himself to a peculiar brand of intensity, which when not allowed to express itself turns to anger. He has been deeply scarred with the pain of being hurt, and now like a wounded animal can be deadly to any who represent the slightest threat. On the lower levels of consciousness, individuals with these Nodes can pursue their prey with a personal vendetta. Then when the pieces fall, they appear to be the innocent victims, while they are in fact the carefully planned victors.

Due to the intense emotion constantly seeking expression, a variety of creative outlets are needed.

Sexual desire must be transmuted into Divine Love. All embittering conditions from past incarnations must be dropped from the consciousness until the new seed of peace is discovered. The Scorpio Ketu must burn the bridges of the past and resolve to benefit from the lessons of Lot's wife: 'Never to look back!'

Through the Taurus Rahu, he must learn not to dissipate or waste in valueless areas all the power that flows through him. His greatest achievements in this life occur when through the development of a great love for the earth he lives on, he starts to appreciate glimpses of the source of his unfailing supply and support. For lifetimes he has misused his energy, his drives and his desires, feeling himself alone against all the oppressions and afflictions that affect mankind. Now through the sensitive impressions of his Taurus Rahu he is to be brought to the awareness that the abundance in the universe is so great that he will always have what he needs when he needs it. He must learn to distinguish the difference between the words 'want' and 'need', for although he may not always be able to realize what he wants, he is at every moment surrounded by all he needs!

As he reaches for his Taurus Rahu, he is reaching at last for stability. He can stop chasing all he has ever felt cheated of by seeing all that is now offered to him. Ultimately, he is destined in this life to reach a state of contentment as the seething volcanoes of Scorpio melt into the blue spirit waters of harmony in Taurus - where the beloved Gautama Buddha left his blessing. Truly this is the transition from lifetimes of war into a garden of peace.

The house position of the Ketu indicates the area of life where any remaining residue of the Scorpionic battles must be conquered, while the house position of the Rahu shows the area in life where the new awareness of trust and security can ultimately replace the underlying struggles.

Previous incarnation for this person was spent in many hidden or underground activities. Being a rebel against the normal life structure punished him to go through various stages before this present condition occurs. Distorted sexual abuse or misuse of power was noticed in the previous life-style. All this might or might not have been his own problem, but the company he kept in those years. In this lifetime, he just wants to take things very easily and enjoy life without creating many complications. His struggle to at least maintain his Karmic status and not go down any more is amazing to watch. He will try all his best to live nicely and comfortably; and anybody that would oppose his ideals will be dealt with quite vigorously but slightly underhandedly.

You have real hang-ups about earnings and resources. Your Scorpio Ketu may reply: 'Yeah, but that's because I've been ripped off so often. You just can't trust people'.

Your problem is that you haven't built up your own resources.

Possible reasons: You don't really know what you want. You resent other people's personal or material success. You have sexual misconceptions, or misconceptions about material wealth. Maybe you were brought up to equate

affection and caring with getting material things. On rare occasions, people with Ketu in Scorpio have a 'you've got to be more crooked to make any money in this world' philosophy. More often, there's a tendency to make changes just for the sake of changing.

Possible solutions: Learn to enjoy both giving and receiving, whether the exchange involves affection, compliments, money or whatever. Develop a strong sense of personal values based on your own needs. Forget about morals, and do what you have to do.

Taurus Rahu generally has to be taught to value money and material goods. There's often some sort of hang-up about the actual process of working - a dislike of any type of menial or manual labor, a refusal to prove your worth, an insistence on starting at the top, etc.. Sometimes there's actually a contempt for money; other times, money is OK as long as you don't have to have the hassle of working for it. occasionally there's a 'gimme' fixation, while at other times there's a 'take-it' fixation. Sometimes there's an over-emphasis on sexual resources. And I've seen a few cases where total resources were invested in other-worldly pursuits - contacting the dead, attaining trance states, researching various paths leading towards spiritual evolution, etc.. Taurus Rahu has a hard time seeing the connection between development of his or her personal and material resources and being able to relate to others and to the material world in general. Depending on the overall chart, he or she takes a stance of total giving or total taking. Many Taurus Rahu's concentrate on one resource exclusively to the detriment of others, so that time, money, or sex etc. becomes the only means of barter available to them. When this resource is depleted, they no longer have anything to fall back on, and must either work to develop other resources or become totally dependent on others. Taurus Rahu also seems to be quite common in people who have suffered material, educational, or emotional deprivations in childhood.

The person with an overdeveloped Scorpio Ketu consciously or unconsciously exudes a strong sexuality; dislikes the outdoors; is in some way an extremist;

sympathizes with the underdog and envies the successful without much thought of who deserves what; has little interest in other people's resources unless he or she can benefit from them; dissipates a great deal of energy trying to alter circumstances beyond his or her control; resents needing others; has an unstable financial situation; feels entitled to criticize others; and will give a great deal, but usually attach strings to his / her gifts.

Rahu in Taurus wants money, or at least a reputation as a connoisseur. He or she wants the good things in life. He or she wants to be thought of as firm, patient, and lacking nothing. In contrast, the person is generally someone who's undergone drastic changes of values or circumstance, intense discomfort of some sort, or traumatic experiences. His or her routine is periodically stirred up and shifted as a result of emotional upheavals or disturbances that are seemingly beyond his or her control. He or she tends to be jealous of others who seem to have attained more in life, and may develop a rather pessimistic attitude in terms of realizing his or her dreams. He or she may compensate for lack of material security by trying to possess people, or may compensate for emotional losses by developing a reclusive streak. These tendencies only serve to trigger more problems.

Antidotes for Taurus imbalance: Gardening seems to be a particularly good antidote for the impracticality that often accompanies an underdeveloped Rahu in Taurus. Cooking courses also prove helpful. The client should be encouraged to sing and listen to music. If manual dexterity is shown in the chart, the client should be encouraged to use it in making things. If there's no manual dexterity shown, the client could be encouraged to build up a collection of something - biographies, novels, gadgets, etc. - in an area of interest. Flower arranging could prove to be a useful antidote.

The client should be encouraged to avoid rushing and activities that create momentary excitement without contributing to future security.

Rahu in Taurus often has untapped artistic potential. Music, sewing, and painting are excellent outlets for these.

You may need to develop new personal values strong enough to become a life foundation. One difficulty is the Scorpio influence which, as part of its transformative effect, will undermine any foundations incapable of resisting its pressure. If the foundation collapses under pressure, at least you know it was inadequate and that a stronger value structure is required. Because you cannot avoid this unconscious subversive activity, you need perseverance to determine your life-style and personal values; eventually, though, you can successfully build a solid 'structure' and benefit from the struggle to do so.

You often seek pleasure in relationships that have 'seeds of joy and pain' from the beginning. Your choices are the key to which seeds will bear fruit, and they may often be unsuitable. If they remain unwise, try to understand why these relationship types attract you. It could simply be that you remain ignorant of your needs and lack insight into a partner's real nature. Invariably, destructive seeds can be present; and, if they emerge through confusion, the Scorpionic energy is reasserted. If you remain ignorant of this, more opportunities can emerge for the Scorpio energy to undermine your actions and directions, as it seeks to drive you toward self-understanding. Learn how to respond to it as a wise friend helping you (although a little rough at times), and you will be able to use its power constructively to achieve your new objectives.

Periodic crises (turning / decision points) occur in your life, stimulated by this brooding inner revolution. Conflict is inevitable, especially in close and intimate family relationships. You are not always moderate, sometimes mistrusting others; and this can also lead to friction. You tend to scheme and manipulate, a trait often unconsciously projected onto others; and you see or imagine others doing the same to you. You self-create many of your problems. In communicating with others - perhaps unconsciously through words and actions - you manipulate or 'force' them to react in ways that then 'confirm' your prior perception. Once you observe this phenomenon, you can change, as you see how

you can negatively influence your relationships and communication.

Due to your intensity, powerful feelings of anger and frustration develop when things are not going your way. You may tend to release these frustrations explosively at those closest to you. You need to find channels to release this potent energy creatively and positively. These can be difficult energies to handle correctly, yet one of their main uses is to resolve inner conflicts and dilemmas.

By learning to trust life and others more, and by distinguishing between needs and wants, you may discover that you are surrounded by all that you really need, although you have not recognized or appreciated this fact. You look for stability, but your choices and reactions will create either this or greater turmoil. Inner battles cease when conflict dissolves into the contentment of inner peace; and you actually can find this state. This depends on how you respond to inner struggle; if you seek self-understanding, the probability of finding a key to a positive future increases.

The fixed Earth sign, Taurus, follows Aries, and therefore its task is connected with what Aries does. Creative work adds to one's resources, and increases the available capital.

Now in Taurus the task is to administer, to turn to account, and to use one's resources. One must not use other people's resources - that is something Scorpio can do, but not Taurus, because Taurus is on the left-hand or 'I'-side of the chart, and Scorpio is on the right-hand or 'You'-side.

In the 'I'-region of the zodiac, our own assets rather than those of others are in play. It can lead to difficulties if Taurus tries to exploit the capital of others. This is a particular danger when the Node receives hard aspects.

Therefore it is important to turn our talents, abilities, and knowledge to account, and to place them at the disposal of others while still making use of them ourselves. Naturally, care must be taken to provide our own resources in the first place. Also, with the Node in Taurus, our task is to add to our assets, and to replenish them if necessary. If we simply draw on them - as it is so easy to do under hard aspects - eventually we shall have nothing left. Then we shall lie back unable to do anything further, because our energy is more or less spent. The native with the Node in Taurus must ensure this does not happen.

The Taurean is a very clever negotiator, and has an extremely economical outlook. He or she immediately discovers weak points, and is always intent on removing any imbalance that might lead to overspending. Steps are taken straight away to restore stability.

When the Node is in Taurus, we should husband our resources so as to avoid wasting our vital energies. The placement can also be an indication that we should look after our health, seeing that health is an essential part of our personal assets.

Rahu in Gemini (Mithun) and Ketu in Sagittarius (Dhanu)

Rahu is in its exaltation in this sign, and is therefore very powerful. It indicates victory after much anxiety and trouble. It is a token of success, and luck which often comes only when everything seems lost. The friends who surround the native are reliable, and will help him to succeed. The native has a noble mind, which will always enable him to fight against the current; but Faith and Perseverance are also required. Courage is not wanting; and this position makes the native good and straightforward. He will know how to gain the sympathy of people who will help him: he may therefore look straight ahead, for Rahu in Gemini is always a sign of progress.

Ketu in Sagittarius robs the native of some of the quietude upon which he might otherwise count. Frequently over-confidence in himself will be detrimental, and cause him to undertake things before due considerations, so that when it is too late he might regret what he has done. Countless difficulties will arise, but he will conquer them through exertion and courage, and by clear-sightedness and caution, not always thinking that everything he does is right. Perfection does not exist in this world.

Rahu in Gemini increases versatility, adaptability and mental agility. Benefits through relatives and friends because of an optimistic viewpoint toward life. This kind of attitude should be cultivated in this life.

Ketu in Sagittarius gives poor judgment and adds to the restless and rash tendencies that keep the individual from accomplishment. Has to learn to concentrate and focus forces and not go dashing off looking for other fields to conquer. Conquering, like charity, begins where the person is placed.

Here the individual receives an initiation to join society. His soul has come into this life with a past incarnation of wildness. As a result, he is unaccustomed to

appreciating the point of view of others. The karmic continuation of a strong self-righteous attitude makes it difficult for him to be a fair judge of his own actions. As such his life is excessive. He is still attracted to the natural existence without formalities, and will go far out of his way to avoid having any restrictions imposed on him.

He is used to being a free spirit, and desperately tries to retain his sense of liberty at all costs. Whether he is married or not, the soul memory of his bachelor-like attitude makes it impossible for others to get too close to him.

Believing that actions speak louder than words, he makes his present life a kaleidoscope of rushed activity. He always tries to do too many things at a time, spreading himself so thickly that he keeps losing sight of any central life theme.

In past incarnations, he functioned on great reservoirs of nervous energy. Yet, for all his activities, he has not yet learned how to focus his attention in any one area. In this life he is still seeking expediency and finding himself forever the victim of short cuts that have to be repeated.

Unaccustomed to all the demands of society, he tries to shirk responsibility. He feels that if he can just clear away all the business at hand as quickly as possible, he will then experience the freedom that society is trying to take away from him. And so, most of his time is spent trying to free himself. What he doesn't realize is that each action creates an equal and opposite reaction. As a result, he is actually making himself more imprisoned than ever before.

Always his nature is somewhat primitive. If he is selfish, it is done innocently. If he steps on others' toes, it is because he is unaware they are there. Always he seems to miss the obvious, blissfully ignorant of the immediate circumstances around him. When it comes to social graces, he is so inexperienced that he

appears to be the proverbial ‘bull in the china shop’.

In the current life, he is learning how to mix with the society from which he is benefiting. Yet, still fearful of the reactions of people, he lives his life on the rim of the wheel, occasionally darting into the center of the hub only to run back out again.

His past life experiences with people were lacking in the areas of co-operation, sociability and tact. Now he is striving to reach sophistication. He doesn’t yet know how to see a clear reflection of himself, for he doesn’t understand that there are two sides to the same coin. Through his Gemini Rahu, he will now undergo experiences which will force him to see both sides of every issue.

In this life, he is destined to learn what the world looks like through the eyes of others. Before he can understand why people seem not to listen to him, he must first put himself in their place. Ultimately he will come to realize that all the negative qualities he has been attaching to others are things he does not understand in himself.

Sometimes he is a shouter in a library. No matter how sophisticated he pretends to be, he has so much past life residue of crudeness in him that it is bound to seep through at the most inopportune moments. This embarrasses him so much that he becomes determined to polish himself by paying attention to his mannerisms, habits and public behavior, and particularly his mode of speaking.

Through his Gemini Rahu, he will spend most of this life’s energy learning how to be adept at the art of communication. He now feels the need to educate himself, so that he can establish an identity in society.

At one time in the current life, he will be faced with the conflict of whether to live in the city (Gemini) or the country (Sagittarius). While is basic nature for so many lifetimes would feel more comfortable in a country setting, he can learn much by adapting himself to the new experience of coping with city life.

Through his Gemini Rahu, he must learn diplomatically to respect the rights of others if he is to help preserve a society which in prior lives he thought unimportant, but in this life is necessary for his very survival.

While his body cries out for sports, nature and the primitive live, his mind will eventually lead him toward a study of words and language and a reflection of his self-expression, so that he starts to become a more humanistic part of the culture in which he lives.

He is like the wild stallion desperately trying to fight being tamed, and yet wondering what the experience must be like. In the midst of this seeming paradox, he is a messenger of the lower and higher minds to all who come in contact with him. His past incarnations brought him to a natural understanding of the universe. Now his mission is not only for himself, but also to spread his understanding to the myriads of people that run through his life. Herein lies the mystical reason for his eternal restlessness. He has much to say and much ground to cover!

The house position of the Ketu shows the area in life where past incarnation residue still pulls him toward a desire to be a free spirit. The house position of the Gemini Rahu indicates the doorway through which he must walk in order to experience the advantages of the civilized humanistic culture he is destined to join.

Previous incarnation for this person was spent in various philosophical and

mystical pursuits. A lot of freedom and independence was noticed in that life. Thus, this person has to learn to deal with people in this life. Isolation becomes a rare quality in life as he has to exchange his ideology with others and on a face-to-face basis. If he tries to isolate and withdraw from society, the circumstances force him to be with others. Considerable intellectual dissipation of knowledge is seen in this life; and communicative means are extremely significant for him. He seldom has a chance or opportunity to cultivate his emotional and material base. Thus, those elements are very significant in this life structure.

You need to share your awareness with others. Your Sagittarius Ketu replies 'Yeah, but I don't want to stick around explaining things. I can't learn anything that way'.

Your problems are likely to include an obsession with learning but no interest in using your knowledge in any practical way. Difficulty establishing lasting relationships leads to over-valuation of books, classes and other intellectual activities that provide indirect communication.

Possible reasons for these problems include: that a need for long-term concentration on study or some sort of cultural, ethnic or religious difference has interfered with the formation of relationships; that a speech impediment has caused you to turn to books instead of people; that a literary career limits people contact; dependency on reading as an escape from a boring routine; that poor judgement about people has caused you to place your trust only in 'proven' sources of information; that a lack of concentration has led to communication problems and misunderstandings; or that you have a need to conquer an ingrained feeling of stupidity or inferiority.

Possible solutions: Develop your latent communication skills. Channel your intellect instead of being a slave to it. Share your knowledge with others so that they can learn. Become a professional trivia expert, a con artist, or a perpetual student.

Gemini Rahu can be a good talker, but he or she is often a poor communicator. He or she is good at tossing out facts, lecturing, impressing others with long streams of beautiful words or technical jargon, and so on. But he or she quite often talks at others rather than with them. The Gemini Rahu tends to quote books verbatim, drop names, quibble over semantics. He or she talks skillfully about facts and theories, but generally is at a loss when it comes to applying them or sharing his or her feelings about them. In fact, this person generally avoids sharing any facet of his or her personality beyond the intellectual side. This is a shame since Rahu in Gemini invariably holds great potential for perception. Development of this potential brings a deepening of the intellect so that ideas can be used for the practical betterment of his day-to-day relationships and living conditions.

