

BEAT FROM THE STRET

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"I'm a homeless person walking around here. You should see the way they look down their fucking noses at me, you know? You wanna make change, you want to be a part of change? Get out there and create it. I'm tired of hearing it, you know? Don't wait on the next man to do it. Don't wait on the government to do it. It's not gonna happen. They say trickle-down don't work.

Guess what? Sitting on the sidelines don't either, you know? Point-blank, it doesn't. It doesn't and the system's got us so strung up on this other bullshit that we're missing the whole goddamn point as a society. It ain't white versus black. It's all smoke and mirrors."

"You know what? Don't take a vacation this year. Go buy a bunch of freaking groceries. Get out there and go buy a bunch of blankets. Come back and give them out to the homeless.

You don't bitch about it when the government don't do it. Why would they? You know how you want to change your government? Get out

here and do it yourself. Lead by example. 'Cause I guaran-damn-tee ya, if enough voters get out here and start doing this shit, trust me, politicians will too, you know?"

That's a good point, yeah. So do you have anything that inspires you creatively?

"You know, the world around me. I love it. I mean, I do. I'm a DJ as well. So, my inspirations turned from something positive into just complete and utter negativity for the last five years."

Yeah.

"It really has. I just got my third degree. I sit in class as a 45-year-old man and listen to all this shit when I know. I've lived my life. I've owned a house. I've had families and I just listen to this shit and it's just, like, wow, really? That ain't the way it really is. You know, I think college is just so ill-preparing these kids."

That's interesting.

"Yeah, but like I said, Asheville's

changing."

Yeah.

"Yeah, it really is. I mean, I love it. I do. But, so far, I'm thinking about a different coastline."

What is one thing you like about Asheville?

"I mean, I love the whole downtown. I love the fact it's local. I'm a local. But once again, I hate the fact that if I light a cigarette here in the park, I go to jail."

Yeah, \$50 fine, right?

"Yeah, yeah. But meanwhile, I'm standing here and watch people stand outside the Bier Garden who aren't local and bust out freaking windshields in cars and stand outside and drink, raise hell. I can sit here all day long, everyday, because I play chess.

I can sit here everyday and watch tourists light cigarettes in this park and they'll just be like, 'Oh, please put it out.' But you let me light a cigarette and they're like, 'Oh, hell no,' here. You know, like I said, it's

changing up here."

Yeah.

"But, I mean, I do love Asheville. I love the fact that it wants to change. I just hate the fact that all they do is talk about it. There's no actions. There's none and there's never gonna be, you know? Because even when I first moved here 10 years ago, all the shit was local-owned."

Yeah.

"Now, there are outside influences and they're teetering the scales of money and why do you think none of the locals live down here? They all moved to West Asheville or out to Oakley or outside or Weaverville or Woodfin."

Yeah, yeah, downtown's unsustainable.

"It's just, it's not Asheville anymore. It used to be. I wish to hell it would go back being but it's not, you know? What makes the world spin? Money. We can say it doesn't. But it does."

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they are closest to. Neumann was at first upset by this, but admitted there was some truth to it.

Just because your birth chart says something about you that you consider negative does not mean it is. Bossiness can be really good for directing someone who lacks initiative or pleasing someone they care about. Neumann's chart also placed her sun and moon sign in a trine meaning her emotions (moon) and her personal identity (sun) are in harmony. It is said having this in your chart makes you laid-back and relaxed as a person and can influence one to be very caring and warm hearted naturally.

"I'm interested now," Neumann said. "That's all true."

This is by no means an attempt to persuade the masses to live their lives astrologically, only to encourage those already interested in astrology to further explore it.

Nifemi Ogunro, a recent Appalachian State University graduate, already uses it in her life. When asked about her chart, she excitedly exclaimed that she had already completed the whole thing.

"I was in college when I did my full chart," Ogunro said. "I'm a Cancer with an Aquarius moon and Scorpio rising sign. Knowing not only what your sun and moon are, but their elements will help you better identify why you respond to things a certain way. It just makes things specific."

Astrology does not explain your-

self to you. It is very similar to when a therapist asks, "Are you aware that this may come from your tendency to ___?" You do not have to listen to your therapist, but it cannot hurt to try.

I am a Cancer with an Aquarius moon sign and a Sagittarius rising sign. Your rising sign is how people view you when they meet you. It is conflicting, but rounding.

I am a nurturing person and have many emotions that could very well run rampant if not for my Aquarius moon sign.

This creates a very analytical view of my feelings and the things that affect me so that in my quiet moments, I am thinking about a logical way to respond to a situation for the best outcome for every-

one involved.

Both of these may create a sullen nature if not for my Sagittarius rising sign, which makes me almost annoyingly idealistic.

It is almost like a childlike coating over the melancholy poet which makes me look to the past as a lesson and the future as a chance to confidently affect my future and that of others positively.

Astrology might help if you feel you are always fighting yourself to do what you really want. If not, then you can always head to the career center and take your Meyers-Briggs personality test.

We all need a way to process the world and our reactions to it. Astrology is simply a fun avenue you could take.