

Child*Star

Astrological Report for
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The Astrological Chart

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<u>Planet</u>	<u>Sign</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>House</u>	<u>House</u>
Sun	Virgo	28°Vi51'	06th	01 04°Ta56'
Moon	Scorpio	27°Sc44'	07th	02 07°Ge10'
Mercury	Libra	25°Li02'	06th	03 26°Ge49'
Venus	Virgo	00°Vi51'	05th	04 14°Ca19'
Mars	Capricorn	07°Cp06'	09th	05 04°Le36'
Jupiter	Cancer	12°Ca58'	03rd	06 05°Vi44'
Saturn	Gemini	14°Ge57'	02nd	07 04°Sc56'
Uranus	Aquarius	21°Aq31'	11th	08 07°Sg10'
Neptune	Aquarius	06°Aq11'	11th	09 26°Sg49'
Pluto	Sagittarius	12°Sg46'	08th	10 14°Cp19'
Midheaven	Capricorn	14°Cp19'	10th	11 04°Aq36'
Ascendant	Taurus	04°Ta56'	01st	12 05°Pi44'

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!

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

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

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

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

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

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

Throughout the report, you'll come across words and phrases like "tends to," "often will," "probably," "might." This is because there is a spectrum of possibility on any given point. At times, these phrases have been omitted, but the concept remains true throughout the report.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Another type of cross-reference is necessary when a planet receives more than one kind of aspect. For example, a child with Mars square Saturn can feel blocked, and *Child*Star* instructs you to see if Mars and Saturn receive positive aspects from other planets -- which will mitigate the difficulty and allow the aspect to manifest in a more dynamic and purposeful way. The positive aspects can also indicate to you how to work out the difficulty successfully.

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

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

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

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

This report is intended as a stepping stone in your astrological journey -- a fascinating adventure. For those who hold newborns, *Child*Star* will offer many insights that will prove their worth for years to come. For those of you with older children, this report will shed much light that will help you better understand your child and

where she is headed. Some will walk through their childhood again through the pages of this report -- finding, healing, and attuning with the child within.

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

The Rising Sign

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

Taurus is an Earth sign on the Feeling Cross. Children with Taurus Rising most often come across as stable, even-tempered, even gentle in their response to most situations. Sometimes your child may seem very stubborn, tending to take her time and react to a situation fully. Indeed, she could procrastinate or perhaps she works slowly but surely! Taurus is ruled by Venus, the planet of love and physical wealth. Your child may be attracted to the good things in life: nice clothes, special belongings, favorite foods, her own (beautifully furnished) room. She may be born with a green thumb, be artistic, or excel at school fundraisers! If Venus is in a Fire sign, the child is apt to be creative and outgoing in pursuing the object of her affection. When Venus is in an Air sign, the child is likely to be friendly and sociable. She could be gracious as well. Especially if Venus is in Libra, she could be physically attractive. If Venus is found in a Water sign, the child will be compassionate, sensitive and loving but if pampered could become indolent and self-indulgent. If Venus is in an Earth sign, the child will have good earning potential. She could be concerned with social status and recognition.

Taurus Rising

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 her emerging personality. Your child's greatest strengths and challenges are often described by the qualities of her Sun Sign. A Leo child, for example, is a born leader but may be pompous. A Piscean youngster may draw upon a rich imagination to inspire others, but may seek to escape reality by retreating into a fantasy world. The wise parent will train the child to manifest the positive qualities of her Sun Sign. The position of the Sun also helps us understand what motivates our children. A child with a Fire sign Sun such as Aries, will generally be motivated by seeking new experiences in which she can assert herself, whereas a Water sign Sun child is more emotional and will seek comfort and security before venturing out. Children born into Earth signs tend to be grounded. They're builders and seek means of practical expression.

They want to know, "How does it work?" Air sign Sun children can experience life through thoughts and thrive on social interaction and communication. The Sun also represents the child's perception of the father (or dominant parent) and the qualities the child identifies with within the father. From here, we extend our understanding of this relationship to authorities and adults in general and later, to the child's understanding of her own life purpose. For example, a child with the Sun in harmonious aspect to Mars would likely feel supported by the father and therefore more prone to self confidence than a child born with the Sun square Mars. The latter might feel blocked on some level by the father or dominant parent. Both, however, are dynamic positions indicating leadership potential.

