

Child*Star

Astrological Report for
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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 him. 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 his own birthchart, his 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 him to know clearly when he crosses the line into negatives that could cause him 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 his 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 his 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 his parents, no one can know him 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 he grows. Maria Montessori proved that, by observing the child, you discover the laws of his being. The chart unfolds as he 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 him how to play a musical instrument.

If playing an instrument doesn't seem to be his 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 his greatest challenges, but also where he may demonstrate his 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 he 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 his 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 him master these. Be kind to your child. His star has appeared and it may be different in magnitude and brilliance than your own! Love him and teach him, and learn from him, but don't expect him to be who you are. While the child is still in the process of turning his weaknesses into strengths, we can often fill in the gap!

V. CONCLUSION: In studying the child's chart -- as a representation of the book of his life with many pages left to write on -- we seek to understand him better in order to guide, help, and instruct him in bringing out his special uniqueness, his calling in life, his 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 he 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 his 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 himself or would like others to see him. 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 his unique selfhood. If the Rising Sign is very different from the Sun sign, the child may have to work at integrating diverse aspects of his personality.

With Capricorn rising, your child likely impressed you even as a baby as being very "grown-up." Capricorn children tend to be practical, reliable, and steady. Give your child practical opportunities to develop his natural managerial skills. A bit on the serious side, teach him to think positively, to see the cup as half full instead of half empty. Others may interpret his clear-mindedness as emotional coolness. Your child needs to develop a strong sense of self-esteem. He could be too hard on himself and could fear rejection, especially if one or both parents are overly strict, condemnatory, or absent. Capricorn is ruled by Saturn. Study Saturn's house position to discover where your child may be most likely to focus his efforts. Aspects to Saturn will reveal much about his temperament.

Capricorn Rising

Chart Data

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Placidus House System

<u>Planets</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>House</u>	<u>Cusp</u>
Sun	28°Li24'	01st	12°Cp35'
Moon	24°Ta32'	02nd	21°Aq09'
Mercury	14°Li13'	03rd	00°Ar17'
Venus	18°Vi09'	04th	02°Ta25'
Mars	14°Pi00'	05th	27°Ta50'
Jupiter	21°Vi57'	06th	19°Ge57'
Saturn	01°Sg08'	07th	12°Ca35'
Uranus	06°Le47'	08th	21°Le09'
Neptune	00°Sc05'	09th	00°Li17'
Pluto	00°Vi02'	10th	02°Sc25'
Ascendant	12°Cp35'	11th	27°Sc50'
Midheaven	02°Sc25'	12th	19°Sg57'

Planet Aspects

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: Identity, Ego, Will, Father

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 his emerging personality. Your child's greatest strengths and challenges are often described by the qualities of his 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 his 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 he can assert himself, 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 his 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 Libra

Libra is an Air sign on the action cross. Its symbol is The Scales. Always seeking a mirror or clear pool, the Libra child tends to look for his identity through the eyes of others. Throughout his childhood, your little Libra will look to others for clues to know himself. The Libra child seeks to please and put forth his best to measure up to your praise. Conversely, he could act out negative behaviors to please an adult or friend who somehow doesn't see the best in him.

Close friendships mean a lot to your child. Theater is a good medium for trying on many hats safely. Libran children need to develop self-confidence and a strong sense of identity. They need to be taught the importance of trust and honesty in all their interactions. Children of the scales tend to compare one thing with another but its best that you not compare him (negatively) with his friends. Because Librans see both sides, they have a strong sense of fairness but may have trouble making decisions. Give your little

Libran many opportunities to make choices. Praise him when he makes up his mind decisively and quickly!

Libran children are natural arbitrators and often play the role of the class peace-maker. Later, some will grow up to be lawyers! Librans are born diplomats and can get along with almost anyone. They need to learn to say "No" (rather than trying always to make someone happy). They may become unbalanced and noticeably disturbed by an ugly or discordant environment. Librans are attracted to beauty and peace. Even so, your own example can help your Libran child learn how to confront and handle unpleasant situations. Some Libran children will resort to lying rather than rock the boat. By all means, stress honesty and openness in your household.

Even Libran babies will respond to flowers, color and other touches of beauty and harmony in their surroundings. Most Libran children like to dress well. Your child may have artistic talent that you will want to cultivate. Your child is almost certainly sociable and benefits by early training in social skills and graces. Libran children can be charming hosts and hostesses at parties and school functions. Nevertheless, their ability to charm can amount to a mask, hiding their true intentions. Teach your child to DARE TO BE TRUE! The scales are the scales of justice and Libran children are sure to speak out against perceived injustices.

Sun Conjunction Neptune

This is the aspect of the beautiful dreamer. Nevertheless, Neptune can bring us into dangerous waters of enchantment and sometimes, illusion. Children with this placement are very sensitive and impressionable. Many are artistic, endowed with rich imaginations. Your child may be talented at working with images, whether psychological, artistic, or cinematic. He probably love movies and music, anything with a grand theme or gesture. To assure he not be just another dreamer, he will need to put his imagination to work! Your child may need help sorting out the real from the unreal.

Sun Sextile Pluto

Its said that those born with Pluto aspecting the Sun manage to cram many lifetimes into one, for during their life they pass though intense periods of self-transformation. This Sun/Pluto contact gives a Scorpio-like coloring to the chart. Your child may experience life with emotional intensity. This aspect confers stamina and good leadership potential for emergency and crisis situations. Your child could be sensitive and strong willed. He may have to work at overcoming resentment; especially when he doesn't get his way.

The Moon: Emotions, Habits, Family, Mother

In a child's chart, we look to the position of the Moon to understand the child's perception of his mother, of his need to be cared for and to nurture. The Moon also describes the child's experience within his family, with its particular dynamics, tradition and heritage. From these, the child establishes his 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 his development. For example, a child with a Sagittarian Moon is happy when he has plenty of room to explore. (But he needs to learn the value of limits) A Cancer Moon child, in contrast, may cling to Mom's apron strings. (But he may need to overcome fear of making it on his on).

Moon in Taurus

Taurus is an Earth sign on the feeling cross. Its symbol is The Bull. Children with the Moon in Taurus

typically have strong, stable emotions and tends to attract the perfect environment for their upbringing. This placement often indicates support and good fortune from friends and relatives. Your child values constancy and security in all things and possesses a good business sense (if well aspected). He is, by nature, somewhat domestic and enjoys nice surroundings and beautiful clothes. He could hold on stubbornly to attitudes, things and habits best left behind!

