

Nurturer.
Magnetic.

Seeks
security.
Cerebral.



Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck
CHARLES KRUM, AP

Peacemaker.
Loyal

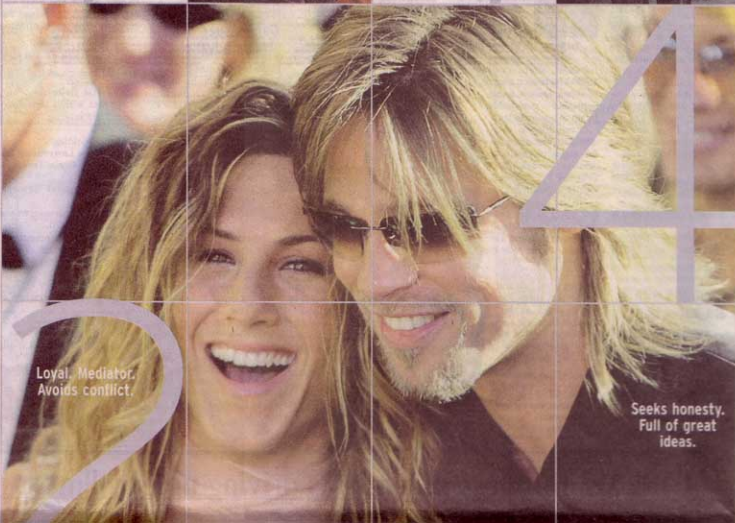
Mysterious.
Private.



Madonna and Guy Ritchie
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Loyal. Mediator.
Avoids conflict.

Seeks honesty.
Full of great
ideas.



How does it work?

Numerology uses numbers to explain a person's character and offer advice for the future. It dates back to the early Greek mathematician Pythagoras, though modern scientists generally view it as a pseudoscience.

Similar to the way astrology looks to astronomy and the movements of planets to explain traits and tendencies, numerology looks to the numbers to identify characteristics and divine the future.

In "Glynis Has Your Number" (Hyperion, \$19.95), numerologist Glynis McCants breaks down birthdates and names into six single-digit numbers: the Life Path, Soul, Personality, Power Name, Birth Day and Attitude numbers.

To calculate your Life Path number, add every number in your birthdate and keep reducing it until you're left with a single digit.

For instance, Tom Cruise was born on July 3, 1962, or 7/3/1962. Add those numbers individually - $7+3+1+9+6+2$ - and you get 28. Add $2+8$ and you get 10. Add $1+0$ and you get 1, the Life Path number for Cruise.

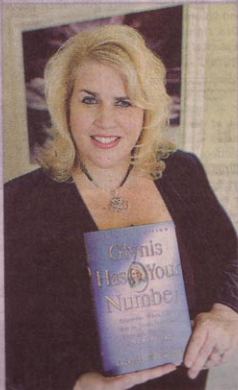
McCants describes the different characteristics of the different numbers in detail in the book, but in general, they might be summarized as follows:

1: Independent, self-motivated, hard workers who want to be No. 1. They're hard on themselves, and can be critical of others. They like to be

When celebrities want to know what's coming, they rely on ...

FIGURE THAT: Numerologist Glynis McCants with her book, now in its third printing.

HOYEN TSANG, FOR THE REGISTER



The Countess

By PETER LARSEN
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Numerologist Glynis McCants looks almost heartsick as she talks about Brad and Jen and the split that rocked, if not the world, at least that part that gets its gossip in the grocery line.

"She had three 2s and needed to feel special, but he's a 4," McCants says.

Oh, of course.

For where you and I might gaze upon Mr. Pitt and Ms. Aniston and see a glamorous celebrity couple, McCants sees numbers, strings of six digits. Like strands of numerical DNA, they tell her everything she needs to know.

And Brad and Jen had good numbers, doggone it. Except for that frustrating 4 that kept Brad from showing Jen how much he loved her, sighs McCants, a Seal Beach native and author of "Glynis Has Your Number."

"I'm not giving up on them.

"I think they should get in to a counselor and work it out, because if they do get divorced, they'll regret it the rest of their lives."

And McCants is just as confident of the celebrity numbers she crunches for the magazines or television and radio programs that call her:

• Britney Spears and Kevin Federline: Great sex is all they've

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busy and don't tolerate laziness in their circle. When they succeed, they radiate joy.

2: Peacemakers, mediators and loyal. When they say they love you, they mean it. They enjoy sharing their lives with someone special. If they feel threatened, they can lash out, but most often try to avoid conflict.

3: Strong communicators who make good writers, performers, comedians. Can be a little depressive if they don't have an outlet for their creative energy. Prone to exaggeration and known for their trademark smile, eyes and voice.

4: Security seekers who find a haven in their home. Often cerebral, they need to find ways to relax their minds, which are busy coming up with great ideas. They need organization, and order and if the home seems messy, that's a sign the 4 is not doing well.

5: Lovers of freedom, fun, adventure. Without which they can be overly dramatic. Natural detectives and celebrators of life, they have a hard time settling down and often fear being trapped or smothered in a relationship.

6: Nurturers, the men seek to rescue damsels in distress, the women try to mother the little boys inside their men. Suited to management of companies. When things are smooth, they sometimes turn things upside down. People find them magical, and their moods can be unpredictable.

7: Cerebral with an air of the toner. They need to leave to have faith. If they lack faith, they can become cynical and seek escape through alcohol or work. Can have an air of mystery and privacy.

