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LIFE PATH

If ever there was a moment of total transformation, it was the moment of your birth. In that instant, you stepped through a door in time into a new reality -- the reality of human life. The most important number in your numerology chart is based on the date of your birth, the moment when the curtain goes up in your life.

Even at that moment, you were a person with your own unique character, as unique as your DNA. Everything that is you existed in potential, much like a play that is about to begin. Your entire life exists as a potential that has been prepared for. Mahatma, you have ultimate freedom to do with your life as you like: To fulfill its potential completely, or to make some smaller version of yourself. It all depends upon your effort and commitment. You make the decisions to fulfill, to whatever extent, the potential life that exists within you. That is your choice. In this sense, the possible you is implicit during the moment of your birth.

The Life Path number gives us a broad outline of the opportunities, challenges, and lessons we will encounter in this lifetime. Your Life path is the road you are traveling. It reveals the opportunities and challenges you will face in life. Your Life Path number is the single most important information available in your Personality Chart!

Your Life Path is 27/9

Mahatma, you are the philanthropist, humanitarian, socially conscious, and are deeply concerned about the state of the world. You have great compassion and idealism. You are a utopian, and will spend your life trying to realize some aspect of your utopian dream, sacrificing money, time, and energy for a better world. It is in giving that you will find much satisfaction.

You have a broad outlook on life. You tend to see the big picture, rather than the minute details. You naturally attract people from all walks of life who can fit into your larger plans and take over the areas you find uninteresting. The person with a 9 Life Path is rarely prejudiced or accepts social biases of people. Instead, they evaluate people on the basis of what they can do for the larger cause. They are the true egalitarian.

Mahatma, you are imaginative and creative, especially at harmoniously arranging the beauty already potential in the environment. These abilities can lead you into such fields as interior decorating, landscape art, and photography. But because of your strong social consciousness, you can be an effective politician, lawyer, judge, minister, teacher, healer, and environmentalist. Vocations that require self- sacrifice and have a clear social impact are common among 9s.

You are often disappointed by the realities of life: the shortcomings of others, or of yourself. Somehow, you don't want to accept the imperfections of the world, a feeling that drives you constantly to try to improve upon it. But rather than be

satisfied with your efforts, and those of others, you relentlessly push on, striving for greater accomplishments. You are often unsatisfied with the results. In short, you lack the perspective that would otherwise make it possible for you to enjoy life more fully, and accept its natural limitations.

You have a controlled enthusiasm and the ability to finish what you start.

A key to your personality is the necessity of sacrifice. You have to learn to let go of material possessions and relationships, the inherent lesson being that holding on too tightly to anything causes pain.

Money comes to you through mysterious or unexpected ways: inheritance; the benevolence of someone who was inspired by your work; or a lucky investment.

Conversely, if you pursue money for its own sake, after giving up on your larger dreams, you're likely to find yourself empty handed.

The most successful and satisfying road for a nine is giving; sharing and sacrificing for a larger goal, without expecting anything in return. Mahatma, your greatest chance at success is to tie your personal fortunes to an endeavor that makes the world a better place for others. Very often, this turns into a highly successful and lucrative enterprise, providing amply for you and your family. Your life rests on the axiom that the more you give, the bigger your reward.

You are romantic, but your love is more impersonal. You tend to be focused on your dreams.

When you are not in harmony with your true nature, you can fall to moodiness, or become aloof, and withdrawn. You can become timid, uncertain, and ungrateful, putting the blame for your troubles on others or the world. You have a gift for examining your life objectively, and at some distance. Be honest with yourself. By openly facing your shortcomings, as well as your strengths, you develop equilibrium. You are thus able to love and better understand yourself and all of life.

BIRTHDAY

The day you were born bears great significance in understanding who you are and where your talents lie. The day of birth indicates some special talent you possess. It is a gift to you that will help you along your Life's Path. Your day of birth is one of your four core numbers -- the Life Path, Expression, and Heart's Desire being the other three. It is the least significant of the four core numbers, but perhaps the most finite, in that it reveals a specific ability you possess in a marked degree.

Your Birthday is 2

You are very sensitive, intuitive, and diplomatic, Mahatma. You are aware of your surroundings and easily influenced by your environment. You love beauty

and attention. Your sensitivity makes you highly emotional and vulnerable to being hurt.

You can fall victim to depression and lack of confidence.

Your talents lie in personal relations and diplomatic skills. You are keenly aware of what is on the minds of others, and can usually adjust to create peace and harmony with others. In the same way, you possess the art of a diplomat, helping others find the middle ground and area of agreement.

Mahatma, you may also possess artistic and musical ability.

You are warm and affectionate and need the same from your close friends and loved ones. You want to be hugged and cuddled. There is a tendency to fall into childhood patterns when giving and receiving affection. You like to be made to feel secure and safe.

You are very cooperative and work best in partnerships. Mahatma, you enjoy being the power behind the throne, rather than the figure on stage. You are modest and kind. You have great diplomatic skills. Your intuition allows you to perceive what another wants even before he or she says it.

You can continue a project better than start it. You are very attentive to details. You need harmonious and peaceful environments. Without them, you can easily become stressed and high-strung.