Sometimes Moon in Taurean children may need help getting started on projects. If over-indulged at home, they can become complacent. These children are natural gourmets but need sound eating habits from birth.

This lunar placement usually indicates a good relationship with the mother. The child sees her as materially and emotionally supportive. If afflicted, the relationship with the mother may be highly emotional. The child could perceive the mother as possessive, or may stubbornly buck against her authority.

Moon Quincunx Sun

The quincunx is an aspect signifying the need for adjustment. Here we see the Sun (ego, conscious purpose) and the Moon (emotions, subconscious habit patterns) not quite comfortable with one another. Study the elements the lights are found in: for example, if the Sun is in Fire, but the Moon in Water, the child could have an impulsive desire to assert himself (fire) but fear or insecurity (water) could hold him back. Sense of purpose in the present must be brought into alignment with (perhaps contrary) impressions from the past. This child needs to build his self-confidence (Sun) through constructive activities. Set him up for victories! Avoid giving him tasks which he cannot realistically complete. The quincunx is considered the classic health aspect. This aspect suggests that vitality (Sun) may be impeded by emotional blocks (Moon). There is the need for flow in the chakras. Yoga and certain sports might be beneficial in bringing about integration. Hopefully, the home environment is harmonious. The relationship with the mother could be quite different from that with the father.

If the Sun is at the base of a Finger of God (a Y formation in the chart in which the Sun, in this case, would be quincunx two or more planets sextiling each other), the child is likely to be very self-conscious. He could be self-centered, or conversely he may have to work hard at overcoming shyness. If the Moon is the base planet, the child is apt to be emotional but may need help sorting out his feelings since his head may tell him one thing and his feelings another! Self-assured (Sun) and supported by a loving family (Moon), the child with this aspect could grow to inspire (Sun) and nurture (Moon) others.

Moon Trine Venus

People are just naturally attracted to this child, perhaps because they sense that he really cares for them, too. This aspect often indicates popularity; many friends and lots of relationships. Your child might be artistic or attracted to artistic types. He could be conscious of the way he looks and probably likes nice clothes. This aspect is favorable for feminine industries: fashion, beauty, style, etc., and any work involving plenty of contact with the public.

Moon Trine Jupiter

Children with this aspect are often fortunate in that they rarely have trouble finding support and approval from others. Your child may find that working with people is what he wants to do when he grows up! Whether professionally or not, he will likely find himself guiding and directing other people in one way or another. He has a way with others and could do well in advertising, sales... any occupation that works with the public. Unless there are strong counter-indications in the chart, he tends to look on the bright side and

may have a good sense of humor. The child with this aspect typically is generous but tends to overdo in some way--in food, in action, in speech. He feels close to the mother, but should not be over-indulged.

Moon Opposition Saturn

Children born with the Moon square or opposite Saturn may have to grapple with trying conditions at home: apart from circumstances, the parents could be excessively strict, severe, rigid or emotionally distant. These attitudes inhibit the spontaneous flow of emotions in the child. In households where this is not the case, the child is nevertheless apt to perceive it as so. He needs an extra dose of affection, particularly from his mother! He needs to know he is worthy of being loved. Teach him to see what is good about himself and others. Remind him that when we smile the world smiles with us, but when we cry we often cry alone!

Moon Square Pluto

This child needs to develop enough self-confidence to be able to deal with intense emotions without fear. He benefits by learning obedience from love, rather than from fear. The psychological tie to the mother goes very deep. Individuals with this aspect tend to hold unto early childhood conditioning for years to come. Older children with this aspect sometimes feel vulnerable when deep emotional issues are brought up, and may tend to avoid confrontation and self-examination. Painful past memories from childhood can get in the way of healthy adult relationships if not resolved.

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 his experience, and describes the values established during childhood. Venus tells us how the child expresses love, the things that mean a lot to him, and his appreciation for beauty (or lack of it). Mercury tells us something about our child's perception, verbal expression, schooling --in short, how his mind works, how he 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 his 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 he likes to study, and how we (his parents and teachers) can help him 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 Libra

Libra is an Air sign on the action cross. Its symbol is The Scales. The Mercury in Libra child has a reflective mind, a mirror for others. He is easy to talk with -- a great mediator or negotiator. He gains popularity due to an innate willingness to accept the ideas and thoughts of others and to hear them out. Your child is at home with public relations (politics, diplomacy, sales). Typically, he is considerate, helpful, and courteous. Your child is likely to show a strong sense of fairness. He can see both sides of the story. He likes to compare one thing with another. The same tendency makes it hard to make a choice. Stress honesty in your household. Especially if other positions are in Libra, your child could find it hard to handle difficult situations. He would rather not rock the boat! Teach him to face reality and to never be afraid to tell the truth!

Mercury Semisquare Saturn

On the plus side, this aspect indicates mental stamina and the ability to take on tasks others might consider laborious. The young child especially may take to repetitive work. The mind set could be overly serious, critical, or judgmental. Perhaps this is the result of being censored as a child. Your child needs to be heard. He may need your loving guidance in overcoming blocks to self-expression.

Mercury Semisquare Pluto

This opposition indicates lessons to be learnt in communicating with others. Some children with this aspect are mentally combative, enjoying competition and a lively debate. The child with this Mercury/Pluto aspect could get into fights because of the things he says or the way he says it. At home, the child could be

argumentative. Remind him, however, that if we have nothing nice to say it's best not to speak at all! On the other hand, he could be super-sensitive, touchy, and secretive. He might find it hard to share his feelings. This can be problematic when he finds himself in a crisis, and needs your help, but chooses instead to keep silent. It's vital that you establish trust and open communication with your child.

Venus: Values, Love, Art

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, his innate sense of beauty (which can be developed), the manner in which he interacts with his friends and with adults, and how he 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 his clothes and bedroom. Venus in Taurus loves beautiful things, pretty rocks and later precious stones. He may be a gourmet. He may need help learning to share what he 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 Virgo

Virgo is an Earth sign on the thinking cross. Its symbol is The Virgin. Your child expresses loves through serving the needs of others. Children with the planet of love in this practical sign typically love to help out and take care of others, expressing a genuine sense of compassion. For the same reason, Venus in Virgo children usually take to training and caring for pets. Your child needs opportunities and tools to know his contribution to the family counts! Your child could be a little hard on herself, a bit shy. He could intellectualize (over-analyze) his feelings. This placement gives a love of order, neatness and cleanliness. Sometimes, however (and especially with hard aspects), the Venus in Virgo child expresses the opposite extreme; sloppiness in habits and a decided lack of modesty. Encourage your child to express his feelings. Teach him to recognize and uphold his self-worth.

