

Child*Star

Astrological Report for
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The Astrological Chart**Kristen Stewart**

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| Mercury | Taurus | 08°Ta18' | 11th | 03 00°Le16' |
| Venus | Pisces | 03°Pi25' | 10th | 04 22°Le18' |
| Mars | Aquarius | 21°Aq36' | 09th | 05 01°Li48' |
| Jupiter | Cancer | 03°Ca46' | 01st | 06 10°Sc49' |
| Saturn | Capricorn | 24°Cp49' | 08th | 07 12°Sg12' |
| Uranus | Capricorn | 09°Cp35' | 08th | 08 07°Cp35' |
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| Ascendant | Gemini | 12°Ge12' | | 12 10°Ta49' |

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Introduction

I. CHILD*STAR!!

How wondrous is the moment when you first look into the eyes of your newborn child! How miraculous is creation! What deep mysteries bring families together for a cycle of time!

In writing *Child*Star*, the author, a Montessori teacher, has brought you the best of 23 years of astrological study in addition to the fruit of 10 years' experience in the classroom. You'll find in *Child*Star* a first-hand understanding of the trials and joys of parenthood.

Being a parent is challenging. A job description for a parent would include something of almost every other job. When we study the child's astrological chart, we can instantly attune to how we can best guide her. Strengths, weaknesses, aptitude and potentials jump off the page. We can see how to turn around negative momentum and maximize talents that otherwise may not have been readily apparent. Understanding leads to greater patience, a virtue of immeasurable worth in child-rearing!

Many parents intuitively take a reading at the moment of birth and even before through dreams or visions, and receive a prescient knowing of the child soon to be born. The child comes to us with her own birth chart, her particular life plan, which many believe is determined prior to birth.

Nevertheless, there can be no doubt that environmental factors, decisions made by parents, education, and free will can change, alter, or mitigate the prophecy foreseen in the chart for better or for worse. A seed containing the blueprint of the most magnificent rose will not flower if denied sunshine, water, and good soil. And many have cultivated beautiful flowers in rocky soils through love and care.

How can we challenge the child to bring out the positive Sun sign potential, but, at the same time, teach her to know clearly when she crosses the line into negatives that could cause her much grief and sorrow later, if not corrected now? This is the challenge before us as educators and parents to our children, even to the child within ourselves. So we search the chart with an eye for potential problem areas that could disrupt, hinder or block the child's best expression. We devise how to turn them around. We take note of the positive potential and see how, like a good seed, it can be nurtured to bring forth the ripest fruit on time.

II . In creating this report, certain assumptions have been made:

1. Every child is unique. While most concepts will hit the nail on the head, not all you read will necessarily "fit."

Throughout the report, you'll come across words and phrases like "tends to," "often will," "probably," "might." This is because there is a spectrum of possibility on any given point. At

times, these phrases have been omitted, but the concept remains true throughout the report.

2. It is assumed that you are concerned and loving parents who are dedicated to helping your child realize her highest potential.

3. It is assumed that you're willing to look at yourself (as you may find Mom and Dad depicted in the pages of this report) and see where greater self-awareness and self-improvement can help you better raise your child.

4. It is assumed that you're using this report as a key to better understand your child, and as a key to unlock her potential, but that at no time will you use this report (and its recommendations) to replace common sense and your own good judgment. You are her parents, no one can know her as you do. Remember:

Astrology is meant to CONFIRM, NOT REPLACE, the inner guide!

5. To get the most value out of *Child*Star*, the author recommends holding "all these things in your heart" and observing the child as she grows. Maria Montessori proved that, by observing the child, you discover the laws of her being. The chart unfolds as she grows.

However, the report may highlight potential talent and skill you may wish to test out by providing your child with opportunities to develop them. For instance, if an aspect (and especially if several aspects) indicates musical talent, you may want to sign your child up for song and dance lessons or teach her how to play a musical instrument.

If playing an instrument doesn't seem to be her forte, try music appreciation. Remember, there's a spectrum of possibility, and it's up to you to discover what motivates your child.

In reading about your child, emphasize the positive. Negative patterns can be changed; indeed, sometimes only a shade of gray separates our Achilles' Heel from becoming our most valuable asset. Conversely, our natural talents can stagnate and, if we fail to develop them, become the open door to self-indulgence.

III . Keywords and concepts that will help you get the most out of *Child*Star* :

1. Throughout the report, reference is made to planets receiving harmonious or challenging aspects. In astrology, trines and sextiles are considered aspects that indicate energy flowing in harmony. Squares point to challenges, blocks, internal frustrations and also pronounced talents. Oppositions indicate potential conflicts we resolve in the Tai-Chi of our interactions with others. We call squares and oppositions "dynamic aspects." Here is where your child may meet her greatest challenges, but also where she may demonstrate her greatest strengths! In expressing and mastering the dynamic aspects, we grow and can realize our greatest achievements. Remember:

Wherever you find dynamic aspects is where your child may need the most guidance, consistency, and patience on your part.

2. CROSS-REFERENCES: To gather a more complete picture on any given aspect of your child's chart, you may be referred to another related section. For example, every sign is said to be ruled by a particular planet. Aries is ruled by Mars, and the child with Aries Rising is learning how to direct energy constructively. But how will she do it? The report may refer you to another section on Mars.

Another type of cross-reference is necessary when a planet receives more than one kind of

aspect. For example, a child with Mars square Saturn can feel blocked, and *Child*Star* instructs you to see if Mars and Saturn receive positive aspects from other planets-which will mitigate the difficulty and allow the aspect to manifest in a more dynamic and purposeful way. The positive aspects can also indicate to you how to work out the difficulty successfully.

3. RESOLVING CONTRADICTIONS: What to do when you come across information that is contradictory? None of us is black and white. For example, a child might be extroverted in sports, but shy in academics, or vice-versa. Some children, however, will need help in working out such structural conflicts.

4. Sometimes we come across strengths or talents in the child that may not be our forte. A child with a grand trine in earth signs, but whose parents have little or no earth emphasis in their own charts, may need other, more practical and businesslike people coming into her life to bring out the inherent qualities of efficiency, order, and organization typical of this positive configuration.

5. Astrological knowledge must never be used to demean, criticize, or put anyone down. Take note of areas of great sensitivity, vulnerability, or pain in the child's chart. Find ways to help her master these. Be kind to your child. Her star has appeared and it may be different in magnitude and brilliance than your own! Love her and teach her, and learn from her, but don't expect her to be who you are. While the child is still in the process of turning her weaknesses into strengths, we can often fill in the gap!

IV. CONCLUSION:

In studying the child's chart-as a representation of the book of her life with many pages left to write on-we seek to understand her better in order to guide, help, and instruct her in bringing out her special uniqueness, her calling in life, her special star. In understanding our children, we also come to better understand ourselves, our own inner child.

This report is intended as a stepping stone in your astrological journey-a fascinating adventure. For those who hold newborns, *Child*Star* will offer many insights that will prove their worth for years to come. For those of you with older children, this report will shed much light that will help you better understand your child and where she is headed. Some will walk through their childhood again through the pages of this report-finding, healing, and attuning with the child within.

On the next page you will find a list of the zodiac positions of your child's natal planets, along with the house cusps, for her moment of birth. These have been calculated using sophisticated astronomical formulae to ensure high accuracy.

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The Rising Sign

First let's take a quick look at your child's Ascendant, or Rising sign. Astrologers want to know what zodiac sign is rising at birth, since this gives a picture of the way we appear or come across to others. We look out upon the world through the glasses of the Rising Sign. Your child's Rising Sign will offer clues as to how your child perceives herself or would like others to see her. Many astrologers consider the Rising Sign as important as the Sun Sign in describing identity. This makes sense, since the Ascendant describes the early childhood experience. From myriad impressions and interactions, the child will weave the tapestry of her unique selfhood. If the Rising Sign is very different from the Sun sign, the child may have to work at integrating diverse aspects of her personality.

Gemini is an Air sign on the Thinking Cross. The child with Gemini Rising is typically quick, witty, and much given to talk and communicating with others. She comes across as intelligent, verbal, and perhaps a little on the nervous side. She tends to be changeable, being all things to all people. She may love to mimic, and will need good role models! Ideas to her could be tangible, like things! Gemini is ruled by the planet Mercury. Study Mercury's sign, house position and aspects well - they will reveal much about your child's emerging personality. If Mercury is in a Fire sign, the child is likely to be mentally adroit and may be dexterous with her hands. However, she may tend to be irritable and may need help finishing what she begins. If Mercury is in an Air sign, the child will likely take a mental approach to life, be sociable and enjoy learning. She could, however, be easily distracted or "live in her head". When Mercury is found in Water signs, the child may be intuitive, but her emotions could interfere with her ability to think rationally. Mercury in an Earth sign would lend stability to the chart and could indicate mental concentration. Children with Mercury in Taurus may appear slow to learn, but tend to be thorough and retain information well.

Gemini Rising

Planet Aspects

The Lights: The Sun and Moon

At the time of our birth, the planets (through their configurations and relationships) tell us something about the quality of the moment of time into which we were born. Each planet points to special traits within us. Yet, of all the planets, the two most important planets to astrologers are the "lights," the Sun and the Moon. From where we stand here on Earth, the great shining Sun by day and the reflecting Moon at night are our constant companions. The Sun and Moon are our greatest guides in understanding our children, their temperament, personality, relationship with parents and other significant adults, their sense of purpose, their feelings and much more! The Sun and Moon give us clues as to where our children are headed and how we can help them on the way.

The Sun: Your Self and Future

The Sun represents our identity, or self and as such, colors every other aspect of the chart. In a child's chart, the Sun will reveal much about her emerging personality. Your child's greatest strengths and challenges are often described by the qualities of her Sun Sign. A Leo child, for example, is a born leader but may be pompous. A Piscean youngster may draw upon a rich imagination to inspire others, but may seek to escape reality by retreating into a fantasy world. The wise parent will train the child to manifest the positive qualities of her Sun Sign. The position of the Sun also helps us understand what motivates our children. A child with a Fire sign Sun such as Aries, will generally be motivated by seeking new experiences in which she can assert herself, whereas a Water sign Sun child is more emotional and will seek comfort and security before venturing out. Children born into Earth signs tend to be grounded. They're builders and seek means of practical expression. They want to know, "How does it work?" Air sign Sun children can experience life through thoughts and thrive on social interaction and communication. The Sun also represents the child's perception of the father (or dominant parent) and the qualities the child identifies with within the father. From here, we extend our understanding of this relationship to authorities and adults in general and later, to the child's understanding of her own life purpose. For example, a child with the Sun in harmonious aspect to Mars would likely feel supported by the father and therefore more prone to self confidence than a child born with the Sun square Mars. The latter might feel blocked on some level by the father or dominant parent. Both, however, are dynamic positions indicating leadership potential.

Sun in Aries

Aries is a Fire sign on the action cross. Its symbol is The Ram (she bucks!) Your little firecracker is apt to go for it! Do it now and ask questions later may be her natural way! Fire inspires and she is apt to be enterprising, a born leader! She is probably quite daring and not afraid to try out something new. "Let me do it my way!" may be her favorite phrase if she takes the time to ask! You may have to help her balance a "me first" approach by learning to consider the needs of others.

The Aries child enjoys making choices and needs plenty of opportunity to make decisions.

She will learn by experience and consequences rather than by pure advice! Because she tends to leap before she looks, you may need extraordinary patience in helping her learn to abide by the rules. Remember, her greatest test in life could be acquiring patience, easier said than done when the fire to act rises up within her!

At school, she tends to be competitive (especially if Mercury is in Aries, less so if Mercury is in Taurus or Pisces). You might hear, "Oh, Mom, I know that already" when in reality, she has only had one lesson! Patience, again, is what she needs to get through, plus the humility to admit someone else just may know better sometimes!

Aries is the sign of ego, the whole gamut of "ego games" coming under this sign; from temper tantrums to feigned passivity. Teach your child to be true to her "REAL ME"! Your child is likely to be assertive, first in line, and may become angry if told she has to wait! She could be hot-headed and prone to argumentation. Give her just recognition for achievement and right action, but bragging is to be discouraged. She needs room to roam but then again, fences might be a good idea. Toddler Arians especially can burst through the door before you know what happened! We all have to learn to respect necessary limitations and Arian children are no exception! Flaunting the rules amounts to arrogance, a misuse of Arian energy! Because they are so energetic, Arian children often excel at sports. Even as a younger elementary student, your child may enjoy disciplined physical activity such as ballet, gymnastics and/or martial arts. Arian babies benefit by lots of room in which to creep and crawl!

Moon Opposition Sun

Your child may feel torn between the impulse to stand on her own two feet, and a need to be cared for and nurtured. Her independent streak may be hard to balance with a need for love and affection. This could also be re-enforced if mother and father work at cross purposes. Friction between mother (Moon) and father (Sun) could manifest as an internal "split" within the child that she would seek to later resolve in adult relationships with the opposite sex. The resulting tension would have to be dealt with gradually and methodically. Check the signs and houses the lights are in; here your child will seek to achieve balance. Ideally, she experiences the flow between the Sun and Moon as a Tai-Chi, a perfect polarity and is centered and poised, expressing the best of both signs. Often, however, the opposition signifies initial conflict and imbalance. Sextiles or trines to the Sun or Moon suggest how the conflict can be eased or resolved. Squares to either or both bodies increase tension but also become the focus of potential dynamic creativity and growth.

Sun Sextile Mars

This energizing positive combination between the Sun ("I am", solar power) and Mars (action through desire) places an accent on leadership and action. Your child may have natural athletic ability and is likely to enjoy competitive sports. She is likely to be physically active and may need plenty of exercise and outdoor play. Or perhaps she is mentally competitive or skilful in one of the arts. She is more confident than most of winning! The father or dominant parent encourages the child to put her best foot forward. This combination strengthens the physical

constitution but may give a certain degree of restlessness.

Sun Square Saturn

Your child could be very self-conscious, and could tend to take life a bit too seriously. Success for this child comes through hard and precise work. She does best in a structured environment but may need encouragement to finish her work properly. Some children born with this aspect have to overcome some sort of handicap; perhaps a difficult social, physical or family situation. There may be conflict with the father or with an important authority figure. Later, the acquired self-discipline and striving can lead them to the top. Your child seeks your approval and support; be careful not to be unduly harsh or critical of her. Especially if the Sun and Saturn are in fixed signs, the child could be too austere and would benefit by learning to be more flexible. Help your child see the bright side of life!

Sun Square Uranus

Sun-Uranus aspects often indicate leadership potential. Your child may be very magnetic, others being drawn to her. She is not afraid to be different, and may indeed be a "trendsetter." Later in life she is likely to be interested in some kind of social or political reform. However, the child with this aspect may be somewhat of a rebel, with a history of flaunting convention and going against authority. She may feel different than her schoolmates. She could separate herself out and end up as the loner, although this is not necessarily what she inwardly desires. Your child could be very bright with exceptional talent. To be happy, however, she needs to learn to cooperate with others. Be patient in seeing her through those unexciting but necessary routines which are simply part of life. Her ideas may be brilliant, but help her learn to test them for practical value as well. Sometimes, Sun-Uranus aspects describe the father as being radical, eccentric, highly individualistic or somehow unusual. Note: if Saturn is well aspected, your child is more apt to have her feet on the ground!