You are the glue that keeps important projects and groups together. While you may not get all the credit you deserve, you are indispensable in any endeavor.

EXPRESSION

Your Expression number reveals your physical and mental constitution, the orientation or goal of your life. Some numerologists refer to this number as the Destiny, because it represents a lifelong target at which you are aiming. You work at fulfilling this potential every day of your life. Thus, the Expression number reveals your inner goal, the person you aim to be.

The Expression number reveals the talents, abilities, and shortcomings that were with you when you entered your human body. Your name, and the numbers derived from it, reveals your development, as well as the talents and issues you will be working with during this life.

For those for whom reincarnation is an accepted philosophy, the vibration of your full name can be seen as the totality of your personal evolution, the experiences, talents, and wisdom accumulated over many life times. Every experience, no matter how great or small, along this evolutionary path has influenced your development, and brought you to your current state of being.

The Expression is your being; the Life Path is the major lesson you are attempting to learn this time around. Time allows the gradual emergence of your personality. By reading the Expression number below, you will come to understand your basic nature and the abilities and issues inherent in your being.

Your Expression is 21/3

Mahatma, you are optimistic, inspiring, outgoing, and expressive. People see you as cheerful, positive and charming; your personality has a certain bounce and verve that so powerfully affects others that you can inspire people without effort.

All of this upward energy is a symptom of your tremendous creativity. Your verbal skills may well lead you into the fields of writing, comedy, theater, and music.

Yours is the number of self-expression -- rich in imagination and spirit. But you have to be careful not to scatter your talents. Your bane is that you often lack discipline and order in your life. Avoid becoming a "happy-go-lucky" spendthrift, escaping responsibility and commitment. You must learn to concentrate and focus.

These are the keys to your success. You have great potential in the arts and areas that requires creative solutions to problems. You are able to perform leaps of imagination, providing unconventional ideas as if they suddenly descended from above. Hard work and focus, however, are the foundation for a successful future.

Though you possess great verbal skills, your mind tends to see life as pictures rather than in words. Yet, you have the ability to think abstractly.

Creativity is a sensitive faculty that is often suppressed in childhood. If you lack the confidence to pursue your ideas, you may divert your abilities into a scattering of trivial pursuits.

To overcome this problem, you must make a choice. Mahatma, you have to limit your field of vision and the number of activities you engage in, and bundle your energies into a single thrust. Focus your life; choose the area that you love the most, and commit. There, you will find success. And a great deal of happiness.

Love, romance, and money are within your reach. You are aided by your friends and admirers. Often people appear out of nowhere to help you in key situations. Mahatma, you have to learn to accept the involvement of others in your life. You are not a loner, nor are you particularly independent. You are social -- you need an audience and the support of others to fully realize your abilities.

On the down-side, you can be superficial, moody, and intolerant. You are emotional and sensitive, sometimes presuming criticism where none was intended. You can also be jealous and gossipy. Beware of becoming cynical and sarcastic. These traits can suppress your natural creativity.

Be goal-oriented. This is a practical, step-by-step approach to your larger ambitions. You possess the natural abilities to attain a high degree of excellence.

MINOR EXPRESSION

The Minor Expression number is based on the current (or short) name; the name you now use to introduce yourself including your last name.

The influence of the short name is minor in comparison to your full name. Interestingly, the short name often compensates in some way for numbers (and their related characteristics) that are missing or out of balance in the full name.

For instance, a number missing in the full name may show up prominently in the short name; or a number (or numbers) that appears in excess in the full name can be compensated for in the short name. If a name change takes place later in life through marriage or for professional reasons, it adds or subtracts certain qualities. It can also focus and intensify existing characteristics or talents that may be latent.

Your Minor Expression is 10/1

This number makes you better equipped for the daily struggle of life. This is a powerful number with good leadership abilities. It is independent, individualistic, original and innovative. It adds courage and a willingness to take risks. This number makes you more determined and goal oriented.

HEART'S DESIRE

Your Heart's Desire is the inner you. It shows your underlying urge, your true motivation. It reveals the general intention behind many of your actions. Consequently, it dramatically influences the choices you make in life. The Heart's desire is seen as part of the larger picture, called the core numbers, which includes the Life Path, Expression, Day you were born, and Personality. But each points to a different aspect of you.

The Expression number reveals your talents and abilities, and your general direction in life. The Life Path is the central lesson you came into the world to learn. The Day you were born is very closely connected to your Life Path. It reveals specific talents you possess, which will be helpful to you in dealing with your Life Path. The Personality reveals how people tend to see you. It also demonstrates what characteristics you are projecting to the world. The Heart's Desire demonstrates the identity of the soul that joined the earth -- you, the spiritual being.

Your Heart's Desire is 12/3

Mahatma, you love a good time. You are generally happy, friendly, and outgoing. You have a gift for gab. You are very witty, creative, and playful. You inspire and entertain people. You are considered by many a great companion.

Many outstanding comedians have this Heart's Desire. You have a good mental and emotional balance and there is little that gets you down.