8: Safety comes from financial security. They struggle with taking risks and need to feel their decisions are their choices, not someone else's, so they often learn things the hard way. Their honesty can seem blunt and insensitive, though they do feel deeply about events in their lives.

9: Natural leaders, people as sure they're in charge even if they aren't. They take care of others but need to speak up when they need help or love. They can feel unloved by their parents or feel responsible for them. They struggle to let go of the past.

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got going, the numbers say. And you're surprised?

• Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin: Soul mates for life.

• Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner: Next!

• Madonna and Guy Ritchie: Built to last - even after "Swept Away."

• Whitney Houston and Bobby Brown: Like a car crash, you look but it ain't pretty.

"Look at that relationship - it's grotesque," McCants says of Bobby and Whitney, the doom of whom she predicted more than two years ago in one of her semi-regular appearances in *Star* magazine.

So, why are they still together? "Anyone can stay in a relationship," she says. "The question is, 'Is it healthy?' And the answer right there is, 'No.'"

FIGURING IT OUT

You could say McCants fell into numerology by accident, but she'd correct you - it was always in her numbers. She just had to find her way there.

After growing up in Seal Beach - she was born at home on Jade Cove Way, the ninth of 11 children - she was headed for a career in radio broadcasting until a depressing number stopped her cold.

"When I found out I'd get minimum wage for broadcasting, that's when I decided to do stand-up comedy," McCants says.

While working on her comedy act and auditioning for acting gigs, a broken heart eventually led her to a Newport Beach numerologist for help.

What she heard impressed and helped her so much that she embarked on years of study, eventually working numerology into her comedy.

Her break came in 1994, after talking her way onto KFI-AM/1070 as a guest on a chat show.

"I started talking about numerology, and, 'the phones went nuts,'" McCants says. "Four or five. They kept saying, 'Can you stop?'"

Shortly after going off the air, she says, she received a sign.

"I am a total Catholic, and I have huge faith in God," she says. "Around that time, I'd told my mom, 'I know I have more to give.'"

"Well, when I was done with the KFI show, all the people who worked there wanted me to do their numbers.

"So, as I was doing them, I heard a voice say: 'There you go. You wanted to make a difference. You wanted to find your own thing.' I heard it and I just started crying, in joy."

The KFI appearance eventually landed her 2,000 readings for clients worth a pay \$100 an hour.

"I had people literally sitting on the steps outside my apartment on Ordway Avenue, waiting for their turn," McCants says. "It was like a Beatles concert."

From there, she worked her way onto TV shows, talking about celebrities and giving the audience advice. Talk-show hosts such as Leiza Gibbons, Cybill Shepherd and Caroline Rhea liked her so much they became clients - and in the case of Gibbons, a close friend.

Word got around Hollywood about her talent, she says, and more stars became clients.

"I did the Camryn Manheim baby shower through Caroline Rhea, and read Brooke Shields' trees," she says. "I did an hour and a half with Portia de Rossi after 'The Caroline Rhea Show,' too.

"The reason celebrities love my work is that they're just vibrations to me," McCants says.

As for the numbers, "I don't talk to them about their numbers - not, 'Oooh, you're a big celebrity,' even though I sometimes walk away and say, 'That was a big deal!'"

ADDING IT UP

"Are you a 6?" McCants asks as we're settled into the living room of her San Gabriel home to chat. "What's your birthdate?"

"Turns out, my Life Path number - the most important of the six digits she calculates - is a 5, but my attitude number is a 6, which explains the vibrations I'm giving off, she says.



IT'S IN THE NUMBERS: Glynis McCants uses a numerology formula to determine people's personality traits.

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Writing quickly on a clipboard in her lap, she breaks down your birthdate and name, and tells me who I am.

"Your 7s say you're incredibly cerebral - you have an air of mystery," McCants tells me, and I nod as though thoughtfully and inscrutably as I can.

"I'm told my numbers show I might have trouble making up my mind or finishing tasks, and I grimace at the familiarity of the critique.

In 2005, my numbers have me primed for projects around the house, McCants says, which is exactly what the psychic at the Christmas party told me, but that's another story.

And finally, McCants tells me to assure my wife to stop worrying that my 5s and her 4s aren't compatible, as a quick reading of "Glynis Has Your Number" seemed to suggest.

"The attitude numbers matter, and her 5 attitude number bonds her to you," McCants says.

"Phew!"

It is easy to go along for the ride as you listen to her talk, yet even after the skeptical part of the brain chimes in, McCants' sincerity is clear.

For, to hear her describe it, numerology is a tool to help you live a hap-

pier, healthier life.

She met her husband after penning an ad for a dating service that read, "Numerologist looking for a man who's really got my number."

Charlie St. Dennis Youngblood replicated - a civil engineer who does statistical analysis, his life involves a different view of numbers. They married on Oct. 30, a date which, of course, she selected for its positive influence.

The book - an update of the self-published version from 1997 - was released in January and already is in its third printing, and she's working on turning it into a TV show, too.

Her Web site, www.numberstudy.com, sells individual readings for \$18.95, she does personal readings for \$200 for 30 minutes, and her schedule remains full with radio and TV gigs.

"Never a dull moment, which when I was in (Huntington Beach) high school, it said in the yearbook beneath my picture," she says.

"Never a dull a moment."

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