

A Different Approach to Vocational Aptitudes

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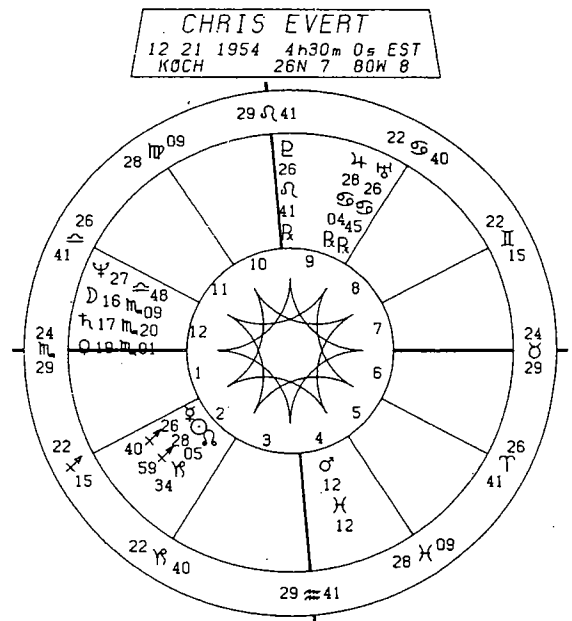
Next to "Whom should I marry?", the most often asked question is: "What are my vocational talents or aptitudes?" Sometimes the question is personalized as "I want to be an actor but I also want to be rich, what should I do?" or: "Is there help for me, I love to write but I hate sitting still for such a long time?"

Does Astrology really have the answer to such questions? Yes and no. The astrologer does see vocational aptitudes that can help a person find a direction, and I will explain some of the ways you can find those abilities. But no, we cannot choose if someone prefers to be a poor actor or a rich industrialist - nor can we predict if they will be a rich actor; all we can establish is acting talent, the ability to make money, the will or ambition to succeed. We do not know where the free will may lead that person at a given moment in time, nor what the priorities of that moment may be.

Is there help for somebody who loves to write but hates to sit still? We can see literary talent in a horoscope as well as restlessness or the likelihood of scattering the energies, but we do not know if the questioner really wants to buckle down.

There usually are three areas considered as keys to the vocational potential - namely the 2nd, the 6th and the 10th houses. Of course these 3 houses should be looked at, but with discretion and the realization that other areas of the chart must also be studied. The 10th is a key house, since it not only indicates the possible career, but more importantly, it is the highest you can reach for and shows your ego needs. If you do not fulfill some of your true needs, you cannot feel satisfied. The 10th house also reflects the recognition you may receive from the community or world and if such recognition is important to your needs or well-being.

When I say the 10th house (or any other house) I am referring to the sign on the cusp, in what sign and house the ruler is located, and what aspects it makes in the chart. Also, are there planets in the house and how are they integrated with the rest of the chart? Since it is always easier to follow an actual example, here is the chart of tennis champion Chris Evert Lloyd, born December 21, 1954 at 4:30 am EST in Fort Lauderdale, FL.



Her 10th house cusp at 29 Leo indicates a need to shine in all career matters. Since the cusp is at 29 degrees, considered a critical sign degree as it is ready to move into another sign very soon, Chris may feel an urgency to achieve, pressing her into action at an earlier age than other people with a Leo midheaven. The Sun at 28 Sagittarius 50 is in the 2nd house, indicating a wish to find security through some tangible means, like money! (This need is doubly emphasized since there are no planets in earth signs.) Sagittarius prefers to be outdoors, able to move around or travel, all possibilities in a sport like tennis. The Sun is trine the MC (10th house cusp) and shows a certain ease in achieving her highest goals.