Moon Trine Venus

Your child is loving and kind. He is a natural arbitrator, tending to see the best in people. Your child has a natural appreciation for the past, personal as well as world history -- all that is traditional. He finds it easy to work with music, color, fabric, and the arts -- whatever is beautiful and genial. He would make a superb decorator of homes and, in general, all kinds of environments. Very likely, your child has some measure of musical or artistic talent. Many performers have this aspect.

Venus Opposition Mars

This challenging aspect indicates potential conflict in relationships. The child needs to learn to cooperate and get along harmoniously with others. The negative manifestation could range from shyness and excessive prudence to a tendency to splurge and be headstrong in relationships. The child could be highly sensitive, and therefore easily hurt or perhaps emotionally volatile. A healthy relationship with the parent of the opposite sex will help the child attract more positive relationships in adulthood. The child needs to be taught sound values regarding sex and money. Some children born with this aspect are very physical: they want instant gratification. Learning to delay gratification (when necessary) builds character. As your child grows in self-discipline, he should have healthy relationships and so avert getting into trouble with the opposite sex, particularly during the teenage years.

Venus Conjunction 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 he could end up with a lot of money, property - - possessions of all kinds. He is likely to be generous and warm by nature, and probably gives as much as he 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 him but teach him 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 he is born into and what urges him on to greater achievements as he grows. Mars will tune you in to what motivates your child and the way he approaches life. Jupiter shows us how he is most apt to channel that energy, and Saturn decrees what sort of obstacles will confront him 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: Action Through Desire; Drive, Motivation, and Anger

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 his 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 he 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 his 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 he 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 Pisces

Pisces is a Water sign on the thinking cross. Its symbol is The Fishes. The Mars in Pisces child is moved to in some way sacrifice in order to help others. Your child has an innate sense of compassion and may surprise you with wise perceptions that transcend knowledge and his years. He may feel hurt when others fail to appreciate his ministrations. Intuitive, he has an inner drive to embrace all that's psychological, religious, and mystical.

Because children with their action planet in Pisces are sensitive and can visualize easily, many show early signs of musical, artistic or literary talent. You may discover that your child is attuned to higher realms. This can manifest as a devotional nature, a love of beauty, a belief in miracles!

The Mars in Pisces child usually benefits by early religious training. At times, your child might appear lost in the clouds! Help bring out his natural creativity and imagination, but also help him tether his mind to the here and now! Teach him to "dive in the waves" rather than evade problems. Your child may need your help overcoming his fears. Sometimes, children with this placement are moody. Some find it hard to take criticism. A good balanced diet would help your child keep his feet on the ground. At best, a position of enlightened compassion and an excellent placement for nurses, social workers, healers, teachers. Mars in Pisces also favors work behind the scenes, such as theater production. Negatively, children with this position may brood, whine or complain, or call attention to themselves through physical ailments. Teach him to rise above it! He may find it difficult to challenge problems head on. Make sure your household is free of alcoholism and teach your child the danger and futility of escapism.

Mercury Quincunx Mars

One way you can help your child work out the energies of this quincunx successfully is by teaching him to

make lists and follow schedules. Your child needs to learn how to make drive and reason work together! He could be impatient, perhaps irritable and defensive, tending to jump to conclusions or leap before looking. Perhaps he needs activities with his hands to calm down a nervous disposition or perhaps he affects a "know-it-all" or critical stance at home and at school. There are many ways this aspect could work out. A quincunx points to the need for adjustment between energies which may seem contrary in nature. The signs Mercury and Mars are in will provide important keys to working out the problem. Nevertheless, the bottom line is that the child with this aspect needs to work at having his ideas and thoughts work in synch with his actions. He needs to learn how to communicate effectively.

Venus Opposition Mars

An opposition can always manifest as the harmonious interplay of yin and yang or as conflict and strife. Most children born with this aspect are extremely sensitive. However, your child may need to learn to be as sensitive to the feelings of others as he expects other to be to his own. All opposition show the need to learn to share, to compromise and come half-way and we learn to do this by interacting with others. If Venus is stronger, the child may be artistically inclined, perhaps shy, perhaps self-indulgent. If Mars is stronger, drive may manifest as argumentation and belligerence. The child seeks balance within of the feminine and masculine aspects of his being. This process may be reflected in the choice of friends and companions. The child's experience of the parents' interaction with one another and his own relationship with the parent of the opposite sex may be the model for adult partnerships.

Mars Sesquiquadrate Neptune

Astrologer Grant Lewi called this the aspect of the "spirituo-practical approach," conferring spiritual insight into the affairs of men and a practical viewpoint about the ideas of heaven! The child born with Mars/Neptune contact may feel drawn to bring heaven and earth together! He could dream big dreams and could seek to inspire others. This aspect is common in the charts of church executives and leaders of spiritual organizations. Charismatic military leaders who lead and sway the many may have Mars/Neptune contacts as well. Sometimes, however, children born with this aspect have trouble distinguishing between their dreams of life and the actual reality at hand. This could lead to unreasonable expectations of other people, and hence to disappointments. The child with this aspect could daydream and be easily distracted at school. He may need encouragement carrying things through to the finish. Or he may feel that his ideals are blocked or opposed by others. Study well the signs and house positions of Mars and Neptune. Even in an otherwise balanced chart, the child could be impractical, dishonest, confused or in some way vulnerable in the areas signified by these two planets. You could save your child much grief later in life by instilling in him practical habits and teaching him discernment in relationships during childhood. Your child may enjoy Yoga and meditation. Show him plainly the dangers of alcohol and drugs.

Jupiter: The Teacher; Opportunity, 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 him, and where he 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 his horizons and self-understanding but will need to find the balance between opportunities for growth and responsibilities (Saturn).