Signs of an over-developed Sagittarius Ketu are: a tendency to flirt, flatter and charm but reveal nothing; an expectations that others will hinder his or her freedom; a tendency to ridicule others; being generally on his or her way somewhere - 'only having a minute'; a first instinct to take off when pressured; a tendency to promise more than he or she can deliver; a distrust of security and routine; being accused by others of being unreliable. but feeling that it's others who are unreliable; enormous faith in the published word; and being uncomfortable with peers in general.

Rahu in Gemini dreams of a life of variety. He or she wants to be seen as adaptable and a good conversationalist. He or she also wants to be thought of as an educated person. In reality, this is a person who transmutes emotions into interests. He or she is interested in spirituality, education, travel, and similar Sagittarius-ruled things, but in a passive, abstract way rather than in terms of experiencing and enriching the life. He or she may mix well with others, but only as long as he or she can assume the role of teacher. This teaching isn't necessarily a formal or professional role, but it permeates most interactions just the same; and in the course of assuming this role, much of Rahu in Gemini's enthusiasm for life is misused or wasted. Extremism of some sort may also mar

conversational skills.

Antidotes for Gemini imbalance: The client should be encouraged to keep a diary. If the client has knowledge to share, he or she should be encouraged to do so through teaching, writing, correspondence, or whatever way is most convenient. Travel in moderation often proves beneficial. Involvement in civil rights or community improvement causes can be helpful. The imagination should be tapped so that creativity can be developed and put to use in strategy - planning, writing, photography, or some other area according to the chart. If the client is amenable to a career change or program of career training, there are many obvious choices that would encourage development of the Rahu. Among these are: journalism, newspaper work, radio work, television work, fiction writing, Air Force careers, electrical work, reporting, and linguistics. Dancing could be a possibility, although unless the client is very young this would probably be better as a hobby choice than as a career choice.

The client should be encouraged to steer clear of tiring or repetitive routines that don't provide opportunities to develop adaptability. At the same time, he must be discouraged from the 'Jack of all trades, master of none' syndrome. If there are signs of being a perpetual student, the client should be encouraged to start doing something with his present store of knowledge before trying to attain more.

Hobbies should stress physical agility and manual dexterity. Origami, mobile-making, collage-making and the like are recommended. For the more active, fencing, tennis, golf, and dancing are good choices.

Your main motivations will include the search for freedom and a need for knowledgeable, self-understanding, meaning, and purpose. You may feel uncomfortable within society, as your urge for freedom is so powerful that you react strongly against attempts to restrict you; much of your energy is devoted to retaining independence, especially whenever you feel threatened. This can create problems concerning issues of commitment or relationship, and this should be

admitted to anyone becoming intimately involved with you. You may justify your evasive action by self-righteous attitudes, but this can become destructive to relationships unless you choose to co-operate with others.

This pattern of selfish innocence needs modification. You may become aware that tendencies which you dislike in others actually reflect behavior patterns within you which are not accepted or understood. Self-inquiry is necessary, as asserting your freedom can perhaps only be gained at the expense of another's freedom, resulting in future restrictions for them. Is this what you want? And does this deny the right to freedom for others. Perhaps re-evaluating how your actions affect others is required.

A clear life direction and committed application will help, as, by diversifying interests, you may eventually realize that you often fail to complete them or satisfy a standard of competence or quality. Tending to rush completion of projects in order to feel free again may prevent a satisfactory end-product.

A lesson you may need to learn is that, by searching for freedom, you actually create an opposite reaction, resulting in less freedom and fewer choices. Look at your life; see if this has occurred, and note if results have been contrary to your intention.

By developing your mind, you can cause a deeper freedom to emerge through study and knowledge, more understanding, and the formation of a life philosophy and purpose. The Sagittarian freedom impulse needs redirection toward a mental search. This may happen later in life if earlier education was inadequate to your adult needs. As this energy movement internalizes, you may develop an appreciation for world culture, knowledge, and language. The issue will then be: How can this accumulated information be used and applied in daily life?

Integrating this into a personal belief system is another step, where you sense meaning and purpose when these beliefs are tested in the fires of experience. Vision generates direction and can help unify your personality, both fulfilling Sagittarian needs and focusing the Gemini juggling of facts and information. Mental stimulation will become more important, as will learning and communicating your discoveries.

Through such changes, new types of social relationships form, in which your interaction is more purposeful and less self-centered and evasive. Taking a higher perspective on yourself and life will transform attitudes; and relationships can become easier and less stressful. Freedom is the goal for everyone - freedom to be oneself; do not deny your impulse toward this state, but consciously moderate it by insight, so that positive results occur for all concerned. Your challenge is to be both socially constructive and individually free.

Aries expends its energies on the world as a matter of course, without considering whether they are wanted or not. Taurus uses its energies economically and to best advantage, but is still extravagant in the sense that the world is not given the choice of rejecting what is being offered.

On the other hand, the mutable Air sign, Gemini, is very intent on interacting with the environment. This interaction is important for Gemini, which needs to give and take, and is happy only when conveying ideas and forming relationships.

Gemini natives are invariably caught up in what is going on around them; there is a continual energy exchange between them and the world. With the Node in Gemini, we have to pass on our gains. Our relationships are a network through which we receive what we want to know and give back what we have learned.

This is the basic characteristic of Gemini. Connections have to be made and maintained to allow a continual energy flow back and forth. Such activities are a constant preoccupation. Gemini is typically mutable, and is happy to share its knowledge and know-how; at the same time, it is eager to take advantage of what the world knows, has, and is able to do.

Thus, the Gemini Node can show there is much of immediate value for us to learn from those around us. This means keeping in touch with the world physically, mentally, and spiritually, in a lively but intelligent way. It means that we do not avoid people, but try to have permanent points of contact with them.

Rahu in Cancer (Kark) and Ketu in Capricorn (Makar)

Rahu is favourably situated in the Moon's domicile. It brings light in the darkness which may surround the native, helps him to see clearly into his affairs, and to act judiciously without hesitating. If inimical people (or events) encompass him, he will soon discover their weak point, and thus conquer them. The position is a lucky one. It gives the opportunity of extricating oneself from trouble and of overcoming difficulties through one's own good management. It is a sure protection, and a promise of progress without strife or violence.

Ketu in Capricorn is a very evil position. It brings with it sorrow, and a tendency to neurasthenia, which it is difficult to overcome. It gives the native a character or disposition which is subject to constant changes; it is also a sign of disappointment in love through the native's own fault, as he has not the gift of attracting love. It is not always detrimental to the worldly position, but the native will not know how to enjoy life; he is ever seeking trouble, and this does not help to create a cheerful atmosphere for those who come into contact with him.

Rahu in Cancer gives domesticity and a mothering nature. Integration comes through furthering these qualities. Great sensitivity toward the suffering of others. Homekeeping would be an integrating force in the life.

Ketu in Capricorn would show past habits of selfish ambition and a desire for power for self and to dominate over others. This tendency would have to be faced and overcome.

Here the soul enters the current life with much inner pride. The individual finds it difficult to understand why others do not show him the strong respect he has been accustomed to in past incarnations. As a result, prestige and the pursuit of dignity continue to be the motivators of all actions.

Some with these Nodes will even marry to achieve the social status of the subconscious Capricorn memory.

In past incarnations this soul worked hard for recognition. Without losing self-respect, he would have been the original ham, going far out of his way to attract attention. At times this would even mean imposing undue punishment upon himself if he knew others were observing. Now he would like the world to know how burdened he has been so that others can see him as a martyr.

He continues to make his work harder than it actually is, never seeming quite able to finish meeting his current life responsibilities and obligations.

Since he is always living in the past, he has a habit of bringing the consciousness of all his past burdens with him into the present. This makes his present life much heavier than it need be.

The one thing he has not yet learned to tolerate is failure in himself. He is well-practised at actually making himself physically or emotionally ill in order to avoid coping with situations in which he expects to feel inadequate.

He sees the world through an attitude of self-righteousness, whereby the actions of others are rarely condoned but often condemned. He keeps this to himself, however, for it would damage his sense of personal esteem should others know that he has been fitting them into his secretly devised caste system.

In prior lives he was highly opinionated and strongly resistant to taking advice

that would affect him personally. Now he still believes that one's personal life is strictly a private matter. Consequently, around all things which relate directly to himself, he builds the 'Wall of China'. It would be futile for anyone to try to break in, for at the slightest personal criticism, he starts adding more bricks to the wall.

Lifetimes of materialism make him an opportunist, placing himself wherever there is something to be gained. At the same time, he is 'penny-wise and pound-foolish', for he is known to be stingy in the midst of emotional bursts of extravagance.

When he sees advantage, he will turn cold and calculating so that no weakness within himself will prevent the attainment of a goal on which he has his sights. He will turn weakness in others to his own advantage. Wherever there are loopholes in the law, he can find ways to squeeze through. So intent is he on managing all he sees around him that his entire current life becomes a personal crusade to prove his worthy capabilities.

In past incarnations, his soul learned the art of accomplishment. In order to do this, there was little regard developed for others. Now through the Cancer Rahu, he must learn how to give nourishment as well as receive it. Many with these Nodes experience strong family burdens so that they may come to know the emotional needs of others.

Sexually, the soul is learning how to take on the feminine role in this life. The karmic transition is from coldness to warmth - from age to youth. Many with these Nodes appear to grow younger as each year in their lives passes.

Rigid Capricorn attitudes are dropped one by one. The individual finds new security in relating his emotions more honestly. In this life, he must learn how to

apologize sincerely when he is wrong, as well as not to seek advantage over others when he is right. Eventually he will see that all of his depressions, fears and worries are no more than part of a self-created martyr complex which bears little relation to current life circumstances.

He must slowly learn how to divorce himself from an insatiable need to manage everything around him.

In this life, he will go through a chain of experiences which will slowly open up his Cancerian sensitivities. Eventually, he will start to value nature more than money, emotion more than power, and new growth rather than the collecting of dead wood! When the changes start to occur, he will be brought out of the cold of winter into the bright sunlight of early summer. But he must develop a totally new emotional response pattern if he is to adjust to the new direction in which his soul is destined to go.

His highest achievement in this life is nourishing others. To reach this, he must do much work on himself, until he becomes a natural cornucopia of spiritual food to those who are hungry. The more he is able to fill people, the more happiness he will feel himself. He should see that God also favors those who stand out and wait, and that His highest blessing is especially reserved for those who seek nothing for themselves but to be available as His constant servant. In past lives, this soul was able to benefit greatly by receiving. Now, he is here to give.

The house which contains the Ketu shows the area in life in which the bowl of abundance is overfull. The house which contains the Rahu symbolizes the empty bowls of others waiting for food.

Previous incarnation for this person was spent in many difficult and confining

situations. Life at that point really did not have sufficient domestication; or he lacked stability at home. In this lifetime, his ideals and energies converge to establish a solid home base. Enjoyment from being the key family person is significant for him in this life. The ability to deal with sensitivity and emotionalism is noticed. He has a lot of imagination that is properly used towards creativity. In his previous life, he did neglect responsibility of older folks. Now he is extra-cautious in this life not to do the same. Thus, family cohesion is important for him. He may show a colder exterior, but you can get to him through proper emotionalism.

You need to develop your domestic and nurturing abilities. Your Capricorn Ketu replies: 'Yeah, but I can't take time out from my career'.

Your problem is that you tend to try to fulfill your need for public acclaim without relating it to your inner needs.

Possible reasons for this problem include: that you have developed your logic at the expense of your emotions; that you lacked sympathy, nurturing or material security as a child, or had these things taken away from you at a crucial time in your life; that an ingrained philosophy of 'look out for yourself first' has encouraged a misguided sort of selfishness; that lack of recognition as a child has led to an 'I'll show them' attitude'; or an overpowering need to dominate at all costs.

Possible solutions include learning to view your emotional needs as keys to increased self-esteem; learning to adapt your wants to your needs; having a nervous breakdown; developing an ulcer; and blaming your parents for your hang-ups.

Cancer Rahu seems to often coincide with institutionalization in childhood.

Sometimes this means an orphanage or hospital has played a major role in the development. Other times it indicates a long stint in a boarding school. Sometimes there's a very regimented home life for one reason or another. Or the parents have been cold and strict. Occasionally the Cancer Rahu has had uncaring or unfit parents, and consequently became a ward of the court. But more often the parents were merely more concerned with the Cancer Rahu as a status symbol than as an emotional being. Usually the parents were very judgmental and placed a heavy emphasis on doing the right thing in terms of living up to other people's expectations. Thus the Cancer Rahu is conditioned to view the game of life materially. But regardless of his or her successes or failures, he or she often feels a great sense of something missing until the Cancer potential for emotional self-preservation and caring is tapped.

Signs of an over-developed Capricorn Ketu include: dislike of domesticity; a stubbornly narrow outlook; self-consciousness; prudishness; unapproachability; a tendency to constantly test others in some way; nervousness; dislike of new or different ideas; a desire for respect and honor at any cost; and a tendency to curry favors or social-climb.

Rahu in Cancer consciously or subconsciously feels that his or her strong emotions will act as a deterrent to his or her happiness, so a primary dream theme involves keeping emotions under control or else finding someone who will appreciate his or her emotionality so that it will no longer be a threat. He or she wants to be attached to someone else who will offer protection from the cold, cruel world and guarantee a measure of emotional security. This person generally represses emotions. He or she is often confused about his or her feelings and finds it difficult to relate to others on an emotional level. Sometimes the tendency to fear emotions comes out as a cynical or pessimistic streak designed to camouflage the person's vulnerability.

Antidotes for Cancer imbalance: If career advice is sought, the client should be steered into a nurturing profession. Nursing, acting, dressmaking, pilot or stewardess, gynecology or child care would be logical choices if other areas of

the chart are in agreement. Creativity should be channeled. Painting, interior decorating, weaving, and poetry-writing are particularly recommended. In cases where the Rahu has been repressed to the point of blockage, psychodrama could prove helpful. If the client has adequate understanding of astrology, a dramatization of the nodal dialogues (or the troublesome nodal configuration) could be beneficial, provided you feel comfortable about this technique yourself.

A thorough health check-up should be advised if the client complains of lethargy or any other physical symptoms, since health problems seem to be slightly more frequent than normal with these placings. Both reading and writing can be beneficial antidotes. The Cancer need to protect and nurture must be satisfied. Housekeeping can often prove to be an effective antidote, as can anything connected with land maintenance. History and genealogy often satisfy the Rahu's need to preserve and protect. On another level, swimming, calisthenics, or yoga could appeal by giving the client a feeling of doing something beneficial in terms of self-preservation.

The more rigid Capricorn influence may shape your personality, especially expectations of respect from others which come from inwardly hidden feelings of self-importance and superiority. Your sense of identity is connected to social relationships, feelings of personal prestige, and attitudes and actions shaped by hopes of achieving higher social status - a need that may determine choices. Your acquaintances and relationships are similarly influenced by needs for social status.

It is the social 'image and face' that must be upheld. Any public loss of dignity or self-respect would be extremely traumatic. In several ways, you hide personal insecurity, relying on others to define your identity. This personality dependency is often fragile; and your self-image is shaped by reflections from others rather than from an inner strength. Remove the attention and respect of others, and you may rapidly deflate. You like to feel wanted and important, and may assume responsibilities that are too great and then stagger under the weight of this self-imposed burden, becoming a martyr and expecting both admiration and

sympathy from others.

You see failure as anathema, and hate to admit any personal shortcomings, as this diminishes self-respect. Intolerance of failure affects the rest of your attitudes; and your standards may lack an understanding of fallible human nature, even though you may not always attain those standards yourself.

You try to avoid situations where failure may occur or inadequacy may be exposed, even to the point of experiencing psychosomatic illness when inner stress and outer pressures accumulate. You prefer to control life and those around you; and this can cause family tension whenever it becomes oppressive.

Your worldview tends to be fixed and preconceived; you evaluate others through self-imposed filters of social opinion, attitudes, beliefs, values, and standards. Many fail to match your purist and self-righteous ideals, which perhaps secretly pleases and satisfies your superiority attitude.

The question is: Does this life perspective fulfill you? Or is it a struggle to maintain a protective barrier that supports a less self-assured personality? You dislike anyone probing your persona life beyond established boundaries, and become highly sensitive to any criticism, often withdrawing into your armored 'shell', evading open and honest confrontation. Do those barriers really help, or do they actually imprison you, restricting life enjoyment within rigid personality structures that you have raised?

The Cancer Rahu indicates a way out of the impasse. Attitudes of superiority always result in diminishing contact with life, restricting relationships and often ending in distorted self-images and exaggerated personal importance - the delusions of an inflated ego, especially if power over others has been achieved. These self-imposed barriers between yourself and others need relaxing. Learn

how to give more; acknowledge the needs of others instead of just taking their approval and admiration.

The more emotionally sensitive aspects of your nature need fuller expression. Be more receptive, value relationship and communication, and feel compassionate to the struggles of humanity instead of ignoring this as weakness. Once you can accept and express emotions more easily and honestly, personal integration can occur, and the rigidity of misapplied Capricorn can dissolve. Admitting that even you can be wrong sometimes is progress. You need emotion to transform and heal; and life would then become more enriched and relaxed, free from needing to control, manage, and manipulate obsessively. If you can make this change, great benefits become available, and with them the opportunity for a more satisfying life.

Manifestation processes come to the fore again in the cardinal sign Cancer. In its manifestation, Cancer is oriented toward the collective as a whole. The native wants access to a home or 'nest'. He or she needs to be part of a family, and hates to be alone. Group membership gives a sense of protection and warmth. If the Node is in Cancer, the individual should try to join in. Very often, a Node with this placement occurs in strong-minded individuals who are much inclined to do their own thing and withdraw from the crowd. In the extreme case, they live like hermits because they believe they are better or more exalted than others.

