



## The Inspiring Muses

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Ancient writers appealed to the Muses at the beginning of their works. Homer asked the Muses both in the Iliad and Odyssey to help him tell the story in the most proper way, and until today the Muses are symbols of inspiration and artistic creation.

The Nine Muses were not interested in anything of the regular human everyday life and they wanted to dedicate their lives to the Arts. Apollo brought them to the big and beautiful Mount Elikonas where the older Temple of Zeus used to be. Ever since the Muses supported and encouraged creation enhancing imagination and inspiration of the artists.

Greek Mythology gives the account that two Muses invented theory and practice in learning, three Muses invented the musical vibrations in lyre, four Muses invented the four known dialects in the language – Attica, Ionian, Aeolian, and Dorian – and five Muses the five human senses. Seven Muses invented the seven chords of the lyre, the seven celestial zones, the seven planets, and the seven vocals of the Greek Alphabet.

### **2nd House Libra**

Libra in the 2nd House denotes one whose relationship with others become crucial and vital. Their sense of worth is realized via relationships and interactions with others. Money is often acquired through teamwork as well as in the fields of law and justice.

You have a lot of care and love for others as well as can be extremely tactful and diplomatic. This placement has great earning potential through artistic pursuits and you will find success in this area.

### **Calliope**

Calliope was the superior Muse. She was accompanying kings and princes in order to impose justice and serenity. She was the protector of heroic poems and rhetoric art.

Libra is ruled by Venus and depicted as the scales of justice. Venus is queen of art, artifice, personal adornment, and theatrical performance. This would suggest that the main inspiration is simple, true, and that you are inspired by items of great quality and value. You have an urge either to create or to collect art that displays persistence and longevity.

With Urania below this is likely to indicate a futuristic kind of inspiration inspired by numerous alien science fiction characters or speculative novels. Most likely this would supercharge an interest in space travel, astronomy, or astrology. Philosophy and mathematics also find their home here.

## **Urania**

Urania was the protector of celestial objects and stars. She invented astronomy. She was always depicted bearing stars, a celestial sphere, and a compass.

Being in the moment, sensuality, music and dance, and loyalty to your vision/values resonate to this placement.

Connecting with people, forging partnerships, making things beautiful and artistic, diplomacy and balance are all the areas where Urania in Libra makes her presence felt and known.

Be mindful of the pitfalls in caring too much about what others think, people pleasing, and being overly collaborative to the point that nothing gets done. Likewise watch out for hanging on stubbornly to an idea that's past its prime, resisting change, and the need to always be right.

In common parlance Urania shows involvement with topics of cosmology, mathematics, or any kind of theoretical, abstract, and symbolic knowledge. There exists also the ability to extrapolate principles and relevant data from a massive number of facts akin to the talent for seeing the forest for the trees. Be wary of intellectual defenses as well as a tendency to overthink. In the areas where these two asteroids sit you should continue to recognize that what we know collectively continues to change and grow with new discoveries and further research.

## **1st House Virgo**

Virgo, an Earth sign, can be helpful for professional pairings and yet you have to resist the desire to be overly critical of another team member's work. One need not pick the other apart. You can come across as a quiet and respectable soul if you can avoid the perfectionism inherent in this placement. You get more done with others than independently.

## **Clio**

Clio discovered history and guitar. History was named Clio in the ancient years, because it refers to "kleos" the Greek word for the heroic acts, celebration, and to recount. Clio was always represented with a clarion in the right arm and a book in the left hand.

This asteroid appears prominently in the charts of noted historians or writers whose work depends heavily upon an intimate knowledge of history.

A strong Clio in your chart need not manifest as a career choice per se as it could simply indicate a love of history is likely. Some sort of involvement with a historical organization or venue could very well be possible. There may also be an attraction for arcane knowledge or you may fancy an old fashioned perhaps antiquated outlook.

You likely had a voracious appetite for history from an early age. You may find that you accumulate a private library of volumes in various topics much larger than that offered by small town libraries. A career in history as an academic could well be impractical if you have little desire to teach. Nonetheless the love of history could indicate one's favorite form of nonfiction reading.

## **10th House Gemini**

You will require a great deal of variety in your public and working life. You will love meeting influential people, being a trend setter, and delivering the latest news/information to others! Drawn towards having many different life experiences and switching careers very often throughout your life you will excel at turning yourself into a personal brand able to market yourself using a variety of social media platforms.

### **Euterpe**

Euterpe discovered several musical instruments, courses, and dialectic. She was always depicted holding a flute while many instruments were always around her.

This placement is exceptional for self-expression at a core level. Gemini is ruled by Mercury and always signifies communication. You are finding your voice in the public as you may not have had much luck speaking your mind in other aspects of life. You have savvy communication skills in the workplace and can pretty much own anyone publicly with your rhetoric.

Political speech writing and city planning may be appealing. Don't rule out journalism, teaching, the performance arts, and fashion design. You desire fast moving diverse activities or you may get bored. Other public pursuits like writing to the editor of the local newspaper may be appealing.

### **Thalia**

Thalia was the protector of comedy. She discovered comedy, geometry, architectural science, and agriculture. She was also protector of Symposiums. She was always depicted holding a theatrical comedy mask.

Every zodiac sign showcases a unique sense of humor. Gemini tends to govern humor with being the silliest and goofiest as well as the most light-hearted. You are the ones who love to laugh the most.

Thalia in this placement can have a more intellectual approach to comedy and tends to be drier or wittier. Your social skills tend to help you adapt to other's sense of humor too.