Sun Square Neptune

Your child's perception of others could be colored by an over-idealized vision, great devotion, or negatively, by emotional bias and wishful thinking. Children born with this aspect may be shy, fearing rejection. Help your child overcome fear through understanding and objective thinking. She needs a strong sense of self-worth. Your child could be naturally devotional with mystical leanings.

The Moon: The Support System

In a child's chart, we look to the position of the Moon to understand the child's perception of her mother, of her need to be cared for and to nurture. The Moon also describes the child's experience within her family, with its particular dynamics, tradition and heritage. From these, the child establishes her roots. The Moon, then, indicates the early childhood environment, our early support systems. Emotional responses are traced to the Moon and hence, to patterns established during childhood (and even during other lifetimes). These often become automatic and subconscious in the adult. Thus, the sign placement of the Moon reveals much about our child's emotional needs and expressions. The Moon may dominate the child's chart during the first 7 years of life. The Moon will tell us what the child needs to feel secure and also what kinds of habits would be helpful or detrimental to her development. For example, a child with a Sagittarian Moon is happy when she has plenty of room to explore. (But she needs to learn the value of limits) A Cancer Moon child, in contrast, may cling to Mom's apron strings. (But she may need to overcome fear of making it on her own).

Moon in Libra

Libra is an Air sign on the action cross. Its symbol is The Scales. Children with the Moon in Libra are friendly. They need to have close relationships to feel happy. They seek to understand about themselves through others. Children with this placement can be very sensitive to what other people think about them. Above all, they seek to please and are capable of putting forth their best to measure up to your praise or conversely of acting out negative behaviors to please an adult or friend who somehow doesn't see the best in them.

Your child needs to have a strong sense of identity apart from the opinions of others. Teach her to "DARE TO BE TRUE." your child is apt to be courteous, a natural charmer, with an inborn sense of refinement and graciousness you can cultivate. She benefits by early exposure to the social graces and feels at peace in beautiful surroundings.

This child of the scales can feel unbalanced, uncomfortable, even angry in a discordant environment. She seeks peace and inner balance. She tends to compare herself to others and unless she has learned to feel good about herself may place herself at the low end of the scales! She is apt to be giving, conciliatory, and even flattering in relationships, and able to adjust to almost any situation. Reflective, tactful, your child knows how to express understanding.

The Moon in Libra child may be prone to dishonesty, sometimes to avoid confrontation or anything that would rock the boat! She could withdraw or show visible stress in a household where discord is the norm. Nevertheless, she needs to learn to stand up for herself and for truth. Stress honesty at all times in your household! Let her know if you catch her in a fib. False charm can be manipulative, a mask of hypocrisy hiding one's true intention. The Moon in Libra child may perceive the mother as lovely and sociable.

Moon Opposition Sun

Your child was born during a Full Moon, when the Sun and Moon are in polarity. Sun is Father, Moon is Mother. Does your child experience an inner flow of these two basic principles or does she experience a see-saw as when torn between 2 sets of parents, or when Mommy and Daddy are at odds with one another or physically separated? If the latter, this may later manifest as an imbalance between the outer behavior or conscious will (father/Sun), and the feelings (mother/Moon). Another possible interpretation is that she may find herself torn between an environment that is very comfortable and supportive versus a real need to grow, progress, and push out on her own. Throughout her life, your child will seek integration of mind and heart through relationships she forms. Sometimes we see the Sun/Moon opposition manifesting as a love of history versus future trends, older persons versus younger, and so on. For greater insight, look up the houses and signs the Sun and Moon are in respectively. Your child will seek to balance these two into a harmonious polarity.

The Full Moon child may show heightened awareness. In the monthly lunation cycle, the Full Moon brings to fruition that which was nascent at the New Moon. Thus, esoteric astrologers believe that the Full Moon type is bringing to fruition the efforts of many previous incarnations. The life is usually dramatic and full of experiences.

Moon Trine Mars

Children with this aspect tend to be attractive and physically active. They often enjoy group sports. This child seldom hides how she feels and therefore is no stranger to an occasional argument! She may receive plenty of emotional support as a child, especially from her mother. Nevertheless, she may have to learn to work out her anger. Particularly if the mother is easy to anger, the child could be impulsive or explosive. Patience! (For a greater understanding of this aspect, check out Mars by sign.)

Moon Square Uranus

The child with this aspect may have a somewhat unusual upbringing. Later in life she is apt to attract a partner who is independent and also a bit unusual. If the mother is inconsistent in moods, rules or behavior, the child with this aspect could easily become confused; not knowing what to expect from her when. She needs to know she can rely on her. Children with this Moon-Uranus contact can be unconventional, even at the expense of popularity. She learns by experience and may depart from the trodden path. Your child may be restless and move around a lot. Her desire for personal freedom quite likely goes against the majority. She could be impulsive, more impatient than not, and (especially if Mars aspects the Moon or Uranus) could find it hard to control her temper. She could be subject to sudden mood changes! Your child can master this aspect by acquiring self-control and self-knowledge. Some children with this Moon-Uranus aspect are quite brilliant and original in their thinking. Teach your child the importance of keeping commitments.

Moon Square Neptune

The child born with this Moon-Neptune aspect needs to sort out the real from the unreal. The line between fact and fantasy may not be apparent. Your child may need your help bringing things into focus without shattering her gentle dream world. She may tend to over-react, because she takes things very personally. There could be some rather harsh realities connected to her upbringing and if so, the child could retreat within her imagination to cope. This child might be very imaginative and artistic but needs to learn to look at life objectively. Search for ways to develop your child's creativity. Teach her to maintain order in the environment.

The Inner Planets: Mercury and Venus

The planets Mercury and Venus, along with the Sun, Moon and Mars describe the child's emerging personality. These inner planets are located between the orbit of the Earth and the Sun. Venus indicates how the child appreciates and measures her experience, and describes the values established during childhood. Venus tells us how the child expresses love, the things that mean a lot to her, and her appreciation for beauty (or lack of it). Mercury tells us something about our child's perception, verbal expression, schooling --in short, how her mind works, how she thinks and communicates.

Mercury: The Mind and Communication

Mercury represents thoughts, ideas, and the mental process in general. Communications – by phone, letter, spoken, or however – are ruled by Mercury. Also thoughts, connections, phone wires, and everything that connects and conveys – even forms of transportation. In the child's chart, Mercury describes the myriad aspects of schooling – teachers, study habits, homework, learning skills, concentration (or lack of it). Your child's relationship with brothers and sisters are indicated by Mercury as well. The way your child thinks, receives, shares and transmits information and knowledge will be revealed by studying the position of Mercury in her chart. Mercury relates to hands, fine motor abilities, and to handwriting and drafting skills. Mercury by sign and element tells us how the child studies and what she likes to study, and how we (her parents and teachers) can help her gain greater academic expertise. Children with Mercury in Fire signs think and talk simultaneously and are spontaneous. They enjoy games that make learning fun! Children with Mercury in Air Signs can chatter away and still keep going! Words can come alive for them and they enjoy listening to (or creating) colorful tales and stories. Communication is their thing. They may have to work at being listeners, however! Children with Mercury in Water signs may need help thinking clearly since emotion runs into thoughts. These children like profound subject matter. Children with Mercury in Earth signs generally have a good measure of common sense. Hands on training suits them best.

Mercury in Taurus

Taurus is an Earth sign on the feeling cross. Its symbol is The Bull. Your child enjoys deliberation and has a very methodical mind. Able to develop sound logic and good arguments, she is practical rather than abstract, and seldom nebulous. If well aspected, your child should make a good student. A fertile thinker, she is slow and steady, but always down to earth. No "pie in the sky" here. Your child is careful and considerate. We've all heard the expression, "stubborn as a bull" and Mercury in Taurus children can be quite stubborn and willful at times. Once set on an idea, they can hold on tenaciously! Persistence could help her reach the top. Stubbornness could keep her stuck at the bottom. As your child grows make sure she knows the difference between positive stick-to-it-tivity and plain old bullheadedness. She may need encouragement getting started on projects. Children with Mercury (mind) in this Venus ruled sign sometimes like "taking it easy" and benefit from a little prodding.

Mercury Sextile Venus

Your child may love to talk and write, and probably does so beautifully. Her sense of color, harmony, manners, and all that is artistic, is self-evident. Your child knows quality, and may love to pick out art or arrange color schemes.

Mercury Sextile Jupiter

This aspect often indicates a problem-solver, someone who can think of a way to do almost anything (or think her way out of almost anything)! Children with this aspect have a reputation among their peers of being fair and honest. Typically, they enjoy learning and are confident of their mental abilities. Your child is apt to enjoy traveling and seeks new experiences to broaden her horizons. This aspect indicates an ability to persuade others, and therefore favors politics, counseling and ministerial type work. As an adult, your child may find herself interested in legal matters, publishing, philosophical and religious subjects, and would make a good teacher or instructor. Scientific investigation might interest her also.

Mercury Trine Uranus

This aspect could point to an original thinker, perhaps an inventor. Your child may have a very unique way of looking at things and be capable of real insight. She tends to be innovative, thinking of new ways to do things or a new use for something. When others have run out of ideas to existing problems, she could pop up with the solution! Children with this aspect often excel at work requiring abstract thinking. They need to be challenged, can be easily bored, and may be misunderstood by their teachers! Communication of all kinds, especially computers, electronics, and the new technology, is likely to be right up your child's alley.

Mercury Trine Neptune

The child with this aspect could have a fantastic imagination and be somehow tuned into what we all dream of at the deepest levels. The dream worlds, the more eternal thoughts of mankind, come easily to her, and she would be a convincing speaker on occult, metaphysical, and religious subjects. Your child could be sensitive, poetic and persuasive. This aspect is common in the charts of composers. She could have oratory and/or theatrical skills. On the downside, this child may weave many a tale. Help your child sort out reality from fact. Insist she tell the truth!

Venus: Values and Discrimination

Venus rules our values and sense of appreciation. When we appraise or appreciate something, whether that be another person or a new car, this is Venus – the sense of love and compassion we may feel. Venus in the child's chart shows us what kinds of things our child appreciates, her innate sense of beauty (which can be developed), the manner in which she interacts with her friends and with adults, and how she shows love. Children with Venus in ardent Leo, for example, are demonstrative and fun-loving. They tend to shine and love bright, colorful things. Venus in Scorpio children, on the other hand, may be shy but exceptionally kind and thoughtful. These children may want Mom all to themselves! The Venus in Libra child is a social butterfly and loves beauty in her clothes and bedroom. Venus in Taurus loves beautiful things, pretty rocks and later precious stones. She may be a gourmet. She may need help learning to share what she sees as prized possessions. A study of Venus by sign, house and aspect also reveals something about your child's taste in food, eating habits, care of possessions and attitude toward money and belongings.

Venus in Pisces

Pisces is a Water sign on the thinking cross. Its symbol is The Fishes. Venus (love) in this charitable sign is said to be exalted. The child with Venus in Pisces is capable of expressing true compassion. Your child is likely to be sweet, devotional, capable of sacrifice, and deep commitments. At home in the world of the dreamer and mystic, she has innate intuition and emotional depth. Because of her extreme sensitivity, she may be shy or overly sensitive to the thoughts and words of others. She tends to be idealistic, romantic, understanding, poetic, gentle. She may experience another's suffering as her own and will naturally defend the underdog and downtrodden. Nevertheless, teach her not to throw her pearls before swine. She could feel hurt by "fair weather friends" of lesser sensitivity. The Venus in Pisces child needs much love and affection. With afflictions, she may have to conquer fear of being rejected. Discourage whining and self-pity should they appear! She could be musically or artistically gifted. Many great composers, artists and poets were born with Venus in this mystical sign.

Mercury Sextile Venus

Children with this positive Mercury/Venus aspect typically enjoy working with words and ideas and have a natural appreciation for anything that is literary or artistic. Your child's sense of discernment when it comes to matters of literary and intellectual taste (if developed) is very refined. She could write poetry or prose, and she likely places a very high value on the written word. She enjoys nothing more than a good conversation and may be very adept at speaking and communicating. Your child loves learning! She could excel at fields dealing with people, or in public relations. Song or screen writing also may be indicated. A daily journal would help her develop her ideas and express her inner thoughts and feelings. Your child may enjoy a close relationship to a brother or sister.

Venus Trine Jupiter

Even in a more serious chart, this aspect lends a touch of generosity and joy. It is considered a fortunate aspect: good things tend to come your child's way. One day she could end up with a lot of money, property – possessions of all kinds. She is likely to be generous and warm by nature, and probably gives as much as she gets. There could be a love of travel and exploration; of art, culture and religion. Unless strongly counter-indicated, children with this aspect tend to get along well with their elders. The negative manifestation of this aspect is a tendency to be wasteful, extravagant, self-indulgent. Without self-discipline in diet, individuals with this aspect tend to put on weight. The child may have a sweet tooth. Encourage her but teach her restraint!

The External Planets: Mars, Jupiter, Saturn

The major planets outside the Earth's orbit (external to us) are Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn. These are the planets describing the outer world and circumstances surrounding the child, the status, well-being and conditions she is born into and what urges her on to greater achievements as she grows. Mars will tune you in to what motivates your child and the way she approaches life. Jupiter shows us how she is most apt to channel that energy, and Saturn decrees what sort of obstacles will confront her on the road to success. Again: Saturn tells us about the territory we will be going through, Jupiter the way or path through it, and Mars what kind of push or drive we can count on to keep going.

Mars: Drive and Emotions

Mars is the planet of emotion and drive. When we search for the meaning of something, it is Mars that urges us on, keeps us searching. Mars will tell us what motivates our child, what captures her interest. By studying the aspects formed between Mars and other planets we discern if our child expresses desire in a healthy and direct manner or whether she feels blocked (squares) by inner or outer conditions. We also learn how our child expresses anger, whether in strong bursts (Mars in Fire Signs), bottled up and tears (Mars in Water Signs) or with cutting

words (Air signs). With greater understanding we can help our child deal with her feelings in a constructive way. Mars tells us about our child's interest and aptitude (or lack of it), for physical exercises, sports, recreation. Mars drives us against things, too, and sends us into war and combat. Mars imparts courage and stamina. The house position of Mars in the child's chart will tell us in what area of life she is likely to enter the greatest degree of active conflict or activity: In the 11th, with friends, in the 3rd, perhaps with sisters and brothers, or in competitive learning at school.

Mars in Aquarius

Aquarius is an Air sign on the feeling cross. Its symbol is The Water bearer. The Mars in Aquarius child has an inner drive to be free! She seeks to free the world as well as herself and is a born reformer. Perhaps your child will have a chance to get involved with student government or community issues. She has an inborn sense of uniqueness. Sometimes, the lesson to be learned is when (and how) to surrender the way she wants to do it, for the good of the group! Your child may need extra room (and a room to herself) to think, invent, and create! Independence may be her favorite word. Teach your child the positive and negative consequences of free will. Teach her to be free, but never a law unto herself.