Sun in Virgo

Virgo is an Earth sign on the thinking cross. Its symbol is The Virgin. Virgo is ruled by Mercury, the planet of mind and Virgo children are typically curious about nature and their physical environment. They like to observe natural phenomena to discover the laws behind the manifestation. Some children of this sign are manually dexterous or show early signs of mechanical ability. Even toddler Virgos especially enjoy mechanical toys and those that can be taken apart and put back together again. Geometrical painted wood pieces that form beautiful intricate designs may be another Virgo favorite!

Virgos seek ways to make their observations practical. Interested in helping, Virgo children are often truly compassionate, worrying about the welfare of others. Your child may like to take care of everything; rescuing, salvaging, and restoring. Virgos frequently find their calling through response and service to others, to life. (As adults, Virgos are often attracted to professions where they can serve; Waiting upon people in a restaurant, secretarial jobs, dental assistants, teachers). Virgo children need the tools to help (small sized brooms, tools, etc.) and they need real jobs where they can be an asset to the family. As they grow, don't be surprised when they come up with better more efficient ways of running the house (and everything else to boot)!

Some Virgo children are shy, because they tend to be overly critical of themselves or their performance. For the little Virgo, good is hardly ever good enough if not perfect! Discourage pickiness, fault-finding and complaining. You would do well to teach your Virgo youngster to look for the good in herself, in her work and in others. Sometimes children with the Sun afflicted in Virgo can be so anxious about perceived imperfection, that they decide not to try at all! Montessori materials with their built-in corrections are perfect for the young (age 2-7) Virgo child. Remind your child that what matters is that she always try to do her best, but that Rome was not built in a day!

Sometimes Virgo children are attracted to nature, to healing arts (placing a band-aid on a younger child's finger, learning to make herb teas, looking under a microscope). Many are naturals at math and have an affinity for reading! Writing and teaching are Virgo skills waiting to be developed! Because they need to nurture and instruct others, Virgo children usually enjoy caring for pets and younger siblings. They have a way with details, favorable for many professions such as teaching, engineering, bookkeeping, but they may lose sight of the forest for the trees. Remind your child that "there is a place for everything and for everything a place" lest her room become a maze of pigeonholes, books, and paraphernalia. Virgo children often enjoy hobbies where they must label, paste, organize and categorize such as coin and stamp-collecting. Virgo is earthy and little Virgos are acutely aware of their bodies. Baby Virgos can be quite uncomfortable if wet or unattended. Discrimination, separating the wheat from the chaff, is the Virgin's job. Toilet training is an important phase for the toddler, as they learn how their bodies discriminate what they need and what they don't need and this phase should not be forced or made unpleasant. Some Virgo children are fussy about what and when they eat.

Moon Sextile Sun

This aspect taken by itself strengthens the constitution and indicates a basic harmony between the feelings (Moon) and the will (Sun). Children born with the lights forming a sextile often enjoy a close relationship with their parents, or perceive the parents as well-suited. Your child may be inquisitive and creative. Unless other aspects strongly indicate otherwise, she is apt to be popular with both boys and girls.

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

Moon in Scorpio

Scorpio is a Water sign on the feeling cross. Its symbols are the lowly scorpion, the phoenix and the high soaring eagle. Your child is likely to be exceptionally sensitive, picking up easily on other people's thoughts and motivations. The Moon in Scorpio child is so sensitive that occasionally she may withdraw, perceiving that an adult is capable of physically or emotionally hurting her. Because she experiences life so intensely, the Moon in Scorpio child is often considerate, kind and fiercely loyal, if not sometimes possessive. She seeks strong attachments and a deep bonding with her mother.

Scorpio is a powerful sign and children with this lunar placement tend to respect power as rules, laid down and CONSISTENTLY applied with love. Your child has the inner strength to say "No!" and to go without, if need be, but desire can be very strong in this sign. She needs to have a clear idea of right and wrong from babyhood. She needs to develop good habits concerning belongings, money and the balance between material and spiritual things. (And that, of course, means good examples at home!) she may need encouragement to be willing to share.