The Node in a collective sign indicates that one should become involved in a collective, in order to feel part of a family, group, local community, or nation, or the whole human race. The native could become the center of a hive perhaps. For this, a measure of industry and activity is required - as befits a cardinal sign. People with the Node in cancer cannot laze about and do nothing; they must become involved in the creation of a collective relationship for their own benefit, and preferably for the benefit of others also.

The easiest way for them to do this is to found a family. With the Node in

Cancer, it is important to be able to achieve emotional harmony with those around. Any tendency toward solitude and isolation opposes this placement of the Node. The emotional experience of community and belonging has a big role to play here.

Rahu in Leo (Simh) and Ketu in Acquarius (Kumbh)

Rahu in Leo helps the native to realise his desires, which are of a lofty nature. He has a fine ambition; and even if he is not an artist, he is none the less a man of good taste, a lover of form and of everything that is fine and noble.

His fine imagination should enable him to discover or invent new, pleasing and attractive things, which will profit him. His enquiring mind makes him continually desire to know and learn everything new. This helps him to progress. Rahu in Leo enables the native to conquer the difficulties of life.

Ketu in Aquarius causes the native to be easily deceived. He is inclined to be indolent. He does not react, nor know how to act wisely; and this is detrimental to him. People should be kind, but they should know how to discriminate, and this is not the case with Ketu in Aquarius, as the native is too much inclined to listen to fine words. This position also indicates deceit over love matters; it is a sign of infidelity on the part of the native or his partner. It also upsets iether the mental or the physical balance.

Rahu in Leo gives executive ability and qualities of leadership. Needs to be independent to do a good job. Has nobility and pride. The virtue hidden in pride is self-respect. To this, Leo has the right. If self-respect is lacking, the individual would have the ability to cultivate it in this life.

Ketu in Aquarius shows the past habits have been to retreat from the world because of a snobbishness or distaste. Strong egocentric tendencies have to be overcome.

The Leo Rahu symbolizes a struggle with the will. In this incarnation, the

individual is learning to develop strength within himself. Conditions force him to stand alone, very often with the absence of shoulders to lean on. He eventually learns that if his life is to be better it must be created by himself. But before he can build any such creations he must overcome his lackadaisical carefree attitude.

He still continues a past-life tendency to spend too much time feeling sorry for himself at his lack of friends when he feels they are needed most. Somehow in moments of stress, others always seem to be absent. Long periods of loneliness, isolation and in many cases a good part of the time spent as a hermit are not uncommon.

Ultimately, when the mind is made up, there is little that can sway this individual from his destiny. He must learn that his isolation is a self-imposed prerequisite for gathering strength. Very capable of strong leadership in this life, he must learn to overcome all doubts within the self.

The continuance of his past-life desires for friendships actually weaken him, as they do little to build his individual confidence. He must learn how to become more goal-oriented rather than following his accustomed tendency to dissipate his energies. The interesting thing is that while he continues to think he needs others to answer his questions, he rarely takes their advice.

The friends that he does have will be from all walks of life. In a sense, this increases his scope, for they bring to him now the awareness that he earned in former incarnations.

Once determination takes root, there is no stopping the path towards success, for he does not like to settle for second best. Much thought is given to the future. In fact, he is used to living there, until one day he makes the realization that 'today

is yesterday's tomorrow' and that nothing will exist in the future that is not created now!

He is not the easiest of people to understand, for he will do anything to retain and emphasize his own sense of individuality. In past incarnations, he developed a detachment from the majority of the world, allowing him to feel free to go his own way. Now he takes pride in being unique and different, caring not as much for the traditions of society as for whatever rules he has set up for himself.

His main difficulty in this life is a lack of control. Without discipline he can generate his power into useless projects, until he realizes that nobody will stand over him with a whip.

If he builds on past-life knowledge, he has a great ability to do something for the human race, for he is capable of depersonalizing his actions for the good of all mankind.

Many with these Nodes live a rags-to-riches life, the big change coming after the tendency to overlook is turned into an ability to oversee! Their greatest amazement occurs when they discover prior-life talents in themselves that they never thought they had.

Happiness is reached once principles to which to dedicate the life are found. Furthermore, these principles must be unshakable so that the individual feels he is creating something solid. He will then identify his life in terms of the size of the principles to which he has attached himself.

Disturbed by the scattered activities of others, which remind him of his own past

incarnations, he feels the strong need to see life moving along a directed course towards a specified goal. Still, he wants to retain his complete independence. As a result, he finds it difficult to tolerate others cramping his style. When they do, they will find him constantly testing limits.

The Aquarius Ketu brings with it past life roots strongly embedded in the principles of fairness and equality. In the current life, the individual is given the opportunity to be on his own so that unhampered by others he may express his intrinsic beliefs. His job now is to show people as flamboyantly or as powerfully as he may choose the ways in which the world can overcome its burdens. His greatest achievements occur after he has surrendered his personal will to the service of humanity.

There is no question but that this is good leadership material so long as the ingrained past-life Aquarian sense of fairness is never violated. This individual is capable of making revolutionary changes in what was once established tradition. He is first, last and always amazed and fascinated by all the possibilities man can reach. At the same time, he is offended when he sees people pitying their self-imposed limitations, for well he knows the experience of pulling oneself up by one's bootstraps.

He aspires to stand tall and not be ridiculed for those beliefs which he has struggled so hard to express.

While his capabilities for love run deep, the rest of him is not too far below the surface. The continuation of his past-life attractions to momentary fascinations keep throwing him off the track, making it difficult for him now to see the core of his true self clearly. And so, he must identify with his achievements as the only real barometer of his worth.

Though he may at times strongly wish to be alone, he could never live without people, for he thrives on their admiration of his achievements. He believes in firm justice, and yet he is quick to pardon once people have admitted they are wrong. He is never one to strike when a person is down. The sense of fair play has become such a part of his soul that although he feels he should be more competitive, it makes him uncomfortable to be part of any competition which involves foul play.

Things which wouldn't have bothered him in past incarnations suddenly become important as he starts to dig into life rather than disassociate from it. Although it is his present life karma to apply his Uranian ingenuity through practical and traditional Leonian outlets, he still struggles to maintain his unique character.

Some with this position spend the later years of their life alone. Others who are married still hold onto such a strong streak of independence that they tend to keep other family members on the periphery of their circle.

The house position of the Ketu indicates the area where past-life needs for originality and freedom are still seeking expression.

The house position of the Rahu shows the area through which all the chart energy can be focused into a new shining creation of substantial size and worth, a gift of generosity to the world. Truly these are the Nodes of the 'inventor'.

Previous incarnation for this person was spent in many unusual activities. He seldom had time to be individualistic. Most of the efforts were towards achieving things for others. In this time, he has decided to be substantially individualistic. Making his own name or getting the credit for his work is significant in this lifetime. Cultivation of personality, ego and general magnetism is noticed in this person. He will use his powers and connections to get where he wants to go in

life. He may have to step on others; but he will look at that as a favor to them, and later on when he is up there, he will help those who indirectly were helpful to him. Strong self-conditioning and self-confidence is noticed in him in this life.

You need to learn to love deeply. Your Aquarius Ketu may reply: 'Who: me? What do you mean? I love absolutely everybody. Except for my ex-best-friend and my ex-lover, and that snooty sales clerk who implied I had no taste....'

Your problems may include that you are looking for Utopia. Your ideals have frustrated your needs for love and companionship.

Possible reasons for these problems: You're inclined to be lazy about developing your creativity, preferring to idealize others' accomplishments at the expense of your own. You spend most of your time serving others' causes at the expense of fulfilling your own goals. Traumatic experiences have caused you to retreat from the world to some extent. Ingrained stubbornness hinders the formation of relationships. A subconscious superiority complex.

Possible solutions: Get in touch with your need for dignity, and channel it properly. Discover and use your fertile imagination. Learn to lie skillfully. Have a lot of lovers. Devote yourself totally to a humanitarian organization, cause, or activity.

Rahu in Leo almost always has some degree of untapped creativity. Sometimes shyness keeps it untapped. The shyness is in itself a manifestation of the untapped Leo Rahu potentials, since Leo is the sign of confidence. Ketu in Aquarius encourages the individual to lose himself or herself in a whirl of friendships and acquaintance-making, or in some vast utopian ideal. In either case, the motivation is to avoid having to come to terms with his or her own individuality. These people are seldom recognized as shy, because their shyness

manifests on a personal rather than a public level.

Another manifestation of Leo Rahu - Aquarius Ketu imbalance is seen in the person who leaves more prosaic creativities untapped while he or she searches for that great talent that will make a contribution to the world. The Leo Rahu isn't content to enjoy developing his or her creativity unless he or she can make a great artistic, dramatic or social contribution to posterity.

In my experience, people with an over-developed Aquarius Ketu are generally: kept busy dealing with other people's problems; wanting to be in the spotlight, but they often find their contributions get obscured; egotistical in an unusual way - they emphasize equality and refuse to acknowledge that some people have more potential than others: in other words, you can't do any more than they can; intellectual at the expense of their emotions; spiteful; fond of shocking others; extremist in their work for change; contradictory, in that the brain doesn't know what the heart wants; averse to traditional marriage - women are often militantly liberated to the point where they resent or dislike men in general; and inclined to believe everything you tell them about themselves as long as it's flattering.

Rahu in Leo would like to be seen as someone with a tremendous amount of vitality. He or she wants to be known as someone who's attained creative or business success. He or she may aspire to be a famous movie star or politician, or may want to be known for his or her lovely home or lavish parties. He or she wants to be respected and able to impress others. This person is social and capable of expressing emotion, albeit in a rather detached way. He or she may have some rather funny loyalties or a misconception of loyalty. This may serve to prevent success, as the person is inclined to be afraid that his success might inconvenience or be unfair to others. This preoccupation with the good of the group, as opposed to his or her own good, can lead to unpredictable behavior that brings more controversy than respect.

Antidotes for Leo imbalance: psychodrama or dramatization of the nodal

dilemma can be helpful if the repression is severe. Interior decorating, set design, etc. can be excellent antidotes if there's aptitude in these directions. Political involvement and involvement in community action programs are ideal for stimulating a sluggish node in this position. The client should be encouraged to accept leadership roles in any capacity for which he's suited.

The client should be engaged in a 'What would happen if...' dialogue in which he or she is asked to visualize the worst possible things that could result from developing the Rahu. You should then help the client deal with these fears. This technique works best with clients who are able to laugh at themselves, since it's often necessary to point out the preposterous-ness of their fears.

You should make certain that the client hasn't confused ambition with ruthlessness, since this seems to be a frequent misconception with both Aquarius Ketu and Rahu in the fifth house. It seems to be less common with Sun square nodes, et al., although it sometimes manifests here as well.

For personal growth, you need to determine clearly your life direction and then focus and apply willpower to achieve objectives. This can be a challenge, as you tend to dissipate energies in different directions, partly due to a lack of future planning. You need to realize that you shape future experiences through the consequences of thoughts, actions, values and attitudes. What you do today creates your tomorrow; and a favorable future depends on choices and decisions in the present. If choices are misguided, you will face the inevitable disappointing consequences later.

To achieve this new life direction, you have to become more individual, breaking free from the consensual social conditioning indicated by the Aquarius Ketu. This does not imply that you become eccentric or socially alienated, but rather that you become more self-reliant and independent, true to your own light and taking responsibility for your choices and life path. Positive gains from this can include self-confidence and self-understanding. Moving beyond unnecessary

doubts, you can realize your potential once your life direction is determined and relatively few obstacles block your progress. Asking others for signposts may be unwise and weaken determination or send you in a wrong direction; unfolding this path from within becomes your source of guidance. Once this direction is clarified, meaning and purpose are discovered, and pursuing this task will engage your willpower.

Yet this is not a search for a self-centered path; it is one which combines independent self-expression with awareness of social relationship and interdependence. Your proposed growth should ideally benefit all, as well as yourself. Building a personal value structure is important, and you will try to stay true to those guiding life principles which provide a firm inner foundation.

Your new creative direction can be effectively released in the sphere of life indicated by the Rahu's house; and as your new worldview develops, you may feel inspired to share your beliefs more widely. Your humanistic concerns will dampen as feelings of social responsibility and contribution expand. Your growing idealism and altruistic spirit will shine more clearly, reshaping life by your ideals, so that by pursuing your path, you also contribute to benefit others.

The main issue concerns individual and group growth, and may focus on social needs for fairness and equality. Once a direction is established, you may emerge as an inspirational leader, aiming to create constructive change within traditional social practices and thought. Such activity may prompt mixed reactions from others, especially as progressive attitudes may be 'before their time', and difficult to be integrated by contemporary society. But your independent spirit must be retained, so that your transformation and new socially creative expression indicates a way that society can also take. For yourself, purposefully direction energies in creative and productive ways will bring satisfaction. But you should never forget the existence and needs of others. Be true to them also, because, by your living your humanitarian ideals, your path is formed.

In the fixed sign Leo, we are concerned with gaining a secure position in life. Leo is also a Fire sign; and the Leo personality consumes for its own benefit the living space surrounding others. Leo wants to be a monarch, and to possess a realm of which it can be said: 'Here I am at home, and here I will carry out my activities. This is my territory, and I will never surrender it'. Leo always keeps a firm grip on a personal world that represents security in the changing scenes of life; and, of course, people play a decisive part in these scenes.

With the Node in Leo, we should adopt a positive, well-defined attitude to our environment. We ought to make ourselves known, place ourselves in the center of our world, and learn to cope with it. Usually the world does not leave us alone but is continually provoking confrontations. Anyway, this position of the Node helps to correct our development, and brings us out into the open.

In charts indicating a certain hesitancy or nervousness over making one's presence felt, a Node with this placement may help to overcome this tendency. The Node here encourages the individual to come out of his or her shell and be willing to take a few risks. Finally, this Node urges us to test ourselves in the world, and be willing to experience euphoric self-realization, and the suffering of reverses, along with everything that lies in between. As a Leo, we may seem to ourselves and others to be very much on the offensive all the time; in reality, however, we are very much on the defensive, for Leo is a fixed sign, and only the Fire in it produces the touch of aggression.

Rahu in Virgo (Kanya) and Ketu in Pisces (Meen)

Rahu in Virgo gives fine aspirations. It is an ideal position for poets and writers, but not for business people, as it is too idealistic and not sufficiently practical. This position of Rahu is not good for marriage; physical love is non-existent, but on the other hand there may be much platonic or idealistic love. There is an entire absence of anything mean; the mind endeavours to free itself from matter, and this does not always benefit the pecuniary position. The native does not view life in its true perspective, and will therefore have to contend with the problems

of existence. Success comes nevertheless after a long delay. There may be a fortunate and wealthy marriage, which will turn out happily if helped by good aspects of Venus and the Moon. Failing this, the position often indicates celibacy.

Ketu in Pisces is again a sign of deceit in love, and of infidelity. The native unconsciously indulges in gossip which is detrimental to him. The position also brings physical and moral sufferings, brought about through the native himself. A general indolence is indicated, which can be modified by a good aspect of Mars. Stability in matters connected with the affections will never exist.

Rahu in the sign of discrimination and purity shows these are the qualities that will lead to growth and progress in this life. The hidden 'Christ within' must be expressed through service. Ketu in Pisces would show past tendencies of escapism, copping out of responsibility; and it would be easy to follow that pattern in this life, for the tendency could be there unless the rest of the chart showed differently. Senses and sensuality have been strong in the past; now the higher senses must prevail.

The object here is crystallization. The individual has to overcome past life superstitions which now impede his growth and see clearly the truth of all things before him. Prior tendencies to be dependent on others as well as to swim in the self-pity of non-achievements are strong obstacles to be dealt with and surpassed in the current life.

The individual must make every attempt not to allow himself to become bewildered amidst the maze of confusion that clouds his inner vision. Strongly conscious of trying not to hurt other people, he spends much effort to develop the ability to say what he really feels. In essence, his weak spot is hurting himself, even though he will have many opportunities in this life to know better.

He must work to build his confidence, from which he ultimately learns that nothing happens in his life until his goals and objective are clearly defined. In past incarnations, this individual was deceived by many through his over-compassionate tendency to fall for sob stories. Now, he still cringes at the sight of suffering, strongly feeling the emotion of other people's pain. He thereby allows external sorrows to drain him of his strength, until he reaches the point where he's had enough. Then the realization that his soft heart is his weak spot pushes him to his Virgo Rahu, where he begins to develop the ability to

discriminate between what is truly worthy of his sympathy and what is indeed fantasy!

He spends much time in the current life sifting through his value systems, discarding all that is uimportant, so that he may ultimately develop a filtering system which will enable him to make critical judgements without being swayed emotionally.

This incarnation is to teach him how to swim out of the pea soup he has fallen into; and what never ceases to amaze him is the fact that so subtle was his slipping into illusion that actually he never saw it happen.

He must try to avoid escapism and daydreaming at all costs, for in the end these weaken him to the point that he may forget how to function on the physical earth plane. From past incarnations his intuition uis unusually strong and accurate, but with it comes the Piscean depressions stemming from a sensitivity to other people's disappointments.

In learning the karmic lesson of not to depend, he ultimately discovers that all those hs desired to lean on eventually come to lean on him. He constantly has to pull out of events, circumstances and relationships whose very heaviness cloud his vision. His own pity for other people can lead him into positions in which he spreads himself too thinly. Hating to tell people what they don't wish to hear, he develops the art of subtlety.

