

CAPRICORN, THE TENTH HOUSE AND WORLDLY SUCCESS

The integrated astrologer is a man or woman who has developed the art of astrological synthesis. This is a person who is both an intellectual and an intuitive, one whose intent is spiritual. This person has the ability to guide the client into the next cycle of the unfoldment of life. The integration of which I speak is the natural result of the fusion of mind and heart as the expression of human consciousness. When intellect is coupled with intuition (which is itself a product of love), the potential for healing emerges. -A.O.

Before the time of one's first Saturn return at about the age of 29, the Ascendant ranks as the most important indicator of the personality and the focus of one's life expression. Indeed, before the solidification of life purpose and the integration of one's "equipment" to engage in life as an adult (all products of "Saturn's Birthday" by transit to its natal position), a person is a distinct product of the rising sign. At this period, for good or ill, the personality has become through which the individual tells the world, "Here I am and this is me." Yet more is expected by society from a given individual than the Ascendant's naïve statement of "Hello, I'm here!" By the time of Saturn's first return, you are expected to have a professional description attached to your ego. This title entitles you to a certain function within and marks your place in society. This is the MC (Midheaven), the cusp of the Tenth House.

Thus the Tenth House expresses the nature of your career, the particular kind of professional contribution you are to make to the collective, and indicates (via the conditions of the ruler of the MC and planets within the Tenth) your level of potential success in the material world. If the nature of the sign on the Ascendant and the whole of the First House speak about who you are, the Tenth reveals what the possibilities are in terms of your achievements as an individual. Thus it is that the Ascendant discloses potentiality while the Midheaven expresses the maturation and ripening of that potential. The astrological circumstances surrounding the Tenth House show the means by which the native fulfills his or her responsibilities both to oneself (Ascendant) and to the world in general (Midheaven). In addition, the MC and the placement of its ruling planet tell the astrologer the type of contribution this individual is likely to make and the nature of the profession

through which this will most likely be accomplished.

The Tenth is also known as the “House of Culmination” as it gathers together our potential and actual resources (found in the Second House), integrates these with the methods and processes we have developed through our various jobs (found in the Sixth House), and then synthesizes all of this into a cohesive package ready for marketing! This is quite the task and it is no wonder that Saturn, the astrological Task Master, is the natural ruler of this part of the natal map. In this article and in this issue especially, I want to focus on Saturn’s primary sign, Capricorn and its position in your horoscope. As Capricorn is the natural ruler of the Midheaven, in whichever house the celestial Mountain Goal is found, it will be there where you will also find another major key to your worldly success.

Capricorn consolidates and in its determined attitude creates patterns of behavior that lead to the discipline necessary for achievement, status, and social mobility. It is very aware of the power structure in which it has to play out its part in life and as a cardinal sign is highly motivated to create that structure within which it lives. It is no coincidence that in the natural astrological wheel, Capricorn occupies the position at the zenith of the zodiac for this is a sign that likes to direct, organize, and administer power. Wherever Capricorn is placed in the natal chart it will seek to dominate and will be very sensitive to the forces that try to take its “rightful place” as the commander, boss, and director of any enterprise. Capricorn takes its time for after all Saturn, its planetary ruler, was known in Greek mythology as “Chronos” from which we get our word, chronology.

What follows is a discussion of the meaning of Capricorn as it rules each of the houses of the horoscope. Should Capricorn be an intercepted sign, it should be considered as the co-ruler of the house in which it is found. If you combine this influence along with what you already know about the Midheaven and the position of Saturn in the chart you will get a rather comprehensive view of these sensitive and major placements in your natal horoscope.

Capricorn on the cusp of the First House: There is a distinct need to project and image

of self-control and self-discipline into the world. It is very important for this person to maintain and sustain this image while building upon it rather than changing it. When used wisely, the energies of the Mountain Goat in this position can give the steadfastness leading to great achievement as well as the ability to overcome any obstacles in one's path. This sign on the Ascendant of the chart bestows long-range vision, patience and insight. Duty, tradition and a sense of personal responsibilities are other traits that characterize this individual.

Capricorn on the cusp of the Second House: The Mountain Goat has a careful and cautious approach to the use of personal resources. One of the primary ways that the individual either gains status and position in the world with Capricorn on the Second is through the correct understanding of how to structure and budget one's money. Right responsibility to one's own talents and the use of one's resources will definitely pay off in the long run. Thus the cultivation of right habit patterns in regards to saving and spending are important keys to material success.

Capricorn on the cusp of the Third House: The cultivation of a good education and the accumulation of knowledge specific to one's career goals are major indications of success with Capricorn in this position. This sign/cusp combination indicates a very practical turn of mind. Pragmatism in all things is one's attitude to dealing with life. The early environment may have been challenging (especially if Saturn is afflicted in the natal chart), for there is the tendency to have had many early duties and responsibilities to one's siblings. Thus the individual may have taken on a parental role relative to his brothers and sisters.

Capricorn on the cusp of the Fourth House: The tendency is to be quite attached to inherited behavioral habit patterns. This can give rise to a person who builds her life upon established family traditions or a person who is so circumscribed by the past that freedom of individual choice is limited. Rising up out of such psychological restrictions is an important test, the overcoming of which will be an important factor in shaping an

individual's success in the world. If the indications are positive however, this position is excellent for creating the outer structure of one's life based on solid foundations, family help, and practical common sense. Note: If Saturn is afflicted, the person may experience the absence or loss of a parent at an early age.