Friendships mean a lot to the Mars in Aquarius child. She seeks friends with whom she can share her beliefs and ideas. Her friends might be an unusual lot or she might be a leader, someone unique and different from the crowd. Even though she can be surrounded by pals, she is usually somewhat of a loner. If Mars is afflicted, trouble could come from friends at one time or another in her life.

Children with this placement tend to be highly individualistic and may resist accepting instructions from adult authorities. They want to be free, to do it "my way!" Carried to an extreme, this attitude could manifest as rebellion and stubbornness and a tendency to buck the system. Teach your child to abide by the rules (but you might want to lend an ear to her reasons for wanting to change them)!

You may find your child captivated by planes and flying. The world of electronics and all manner of gadgetry and electronic devices could delight her for hours at a time! When she grows up, your child could be attracted to aviation or space travel, psychotherapy, computers and electronics, astrology, radio or television, and/or university studies.

Sun Sextile Mars

For most children with this harmonious Sun/Mars aspect, will and desire work hand in hand. It's probably easy for your child to work with those in authority: parents, teachers, elders. She enjoys working with others and would make a good manager. An interest (and ability) in athletics, exercise (working with the physical body), the outdoors and such, should be lifelong. Another form this could take is training or coaching others. Your child could have a natural ability to express herself and to handle emotions. She may also like to perform. A career in one of the entertainment industries is a possibility. This position also favors police work. Because

Mom and Dad supported her as a child, your child is confident of success as an adult.

Moon Trine Mars

Children with this energetic aspect are full of punch! It's probable that your child likes people, and finds it easy to get along with almost anybody! She could have an extra ounce of courage and daring! Some form of sports or physical creative discipline, such as dancing, will almost certainly appeal to her! (If either the Moon or Mars are in water signs, your child might take to the water like a fish!) Your child is a natural! She knows how to motivate and inspire others and could be a mini-politician in her own right! Your child might enjoy coaching or training younger children. With her powerful spirit, she will attract many friends and positive experiences.

Mars Square Pluto

Your child could be strong, courageous, and/or daring. More likely than not, she tends to be independent, headstrong and strong-willed. This square, when mastered, is a powder keg of energy! As your child grows, you may need to exercise great patience in helping her work out the powerful energies within this square. She might need help dealing with, and expressing anger. Especially if Mars and Pluto are in Cardinal signs, your child might tend to be impulsive and over-reactive; she could be combative, tending to get into fights. While she may resist any form of perceived limits, you must discourage her from taking on a dare-devil attitude that could land her in trouble. If the planets are in fixed signs, she could surprise you by her dogged determination but could have trouble sharing power; she could feel uncomfortable except when she is in command. Your child could well excel in leadership and pioneer type roles, but might have to learn not to be a bull in a china shop! If the planets are in mutable signs, the child may have a variety of talents or interests but needs to focus, define and apply herself to be effective.

Jupiter: Career and Life Path

The Hindu word for Jupiter is Guru. Jupiter is the guru and guide, the way we go through life, our life path and personal philosophy. Our first teachers and guides are usually our parents. Then there are our school teachers, ministers, and other significant adults who enter our life and guide us. Jupiter is the body of knowledge and wisdom made available to us, our method for dealing with the laws of life, our Saturn, or limitations. Saturn represents the father, structure, rules of behavior and social norms we must learn to abide by. Jupiter is the light or path. Jupiter rules religion, philosophy, culture, travel, history; how we expand our horizons, our philosophy of life. It has always been an indicator of how successful we may be, our vocation. In the child's chart, we look to Jupiter for clues as to how our child seeks to know more about life, what appeals to her, and where she may need to pull in the reins and balance exploration (Jupiter)

with greater discipline (Saturn). A child with Jupiter in the 1st house in Aries, for example, will jump to the occasion for a trip, an experience to broaden her horizons and self-understanding but will need to find the balance between opportunities for growth and responsibilities (Saturn).

Jupiter in Cancer

Jupiter is said to be exalted in Cancer. If free of major affliction, Jupiter in Cancer usually points to a happy home environment. Generally, the mother is sincerely interested in the child's welfare and takes the time to instill in the child right religious and moral values. The family may be well educated. The philosophy of life established in childhood may be carried into adult life. As an adult, your child's home may be a center of educational, philosophical and religious activities.

Cancer relates to the home and to the stomach. Your child may enjoy cooking almost as much as she likes eating! But her eye may be bigger than her stomach! Or her tendency might be to eat what looks good rather than what is necessarily good for her. Therefore, it's important to teach her sensible eating habits from early childhood. A career in big business is possible for your child later on, for she likes broad, secure foundations. This placement also favors careers in real estate, farming, food production, schooling and home appliances.

The child with Jupiter in Cancer tends to be supportive and nurturing toward family and friends. Generally, children with their opportunity planet in the sign of mother like to help out at home. Your child's sense of family could embrace the community. As an adult, she could take an active role in community affairs.

Mercury Sextile Jupiter

Your child enjoys working with her mind and can usually find a solution to even the worst problems. She likes to solve puzzles and dilemmas. Her skills in this regard make her expert at counseling and guiding others. Fine verbal skills and a natural sense of justice makes legal work a distinct possibility. Working with laws, natural or man-made, amounts to a real talent. Your child also has a great interest in ideas, the more true and lasting the better. Religious concepts will likely be a lifelong concern for her. She loves to travel and may even spend some time studying away from home.

Venus Trine Jupiter

Here we have the mark of a happy, affectionate child. Your child may have an innate love of the law and working things through, and she is not put off by problems and obstacles. On the contrary, she looks forward to solving them. Your child gets along well with peers and elders, possessing an innate ability to work with others. This may later lead to a position in law or public relations. Artistic talent is also indicated and decorating, interior design, and the like may be her cup of tea. This is considered an excellent aspect for teachers and publishers. Your child may love sports and the outdoors. Because she is generous and loving, your child is likely to be

popular. This aspect is considered fortunate, but too much of a good thing can be detrimental! Teach your child the wisdom of "all things in moderation."

Saturn: Responsibilities

Saturn rules the laws and limitations of this material world we all live in. Saturn indicates where we are bound to learn, the narrowness that makes our way felt, the walls that make homes possible. Saturn holds us together as much as apart. Saturn represents the law and is said to be the Great Teacher. Saturn defines and clarifies. Saturn represents the reality of life in the physical universe. We understand how vital it is that our children learn to accept responsibility, maintain their environment in order, finish homework and projects on time, learn how to delay gratification. Hopefully, they learn as they grow how to turn mistakes into lessons, obstacles into stepping stones to success. Saturn represents the father or dominant parent, all adults whom the child looks up to as authorities. Saturn represents the law of the land we're born into, the family rules and traditions and our own innate or developed sense of fairness. Saturnian qualities are rarely self-evident in the small child. Children have to learn self-discipline, order, patience, obedience. This they do in cycles of time. Saturn represents the process of maturity, the outlines for growth presented to us by our teachers and our inner biological clock. Saturn by sign, house, aspect and Saturn cycles in your child's chart and in your own provide a wonderful blueprint whose design you can follow to help your children grow to be successful in this world.

Saturn in Capricorn

Saturn, the Great Teacher, is at home in this sign of concentrated spiritual power in the earth! When we are humble and attuned to the light within, we can conquer the world! Children born with Saturn in Capricorn are typically somewhat mature for their age. The child with this placement is conscientious and dutiful and is usually willing to shoulder more than her share of responsibility at home and at school. Especially if Saturn aspects a personal planet or is close to the Ascendant or Midheaven, the child's personality will be colored by practicality, orderliness, organization and a compelling motivation for meaningful accomplishment. Patience and fortitude help the Saturn in Capricorn child overcome obstacles and achieve success. She could, however, be excessively critical of herself and of others. Teach your child to capitalize on her strengths rather than condemn her weaknesses. Even if she projects a serious cast, she may need more affection than meets the eye! Allow time for play and enjoyment! Success comes later in life and may require much preparation and prior experience.

Sometimes children born with this placement are overcomers, rising up out of difficult early circumstances. If Saturn is afflicted, the drive for prominence and power can be obsessive. If the child is subjected to verbal or physical condemnation during childhood, she herself could be dictatorial as an adult. A compulsive ambition for outer status could mask her true need to establish a core sense of self-worth. At best, this position confers integrity, honesty, dependability and steadfastness and favors any role entailing hard work and responsibility.

Sun Square Saturn

The Sun/Saturn child seeks confirmation from her parents of "I AM WORTHY!" But, because she may fear rejection, she could be defensive, carrying a chip on her shoulder or brushing against authorities (parents, teachers, "the establishment"). Your child is apt to have a strong sense of duty, and strives to do her best. If she learns not to take life so seriously, she will be a real achiever! She may have conflict with her father, thinking him too strict, or not strict enough! Condemnation or judgmental attitudes from important adult figures, or even tough childhood circumstances could be internalized as a sense of unworthiness or low self-esteem. Because she has an inborn sense of responsibility, she too easily could blame herself for adversities not of her own making! Because your child is likely to be too hard on herself, she could probably benefit by being taught to think positively, to look for the "silver lining in the cloud." She needs patient love and direction from her father and/or other significant men in her life. When your child matures, her high standards and methodical approach could pay off. This position favors careers in teaching, industrial management, conservation, utilities, agriculture and building, dentistry, chiropractic and any field that requires efficiency and the systematic application of knowledge.

The Outer Planets

In the previous sections, we have dealt with planets that we can see with our naked eyes. In general, these planets refer to life as we know and live it and are the so-called inner planets. Beyond these are three planets that are not visible in the sky and which have cycles longer than the average human life span. Since they are beyond Saturn or time, astrologers call them the trans-personal or transcendental planets – Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. Here you will find information on issues and attitudes typical of your child's generation. Uranus represents the sense of discovery, new frontiers, revolutions and consequent changes we make. Neptune reveals how we understand and accept these discoveries, our understanding of mystical and/or inner realities, the expression of devotion and compassion. Pluto points to the great challenges confronting ourselves and our civilization. How can we best prepare our children to meet these challenges? To fulfill their fiery destiny individually and collectively? To stand firm amidst the winds of change? To reach out for worlds beyond the physical? To feel secure in their relationship to God? For most of us, the challenges increase as we mature but certainly the foundation is set in childhood!

Uranus: Break-Thrus & Insights

Uranus is the planet that indicates how we free ourselves from the difficulties and problems life presents us. Uranus represents our link to the higher mind, Universal Intelligence. Here is the way insights come to us, how we discover or come to know and understand ourselves. Uranian energy shows us how to find new uses for old things. It rules inventions and sudden insights into our life – everything that is unusual, eccentric, and out of the ordinary. Uranus is, in many ways, the opposite, or undoing of Saturn. We look to Uranus in the child's chart to understand her personal sense of uniqueness, where she dares to be different. Uranus also may reveal individual genius, talent, interests. With hard aspects, or if Uranus is placed in the 1st, 4th, 7th, or 10th houses, we may have to deal with willfulness and/or rebelliousness in the child, or she may perceive herself as somehow different from the rest. Parents and teachers can help the child with strong Uranian aspects by providing her with avenues for individual expression and creativity, and by recognizing her natural bent to experiment with new ways of doing things. At the same time, the child needs to learn that there is no true freedom without accountability. Be consistent in applying the rules. She needs to know the consequences of her use of free will.

Uranus in Capricorn

Your child was born into a subgeneration that may change the world, bringing us a new government and economy. They will seek a way to couple the best of traditional values and New Age ideals. Children born with this placement may be interested in the political and business arena as adults. Ever practical, the Uranus in Capricorn individual comes up with new or alternate forms of management – breakthroughs in top-level management and corporate styles. Agriculture and architecture will undergo radical changes under their direction. Since they will challenge the ways of their elders, they likely will experience clashes with authorities during childhood. If Uranus aspects personal planets, the child will need to learn to control anger. She will benefit from opportunities to learn to wield power with humility and kindness.

Sun Square Uranus

Brilliant! But, will she carry through? Ah, that's the question! Your child may balk at limits and try to break the rules. Let me do it my way may be on her lips from babyhood! Whether her native sense of individuality and innovative thinking pay off for her in later years or if it keeps her off the right track may depend in great part on the training you give her! The main key is to set the limits, state them and be consistent in applying them! Some children with this position need help keeping their attention on work at school, since the mind may jump from one subject to another. On the positive side, your child may have scientific know-how, she probably enjoys experimentation and would do well working with computers and electronics. Sometimes (but far less frequently), we see the opposite, with Sun square Uranus manifesting as a difficulty breaking with convention and heading out on one's own. This aspect could signify an unusual

relationship with the father.

Moon Square Uranus

Your child may discover that insistence on being different and general nonconformity often results in being cut off from those who would otherwise support her. Your child could attract others to her because she has a magnetic presence. The relationship with the mother could be erratic, with sudden highs and lows. Your child may be an inventor at heart, but may find acceptance of her ideas less than commonplace! Freedom or rebelliousness? She must know the difference! Sometimes this aspect points to an unusual home life, or much moving around (as with Army children and child stars).

Mercury Trine Uranus

Your child enjoys working with her mind, and her sharp perceptions make finding new solutions easy. She brings an unexpected twist or insight to anything she sets her mind to. She is able to teach or help others be more original when it comes to the words or thoughts they use. Your child can use the mind in original ways and probably has excellent eye-hand coordination. Her laser-like mind makes conversations fast-paced and illuminating. A ready wit. However, she may be willful. Her brilliant ideas could seem too far-out for this planet! You will need to give your child space and tools to express her unique creativity! She benefits by developing tolerance for opinions different from her own, and by practicing consistency and follow-through in work. Teach her to balance brilliance with practicality and find ways to help her develop mental concentration. Provide your child with a peaceful and uncluttered environment. This is a good aspect for educators, astrologers, technicians, mathematicians, writers, inventors and any field requiring abstract reasoning.

Jupiter Opposition Uranus

Your child is likely to be a seeker! At least, she is going to have some very unique ideas about the ways things should be. Perhaps social reform will interest her as she matures. She may tend to be impulsive to a fault, a trait that could prove costly in adulthood if not corrected during youth. Your child has an adventuresome streak and will be willing to jump right in and tackle brand new projects. She may love traveling and exploring. Look for practical aspects in her chart (such as good Saturn aspects, a preponderance of earth signs or houses) to balance her sense of adventure! Stress responsibility.

Neptune: Ideals & Imagination

Neptune provides the key for unlocking our child's imagination! Neptune represents the bridge to worlds we cannot see. Neptune, then, tells us about the child's need for worship, adoration, devotion. Neptune relates to music and the arts and is prominent in the charts of many creative people. Being an outer planet, Neptune also paints a picture of the collective dreams of our child's generation, dreams which may build upon, alter or even challenge our own. Neptune's influence tends to be subtle, often affecting us on subconscious levels. If afflicted, Neptune can indicate areas where the child may feel confused, uncertain or fearful. Read Neptune by sign, house and aspect but realize that your child may not consciously be aware of Neptune's influence until she reaches adulthood.