One of his biggest lessons in this life is to develop the ability to say 'no' and mean it, for the softest plea from a tear-stained eye has always made him go back on his word. Well, he knows his own weaknesses, and it is through this knowledge that he can develop his greatest strength. By the refusal to be swept off his feet by emotion, he gradually swims his way out of confusion.

Many with this Nodal position have been through past-life persecution experiences, and as a result they develop a deep understanding of the pain of others. Still, they can be deceived by others, almost as if their inner gentleness becomes confused with weakness to the point of inviting again in this life the very persecution they are running from.

They have the ability to carry deep hurts within them for many years. Yet from time to time the build-up eats away at their nervous system.

Here the Virgo Rahu can act as a savior by cueing them into the diet and health conditions which will bring the most benefit.

These Nodes are especially helpful in the fields of medicine and healing, where the past-life carry-over of a strong compassion for humanity, coupled with a fresh desire for perfection, can be readily expressed. Idealism is high, but the soul's memory of a lack of self-confidence brought about by so much past persecution makes it difficult for the individual actually to believe that he can reach his ideals. He has constantly to fight the tendencies he feels towards giving up. Ultimately it is the great wisdom learned through the bitter lessons of the Pisces Ketu that redeem him. For no matter how difficult conditions get, he still clings to his rainbow dream where peace and love rule the world.

He is highly critical of others when he sees them falling short of the perfected ideals he knows they are capable of reaching. He has to learn to put into practical use the essence of his own ideas which he has always vaguely felt but has been unable to verbalize. To the extent that this continues, he feels misunderstood. In times of need, he truly wishes for others to help him, yet he feels that it wouldn't be fair to ask for such help. Instead, he keeps seeking out people with depth, silently hoping that they who can see through him will care enough to fathom his problems.

Constantly seeking warmth in others, he turns stone cold when in the company of coarse or crude individuals. One of the most beautiful things about the Pisces Ketu is that as the years go by he is afforded the opportunity to develop forgiveness for all those who have hurt him in this life as well as in past incarnations

These Nodes represent the clouds and the sunshine, the illusion and the real. Always seeking some better state, this individual eventually comes to learn why other people suffer so much. Until he learns this, he goes far out of his way at the risk of hurting himself to help any and all who suffer.

His current life karma is to strive for purification and perfection in himself, while tolerating with gentleness weakness in others. This brings him his biggest lesson - self-discipline! He must learn clearly when to let the water run, when to shut it off and when to alter its course.

He must not overlook details, for it is often the Piscean lack of attention to detail

that causes him to miss the clarity of understanding he is seeking. By developing a clear perspective, he can start to avoid the tendency to excess that he has brought with him into this life.

If he is to be happy, his life must be dedicated to service rather than secretly wishing others to drown his past sorrows. His biggest lesson of all is never to doubt the purity of his objectives.

This individual is starting to make things work on the earth plane. In past lives, he developed an intuitive understanding of the nature by which man and machine function, but now he is confronted with putting this knowledge to use, rather than daydreaming about some future far-off moment when all his dreams might come true. He must be careful to make all times the present as well as all places here; for only through living in the here and now is he able to funnel into crystalline form the vast reservoirs of essences which he has accumulated through all his lifetimes.

He is to become the focusing lens on a form projector which contains millions upon millions of blurred negatives. Yet through his Rahu, he is capable of refining each one so that ultimately no knowledge he has ever acquired will be wasted. In effect, this is a rather frugal Node position. Here also the mind and life become as a machine, with all the separate parts forming an integral part of the whole. When any part of the life is not functioning properly, it must be immediately repaired or discarded.

The life is geared to striving to raise efficiency and order out of the sea of the Piscean whirlpool. Much prior life work was spent in renunciation. Now only vague memories remain. In this life, the individual must learn to display the perfected ideals he has achieved through giving up all but his appreciation of the Divine Essence.

The house position of the Ketu indicates the area in which a past incarnation reached Cosmic Understanding. The house position of the Rahu shows the area through which crystallization can now bring that understanding into material reality.

You need to learn to work. Your Pisces Ketu may reply 'Yeah, but that means giving up my privacy'.

Your problem may be your inability to analyze feelings.

Possible reasons for this problem: excessive tolerance of unacceptable behavior from others; faulty reasoning; a tendency to gloss over flaws; a tendency to help others while letting your own life disintegrate; escapist tendencies; your early upbringing having led to a 'you owe me' attitude; your sense being over-active, overwhelming your logic.

Possible solutions: Channel your fantasies into creative work - poetry, fiction, psychology, etc.. Learn to rule your senses instead of letting them rule you. Learn to lie skillfully or speak the truth tangentially. Shun human contact as much as possible or try and reduce contacts with strangers as much as possible. Avoid over-eating, drinking too much, get stoned (looked down upon).

Health problems are a frequent manifestations of the Virgo Rahu - Pisces Ketu imbalance. These may be physical or mental, real or imagined. Both fear of people and excessive dependency are common - sometimes simultaneously. Compulsive over-eating or an obsession with thinness can be a manifestation. Occasionally I've seen this position in what I call the spiritual or psychological hypochondriac who drifts from guru to soothsayer to therapist looking for someone capable of solving his or her problems for him or her. Invariably, there's a craving for happiness; however, the client can't generally define what this happiness would entail, except to say there would be 'no more problems'. Well-being improves when the Virgo Rahu's potential for objectivity and practicality is channeled into some sort of meaningful work.

Some signs of an over-developed Pisces Ketu are: excessive daydreaming; constant requests for help; a 'too sweet for words' façade; strange attitudes towards work; little control over emotions; masochistic or morbid tendencies; overall discontentment with his or her lot in life; shallowness and game-playing; moodiness; and a tendency to attract chaotic conditions and disorganized people.

Rahu in Virgo dreams of being the trusted second-in-command without whom things would fall apart. He or she wants to be a policy-maker or manager, or at least the chief executive's right-hand person. He or she wants to be known as someone who can't be deceived or boondoggled. This is generally a quiet person whose feelings are more important than logic in terms of outlining a direction in life. Instead of a policy-maker, he or she is generally a dreamer whose dreams seldom become realities. He or she lacks - or at least hasn't developed - the analytical abilities inherent in the Virgo Rahu. He or she is vague about goals and vaguer still about how to realize them.

Antidotes for Virgo imbalance: Typing is a very helpful antidote, since it encourages neatness and order. The study of history is recommended if there's aptitude along these lines. Gardening is a very good antidote. Weiting should be encouraged, with inspirational writing, social commentary, and ideas stressing reform being especially good. Public speaking should also be encouraged, with literary, analytical, scientific, and gardening topics being favored. Should there be no aptitude along these lines, an alternative topic should be sought according to the overall chart.

If career advice is sought, secretarial work is an obvious choice; however, few male clients are likely to find this attractive, no matter how much aptitude they have. Other good choices would be bookbinding, statistical work, historical work, work in a stationary store, and writing of any type. If the client is young enough and capable of receiving proper training, law or paralegal work might be considered. Again, you'd want to look for additional corroboration from the rest of the chart.

When Rahu is in Virgo in the twelfth or first house, there are usually problems connected with a low self-image or a negative outlook on life. There's often a history of restriction of some sort. In these cases, it would be a good idea to suggest professional counselling if the problems are severe. Reading such as 'I'm OK - You're OK', Assagioli's writings, and much of the literature on Gestalt Therapy (especially Fritz Perls' writings) might also be helpful.

Certain hobbies could prove to be both enjoyable and beneficial as antidotes. Among these are music, bicycling, walking, and many types of volunteer work. Crafts of various types might also be considered if according to the client's aptitudes. It's common for clients in these categories to have no idea what they might be interested in - let alone good at - so you should be prepared to spend a fair amount of time exploring along these lines.

Previous incarnation for this person was quite a mediocre life. He did not have many opportunities because he could not properly identify them and use them. All he had was a great sense of instincts in that life. In this lifetime, he may not explicitly believe in inner instincts, as his logic and synthesis are well-developed. He would want to achieve things entirely by their use. However, as a fail-safe mechanism, he has been given the gift of 'insight' to things which he can use when in great need. Discrimination is one of his major enemies, and he often makes decisions based upon pre-discrimination. He has been given many

opportunities in this life, but, at the same time, he has to achieve them very methodically. Thus, he cannot just skip and go on to the next game in life.

One challenge is how to relate your emotionally sensitive perceptions to the world in a way that becomes creatively positive and bridges both spiritual and physical realities. You tend to depend on others to define your life direction, perhaps through earlier social and parental conditioning, which also shapes your self-image.

Your weak spot is emotions. You will be highly compassionate, feeling the world's suffering and pain due to empathic attunement to others' anguish. This may inspire efforts to minimize pain for others, and will even be displayed through tact and diplomacy, often controlling what you say, feel, and think. You try to remold yourself to avoid giving offence to others; but in so doing, you can damage your integrity and become confused by ignoring the messages of your feelings. A combination of sympathetic sensitivity and inner / outer evasion can weaken and distort your energies and strength of identity, leaving you open to exploitation by unscrupulous characters.

Emotions will dominate judgements and decision-making; and you need clarity as to your real needs, desires, and thoughts. Saying 'no' to others poses problems, and you are easily undermined when others appeal to your vulnerable emotions and persuade you to change your mind. Self-assertion is required when you are confronted by others. Acknowledge the equal importance of your individuality, and be less passive and self-sacrificial in attitude.

Escapism, daydreaming, and fantasies attract, and you may retreat into an ideal and perfect inner world where all is good. This is the conflict between illusions and external reality which reflects the interplay between the Virgoan dream of perfection and the Piscean dream of idealism. A misapplication of these impair your ability to deal with the real world.

You can contribute to society when you work with your strengths, which emerge from an idealistic vision applied in daily life to benefit others. You may develop service concepts which embrace an understanding of how to serve, when to serve, how to receive from others, and how to recognize those you can benefit.

You may display idealism but, until you achieve self-confidence, may limit opportunities to manifest ideals, or even give up making the effort. Yet it will be

the lessons learned from these struggles which strengthen you. Often disillusionment is a most effective teacher; the challenge is to continue to maintain your dream of peace and love ruling the world, despite the painful struggle. You have to live your vision, beliefs, and principles in the outer world; they have no reality if they remain as dreams. They need testing in the crucible of daily experience. Your sensitivity, spirituality, and vision of the ideal world need grounding; even in a small way, it is a step forward.

Facing conflict between illusion and reality, you always seek a better state for yourself and others. Much enlightenment can come when you realize why people suffer so much, but in this you also find the key to your own suffering. The deeper your self-understanding, the less you need to rely on others. The more you test your beliefs in real life, the more ideals can emerge in pragmatic and practical activity. You may find that directed imagination - perhaps through creative visualization techniques - especially benefits your self-healing transformation. Within the Virgoan service impulse of working for the community is a potential path which corresponds to the Piscean vision of fulfillment for all.

The mutable Earth sign, Virgo, calls for mobility, fluidity, and flexibility. In contrast to Leo, we should total up everything of real value in our life, and discard the pomp and circumstance. We must come to terms with the community in which we live and with the environment as a whole. The 'You' is clearly emphasized here.

Leo also lays emphasis on the 'You', but in Leo we are free to make an impression on the world. Virgo is a serving sign, in which we are in a weak position and more or less at the mercy of others. Society has the last word, and our partner tells us what to do. When the Node is in Virgo, we even have to let the world decide what good we are and assign us a place - not the place we may dream of occupying, but the one for which we are suited. Conformity and adaptability are keynotes of Virgo. Now, to have to knuckle under can be very tiresome, not to mention painful. For this reason, we find many Virgoans grumbling about the miserable circumstances they had to endure.

Of course, a readiness to fit in and find one's proper place must not lead to identity loss - as can happen with hard aspects to the Node. Then one would end up in a state of alienation and become nothing and nobody.

The Node in Virgo should make us willing to adopt a positive approach to the people around us, and to see and understand what they really need before giving them what we have to offer. In the Virgoan Node, helping and serving are essential forms of expression of an active and practical love for others.

Rahu in Libra (Tula) and Ketu in Aries (Mesh)

Rahu in Libra is a sign of balance and harmony in the native's life as a whole. It also gives stability in regard to the affections; the gratification of noble desires is shown in all things. The native has a fine intellect as well as great courage. Progress will be rapid; and wealth as well as honor will be acquired. Rahu in Libra is favourable for the children and for the family ties.

Ketu in Aries is often a sign of lack of conscience, or, at all events, of inconsequence. The native acts too precipitately; what he has decided to do must be done forthwith, and this leads to want of due reflection, which is detrimental to his affairs. He may suffer material losses, or experience trouble in other directions, due to his lack of cautiousness. This position inclines to fits of anger, but also gives great physical courage; and if the horoscope generally is good, Ketu in Aries will not be so unfortunate.

Rahu in Libra implies spiritual integration which comes from moving from self to others; from personality levels to the soul levels. Emphasis should be on loving others and getting away from self-love.

Ketu in Aries means an over-assertion of self has been the problem in the past, and personality should become the servant of others in this lifetime.

This nodal position requires much learning about self-sacrifice and the needs of other people. All the lifetimes of work spent on building self-confidence and esteem must now be transferred to others. The Libra Rahu keeps the individual from adding to his sense of self-identity any further. He must guard against strong ego influencing his current life actions.

His long-standing me-first attitude now brings him sharp and painful experiences as he is learning the lessons of co-operation. He must slow down and make sure that all he works for is meaningful, in his marriage and close partnerships as well as all his relations with others. He has to learn to take the sharp edges out of his

life and start to balance. While the center road seems less attractive to him, it is still the only path he can have towards happiness.

Ultimately he must learn the very subtle lesson that his strong pioneering individualism isn't actually meant for himself at all, but rather to equip him better so that he can provide others with a more harmonious life. Many individuals with these Nodes have a tendency to be contrary. The experience of listening to other people is a new one which they find objectionable when they feel it hampers their forward motion.

In past incarnations, progress was all-important, and getting there first was part of the highly competitive Arian drive. This carries over into a definite closed-mindedness which the Libra Rahu will ultimately open, showing to the individual the other side of the coin which he had never before thought was important enough to recognize.

Selfishness and vanity of all sorts must be curbed unless the individual wishes to find himself alone. Usually he feels himself being driven towards something, yet he doesn't understand what or why. Through the Libra Rahu, he is now to reconsider his goals and objectives so that his Arian energy is put to some useful purpose.

He changes his mind often; and allegiance to a single cause is not one of his finer attributes. Past incarnations have made him accustomed to a constant impatient restlessness that still has a tendency to keep him on the move. He knows that he is to give rather than to receive in the current life, yet he finds it difficult to cope with such karma with his full heart.

The Martian quality of the Ketu impatiently pushes him in new directions. Upon arrival at each destination, however, he finds the gossamer cloud of Libra in the middle of the seesaw, and is surprised to see that his goal was not a goal at all, nor was the destination the end of the journey. Puzzled and confused, he sits in the middle, trying to evaluate the circumstances which he hopes will point the way towards his next successful drive. And yet each goal, each ambition, each sprint of running and striving brings him to Libra - the half-way point!

Finally, out of sheer exhaustion he makes the amazing realization that the second half of the journey involves other people. He is to learn the karmic lesson that he is not alone. Until he learns to share, something always comes up to put the

brakes on his efforts. Eventually he is brought to the realization that winning or losing the game is much less important than the fairness with which it is played.

Many individuals with these Nodes are highly opinionated as a result of selfish or bigoted past-life attitudes. Now it is time for the shoe to be worn on the other foot. Much of the current life's events are painful blows to the ego. The individual has to guard against becoming embittered as he sees many of his own wants and desires being taken away from him and given to others. At first his natural tendency is to be jealous. He wants to fight back for all those things he feels he has lost; yet the more he fights, the more he loses. Eventually, drained of much of his inner resources, he must surrender his selfish ego and accept living in a world built on sharing.

Until he overcomes his Ketu, his biggest frustration is the witnessing of other people receiving all for which he himself had wished. He doesn't quite yet understand how this works, and is puzzled at why all the things he has ever wanted are coming to people around him and yet not to himself. He hardly realizes that all his desires, wants and wishes are actually designed for others.

He is mentally energizing the wishes of people around him so that he can ultimately be an instrument for their fulfillment. In actuality, he is earning himself a new place in the world by living through the karma of selflessness. Still, the insistent urges of the Ketu keep pulling him backwards, often making him feel that this is a lesson he would rather not yet learn.

He must try to resist past-life tendencies to make waves, for he is now capable of witnessing disharmonies between people without taking sides. Often he is thrown into the position of referee, whereby in helping others to become more objective, he in fact helps himself. The more he can get others to co-operate, the more he can learn to do it himself.

Underneath all the hustle and bustle, this individual is learning to see the consequences of his actions before taking them. In effect, he must learn to look before he leaps!

For many with this Nodal position, there is a deep-seated anger coming out of past-life memories of frustrations which block the self-expression.

In this life, there is usually a very pleasing physical appearance, which is part of the karmic lesson in vanity that the Aries Ketu is here to overcome. Any

narcissistic residue also causes difficulty in marriage as this is the battleground where the war between love of another and needs of the self must be fought.