You may find yourself enjoying various comedic acts if you yourself do not want to make a career out of this placement. Charlie Chaplin and Groucho Marx were two of the first performers to use visual media to tickle our funny bones. Then the iconic television show "I Love Lucy" starring Lucille Ball came to us. She co-produced four successful series initially with singer/band leader husband Desi Arnaz.

## **7th House Pisces**

You seek to transcend the self through marriage and one-to-one relationships of partnership and cooperation. You make for an imaginative, selfless, and compassionate partner. You may seek to marry a poet, musician, mystic/spiritual partner (priest, nun, or monk), or a person who works in film and photography.

You have desire to completely merge with your partner. Beware of any inability to set boundaries with your partner.

### **Erato**

Erato was the protector of love and more specifically love poetry as well as weddings. Her name comes from the Greek word "Eros" which refers to the feeling of falling in love. She was depicted holding a lyre, love arrows, and bows.

Your desire is shown through concentrating on your partner and the relationship between the two of you. You will generally not be one to look for love outside of marriage.

You deeply connect to a partner on a soul level. More than any other placement perhaps and are looking for the ultimate or ideal soul mate. Erato in Pisces can feel the emotions of their partner in a magnified way and this will enhance your compassion.

You will try in every way not to offend or hurt others with your words and can be a very good listener. Do not try to impose your own opinions. Vagueness and inconsistency in your beliefs can often cause confusion and misunderstanding due to the fact that very often you may deal in abstractions. You believe it takes two to make things work.

This placement is very poetic and lends an artistic nature to your thought process. You will be able to sympathize with others and often can communicate with animals on an unseen level. Your romantic mind set will bring an attraction to reading fanciful literature, Shakespeare, and the like.

#### **4th House Sagittarius**

You need to lead an authentic life to be happy. This is a good placement as it allows you to have enough expansion for emotional growth. However, you might substitute emotional satisfaction with philosophical and mental concerns. But this isn't necessarily a bad thing. You're open to adventure and seeing the entire world as a place to call home.

You love exploring ideas yet should refrain from becoming a know-it-all. Reign in your passions and focus on long-term goals.

While you may have been born to a traditional family you will try to break free from this. There is a strong need to create and establish your own belief system.

There is strong sense of independence and a feeling that the world is your home.

#### **Melpomene**

Opposite from Thalia, Melpomene was the protector of Tragedy. She invented tragedy, rhetoric speech, and Melos (melody in Ancient Greek music). She was depicted holding a tragedy mask and usually bearing a bat.

Melpomene can represent grief, loss, and mourning. It can represent the loss of a lover, extremely important documents that can't be retrieved, or something like the loss of a cell phone with no information backed up.

What stories do you tell yourself? Are they tragic tales of woe or heroic epics of triumph over adversity? The tales you tell over and over are like the sculptor's hammer tap tap tapping the shape of your life. The more meaning you find in your experiences, the more exquisite the detail, the more beautiful the form. Open up to divine inspiration. See that your life is a work of art in the making.

You seek to find ways to help and heal people through spiritual, physical, and down to Earth means. You offer information to people that builds bridges while marrying ideas together for more profound healing and wisdom.

## **11th House Cancer**

People are very drawn to your energy often expecting you to care for them or solve their problems. You are often very accommodating and tend towards pleasing others. With this placement you are drawn toward taking care of others.

People with this placement are used to working hard and surviving in an often hostile environment. Part of your life was often challenging. You had to face scarcity, had a lot of burden on your shoulders at a young age, and some form of responsibility was always present in your life. You have no choice but to keep fighting for survival.

## **Polyhymnia**

Polyhymnia was the protector of the divine hymns and mimic art. She invented geometry and grammar. She was depicted looking up to the sky while holding a lyre.

How you got caught up in a particular belief system is a long and perhaps currently irrelevant story. You're still caught in its net regardless. To get free you will need to take out your mental scissors and snip away at everything that's not freedom.

Polyhymnia is usually depicted as very serious and meditative. Considering that the natural world is the greatest inspiration known to man it is easy to see how Polyhymnia's job should be easy. Apparently, it's not. In the industrial age as many humans have lost their respect for nature.

It is being shown in studies that increased green space in urban communities correlates with lower rates of crime, depression, and poverty. Some poets who wrote about nature may find their way into your heart such as Robert Frost, John Keats, and Alfred Lord Tennyson.

Almost all religions of the world have ceremonies and rituals that involve nature whether it's a pilgrimage, the burning of certain woods or herbs, the drinking of specific juices, baptisms, and other rituals with water, ceremonial flowers, or plant essences and adornment. Let nature be your inspiration.

## **Terpsichore**

Terpsichore was the protector of dance. She invented dances, the harp, and education. She was called Terpsichore because she was enjoying and having fun with dancing (terpo in Greek refers to being amused). She was depicted wearing laurels on her head, holding a harp, and dancing.

Terpsichore with Cancer relates to food and nurturing. Throughout your chart we find all of these other hard-working aspects in play so make sure you are nurturing your body. Dance is about graceful moves with poise and the body needs to move. If you work from home get up and dance around. Even toe tapping to music works.

Dance serves a wide array of functions that can include social, theatrical, ceremonial, competitive, biological, spiritual, and therapeutic. In many cultures stories are told through dance. Every generation has its own popular dance.

Likewise make your taste buds dance by giving them cell reviving clean foods and mineral water. Your social life often revolves around food, home decorating projects, or family-based occasions at your house. Homey gatherings nurture all concerned and provide a haven against an insecure world