Scorpio is ruled by Mars and Scorpio children can become intensely angry or manipulative when they don't get their way. Scorpio energy is dynamically creative. Once engaged, your child could dive into projects, carrying them out to the point of perfection. Your child may not always share her feelings with you, preferring to keep them a secret. Let her know she can trust you. She tends to want to feel in control of herself and her environment but resists being controlled. Secretive, she is not at all superficial but always get to the heart of things. This is a good placement for business and politics, often indicating executive ability. Your child has a sense for power, wealth, and passion. She may perceive her mother as creative, strong and caring. If afflicted, the mother could be perceived as overbearing, powerful, intense.

Moon Sextile Sun

Spirit and matter, mother and father, mind and emotion are in harmony, a blessing and an indication of a healthy personality! Usually this aspect indicates harmony between the parents, or that the child has a good rapport with both, providing her with a strong foundation for successful adult relationships. Typically, these children work well with authorities; parents, teachers, other adults. Life may not always be a bed of roses for any of us, but with this positive Sun-Moon contact, your child will likely always find the resources she requires at hand plus the necessary instruction as to how to use them. Your child is apt to be sociable and likable. She likely feels at home with people of all ages. A love of pets and animals, children, older people, and the needy and downtrodden in general, is likely to be a lifelong trait.

Moon Square Venus

The child with this aspect longs to feel bonded to the mother. She often is warm and affectionate but may fear the loss of love. Sometimes, the mother may be absent or unable to give the child adequate attention. Or perhaps the mother is overindulgent with the child. The child benefits by a balance of discipline and love, care and independence. The relationship with the mother influences adult relationships with the opposite sex. This child needs proper eating habits; in particular avoid over-indulging this child in sweets.

Moon Sesquiquadrate Jupiter

The child with this aspect typically is generous but may tend to overdo in some way--in food, in action, in speech. She could be gullible and lack discrimination, especially in the company she keeps! Teach her not to throw her pearls before swine! She feels close to the mother, but should not be over-indulged. Getting things started and off the ground may be harder for her than for most.

Moon Square Uranus

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

The Inner Planets: Mercury and Venus

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

Mercury: The Mind and Communication

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

Mercury in 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. She is easy to talk with -- a great mediator or negotiator. She 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, she is considerate, helpful, and courteous. Your child is likely to show a strong sense of fairness. She can see both sides of the story. She 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. She would rather not rock the boat! Teach her to face reality and to never be afraid to tell the truth!

Sun Semisextile Mercury

Your child has a naturally facile mind that seems always to work to her advantage particularly in matters affecting her life-goals. She enjoys communicating with those in authority or who are older than herself, and would make a good go-between or spokesperson between generations. Her mind, ideas, and thoughts are an important part of her make-up and a key element to her ambitions. She understands things easily.

Moon Semisextile Mercury

Chances are your child loves learning, has an inquisitive and curious mind. Given the right teachers and tools, children with this aspect generally like school. She is a natural teacher and communicator. Your child may even have a little too much gift of the gab at times! Your child may often handle words and tell stories with consummate skill, and others love to hear her speak or entertain. This aspect often indicates a good memory. Your child may feel very close to a brother or sister.

Mercury Trine Uranus

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

Mercury 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 she says or the way she says it. At home, the child could be argumentative. Remind her, however, that if we have nothing nice to say its best not to speak at all! On the other hand, she could be super-sensitive, touchy, and secretive. She might find it hard to share her feelings. This can be problematic when she finds herself 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, her innate sense of beauty (which can be developed), the manner in which she interacts with her friends and with adults, and how she shows love. Children with Venus in ardent Leo, for example, are demonstrative and fun-loving. They tend to shine and love bright, colorful things. Venus in Scorpio children, on the other hand, may be shy but exceptionally kind and thoughtful. These children may want Mom all to themselves! The Venus in Libra child is a social butterfly and loves beauty in her clothes and bedroom. Venus in Taurus loves beautiful things, pretty rocks and later precious stones. She may be a gourmet. She may need help learning to share what she sees as prized possessions. A study of Venus by sign, house and aspect also reveals something about your child's taste in food, eating habits, care of possessions and attitude toward money and belongings.

