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Timed birth charts in Volume One come from AstroDataBank, the late Lois Rodden's lifetime of meticulous work in collecting accurate data and setting standards for our field. Mark McDonough created the computerized version that makes access to that data collection possible. I have also drawn extensively on Lois' invaluable biographies for each data record. The full collection is online here: [Astro-Databank - Astrodienst](#).

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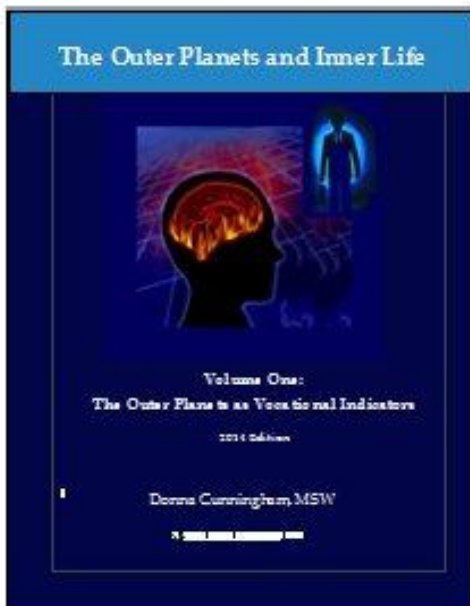
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About this ebook: The first of a trio of e-books on the outer planets, *The Outer Planets as Vocational Indicators*, draws on Donna Cunningham's 45 years of experience in counseling clients. It explores the effects of Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto on career choices, patterns, and dilemmas. There is an otherworldly element when the outer planets are career markers, a sense of serving a greater purpose in human history. Each chapter explores one of these planets in depth, applying them to the vocational sectors of the horoscope.

Note: each volume of the popular Outer Planet Trilogy is \$15 if ordered separately, but there's a special price of \$35 if all three are ordered at the same time. Order them here: moonmavenpublications.com.



Here Are a Few Excerpts:

If one of the career houses is strongly emphasized while the other two are not, then the house with the strongest emphasis dominates the career picture. The motivation for the person with a strong 10th house tends to be different from that of the person with a strong 2nd house or a strong 6th house. The type of career may be similar, but the motivation is different and, consequently, so may be the career outcome.

The 10th house represents the career, long-term goals, lifetime achievements, and one's ultimate status in the world. People with a strong 10th house emphasis are very career-oriented, rather than necessarily focused on money (2nd) or on work for its own sake (6th).

The career track would seldom be traditional when the tenth house features Uranus, Neptune, or Pluto or the signs those planets rule—Aquarius, Pisces, or Scorpio. Typically, it takes people with these chart placements longer to find their true vocation, since they are challenged to integrate the energy of that outer planet into the workplace, merging the transpersonal with the vocational.

For instance, people with Uranus near the Midheaven might gain recognition by shocking us and shaking up the status quo. People with Neptune near the Midheaven—say within ten degrees of it, might yearn for a career that is artistic and creative.

People with the outer planets strong in the 10th have a genius for signing on with bosses who are near-clones of their parents. For instance, some with Neptune on the Midheaven seem to gravitate to job after job where the boss, however service-minded and creative, is an alcoholic or addict, just like Mom or Dad was. The boss may even hire the Neptune-Midheaven person—though not consciously—to fill the role of rescuer and enabler.

Many people with strong outer planet placements in the 10th are repeatedly, though not usually consciously, drawn to work situations that recreate the family dynamics. When an individual's 10th house is strong and the 2nd and 6th are weak, reenactment of family dynamics may even be part of what makes the career so compelling.



Precocious children have been known to tell their parents, “you’re not the boss of me,” but individuals with Uranus in the career houses of the astrology chart may adopt this as a life-long motto. Some wear it on greasy tee shirts along with other rude sayings, while others deign to wear suits but carry the attitude around in their pockets, ready to whip it out at any challenge... Typical Uranians can be the kings and queens of, “take this job and stuff it.”

They tend to master technology or skills that put them well ahead of their field, but they find it difficult to accept being told what to do or commit to a deadening routine. Many function best in business for themselves. Others find a niche in chaotic enterprises or on the midnight shift where no one supervises them, so they fly by the seat of their pants.