You have a gift for self expression and are drawn to the verbal arts -- writing, acting, singing, and poetry. You may have a great talent in one of these areas. If your creativity is blocked or suppressed, you tend to daydream and fantasize. Your imagination needs a constructive outlet; otherwise, it may run away with you.

At the same time, you may have great difficulty expressing your deeper feelings and important personal thoughts. You prefer to stay on the surface, entertaining people with your wit.

If you fail to deal honestly with your inner nature, you may succumb to compulsive talking. Such behavior may be merely a way of siphoning off emotional energy that is building beneath your surface. Your deeply felt emotional life cannot be avoided or suppressed. But you possess the talent to channel these feelings into highly creative and artistic form. Art and self-expression are your outlets.

Mahatma, you need discipline to make full use of your abilities. Too often, you may scatter your energies in many directions, beginning projects that are never finished and never really succeeding in anything.

Your success depends on your ability to commit to your work and to see it through to completion. You have so much creativity and inspiring upward energy that you are in desperate need of an anchor. Hard work and discipline serve this purpose and bring out the best in you.

Because you are gifted with such a sparkling personality, you are tempted to stay on the surface and play with life. You are confident and love the attention others give you, but these characteristics can lead to vanity and self-absorption.

Mahatma, you have the potential to live a very full and successful life thanks to your talent for artistic self expression. The key to your success is a balance between the creative forces and self-discipline.

MINOR HEART'S DESIRE

The Minor Heart's Desire number is derived from the vowels of your current name; the name you now use to introduce yourself. The current name is a refinement of the more complex qualities of your longer name (the full name at birth). It sharpens and bundles the energies that are reflected by your full name. It intensifies certain aspects of your being, and de-emphasizes others. For this reason, the short name often provides insight into what you truly want in life. It also often reveals the extent of your understanding of what you want from this life. It reveals both your strong desires, and the limits you place upon your potential.

Your feelings about your current name are different from your full name. It

affects how you feel about yourself; it changes your identity slightly.

Your Minor Heart's Desire is 4

Mahatma, your Minor Heart's Desire adds orderliness and practicality to your personality. It makes you more serious, responsible, and practical.

Your short name encourages you to pay close attention to details, the nuts and bolts of business. You are less irritated by the routines of life. Your shortened name inspires you to become more grounded and to think about your basic security and that of your loved ones.

You are more likely to be a perfectionist, and less interested in a varied social life.

You have strong ideas concerning right and wrong.

PERSONALITY

Your Personality number is derived from the consonants of your full name at birth. Your Personality is like a narrow entrance hall to the great room that is your true nature. It is those aspects that you feel comfortable sharing with people at the outset of a relationship. With time and trust, you invite others into the deeper aspects of your nature; you reveal more of who you really are, in effect, your Heart's Desire, Expression, and so on.

Your Personality number often serves as a censoring device, both in terms of what you send out, as well as what you allow to approach. It discriminates in the kinds of people and information you let enter your heart and mind. For this reason, your Personality is usually much more narrow and protective in its definition than the real you. It can screen out some of what you do not want to deal with -- people or situations -- but it also welcomes those things that immediately relate to your inner nature.

Your Personality number also indicates how others perceive you. No one can be objective about himself or herself. Even our closest friends and relatives have trouble describing how they see us.

Your Personality is 36/9

Mahatma, you have an impressive and aristocratic bearing. No matter how tall you are, you appear noble and upright. You are very much in control of the image you send out to others.

Many actors, dancers, and other performers have a 9 Personality Number. You are elegant, graceful, and charismatic. Many admire you.

You have the kind of stature that pulls people to you or repels them intensely. Some are jealous of you and may seek to belittle you.

You may encourage this to some extent by the amount of arrogance you radiate. This is a caution for all 9 Personalities -- they are sometimes aloof and hold themselves above the world.

Your challenge is to come down to earth with your fellow man.

Conversely, you have a great compassion for humanity and want to dedicate yourself to improving the lot of others. You are better when dealing with the trials of the many than the trouble of a single person. You are more capable of working on the grand scale, addressing the needs of society, than on a one-to-one basis.

Mahatma, you are kind and sympathetic, helpful and compassionate. Behind the controlled and calm facade, you are sensitive, vulnerable and emotional.

You have excellent taste. There is a good deal of artistic talent in you that shows in your home environment and your clothing.

You tend to see yourself as a guardian of society, a benevolent leader, guiding and directing your community toward a better world.

MATURITY

Your Maturity number indicates an underlying wish or desire that gradually surfaces around age thirty to thirty-five. This underlying goal begins to emerge as you gain a better understanding of yourself. With self-knowledge comes a greater awareness of who you are, what your true goals in life are, and what direction you want to set for your life. This, in a nutshell, is the gift of maturity: You no longer waste time and energy on things that are not within your own special identity.

No matter what your age is at present, your life is being channeled in a specific direction, toward a very specific goal. That goal can be seen as a reward or the fulfillment of a promise that is implicit in your current efforts, often without your knowing it consciously. While the characteristics of this number are usually visible during childhood, we tend to lose sight of these aspects until later in life. But our lives are always being affected by this influence, nonetheless.