Venus in 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 her contribution to the family counts! Your child could be a little hard on herself, a bit shy. She could intellectualize (over-analyze) her 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 her feelings. Teach her to recognize and uphold her self-worth.

Sun Semisextile Venus

Your child may feel some tension within in close relationships.

Moon Square Venus

This square indicates challenges or even blocks in expressing love, perhaps stemming from a harsh early environment. Much depends on the signs the Moon and Venus are in and other positive or challenging aspects they may each form, but in general, a child with this placement needs plenty of praise and attention. She needs at least one close "kindred spirit" with whom she can play. She may feel that her feelings go unappreciated or she may find it hard to show love. Your child may be warm-hearted and affectionate but may need to learn a greater measure of self-discipline and discernment when it comes to selecting companions and also in habits, such as eating. If your child is raised in a loving home with supportive parents, allowing her space to grow but also teaching her discrimination with desires, she will develop good self-esteem and therefore avoid the more trying manifestations of this aspects.

Venus Semisquare Jupiter

The last of the big spenders! While this aspect confers generosity of spirit, it also indicates potential wastefulness and overindulgence of all kinds. This aspect uplifts even a more taciturn chart, conferring a love for the company of others. Children with Venus-Jupiter contacts are often loving and affectionate, yet they may tend to idealize their loved ones. Your child could be highly devotional and could benefit by right religious training (although sometimes this aspect indicates conflicts in relationships due to conflicting ideologies). This Venus-Jupiter contact could manifest as naivete, and/or a tendency to ignore the realities of life in favor of the good times. This could cause serious problems in adult relationships and career. To help your child master this aspect, give her plenty of encouragement but teach her self-discipline as well. Teach her to be economical.

The External Planets: Mars, Jupiter, Saturn

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

Mars: 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 her interest. By studying the aspects formed between Mars and other planets we discern if our child expresses desire in a healthy and direct manner or whether she feels blocked (squares) by inner or outer conditions. We also learn how our child expresses anger, whether in strong bursts (Mars in Fire Signs), bottled up and tears (Mars in Water Signs) or with cutting words (Air signs). With greater understanding we can help our child deal with her feelings in a constructive way. Mars tells us about our child's interest and aptitude (or lack of it), for physical exercises, sports, recreation. Mars drives us against things, too, and sends us into war and combat. Mars imparts courage and stamina. The house position of Mars in the child's chart will tell us in what area of life she is likely to enter the greatest degree of active conflict or activity: In the 11th, with friends, in the 3rd, perhaps with sisters and brothers, or in competitive learning at school.

Mars in Capricorn

Capricorn is an Earth sign on the action cross. Its symbol is The Goat. The Mars in Capricorn child is by nature a very hard worker and is driven to accomplish, manage, and be in control. She is a natural born supervisor! Reinforce her inner urge for order by providing her with an orderly and structured environment. Teach her economy, practicality, and the importance of fair play. Your child has a sense of duty and responsibility that may belie her years. Because of a marked ability to take decisive action and to delegate responsibility, children with this position may grow up to be administrators or public servants. Work in construction or carpentry is

also favored. Other jobs your child may be suited for are; chiropractor, government official, military officer, economist, draftsman, manager or bricklayer!

Whatever her future profession, she is likely to seek to be in command. This powerful placement is best framed by a humble and reverent attitude. Teach your child not to judge (condemn) others, lest she be judged. Some negative traits to avoid or work through are a tendency to be temperamental, dogmatic, overbearing, and/or ambitious to the point of disregarding the rights of others. Positive qualities to instill in your child are a true sense of humility, sensitivity to the needs of others, and the balance between worldly ambitions and spiritual values. Teach her that the ends don't justify the means!