Neptune in Capricorn

The practical is the ideal. Your child was born into a group of dynamic children who will seek to obtain power and control. They will bring order out of the prevailing world chaos and change what they grew up in. Although they may spend their childhood years in times of global hardship, they will grow up to usher in a Golden Age. Your child and her peers will seek ways to incorporate spiritual truths into government and management. If Neptune afflicts personal planets, she could be too critical of herself or of authority figures. She benefits through consistent and clear direction from grown-ups and a structured work environment.

Sun Square Neptune

Sorting out the real from the unreal, that is the challenge of this square! Children with this Sun/Neptune aspect are typically sensitive and highly impressionable. Some are exceptionally devotional or mystically inclined. Others have marked musical or artistic talent. Nevertheless, Neptune (illusion) challenging (square) the Sun (ego) often manifests as self-deception of one sort or another. To come out on the plus side, your child needs to develop objective reasoning ability, common sense and humility. Good Mercury and Saturn aspects might provide the balance she needs. Your child may have beautiful dreams and mystical ideals. This is fine as long as she is able to distinguish fact from fiction. Teach your child to avoid strange or unreliable characters. Your child needs a stable home environment, hopefully with emotionally harmonious parents to give her the support she needs. If the homelife is chaotic, she could sense that confusion as her own. This might result in her having a low self-image. Put a premium on truth in your household.

Moon Square Neptune

This aspect indicates an extremely sensitive and idealistic nature. Your child probably has a love of beauty, art, music, cinematography and may have some talent in these fields. With a

strong Mercury, writing skill is evident. The challenge of the square is that dreams and ideals may tend to clash with reality, the actual surroundings and the practical necessity of the hour. Your child needs opportunities to channel constructively the more positive creative aspects of the square at the same time that she needs to develop self-discipline and objectivity. She may yearn for a perfection not attainable on this earth or may insist on perfection at the expense of personal emotions and feelings. It's vital that her family place a big premium on truth and honesty with self and others. Otherwise others may see her as unrealistic or downright deceptive. Never lie to her, or tell her one thing and mean another. Moon/Neptune children seem to have built-in antennae. They pick up the subtlest vibration around them. It's important to ask them what they feel and to listen to what they have to say. Sometimes children with this aspect are sensitive to certain foods or need to build up a strong constitution to overcome health problems.

Mercury Trine Neptune

Your child has a way with words and ideas. Your child creates mental tapestries and conveys them in a way that captures the attention of others. Your child loves a good story, especially those dealing with great heroes, colorful Biblical tales, mythology, and romantic legends such as that of King Arthur and His Knights! The danger is that the mind can be impressionable to a fault. Your child would make an excellent teacher of philosophy or religion, for she can't help but communicate these subjects and enchant all who come to know her. Your child might have literary or artistic talent. Although she has a rich imagination, your child needs to develop mental self-discipline to avoid daydreaming, especially at school! Your child would make a good director, for she likes working with mental images. Your child is devotional and understanding. She may be particularly devoted to a younger brother or sister.

Uranus Conjunction Neptune

Your child may have real vision and insight into the unity that ties this world together. She could have a brilliant imagination and enchanting manner. She may spend a lot of time in her imagination. Your child may be a seer, in the true sense of the word, and could possess a waking experience of that part of us that is mystical and dreamlike. Your child finds new ways to bring people together, to unify situations. She might be unusually musical, or inventive.

Pluto: Inner Change and Growth

Pluto is the planet of profound change, of generation and regeneration. Pluto often touches upon the most sensitive psychological areas within us. Once touched, we have no choice but to change and grow. If Pluto aspects a personal planet in your child's chart, she will experience an intense desire for self-transformation on some level of her being. Pluto contacts often teach us through intense experiences. We feel as if we've lived several lifetimes in one! The struggle of our century with nuclear power is a Plutonian issue. Will this intense power be used as a

dynamo of life or to devastate life? Stress the positive, be ready to help your child navigate through intense emotions she may feel, but not necessarily comprehend. Teach her to express this power wisely.

Pluto in Scorpio

Astrologers predict that this group of children, born at the end of the Piscean Age, will live through drastic upheaval and earth changes. Spiritual and physical survival are questions they and their parents will have to address. Your child may find psychology, initiation, mysticism, and the occult of great interest. Intense personal transformations and inner growth are lifelong habits. If Pluto aspects a personal planet in your child's chart, it will intensify or block its natural expression. Difficult aspects can manifest as shyness. She may not tell you what's really on her mind. Gain your child's trust and encourage open communication between you.

Mars Square Pluto

There could be a lot of emotional tension with this combination. You may find that your child tends to set herself up against whatever forces of change manage to rear their heads around her. This is especially true where feelings are concerned. A study of the overall chart will show how best to deal with this forceful combination. Here is the child who wants to get going and may explode (or implode) if thwarted. Here is the toddler who must learn that temper tantrums don't help (please see to it!) Here is the four year old who must learn obedience lest she take over the roost. We are looking at potential willfulness and temper. Turn it around and we see a dynamic combination expressing itself as drive, determination, courage in the face of great odds, the endurance of ten! Environment, education, karma make the difference! Even as you teach your child obedience (day one is not too early), beware of being overly forceful or unkind. Hopefully, early childhood discipline will be tempered with love. You will need to establish a good communication and trust with her.

Neptune Sextile Pluto

This aspect belongs more to the times, describing the opportunity at hand for great change through understanding of profound spiritual laws. It points to the interest in psychology so prevalent in this century. The times themselves prove to be a great teacher.

Challenges and Abilities

Focus

These are areas of intense focus and activity in the child's chart. For better or worse, these qualities stand out and are obvious to all those who come to know her. They are very clear parts of her character.

Challenges

Life can be challenging, and things are not always easy. The major challenges in a natal chart are where we can expect increased activity and personal involvement – ready or not. These critical areas of life can be difficult, and the resulting confusion and possible obscuration often makes it hard for us to see and act with normal clarity. Some of these aspects are apparent in little children, others describe yourselves, her parents and teachers, and the environment you provide for her. Other aspects may show up later, at about age 12 or older, even in young adulthood. Your knowledge of these areas in your child's chart should give you a greater understanding as to how to help her turn stumbling blocks into rungs on the ladder of success. Therefore, when it comes to the following factors in your child's chart, you may wish to exercise extra patience.

Moon Square Neptune 00°04'

The child born with this Moon-Neptune aspect needs to sort out the real from the unreal. The line between fact and fantasy may not be apparent. Your child may need your help bringing things into focus without shattering her gentle dream world. She may tend to over-react, because she takes things very personally. There could be some rather harsh realities connected to her upbringing and if so, the child could retreat within her imagination to cope. This child might be very imaginative and artistic but needs to learn to look at life objectively. Search for ways to develop your child's creativity. Teach her to maintain order in the environment.

Mars Square Pluto 04°28'

Your child could be strong, courageous, and/or daring. More likely than not, she tends to be independent, headstrong and strong-willed. This square, when mastered, is a powder keg of energy! As your child grows, you may need to exercise great patience in helping her work out the powerful energies within this square. She might need help dealing with, and expressing

anger. Especially if Mars and Pluto are in Cardinal signs, your child might tend to be impulsive and over-reactive; she could be combative, tending to get into fights. While she may resist any form of perceived limits, you must discourage her from taking on a dare-devil attitude that could land her in trouble. If the planets are in fixed signs, she could surprise you by her dogged determination but could have trouble sharing power; she could feel uncomfortable except when she is in command. Your child could well excel in leadership and pioneer type roles, but might have to learn not to be a bull in a china shop! If the planets are in mutable signs, the child may have a variety of talents or interests but needs to focus, define and apply herself to be effective.

Moon Square Uranus 04°54'

The child with this aspect may have a somewhat unusual upbringing. Later in life she is apt to attract a partner who is independent and also a bit unusual. If the mother is inconsistent in moods, rules or behavior, the child with this aspect could easily become confused; not knowing what to expect from her when. She needs to know she can rely on her. Children with this Moon-Uranus contact can be unconventional, even at the expense of popularity. She learns by experience and may depart from the trodden path. Your child may be restless and move around a lot. Her desire for personal freedom quite likely goes against the majority. She could be impulsive, more impatient than not, and (especially if Mars aspects the Moon or Uranus) could find it hard to control her temper. She could be subject to sudden mood changes! Your child can master this aspect by acquiring self-control and self-knowledge. Some children with this Moon-Uranus aspect are quite brilliant and original in their thinking. Teach your child the importance of keeping commitments.

Sun Square Neptune 04°59'

Your child's perception of others could be colored by an over-idealized vision, great devotion, or negatively, by emotional bias and wishful thinking. Children born with this aspect may be shy, fearing rejection. Help your child overcome fear through understanding and objective thinking. She needs a strong sense of self-worth. Your child could be naturally devotional with mystical leanings.

Moon Opposition Sun 05°04'

Your child may feel torn between the impulse to stand on her own two feet, and a need to be cared for and nurtured. Her independent streak may be hard to balance with a need for love and affection. This could also be re-enforced if mother and father work at cross purposes. Friction between mother (Moon) and father (Sun) could manifest as an internal "split" within the child that she would seek to later resolve in adult relationships with the opposite sex. The resulting tension would have to be dealt with gradually and methodically. Check the signs and houses the lights are in; here your child will seek to achieve balance. Ideally, she experiences the flow between the Sun and Moon as a Tai-Chi, a perfect polarity and is centered and poised,

expressing the best of both signs. Often, however, the opposition signifies initial conflict and imbalance. Sextiles or trines to the Sun or Moon suggest how the conflict can be eased or resolved. Squares to either or both bodies increase tension but also become the focus of potential dynamic creativity and growth.

Sun Square Saturn 05°16'

Your child could be very self-conscious, and could tend to take life a bit too seriously. Success for this child comes through hard and precise work. She does best in a structured environment but may need encouragement to finish her work properly. Some children born with this aspect have to overcome some sort of handicap; perhaps a difficult social, physical or family situation. There may be conflict with the father or with an important authority figure. Later, the acquired self-discipline and striving can lead them to the top. Your child seeks your approval and support; be careful not to be unduly harsh or critical of her. Especially if the Sun and Saturn are in fixed signs, the child could be too austere and would benefit by learning to be more flexible. Help your child see the bright side of life!

Sun Square Uranus 09°58'

Sun-Uranus aspects often indicate leadership potential. Your child may be very magnetic, others being drawn to her. She is not afraid to be different, and may indeed be a "trendsetter." Later in life she is likely to be interested in some kind of social or political reform. However, the child with this aspect may be somewhat of a rebel, with a history of flaunting convention and going against authority. She may feel different than her schoolmates. She could separate herself out and end up as the loner, although this is not necessarily what she inwardly desires. Your child could be very bright with exceptional talent. To be happy, however, she needs to learn to cooperate with others. Be patient in seeing her through those unexciting but necessary routines which are simply part of life. Her ideas may be brilliant, but help her learn to test them for practical value as well. Sometimes, Sun-Uranus aspects describe the father as being radical, eccentric, highly individualistic or somehow unusual. Note: if Saturn is well aspected, your child is more apt to have her feet on the ground!

Talents and Abilities

Despite whatever problems we may have, there are areas of life where we have clear insight and real talent – natural ability. When it comes to these matters, our judgment is sharp and we always manage to take charge. We have the knack. It may be as simple as the ability to work hard and accomplish things without something going wrong. An innate sense of the workings of these parts of life makes it easy for us to learn and accomplish things where they are concerned. Positive aspects in your child's chart are like money in the bank. It does little good if not wisely invested. Too much ease in a chart can result in lack of motivation. Therefore, provide your child with opportunities to bring out and develop areas of inherent ability.

Venus Trine Jupiter 00°22'

Even in a more serious chart, this aspect lends a touch of generosity and joy. It is considered a fortunate aspect: good things tend to come your child's way. One day she could end up with a lot of money, property – possessions of all kinds. She is likely to be generous and warm by nature, and probably gives as much as she gets. There could be a love of travel and exploration; of art, culture and religion. Unless strongly counter-indicated, children with this aspect tend to get along well with their elders. The negative manifestation of this aspect is a tendency to be wasteful, extravagant, self-indulgent. Without self-discipline in diet, individuals with this aspect tend to put on weight. The child may have a sweet tooth. Encourage her but teach her restraint!

Mercury Trine Uranus 01°17'

This aspect could point to an original thinker, perhaps an inventor. Your child may have a very unique way of looking at things and be capable of real insight. She tends to be innovative, thinking of new ways to do things or a new use for something. When others have run out of ideas to existing problems, she could pop up with the solution! Children with this aspect often excel at work requiring abstract thinking. They need to be challenged, can be easily bored, and may be misunderstood by their teachers! Communication of all kinds, especially computers, electronics, and the new technology, is likely to be right up your child's alley.

Sun Sextile Mars 02°02'

This energizing positive combination between the Sun ("I am", solar power) and Mars (action through desire) places an accent on leadership and action. Your child may have natural athletic ability and is likely to enjoy competitive sports. She is likely to be physically active and may need plenty of exercise and outdoor play. Or perhaps she is mentally competitive or skilful in one of the arts. She is more confident than most of winning! The father or dominant parent encourages the child to put her best foot forward. This combination strengthens the physical constitution but may give a certain degree of restlessness.

Mercury Sextile Jupiter 04°31'

This aspect often indicates a problem-solver, someone who can think of a way to do almost anything (or think her way out of almost anything)! Children with this aspect have a reputation among their peers of being fair and honest. Typically, they enjoy learning and are confident of their mental abilities. Your child is apt to enjoy traveling and seeks new experiences to broaden her horizons. This aspect indicates an ability to persuade others, and therefore favors politics,

counseling and ministerial type work. As an adult, your child may find herself interested in legal matters, publishing, philosophical and religious subjects, and would make a good teacher or instructor. Scientific investigation might interest her also.

Mercury Sextile Venus 04°53'

Your child may love to talk and write, and probably does so beautifully. Her sense of color, harmony, manners, and all that is artistic, is self-evident. Your child knows quality, and may love to pick out art or arrange color schemes.

Mercury Trine Neptune 06°16'

The child with this aspect could have a fantastic imagination and be somehow tuned into what we all dream of at the deepest levels. The dream worlds, the more eternal thoughts of mankind, come easily to her, and she would be a convincing speaker on occult, metaphysical, and religious subjects. Your child could be sensitive, poetic and persuasive. This aspect is common in the charts of composers. She could have oratory and/or theatrical skills. On the downside, this child may weave many a tale. Help your child sort out reality from fact. Insist she tell the truth!

Moon Trine Mars 07°06'

Children with this aspect tend to be attractive and physically active. They often enjoy group sports. This child seldom hides how she feels and therefore is no stranger to an occasional argument! She may receive plenty of emotional support as a child, especially from her mother. Nevertheless, she may have to learn to work out her anger. Particularly if the mother is easy to anger, the child could be implosive or explosive. Patience! (For a greater understanding of this aspect, check out Mars by sign.)