Your Maturity number begins to have a more profound impact on your life after the age of 35. The influence of the number increases steadily as you grow older.

Your Maturity is 12/3

As you mature, Mahatma, you will find yourself becoming increasingly extroverted and optimistic about your future. Your self-expression and creativity improve markedly. You may become inspired to take up some type of artistic endeavor, such as writing, acting, or music, if you are not already involved in one of these areas.

Your ability to communicate will substantially improve. You are naturally more fluent and may find yourself dressing with a certain flair. Be careful not to fall

victim to superficial appearances, or chasing after glamour and extravagance.

With a 3 Maturity Number you can look forward to a pleasant and social latter part of life. Your attitude will be increasingly positive and your popularity will rise.

If you already have several 3s in your chart, especially in your core numbers, you may have a tendency to scatter your energies and take your responsibilities less seriously. If you have few 3s, or are missing 3s entirely, you will experience a great relief from the tension and seriousness of life. You will be more relaxed and capable of enjoying life.

The 3 Maturity Number is a blessing in the latter part of life. It promises enjoyment, close friendships, and much happiness.

L/E BRIDGE

The Bridge numbers in your chart are the numbers that indicate how you can make the relationship between the individual core numbers in your chart easier and more compatible. Bridge numbers have the potential to "close the gap" between the Life Path and Expression number, or the Heart's Desire and Personality number.

In this chapter we will explain what you can do to make your talents, strengths, and specific abilities (Expression number) more easily available and fitting the needs of your main lesson(s), and expected direction of growth (Life Path).

Your Life Path / Expression Bridge number is 6

Mahatma, this bridge can only be built through service, more involvement with family and community affairs, and a greater sense of responsibility. You should also allow your creativity to flow more freely.

H/P BRIDGE

Several Bridge numbers can be found in your chart. The Bridge number between the Life Path number and the Expression number was described earlier in your reading. The following Bridge number relates to your Heart's Desire number and your Personality number. This Bridge number, the Heart's Desire - Personality bridge, explains how you can make your deeper self -- your needs and desires, your true nature -- more aligned with the part of your personality others tend to recognize when they meet you. With a little exaggeration, you could say that your Personality number is somewhat like your mask. It is the more superficial you; a protective shield and a camouflage of the deeper you. You can easily imagine how much more comfortable, and less self-conscious, the experience of life becomes when your deeper and more real you is closer and more fitting to the personality you reveal on a day to day basis.

Your Heart's Desire / Personality Bridge number is 6

This bridge can only be built through service, more involvement with family and community affairs, and a greater sense of responsibility. Mahatma, you should allow your creativity to flow more freely.

This bridge number often creates eccentrics - people who are highly inventive and unconventional.

KARMIC LESSONS

Numerology is based on the understanding that we enter life with certain strengths and weaknesses. Karmic lessons are areas that we are currently weak in and must be faced and worked on in this life. There can be more than one Karmic Lesson. These are indicated by the absence of certain numbers in your name.

The letters and numbers of your name point to talents and abilities that you possess. These characteristics can be compared to a workshop in which certain tools are available to you. Missing numbers, those that are not represented in the letters in your name, imply tools that are unavailable, and must be learned and mastered during this lifetime.

You may well recognize your Karmic Lessons as weaknesses you have learned to overcome in the course of your life, however, the challenges implied in your Karmic Lessons will continue to come up occasionally for the rest of your life.

(There are no Karmic Lessons hidden in your name.)

HIDDEN PASSION

Your Hidden Passion reveals one or more special strengths and talents that you rely upon and are available to you. The Hidden Passion represents your specific field of expertise, or a concentrated talent.

Metaphorically, this talent can be seen as having a power all its own to shape your life. Its existence gives you a strong desire to develop and to express that particular ability. Having the talent demands that you express it, that you experience this part of you, and that you live according to its nature. In this way, the Hidden Passion shapes your personality, and guides your life.

Your Hidden Passion is 1

Mahatma, you have a strong drive to stand out. You have a great ambition and

desire to accomplish. You are highly competitive and want to be the best and the first in everything you do. You are highly energetic and creative. You are capable of influencing and even dominating others. You have highly developed political skills, and can succumb to manipulation unless your ideals are high.

Ironically, there are times when you lack confidence, especially at an earlier age, but you have the strength to overcome this obstacle.

Mahatma, you are a survivor, a warrior, a leader. Many great athletes and politicians have this number as a Hidden Passion.

PLANES OF EXPRESSION

Each of us experiences life on four different levels: with our physical body; our mental faculty; our emotional makeup; and our intuition. Each of these areas has a specific means of perceiving information. The physical body is capable of touch, taste, pleasure, and pain. It provides us with a sense of the physical world. The mental body, like the emotional and intuitive natures, perceives the invisible worlds. Our minds deal with the world of thought. The heart, of course, is preoccupied exclusively with the world of emotion. Our feelings teach us many things about ourselves and about others. Finally, we have the capacity for direct contact with the higher realms by way of intuition. Intuitive insight comes in a flash. It is not rational -- that is the world of the mental plane -- but comes as if it were placed at the doorstep of our minds. Intuition, therefore, bypasses all effort.