Your child is willing to work hard to get to the top! She might enjoy physical (mountain) climbing. Mars in Capricorn youngsters typically enjoy contact with the earth: building in the sandbox, outdoor hikes, gardening, rocks collecting. Your child might take to sports that require endurance such as jogging. The influence of the father (or dominant parent) is pivotal for later success in life and may provide the prime motivation (positively or negatively) behind the child's drive to be somebody important when she grows up!

Mars Opposition Jupiter

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Mars Semisquare Uranus

The child with this aspect could have a real temper and be prone to sudden outbursts. She may insist on being independent, having her own way, even when this is against her own best interests. Your child may need to learn to cooperate with others. Children with this aspect profit by learning the wisdom of seeking the middle way, but more often than not they learn through the University of hard knocks! Without responsibility there is no true freedom. The child with Mars-Uranus contacts learns by facing the consequences of her actions. Children with this aspect sometimes display a bravery that borders on danger. Again, the lesson is freedom within limits.

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

Jupiter in Cancer

Jupiter is said to be exalted in Cancer. If free of major affliction, Jupiter in Cancer usually points to a happy home environment. Generally, the mother is sincerely interested in the child's welfare and takes the time to instill in the child right religious and moral values. The family may be well educated. The philosophy of life

established in childhood may be carried into adult life. As an adult, your child's home may be a center of educational, philosophical and religious activities.

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

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

Mars Opposition Jupiter

Your child is fun to be around since she is almost always full of enthusiasm and life! She may love contests of all sorts and take to athletics or dance. Does she tend to leap without a thought of the proverbial look? Would she benefit by a quick count to 10 before opening her mouth? Watch and see if you find your child full of energy but short on judgment. Patience! Teach her planning, forethought, follow-through; from putting back the toddler blocks to handing in the 6th grade composition on time. Self-control and self-discipline are the keys. Your efforts will pay off by helping your child master her feelings, thereby granting her a greater opportunity for success in adulthood.

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 Gemini

Your child takes communication seriously! This position confers mental discipline and logic. She is a born problem solver! This placement confers ability to organize details systematically and is common in the charts of secretaries, researchers, writers, lecturers, teachers, scientists, engineers and technicians. Your child may enjoy math and science and would likely benefit from extended formal study. Her interests are likely to be broad and varied. Especially if Mercury is well aspected, she is likely to be articulate, with a sharp tongue and shrewd mind. With afflictions, basic communication skills may need to be acquired, there may be a negative bent to the mind, the child may experience difficulties with teachers, knowledge may be plentiful but superficial. Others may interpret Saturn in Gemini's natural inclination to observe and make objective comments as coldly critical. Show your child how to implement learning in practical ways. Teach her the difference between surface knowledge and applied wisdom. The life of the English statesman and saint, Sir Thomas More, provide an unforgettable example of this principle. An older brother or sister may play an important role in your child's life.

Jupiter Semisextile Saturn

Get out the blocks! Your child is a natural architect and builder, able to use her mind to make decisions in matters of form and function. Your child likes to build each step and have each decision be an end in itself.

Things must be done right! Your child also may have great skill with the law, whether man-made or those of nature, and you may discover she can put all of this into words as well! Your child could do well teaching or training others in these areas. (Why not start by encouraging her to coach her younger brother or the children in the lower grades)? Your child gets along well with authorities and has a natural gift for solving problems.

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 her personal sense of uniqueness, where she dares to be different. Uranus also may reveal individual genius, talent, interests. With hard aspects, or if Uranus is placed in the 1st, 4th, 7th, or 10th houses, we may have to deal with willfulness and/or rebelliousness in the child, or she may perceive herself as somehow different from the rest. Parents and teachers can help the child with strong Uranian aspects by providing her with avenues for individual expression and creativity, and by recognizing her natural bent to experiment with new ways of doing things. At the same time, the child needs to learn that there is no true freedom without accountability. Be consistent in applying the rules. She needs to know the consequences of her use of free will.

Uranus in Aquarius

Your child was born into a sub-generation who, as a group, have a radical approach to communal interests and group work. Progressive, with insights into uniting humanity, they grasp the true meaning of democracy, and will add new dimensions of understanding to the changes effected by the generation before them. Mentally independent, they like to make their own decisions. If Uranus aspects personal planets, the child could be wilful and stubborn, learning by the university of hard knocks or not at all! She needs to know the consequences of her right and wrong decisions. She would make a great networker and tends to work for the benefit of all.

