

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO READ BEFORE SCHEDULING A SESSION

### **In-person Sessions**

In-person sessions take place in Alexandria, Virginia. Directions will be provided upon scheduling.

### **Telephone Sessions**

Telephone sessions are available whether you are local or distant. Usually, the **client calls me at (703) 548-4552 at the agreed upon time.** If it is a toll call and you live in the continental U.S., I am happy to call you.

### **Cancellation**

Because significant time and thought is put into preparing for your session, the courtesy of **at least 24 hours advance notice for cancellations is expected or you will be billed for your session.** If I must cancel your session with less than 24 hours notice, you will be entitled to a compensatory session free-of-charge. If you advise of a need to change the scheduled session more than 24 hours ahead, I am always happy to reschedule.

### **Confidentiality**

All information exchanged during a session is considered confidential even if a third party is paying for the session. I will not discuss your visit with anyone, nor release your chart information without your specific permission. You, however, are free to share the recording and your experience of our session with anyone you choose.

### **Payment**

If services are offered in-person, payment is expected at the time of the session. If offered by phone, payment is expected in advance. **Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.**

### **Recording of Session**

All sessions are recorded and an mp3 file is provided electronically afterward. If you do not want your session recorded, specify before the session begins. **The recording is offered as a courtesy and cannot be guaranteed.** You always have the option to record the session yourself. If in the unlikely event that the recorder malfunctions, the session cannot be repeated.

### **What information is needed in advance?**

Your **birth data (date, exact time and place) as well as the issues or concerns about which you seek assistance** (see below) are needed no later than 48 hours before your session.

### **Importance of Birth Time Accuracy**

**The accuracy of the astrological information you are given depends on the accuracy of the birth time that you provide.** For every four minutes the time is off, the details of your chart can change by one degree. This can create a significant inaccuracy, especially when forecasting ahead. It

is well worth your time to pursue all possible means of get an accurate birth time or you might consider having your chart time rectified (see below).

### **Suggestions for finding your birth time**

- The best source is your birth certificate. In the US there are two forms, a short form (does not include time) and long form (time of birth noted). The long form is usually available at the county seat where born, or perhaps the town, city or state. The office is usually called the Office of Vital Records.
- Mom is not the best source. More often than not she may be off by several hours, but then after all she was busy giving birth to you. Only if she wrote it down or another family member corroborates the time is her memory likely to be accurate.
- Research online. Vitalchek.com [link] provides a service that will send you a birth certificate, but remember to ask for and insist that you only want the "Long Version," sometimes called Birth Long or Birth Full or you will waste your money.
- Other places to look are: baby books, family bibles, birth announcements (perhaps printed in the local paper), hospital basinet card or parent's diary.
- Family lore. Important family memories connect with the birth event and are now family lore, such as "just as the church bells rang," "just before the game started," or "as the sun was rising." Such events are researchable.
- Contact the hospital directly. If the hospital still exists and the doctor who delivered you can be found, they may still have records, though it could require writing a letter and paying a processing fee.

**If no record is available, it is still possible to have an astrological consultation** by leaving out certain details that cannot be determined without your birth time.

### **Chart Rectification**

One way to determine your probable birth time involves giving anecdotal information of major events in your life (injuries, births, deaths, weddings, significant moves, etc.) to an astrologer who specializes in rectification. By going backwards in time, it is possible to surmise your birth time. This is complicated and time consuming. However, if you would like to have deeper insights to your personality and more accurate forecasts, a chart rectification is advised. I will give you a referral to someone highly qualified.

### **Issues or Concerns**

To gain the most from your session, it is suggested that you share in advance

any issues or concerns for which you seek more clarity. Getting help from astrology is not a passive act of gathering information, but an interactive experience.

The astrological information presented may be more than you requested. Do not be surprised if the information provided leaves you feeling overwhelmed. That is why a recording is useful to refer to afterward and as time goes by. When important things are seen, I will advise you in the most helpful way, brainstorming solutions and helping you consider alternative courses of action. Although astrology is not psychotherapy, it can sometimes have a therapeutic effect. If deeper issues are uncovered, I may refer you to trusted trained professionals who can help you.

### **Follow-up Questions**

If you have a question after your session, I will be happy to answer it by phone within one week of the session if it takes less than ten minutes to answer and does not require calculating an additional chart.

### **Forecasting vs. Fortune-telling**

Dianne provides forecasting services, rather than predictions or fortune-telling. Astrology is a magnificent tool for understanding the cycles and stages of emotional, psychological and spiritual development. Knowledge of this enables you to align with your inner rhythms and more effectively pursue your goals. What is provided may be likened to a Cosmic Weather Report. It is my educated opinion of what may be ahead for you so that you may prepare. However, since we co-create with the Divine, your freewill and intentions strongly influence the actual events and circumstances in your life.

### **Other People's Charts**

Though you may be curious about other people in your life, it is not ethical for me to provide information about anyone else without their permission. However, I will provide a chart comparison or make comments on compatibility with another person without going deeply into the other person's life. An exception is made for parents of children under 18 who may be seeking useful information about how to better parent their child.

### **Can you get a recording of your chart interpretation without speaking to me?**

No. Since your birth chart is a set of potentials that come to life through your moment by moment decisions and actions, it is only through interaction with you that the chart is revealed and my intuitive is activated.

**Any further questions are welcome at [Info@SpiritInMatters.com](mailto:Info@SpiritInMatters.com).**

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