Jupiter in Virgo

The Jupiter in Virgo child looks for opportunities to give practical service to others. He has a fantastic appetite for detail work, and can take it all in and still look for more. Generally speaking, he is willing to work hard to reach the top and leaves no stone unturned. Willing and able to respond to almost any emergency, he is responsible by nature and is ready to lend a hand. Secretaries, waiters, nurses, teachers and others in serving positions often have Jupiter in Virgo. This placement is also favorable for engineers, accountants, writers, and researchers. Jupiter in Virgo children are happiest in clean and orderly environments. If Jupiter is afflicted, however, you might see the opposite. Help your child organize his room and person, but discourage him from being overly demanding or picky, especially of others.

Moon Trine Jupiter

Children born with this positive Moon/Jupiter aspect are basically optimistic by nature, affectionate and fun to be around. Your child may have a knack for finding assistance, and things just tend to work out well for him. In fact, his ability to rally support makes a public career of one kind or another quite probable. Success is indicated in education, politics, or the law. He knows how to attack and solve problems, whether personal or public. Chances are, your child has grace and social skills, an ability to interact with many kinds of people. He may show a love for travel and foreign lands.

Venus Conjunction Jupiter

Your child is probably a loving and enthusiastic child who values fairness in all things and who will go out of his way to be just. Your child may be bubbly and enjoy cheerleading or organizing social events. A mentor or teacher may influence him for life. As an adult, he may surround himself with people in powerful positions, be they politicians, officials, what-have-you. In childhood, he will know how to ingratiate elders and teachers to his cause. An innate sense of quality and good taste may characterize his area of expertise as an adult. If other aspects confer, your child may have musical or artistic talent. A very positive aspect conferring self-confidence and popularity, the down side is a tendency to give in too easily to the demands of others or to be over-indulgent in food and partying!

Saturn: The Lawgiver; Rules, Responsibility, Trials, Growth, Father

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 Sagittarius

Your child was born with Saturn, the Great Teacher, in the sign of religion, philosophy, law and travel. He inwardly seeks to develop a personal philosophy of life which will frame his later work and which he can share with others. Your child will benefit through sound ethical and moral training. He may require higher courses of formal study to fulfill his career aspirations. He is interested in learning about the great cultural and historical traditions. In educating this child, you yourself can broaden your horizons! Supply him with plenty of colorful stories: King Arthur and the Knights; Marco Polo, Christopher Columbus, and the great explorers; Jacques Cousteau Videos, National Geographic; the biographies of great men such as George Washington; the great religious traditions of East and West. Resources such as the Children's Bible, an encyclopedia plus Hirsch's Cultural Literacy Encyclopedia can provide a fountain of information for his thirsty mind! Your child may feel a sense of mission in life. Sometimes, however, zeal is carried to an extreme in this sign manifesting as religious fanaticism, intellectual arrogance and pride. Hopefully, religious tolerance is practiced in your household! Remind him that no one has all the right answers all the time! Intellectual conceit could manifest as resentment. Your child may have to learn to accept constructive criticism and disciplines.

Sun Semisextile Saturn

Responsibilities are handled easily by your child. He tends to pile on tasks, one after another. Your child likes to work hard, and can accomplish much. It takes a lot to overload his willingness to take charge and help out. With right training, his innate organizational skills will emerge. A career in one of the physical sciences is quite possible. Your child enjoys interacting with those in authority, with parents, teachers and elders. He does his best learning in a structured and disciplined environment.

Moon Opposition Saturn

The child with a Moon/Saturn contact needs to feel nurtured and loved by his mother. If the Moon is well aspected, the mother is teacher, disciplinarian, and constant in her care and so the child feels secure in the relationship. With afflictions, the child may see the mother as demanding or critical of him (whether or not this be so), or may feel he cannot live up to her (perceived) expectations of him. In either case, the mother's influence is strong and influences the child's relationships with women as an adult. Moon/Saturn children generally thrive in structured situations. They benefit by routines, and thrive when endowed with meaningful responsibilities. Especially single, divorced or working mothers need to assure themselves that their Moon/Saturn child gets the attention he needs. Praise and approval may mean a lot to your child and he needs plenty of it in honest measures! A lot depends on the patterns developed during childhood. An overly strict upbringing, judgmental parents or harsh conditions would bring out the negative side of this opposition. The example of and relationship with the father is key to your child's development. Teach him to think positively. No complaining allowed! Count your blessings together daily!

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: The Awakener; Rebellion, Breakthroughs, Insights, Originality

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 his personal sense of uniqueness, where he 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 he may perceive himself as somehow different from the rest. Parents and teachers can help the child with strong Uranian aspects by providing him with avenues for individual expression and creativity, and by recognizing his 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. He needs to know the consequences of his use of free will.

Uranus in Leo

As a subgeneration, this group sought greater freedom in personal expression, love and romance. Uranus in Leo ushered in new art forms, unique childrearing methods, freer notions about sex and original leadership. Creativity can be brilliant here, but unless the heart is truly developed, Uranus in Leo manifests as a tendency to be uncooperative and rebellious. Especially when Uranus aspects personal planets, the child with this placement may have no problem dishing out commands to others, but may buck against taking orders himself! Individually, people with this placement tend to be outspoken, dramatic, even regal. They seek relaxation with children, sports, acting, singing, and such.

Saturn Trine Uranus

Your child is cooperative with his father and other authority figures in his life. If personal planets are tied into this trine, your child will be mature for his age and as an adult may be drawn into the political arena. You will find that your child is very skilled at implementing change and improving existing circumstances. He seeks the means to understand and improve situations, finding new but secure ways to better conditions. Inventions and discoveries, in particular in communications, computers, and electronics, may attract his attention. Your child brings order and organization to areas where new development is taking place, also

emergency situations. Your child can teach and help others to understand this as well.

Neptune: The Savior; Illusion, Ideals, Imagination, Spirituality

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 he reaches adulthood.

Neptune in Scorpio

For many of this generation, the spiritual search became paramount in their lives. Others hooked onto false stars in rock and drug subcultures. The collective unconscious threatens to burst in this sign and individually its members must reach higher. As parents of today's children, many of whom have Uranus in Scorpio, the inner search of individuals with this placement will have much to do with how they awaken their child to inner truths...or conversely, to emotional pain and chaos! Money, power, and sex are issues that need to be clarified. Hopefully, this generation will impart sound values to their child, lest they later break away! At best, this placement confers compassion, intuitive understanding and a healing presence.