Moon Square Uranus

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

Mercury Trine Uranus

Your child enjoys working with her mind, and her sharp perceptions make finding new solutions easy. She brings an unexpected twist or insight to anything she sets her mind to. She is able to teach or help others to be more original when it comes to the words or thoughts they use. Your child can use the mind in original ways and probably has excellent eye-hand coordination. Her laser-like mind makes conversations fast-paced and

illuminating. A ready wit. However, she may be willful. Her brilliant ideas could seem too far-out for this planet! You will need to give your child space and tools to express her unique creativity! She benefits by developing tolerance for opinions different than her own, and by practicing consistency and follow through in work. Teach her to balance brilliance with practicality and find ways to help her develop mental concentration. Provide your child with a peaceful and uncluttered environment. This is a good aspect for educators, astrologers, technicians, mathematicians, writers, inventors and any field requiring abstract reasoning.

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 she reaches adulthood.

Neptune in Aquarius

These are the children born into the dawning of a New Age of enlightenment and freedom! The age of Aquarius marks the ideal, a time of peace and freedom. Religion and science blend in enlightened leaders who represent the highest good. Plato's ideal of the Philosopher King come at last!

Mars Semisextile Neptune

Your child has an ability to work with the imagination, reaching beyond the mundane to spiritual and transcendent horizons. Her enthusiasm for mystical and religious experience could make her an excellent teacher in artistic and creative matters. She is a natural counselor, and friends (even adults) may come to her for words of wisdom! Your child is, no doubt, a romantic, at home in the world of dreams and images, beauty and ideals. Your child might enjoy yoga and meditation.

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, she will experience an intense desire for self-transformation on some level of her being. Pluto contacts often teach us through intense experiences. We feel as if we've lived several lifetimes in one! The struggle of our century with nuclear power is a Plutonian issue. Will this intense power be used as a dynamo of life or to devastate life? Stress the positive, be ready to help your child navigate through intense emotions she may feel, but not necessarily comprehend. Teach her to express this power wisely.

Pluto in Sagittarius

Your child was born into a generation passionate in their search for truth. Nothing superficial or ephemeral holds their attention. An intense analytical approach to life cuts through to the heart of things. This directness may not always endear them to others, who may see them as blunt. Politics and religion will reach new heights. During Pluto's transit through this sign, the world may enter the dawning of a Golden Age. With hard aspects to personal planets (especially Mars), Pluto in Sagittarius can indicate a tendency to be vindictive.

Jupiter Quincunx Pluto

The Jupiter/Pluto quincunx suggests that philosophical, cultural and/or religious attitudes may be in need of adjustment. The child with this aspect may want to accomplish on a big scale. She could see herself as out to change the world...and indeed, maybe she is! Nevertheless, during childhood she needs to acquire humility, tolerance for other religious faiths, races and creeds. In some cases, the child may be uncomfortable with the belief system of those around her.

Teach her to look honestly at her reasons for doing things and remind her that the ends don't justify the means. Show her that the best way to change others is by our own example. She needs to learn to be fully responsible

for her actions. It's vital that your child receive the training and education she needs to develop skills, get the job done correctly, and later to launch her into her chosen career. Insufficient, inappropriate or improper education could interfere with her ability to make her mark in adulthood. Your child would benefit by lessons in right stewardship of funds during youth.

Saturn Opposition Pluto

Extremely sensitive, your child could be very touchy, tending to keep her vulnerability hidden from others. Don't let appearances fool you -- a serious exterior could be a cover for tender feelings. Excessive duties and responsibilities or harsh conditions during childhood could keep her from opportunities for change and inner growth. Parents should avoid being overly strict or condemnatory with this child. This aspect could mark one destined to overcome great obstacles during her life. The relationship with the father could affect other relationships when she is mature, for better or for best. She needs approval, confirmation of worth from the father figure.