These four faculties exist in all of us. But each of us depends more on one or two of them for the bulk of our knowledge. Some of us are possessed by our senses, while others live almost exclusively in our hearts, or minds.

Numerology indicates how we as individuals function on each plane.

The letters of the alphabet are divided in four categories: physical, mental, emotional and intuitive.

The proportion of each category in your name gives a good indication of which Planes of Expression are strongest in you, and which ones are weaker.

These Planes of Expression can greatly help you to understand your talents and abilities.

PLANE OF EXPRESSION PHYSICAL

Your Plane of Expression Physical is 11/2

Mahatma, you are highly charged and charismatic. You can inspire many with your original ideals and keen insights into life.

Despite your obvious strengths, you likely have a sensitive nervous system and constitution.

Your physical body is one of your greatest teachers. You must learn to treat it

well -- what makes it strongest and how to maintain that strength. Your sensitivity will cause you to have to make adjustments in your diet, exercise, and methods for dealing with stress.

You have good intuition and flashes of insight. You are guided by your faith and your inventive mind.

PLANE OF EXPRESSION MENTAL

Your Plane of Expression Mental is 25/7

Mahatma, you have a studious and scholarly mind. You may have a genius for one particular field of study. You study a subject in depth, and abhor a superficial understanding of anything you regard as important.

You analyze things down to the infinitesimal particles. You want to know the inner workings of things. What makes them tick. You may be too occupied with your thoughts and have a tendency to withdraw, especially when you are emotionally troubled.

You can be extremely critical of yourself and others. You analyze personalities with an eye toward finding out their secrets and faults. Your mind can look too much on the dark side of things, as if that were the more fundamental part of a human. Your challenge is to use your fine mind constructively, and to attain faith.

You have excellent intuition, which serves you well in life.

PLANE OF EXPRESSION EMOTIONAL

Your Plane of Expression Emotional is 25/7

Mahatma, you are emotional and need love, but you have trouble expressing your feelings. You tend to hold back, rather than risk being hurt. This causes others to think you are a bit cool or withdrawn, but in fact you are more likely to have powerful emotional experiences that build up inside you. You are vulnerable to emotional explosions.

You may be inhibited. You need to work on allowing your emotions to show spontaneously. This requires great trust and courage on your part.

You have a very sharp mind and excellent intuition.

You perform best in a quiet place. You have self control and dignity. Mahatma, you may be too occupied with yourself with a tendency to withdraw, especially when you are emotionally troubled.

PLANE OF EXPRESSION INTUITIVE

Your Plane of Expression Intuitive is 5

Mahatma, you are highly intuitive, and rely heavily upon your intuitive insights. Your knowledge and understanding stretches beyond the limits of the subjects you have studied. You have an intuitive "feeling" about many different areas of life, but need to deepen this understanding with discipline, hard work, and focus.

You need to ground your many diverse thoughts with study.

BALANCE

People experience different internal responses to life's challenges. Some withdraw from difficult situations to think them through; others withdraw from their emotions, to try and keep themselves from feeling anything. Some explode with emotions, but allow the explosion to pass quickly. Others linger with their feelings, holding on to them well past the time they should have let them go.

Very often, these are conditioned or emotional responses that emerge without thought or analysis. Maturity and self-development help us to learn new and more effective methods of handling our world and the problems we confront. Your Balance number provides you with the guidance on how best to deal with difficult or threatening situations.

Your Balance is 4

Mahatma, try to have perspective and a more lighthearted attitude toward emotionally-charged issues. Control your anger. Discipline is your strength.

Also, look at the larger picture and the need for compromise. Mahatma, your sense of justice must be elevated to another level where such virtues as forgiveness, compassion, and deep understanding are the guiding lights. A practical approach to these ideals, Mahatma, is to try to put yourself in the shoes of the person with whom you are in conflict. There are always more angles to a problem than you tend to acknowledge.

RATIONAL THOUGHT

Your Rational Thought number reveals what can probably best be described as the way you think. Are you a practical, methodical thinker, or a dreamer? Do you frequently allow your imagination to color your perception? Are you unconventional and original in the face of a practical problem, or do you stick to proven methods?

This is the kind of information revealed through your Rational Thought number.

Your Rational Thought is 32/5

Mahatma, you have a flexible and adaptable mind. You are quick with solutions, and you can think on your feet. You have the cunning of a fox. You can talk yourself out of the tightest situations, but your priority is often winning the contest, not being right.

You love to reinvent the wheel. You have no fear of trying an approach that seems far-fetched to others.

Your adaptability is unique and you often manage to turn a difficult situation around to make it work in your favor.

CORNERSTONE

The first letter of your first name gives an additional indication to your character, particularly as to the manner in which you approach opportunities and obstacles. The first letter is called your Cornerstone.

Your Cornerstone is M

Mahatma, you are energetic and hardworking with a touch of the workaholic. You are efficient and do not tire easily. You likely have a strong physical constitution. You are domestic and want financial security. Mahatma, you are tolerant and can endure hardships. You have to be more patient with others.

