

An astrological look at Career Choices

In today's business environment many people are being forced to reassess their work life and job choices. It's possible to seek work in many divergent areas – some more compatible with our own personalities than others. Can astrology offer any clues about next steps in our business careers? In this article we will use a broad brush to glimpse career satisfaction, sign by sign.

Sun / Moon / Ascendant in Aries. A stellium (any houses) in Aries. Aries on the Midheaven.

Strong Aries energy in an individual cries: Do NOT micromanage me. Do NOT tell me what I can, and especially, what I cannot do. Do NOT bore me to death with paper pushing (ex. working with statistical analysis). On the other hand, strong Aries energy is the ideal 'first-responder' in any crisis situation -- rising to the occasion and doing what is necessary with calm and confidence – as though by instinct.

Working in the field is a much better career choice (more harmonious with basic Aries energy) than working in administrative or background support positions (in an office). For example, sales (out in the field) is preferable to marketing (indoors, an ever-present boss, lots of statistical studies). Another example. Working as an admitting physician in a psychiatric hospital (constant crisis) is preferable, for Aries energy, to working as a staff physician doing daily rounds (tracking and monitoring patient data).

Sun / Moon / Ascendant in Taurus. A stellium (any houses) in Taurus. Taurus on the Midheaven.

Strong Taurus energy cries: Surround me with beauty -- beautiful objects, beautiful people, beautiful energy, enduring beauty. And, where possible, transform ugliness into beauty. Architecture, the fashion industry, cosmetology, massage therapies, city planning -- to name just a few routes to a more supportive, serene, exciting, and beautiful backdrop for life.

The fixed energy of Taurus will make sure that displays are properly arranged and that shelves are properly stacked. The general ambience is clean, fresh and inviting. Creating appropriate ritual is another tool in the Taurus toolbox. Strong Taurus energy works well completing one project at a time. Multitasking is often necessary in life -- but any version of 'hash' seems to substitute busyness for clarity and beauty -- so, no thank you, where possible.

Sun / Moon / Ascendant in Gemini. A stellium (any houses) in Gemini. Gemini on the Midheaven.

Strong Gemini energy cries: Talk to me. I am here to talk with you, to learn, and to share. Everyone has a story to tell. Communication is the antidote to loneliness – and therefore the very best in the way of healing. And, besides, it's fun. This current age needs to reclaim the bards of the past. Telemarketing (perish the thought) would be significantly more successful if it were given over to Gemini energy.

Teaching reading and literacy, preparing people to become American citizens, working in human relations departments (it used to be called 'personnel'), working with publicity and fund raising, to name just a few. The key is to find work that depends on personal communication with other human beings. If possible avoid isolated cubbyholes where the only constant companion is a computer screen.

Sun / Moon / Ascendant in Cancer. A stellium (any houses) in Cancer. Cancer on the Midheaven.

Strong Cancer energy cries: Give me peace, and I will create peace and well-being in others. Cancer energy generally energizes artistic expression, no matter the form that the particular artistic expression takes. Movie making, painting, sculpture, music, poetry, jewelry design, cooking, etc. Art is not just about creating beautiful things (ex. Goya and El Greco depict suffering, not flower gardens in bloom); art is also about inviting the participant to experience, all at once, a complex event or circumstance (again ex. Goya and El Greco). Career opportunities that give scope to artistic expression are prime Cancer strongholds.

Water energy in general, and Cancer energy in particular, tends to focus on the emotional, psychic, and philosophical aspects of things that are hidden within concrete physical realities -- and less on the physical realities themselves. Working with the Peace Corps, or Doctors Without Borders, helping people with art therapies, running a catering business, coordinating anti-bullying programs in schools and other groups. And the list goes on.

Sun / Moon / Ascendant in Leo. A stellium (any houses) in Leo. Leo on the Midheaven.

Strong Leo energy cries: Follow my lead -- and the job will get done. Leo energy is about the responsible use of power. But there must first be an opportunity in which to use power, hopefully wisely. Leo energy is neither cardinal (let's get something going -- someone else can see it through) nor mutable (I'm bored -- so what else is there). Thus Leo energy makes for an excellent project leader, if a little on the authoritarian, or inflexible, side in the early stages.

Leo energy is also attracted to strong physical images -- signature clothing for example. Look for career opportunities that depend on strength (both inner and outer) and perseverance. The political arena, labor leader, clearly defined mini-kingdom within a large organization.

Sun / Moon / Ascendant in Virgo. A stellium (any houses) in Virgo. Virgo on the Midheaven.

Strong Virgo energy cries: Truth and clarity reside in the details; with patience and persistence all will be made manifest. Accounting, insurance underwriting, medical research, computer analysis, are examples of work / playgrounds for Virgo energy. It's easy to judge the influence of Virgo in your own chart -- how closely do you balance your checkbook? Is it to the penny? Every month?