The balance between Aries / Mars and Libra / Venus is a difficult one to achieve. The Aries Ketu constantly seeks to assert its needs, while the Libra Rahu needs nothing for itself but to love others, regardless of their demands. This individual can feel love for others best only after his own needs are fulfilled.

Until the desires of past incarnations are left behind, the incessant pulling of his subconscious demands continues to be so strong that he has a tendency to drain energy from other people, actually putting them to sleep. In effect, he is a walking anaesthetic, constantly wondering why people avoid talking with him for more than a few minutes. He would like to talk for hours, if only to continue the focus of attention on himself. But in his private moments, he is deeply saddened by a sense of loneliness and the knowledge that his relationships with others are so far short of what he would like them to be.

There is nothing subtle about this Nodal polarity. Happiness comes only after he is forced to re-evaluate his desires and truly discovers that they involve other people. The ego-self must be abandoned, and with it a heightened sensitivity to the needs of others acquired.

The Libra Rahu is one of the most difficult to achieve because the Aries self-love looms as such a large hurdle to overcome. Still, the individual must overcome if there is to be a new cycle for him; and he will find the key to this new cycle as he begins to reflect back upon himself through the eyes of others.

The house position of the Ketu indicates the area where insatiable desires of past incarnations are still demanding priority. The house position of the Rahu shows how fulfillment can be reached through self-sacrifices, co-operation and the expression of unselfish love to others.

You need to learn to co-operate and get along better with others. Your Aries Ketu may reply 'Yeah, but they never want to go along with my plans'.

Your problems may include that you have an exaggerated need to prove yourself; that you tend to be uncomfortable; and that, because of your upbringing, you've come to place too high a value on assertiveness.

Possible solutions: Stabilize your relationships in terms of give and take. Learn

to differentiate between caring and controlling. Learn to let others have a chance to decide for themselves. Stifle your need for others, and look out for yourself.

Ketu in Aries often complains of having been forced into something which has irrevocably fouled up his or her life. This could be a too-early marriage, a career, a specific mode of behavior, etc.. In any case, he or she, as a result of this experience, justifies his or her reluctance to co-operate in other areas. Aries Ketu generally hasn't developed his or her ability to commit himself or herself in a long-term situation. He or she wants fast results. If these aren't forthcoming, co-operation is curtailed. Aries Ketu is also generally unwilling to take responsibility for the effects of his or her actions on other people. He or she is sometimes unwilling to share. The Aries Ketu generally wants exclusive rights to the things in which he or she is interested. He or she feels that future well-being depends on immediate gratification and success. However, goals can often be attained only when the Libra Rahu's ability to co-operate is tapped and developed.

Signs of an over-balanced Aries Ketu are: high blood pressure; impulsiveness; hyperactivity; a cold, critical attitude towards others' accomplishments; argumentativeness; a tendency to brag about accomplishments and be a poor loser; an insistence on leading; an unco-operative attitude; difficulty in finishing what he or she has started; and boredom or a short attention span.

Rahu in Libra dreams of happiness and harmony. He or she would like to be known as a very sociable person. Others play a very important role in this person's dreams. In contrast, this is an enthusiastic, emotionally active person whose selfishness may interfere with social interaction and harmony in general.

Antidotes for Libra imbalance: The client should be advised to get a complete beauty treatment, including new hair style, in preparation for developing a new lifestyle. Even men can benefit from a new hairstyle. Likewise, shopping for a new wardrobe or new furnishings can be a beneficial antidote, as any purchase would tend to remind the client that a new lifestyle is beginning. For best results, color selection should be geared to the imbalance. Dancing is a good antidote. If the client has any physical symptoms, a medical check-up should be advised, since this is another one of the imbalances that's most capable of triggering illness. Boating, cruises, and water sports can be helpful antidotes.

The client should be advised to consciously seek out activities that stress

partnership and teamwork, rather than trying to do everything himself or herself.

If career advice is sought, the following could be recommended if other factors in the chart show aptitude: hairdresser or barber, artist, interior decorator, lawyer, stewardess or pilot.

Previous incarnation for this person was spent with a lot of physical actions, temper and aggression. He had, in that life, achieved and lost many things as he could not learn to understand the significance of balance. In this life time, he will definitely learn and be able to use the concept of balance as applied to 'soul growth'. Everything he undertakes in this life will have a definite sense of justice, priority and deeper significance. His diplomatic talents are well worth noting in this life. He will achieve things without fighting for them; and often others will surrender to him just by his senses and magnetism. Utilization of mental energies is strongly noticed in this person in this life. Although he may not be after material success, he always manages to be plentiful in that respect.

You may have to learn about the value of relationship co-operation and how you can give to satisfy others' needs. Be less self-preoccupied with your needs, and focus on how relationships can become more meaningful and harmonious through co-operation, rather than preserving selfish attitudes.

You can experience a competitive drive, but this powerful individualism and pioneering spirit is available not just to benefit you. It also enables you to give more to others. There is much in life waiting for you to recognize its presences; and you would benefit by taking time to listen to others who can reveal aspects of life that you had never previously registered or considered of any value.

It is futile driving yourself onward when you do not know why or what objective you seek. Perhaps stop and re-evaluate your distinction, then direct energy toward a definite purpose. You may feel restless and impatient, changing your mind less often and finding fewer difficulties being focused. You consider each new prospective direction, but rarely know what you are looking for. Each direction you take may eventually seem unfulfilling - a cul-de-sac or a destination which allows little rest or permanence. What you may need to realize is that others are needed for you to complete your journey. Until you learn how to share and give, each aim achieved can only fail to satisfy, because it is not meant for you alone.

Indeed, you may pass through phases when it appears that life is against you, meeting many painful confrontations which chip away at your egocentric approach. It may appear that you fail to attain your desires, and it becomes frustrating to see others making successful progress. Even though you apply greater effort, your aims seem to move further away. Attitudes and values may need transforming, so that efforts are less directed toward your solitary benefit and more toward the benefit of others. Instead of feeling envious of a friend's success, you should be pleased. Until you base your life on co-operative sharing - and, in a sense, turn it around - then your desires may remain frustrated. You will probably resist this lesson, but this would be your free choice, expressing your contrary nature. The eventual consequences would be self-created.

In social relationships, you often assume a role as 'mediator', and have to learn how to aid others to resolve problems without taking sides. In these experiences, you will discover co-operation and compromise; encourage this in relationships as an energy of goodwill and harmony.

Marriage can be a challenging experience - an ideal 'school' for vital insights and self-understanding. With both potential conflicts and opportunities for creative relations existing within the partnership, it can summarize your dilemma. You probably do know that your relationships could be more satisfying and meaningful, and you may recognize that intimacy does not just revolve around your needs alone. But your self-regard must expand to include others. Once you see that life could be much better by sharing and giving, your life can become a more peaceful and fulfilling one.

The cardinal Air sign, Libra, in contrast to Virgo, has a dynamic approach to the 'You'. We are able to react positively to the environment and to do something about it. We need not feel uneasy at making certain demands of the environment, but first we should ask the world, just as Virgo asks the world: 'What can I do for you?' Then, on considering the reply, we can respond pleasantly. Our approach to society includes the attempt to come into harmony with it.

More especially, the native may wish to bring harmony to the world. Diplomacy can figure strongly in this placement of the Node - in the interests of concord of course. With hard aspects, various compromises may be made in order to come out on top and look good at the same time. In the extreme case, the native says something to one person while saying the exact opposite to someone else.

With the Libran Node, it is important to strike a balance between the 'I' and the 'You', to form a correct judgement, and to live in harmony with the world. For this, a measure of self-discipline is required. The emotions have to be held in check if one is to avoid being thrown off balance and being carried away by private feelings and opinions. This position of the Node places a restraint on, excessive autonomy, and undue egocentricity.

Rahu in Scorpio (Vrishchik) and Ketu in taurus (Vrishabh)

Rahu in Scorpio gives activity, perseverance and subtlety, which will enable the native to succeed. It is also a sign of good-health, or, more strictly speaking, of physical stamina. Success will not always be attained as quickly as may be desired, but will come after great difficulties; and the native's dearly-bought happiness will endure all the longer.

Ketu in Taurus gives material instincts, the necessity for physical exertion, and sensuous desires, which will often cause the commission of blunders. This position makes the native selfish; he likes his own comfort above everything else, and as he is not lazy or work-shy he will obtain what he wants. Ketu in Taurus gives fits of energy followed by periods of unconquerable weariness and laziness.

Rahu in Scorpio shows the need to go the way of regeneration. Spiritual integration comes through going from selfish interests to concern for others. Must let the Divine Will be done, not the personal will. Only through the way of the Higher Self will this person find peace.

Ketu in Taurus means emphasis has been on material things in the past. Person has overemphasized their importance. In whatever house this node is placed in, there must be relinquishment of a possessive or materialistic attitude.

Here the individual is learning how to accept revolutionary changes within himself as well as the conditions in his life. He would like to rest, thinking that his soul journey is over. So tired is he, from past life memories of the yoke of his earthly burdens, that whatever the cost he would like to feel settled. As a result, he finds it difficult to develop the strength for future changes.

Tenaciously he clings to old behavior patterns which served him well during past incarnations. He has become personally attached to doing things the hard way. Like the oxen plowing the fields, he walks laboriously through this life as if it were one long, straight furrow. He expends so much physical energy that he weakens his Spiritual Self to the point that he becomes blinded from seeing any new possibilities other than the singularly drab existence he has been accustomed to leading.

He finds it difficult to learn by watching others. Instead, he would rather work through each of life's experiences himself. As a result, he spends more time, effort and energy than he has to in each growth phase. Still, he feels he must be sure of himself. So great is his need for security that even when he makes changes in his life, they are in fact not changes at all, but merely other aspects of the same behavior patterns he has been using all along.

In past incarnations, he developed a sensitivity to his environment. In order to cope with the continuation of such a sensitivity, he starts early in this life to explore the world of sensory impressions. He learns what feels pleasurable and how to obtain it. Nevertheless, he always seems to fall short of reaching complete and lasting satisfaction. He doesn't realize that one appetite begets another. His great need for possessions makes it difficult for him to enjoy what he does not personally own. As a result, he thrusts himself into long-enduring battles of ownership over people, things and ideas. He stubbornly holds onto all that comes his way. The more he collectively accumulates, the more he traps himself. What was in other lifetimes a great need for the acquiring of substance now turns into the extra weight of excess baggage he is carrying. As the years go by, the yoke of his burdens becomes heavier.

He has created a need to feel powerful so that he can seek temporary refuge from the dismal sense of failure that has plagued him in former incarnations. As a result, he even goes so far as to seek in this life an occupation which puts him in an authoritative position.

He has undergone so much past life damage to the ego that he now experiences an intense need to prove himself worthy of respect. He will fall into deep depression when confronted with the possibility of others finding him lacking in any area. To prevent this from happening, he will push himself towards success no matter what the cost.

It is almost a certainty that at some time in this life the intensity of his karma will bring him to be at least circumstantially involved with the police.

As he reaches for his Scorpio Rahu, this individual undergoes a complete transformation. He starts to kill old behavior patterns by burning bridges behind him. Experiences teach him how to cut ties cleanly, so that he does not walk into the future with both feet tied to the past. His biggest growth occurs when he is able to let go.

Inner dependency needs must be transformed into complete independence of thought and action. Strength increases with each passing year as he slowly discards from his consciousness all that oppresses him.

He must learn how objectively to study the results of his subconscious desires so that he can earn self-respect through practising self-discipline.

These Nodes symbolize the soul who for many lifetimes has been moving along a decadent path. Now the soul vessel is to be turned upside down in order to rid itself of the decay it has collected.

Fulfilling the karma of this overturning process is extremely painful to the individual, as he may lose all he ever held near and dear. In the end, he will unquestionably relinquish more than he bargained for.

So powerful is this transformation that many with these Nodes eventually spend their later years alone. In the process of eliminating excess, they have discarded everything but themselves.

Nevertheless, much of this is necessary if the individual is to reach the point where he can see himself clearly on the very deepest of levels. Out of this symbolic death of all he ever possessed will come his new life.

The house position of the Ketu indicates the area which has become decadent as a result of past incarnations. The house position of the Rahu shows the way in which a current-life rebirth can be accomplished.

You must learn to accept (or give) financial and other types of help when necessary. Your Taurus Ketu may reply: 'Yeah, but if you can't earn it (or do it) yourself, you don't deserve it'.

Your problem may be a hang-up about power.

Possible reasons: A repressive environment has made you feel that it's you against the world. A lack of understanding of your environment. A refusal to help unless there's something in it for you. An upbringing where there's been an overemphasis on money, things, or importance.

Possible solutions: Become more active in joint endeavours - a business partnership, encounter group, community project, etc.. Sharpen and develop your imagination. Concentrate on material growth regardless of what happens. Give all your money and possessions to a guru or religious sect and let them provide for you.

Taurus Ketu often tries to make willpower a substitute for insight. He or she feels that by developing his or her willpower he or she will be able to handle whatever curves life throws him or her. He or she is often especially fond of simplistic self-help books and success formulae that promise unlimited earnings. Now there's nothing wrong with wanting to help yourself. And no-one would deny the importance of willpower. We've already seen what problems can arise when you don't build up your own resources. But all the money, power and determination in the world is useless unless you know where your problems are coming from. Developing the Scorpio Rahu's potential for insight will improve success potential drastically.

Signs of an over-developed Taurus Ketu are: refusal to think about anything that's not backed up by conclusive and irrevocable proof; insensitivity: disregard for others' rights; shyness; everything viewed in terms of money; excessive introversion; shrewdness rather than intelligence; self-indulgence; a very conservative or 'dated' manner of dress or speech; vanity but no real confidence; and cowardice.

Rahu in Scorpio consciously or subconsciously wants to be tested. He or she wants to experience the highest and lowest phases of existence in order to get in touch with his or her deepest emotions and learn to balance them. He or she wants a crash course in living and experiencing. In contrast, we find a person with good common sense and rather repressed emotions. He or she clings to home, possessions, and routines in a way that keeps life on an even keel, devoid of major highs or lows. Conservatism often squelches this person's dreams.

Antidotes for Scorpio imbalance: These seem to be the most subconscious of all imbalances; and client awareness is often very limited unless he or she is in a rather painful situation. Unless the client is receptive to what you say, you may not have much luck. Even if the client is receptive, these types of imbalances often need psychological counselling before they can be alleviated, due to their strong fixed overtones.

The study of mysticism can be a beneficial antidote if the client is relatively level-headed. Astrology, palmistry or graphology would be safe suggestions. Scientific studies such as chemistry can also be beneficial. For some clients, perfume-making will appeal. Philosophy is another good antidote. The particular philosophy would of course depend on the client's aptitudes and interests. Research work of any type would prove beneficial. The client will be happiest doing something that he or she feels will have important results. Hobbies are less effective for these clients than for most unless they involve serious study. Study and research are the best antidotes for these imbalances provided the client has sufficient intelligence and powers of concentration, since this type of antidote requires minimal risk-taking and only a modest cash outlay. The client should be referred to the appropriate study and research groups since, as with Libra, teamwork is an important factor in balancing.

Previous incarnation for this person was spent in considerable luxuries and a routine life. He really resisted any change that would come by his way or alter his lifestyle in that life. During this life, he will be modifying his value systems continuously and constantly. A total destructive tendency in those respects will be fully justifiable as far as he is concerned. Thus, he will go from one extreme stage of living to another during the same life. His hidden motive and energies are strong, and he will use them whenever he has to. As long as nobody obstructs his way, he is very quiet, polite and well-mannered. His instincts are strong, but they have a 'get-even' type of attitude. He may forget, but never forgive, what others do to him.

The Taurus Ketu's house position may indicate the nature of certain restrictive

behavior patterns which obstruct your progress. Radical attitude changes may be required to transform these from limitations to offers of new opportunities. Often these patterns involve the Taurean tendency toward possessive materialism, where feelings of insecurity and stability are connected to material well-being. The desire for pleasure, comforts, and home enjoyments can exaggerate materialistic demands, so that your needs involve ongoing acquisitions and possessions.

Contention over ownership and possessions may rise from this impulse, or over people and family matters. Relationships can be affected detrimentally if this tendency becomes excessive or is not consciously modified. People rarely like feeling 'owned' by anyone; and a family is the most common situation where authoritarian attitude are easily applied and abused, particularly by force or emotional manipulation of circumstances in your favor.

It may be difficult to avoid an organized but repetitive lifestyle, especially one self-created to shield disruptive change. This is an example of Taurean placidity, a ruminative enjoyment of stability and security. Yet, even accumulating possessions will begin to weigh heavily, restricting freedom. Eventually, Scorpio's transforming energy will undermine your foundations. If your identity becomes dependent on material status and possessions and your values are dominated by materialism, this may become an area for unavoidable change.

You may be a slower learner than most, relying on traditional social attitudes for your worldview. You develop and learn at your own pace. Fixed life foundations are established and relied on for security and as a defence to resist change and any disturbing influences. Yet you may need to redefine and reshape yourself, gradually forming a new self-image based on higher values rather than on self-centredness.

Your preoccupied focus toward materialism needs changing, redirecting attention from the outer world and possessions toward self-understanding and

inner growth. If developed, this can create greater self-esteem and assertiveness, which comes from inner stability rather than being based on external supports, habit patterns and possessions. Personal talents and material resources are then applied toward constructive practical action, and directed to build a renewed life-style.