Sun Conjunction Neptune

Your child has high ideals and an ability to capture the imagination of others through descriptive words and images. He may be drawn to spiritual authorities and teachers. All that is transcendental (spiritual in the best sense of that word) is his appointed territory. This position often shows up in the charts of artists and musicians. One warning: your child needs plenty of support and well deserved praise as he grows. He also needs opportunities to channel his devotion, imagination and visual abilities into creative and disciplined activities such as dance, music, art, religious studies. Because Sun/Neptune children are impressionable and (over) imaginative they may be shy, fearful, or uncertain as to how others perceive them. Parents need to be very clear and honest with these children. You will need to be understanding but firm in upholding strong moral values with him. The reason is that sometimes this placement manifests as self-deception, a tendency toward escapism, self-pity, or simply confusion as to what is expected of the child by parents and teachers. Your child needs a strong balanced diet that will help him tether his mind to the here and now. Since your child picks up on vibration and images so quickly, books, music, and movies best be reviewed first by Mom! Sun/Neptune children may be sensitive to additives in foods or pollution in the environment. They benefit by a diet that strengthens their constitution. If the father of the Sun/Neptune child is absent, deceptive or inattentive to his needs, the child may tend to get involved with unreliable men in adult relationships.

Saturn Semisextile Neptune

Here is the ability to ground and make spiritual ideas a practical matter, bringing them down to Earth and into everyday life. Your child could have great discipline when it comes to working with spirituality and unity -- whatever binds or links all of us together. As he matures, he may be inspired to teach and show others these realms. No pie-in-the-sky for him. He grasps the principles that bind things together, the essentials of a practical religion, a down-to-Earth mysticism. One of the parents (usually the father) influences the child along religious or philosophical lines. Your child carries on the tradition. This is the aspect of a "problem-solver." If Mercury is well aspected, the child may have marked writing ability.

Pluto: The Shadow; Deep Fears, Inner Change, Growth, Regeneration

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, he will experience an intense desire for self-transformation on some level of his 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 he may feel, but not necessarily comprehend. Teach him to express this power wisely.

Pluto in Virgo

Your child was born into a group who brought the world revolutionary concepts in health, industry, food, and computer science. Individually, they tend to be radical when it comes to self-analysis, which means health care, food (natural foods movement), physical wellbeing, and so on. Serving and caring for oneself and for others are primary sources of inner growth and changes. The Pluto in Virgo individual may be sensitive to criticism, or he may dish it out too intensely. He can fixate on details and lose sight of the forest for the trees. He needs to learn how to let go of anxiety. As Virgo represents the Earth mother, an afflicted Pluto in Virgo may indicate lessons in morality and sexuality. Youth born into this sign need to learn right diet, dress, and hygiene. They need to respect their bodies as the temple of the inner light!

Sun Sextile Pluto

Check and see if other elements of the chart point to leadership, for this position is often found in the charts of those who make a significant impact in the lives of others. Your child may go through periods of incredible change and transformation during his life. He is a natural detective and analyst, psychologist and fact finder, and enjoys getting beneath the surface. See to it that your child is challenged intellectually at school and has opportunities to take the lead.

Moon Square Pluto

The Moon/Pluto child feels intensely but may withdraw if he perceives that he makes himself vulnerable by opening up to adults who (he feels) may not understand! The Moon/Pluto child needs to feel loved and accepted, especially by his mother. Is the mother at home enough, does she see parenting as an excessive responsibility, or is she overly attached to doing everything for the child? When this is the case, the Moon/Pluto child often feels lonely and rejected and finds it hard to tap into his own inner feelings and needs. Parents should never discipline any child in anger, but a child with this aspect could be particularly wounded by a judgmental or dictatorial parent. If the relationship with the mother is healthy and balanced, this opposition could work out in adult life as a dynamo of creative potential. Your child may tend to keep his feelings and emotions to himself unless trust is well established. By helping others, he can overcome a perhaps excessive self-concern.

Saturn Square Pluto

This powerful square may not be readily apparent during your child's youth unless Pluto and/or Saturn make close aspects to personal planets. Note the house positions Saturn and Pluto are in to uncover in what area of life he is apt to find some of his greatest challenges in life. If the aspect is formed on the Cardinal cross (Aries/Libra//Cancer/Capricorn), the child may have to contend with trying circumstances. If the square is in fixed signs, the child could have a strong inner desire for transformative change. He may fear losing control over his environment. He may need to learn not to be so rigid. If the square is formed on the mutable cross, the child may have to overcome fear of authority. The child with this aspect could be

emotionally insecure. He could sidestep necessary steps to growth that appear painful. The key may be found in the relationship to the father. Your child needs a firm hand, but avoid coming down on him too hard.

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 his 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 him. They are very clear parts of his character.

Sun Conjunction Neptune 01°42'

This is the aspect of the beautiful dreamer. Nevertheless, Neptune can bring us into dangerous waters of enchantment and sometimes, illusion. Children with this placement are very sensitive and impressionable. Many are artistic, endowed with rich imaginations. Your child may be talented at working with images, whether psychological, artistic, or cinematic. He probably love movies and music, anything with a grand theme or gesture. To assure he not be just another dreamer, he will need to put his imagination to work! Your child may need help sorting out the real from the unreal.

Venus Conjunction Jupiter 03°48'

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 he could end up with a lot of money, property - - possessions of all kinds. He is likely to be generous and warm by nature, and probably gives as much as he 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 him but teach him restraint!

Potential

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 obscurity 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, his parents and teachers, and the environment you provide for him. 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 him turn stumbling blocks into rings 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.

Venus Opposition Mars 04°09'

This challenging aspect indicates potential conflict in relationships. The child needs to learn to cooperate and get along harmoniously with others. The negative manifestation could range from shyness and excessive prudence to a tendency to splurge and be headstrong in relationships. The child could be highly sensitive, and therefore easily hurt or perhaps emotionally volatile. A healthy relationship with the parent of the opposite sex will help the child attract more positive relationships in adulthood. The child needs to be taught sound values regarding sex and money. Some children born with this aspect are very physical: they

want instant gratification. Learning to delay gratification (when necessary) builds character. As your child grows in self-discipline, he should have healthy relationships and so avert getting into trouble with the opposite sex, particularly during the teenage years.

Moon Square Pluto 05°30'

This child needs to develop enough self-confidence to be able to deal with intense emotions without fear. He benefits by learning obedience from love, rather than from fear. The psychological tie to the mother goes very deep. Individuals with this aspect tend to hold unto early childhood conditioning for years to come. Older children with this aspect sometimes feel vulnerable when deep emotional issues are brought up, and may tend to avoid confrontation and self-examination. Painful past memories from childhood can get in the way of healthy adult relationships if not resolved.