It's not very Western to have Neptune, Pisces or 12th house pursuits as a vocation since those born into Western civilization tend to be more result-oriented and material-minded, even Me-centered.

Neptune asks something different of us, something more Eastern. It asks us to be selfless, to sacrifice, and to serve the greater good—and then not to get conceited about it.



Of all the planets, Neptune has the least to do with success in the material world, for its concerns are intangible and nebulous. Where Neptune is in the birth chart, we are usually at our most impractical, ungrounded, and idealistic—but also at our most inspired. Its sign, house, and aspects show visions we hope to realize in this lifetime. The positive expressions are service, compassion, spiritual seeking, creativity, and imagination—all worthwhile goals and badly needed in our world.

Service—one of our most generous impulses—originates in the heart. Yet, the path to service is full of twists and turns, for if consistently pursued in unwise ways, it is seldom good for either party. It can sap the giver's energy and resources while also subtly undermining the receiver's self-sufficiency, until it turns into a relationship based on rescuing and codependency.

People who serve in order to feel needed and to gain a sense of worth may covertly sabotage those they help. When ego or desire for personal gain enter the picture, our highest intentions can become corrupted. Neptune shows where we are most prone to denial, so ego can masquerade as its reverse, spiritual pride. (“I’m the best servant and the humblest person in the whole wide world.”)

The house Pluto occupies in the birth chart can represent areas of life where we **fail for spite**. That is, we may chronically set ourselves up to fail in those areas in ways that are painful, frustrating, and mystifying to us on a conscious level. On the unconscious level, the motive is often to get back at potent childhood figures who considered that area crucial. The behavior is self-destructive, like the scorpion's sting. For some Plutonians, however, extracting vengeance is more important than doing well.



With Pluto in the vocational houses, failing in the career can embarrass the parent or other authority figure, a form of revenge. (“You said I’d never make anything of myself. Well, I’ll show you....”) Parents can’t control whether their offspring succeed or not, and the more parents demand success, the greater the sting when their offspring fail.

People with Pluto or Scorpio planets in the vocational houses or aspecting the Midheaven are prone to dramatic career turns, for better or for worse, especially under transits to the Midheaven, natal vocational-house planets, or natal Pluto.

Many of them glory in intensity, exist at a life or death pitch, and view work situations in terms of extremes—black and white, good vs. evil, shadow vs. light. If they engage in spiteful, self-destructive rounds of hardball, they may crash and burn publicly, even

repeatedly, under transits or progressions to planets in vocational houses or to the Midheaven. If they are evolving past those negative patterns, they are capable of amazing turnarounds—the Phoenix rising from its own ashes.

Reviews of *The Outer Planets and Inner Life*, v.1: The Outer Planets as Career Indicators:

Klaus Bonert: "I must say: a big compliment to Donna for writing this mature book. How she deals with this heavy-duty stuff, in a constructive way, shows the rich multilevel expertise she has. I am eager to see volumes two and three as well."

Angela Gibson wrote to her astrology newlist: "In her usual brilliant style, Donna's first book in this three-part series is a must-have, not only for those who are interested in Vocational astrology, but also for those who have felt a bit vague about connecting to the outer planets and those who want deeper psychological insight into the chart."

Marcia Butchart wrote in the newsletter for NCGR, Boston Chapter:

"This newest e-book from Donna Cunningham opens the door to an important and practical way of assessing the impact of Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto on individuals' lives and careers. Much of our literature that deals with their impact seems to suggest that they function only on a mysterious, psycho-spiritual level or on mass populations.

"Where is an individual's personal interface with collective energies in the zeitgeist most likely to manifest on a daily level? In the workplace, yes? So Donna offers, I think, a very useful lens through which to view their influence, as well as some sound advice on handling their issues when they arise.

"The advice in each outer planet's chapter for handling their energies that can bedevil one's work life is extremely useful. I also think the potential healing methodologies for resolving difficult outer planet manifestations could be very useful; see the Pluto chapter, in particular.

"Of great importance is that this material is presented with understanding and compassion. It is all too easy to present hard truths—even well meant counsel—in a wounding manner. Donna's lack of any judgmental stance on the undeniable fact that these vast energies are easy to mishandle is much appreciated. I feel it reflects both her extensive experience and a talent for gentle handling of the human soul."

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