Understanding the tension between Taurean resistance to change and the Scorpionic transformative impulse is necessary. What may occur is that the Scorpio energies gradually undermine efforts to maintain stability. Once stability becomes fragile and you feel vulnerable and exposed, you may realize the necessity to transform restrictive and limiting behavior patterns and life-styles. Such experiences may prove uncomfortable and difficult. You may feel forced by circumstances to 'burn bridges behind you', to release the ties of the past and become receptive to new experiences. Your dependency on fixed behavior patterns or on a materialistic life-style may be dissolved by the Scorpionis transformation. This would not be a negative experience - despite your reactions to its impact - but rather one which aims to liberate you. How much you could be expected to release and relinquish may depend on your resistance to change; the more you resist, the more transformation may 'cost' you. It is a rebirth that awaits and may be unavoidable. The old always has to be replaced by the new. You are advised to welcome this crisis whenever it arrives, because it is for your benefit, even though initially you may not see it in that light.

In the fixed Water sign, Scorpio, an effort is made to establish a regular system. Here, too, as in the opposite sign, Taurus, one is concerned with the use of material resources; now, however, they are other people's material resources. Thus in Scorpio we often meet the type that administers the property of others, manages them, utilizes and fosters their talents, and acts as an agent for their skills and services. In principle, the Scorpio Node challenges us to be prepared to act on behalf of others and to exploit their resources for their benefit and in accordance with their intentions. Obviously, in such a situation, the natives have to stand back a little, though of course having a personal part to play. In order to exercise such a function, they have to gain a place in society. The Scorpio Node always indicates an effort to achieve a certain social status. This can mean nothing more than ambition and the aspiration to be someone important,

especially with hard aspects to the Node. Scorpions always think they are able to decide what is good for others. Usually they can give them helpful advice on how to realize their assets, and on how to find the best chances of success.

Scorpions avail themselves of existing forms and structures. With the Scorpio Node, one can easily adapt to current social arrangements. One can also develop the knack of exploiting them to the advantage of oneself and others.

Rahu in Sagittarius (Dhanu) and Ketu in Gemini (Mithun)

Rahu in Sagittarius is the surest sign of happiness and quietude, so long as the native knows how to be contented, which is usually the case, inasmuch as progress is fairly quick in this sign.

The close family ties - that is, the wife and children - live on good terms within a relatively restricted circle. It is the sort of happiness what does not proclaim itself. Success is somewhat slow in coming, but can be relied upon, as the ascent is gradual and teaches patience.

Ketu in Gemini often causes inharmonious relations with those around the native, or with distant relatives. This may entail disputes over money matters which will be detrimental to the native, as many people may be jealous of him and put obstacles in his way. Nevertheless, he will know how to defend himself, especially with the help of a good aspect from Mars or Mercury. In the former case, success will come through violence; in the latter, through cunning.

Rahu in Sagittarius points the way to far horizons, physically and spiritually. Person gains through associations with others and pioneering in new lines of philosophical and educational endeavors. An inner positivity that will be of great help in overcoming any negative aspects in the birthchart can be developed.

Ketu in Gemini shows too much superficiality in past lives; too little willingness to stabilize; and a flitting from one experience to another. If continued in this lifetime, there will be little success or any sustaining power.

The keyword here is promise. For lifetimes, this individual has enmeshed himself in dualities, resulting in indecision. He has tried to be all things to all people, and

as a result has made himself attuned to superficiality.

Now he has strong karmic lessons to learn in areas of loyalty and allegiance. Eventually he will come to see that by playing both sides against the middle he can only hope to make himself the center of the sandwich, caught in the squeeze. Nevertheless, he retains a past-life fear of committing himself fully to either side, for at least on the superficial level, he sees truth and right in both. He still believes that a definite commitment to one side would leave him with the feeling of missing the opportunity inherent in the other.

THis ability to remain uncommitted enables him constantly to adjust himself to fit the needs of the moment. Like the chameleon, his colors change with his surroundings.

In past incarnations, he was not too discriminating, knowing that it really didn't matter where he gave his affiliations since he never gave his complete self anyway. Now he swings like a pendulum in the breeze, open to ride if but for a brief time only on the winning wind.

He purposely makes himself the pawn of others, and, even if only for the moment, seems to agree with them so that he can temporarily feel accepted and a part of something.

Through many lives, his sense of self-identity has become not merely a single division but filled with all the questions of everybody with whom he was in contact. Since so many people have formed the building blocks of this inner self, it is impossible for him to be anything but a hypocrite!

When he speaks, his facial expression as well as body language will change from sentence to sentence, taking on the appearance of the person whose words he is not trying to pass off as his own. In fact, when he makes a definite positive statement, his eyes will always examine the recipient to see if it was received as truth. If not, then it doesn't really matter for he will now start talking incessantly, trying one collected statement after another on for size in the hope that somewhere in his collection of information a few words might be worthwhile.

He loves activity; and when circumstances make him feel cooped up or bogged down, he becomes highly nervous and restless.

Always over-programmed, he struggles to keep up with the myriad of details and people that fill his life. He has so much to do, and yet at the end of each day feels distracted from his purpose.

In past incarnations, he never developed a long attention span. As a result, he spends much of this life constantly changing his mind about everything.

At one point, he will go through conflict over whether to live in a large city or in the country. The conflict is really between the continuation of his past-life need to be with people and his present-life desire to be away from them.

Direction does not come at an early age. More often than not, it comes through the aid of parents or an older person who sets him on his course. This occurs usually after age twenty-eight.

Underneath it all he is unsteady; he has been so busy seeing the shades of gray in everything that he has difficulty seeing the light of truth in himself.

For this individual, life's biggest task involves a quest for higher knowledge. Through the Sagittarius Rahu, he must learn that in order for man to be capable of seeing the truth, he must first be the truth!

He will go far if he teaches himself to speak from his higher mind, for the esoteric meaning of all he says will ultimately show him his real identity.

When he starts to mesh with Transcendental Thought, he will begin to reach a spiritual union within himself.

First he must work through his karma of perpetuating trivia and come to see that participating in gossip is the greatest sin against liberty. Then he must turn his back on all the past-life residue of pretended sophistication and reach for all that is real and natural. Ultimately, he comes to see that although a coin has two sides, it's still one coin! When he develops this perspective of vision, he will be able to transform the knowledge he has acquired into Divine Wisdom.

The house position of the Ketu shows the area where past incarnation personality conflicts still plague the lower mind. The house position of the Rahu shows the ways in which a Higher Consciousness can be developed into a vehicle which enables him to rise above all conflict.

His present-life evolution will free him from the bondage of indecision, and in its place give him glimpses of Universal Truth.

You should follow through on your interest in psychology, travel, etc.. Your

Gemini Ketu may reply: 'Yeah, but my day-to-day activities don't leave me any time. Besides, I hate studying'.

Your problem is that a mental block prevents expansion.

Possible reasons: Environmental restrictions hindered learning. Refusal to take chances. Dislike of reading or distrust of any type of indirect communication. Reluctance to be put in a position where you may be asked to give advice, teach, etc.. An upbringing that encouraged superficiality. Little success with early education.

Possible solutions: Take interest courses. Loosen stifling ties and routines. Sever all ties, and spend your time drifting.

You'll remember that we said Gemini Rahu relies on book learning to replace awareness. With Gemini Ketu, the tables are turned. Knowledge remains at a very rudimentary level. There can be an 'I read it in the Enquirer so it must be true' philosophy. Or there can be a distrust of any information that comes from afar. In other words, the local news commentator knows what he's talking about but the foreign news commentator's full of bull unless he's voicing the same opinion. Frequently, Gemini Rahu relies on rumors, gossip and small talk to form the basis of his or her knowledge. College education is looked on with suspicion; in fact, sometimes there's a reverse snobbism in connection with education. Gemini Ketu tends to be content with his or her knowledge no matter how incomplete it is. It's only when the Gemini Ketu is suddenly thrust into a new environment that he or she becomes aware that something's missing. At that point, he or she can tap the Sagittarius Rahu's potential and expand his or her knowledge and understanding of the world.

The person with an over-developed Gemini Ketu has few long-range goals; is

restricted by his or her routine or environment; is immature or retains an emphasis on dressing and acting as he or she did at a much younger age; sees no point in college unless it's a prerequisite to a certain job; does not like to waste time on abstractions or unproven theories; may be fickle; may be a bigot; is sarcastic or cynical; marries a childhood sweetheart, neighbor, high school friend, etc.; usually marries early and settles into a routine where the only big change is a transition from school to work; and loves travel as long as the place visited isn't too different from what he or she is used to.

Rahu in Sagittarius wants to be thought of as natural, sincere, intellectual, refined, and broad-minded. This is a person of such changeable emotions that he or she may be mistaken for a yes-person or a phoney. He or she has trouble focusing on one thing at a time, and tends to scatter energy to the point where objectives seldom reach completion. Restlessness keeps dreams in an ever-changing state, so that they may never be clearly defined. In effect, this person might dream of having a dream.

Antidotes for Sagittarius imbalance: The client should be encouraged to share any specialized knowledge he or she has, either by teaching or through other means - writing, public speaking, etc.. As with Scorpio, the study of philosophy is a beneficial antidote. Religious studies could also prove helpful. The client's intuition should be developed and given a positive outlet. Dream study, astrology, palmistry, graphology and many branches of parapsychology could prove useful outlets, although you should be very certain that the client is level-headed enough to use these properly. Travel is very often a beneficial antidote. Work involving giving tourists various types of information (i.e. tour guide, travel agent, hotel information desk, etc.) could be quite rewarding.

Sports can be good antidotes. High-jumping, rope-jumping, walking, running, jogging, or any other type of physical exercise for which aptitude is shown could be recommended. It sometimes happens that the client is for one reason or another stuck in a dull, routine job - clerical, assembly line, switchboard, etc.. If there's no way out of the job due to the client's age and economic needs, it's

crucial to expand the sphere of after-work activities.

If career advice is sought, challenge should be the primary quality stressed. According to the client's aptitudes, consider the following options: adult education, lecturer (with philosophy, law, and civil rights being ideal areas), priest, minister, rabbi, nun, doctor, nurse, paramedic, inspector, proofreader, publisher, missionary, evangelist, salesperson. The client should be encouraged to free himself or herself from stagnant ties where possible. At the same time, he or she should be discouraged from drifting or living totally on an intellectual plane. Sometimes pet ownership can provide a helpful counter-balance for these tendencies.

Previous incarnation for this person was spent in many intellectual and communicative activities. He had to deal with 'others' constantly. Thus, he was often drained of his intellectual resources by others. He had to fulfill what they expected of him. In this lifetime, he is choosing a path of independence and isolation. He likes to be a free-floating soul without getting involved with many earthly interactions. He can solve their problems when he feels like it, but at the same time, he has a choice and the ability to turn them away from him. In this lifetime, he will achieve substantial esoteric knowledge or understanding with or without being too involved in the occult. He is not very much interested in the material things or in human emotionalism. When his feelings are seen, he just transcends them or throws them at others the way they come.

The Gemini energy makes you restless, searching for stimulation, diverse interests, and experiences, and encourages an active life-style. Whenever you feel restricted - whether in work, relationships, or even in allowable attitudes, thoughts, and emotions - you feel extremely uncomfortable and look for ways to change the situation.

Your mind is alert and receptive to a multitude of impressions from other people and the mass of information received during daily life. Yet, due to distracted

fluctuations in attention span, you may find that focus and concentration becomes difficult to maintain.

Changeability is likely, often displayed as indecision and regular shifts of mind and emotions. Your mutable nature sometimes appears to reflect various personality types which are temporarily adopted to deal with others.

You find choice-evaluation difficult, seeing the virtues of different decisions and actions, recognizing that, from each perspective, each option may present a valid position. This inhibits your decision-making ability, making you afraid that, by choosing either position, you will lose the value of the other decision. Personal decisions are hard to make; and when having to evaluate others' viewpoints, you often take the easier way out, which is to agree with whoever presents the most persuasive and powerful argument. The danger with this is that you may devalue your opinions, beliefs, values, and feelings.

You find it hard to discriminate between different options, and resist giving commitments, because you recognize that you change your mind too often. Refusing to make responsible choices, you try to be agreeable to all. It may even seem that you agree with another's views when in his or her company, only to change again, chameleon-like, when with others. This may increase social acceptability, but can damage your integrity.

The Sagittarius Rahu indicates the need for a unifying philosophy that becomes a life foundation. You require a belief or purpose that offers meaning and direction, rather than simply being swayed by the winds of superficiality, diversity, and mutability.

This becomes the issue of purposeful direction. You will probably be at least in your late twenties before you accept the necessity for a self-chosen direction;

and then you will start looking for signposts; these guiding indications may come from an influential older person, either personally or indirectly, or perhaps as a 'teaching'.

One important step is to reduce your reflective tendency by determining your own attitudes and feelings, irrespective of whether this pleases others. Agreeing with all sides, or agreeing with none, leaves you nowhere, and you should find your own light. Changing this behavior pattern may not be easy, but you will benefit from becoming yourself. As you feel free to express your nature, you will have a growing feeling of joy and vitality, and will discover the liberation of being natural and real without any compulsion to agree with others. Take tentative steps to release the past and to enter the present and future as yourself, because you have much promise and much to offer. Then you will realize that, while a coin has two sides, it is just one coin, and that, while life has a multitude of faces, it is just one life.

The mutable Fire sign, Sagittarius, and the cardinal Earth sign, Capricorn, are the two individual signs that promote the expression and the maturation of the individual personality. In Sagittarius, we always strive hard for mental autonomy. Sagittarians have an independent outlook. They want to work out their own ideas and philosophy, and to have these under their own control. With the Node in Sagittarius, the task is to develop this mental autonomy. One's thoughts should be fostered so as to produce clear-cut opinions of one's own and independence of the opinions of others.

This placement of the node is quite likely to occur when the chart indicates that the native is very much inclined to fall in line with the opinions of others. In which case, its message is: 'You must think for yourself and form your own views'. This Node is an antidote to mental laziness.

With the Sagittarian Node, we have to answer for our opinions, which may not suit us at all, because we like to think that they are beyond criticism. In hard

aspects of the Node, there is often a tendency to be dogmatic and fanatical.

In the Fire sign Sagittarius, self-confidence becomes important again. The preceding Fire signs, Aries and Leo, are brimming with self-confidence. However, matters are not quite so simple for Sagittarius, which has to prove, by its spiritual autonomy, that it has the right to stand up and be heard.

Rahu in Capricorn (Makar) and Ketu in Cancer (Kark)

Rahu in Capricorn gives prudence, much reflectiveness, and even disposition inclined to sadness, love of solitude, but withal shrewdness and diplomacy. The disposition is more reflective than melancholy. This position may bring stability to the worldly position, but seldom gives wealth, which, moreover, the native does not desire, as he is not very ambitious. There is likelihood of gains through house property. Rahu in Capricorn gives robust health and physical resilience; and if the Lord of Life is free from affliction, is a sure sign of longevity.

Ketu in Cancer always gives fickleness in love; it is a sign of infidelity, and often shows a risk of separation after scandal. The position of the native or of those around him is not clearly defined; he is surrounded by many secret or mysterious circumstances. This position may cause an accident, or danger while travelling. It entails liver or stomach disorders. All this is mitigated by a good aspect of Venus or Jupiter.

A bad aspect of Mars to Ketu may cause a wound, and is often a sign of haemorrhage. With an unfortunate position of the Moon, and with Cancer in the sixth house, there is serious risk of lung trouble - tuberculosis or, at all events, bronchial disorders.

Ketu (as well as Rahu) must be carefully studied when it occurs in the Moon's domicile, and especially in regard to this planet and the aspects which it may receive from the malefics. If the Moon is in Cancer in conjunction with Ketu, misfortunes will occur in connection with matters ruled by the House occupied by Cancer.

Rahu in Capricorn implies that business ability and ambition would be directed toward public good, or could be so directed. Integration would come through persistent sustaining effort to climb the heights of attainment and become a

redeemer for others. Ketu in Cancer emphasizes acquisitiveness and self-centeredness; a carry-over of selfishness that must be overcome by caring for others and developing the nurturing qualities.

This individual is learning how to achieve maturity. In past incarnations he had a tendency to look at life through rose-colored glasses, seeing only what he wanted to see with a definite conviction that everything else didn't exist.

Now there is still much of the 'baby' left in his Cancer Ketu. He is so used to going through his prior lives on crutches, wrestling with his dependencies while seeking bannisters to lean on, that his current life is the resultant shambles of escapist, childlike habits which keep impeding his growth.

Truly, this is the personal infant, desiring at all costs to maintain his role as the focus of parental attention. In areas of problem solving, he would rather have his parents do it. Everybody he meets and knows, be it friend, business associate or marriage partner, automatically becomes the symbolic parent to pick up the pieces of his misery, protecting him from being hit by the falling sky which he has created. He creates his own self-inflicted illnesses if they bring with them the slightest hint of gaining love and affection.

Constantly practising at becoming an adult, he never seems quite ready or willing to make the transition fully. Somehow he keeps feeling he needs much more practice first.

All he does in this life is based on his soul memory of sensitive past-life feelings which still are shattered by the slightest rejection.

Many individuals with these Nodes are strongly wrapped up in the business of their country. They personalize government, for to them it is still part, in a larger sense, of their own Cancerian family.

Underneath all else, there are unusually strong feelings of patriotism and loyalty.

Many with these Nodes focus a good part of their strength and attention on younger people.

They like to listen to the trials and tribulations of others; but not being quick problem solvers themselves, they have a tendency to hold everything inside them. As the weight of problems increases, like collecting layers, they seem to age in spite of themselves.