Moon Opposition Saturn 06°36'

Children born with the Moon square or opposite Saturn may have to grapple with trying conditions at home: apart from circumstances, the parents could be excessively strict, severe, rigid or emotionally distant. These attitudes inhibit the spontaneous flow of emotions in the child. In households where this is not the case, the child is nevertheless apt to perceive it as so. He needs an extra dose of affection, particularly from his mother! He needs to know he is worthy of being loved. Teach him to see what is good about himself and others. Remind him that when we smile the world smiles with us, but when we cry we often cry alone!

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.

Sun Sextile Pluto 01°38'

It's said that those born with Pluto aspecting the Sun manage to cram many lifetimes into one, for during their life they pass through intense periods of self-transformation. This Sun/Pluto contact gives a Scorpio-like coloring to the chart. Your child may experience life with emotional intensity. This aspect confers stamina and good leadership potential for emergency and crisis situations. Your child could be sensitive and strong-willed. He may have to work at overcoming resentment; especially when he doesn't get his way.

Moon Trine Jupiter 02°35'

Children with this aspect are often fortunate in that they rarely have trouble finding support and approval from others. Your child may find that working with people is what he wants to do when he grows up! Whether professionally or not, he will likely find himself guiding and directing other people in one way or another. He has a way with others and could do well in advertising, sales... any occupation that works with the public. Unless there are strong counter-indications in the chart, he tends to look on the bright side and may have a good sense of humor. The child with this aspect typically is generous but tends to overdo in some way--in food, in action, in speech. He feels close to the mother, but should not be over-indulged.

Moon Trine Venus 06°23'

People are just naturally attracted to this child, perhaps because they sense that he really cares for them, too. This aspect often indicates popularity; many friends and lots of relationships. Your child might be artistic or attracted to artistic types. He could be conscious of the way he looks and probably likes nice clothes. This aspect is favorable for feminine industries: fashion, beauty, style, etc., and any work involving plenty of contact with the public.

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.

Personal Background

Your child's early years, until the age of 11-12, may not be very easy. He could be a more inward and insecure youngster than average. The early teens should see the end of this stage and the beginning of a much more outward and self-confident one. 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 keyword but the adolescent who says to himself, how can I be free to make my own decisions, but who is usually not ready to leave the nest! Puberty will bring a change of heart and direction aside from its expected effects. During his teens, your child will begin to sense his own strength and may discover himself at this time. What follows will be a time of learning, expanding his horizons until around the age of 18-19, at which time he will likely really begin to come into his own, both in a social sense and where his career is concerned. The years from 18-26 will be very strong. He could rise rapidly to a position of success. After that, he will become more inward, less concerned with outer success. A time for consolidation.

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." If you look at the page at the beginning of the report entitled "The Houses in Childhood," you'll see a wheel divided into four quadrants. You might call the quadrants "dimensions of experience." The two quadrants (six signs) in the lower hemisphere have more to do with personal, subjective experience; my home, my belongings, my self-expression, my habits, etc. The two quadrants in the upper hemisphere have more to do with our interaction with others and our outer contribution; our relationship, our things, friends, enemies, elders, etc. Saturn, the great tester, takes from 6 to 7 years to traverse each quadrant. 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 7 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 his environment, his relationship to others, and especially to his father and other significant authority figures in his life. Saturn represents the law, limits, restrictions, attitude toward responsibilities, hard work, and fairness. The child learns these in stages. A Saturnian keyword is "maturity."

Please note that for Newborns and children less than 7 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.

Mar 14, 1989	1st Pass D>	(Age 32 4m)
Jun 03, 1989	2nd Pass R<	(Age 32 7m)
Dec 05, 1989	3rd Pass D>	(Age 33 1m)

The date(s) (above) indicate when Saturn ended its transit through the 4th quadrant of your child's chart. Depending on his age, your child may have been very concerned with his reputation among his peers and with his teachers, parents and elders and with outer accomplishments. As Saturn enters his first house and crosses his Ascendant, you may discover that your child becomes more self-absorbed. He is entering a sensitive cycle, one in which he will initially at least be likely to be very sensitive to criticism and correction. He needs to affirm his sense of self-worth. Astrologer Alexander Ruperti points out that Saturn transiting the house of identity specifically symbolizes the place of the physical father, one's place within the family structure, and biological development. Roots, heritage and cultural traditions bear upon the child's perception of his identity. The child's perception of himself is also influenced by the degree of self-discipline he acquires, and again, this will depend partly on his age and abilities. The child is sensitive, more inward than not, concerned with his place in the order of things. Saturn's transit through the 1st quadrant lasts 6 to 7 years.

Saturn in 01st 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 he have in abundance, and which does he 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 his ways. He could resist change and might have trouble getting started, but once on the move should be indomitable. He could mistrust that which is new or untried.

Want Water

Your child may have trouble understanding those who seem emotional or sentimental, yet his own practicality and intellectual approach may attract just such types into his life. He needs your guidance getting in touch with his feelings, and acknowledging those of others. He may try to balance his lack of empathy with logic and common sense. (A strong Moon, Venus or Neptune by sign, aspects and/or house position or a Water sign Ascendant could compensate.)

Want Air

Some children with this emphasis find it hard getting their ideas across to others, sometimes feeling inadequate in matters that require logic or the use of mental powers. Most however, are simply so busy, they would simply benefit by learning to take the time to reflect before acting. Your child is likely to be bigger on actions than on words. Avoid long lectures with this child: active measures of discipline, such as logical consequences, would be more effective! (A strong Mercury by sign, aspect or house position or an Air sign Ascendant would compensate)

Have Mutable

Your child is apt to be communicative, flexible, mental, and other-oriented. He could be a natural teacher. He could be restless, liking plenty of variety.

Want Cardinal

Not a great starter, your child may have trouble initiating things and getting them moving. He may need your help in learning how to be more assertive and outgoing.

Have Succedent

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

Want Angular

Your child could have difficulty getting outer recognition for his efforts or accomplishments. This doesn't mean they're worthless. It does mean he should throw his efforts into work or ventures he really loves

doing.