Landscape: Major Life Periods

What follows amounts to a brief overview of the first thirty years or so of your child's life – a road map of the years to come. Since childhood, adolescence, and early adult life are so crucial to each of us, an attempt has been made to describe these formative years. Based on the gradual movement of the planet Saturn, this is one of the most tested of all astrological techniques. It is used by almost every professional astrologer as part of any personal consultation. Provided that your child's time of birth is more or less accurate, you will find this information both accurate and informative.

Your Personal Background

By age seven, the child has absorbed an enormous amount of learning. Her physical body has reached 70% of her growth potential. Permanent teeth (teeth relate to Saturn) begin to emerge. She passes from the absorbent mind stage into the stage of active reason. She is on her way to becoming an independent adult. Saturn represents rules and laws. At seven years of age, Saturn forms its first square and you can expect your child "to test the law," at home and at school. Astrologically, this is a critical point in her development. The Saturn cycle depicts a fairly easy childhood (all else being equal) up until around the 11th or 12th year, at which time your child may begin to become more subjective and inner-directed. This could mean that during her adolescence, she may feel somewhat introspective. At about age 14 or 15, Saturn opposes its own position in the chart and most teens pass through a kind of identity crisis. Balance is the key but the adolescent who says to herself, how can I be free to make my own decisions, but who is usually not ready to leave the nest! This inner time of exploration lasts until she is about 18 or 19 years of age. At that time, she likely will proceed to take hold, discover herself, and become more outward – in a rather short time. Her sense of confidence should take hold and build, and the years of introspection will pay off as she begins to reach out. The years from 18 through 25 or 26 are likely to be characterized by hard work and continued gains in self-confidence. From the 26th year, her most opportune time for the climb to fame and fortune will commence. Provided she takes advantage of these cycles, the 30s and 40s should be materially successful years.

Your Current Situation

Now for a close-up of recent years: while landscape was quite general, the dates given in this close-up should be much more precise. Don't look here for a day-to-day account of life but rather to get a picture of this stretch of time, "these years." In 28 to 30 years, Saturn will return to its natal position at birth and we experience the so-called "Saturn return." At age 14 (first Saturn opposition) and again at age 29 (first Saturn return), we become very aware of Saturn's influence in our life. Important events, or points of growth may occur around age seven as well (first Saturn square). I do not believe, however, that the child is AWARE of Saturn's influence in a personal sense. Saturn in the child's chart may indicate conditions in her environment, her relationship to others, and especially to her father and other significant authority figures in her life. Saturn represents the law, limits, restrictions, attitude toward responsibilities, hard work, and fairness. The child learns these in stages. A Saturnian key is "maturity."

Please note that for Newborns and children less than seven years of age, the report may indicate a year prior to the actual birth of the child. If this is the case for your child, it means that Saturn was at the degree on the cusp of the quadrant in question on the date indicated. If this occurred about 3 years ago, for example, Saturn will remain in that quadrant for about 4 more years.

Jan 11, 2016 1st Pass D> (Age 25 9m)

Jun 15, 2016 2nd Pass R< (Age 26 2m)

Oct 07, 2016 3rd Pass D> (Age 26 5m)

The above dates marked the end of Saturn's transit through the personal, subjective quadrants of your child's chart. (The latter may not apply for Newborns). The 7th house is an "Angular" house. When Saturn passes through one of the four angular houses, it signifies a shifting of gears. As Saturn continues its travel through the 7th house and the 3rd quadrant, your child will become increasingly more aware of social relationships. Of course, this will be more apparent in the older child than in an infant or toddler, but even the nursery calls for learning cooperation, etiquette, and right interaction, all themes of this period. Sharing things and sharing notions comes into play as well. If your child is in Elementary school or High School, she may now begin to gradually come into her own! Some children may feel lonely, or left out. The question is, What is my place among my friends? Recognition (or non recognition) among peers could become increasingly more important. The older child especially could form lasting friendships or/and encounter conflict among her peers.

Saturn in 03rd Quadrant

The Elements, Modalities and Angularity

Elements, modalities, and house quadrants. These are all techniques used by astrologers to gain a general picture of energy patterns and focus, temperament and modes of action. How does your child's planets and houses total up? Which does she have in abundance, and which does she lack, if any? Those with high totals show what we can or must do in life; plus points to be developed. These are qualities we have. "Wants" are areas that may be weaker and need developing or balance. Sometimes people overcompensate the "wants" and even pretend to have them. The old adage is: we become what we want (or lack), while we do what we can (or have to do) with what we've got. Here are your child's totals:

Have Earth

Your child may be concerned with preserving the status quo and is apt to be stable and methodical in her ways. She could resist change and might have trouble getting started, but once on the move should be indomitable. She could mistrust that which is new or untried.

Want Fire

If your child lacks an inner self-confidence, she could try to overcome this by defensive aggressiveness. She probably wishes she had more of the self-assurance her more fiery acquaintances display. Inspire in your child the joy to overcome all challenges. (A strong Mars or Sun, by sign, aspect or house position or a Fire Ascendant would compensate.)

Have Cardinal

Your child is apt to be an energetic prime mover, a starter, able to initiate and get things moving. Not always hot on the follow-up, she may tend to get the ball rolling and get out to move on to other things.

Want Mutable

Your child may lack flexibility, and could be more stubborn than not! She could have trouble adapting to situations or to the demands of those around her, and could put her foot in her mouth when she least needs it! Perhaps it's not easy for her to communicate or smooth over things. (A strong Mercury, Gemini, Virgo or Pisces Rising, the Sun, Moon or Ascendant in these signs or many planets in the 3rd, 9th, 6th or 12th houses could compensate.)

Have Succeedent

You may find that to enter whole-heartedly into any venture, your child's feelings need to be stirred. Love, ideals, and a strong sense of her own worth are vital to her sense of well-being.

House Activity and Emphasis

The twelve houses of the horoscope, particularly when they are occupied by a planet, provide a clue to areas of special activity in the child's life and development. They paint a picture of the environment in which she will work out the challenges and talents signified by the planets and aspects. Here is an analysis of house activity based on planet emphasis:

First House: Appearance, Approach

First House

The 1st house is the house of "Me!" How I see myself, the "me" I would like to be, and how others see me: in short, my identity. The key phrase of the first house is "I AM." This house rules our personal self and everything about us that draws a reaction from our surroundings or from others. The 1st house describes the early childhood environment (or the child's perception of it). Much of the child's identity will be a reflection of the environment in which she grows up. The child's projected image (personality) will reflect her experience and assimilation of her interaction with others. The sign on the Ascendant (1st house cusp) and its ruler (see intro.) are key components to understanding your child's emerging personality. Any planet "rising" in the 1st house is going to color the personality considerably. For example, if Neptune is in the 1st house, the child will be sensitive and impressionable, no matter what sign is on the Ascendant. A child with Venus in the 1st house is likely to be attractive and charming. Mars in the 1st house is common in the charts of athletes. Astrologers will often blend the characteristics of the Sun sign with the sign on the Ascendant. For example, a child with an Aries Sun is usually somewhat self-centered. If the child, however, has Pisces Rising then she is likely to be assertive but compassionate and interested in serving others. Sometimes, however, the child may experience a conflict; in this case, for instance, part of the child may want to jump right into new experiences (Aries) whereas another part may be shy or afraid (Pisces). The child could feel overwhelmed (Pisces) by the stern parental rebuke given in response to a typically Arian impulsive action! All this may seem very complex, but you can take it step by step. Are any of us really all that simple to understand? You will have to study well the Sun sign and the Ascendant (and the sign and house the Ruler is in) plus the nature of any planet in the 1st house. Learn the keys, be sensitive and observe the child. You will see how it all comes together.

Gemini on First House Cusp

Gemini is concerned with connections and communication of all kinds; letters, wires, telephones, voice, thoughts, writing, and mental processes in general. Gemini is the gadfly, the communicator, the busy-body of the zodiac. The Gemini cusp can reveal in what area of life your child is apt to show curiosity, mental interest and diversity.

Jupiter in First House

Considered a beneficial and protective presence, Jupiter in the 1st house uplifts even the most difficult of charts, giving a "joie de vivre," an enthusiasm that's catching and often a good sense of humor. This Jupiter placement is said to attract the good things in life and may indicate a well educated and possibly spiritually oriented person. Your child's career may be built around the way she appears or presents herself – the way she comes across to others. Your child may have a love of teaching, traveling, and helping others. Because she identifies with her beliefs, she may enter a career related to law, social welfare, or religion. Unless counter indicated by other factors in the chart, neatness may not be her forte! She may need your help in

pulling in the reins of her multi-faceted activities to keep them all in place! If Jupiter is afflicted, the child may tend to take on more than she can realistically handle. Be realistic in the goals you set for this child.

Second House: Possessions, Reactions

Second House

The key phrase of the 2nd house is "I have." The 2nd house, then, deals with our material security, our means of livelihood, our resources and talents, and how we utilize the resources of this world. The 2nd house also reveals much about our values, what is valuable to us. We study this house for clues as to the child's basic attitudes and sense of self-worth. The sign on the second house cusp and any planets in the 2nd house will tell you how your child is most likely to deal with things. Here we see her attitude toward her belongings. Responsibility, stewardship, and sharing all come into play here. If your child does not have any planets in the 2nd house, look to the sign, house and aspects of the planet ruling the sign on the cusp, and to the planet Venus, for clues as to money making potential and spending habits.

Cancer on Second House Cusp

Cancer is the mother of the zodiac, always making a home, protecting and providing for others. The house with Cancer on the cusp is where your child is likely to look for security. The child could be particularly sensitive to the issues of that house.

Third House: Inquiries, Communications

Third House

The key phrase for the 3rd house is "I think." At no time is the 3rd house more important than during childhood. This is because the 3rd house is the house of early education. The astrologer looks to the sign on the 3rd house cusp, its ruler and any planets abiding there (and to the planet Mercury) to get a picture of the child's approach to learning. The 3rd house is a very mental house, concerned with finding, researching, communicating, and all manner of questioning. Traditionally this house rules brothers and sisters. Planets in the 3rd house can tell you something about your child's interaction with her siblings, and with neighborhood pals. Children with personal planets (Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus and Mars) in the 3rd house tend to be very active at school.

Leo on Third House Cusp

Leo energy is expressive and concerned with dramatic self-awareness and a sense of pride

and ownership. Here is a sense of confidence from which the emotive and outgoing Leo energy operates. Often very artistic, and always theatrical and expressive, this sign is good for creativity and the arts. Your child may seek creative means to express herself through the affairs of the house with Leo on the cusp.

Fourth House: Home, Family, Security

Fourth House

The 4th house is the house of the home and family. The 4th house represents our roots and also relates to our perception of our mother. The sign on the 4th house cusp and any planets abiding here describe the early home environment. Young children yearn to feel secure within the arms of mother and father, within the walls of home. The small child fears abandonment. This house tells about the emotional foundation upon which the rest of the chart can stand or collapse. Traumatic childhood scenes take years to resolve. A memory of a nurturing and secure experience helps the adult get through many a storm. Since many of the early patterns are repeated, the fourth house (and the sign, house position and aspects of the Moon) describes how your child is likely to manage her own family one day. Land and property also come under the fourth house domain.

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Fifth House: Expression, Creativity

Fifth House

The 5th house is the house of dramatic self-expression; its key phrase is "I create." Many actors have planets here. The 5th house relates to fun and recreation: planets in the 5th house plus the sign on the cusp provide clues as to what kind of recreation your child might enjoy. Fire signs may like sports, competitive games and outdoor exploration. An Earth sign on the cusp could take to nature walks, hiking, building, mechanics. For these children, work can be fun! Children with Air signs on the 5th house cusp are going to enjoy mixing with other people. A Water sign on the 5th house cusp may enjoy family outings, be attached to loved ones, find their niche through the arts. The giving and receiving of love is also connected with this house. Children with personal planets in this house (Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, and Mars) feel most

fulfilled when they are actively creating, sharing, expressing their emotions.

Libra on Fifth House Cusp

Libra energy is always facilitating and responsive, assuming the appropriate reaction or response to any question or statement. This is certainly the social sign, par excellence. The affairs of the house with Libra on the cusp indicate where your child may enjoy working with a close pal; this may also be where she must learn lessons in cooperation. Libra can tie in the theme of beauty and diplomacy into the affairs of the house whose cusp it is on

Moon in Fifth House

Your child lights up a room with her enthusiasm and joie de vivre! She loves to share with others, not only possessions, but ideas, experiences as well! Emotionally dramatic, she is most expressive when urged on by a group or in an environment that she feels is both supportive and appreciative. With the Moon (emotion) in the house of recreation, children, and romance (5th), your child is apt to take to games, group sports, and pageantry. She may enjoy coaching younger children and caring for pets. Especially if the Moon is positively aspected, children with this placement tend to be openly affectionate. They need your approval and love. But make no mistake about it; spoon out encouragement and self-discipline in equal measures. Love her, but don't over indulge her! Especially if the Moon is in Aquarius, Taurus or a fire sign, cooperation may not come easily and is a lesson best learnt starting in the Nursery! This is a great position for actors, educators (or their assistants), athletes, and group leaders.

Sixth House: Responsibility, Work, Health

Sixth House

The key phrase of the 6th house is "I work." That which was conceived in the 5th house is applied and produced in the 6th! In an adult chart, this house indicates employment, attitude toward work, and relationship with employees and/or co-workers. In the child's chart, we study the 6th house to understand her daily habits. How she handles her chores, how she approaches her school work. Is her handwriting sloppy or neat? Is she happy to help others when asked or does she complain? The 6th house rules dress and appearance. This house also tells us about eating habits, diet and basic health. Obviously, eating habits and diet will affect health for better or for worse, as the case may be. A water sign on the cusp, or the Moon or Neptune in the 6th indicates that emotions will affect health and vice-versa. The sign on the cusp and planets in the 6th house can show you health areas that may require your attention.

Scorpio on Sixth House Cusp

Scorpio is the most dynamically creative sign and the most abused! Intense, passionate, and very personal, Scorpio rushes past superficialities and right to the heart of any matter. Scorpio relates to sex, death, regeneration and resources we share with others. Scorpio energy will intensify and concentrate the affairs of the house whose cusp it sits on.

Pluto in Sixth House

Individuals born with Pluto in the house of service experience spiritual regeneration in serving and caring for the needs of others. Pluto's presence here could point to a very hard worker. The child with this placement is apt to get totally involved in the project at hand, whether it be building blocks or high school papers! She will be interested in self-analysis, and may show particular interest in health care, food, and physical well-being. She may be sensitive to criticism. She needs to build a strong physical constitution based on sound dietary principles since sometimes this placement indicates a health crises during the life. Afflictions to Pluto could point to spats with classmates, and later co-workers or the necessity to apply the will to improve thier health.