CHALLENGES

Each of us is born with both strengths and weaknesses. Numerology looks at life as if it were an educational process that is meant to bring out and enhance our talents, and turn our weaknesses into strengths. This serves to complete our being.

The job of becoming whole is one in which we must face our weaknesses and consciously work to improve ourselves. There are four Challenges to be faced during our lives. For many of us, the same challenge is repeated, while others have four distinctly different lessons to learn.

The Challenges on your life's path provide specific lessons that you must attend to, and, in order to inspire and help you, life will place you in situations that require the specific characteristics of your Challenge numbers.

The four Challenges you are required to overcome during the course of this lifetime will influence you during different periods of your life, except for the Third or Main Challenge, which lasts from birth until death. The Challenges are fluid periods of your life, not confined to specific years so much as general periods. All of your Challenges are present at birth, like actors standing in the wings.

THE FIRST CHALLENGE

The duration of the First Challenge usually lasts from birth until approximately the age of 30 to 35.

Your First Challenge is 1

You must learn to be independent. Mahatma, you will be forced to stand up for yourself and your rights. You will be faced with situations in which you will have to choose between standing up for what you think is right versus giving in to another person's demands. You will have to struggle to strengthen and know your own will power.

You will have to learn to be firm and trust your judgment. Don't run with the crowd, be an individual. This whole lesson represents the frontiers of your consciousness. Therefore, you will have to experience much trial and error, sometimes exploding with bursts of aggression, other times being intimidated and letting frustration and anger build within you until you are ready to act on your deepest instincts.

Mahatma, you will learn your own set of values; you will develop into an individual with original and innovative ideas.

If you have 1s in your core numbers or in your Hidden Passion this challenge will not be as difficult to learn, or as strongly felt.

THE SECOND CHALLENGE

The Second Challenge usually lasts until the age of about 35 to 40.

Your Second Challenge is 4

You tend to be disorderly and disorganized. Mahatma, you are impractical and tend to fantasize about projects or possibilities that have little value or future.

You must learn to discriminate between iron balloons and those that will fly.

You have difficulty finishing projects because your vision becomes chaotic and loses track of the path ahead.

You have to learn to be aware of the details. Keep your environment clean and orderly. Be efficient.

You have the ability to be practical and organized but you must learn their value. This will cause you to incorporate them into your daily life and give you the basis for success.

This is the challenge of building a lasting foundation for your life. Mahatma, you will need perseverance and repeated effort. Get-rich-quick schemes will likely backfire; persistent effort is the key to your future happiness.

THIRD CHALLENGE

This Challenge carries much weight and will be felt throughout your life. For that reason, it is also called the Main Challenge.

As you master this challenge, your life will come more and more under your own control. You will incorporate the positive aspects of the challenge into your character. This is its purpose in the first place. Therefore, there is implicit in the challenge a chance for great reward.

In short, this may be the secret to your success.

Your Third Challenge is 3

Mahatma, you are your own worst critic. You suppress your individuality and creativity. Each time you want to make an impression, you doubt yourself beforehand, and criticize yourself ruthlessly afterward. Your criticism of yourself is far more severe than anyone else's.

As a result, you tend to play it safe by staying on the surface, indulging in superficialities. You rarely express what goes on deep inside of you; instead, you cover up your feelings with humor or perfunctory remarks.

You often feel alone and lonely.

Mahatma, your fear of social interaction causes you to strain conversation by making too many jokes and forced joviality.

It may help you to find a creative outlet for your imagination, possibly through writing, painting, singing or dance.

At the bottom of the challenge is an effort to bring out your true self. You will learn to truly value your own creative talents above anyone else's judgments. This must be viewed as a process of individuation, in which you become a whole human being, independent and free of the need to conform to others.

THE FOURTH CHALLENGE

The Fourth Challenge is most strongly felt during the latter part of our lives, beginning at the age of approximately 45.

Your Fourth Challenge is 5

Mahatma, you are in danger of becoming a rolling stone. Your desire to experience and enjoy life can overwhelm every other priority you have. Your need for freedom dominates you. You want to try everything and go everywhere.

You must guard against overindulgence -- and even dependence upon -- alcohol, food, drugs, and sex.

You must work at establishing and maintaining long- lasting relationships. Be tolerant and understanding. This will enable you to have people in your life who are more than mere company.

Mahatma, you need to discipline your urge to change every situation that does not immediately suit you. Stick with projects, maintain your friendships, don't abandon people or situations the minute they become the slightest bit difficult.

If few fives are in the chart you have a fear of change and can not let go of people and situations. This holds you in the past, restricting your growth. Learn to take prudent risks and be more adventurous.

PINNACLES

The Pinnacles are four long-term cycles, or periods, on our Life Path. Each Pinnacle represents a particular lesson we are working on. The first Pinnacle usually lasts from birth to between the ages of 30 and 35 (your specific Pinnacle periods are provided below). The middle two Pinnacles each last nine years. The last Pinnacle will stay with you for the remainder of your life.

The Pinnacles are very important. The transition from one Pinnacle to the next is always strongly felt. Your Pinnacles reveal the general conditions and events you will experience during the period. The Pinnacle describes the atmosphere, or the essential challenge you will be faced with.