Patterns; Inner and Outer Self

Here we are examining basic patterns, called astrological configurations, within your child's charts. These will reveal much about your child's basic attitude or approach to life. The more one studies astrology, the more it comes down to a basic understanding of these simple patterns. The configurations can provide valuable information as to the general direction of your child's life, and his mode of action. It is particularly interesting to note differences in comparing the Heliocentric and Geocentric patterns. While Heliocentric interpretations are still in an experimental stage, some modern astrologers suggest that a comparison of these patterns reveals the difference, if any, between our outer personality (the way we appear to others) and our real inner self; how are we, in fact, as people get to know us? Not all people are as they seem.

Geo: Square Helio: Square

Your child's appearance is out front. Outside or inside, there is not much difference. He is as he appears to be!

Inner Meanings, Life Patterns

Square Type

Your child may be very gifted, having great magnetism and warmth and also a keen and powerful mind. He can do almost anything he wants to do in this life, if he can manage to get moving in one direction and keep at it! This is a very fortunate pattern, but one that may result in laziness (unless Mars and Saturn are well placed). He could be more interested in social life than in schoolwork! People will value your child for his warmth and dynamic qualities. You may find that your child can relate to almost all types of people with equal ease.

Inner Keys

Each person has one or more key qualities. Here we are not referring to the outer appearance or personality, but rather to inner qualities: how someone is when we really get to know them.

Sun

"I AM THAT I AM!" Your child is his own reason for being. He is likely to be self-reliant and assertive. His dreams, visions, and ideals propel him from within. He may have to encounter the whole gamut of ego games in deciding which "me" he wants to be. With experience, he will find that when he follows the inner guide, his aspirations are true and serve to show the way. He must learn humility and patience.

Neptune

At the deepest level, your child may be a dreamer, very much at home in the realm of visions and dreams -- a seer. He is likely to identify with inner ideals that are pure and spiritual in the true sense of the word. Nonetheless, he will need to learn discrimination, to separate the real from the unreal, fact from fantasy, vision from illusion. He must be a mystic with a "y", not with an "i"! Your child can visualize easily and has a rich imagination. He may be very devotional and compassionate. A tendency to see unity in the world around him sets the tone for his character. He must overcome fear, and walk the path of self-mastery.

Keys to Understanding Your Child's Personality

Moon

The key to understanding your child's personality can be found in the environment or support system that surrounds him. Moon types are very influenced by early childhood conditions, habits and habitat. Your child may feel the need for the encircling network of family and friends to feel secure. Security is vital to his sense of well-being and he could feel easily threatened. He seeks to nurture and to be nurtured. He could be highly emotional. When he learns to find peace within himself, he could be a healer, an artist, an active manager and/or could work effectively with the public.

The Personal Hot Spot**Neptune**

Dreams and ideals are the number-one component for action in your child's chart. It is crucial that he learn to meet the challenges of life, rather than evade them. Help him develop his imagination but discourage daydreaming and woolgathering. He may need help overcoming fear.

Sun

Your child's inner self and his goals are the most active facets of his personality. They receive more stress and attention than other areas of his life. However he sees himself will color the entire chart. He could be quite self-driven but may come into conflict with others when he fails to consider their needs as well as his own.

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 he 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: Physical Appearance, How Others See Me, Personality

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 he grows up. The child's projected image (personality) will reflect his experience and assimilation of his 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 he 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.

Capricorn on First 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.

Second House: Possessions, Talents, Resources, Sense of Self-Worth

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 his attitude toward his

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.

Aquarius on Second 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 Second House

Your child is motivated to accumulate possessions. Typically, he is industrious and willing to work hard to receive his reward. An urge to respond, own, and build upon whatever comes his way makes him a natural when it comes to productivity. This is a great position for the business world! Watch out for an excessive concern with material things. Teach your child right values from early childhood on. He may need help in learning to share and may want to be "King of the sandbox" or not play at all! A test in life for him may well be to let go of possessiveness! Your child may have mechanical ability.

Third House: Communication, Early Education, Brothers & Sisters

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 his 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.

Aries on Third 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 he can learn the lessons of patience.

Fourth House: Home, Family, Needs, Mother

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 his own family one day. Land and property also come under the fourth house domain.

Taurus on Fourth House Cusp

Taurus energy is stable. Here is where your child is likely to be resourceful, where talent may lie! He 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.

Moon in Fourth House

More than most, your child looks to home and family for support and encouragement. Security is very important to him and he needs to have real roots in order to be productive. He thrives in a peaceful home environment. The relationship with the mother and the nature of the early environment colors the life. Your child may identify strongly with the community in which he grows up. Mastering moods may be a major issue. Learning to let go may be another. Encourage independence in your child if he tends to hold onto your apron strings. Be loving to him and supportive but NEVER give in to whining, complaining, plaintiff pleading and other such manipulation! If the Moon is positively aspected, this could be the child who parents the hurt friend, who helps the bird with the broken wing. History (personal or otherwise) may interest him, and he may tend toward nostalgia. A good position for parents to be, for real estate agents and any work involving land, for agriculturists and nursery keepers, for cooks and restaurant owners, for working with children and with the public.

Fifth House: Self-Expression, Creativity, Giving/Receiving Love

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.

Taurus on Fifth House Cusp

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Sixth House: Responsibility, Work, Health, Habits

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 his daily habits. How he handles his chores, how he approaches his school work. Is his handwriting sloppy or neat? Is he happy to help others when asked or does he 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.

Gemini on Sixth 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.

Seventh House: Relationships with Others

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 he able to hold his own in a match? Can he stand up against peer pressure? To succeed with 7th house issues, the child needs to feel secure within himself (1st house polarity.) Planets in the 7th house and the sign on the cusp can also provide clues about your child's interaction, as he 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, he could incline toward arguments and contention (Mars) in close friendships (and later in marriage). He 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.

Cancer on Seventh 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.

Uranus in Seventh House

As he grows, your child will seem to assert his independence with friends, close relationships and the social scene. His friends (or approach) might be unconventional, to say the least. Teach him to stay clear of peers who are into drugs, drinking or who are in some way outwardly rebellious in behavior. Point out the dangers of entering serious relationships impetuously. All relationships require compromise in the sense of give and take. Individuals with the planet of independence (Uranus) in the house of partnership, marriage and others (7th) sometimes are reluctant to let go of their freedom and so avoid entering deep commitments. Teach your child to share, to meet a friend halfway. Lessons in cooperation are necessary, but may not be met with enthusiasm!

Eighth House: Pain, Sharing, Attitudes toward Sex

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 his 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 himself through desire, and to let go when necessary or right.