Seventh House: Relationships, Other People

Seventh House

The 7th house is the house of partnerships, relationships, social life, and all that carries us beyond our personal self into an awareness of other people, community, and the like. Children with planets in this house seek to understand themselves through others. They are rarely alone. How does your child deal with competition? Is she able to hold her own in a match? Can she stand up against peer pressure? To succeed with 7th house issues, the child needs to feel secure within herself (1st house polarity.) Planets in the 7th house and the sign on the cusp can also provide clues about your child's interaction, as she matures, with the opposite sex. For instance, a child with Mars in this house or Aries on the cusp would likely be bold in relationships, and hence, make friends easily. Nevertheless, she could incline toward arguments and contention (Mars) in close friendships (and later in marriage). She may, however, be willing to work hard (Mars) to make a relationship (7th house) work. The wise parent would teach this child the dangers of entering into relationships impulsively.

Sagittarius on Seventh House Cusp

Sagittarius is associated with religion, philosophy and travel. Your child may seek to "expand her horizons," or to express her highest ideals and personal philosophy through the affairs of the house on whose cusp Sagittarius is found.

Eighth House: Business Savvy, Elimination

Eighth House

The 8th house is traditionally the house of death and regeneration. This is the house of surgery: where something must be removed so something else can thrive. Thus, this house also covers initiation: getting rid of excess parts of ourselves that we no longer need so we can get to the heart and deeper meaning of life. The no-nonsense quality of the eighth house makes it good for business ventures since here we are stripping away the dross to reveal the truth or essence of the subject. But what meaning does the 8th house hold for the child? Any planets in the 8th house will give a Scorpio, hence deeply subjective, coloring to the chart. The key phrase here is "We have": for the adult, the 8th house relates to shared money, property, resources. It all begins during childhood. How does your child approach sharing her things with others, in carrying out joint responsibilities. Also, how does the child deal with pain, crises, even the death of significant others? This is the house of sex, and moreover, the house of desire. Planets in the 8th house and the sign on the cusp shed light on the child's ability to attract things to herself through desire, and to let go when necessary or right.

Capricorn on Eighth House Cusp

Capricorn is the business energy of the zodiac. Given to clear-headedness and practical insight, this sign takes a distanced perspective, a cool appraisal. Lessons in power may be indicated in the affairs governing the house hosting Capricorn on its cusp. Or this may be where your child is particularly willing to work hard for earned results.

Saturn in Eighth House

As an adult, values garnered during childhood regarding her rights and the rights of others, and possessions will effect whether your child expresses the positive or more difficult aspects of this position. Saturn in the 8th house may point to responsibilities involving partners' money, corporate money, insurance, taxes, property and/or inheritance in adulthood. If Saturn is in Scorpio or part of a cross formation, your child might be intensely emotional but quiet, willful, or she may have trouble letting go of desires or things. This is an excellent placement for business, real estate work or quality control. Since this placement sometimes can manifest as an extreme sense of perfection (possibly not humanly attainable) show your child the wisdom of following the "middle way." The 8th house relates to inheritances. Sometimes the child "inherits" the talents or business of one or both parents.

Uranus in Eighth House

Uranus is well placed in the 8th house. Children with this placement may shine in the sciences. Uranus here often indicates a love of invention, an innate ability to ferret out the answers to puzzles and mysteries. Your child could be fascinated by metaphysics,

parapsychology, atomic energy and/or physics. She may surprise you with startling questions and unique observations. At a later stage in her life, she could actively seek the answer to spiritual mysteries. A unique experience could launch her into a higher level of consciousness. Sometimes this Uranus placement indicates business acumen. Lightning fast when it comes to the business deal, Uranus in the 8th house individuals frequently seem to have direct insight into what is worthwhile and worthless in a situation.

Neptune in Eighth House

To get the most out of this placement in adulthood, your child will have to rely on a bedrock foundation of ethical values hopefully instilled during childhood. At its best, this is the position of the "faithful steward." As an adult, your child may be attracted to jobs dealing with the care or investment of other people's monies and interests. Clear and timely instruction on the guarding of the life-force in sex, and saying "no" to alcohol and drugs will keep your child free of the tentacles of Neptune's more subtle pulls. As a child, your child may lean toward the mystical or spiritual, with a keen interest in hearing stories of karma, reincarnation, and the supernatural. Sometimes Neptune in the 8th indicates heightened intuition into others motivations and psychology and is an excellent position for a counselor if other placements concur. Your child may have musical talent.

Ninth House: Religions, Philosophy, Ideas

Ninth House

The 9th house covers higher education, long journeys and religion (the longest journey of all). Here is what remains of the purification that takes place in the 8th house – the seed, or essence, of an entire cycle of experience. Religion comes from a Latin word that means to bind back, and thus refers to all things that last or endure, such as the truth. Essential ideas, philosophy, and the courts of law belong here. In your child's chart, the 9th house reveals the influences shaping the child's notions of right and wrong, her search for higher meaning, where she reaches out to know more, the (life-long) evolution of her belief system. As a youth, she is apt to be more concerned with her direct experience than with abstract thoughts. From these, however, she will draw conclusions shaping her beliefs. Priests, judges, historians, college professors, philosophers and explorers often have key planets here. The child with planets in the 9th house enjoys expanding her horizons through travel.

Aquarius on Ninth House Cusp

Aquarius is the sign of brotherly love. Aquarian energy is futuristic, prophetic, communal. The focus is on the goal, and the goal is for the many, not the few. This sign tends toward independence. The house with Aquarius on the cusp sometimes indicates areas of special

talents.

Mars in Ninth House

One day she may end up traveling the world. Especially if the rest of the chart indicates refinement and good breeding, your child may experience an inner urge to discover the very heart of truth in all things. This quest could propel her to search near and far. Your child is very motivated when it comes to ideology, religion, and all things essential and lasting. Especially if Mars (or Mercury) are in a Fire sign, your child may "tell it like it is." Naturally adventurous and zealous, she is an explorer at heart! She may enjoy a subscription to National Geographic. Point out new horizons to her as she grows. Teach her to finish what she begins and to take care of the details, even if she be bored by routines! She may love horses and riding. Sometimes this position points to religious fervor. With afflictions, and particularly when the religious/moral upbringing is narrow, this placement can manifest negatively as a prejudiced mentality or fanatical or intolerant religious/intellectual stance. If afflicted, the child may need to acquire the humility to swallow her pride and accept corrections.

Tenth House: Practical Vision, Vocation

Tenth House

The 10th house is the point of crystallization, what we give back to the world in concrete form: hence, the 10th house deals with career, and subsequently status and reputation. The 10th house is connected with authorities: father, government, employer, Guru. In studying the planets in the 10th house plus the sign on the 10th house cusp in the child's chart (and Saturn), we discover clues about the nature of the child's ambitions (what she wants to do and who she wants to be when she grows up), how she deals with authorities, how she handles responsibility, and her relationship with her father or dominant parent. The child's way of dealing with her elders during childhood obviously will be transferred to dealing with her boss later on! Children with planets in the 10th house may be thinking ahead. Children with the Sun, Jupiter or Saturn or many planets in the 10th house often want to be someone of consequence in this world! The 10th house relates to Saturn and hence to maturation through time. Sometimes planets in the 10th house (especially the Sun or Saturn) indicate a need for much training before reaching the career goal.

Aquarius on Tenth House Cusp

Aquarius is the sign of brotherly love. Aquarian energy is futuristic, prophetic, communal. The focus is on the goal, and the goal is for the many, not the few. This sign tends toward independence. The house with Aquarius on the cusp sometimes indicates areas of special talents.

Venus in Tenth House

Your child has an inborn sense of organization and responsibility. She loves large-scale organization, and career or business will always be close to her heart. Her sense of discrimination when it comes to practical issues is excellent, and she values clear-headedness in others. She likes to work, and needs to know her contribution at home & school counts. For some children, this position is indicative of a career in arts and entertainment.

Usually, Venus in the 10th house indicates a loving relationship to the father (or dominant parent). With challenging squares, your child may need help in translating high ideals into practical reality. This position favors professions related to the arts, monetary management, and personnel development.

Eleventh House: Dreams & Visions, Community

Eleventh House

We have been on the mountain and had a vision (10th house). In the 11th, we bond with others who share our vision and can help us realize it. Thus, this is the house of friends and community life. The young child is greatly influenced by her companions. As she matures (and particularly during pre-adolescence and teen-age years), peer pressure and conformity may take precedence over parental guidelines in her mind. Planets in this house and the sign on the 11th house cusp indicate what traits your child may admire in a friend and the kind of friends she is likely to attract. For example, if Uranus is in the 11th house or if Aquarius is on the cusp, the child would attract friends who are unique, unusual, somehow different. If Gemini is on the cusp, she may enjoy having many friends, but could be fickle. Traditionally, the 11th house is called the house of "hopes and wishes." The 11th house provides clues as to how to tune into the child's aspirations; how to teach her goal-fittedness; how to measure our projected aspirations for her against her own! The 11th house also addresses the child's willingness (or lack of it) to cooperate with others in group projects.

Aries on Eleventh House Cusp

Aries is the sign of the pioneer and leader. Aries energy is attention-getting and assertive, tending to provoke a response from the surroundings, from others. The house with the Aries cusp shows you in what area of life your child is most apt to be assertive, and even a bit impulsive. Here is where she can learn the lessons of patience.

Sun in Eleventh House

Your child's innate idealism and love for humanity can blossom in group or community work, especially if she is in a leadership role. Friendships mean a lot to her. Anything that is altruistic or serves the common good – that's where she can be found. Scouts or 4 H Club could afford her the opportunity to work with groups. Your child strives to make her dreams and

ideals real. This position lends itself to change and reformation, and therefore is not uncommon in the charts of politicians! Often there is a love of electronics and inventions. This placement also relates to acting, broadcasting and flying.

Mercury in Eleventh House

The child born with Mercury in the 11th house tends to be idealistic. Her mind runs to humanitarian values and thoughts of what could (and should) be – Utopia! She likes to exchange ideas with her friends and is more prone to establish friendships for mental stimulation rather than purely social reasons. If well aspected, this child has an open mind and converses with people of all different backgrounds. She likes to put her ideas to work in the world, making dreams real. She may be interested in participating in clubs at school or in taking on a position in student government. Especially (but not necessarily) if in Aquarius, scientific ability is almost always present. With hard aspects, your child's ideas may be eccentric, radical, or impractical. Many electricians have Mercury here. This placement is also favorable for politics, theater, science, flying, electronics, computers and group work.

Twelfth House: Sacrifice, Psychology, Acceptance

Twelfth House

The 12th house is called the house of endings. This house is considered "karmic" in that here, within the layers of the subconscious, are buried the records of the past. The 12th house relates to fears and "hidden enemies": fears born of past memories. Here to we also uncover hidden strengths and the courage and illumination to transcend our fears. The 12th house relates to the imagination. A child with many planets in the 12th house could be extremely imaginative but could be so sensitive as to withdraw. Music, meditation, dance and art are good ways to bring 12th house children out of the "retreats." The sign on the 12th house cusp can tune you into potential areas of vulnerability in your child's psychic make-up, hidden fears, as well as hidden talent waiting to be drawn out! The 12th house shows the inclination to sacrifice for others. Many or key planets in this house could signify a career in medicine, social work, or behind the scenes production.

Taurus on Twelfth House Cusp

Taurus energy is stable. Here is where your child is likely to be resourceful, where talent may lie! She could perhaps make money from the issues related to this house. Taurus is the way we "have" things, how we possess and acquire things. The house cusp can tell you where the child might need to learn the lessons of obedience or non-attachment.

Notes on Astrological Terms

Creating the Natal Chart

The astrological, or natal, chart is a method of mapping the space surrounding our Earth for a birth moment. A natal chart is simply a snapshot of the cosmos at the time of birth - a cosmic portrait. We know that all things are in motion. Not only do the planets move slowly at different speeds in great elongated orbits around the Sun, but the Earth itself turns on its axis once in 24 hours. As the Earth turns during a day, each one of us is exposed to the entire 360 degrees of the zodiac. The natal chart is a diagram or picture that stops the cosmic clock and captures the universe as it exists at a particular moment.

Your child's natal chart is her individual cosmic portrait or mandala. It is said that something that is born in time takes on the qualities of that specific moment. Your child's natal chart reveals a picture of who she is and what she may become.

Astrology is a map of karma, positive and negative, that will unfold in cycles of time. The seeds of the future are always sown in the present, but can we read them? This is what the study of astrology is all about: reading the signs of the times and listening to what they have to say about ourselves, now and in the future. Astrology, then, is prophecy. Yet we know that prophecy can be altered, changed, or mitigated through free will, right or wrong decisions, prayers, and self-awareness.

The Sun sign interpretations that we find in most newspapers are a far cry from the work of professional astrologers. The sign the Sun was in on the day of your birth (for example Aries, Taurus, or Gemini) is only one of many factors that professionals look at. In addition to the day and year of birth, most professionals use the time and place of birth as well. Birth date, year, time, and place are all needed to pinpoint your place in time and space. Given this information, an astrologer creates what is called a natal or birth chart (sometimes called a horoscope).

Each natal chart includes the exact position of the Sun, Moon, and the planets: Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. These planets are then placed in a circular diagram called a chart wheel. This wheel is a miniature diagram of what the sky looked like at the moment of birth as seen from the birthplace.

The very top of the chart, or MC (Medium Coeli or Midheaven), is that part of the zodiac directly overhead, while the bottom of the chart, or IC (Imum Coeli, or lower heaven), is the part beneath your feet and on the other side of the Earth from you. At the extreme left-hand side of the wheel is the Ascendant, or rising sign - the part of the zodiac that is on the horizon or rising at the birth moment. The Descendant is on the right-hand side of the chart. This is the part of the zodiac that is setting. These four points - the Ascendant, Descendant, Midheaven,

and IC - are very important to astrologers. They are sensitive points.

What follows is a brief introduction to some of the terms and concepts used in astrology. Reading through this material will help you get more out of your Child*Star report.

Elements and Modalities

The 12 zodiac signs have different qualities. Certain groups of signs share similar qualities. The two most popular methods for sign grouping are elements and modalities. Astrologers like to see which of the groups the natal planets fall in, then add them up to produce counts or totals. It's fun to tally up your Sun, Moon, and planets and check out your elemental and modality balance. Keep in mind while doing this is that we often attract to ourselves, or ultimately become, what we want (or lack), and we do what we can (or have to do) with what we've got! Studying the elements in your child's chart can help you gain perspective on her natural temperament and mode of action. Keep in mind that these points might tally up quite differently for you! For example, if you have a lot of Cardinal planets, you're a doer. If your child, however, lacks (wants) Cardinal planets and is strong on Fixed, she may find it harder than you to get going; but once she gets started, her efforts could be more stable. Learning your similarities and differences will help you master your own chart as well as be more patient with your child.

Elements . A very popular grouping of the signs is that of the four elements - Fire, Earth, Air, and Water.

Fire Signs : Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius. People with lots of fire in their chart are very active, involved and can do all kinds of things. Children with an emphasis on fire in their charts are vivacious and fun to be with, but they may need to work at being more reliable. These "fireballs" often find it hard to settle down. Fire-sign children love to look at the dancing flames on a summer camp-out fire. Fire is creative but, mishandled, is dangerous. Those with little fire in their charts often find it hard to get started, and they may need someone of greater enthusiasm and spark to get them going!

