

# Case study 3: Tanja

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## Question

"What important tasks have I set for myself in this lifetime?"

## 1. Analysis

With this question, you can look for repeating themes that come to the fore, as it were, and thus may be up for processing. Then, planets at the descending lunar node are definitely a life task, as are planets on an axis, as well as Lilith as a call to courageously follow one's path. Chiron can represent a task, but the challenge is more likely to accept the fears that may accompany it and find some "protective strategy" to avoid being easily hurt.

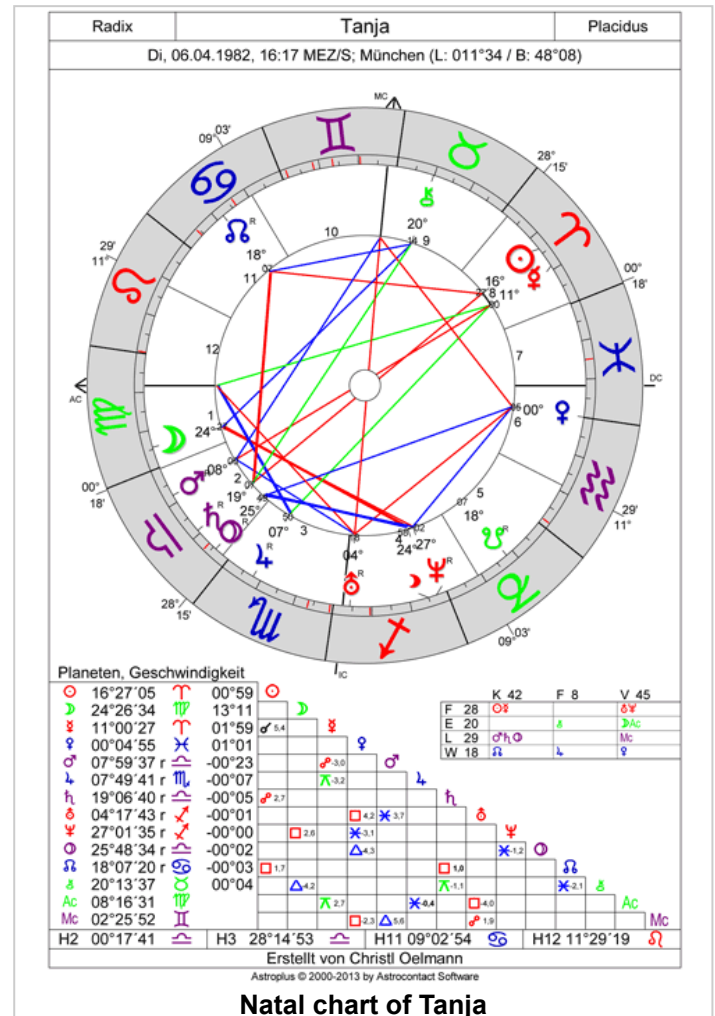
Repetition of themes occurs in Tanja's family or extended family: Sun/Mercury are in the clan house 8, in square to the descending lunar node, Uranus is at the cusp of the family house 4, and Lilith (as a clan factor) is also in house 4 in exact square to the Moon, which rules the ascending lunar node and the 11th house (the house of elective affinities, of "chosen" families).

Furthermore, it is worth mentioning Saturn as providing a task, square the descending lunar node. I would also consider Pluto square to the descending lunar node, as I assign an orb of 10° to the descending lunar node.

With Sun/Mercury in house 8, an essential theme for Tanja can be to develop her ideas and thoughts (Mercury) and thus to follow her path, her goal, her being, her being-ness (Sun), independent of the guidelines of the extended family or clan. Something like being a pioneer (Aries) in being different and thinking differently from the ancestors. And to implement this in an approachable, balanced, diplomatic way (opposition to Mars in Libra) via her value system (2nd house). She might succeed since Mars is in house 2 (talents, skills). One way would be to express this in the professional field (house 2: professional house and Mars trine MC).

Uranus on the cusp of house 4 (family) indicates a second summons to deal with family issues. Again, Tanja's mission could be to be DIFFERENT from the other family members, to show her way, to blaze a new trail, perhaps in terms of knowledge, education, broadening horizons, or even a sense of adventure (cusp of house 4 in Sagittarius). This Uranus in the 4th house strongly supports Mars in the 2nd house: "Do something of your own, something different, or do it differently than others have done before."

The same theme comes up with Lilith in Sagittarius in house 4, which, with its exact square to the Moon, is likely to focus on the female lineage of kin and family. Lilith is a goddess, but in the earthly realm, in everyday life, she symbolizes clan themes and the call to walk one's path, if at all possible, perhaps even to stand uncompromisingly by oneself and one's ideas (knowledge, education, broadening of horizons is again addressed here by the sign Sagittarius).



It will not be easy for Tanja because Lilith is conjunct Neptune and sextile Pluto. So, on the one hand, she will feel the impulse to change the feminine way of her ancestors unconditionally (Pluto), and, on the other hand, she will have to be empathetic and compassionate in relationships and the relationship with herself (Lilith/Neptune and sextile Venus in Pisces). It is not an easy task, but a talent triangle between Lilith/Neptune/Pluto and Venus helps.

Tanja's path is probably also complicated by Sun/Mercury and Saturn/Pluto at the descending Moon's Node. This constellation suggests that Tanja brings experiences of power and powerlessness (Saturn/Pluto) with the masculine aspects (Sun) into this life or had to go through such experiences on her journey to herself and her ideas (Sun/Mercury). A theme repetition to this is also Sun/Mercury in house 8, in which we often encounter "old experiences brought with us."

Chiron in house 9 points to high sensitivity and vulnerability in forming one's opinions, ideas, knowledge, and general education. Together with Mercury in house 8 (clan themes around understanding and ideas, thoughts) and an unaspected Jupiter in house 3, the possibility is very suggestive that it is Tanja's task to go beyond the "allowed knowledge of women" in this clan.

Because an unaspected planet was - very simplified - either not lived adequately or remained entirely unlived within the clan, the soul that comes into the world with the unaspected planet then wants to try to express this planetary energy in a unique form as yet unlived in the clan. For Tanja, with Jupiter in Scorpio in house 3, it is probably about deepening knowledge, finishing thoughts and facts, and perhaps passing them on (house 3), which might be challenging with Chiron in house 9, the house of ideas, opinions, and worldviews.

(Before I knew anything about her, I had suspected she might be a teacher due to the emphasis on Sagittarius/Gemini, Mercury, and House 3).

## **2. Summary**

I can answer Tanja's question about what tasks are probably significant in her life as follows:

Independently of permission, understanding, and goodwill of her clan or family to pursue her path in education, increase her knowledge, broaden her horizons, and thus come to her own opinion and worldview.

Thus, to attain a value system of her own and, in this way, achieve assertiveness (Mars), self-empowerment (Pluto), and self-responsibility (Saturn) in house 2.

Perhaps even to detach herself inwardly from the (male) demands of the clan and enter into elective affinities with like-minded people.

## **3. Conclusion**

Tanja comes from a very down-to-earth, conventional merchant family. Already "from birth, she was cradled" - as she put it - to enter the big ready-to-wear clothing business, which had been in the family for several generations. When, against her father's wishes, she became the first woman in the family to go to university (to study law), her father refused to give her any emotional attention, recognition, or support, which caused her to break off contact with him.