You can prepare yourself for the times ahead by knowing your approaching Pinnacle number.

The transition from one Pinnacle to the next is usually prepared for approximately 2 years in advance. The latter part of that two year period is particularly strong. Mahatma, you will likely make some life-altering decisions -- marriage, job or career change, or any number of major changes in your character.

Perhaps the most strongly felt change -- internally as well as externally -- is the transition from the first to the second Pinnacle. This change usually takes place in your late 20s or early 30s -- the exact date depends on your Life Path number and is provided below. You begin to feel the impact of this coming change approximately two years prior. This is usually a difficult transition, but once crossed usually provides a clear sense of direction in one's life. It also gives you a much firmer sense of your identity. It is a gateway to maturity.

Your First Pinnacle (from birth until age 27) is 3

This is a highly creative period. Mahatma, your self-expression is greatly enhanced. Your creative and artistic talents will peak. You should do everything possible to refine these abilities and make the most of them. Many under the 3 Pinnacle are drawn to writing, the theater, singing, and dance. Your chances of

success are also heightened. Hard work in any artistic field that one has a talent for can result in much reward.

This is also a highly social and emotional time. You attract friends and admirers with your charm and gregarious nature.

You have the ability to inspire and motivate people. Your upbeat energy causes people to want to work with and for you.

This is a lucky period, as well. You can overcome problems with considerably less effort than in the past.

All of this can lead to self-indulgence and lack of productivity. Life is a little easier, which can make you less vigilant. You need focus and discipline. Under the influence of this Pinnacle, hard work is the key and the challenge to making the most of your opportunities.

Be careful of impulsive behavior or doing things on a lark. You must know your limits during this period. Be careful of your money; balance your accounts. Guard against disorderly thinking and behavior. Otherwise, you may do things you regret or simply squander away so many opportunities.

Children born under this Pinnacle must be disciplined and kept from being spoiled. An early education in the arts will inspire the child to make the most of his or her artistic talents.

Your Second Pinnacle (from age 28 until age 36) is 8

Mahatma, under the influences of this Pinnacle, you will have greatly enhanced talent for dealing successfully with business and finances. This is a time of material growth, a time of expansion and reward. It is the cycle of harvest.

The 8 Pinnacle also increases your personal power. You have sound judgment and vision. In fact, this is the basis of your financial success.

People sense your power and effectiveness. They defer to you much more easily, and look to you for answers. This makes it easier for you to use power without having to be a bully or force your way through situations. They perceive your ability and want to join you in your vision. Others have faith in you.

You will be able to organize large enterprises. Problems do not threaten you so much as provide a challenge. You yourself sense your enhanced personal powers and feel a growing sense of stability and centeredness. You will be capable of influencing matter in an almost magical way. As a result, you are extremely goal oriented, moving toward the realization of your dreams with confidence and clarity.

Mahatma, your challenge during this period is to maintain a hold on your human and spiritual values. You must remain balanced between heaven and earth. There will be enormous temptations to make money and status your only priorities, excluding the more human or immaterial matters entirely. This will undoubtedly lead to losses. You are being tested and instructed in the real value

of money -- it's natural place in life. If money is placed on a high altar, overshadowing all other facets of life, you will become its slave.

If you are balanced in your approach to money, and have proper perspective, this can be a truly rewarding period, both materially and spiritually. That is the true promise of the 8.

The number 8 symbolizes the balance between the finite and infinite, matter and spirit. It offers a great opportunity to grow.

Your Third Pinnacle (from age 37 until age 45) is 11

This is a challenging period in which you are at a high point of sensitivity and intuition. There is so much going on in your psyche that you can suffer much confusion over direction and identity. On the other hand, there is a wide open channel between the personal consciousness and the higher realms of the unconscious. Mahatma, you are constantly being inspired and even assaulted by information and insight.

Because of the intensity of these revelations, you must learn to ground your life in faith and a practical vocation that keeps your feet on the ground everyday.

This is a period of enormous spiritual and personal growth. You will come out of it with a highly uncommon clarity and understanding of life. At the same time, it is a period of enormous demands, emotionally and spiritually. Any attachment you might have to specific identity traits -- who you think you are and why you are here, for example -- is constantly challenged.

There is a desire to settle into some field or way of life to attain stability, but the energy of this Pinnacle is not allowing it. It is as if there is a destination, or destiny, to which you are being driven. You do not feel in control of this process. Instead, you are acutely aware of the forces that are shaping your life. You must surrender to them.

Meanwhile, you experience the emotional turmoil that can come with this highly charged period.

There is a definite, even compelling, sense of being different. You are aware of a feeling of receiving special attention from spiritual forces. Your perception of life is somehow more acute than others; you see more clearly and more spiritually due to your high degree of sensitivity. It is as if you have a perfectly accurate peripheral vision, in which everything stands out in sharp relief. At times you may feel that you can see into the souls of things.

At the same time, you may feel like a foreigner to the earth. You are completely impractical. Sometimes you may feel that you do not understand the workings of the physical world. Practical things escape you. You feel awkward and clumsy at times, and are aware perhaps how fluidly other lives are going. This increases your sense of being an outsider.