Leo on Eighth 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 himself through the affairs of the house with Leo on the cusp.

Venus in Eighth House

Your child doesn't care much for the superficial. What he likes is getting past the surface and down to the heart--the bare bones of the matter. When he is older he could make a very shrewd and discriminating business person. Desires are a strong motivating factor that could propel him to his goal but conversely, he may have trouble letting go of desires. In relationships, he may be intensely possessive of friends. To be successful in life, he is going to need a strong index of right & wrong; consistent discipline administered with a kind heart will help him learn to put conscience over instant gratification (Sorry, its almost dinner time and its best you don't have that candy now but I'll pack it up for a snack for you tomorrow) Warning: Inconsistency on your part could lead to manipulation on his! Children with this placement often have musical or artistic talent. Many have a love of mystery (stock up on detective stories, chess games, puzzles) of deep spiritual gnosis. Sometimes Venus in the 8th house indicates a love of strategy and military maneuvers. This placement is also favorable for hairdressers, massage therapists, pathologists, X-Ray technicians and bankers.

Jupiter in Eighth House

If other factors in the chart agree, your child may be a super business man! Keep your eyes open for clues; does he sign up to be class treasurer? On the other hand, the 8th house relates not only to finances (with Jupiter, finances in a BIG way) but to spiritual mysteries. Searching, delving, researching, inventing, discovering, seeing your child's life path involves cutting through appearances and superficialities and laying bare the reality of a situation. This could mean that the business world is an open book for him -- easy to read. Or he may find psychology fascinating. Jupiter here may indicate a career in medicine, in emergency care. This placement also favors any work related to real estate, taxes, banking and insurance.

Pluto in Eighth House

Pluto in the 8th house is a Scorpio like influence, adding an intense emotional coloring to the chart. With this placement, inner growth occurs as a result of intense personal transformations throughout the life. Especially if Pluto afflicts personal planets, the child could experience deep seated anger which he may not, in fact, objectively understand. A desire to resolve this "warring of the members" may lead to a deep inner search for spiritual truths. Even in a basically cheerful chart, this placement adds a note of seriousness. You may find that your child will tear through appearances in an effort to get beneath, behind, and at the heart or essence. He may find spiritual mysteries, psychology, and mysticism of great interest. Detective stories and science fiction may find their way unto his shelf! he may be secretive. Set up trust and good communication between you and your child. At best, this Pluto placement indicates tremendous resourcefulness and courage.

Ninth House: Faith, Ethics, Cultural Traditions, Higher Education

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, his search for higher meaning, where he reaches out to know more, the (life-long) evolution of his belief system. As a youth, he is apt to be more concerned with his direct experience than with abstract thoughts. From these, however, he will draw conclusions shaping his beliefs. Priests, judges, historians, college professors, philosophers and explorers often have key planets here. The child with planets in the 9th house enjoys expanding his horizons through travel.

Libra on Ninth 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 he 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.

Sun in Ninth House

The child with the Sun in the 9th house is often direct and candid. He brushes past appearances and settles on the truth within. He is a seeker; for him, ideas, philosophy and religion are what life is all about! He may be a natural at languages and is likely to enjoy traveling even at an early age. Later in life, he may travel, counsel, and be a teacher to others. A natural explorer, he will be happiest in work that allows him to expand his horizons. Finishing tasks is an important stepping stone to later success! He needs a broad education, and has a natural bent toward history, religion and social studies. When he is older, he may be interested in law. This placement also favors publishing, traveling, teaching, sports, and sales.

Mercury in Ninth House

Questions, questions, questions!! Never tire of answering them, for your child is searching for answers to inner ponderings! His mind and thoughts tend to gravitate to what is lasting, true, or of the essence. Philosophy and religion are subjects that often occupy his attention. His comments are generally to the point and candid, and rarely are superficial. Since the 9th house represents travel, your child will love geography, travel and foreign languages. He may do better at essays than at tests since he leans toward creative work. Especially if Mercury is in a Fire or Air sign, he may be impatient with details and routines. This position favors university professors, travel, law, philosophy, medicine and religion; its also good for export-import type businesses, writing, publishing and communications. If Mercury favorably aspects Uranus, Neptune or Pluto, his vision could border on prophecy! With afflictions, Mercury in the 9th can indicate intellectual snobbery. Teach your child tolerance for the faiths and philosophies of others.

Neptune in Ninth House

The child with Neptune in the 9th house is apt to have an intuitive and imaginative mind. His dreams and ideals rest in whatever is pure and true. Your child may find escape and refuge from the mundane world in reading (or hearing about) tales of faraway places and far off worlds. He could have a sense of mission, causing himself to search, even as a youth, for the answers to questions of a spiritual nature. The danger of this position is a tendency to daydream, to brush aside (often important) details, and a lack of common sense. (Check the rest of the chart for confirmation or counter-indications) A sensitive parent will guide the

child in grounding his beautiful ideas in the here and now. He may need your help finishing what he begins and ploughing through uninteresting but necessary drills at school (i.e. math or language arts). Neptune in the 9th house often indicates a love of travel.

Tenth House: Father, Authority Figures, Peer Status, Career Potential

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 he wants to do and who he wants to be when he grows up), how he deals with authorities, how he handles responsibility, and his relationship with his father or dominant parent. The child's way of dealing with his elders during childhood obviously will be transferred to dealing with his 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.

Scorpio on Tenth 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.

Eleventh House: Friends, Aspirations, 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 his companions. As he matures (and particularly during pre-adolescence and teenage years), peer pressure and conformity may take precedence over parental guidelines in his 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 he 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, he 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 him goal-fittedness; how to measure our projected aspirations for him against his own! The 11th house also addresses the child's willingness (or lack of it) to cooperate with others in group projects.

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Saturn in Eleventh House

As a young man, your child may work hard to make his dreams and ideals a reality. Listen to him when he speaks of his aspirations--on these he likely will build his life. He could benefit by participating in group

projects. The child born with this Saturn placement may gravitate toward clubs and fraternities (a perfect position for a Scout). Humanitarian goals are central to his life's work. As a child, he may have plenty to say about school policies as well as world conditions. Individuals with this Saturn position sometimes enter politics. Saturn in the 11th may signify one who is "alone in a crowd." He may tend to have older friends.

Twelfth House: Fears, Fantasies, Imagination, Compassion

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.

Sagittarius on Twelfth House Cusp

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