Earth Signs : Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn. People with lots of earth are very practical; they can see how to do and use things. Children with a strong earth emphasis are looking for ways to be productive. They are often dependable, efficient, and "down to earth." They like a hands-on approach to learning. Earth-sign children enjoy playing with sand, clay, and beautiful rocks. They like to build. Those with little earth tend to be less objective, less grounded, or less practical.

Air Signs : Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius. People with lots of air are analytical; they are able to resolve and draw conclusions. Children with a preponderance of air can be chatty. They are mental and like to exchange ideas. They understand emotions through reason. Those with little air sometimes have trouble with abstractions and ideas - getting the "big picture." They tend to be less objective about their experience.

Water Signs : Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces. People with lots of water are very feeling oriented and "sense"-ative. Children with a strong water emphasis may be artistic or musical. Their feelings are hurt easily. They seek ways to care for others. Even as babies, they enjoy quiet periods of meditation. Water-sign children often love swimming and playing in water. Those with little water may be need help getting in touch with their feelings.

Modalities . Another popular way of grouping the zodiac signs is by the Cardinal, Fixed, and Mutable crosses.

Cardinal Signs : Aries, Cancer, Libra, and Capricorn. People with a heavy emphasis in Cardinal signs are self-starters, doers. They initiate and get things moving. Children with a Cardinal emphasis are normally active and dynamic. Life will bring them challenges through changing circumstances. They must learn the proper use of power. They can be firecrackers for getting things off the ground, but they may need guidance on follow-through. Children with few planets in Cardinal signs may have trouble getting the ball rolling.

Fixed signs : Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, and Aquarius. People with a heavy emphasis in fixed signs hang onto and preserve life. They are at the center of things and are hard to budge. Children with a strong fixed emphasis can get "fix-ated," stubborn, and unyielding. They tend to be loyal and persevering. Life will teach them to be less attached to desire. They must learn to love in a more selfless manner. Children with few planets in fixed signs may have trouble seeing the job through and may need to cultivate stick-to-it-tive-ity.

Mutable signs : Gemini, Virgo, and Sagittarius, Pisces. People with a heavy emphasis in mutable signs are restless and impressionable. They seek ways to communicate. Children with a strong mutable emphasis are normally inquisitive and enjoy learning. They like to share what they learn with others. They may be restless and would benefit by some work with the hands. Life may offer them lessons in overcoming fear. They need to learn to focus the mind. They may be mimics, and tend to pick up knowledge easily, but they can also easily become distracted and they tend to be overly impressionable. Children with few planets in mutable signs may have trouble adapting or being flexible.

Aspects

Aspects are an important part of astrology. As the planets move in their elongated orbits around the Sun, they form various angular relationships with one another, using the Sun (or Earth) as the center. These are called aspects. The most popular aspects result from dividing the circle by numbers such as 1, 2, 3, and 4, resulting in aspects such as the conjunction (0 degrees), opposition (180 degrees), trine (120 degrees), and square (90 degrees). When two planets form an aspect with each other, their energies and natures are said to combine and work in harmony (positive) or discord (afflicted). For example, when two planets are exactly on opposite sides of the Sun (Earth), they are in opposition.

The most popular aspects can be divided into three main categories:

The **"emphatic" aspects** : The emphatic aspects are those that emphasize or align two planetary energies with one another.

Conjunction (0 degrees). Two planets at the same point in the zodiac are said to be in conjunction. Their natures are fused or blended into one.

Opposition (180 degrees). Two planets at opposite sides of the zodiac. The energies are in alignment with each other. They can pull together or apart, depending upon the nature of the planets involved, and the consciousness of the individual.

The **"hard" (or dynamic) aspects** : square (90 degrees) and semi-square (45 degrees). These represent challenge, obstacles, and creative tension; they provide the surest means to

dynamic growth. Too many can block or obstruct the life flow, yet too few can indicate a lack of motivation. In the child's chart, these aspects show where her greatest challenges and opportunities for growth may lie.

The "**soft**" (or **harmonious**) **aspects** : trine (120 degrees) and sextile (60 degrees). The soft aspects bring ease, clarity, and vision to our lives; we can see, grasp, and understand what is happening. Too few of the soft aspects can bring a lack of ease to our lives, while too many soft aspects make for a life that is potentially lacking in substance. In the child's chart, the soft aspects reveal potential talent waiting to be developed. A child can "sit" on her trines and sextiles, she and her parents taking her strong points for granted. When ignored, these aspects can lead to over-indulgence and eventual weakness. Develop these points like diamonds.

"Exact" aspects and aspects' orbs: aspects between planets gradually form, become exact, and separate. When an aspect is exact, it has its greatest impact. Yet the effect of most aspects can be felt for some time before and after the moment of exactness. The range within which an aspect is in operation is called its "orb of influence," or simply its orb. An orb of one or two degrees of arc on either side of the exact aspect is considered a close or tight orb, while an orb of 10 degrees is said to be wide.

Aspects to the Sun and Moon (the lights) are most important, followed by the planetary aspects of Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. If your child's natal chart has an accurate birth time, then aspects to the chart angles (Ascendant and Midheaven) are also important. The particular combination can make a difference too. Aspects between planets such as Saturn and Mars (traditional malefics) are obviously more potentially explosive than the same aspect between Venus and Jupiter (traditional benefics)

The Planets

In astrology, the larger life of our solar system as a whole tells us something about our own personal Earth life. The interplay and relationship of the planets with one another as they circle the Sun is carefully studied. Of particular interest to astrologers are the Sun, the Moon, and the planets Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. These are the celestial bodies used most often by modern astrologers for natal interpretation. Each of these planets represents or refers to a part of our life and self. Here are some of the concepts and key words associated with each planet:

Sun . The heart and center of it all: spirit and identity. The Sun represents father, guru, teacher or figure of authority - our connection to great solar hierarchies! In the child's chart, the Sun shows her perception of her own identity. The Sun sign often reveals the child's greatest strengths as well as her potential weaknesses. The Sun reveals the child's perception of her father.

Moon . The Moon represents our mother, our surroundings, the environment out of which we come, our past and childhood, our formative years and self. In short, the Moon paints a picture of the early background, that out of which we emerged. The Moon is very prominent in the child's chart, especially during the first seven years. Here we see the child's perception of her relationship to her mother. Here we gauge the child's emotional barometer, her interaction with the family, her habit patterns. The Moon should be a clear reflection of the Sun, but, because of the subconscious nature of the Moon and the state of affairs on this planet, most of

us have some weeds to pluck from our lunar garden.

Mercury . Mercury is communication at light speed, linkage, thought, ideas, the light of the mind - Logos! Mercury in the child's chart tells us much about her early schooling, her learning experience, her mentality. Mercury also relates to brothers and sisters.

Venus . Venus reveals how we respond, appreciate, cherish, or value something. Venus shows the way we love, our capacity to care for others. Venus in the child's chart will tell us what she values, what's important to her and how she shows love and appreciation, and how she cares for her belongings. Venus describes the child's sense of self-worth. Venus reveals the child's attitudes toward, and potential future experiences with, the opposite sex.

Mars . Mars is the planet of action through desire. Mars is energy and Mars is our clue to what motivates our child. Mars in the child's chart reveals how she is likely to express anger, the kind of discipline she may need, and the type of sports and recreation she might enjoy.

Jupiter . Jupiter is the pathfinder or lamp through the trials of time. Jupiter shows where opportunities for expansion lie. Jupiter is grace. Jupiter is the planet that brings us the rewards of good karma. Jupiter relates to religion, philosophy, and higher education. By studying Jupiter in the child's chart, we can discover how to teach our child fundamental truths and ethics. We can also gauge in what areas of life "too much of a good thing" could be harmful to her.

Saturn . Saturn is the great teacher, the giver of laws or rules, the Initiator. Saturn also represents Chronos - time - and the material world. In the child's chart, Saturn represents the limits placed upon her by parents, authorities and teachers, and by time itself. As Saturn makes its cycles, we can expect the child to test these limitations.

By studying Saturn, we can glean an understanding of the best approach to adopt in disciplining the child. Saturn reveals much about the child's relationship to her father. Saturn gives us clues as to the child's later career. Saturn can show us where the child may feel thwarted and how we can best help her. Studying Saturn by sign, aspects, and house position will reveal in what area of life the child may later (as an adult) confront some of her greatest challenges. Knowing this, we as parents can take definite steps to prepare her to pass every test!

Uranus . Uranus is the Great Awakener. Uranus represents breakthroughs: insight, invention, innovation. Where Saturn crystallizes into form, Uranus shatters and creates anew! In the child's chart, Uranus may reveal special talent and unique abilities. Uranus may reveal how the child may try to "break" out of parental (Saturnian) restrictions. Uranus tells us about the child's attitude toward her friends and peers.

Neptune . Neptune is the planet that brings enlightenment and compassion. Neptune also brings confusion, illusion, delusion, self-deception and/or deception from others. Neptune's influence is subtle and hard to define. Neptune in the child's chart may reveal much about her devotional nature, artistic and musical talent, her attunement to higher spheres, her ability to cope with reality, her dreams, and where she may have to overcome fear.

Pluto . Pluto is the "bad guy" of the zodiac, the "dweller on the threshold." As we mature, we have to face (and conquer or be conquered by) that dweller. When we challenge the darkness Pluto exposes, we enter a cycle of creation and regeneration, usually through a transmutative or transformative experience generally in adulthood, but the seeds can be set in childhood or even in past lives)! When Pluto makes personal contacts in the child's chart, it may point to an area of extreme vulnerability, crisis, and emotional intensity. Pluto shows the issues native to the generation into which our child was born, issues that may challenge and change

our own!

Lunar north node . Vocation or application point. The North Node is a point of strength.

The Lights

The Sun and the Moon are the two most significant bodies in the natal chart. They are referred to as "the lights."

The Sun represents our ego and identity, how we see ourselves, and how we project outward to the world. In manifesting our highest potential, our spiritual identity, we have many choices along the way. The sign position of the Sun reveals the nature of our greatest potential attainment (plus attainment we have brought in from other lifetimes), and also the nature of our points of greatest vulnerability. Understanding the qualities of the child's Sun sign will help us better understand her emerging personality, her natural expression, and how she approaches life. The house position indicates an area of high focus in her life. The Sun also tells about the child's attitude toward authorities.

The Moon is reflective; it represents the soul, struggling through the veils of "mater" to unite with the higher self. Where the Sun is conscious will directed toward an outer purpose, the Moon is the subconscious, emotions, and the feeling world. The Sun is father and authorities; the Moon is mother and our roots, our family, home and nation. The Moon should be a clear reflection of spirit, and one day perhaps she shall be, but for now the Moon tends to amplify the more negative emotions and habit patterns within the individual and the mass consciousness. We can see our child's perceptions of her father (Sun) and mother (Moon) by studying the lights. We can see how we, her parents and teachers, may have to work on our own emotions and habits to help the child obtain greater self-mastery, and where we could, even inadvertently, injure her by passing on generational patterns of negative behavior. Lunar energy is most significant in the first seven years of life.

The Signs of the Zodiac: key words and esoteric meditations

Aries : The Ram. Spring. The pioneer, adventurer. Courage, daring, boldness. The fountainhead or source. The word of Logos, the "I AM THAT I AM." Impulse, energetic, start, beginning, manifestation. However we see our identity in Aries (the Sun) will color the rest of the chart. In Aries, through patience and the higher mind, we exercise control and replace the human ego with the divine. To do so, we must battle Martian energy and master anger, aggression, conceit, and all manner of ego games.

Taurus : The Bull. Taurus is the steady, deliberate, determined response of life to the new ideas and impulses of Aries - possessing them, embodying them. Taurus is the sign of the Builders. In Taurus, we make way for the Buddha (the enlightened one) through an inner obedience to our calling in life. Through the fires of love, we transmute human density and receive illumination. The bull that blindly follows the red cape of desire must become the ox who serves.

Gemini : The Twins. Communicating, inquiring, investigating, exploring. "Getting to know you, getting to know all about you." Nervous, versatile, inventive, curious, linking,

reasoning, making connections. Gemini is the sign where we end our differences through effective communication (come-into-union). We transcend envy and jealousy (that would divide us) through knowledge and the application of wisdom.

Cancer : The Crab. The crab carries his home with him wherever he goes. Cancer is the experience, vehicle, or body itself. The house and home - The Chariot. The experience as in feeling, living, and sensing life. Cancer energy is protective, nurturing, and compassionate. Cancer is the mother, human and divine, who gives and gives of herself until this daily giving becomes second nature. In Cancer we learn self-discipline to raise up the tremendous creative force of the mother, the kundalini. We overcome self-pity, self-justification and indecision and are harmonious with all of life.

Leo : The Lion. Leo is fire of

heart! Leo is the outward expression of love: acting, creativity, children, sports, and romance. Leo is the sign of Kings. In Leo we learn humility and magnanimity of heart, the mark of true leadership! Through the fires of love, we transmute hardness of heart, which has made us blind, into God's great gifts. We learn to care for and appreciate life. We express gratitude in thought, word, and deed.

Virgo : The Virgin. Virgo is the sign of health, works, and service. Virgo is the Celestial Maiden. In her arms she carries the sheaves of wheat, symbolizing wisdom. With meticulous discernment, she separates out the chaff, makes flour, and distributes the bread to a world hungry for her spiritual guidance. She is the Earth Mother who shows us "how to do it" step by step. She is the teacher. In her great love of geometry and perfection, the Earth Mother pays special attention to details, repair, craftsmanship. She is busy, concerned, and careful, practical, analytical, and discriminating. In Virgo we balance our karmic accounts. Through peace and understanding, we transmute anger and a sense of injustice. We replace a tendency to worry with a positive mental outlook. We balance our accounts through service to life.

Libra : The Scales. Marriage and union. (Yoga: to join, or yoke.) Marriage is the most common form of yoga. Libra energy is diplomatic, compassionate, attentive to the needs of others. In Libra we learn to be centered in the heart. Only there and in the higher mind can we be at the fulcrum of reality. We treat our brother as we would have him treat us, but learn to be unafraid to stand up for truth, even if in so doing we rock the Libran scales! In Libra, we seek balance to be the instruments of love. Painful experiences in love - dishonesty, treachery, and intrigue - are arrows that cause pain but also purify and bring us back to the center in God.

Scorpio : The Scorpion. The Scorpion, the Phoenix, the Eagle. Scorpio is the sign of great yet, more often than not, painful transformations. Rising out of the ashes of an ancient karma, we reclaim our divine sonship. We learn it is far better to give than to receive. We learn to detach ourselves from those desires not in keeping with our Higher Self. We remove all that is nonessential to our path. Scorpio energy is intense, penetrating, purging, metamorphic. This is the sign of the Warrior and the Initiate. Its key word is TRIUMPH!