Capricorn on the cusp of the Fifth House: Capricorn is by nature a very unadventurous sign and the Fifth is the "house of pleasures and speculation." As a result, investments may be quite conservative and pleasures limited to what is safe and can be controlled. On the other hand, Capricorn is also known as the "sign of habits" and should the individual be so inclined (Saturn square or opposed Neptune, for example), he may cultivate habitual and negative habits relative to gambling or other forms of hedonism. Children also belong in the Fifth. Capricorn on this cusp may give few offspring or one might find oneself with prolonged and difficult duties to one's children. Step parenting or having adopted or foster children are other common indications of this position. Lovers are usually not plentiful for Capricorn's conservative attitude also applies to romance, but when there is such an intimate relationship, it is usually treated with respect and responsibility.

Capricorn on the cusp of the Sixth House: This pragmatic position leads one to try to make the most out of any job. The urge to advance in one's work sphere is very strong as well as the inclination to be organized and efficient. This is an individual who takes her job seriously, sometimes too seriously and may find that she is placing too great a sense of responsibility upon her own shoulders. If one is too controlling on the job, it will place a strain on relationship with co-workers or employees. If Saturn is afflicted in the chart, health, especially chronic conditions, may be a problem in life (this would be especially the case if Saturn also afflicts the Sun or Moon). Pets are usually quite important to this person as one has a very responsible attitude for animals (or plants!) in their care.

Capricorn on the cusp of the Seventh House: This sign/cusp combination means that Cancer is on the Ascendant, indicating the need for emotional stability. With Capricorn on the cusp of the Seventh this urge may extend itself into a tendency to having relationships

with older, established people, i.e. parental figures. It also indicates that there is a special need to come in contact with people in authority but beware—people with Capricorn on the Seventh often like to be the authority in their relationships. This means that very often there are power conflicts with others for the individual may be attracted to the same quality in others (in this case authority and power) that she seeks in her relationships to exhibit herself. In any event, the definite tendency is to seek those partnerships that help one advance in life. Should Saturn be afflicted, especially to Venus, such partnerships can have the opposite effect.

Capricorn on the cusp of the Eighth House: The Eighth is the house of other people's resources. When negative, Capricorn on this cusp gives the tendency to take control over and manipulate other people's money or when positive, to use this trait for the control, structure, and discipline required to help increase other people's wealth. As the house of sex, the Mountain Goat here can indicate a conservative and respectful relationship to this matter or it can make a person sexually restricted and restrained. In the extreme, it can give rise to some very difficult circumstances surrounding sex such as the urge to dominate others through the control of the sexual content within relationships. In terms of death, if Saturn is well aspected (especially in an earthy sign), Capricorn on this cusp is traditionally associated with longevity.

Capricorn on the cusp of the Ninth House: The orientation to higher education has to conform to the individual's overall plan for her life goals. This is not an indication of a person who cultivates knowledge for knowledge sake but one who instead, has a definite program in mind. There can be a strong love or hate for organized and traditional religion. The latter is often the result of parental and family conditioning and the early circumstances of childhood. Was religion a restrictive expression of parental or social power or was religion an extensive of love and caring? The answer to this question will serve to determine the attitude of the adult to the matter. History, archeology, and architecture may be of sincere interest to a person with this natal position.

Capricorn on the cusp of the Tenth House: As one would imagine, this sign/cusp combination is the epitome of an individual with strong ambitions and a great need for worldly success. The urge to achieve an esteemed place in society is another important factor in such an individual's life. Will this be accomplished? As in everything else in astrology, the entire map has to be examined but the chances will be much improved if Saturn is strong and well aspected. Typically this is a person who will work long and hard to achieve her goals. There will be many setbacks along the way as such a person experiences the word "no" as a personal barrier. But this is also a person who will never take "no" for an answer.

Capricorn on the cusp of the Eleventh House: Hopes, wishes, and aspirations have to have a practical orientation to be considered real by an individual with this sign/cusp combination. By nature, this is a person who is a responsible and organized administrator when it comes to working with groups and organizations. Yet, if personal aspirations are too lofty and egocentric, this position will impede positive relationships with peers, friends, and co-workers. Such an attitude will only serve to hold the entire group back from achieving its collective goals. When positive, Capricorn on the Eleventh indicates a person who is very connected to the idea that each person should contribute to the group in ways that are fair and just and that the group should return its resources to the individual in kind.

Capricorn on the cusp of the Twelfth House: When positive in the horoscope of a soul-centered individual, this sign/cusp combination indicates a person with the need to understand the inner structure behind outer events. Thus this is a great contribution factor to one who is metaphysically inclined. On a more down-to-earth level, this position can contribute to the sense that people and forces working behind the scenes against one's goals and plans are undermining one's personal power. When positive, this is a person who acts as the "power behind the throne", lending energy and support to others in ways that often too subtle to be seen but are nonetheless felt. If the person is genuinely well intended, Capricorn on the Twelfth thus contributes greatly to a benevolent leader.