The most difficult karmic problem of the Cancer Ketu is learning how to let go. The individual brings with him into this life such strong inner fears of ever losing or forgetting anything that he keeps making extra special efforts to retain all he has ever gone through. As such, he makes himself the 'psychic grabage pail' of the past. Constantly he is thinking about his present in terms of what he should have done years ago - or 'lives ago'. He often can be seen sorting through old photographs hoping to create his future out of fragments of his past.

At times he is extremely draining, using whatever is done for him as a springboard to ask for more. He tries other people's patience with all of his emotional problems, and long after the solutions are given to him he refuses to see logic through his cloud of emotion. He is not so much interested in finding out why something went wrong as he is seeking the lost feeling to be returned.

Endings are especially difficult for him to deal with. The word 'good-bye' has never been a part of his vocabulary, for he has always tried to preserve all relationships as long as possible. His behavior in regard to objects is no different, since he tends to form permanent attachments to the nostalgic memories they carry with them.

The major karmic lesson in the Capricorn Rahu is to identify with an ideal bigger than the personal life. The individual must ultimately come to stand for something, in spite of all his real or imagined personal difficulties. He must understand true responsibility.

Many with these Nodes eventually become self-appointed hallmarks of tradition. They would rather die than have an outsider know any part of their personal life which contradicts the principle for which they have chosen to stand.

Through the Rahu, an image which others can look up to and model their lives after is established. At times personal difficulties deplete him of the strength to hold up this image, and yet hold it up he must, even if it means sacrificing his entire life. In most of his endeavors he is capable of becoming a methodical and cautious planner once he learns to overcome his past-life tendency to overreact emotionally.

In the charts of females, these Nodes represent an unusually strong search for a father figure. In males, there is a strong consciousness of the need to fulfill the father role.

The most important things about the Capricorn Rahu is that it represents the point through which the individual will meet his karmic mission. For this reason alone, many with these nodes tend to be reluctant to accept the full concept of adulthood. They would prefer to remain in an immature state for as long as

possible, for they sense a type of judgement awaiting them. Much like the condemned man desiring one stay of execution after another, they seek to hide behind others, constantly pushing themselves further and further to the back of the line so as to avoid meeting the effects of all they have created. This is the reason why many of them have great difficulty in accepting their own chronological age. While they admit to their age openly, they try not to live it.

There is much past-life residue of immaturity. The soul has become fixated at one point in early growth. Now there is great difficulty passing that point. Still, it will be passed, if the individual is ultimately to stand for something.

The zodiacal sign of Capricorn is the gateway through which the soul must go upon leaving the physical body, and in this most occult of signs it will stand for inspection before the Judges at these Gates. While this may not be the last incarnation on Earth, it will most definitely by house position receive karmic judgement in one area of the life. The individual with these Cancer-Capricorn Nodes will flounder half his life in helpless abandon and then one day resign himself to stand up to the saying, “Tis a far, far better thing I do than I have ever done before’.

The house position of the Ketu indicates the area in which the karmic residue of immaturity seeps into the current life. The house position of the Rahu shows the ways in which the individual can now enter responsible adulthood by aligning his life with the principles of honor, respect and tradition.

As soon as he learns how to do this, he is destined for a life of splendid accomplishment.

You should take steps towards a career (or honors or increased self-esteem). Your Cancer Ketu may reply ‘Yeah, but what would my kids (or parents or boss)

do without me?’

Your Problem is that you have adopted real or imagined responsibilities to others that are keeping you from becoming all that you can become.

Possible reasons: Fear of public exposure. Lack of planning. A feeling that you’re unworthy in some way. Refusal to let others lead their own lives.

Possible solutions: Take cautious steps towards the careers, honors, or recognition you want. Examine your needs and responsibilities honestly, and take necessary steps to balance them. Get a divorce. Commit suicide (Apolo’s note - don’t do it: the author was being teasingly sarcastic here). Study the lives and actions of others who have done what you want to do, and pattern your life after theirs if at all possible.

Cancer Ketu tends towards deeply-rooted compulsive behavior patterns which allow him or her to justify failures. Justification of this sort is a form of dishonesty. This prevents the development of Capricorn Rahu’s considerable untapped potential for self-esteem. It also prevents the formation of deep relationships, since if you’re not honest with yourself you can’t possibly be honest with others. Cancer Ketu easily becomes bogged down in dependency on those who need him or her until personal discontent forces development of Capricorn’s Rahu potential.

Some typical manifestaions of an over-developed Cancer Ketu are: An overall lack of success in life; hypersensitivity and sloppy sentimentality; fear of authority figures; childishness; lack of emotional self-control; lack of self-confidence; snobbishness alternating with blind acceptance of others; self-pity; excessive complaining; and a craving for emotional attention.

Rahu in Capricorn tends to dream very traditional dreams. He or she wants to be a law-maker, a policy-maker, an organizer, an Einstein, or at least a manager. He or she wants to be known for objectivity, prudence, and good leadership ability. He or she wants to stand out against the backdrop of ordinary workers as someone who knows where he or she is going and is getting there. In contrast, this is an emotional, rather touchy person. He or she is fond of comfort and reluctant to make changes. The need for emotional security dominates the need for dream fulfillment to the point where changes in residence, job situation, public notice, or whatever become extremely upsetting, even if these changes herald better things.

Antidotes for Capricorn Imbalance: Mathematical work can be an excellent antidote. To a lesser extent, astrology and numerology can be helpful. The client must be encouraged to take responsibility for his or her own life rather than blaming parents, superiors, or others for his or her problems. Boating and water sports can sometimes be beneficial antidotes. Leadership roles should be taken where possible. Those that provide titles (chairperson, president, etc.) are especially good for enhancing self-esteem, which is usually lacking. Activities that stress discipline and strategy are particularly good. Among these would be chess, yoga, National Guards, etc.. The need for security must be fulfilled.

Occasionally the client will have no ambition to do anything about the imbalance, in spite of complaints about the quality of life. These imbalances seem to be particularly fond of illogical 'Yeah, but...' dialogues. In cases where the client insists that you must 'solve' his or her problem single-handedly, you can do very little but stress the fact that astrology teaches self-responsibility, and suggest that the client come back when he or she is ready to accept this tenet or find another astrologer. Psychological counselling might also be recommended; this should be of a type that stresses a 'here-and-now' approach.

Previous incarnation for this person was spent in various domesticated activities.

Home and the surroundings was the key focus in his life at that time. Circumstances never gave him a chance to go out and do things. As a result of that, he is forced in this life to achieve a lot of things which are not homey or domesticated. He has to be quite tough in his act in life. Strategy, discipline, persistence and methodology are strongly noticed in this character. He is not allowed to show his sensitive side very often; and thus, others are not very fond of his outer character. Once you get to know him, he can be a different person. His life is full of learning experiences, and he almost has to learn from most incidences in his life. Affairs of older folks are very significant in this lifetime for him... from that he cannot get away.

The Cancer Ketu suggests an attraction to the past, looking back into roots, reliving old experiences and memories, and retaining childlike, escapist habits and emotional responses. You may tend toward immaturity, which manifests as a reluctance to see life as it is. You may prefer to impose selective manual filters which limit reception to only what you choose to see, enabling you to ignore other aspects which you prefer to reject. Maturity involves seeing the whole and not turning away from whatever you pretend is not there; this is your primary challenge - growth toward greater maturity and responsibility.

You may feel dependent on others and maintain sentimental attachments to people and nostalgic possessions, trying to preserve all relationships from ever ending or changing. Often, this dependency involves relying on others to resolve your problems, rather than taking self-responsibility. One extreme example of this tendency may be to stimulate psychosomatic illness unconsciously in order to receive attention and support.

Feelings are highly sensitized and vulnerable if relationships fail; your natural reaction is to hold on, hoping that things will improve. Feelings of being loved and taken care of are important, and you rarely spend time analyzing the nature of your relationships or why any failed. Your interest is personal satisfaction and fulfilling emotional needs; and the path of self-discovery may appear too dry to attract. The idea of personal transformation to improve the chances of a

successful relationship does not initially appeal.

The past has a strong hold over you; and you may indulge in dream-memories of a 'golden age'. Due to this affinity with the past, you may become involved in activities which maintain the past in the present: perhaps through promoting traditional attitudes and life-styles, by supporting the old ways, values, standards and attitudes, and by resisting new modern viewpoints. You may try to avoid present obligations, as they imply responsibility to create the future. This future is primarily of your own making; and your choices now will shape future experiences and well-being. The question you should answer is: What type of future do you want? By your avoiding action now, your tomorrow becomes dependent on circumstances beyond your control.

The way forward is self-responsibility for choices and actions, accepting the need for independent maturity. Learn how to embrace future possibilities enthusiastically; release accumulated memories, feelings, and childlike needs which have previously been used as an excuse to retreat from challenges. Through maturation, a new type of destiny awaits you. It is the fear of the unknown that you try to evade. Yet through such evasion, you may unconsciously create painful conditions; and circumstances will still drive you toward greater maturity. This is not a negative destiny; in fact, it offers great personal benefit, once you acknowledge the new path. You can discover a new inner strength, stabilized emotions, and self-sufficiency as you move into this new growth phase. Life will seem less threatening and more enriching when you open your eyes to the modern world's diversity and complexity.

In the cardinal Earth sign Capricorn, as in Sagittarius, a clear stand is taken in the world; but not in the sense of sustaining vigorous effort, as in Scorpio, or, as in Leo, of creating living space where one can rule like a king. Capricorn must establish its authority on a firm foundation. Ability gained by experience and hard work is what is required (Earth sign). This firm foundation, laid with so much effort, must be placed at the disposal of others.

In Capricorn we have the true ruler who is able to lead others with genuine authority that may have taken a long time to develop. The masses follow Capricorn (whereas the group follows Cancer).

Capricorn, standing alone above the crowd, carries heavy responsibilities and must use its position and authority for the benefit of those who are lower down. The saying sometimes applied to Leo: 'The king is the chief servant of his people' is easily shrugged off by Leo, but does apply here. For Capricorn, ruling is not an end in itself but a function to be fulfilled for the good of those who are ruled; and it has to be earned by hard work.

So the Capricorn Node calls for competence, ability, skill, and knowledge. These things impart genuine authority and, as in Sagittarius, they entail accountability as well.

When the Node receives hard aspects, and often when it receives neutral aspects, the native may become a string-puller or gray eminence. There is a desire to exercise an influence behind the scenes without having to be made responsible.

Rahu in Aquarius (Kumbh) and Ketu in Leo (Simh)

Rahu in Aquarius is fortunate for the native from the moral and emotional standpoint. He is benevolent, faithful and sincere, and will be fortunate in his affections. Many friends will try to help him, and he may expect to progress. He may take up politics, or become the leader of a school, or the head of an association.

This position mitigates the evil influence which other planetary aspects may

exert over marriage and the stability of wedlock. In the third decanate of Aquarius, especially, the lofty and noble sentiments of the native will procure for him universal esteem and love.

Ketu in Leo gives rashness and fighting proclivities which may often bring trouble. The native is, however, endowed with courage, and will know how to defend himself; he is noble-hearted, and, though quick-tempered, not vindictive.

Worries and troubles may be caused through gossip and over-readiness to confide his plans, so that others may take advantage of them. There is also an instinctive tendency to meddle with other people's affairs, and over-confidence, which lead to difficulties.

Rahu in Aquarius shows the path of spiritual progress is the pathway of service to the group, through an understanding of the unity of all life. Field of activity should be one that affects society and not an individual. Science, medicine, research and philosophical or educational fields would be the avenues that could be used magnificently.

Ketu in Leo is the indication that the person misused his power and developed far too much ego in the past. This time there must be concern for others instead of a concern for self-aggrandizement.

These Nodes represent the struggle between the personal life and an impersonal dedication to humanity. The Leo Ketu symbolizes prior lives where much revolved around the self. The Rahu in Aquarius points to a future of service for mankind, where the individual will assume the role of the 'waterbearer', so that he may be an instrument in the crusade for world evolution. Before he can do this, the enormous power of the Leo Ketu must be dealt with.

From past incarnations, he has a tendency to look down on other people and to be condescending of their thoughts and ideas. There is an intense pride which leads him toward name-dropping, as well as designing his life so that he is seen and known to be in the company of special people. He separates between royalty and the common man, setting himself or others close to him on pedestals. Seeing himself as the central point of the universe, he views his powerful will as the means of obtaining his ends, rather than adjusting to a fair acceptance of life.

His karma now is to learn how to walk lightly, without leaving footsteps, for in essence he is the ruler making ready to abdicate his throne.

Constantly his past-life ego rears its ugly head, preventing him from achieving the very happiness he seeks.

These Nodes cause great difficulties in marriage for the individual experiences a strong tendency to dominate those close to him. When he can't do this, he becomes a complete hermit, freeing himself of all responsibility out of sheer disgust.

While he asks others for advice, he still must do things his own way.

His biggest conflicts center around what is artificial and what is real. There is so much martyr-like romanticism in his Leo Ketu that he finds it easy to slip into the role of Don Quixote chasing windmills!

He must learn how to shed masks, ultimately discovering that ego-centered

displays of dignity are coming from past-life habits and do very little now toward bringing him any lasting happiness.

For those whom he does hold near and dear, he is highly protective; and yet he has a strange tendency to wander, finding on his journeys many of the waifs and strays of society. In these outermost regions where society overlooks its existential possibilities, he discovers new horizons to explore and conquer.

He is destined to spend part of his life alone, for his unique character is too overbearing to be readily acceptable by most people. Although he enjoys having others recognize and applaud his grandiose achievements, he cannot stoop to chase people. His soul remembers a sense of pride which now forbids him to compromise his dignity.

If given the right cause, he will sacrifice his entire life for it. It is not the sympathy of others that interests him so much as their admiration for his glorious deeds.

He is repulsed by mediocrity, seeing it as a threat to his ever-present drive to reach the top, to burst the bubble, to grab for the brass ring.

If he is of the negative type, he may even use people to achieve his ends. Friends, neighbors and relatives become stepping stones on the rungs of his success ladder.

Through the Aquarius Rahu he learns to overcome his past-life sense of prestige, and develops the concept of Universal Brotherhood. He must ultimately come to see himself as part of a larger cosmic sphere, in which his role is to share in the

burden of human evolution. He will reach his greatest happiness when he is able to set aside his own needs and substitute in their place a new humanitarian attitude toward all he sees around him.

He is to forget pride and reach for new original horizons, no matter how eccentric his ideas seem to others. Through his Rahu he is given the promise of a unique adventure, through which he can make an important contribution to the progress of civilization.

The house position of the Ketu indicates the area in life that is too burdened with the desire for personal achievement. The house position of the Rahu shows how the individual can set himself free from the shackles of his past-life ego by realizing the mission for humanity for which he is destined to pick up his cross.

Previous incarnation for this person was very individualized, and he had no time for others. Often his status in that life was pretty high, and others had great respect for his powers in the society. In this lifetime, he has to learn to mix with others at all levels, and solve their problems, whether he likes it or not. Interests and abilities regarding the occult and uncommon spectrum of knowledge are given at his disposal. His innovations and abilities to tackle situations are quite amazing. He may be considered quite uncommon by others; or his goals are at least far from normal. Others may like him for his abilities, but not necessarily what he is trying to achieve in life. Unpredictability is always on his side, though he has difficulty dealing with it in this lifetime.

His lovers should also be friends. The Leo Ketu may reply: 'Yeah, but that's not romantic'.

The individual's problem is a lack of detachment.

Possible reasons: An excessive craving for warmth. A tendency to close your eyes to unpleasant truths. Misuse of power potential. A tendency to attach strings to any help you give. Self-concern blinds you to other people's needs. Or maybe you use romantic courtship rituals as a means of postponing having to display the real you.

Possible solutions: Give off yourself without demanding anything in return. Channel your imagination into beneficial group activities, reform work, etc.. Display the courage of your convictions. Worry excessively about the impression you make.

Leo Ketu craves involvement - in fun, in creative projects, in love, whatever. But without your developing the Aquarius Rahu's potential for detachment, the end result is quantity without quality. Leo Ketu finds it virtually impossible to come into contact with another person without getting involved. Since these involvements tend to be made in the heat of the moment, however, they often prove unfulfilling in the long-run. The solution is to develop the Aquarius Rahu's detachment, rationality and independence.

Some typical indications of an over-balanced Leo Ketu are: exaggeration; a need to be the center of attention; many acquaintances, few real friends; a tendency to show off his or her body or wardrobe; a 'what will people think?' approach to things; dependency on others to reinforce confidence; smugness; a belief that some people are just plain inferior, no matter what they do; much artsy dabbling; a theatrical or melodramatic type of self-projection.

Rahu in Aquarius dreams of freedom, of transcending the limitations of his or her structure environment and being able to do whatever he or she wants without interference. He or she might dream of self-employment in a career in science, teaching, or some other humanitarian field. This person dreams of the day when he or she can be independent of others except on his or her terms. In contrast, this person is inclined to be rather star-struck or at least in awe of authority

figures. At the same time, he or she has very definite opinions which are swayed only on the basis of irrevocable evidence that they're wrong. This person is outgoing and inclined to get out and socialize as much as possible. The needs for independence conflict, and often sabotage each end of the nodal need scale. Only when the needs are reconciled will fulfillment be found.