Sagittarius : The Archer/the Centaur. What remains after the furnace of Scorpio

: truth, that which cannot be further reduced. Sagittarius represents all the great cultural traditions that frame civilization: law, religion, history, and philosophy. Sagittarian energy is enthusiastic, profound, generous, and candid. This is the sign of Victory over all the misuses of every other sign! In Sagittarius we learn to overcome lower desires (the Centaur) and aim our arrow higher! If we give in to freedom without responsibility, we can find ourselves on a roller

coaster ride hard to get off! Beethoven (a Sagittarian) composed his greatest symphonies after he had gone deaf, and Sagittarius is a sign of overcoming all human limitations and soaring for the sky! The only thing that can rob us of our victory is resentment and retaliation. When we have a rolling momentum of victory, there is no room for resentment. We rise higher.

Capricorn : The Goat. The purified essence bursts into light. Capricorn is the greatest concentration of spirit in the earth body, the crystallization of spirit in earthly works and endeavors. When we remember that we are the instruments of the light, and not the source of its creation, we can accomplish all things. Those who become drunk with power meet their downfall in this sign. Those who are humble do the works of the father, and they often become governors of men. Capricorn energy gives practical vision. Capricorn is dependable, steady, constant, organized, managerial. Misused it is cold, dictatorial, judgmental, manipulative, and cruel.

Aquarius : The Water Bearer. Aquarius carries the spiritual light of Capricorn into actuality. The will to implement our clearest vision; alchemy. Aquarius relates to freedom, innovation, and brotherly love. Aquarius is the sign of technology, scientific advances that are intended to free us from drudgery to better pursue the life of the spirit! In working with others, and for causes greater than ourselves, we learn the lessons of love - cooperation, surrender of personal desire for the good of all, and true fraternity. Irritation, intellectual conceit, and intolerance are misuses of the Aquarian light born out of hardness of heart.

Pisces : The Fishes. Jesus Christ was born at the beginning of the Piscean Age. He is known as the Piscean avatar. His ministry exemplified a path of self-mastery characterized by charity, compassion, mystical understanding. Pisces energy is intuitive, understanding, willing to sacrifice. In Pisces we call upon courage, illumination, and faith to overcome all manner of fear (based on past memories from this or other lifetimes, or embedded in the race subconscious). We obtain peace and become teachers holding a lamp of wisdom to the many. Doubt, fear, self-pity, illusion, delusion and all manner of evading reality (alcoholism, drug abuse, etc.) are "death by drowning." In Pisces, we learn to ride the wave; sometimes we must dive in unafraid!

The Chart Wheel and the Zodiac

The astrological wheel, or mandala, is a map of the space surrounding us at the time of our birth. The chart represents the hub of life! The wheel is divided into twelve sections called houses - six houses in the sky above, six beneath the Earth below. These houses are numbered counterclockwise, starting with the 1st house and the direction east on the left-hand side of the wheel. Planets in the heavens are placed on the chart wheel in the houses that correspond to where they actually are in the sky. Of the 12 houses, astrologers find the four most important are the one directly above our heads (10th), the one under our feet (4th), the one on the left and to the east (1st), and the one on the right and to the west (7th). These four are called "angular" because they mark the corners of the chart: south, north, east, and west.

Life continues after the birth moment. Astrologers watch the planets (as they continue on in the sky after a birth) move through the houses of the natal chart. Their movement is counterclockwise: from the upper hemisphere (houses 7-12), across the ascendant (1st house cusp), into the lower hemisphere (houses 1-6), and on around.

In the chart wheel, the planets are placed in their zodiac positions. The zodiac stretches in a circle through all 360 degrees of the surrounding sky, and this circle is divided into sections of

30 degrees -- the familiar 12 signs. Planet positions are measured within signs by degrees, minutes, and seconds of circular arc. Each degree contains 60 minutes of arc and each minute of arc contains 60 seconds of arc. For example, I might tell you that

my Moon (Moon at birth) is in the sign Leo (5th sign). More exactly it is in the 01st degree of Leo. It is actually at 01 degree and 28 minutes of the sign Leo.

The chart wheel is usually divided into 12 sections called houses. The houses are numbered (counterclockwise) from 1 to 12. The pie-like lines that divide one house from the next are called house cusps. For example, the cusp of the 1st house is the horizontal line on the left-hand (east) side of the wheel.

Keep in mind that our Earth makes a complete turn on its axis once in 24 hours. The chart wheel represents the space surrounding where we were born. It is as if we were standing outside with the sky above us (upper part of chart) and the Earth beneath our feet (lower hemisphere). As the Earth turns, it brings each of the 360 degrees of the zodiac overhead (or to any part of the wheel) once in 24 hours -- a new degree of the zodiac every four minutes or so.

As you can see, the symbols for the planets have been placed in the part of the sky (the house) in which they were at the time of your birth. For example, if you were born in the daytime, then the symbol for the Sun will be somewhere in the upper half of the wheel. If you were born at noon, the sun would be almost right overhead or at the top of the chart, while if you were born at midnight it would be at the bottom (4th house) of the chart.

The wheel is also seen as two hemispheres -- a top and a bottom. The upper part of the chart (houses 7-12) represents that part of the sky that was overhead and above the horizon at the time of our birth. It has to do with our participation in the world of thoughts, ideas, ideals, planning, and public service. Here we see our interaction with others, joint finances, career development, shared philosophies, and group endeavors. The lower hemisphere (houses 1-6) marks that part of the heavens that we have under us -- and cannot see -- below the horizon and

on the other side of the Earth from us. It has more to do

with personal issues -- myself, my money, my home, my job, etc. -- and it outlines our subjective experiences.

The Wheel of Houses

The chart wheel or mandala of 12 houses can be seen as a circle, or cycle, with each house leading to the next house, and so on, in a counterclockwise direction. Let's start at the very top of the wheel -- the MC and the cusp of the 10th house.

10th House. The 10th house is at the peak of the chart, the point of the crystallization of self into the world at large. Here we give back to the world our specialized talent and achievement, our dharma, the manifestation of our incarnation. It is directly overhead, up-there, and to the south. It is the house of clear, practical vision. Ideas can take their start here as planets pass through the 10th house. In the natal chart, the 10th house is associated with career, vocation, and the like. In the child's chart, the 10th house represents his interaction with his father (or dominant parent), with elders and authorities and what he wants to do when he grows up. The sign on the 10th house cusp gives us insight into the child's career potential; the nature of the career or his attitude to advancement. For example, a child with Aries (ruled by Mars) on the Midheaven might be headed for a job with the police force, military, or steel industry. Of course, this will only be the case for a certain percentage of children. The majority, however, will take an Arian approach to work: They will be self-enterprising and willing to work hard. They may butt heads with their employers. They may be impatient with those beneath them (employees, hirelings, etc.) The latter may reflect their attitude toward authority figures -- parents, principals, policemen -- during their youth. The child with planets in the 10th house may be thinking about his career early in life but may require considerable training to reach the heights to which he aspires.

11th House. The 11th house is a movement away from the 10th and down towards the lower hemisphere of the chart. The 11th house takes the clear idea seen in the 10th and resolves to put it to work, usually enlisting the help of friends and others. The 11th house has to do with plans for action, group goals, cooperation. In

the child's chart, the 11th house will tell us much about his goals and the nature of his aspirations. The 11th house also reveals how a child interacts with his friends. For example, a child with Cancer on the 11th house cusp would be protective toward his friends. He likes to invite them over, and a sleep-over would be a special treat! He could be very attached to his friends. If a child has planets in the 11th house, his chart will take on an Aquarian coloring: he

may be innovative, interested in science or electronics, and be free-spirited.

12th House. The 12th house is the house of the past, the subconscious and so is associated with karma. It is called the house of "hidden enemies," the worst of these originating within ourselves. It is also the house of "hidden strength" and spiritual reserves. The 12th house can reveal to us the nature of fears the child must overcome, in addition to hidden strengths upon which he can draw. The child with planets in the 12th house may be shy, intuitive, even clairvoyant. He sees the world through the eyes of a mystic or dreamer. He may not know clearly where fantasy ends and reality begins. Meditation, music, and art often can often bring him out of his shell and channel his imagination constructive

ly.

The 1st house marks the division between the upper and lower houses. The upper houses are more outer in their manifestations. A child with the majority of planets in the upper hemisphere is likely to be "other-oriented" (more interested in serving others than in serving himself). The child with the majority of planets in the lower hemisphere is more personal and subjective. Home, family, and security need to be established before he will venture out.

1st House. The 1st house is very important in a child's chart because it depicts the early childhood environment. The 1st house is the house of identity which will be primarily shaped by early experiences in life. The first house tells how we project ourselves outward (our personalities) and how others perceive us. The child's perception of himself will be colored by the nature of the planet(s) in the 1st house, more so if the planet is close to the Ascendant.

2nd House. The 2nd house is the house of values, what we value, and how we treat our valuables. This is also the house of income and right livelihood, which of course will be influenced by the degree to which we developed our personal resources during childhood. The sign on the 2nd house cusp and planets in the 2nd house provide clues to talents your child has that you will want to help him develop. A child with Venus in the 2nd house, for example, could be musical or artistic. The child with Aries on the 2nd house cusp will be quick to begin new projects but may not be realistic in his assessment of his ability to carry them out.

3rd House. The 3rd house continues the drama set forth in the 1st and 2nd. The 1st is the new start, the 2nd is what is drawn forth in response to the 1st, and the 3rd is how the situation develops to its fullness. The 3rd house has to do with the many details of everyday living. The 3rd house is the house of communication and of early childhood education. Planets in the third house and the sign on the 3rd house cusp will reveal much about the child's manner of communicating. Here the child's attitude toward schoolwork is revealed. The 3rd house also deals with brothers and sisters. The child with Neptune (imagination) in the 3rd house (mind) may excel at poetry or musical composition. On the other hand, he could be dreamy and easily distracted.

4th House. The 4th is one of the angular houses and starts a new series of three. The 4th house is the basement of the chart, and so it represents the subconscious. It is also the cradle of life, the mother, family, and heritage. Planets in the 4th house and the sign on the 4th house cusp in the child's chart show us the child's perception of the early home environment -- the parents and physical home, the nurturing the child receives, his sense of security or lack of it, and his later role as parent and patriot. If your child has planets in the house of the family, the early childhood experience makes a lasting impression upon him.

5th House. The 5th house is the house of creativity, romance and children. The 5th house is the experience of sharing who we are with others, of creative self-expression, of the giving and receiving of love. Fun is also related to the 5th house. When we study the child's 5th house we discover what types of recreation may appeal to him. We perceive his need for attention and recognition, important steps in building his self-esteem. The child with planets in the 5th house dramatizes emotion; his actions say, "look at me!"

6th House. As we reach the 6th house, the "party" of the 5th is over. Now it's time to get down to business! The 6th house is the house of work and service. This house relates to training and so reveals much about the child's habits, which are established for the

most part in early childhood: eating habits, study skills, care of the body, maintenance of his room, etc. The child with Virgo on the 6th house cusp tends to be meticulous in his work. The 6th house is also the house of health and can give us clues as

to the child's physical constitution and potential health problems. A child with Mars in the 6th house could be very robust and energetic but could also be critical or bossy with classmates (and later with employees). He could be susceptible to fevers and inflammations.

7th House. The 7th house, another angular house, marks the beginning of a new series of three houses. Here we cross over from the personal houses to the impersonal houses. The personal experience of the first six houses is finished. It falls away from us and we see it as a complete stage in our development. We begin the upward trek toward a more impersonal service, with less concern for self, and more energy expended toward helping others. We begin by seeking a partner, cooperating with others, forming significant unions: Marriage. Planets in the 7th house and the sign on the 7th house cusp reveal to us how the child gets along with others. Is he sociable or shy? Does he attract friends that are good for him or does he tend to cling to fruitless relationships. Will he think well before "tying the knot," or is he more apt to jump into marriage impetuously? A child with many planets in the 7th house will be very involved with other people and their affairs.

8th House. The 8th house results from our fully grasping the nature of the completed personal experience in the first seven houses... what was right about it and what was wrong. Here we strip away and can do without what was wrong. The extra baggage is unloaded.

The 8th house is also the house of resources we share with others. It is the house of sex, money and death. In the child's chart, planets in the 8th house and the sign on the 8th house cusp provide clues as to stewardship of belongings, his ability to share, and his search for the answers to questions of life and death. Here we see potential transformative events in the life of the child. We see his values, his strongest desires, and his search for the answers to the deeper mysteries of life. The child with Capricorn (power) on the 8th house may want to rule the sandbox, but will probably discover that when he doesn't share the kingdom he manages it alone!

9th House. The 9th house has to do with what remains when all extra is stripped away. It is what endures from the entire episode, the seed essence. It becomes the light for a new idea in the 10th, where the whole cycle repeats itself. The 9th house shows how we arrive at a higher illumination through religion, travel, philosophical thought, and travel. Planets in the 9th house and the sign on the 9th house cusp can tell us how the child reaches out to know more: something of the child's aspirations for truth, his philosophy in life (as developed from early

religious and moral training, his higher education, and his own experience), and his potential travel experiences.

The Chart Wheel, or Mandala:

Here are some brief descriptions of the twelve houses and what they mean to astrologers. We will start with the 10th house -- the house of clear, practical vision.

Tenth house. Career. Practical talents. Ambition and status. Concern with reputation. Practical vision and supervisory skills. The child's interaction with adults and elders. The father and father principle. The child's attitude toward responsibility.

Eleventh house. The child's interactions with his friends. How he relates to his peers. His wishes and aspirations.

Twelfth house. The child's hidden fears and inner strengths. His participation in "institutions" such as churches, hospitals, and boarding schools. The workings of his imagination.

First house. The way the child perceives himself and how he comes across to others. The early environment. How he sees himself (Sun and Ascendant on the 1st house cusp) will color the entire chart.

Second house. Possessions, money, things. What the child values and what is valuable to him. How he treats his belongings. Responsibility and stewardship.

Third house. The child's ability to cogitate and to communicate ideas: thinking, talking,

listening, writing, reading, visits. The acquisition of knowledge: schooling, questions, interactions, curiosity. The child's relationship with his brothers and sisters.

Fourth house. The child's roots: his national and cultural heritage, his mother and family, his physical home and early childhood environment. What he needs to feel secure. How he cares for others. Harmony or discord with family members. His basic foundation in life.

Fifth house. How the child expresses love: awareness, pride, self-discovery. Acting, playing, sport and recreation, teaching others. His idea of fun!

Sixth house. Health, work, and service. How the child cares for himself and for life. His pets. His daily habits: eating, dressing, hygiene. His willingness to serve. Physical well-being or potential health problems. Work requiring skill or special training such as crafts and hobbies.

Seventh house. Others. How the child see himself in relation to his friends. His ability to cooperate with a partner. His concept of self as opposed to how others may see him. His sense of justice and fair play. Competition. His awareness and interaction with the opposite sex. His social life.

Eighth house. What the child looks for in others; his ability to share and to be a steward of his things and money (allowance). Sacrifice and selfishness. Transformative experiences in his life. His ability to be self-disciplined, to let go of or delay gratification of desires. How he is likely to approach sex later in life.

Ninth house. The child's early religious and moral training. His travel experience. His search for understanding. His sense of a mission in life. His need for higher education or training. His own search for meaning.