Mahatma, more important than all the awkwardness and feelings of being

different is the overwhelming sense of having a purpose or a message to reveal that will make other people's lives happier, healthier, and more at peace. You want desperately to bring this out.

The challenge of the 11 Pinnacle is to remain grounded and attached to this dream. You must find practical and useful ways to be of service to others, at the same time developing yourself so that one day you may be able to bring forth that which is within you.

The influences of this period make you highly creative, innovative, and inventive. You have a completely unconventional approach to problems. Trust your intuition, seek harmonious settings to restore your sense of inner peace, and work hard to keep your feet on the ground. This period will bring great rewards on all levels, and with perseverance you will find your rightful place.

Your Fourth Pinnacle (from age 46) is 7

This is a period of inner development and soul searching. Mahatma, you will deal with the deeply important questions of personal existence and the meaning of life. You will need time to be alone to contemplate your inner world. This is a time of spiritual growth. You will experience a heightened sense of faith. The power of the universe will be the force that carries you along.

You have an enhanced appreciation of poetry and nature. Walks in nature provide great therapeutic value and spiritual nourishment.

This is a time of specialization. You will pursue some course of development with fervor and focus. Your ability to concentrate will be greatly increased. Mahatma, your desire to study in all forms -- reading, self reflection, and contemplation -- will reach an all-time high. Your intuition is much more sensitive, making your path a little easier and more direct, since you know intuitively the appropriate next step.

Under this Pinnacle, you will become an expert in one particular field. Your capacity to penetrate the depths of a subject area is enormous. You will look below the surface in virtually everything you encounter. It is very possible that you will find yourself in a teaching role.

You must consciously work on your closer relationships, especially with your spouse and children. You must explain that your desire to turn inward is not an escape or an avoidance of those you love, but a deep need for knowledge.

During this 7 Pinnacle, spiritual growth, increased knowledge, and wisdom are the big rewards. The 7 Pinnacle provides the basis for contentment in older age, because you now begin to understand life more deeply.

Mahatma, your challenge is to avoid becoming critical or cynical of others. You can become so withdrawn from society that you look down on others. You may forget that you, too, are part of the imperfect human race. Sarcasm is the lowest form of communication, and a trap you could fall victim to.

Your desire to attain some high degree of perfection is sincere. But that pursuit can make you miserable if you lose perspective and fail to realize the relativity of human existence. Perfection is a Utopian goal, but an unrealistic ambition. It can cause you to be dissatisfied with yourself and others.

The 7 provides the possibility of true refinement, insight, and a high degree of wisdom. This deep understanding is the basis for self-love and true happiness.

CYCLES

Like most stories, there are three great divisions of our lives: the First, or opening period, finds us groping to find our true nature; at the same time, we are trying to cope with the powerful forces that are present in our environment, our parents and the socio-economic conditions of our family, for example. The Second Cycle, or middle period of our lives, brings about the slow emergence of our individual and creative talents. The initial part of this cycle -- the early and mid 30s -- represents a struggle to find our place in the world, while the late 30s, 40s, and early 50s, sees us with a greater degree of self-mastery and influence over the environment. The Third, or final Cycle, can represent a flowering of our inner being, such that our true nature has finally come to fruition. It is during this period that one has the greatest degree of self-expression and power.

Your First Cycle (from birth until age 27) is 1

This is a period of much intensity. It requires fortitude, courage, and flexibility. Mahatma, you will be forced to use every one of your talents in order to achieve your own personal individuality and independence. This is a period of integration and a focusing on your life's dream. Your grip on your direction will be tested, but somehow the resources are available to overcome any obstacle and emerge from this time all the stronger. It is a time requiring independence, resilience, and strength, but these characteristics become integral part of your personality. This cycle marks a time of progress.

Your Second Cycle (from age 28 until age 54) is 2

This is a period of slow and patient development. Mahatma, you are acutely sensitive to your surroundings and highly intuitive. You possess a gift as a peacemaker and have tremendous power through gentle persuasion. Cultivate the talents of tact and diplomacy. Cooperate with others. Musical and other artistic talents come to fruition. Partnerships are important, requiring understanding and compromise. You need patience and flexibility, but you are under a gentle and benevolent influence in which others are happy to support you. Seek out beauty and harmonious environments, spend time in nature, and enjoy

the peace of close companionship. This is a period of slow but steady progress.

Your Third and last Cycle (from age 55) is 6

A time of family, responsibility, and duty. The issues of commitment, marriage, and family all come into sharp focus. When the commitments are made and one responds lovingly and with acceptance, this is a period of much harmony and support. You are greatly needed by those around you. You will be loved and appreciated. This is the best cycle for marriage. In the same way, partnerships go well and much progress is made from joint activities. Conversely, if commitments are not deeply made or are broken, separation and divorce often occur. Any artistic talent you possess will surface and new opportunities for self-expression will present themselves. Mahatma, you are also under very supportive influences for starting a business. This is a time of progress through flexibility, cooperation, and compromise.