Antidote for Aquarius Imbalance: Any type of scientific study for which the client shows aptitude would be a good antidote. Public speaking should be encouraged, with history, literature, art, and opinion being good areas to explore. Writing is an excellent antidote, with the areas of law, cultures and astrology being ideal if there's aptitude in this direction. Poetry is also a good choice. Music - both playing and listening - can be very helpful. Naturally, astrology will come to your mind as an antidote. It can be a good one provided the client has the aptitude and motivation necessary for its proper use. Independence should be encouraged.

These clients must be made aware of the potentials into which they were born, since many are inclined to feel they have only one talent, and can become very discouraged if circumstances close doors or block paths in that direction. Fixity must be dealt with positively. The client must be made aware of his or her untapped originality and be encouraged to use it.

You may need to move away from self-preoccupation toward a greater social connectedness and contribution. You may see yourself as 'the center of the universe', with everything revolving around you as the 'sun', so this challenging attitude shift can be difficult. Your egocentric nature may need transforming. You may need to break down superiority attitudes and hidden assumptions that, by 'feeling special', your ideas, opinions, and beliefs are more correct than those of others.

You may enjoy public recognition and attention, even if this simply involves being in the company of people who have celebrity and fame, as this reinforces

your belief in being special. Eventually, self-imposed masks of pride and dignity may become restrictive for you, obstructing the experience of feelings of connectedness with life. You may, however, prefer to direct willpower to achieve desires and ambitions for self-gratification and personal advantage alone. The Ketu's house position will indicate the likely nature of personal desires and endeavors.

Self-assertion comes naturally, but you may create problems in relationships by being overly dominating. Unless your assertiveness can be matched by an equally strong partner whom you learn to respect, conflict will occur. This could come from attempting to impose your will. If this becomes excessive, a fragmenting of your partner's individuality could occur, which may force him or her either to submit passively or to leave the relationship in order to reconnect to him- or herself. This dominating energy may not be expressed in a deliberately conscious manner by you, but may be 'received' by a partner through psychological transfer in a purely subjective manner. Pay attention to your influence; note also those times when your will is resisted by others or by circumstances; and observe how your reaction is rarely graceful in defeat. You will probably brood in resentment and wonder why your 'magical will' failed to work.

Discover your essential life values, so that you stop wasting energy in futile directions, and apply it instead toward whatever offers personal meaning and benefits others too. Sometimes you may chase romantic dreams, but recognizing what is important must be your first priority. Once you know what is personally important, this insight can serve as a guide. To reach this stage, though, may require confronting experiences that starkly reveal the consequences of previous unsatisfactory choices, unclear values, and uncertain directions.

A fundamental conflict can arise between pursuing personal desires and the contribution you could make to help create a more caring and humanitarian society. This is the Aquarius pull, encouraging you to join the worldwide work by using your talents and energies to benefit others, rather than just for personal

aims. Once you succeed in releasing whatever is personally unessential and limiting, and manage to refocus your attitudes, opportunity exists for freedom to explore new horizons. This is the real direction which can satisfy your need to feel 'special', as you are suited to exploring the uncharted lands of the future.

The image of a 'pathfinder' is appropriate and indicates your intended way. You need to find the cause which inwardly summons you to follow the Aquarian impulse, because this gives life meaning and purpose, much more so than just chasing desires. This cause will reflect the vision of a new society based upon universal brotherhood, and you can contribute to his. Your main task is to share in the group work. Aquarius promises you a special adventure, and this challenges your will and belief in being special. The Aquarian path is quite capable of satisfying your ambitious drives and making full use of your potential and resources, yet it will also be a uniquely personal experience.

In the fixed Air sign, Aquarius, we are once more concerned with the establishment and maintenance of a position in life. In Aquarius, conscious attitudes in thought, ethics, and philosophy, come to the fore. Primary importance is attached to the rule of reason; practical living is secondary.

Aquarians know something about everything, and revel in logical argument, in which a certain proposition may be deduced from given premises. In other words, they have a strong urge to view the world rationally and to work out a system by which things can be reshaped in everyday life. They tend to build castles in the air. If the Node receives an inconjunct, for instance, Utopian plans are laid without reference to what may reasonably be achieved.

At their best, Aquarians strive to think clearly in order to see the world as it is. Because the Aquarian mind is mostly occupied with this world and with the social order, it looks for an unambiguous, usable form of ethics that offers solutions for contemporary problems. In that respect, Aquarius is like the previous fixed sign, Scorpio. The natives of both these signs are interested in

creating an ideal system.

Now, in striving for a perfect social order, the first task is to keep order inside one's own head. With the Aquarian Node, the feelings often intervene and muddle the thoughts to some extent. Therefore order must first be established in the conscious mind, in the personal world of thought, before any crusading is done in the big world outside.

In the extreme case, there is a proneness to be dogmatic, and to admonish all and sundry who do not share one's ideals. This power-play is reminiscent of Leo; and, of course, the Descending Node is in Leo at the opposite pole of the axis.

Rahu in Pisces (Meen) and Ketu in Virgo (Kanya)

Rahu in Pisces gives vitality, and is a fortunate position for the children, especially when it is situated in the Fifth or Eleventh House. It is not, however, a guarantee of fidelity. Nevertheless, in spite of deceit, the home will remain stable, as the native possesses the family instinct. Rahu in Pisces helps in unexpected acquisition, especially from foreigners. It is also a sure sign of long journeys undertaken when least expected.

Ketu in Virgo is not favourable for things of the mind. It makes the native materialistic and unappreciative of beauty. He is inclined to analysis, which makes him judge everything according to its pecuniary value; everything is considered in terms of money; he may marry well, but it can hardly be other than a marriage of convenience. Progress will be difficult.

Rahu in Pisces implies the complete relinquishment of the self in service to others. Passion would become dispassion without losing compassion.

Ketu in Virgo shows the qualities of criticism and passing judgement must be left behind. They have been the cause of self-undoing in the past, and are still hidden in the subconscious motivations and need clearing.

In the realm of consciousness, this is the hardest Nodal position to deal with. Here, as a result of many lifetimes, the individual starts to realize his own rigidity. He is aware of his patterns and how much they hurt him; yet he finds them difficult to let go of. In prior lives, he lived in the consciousness of a finite universe where all was well-structured. Now he is confronted with the realization that truth extends beyond what his finite senses can measure or even perceive.

He is unavoidably confronted with situations, circumstances and events which force him to relinquish his hold on the physical plane. Nevertheless, he still tries to live like the salmon - swimming against the current, regardless of the direction of nature's forces.

He still seeks order. In fact, his need for strict regimentation is so strong that he develops medical troubles in the center of the body from personalizing a stiffness that increases tension on the inner organs. Constantly he suppresses desire for the sake of doing what seems proper, for he would like to maintain an image of respectability.

In past incarnations, he built his understanding on fact, not hearsay. Now he accepts only what comes from the 'highest authority'.

He seeks ways to rid himself of the nervous irritability which keeps overcoming him, and yet he puts stipulations on the cure.

He must learn how to immerse himself in the waters of Cosmic Consciousness, and in this baptism of thought he can truly experience a new birth. Before he can do this, however, he must first overcome his karmic fear of living in a contaminated world.

He comes into this life believing that the world is filled with danger, and therefore constantly questions the credentials of the people and conditions he considers allowing into his life. Everything foreign to the self represents the threat of disease, and it is because of such thinking that from time to time disease actually occurs.

For many with these Nodes there is strong residue of sexual problems left over from former incarnations. Either a deprivation of the sexual experience, or a strong determination to avoid emotional hurt through it, leads them to seek a better understanding in the current life. Some are confirmed Puritans, while others are capable of being physically responsive and emotionally cold at the same time.

The mind is so analytical that life can easily slip into the manipulation of a chess game. This individual has a sharp eye for detail and never overlooks the obvious. He is an expert at solving puzzles, willing to spend many hours tediously groping for the tiniest answer; but he can get so involved with whatever he is doing that he often loses perspective. His past-life discriminating tendencies often lead him now to pick apart what should be left together. Thus, although he is capable of immense clarity of thought, he does not experience complete peace of mind.

Through the Pisces Rahu, he must learn Faith. When he stops separating the world into neat little compartments, he will get his first glimpses of Universal Consciousness. Ultimately he is to achieve the understanding that all is one, and one is all. Before this happens, he must learn how to stop seeing himself as separate from the rest of the world.

He will go through experiences which force him to grow more compassionate.

As he starts to find his well-laid plans dissolving to nothing, he begins to see others in a different light. Ultimately he symbolically goes through the pain of the entire universe so that he can strengthen his Divine Love to the point that he absolutely refuses to pass judgement on others.

He makes much progress by acquainting himself with the spiritual way of life.

His growth extends as far as his arms can reach. While the arm of the past still clutches at his self-imposed restrictions, the arm of his future is grasping for the higher alternative. It is only his failure to let go completely that prevents him from achieving the perfect transition into the full state of higher mind. Yet, he does reach the point that he occasionally sees it.

From time to time his remarkable intuition reveals to him the mysterious essence of life; yet the past incarnation memories of his Virgoan practicality cause doubt at every point. And so, half way between one world and another, these mutable Nodes are in a constant state of change.

Arriving at his destination but not sure that he is there, he keeps going back to start his journey again. Each time, he reaches one step more into the infinite, where ultimately he will dissolve the shackles of his rigidly formed past and be born again as true Spirit.

The house position of the Ketu indicates the area of life that is still too rigidly embedded in a personally overstructured idea. The house position of the Rahu shows how the soul can renounce its grip on all rigid definition of form and structure so that it can be free to swim in the Ocean of God.

Previous incarnation for this person was spent in substantial discriminating condition. He was very methodical, and detail-oriented to a point of extreme. Instincts would not even get close to him at that time. In this life, he is full of instincts and 'feelings'. He wants to get away from materialism and practicality. He is searching the universe through his sensitivity; and if he feels right, he acts accordingly. His decision may not be logical on the surface, but he does not care in that respect. His judgements may not have proper reasoning but they do work right for him. Dealing with people and their emotions is important for him, as he likes the exchange of feelings in that material world to keep him happy. His use of imagination and unusual ideology is really amazing.

You must learn to sacrifice, give in, or give up. Your Virgo Ketu may reply 'Yeah, but I have too much invested'.

Your problem is lack of understanding of need priorities.

Possible reasons: Excessive stubbornness. Fear of being taken advantage of. Self-destructive tendencies. Refusal to face the fact that some problems are difficult to solve totally. An excessively critical environment makes it hard to admit defeat. Guilt over past wrong-doing or failures.

Possible solutions: Learn to relax. Temper your analystic tendencies with compassion for yourself and others. Judge people and things by their usefulness and set your priorities accordingly.

Virgo Ketu often doesn't enjoy his or her own company. This naturally affects his or her ability to enjoy relationships, since the self is always present. Virgo Ketu doesn't feel human; he or she operates like a well-run machine. Not all Virgo Ketus are workaholics, but I've seen enough instances to believe that this is one of the more typical results of nodal imbalance for this polarity. Another is an involvement in unsatisfying or destructive relationships, since often the Virgo Ketu is so terrified of being alone that any relationship is better than no relationship. By tapping the hidden strength of Pisces Rahu, the individual can get in touch with his or her basic humanness. Only then can he or she come to terms with his or her needs and alleviate his or her dissatisfaction.

Some signs of an over-developed Ketu in Virgo are: bigotry; refusal to settle for anything less than perfect; a feeling of being 'different'; a tendency to test others mentally; a 'let me do it for you' approach; shyness; jealousy; a tendency to be

critical of others' grooming, clothing or abilities in general; pettiness; and insecurity - building oneself up by knocking others down openly or through back-stabbing.

Rahu in Pisces dreams of being left alone. He or she wants to be separated from the mass of average people so that he or she will be free to meditate or contemplate the mysteries of life. Note that they want to initiate this separation themselves; if rejection brings separation, he or she will feel trauma rather than satisfaction. This person is inhibited or shy, and sometimes inclined to repress the emotions, which may be extremely difficult to express. Fussiness or quibbling supplants the desired meditation and thwarts the dream.

Antidotes for Pisces imbalance: Psychodrama can be a useful tool in unlocking nodal potential. Education in keeping with the client's aptitudes is recommended, with literature, geography and medicine being ideal choices where aptitude permits. Fishing and other water sports often prove beneficial. Public speaking should be encouraged. If aptitude is shown, magic or creating illusions, painting, sculpture, boating or water sports could be a good topic. Writing is also good particularly in the areas of astronomy, myths or legends, poetry, instructional material, nurturing themes, and medicine. Hypnotism might be another good choice if the client can gain sufficient knowledge in this field.

Unless the overall tone of the chart is contradictory, the client should be discouraged from entering any profession where the overall emphasis is on strict discipline or nit-picking, since this would reinforce the very tendencies that need to be softened or balanced. Discipline can be given a bit more emphasis if the client is operating in an entertainment capacity. Some good career choices would be: sales, cooking, acrobatics, gymnastics, detective work, painting and design. Generally, the clients I've met with these types of imbalance have been hard workers - close to workaholics in some cases. Usually they need relaxation more than work motivation. If the client is in a high-pressure job or required to work long hours, it's important that the antidote be something that's done for the love of it and is conducive to relaxation. Religious and spiritual activities often prove

to be helpful antidotes. Many clients who remain unmoved by other options will be drawn to these.

You may experience a tendency toward rigid, repetitive behavior patterns and fixed mental attitudes; the Virgo Ketu house may indicate the likely nature of this rigidity.

Trying to retain fixed responses in a changing life and world will eventually feel limiting and restrictive, even though it is an automatic set of reactions activated during daily life. You recognize that your responses are not often spontaneous or free, but are habitual and predictable. The challenge is how to become free of these binding personality patterns. You may fear breaking free, not knowing how to respond without these protective barriers, as you rely on them to create a sense of security.

What may occur is a sense of confrontations and experiences where your preference for structure and order becomes steadily undermined or is revealed as inadequate. Through a shifting life situation, your rigid responses may be revealed as unsuitable to cope with challenges, and you may slowly awaken to the need to radically change self-perception, attitudes, values, and beliefs.

Sometimes you feel that the world is a threatening place, and you hold mixed feelings about people, too. Part of this comes from insecurity. Afraid to relax your guard, you establish protective barriers which keep a distance between yourself, painful experiences, and intimate relationships. By generating this separative barrier and maintaining restrictive behavior patterns, you may also be self-creating states of dis-ease and health problems associated with the center of your body. If you lack trust in life, you can increase tension and stress emerging from psychological needs for caution and rigid order. This may eventually cause actual physical disease or psychosomatic illness, which can then reinforce beliefs that the world is an unhealthy place in which to live, since you fail to realize that it is probably your attitude which contributes to your ill-health.

You need to accept your whole nature, so that any repressive tendencies do not create additional inner conflicts and tensions. One vulnerable area could be the relationship between emotions and sexuality. This may be influenced by your moral views and attitudes toward sexual relationships. You may feel uneasy with emotions, perhaps tending to withdraw emotionally from intimacy and refusing to become too involved in relationships due to fears of emotional pain. If this occurs, self-understanding and transforming emotional responses would be necessary.

Your Virgoan preference for separative mental analysis may become limiting, forming a veil of excessive seriousness over your worldview and destroying a sense of proportion and perception of underlying humor in life. Any analytical, dissective approach can work against you, as you observe the pieces of the puzzle but are unable to comprehend the whole picture; if you become too involved with the separate pieces, you may also lose the prospect of peace of mind, as the rearranging never ceases.

It is by your attuning to the Pisces Node that lessons of trust and faith may be learned. Any recurring behavior pattern of separating and categorizing life into a multitude of fragments and attempting to order it into sections should be transcended. Life is a whole, and you are interdependent with the world. There is no real separation. Life is one. This is the true understanding that gives peace of mind. This is the mystical experience that can be yours when you cease separating yourself from life and begin to reflect the Piscean vision. The impetus for this change may be the collapse of your plans for an ordered life; this is a message to search for a unifying life approach, one which connects the pieces instead of emphasizing their separateness. You can then discover greater life meaning and purpose, rather than splitting your mind and emotions into restless pieces. For this proposed radical change, you have to release the past in order to experience a unified mind at one with the world. This is the Piscean gift that is waiting for you to claim.

As the mutable Water sign, Pisces is subject to a learning process, i.e., it is very important to be ready to learn. In Pisces, learning is not intellectual comprehension as in Gemini, nor is it practical as in Virgo, and it is not philosophical as in Sagittarius; it is an inner, existential learning on the spot, and has to do with the meaning of life.

This Node impels us to ask about the meaning of life whatever the answer may be. The answer will not remain the same all along: fresh truths will be discovered as we mature.

A hard-aspected Node can indicate an attitude of sitting on the fence, which allows the native to jump either way. But, more usefully, the Pisces Node seeks a conscious way inward; it endeavors to deal with the world from a distance, expects nothing from the world, but tries to fathom its real meaning. Detachment is also sought in the transcendental sense: the development of individual consciousness beyond the normal confines in order to extend it into spiritual dimensions where the sense of being is deeper. In this way, one's development can be furthered.

In Pisces, the native thinks and feels in cosmic dimensions, especially when meeting other people. The business of Pisces is to help, or rather to save others. Now, the saving done by Pisces differs from the practical help given by Virgo. Saving implies that the other person feels that his or her deepest motivations are understood. Saving means letting the other person know that his or her existence is recognized. Pisces is very good at this. Understanding the significance of the world and oneself as parts of the Whole, and saving others, is the highest task of the Piscean Node.