Both Virgo and Pisces (the other end of the Virgo / Pisces axis) find it difficult to discern other people's motivations and hidden agendas. (Virgo often finds other people's speech and actions inconsistent, and Pisces finds those same actions irrelevant.) The challenge is learning how to become assertive (i.e. how to avoid feeling used), without being aggressive, and without procrastination (stand your ground in the exact moment when it becomes necessary).

Sun / Moon / Ascendant in Libra. A stellium (any houses) in Libra. Libra on the Midheaven.

Strong Libra energy cries: We build castles, not shacks, on a foundation of beauty and tolerance and fairness. Fighting is strictly not allowed! Wow. Cardinal and non-confrontational in one go. What is a person to do? Mediation of any description -- ex. management / labor negotiations, mediating legal disputes, psychological therapies -- are all areas where Libra energy can bring successful solutions.

Community building is a strong Libra energy pursuit. Remember that Aries (the other end of the Aries / Libra axis) handles extreme crisis par-excellence. But it is left to Libra's strength and skill to negotiate the after-math among the remaining warring factions (also par-excellence).

Sun / Moon / Ascendant in Scorpio. A stellium (any houses) in Scorpio. Scorpio on the Midheaven.

Strong Scorpio energy cries: Concentration is essential to being alive; I'm surrounded by people with the attention span of a mosquito. Shape up! Stop making a mess of things, and stop boring me. Chief neurosurgeon at the local hospital is a win-win situation. (But don't necessarily expect the proverbial great bedside manner.) Military Special Forces thrive on a combination of Scorpio and Aries energy.

Scorpio energy is not easily distracted, and is a great researcher. Detective, of any variety, is high on the list. The strength of focus natural to Scorpio makes for a great chess player. Scorpio, being fixed energy, does not let go and does not give up.

Sun / Moon / Ascendant in Sagittarius. A stellium (any houses) in Sagittarius. Sagittarius on the Midheaven.

Strong Sagittarius energy cries: Committee meetings can be tedious, but, then again, they do have their up-side. And networking opportunities. It's not so bad. Let's bring a little laughter into the world. The lyric 'let me entertain you' (i.e. let me make you feel more relaxed and whole) defines a Sagittarius path in life. The magic of Hollywood, or youtube, or beyond, is a Sagittarius work / playground.

Selling tractors may not, at first glance, shout Sagittarius. But: Sagittarius energy loves people, loves networking, and can sell anything. Industrial sales (like tractors) pay more.

Sun / Moon / Ascendant in Capricorn. A stellium (any houses) in Capricorn. Capricorn on the Midheaven.

Strong Capricorn energy cries: Here is the plan -- in detail. Now go out and do it! So, who is the boss -- Capricorn or Leo? Capricorn is the CEO and Leo is the upper management line officer making things happen via the people and tools available. Administrative head of an agency, chief operating officer of an enterprise, political campaign director, theater director, military strategist. All demand strong Capricorn input.

Cancer energy (the other end of the Cancer / Capricorn axis) starts with THERE. The job at hand is to give people a taste of THERE -- thus all of the artistic effort. Capricorn energy starts with HERE. The job at hand is to delineate a clear path from HERE to THERE.

Sun / Moon / Ascendant in Aquarius. A stellium (any houses) in Aquarius. Aquarius on the Midheaven.

Strong Aquarius energy cries: I love people, and I love making deals; I love freedom (especially freedom from the burdensome demands of some people). Who am I? Let's climb Mount Everest. In business, as in all areas of life, Aquarius energy thinks outside the box. Inventor, entrepreneur, investment banker (mergers and acquisitions), mountain climbing expedition. Whatever catches the imagination -- and also pays the bills.

Leo energy (the other end of the Leo / Aquarius axis) wants power. Aquarius energy wants freedom. Are freedom and power really 2 sides of the same coin? Apparently yes. The opposite of power is not powerless; the opposite of power is 'no strings' -- holding either me or you. A challenge indeed.

Sun / Moon / Ascendant in Pisces. A stellium (any houses) in Pisces. Pisces on the Midheaven.

Strong Pisces energy cries: I want a stage, and a private retreat; I want a small group of like-minded people, all of whom are focused on what is absolutely essential. Someone else can have the rest. Pisces is not so much an actor, as just free-floating. Chameleon-like from the outside, unfettered from the inside. Appraiser of art objects, psychic investigator, psychiatrist, traditional travel guide, spiritual travel guide.

Back to balancing that checkbook. There is so much 'noise' getting in the way of seeing the big picture. Yes, certain details need to be paid attention to -- but keep it in perspective. The unknown will never become known if you don't give it some room. The tide seems so much against us. People want to generalize from very few specifics. Over and over and over. The big picture cannot be seen if it is pre-defined ahead of time.

I wish everyone a satisfying life and a livable journey through our current economic times.

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