Challenges and Abilities

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 obscuration often makes it hard for us to see and act with normal clarity. Some of these aspects are apparent in little children, others describe yourselves, her parents and teachers, and the environment you provide for her. Other aspects may show up later, at about age 12 or older, even in young adulthood. Your knowledge of these areas in your child's chart should give you a greater understanding as to how to help her turn stumbling blocks into 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.

Moon Square Venus 03°07'

The child with this aspect longs to feel bonded to the mother. She often is warm and affectionate but may fear the loss of love. Sometimes, the mother may be absent or unable to give the child adequate attention. Or perhaps the mother is overindulgent with the child. The child benefits by a balance of discipline and love, care and independence. The relationship with the mother influences adult relationships with the opposite sex. This child needs proper eating habits; in particular avoid over-indulging this child in sweets.

Mars Opposition Jupiter 05°52'

How to harness a wild horse! This aspect indicates an abundance of energy but indicates lessons to learn in its use! Adults with this aspect may squander money, tend to expand too rapidly, in general do too much. The child with this Mars-Jupiter contact could have lessons to learn in cooperating with others, following schedules and directions, using her time wisely, putting her work away on the shelf (instead of all over the room!) and in general, settling down! She could be buoyant and spontaneous, but rambunctious. Your child could find it hard to stay still. Teach your child to THINK before she acts, but remember MOVEMENT IS THE LAW OF her BEING. Keep her busy and you're more apt to keep her out of trouble. With correct training, she could learn to tame her wild horse! (When she is of age, you might want to get her a feisty little puppy she has to train!)
Patience, Mom!

Moon Square Uranus 06°13'

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

acquiring self-control and self-knowledge. Some children with this Moon-Uranus aspect are quite brilliant and original in their thinking. Teach your child the importance of keeping commitments.

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.

Moon Sextile Sun 01°07'

This aspect taken by itself strengthens the constitution and indicates a basic harmony between the feelings (Moon) and the will (Sun). Children born with the lights forming a sextile often enjoy a close relationship with their parents, or perceive the parents as well-suited. Your child may be inquisitive and creative. Unless other aspects strongly indicate otherwise, she is apt to be popular with both boys and girls.

Mercury Trine Uranus 03°31'

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

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

By age seven, the child has absorbed an enormous amount of learning. Her physical body has reached 70% of her growth potential. Permanent teeth (teeth relate to Saturn) begin to emerge. She passes from the absorbent mind stage into the stage of active reason. She is on her way to becoming an independent adult. Saturn represent rules and laws. At seven years of age, Saturn forms its first square and you can expect your child "to test the law," at home and at school. Astrologically, this is a critical point in her development. Your child is likely to show an interest in the outside world and social life very early, say around 11 or 12 years of age. Your child may at this time move very rapidly into the limelight and find herself increasingly more interested and successful in all social activities. This trend will continue and reach a peak when your child is about 18 or 19 years of age, after which time she is apt to lose interest in the social and external and turn more inward. This could result in her being somewhat of a prodigy and achieving a very early career success, only to find herself less and less involved in it. Your child may even turn away from everything and choose to start over again to find a new vocation. She could discover herself spending many years pursuing a more inward and subjective path that could last until your child is 30 years of age (or more) at which time she will likely turn outward once again and take a new direction.

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. In 28 to 30 years, Saturn will return to its natal position at birth and we experience the so-called "Saturn return." At age 14 (first Saturn opposition) and again at age 29 (first Saturn return), we become very aware of Saturn's influence in our life. Important events, or points of growth may occur around age seven as well (first Saturn square). I do not believe, however, that the child is AWARE of Saturn's influence in a personal sense. Saturn in the child's chart may indicate conditions in 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 key is "maturity."

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

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The date(s) (above) indicate when Saturn ended its transit through the 4th quadrant of your child's chart. Depending on her age, your child may have been very concerned with her reputation among her peers and with her teachers, parents and elders and with outer accomplishments. As Saturn enters her first house and crosses her Ascendant, you may discover that your child becomes more self-absorbed. She is entering a sensitive cycle, one in which she will initially at least be likely to be very sensitive to criticism and correction. She needs to affirm her 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 her identity. The child's perception of herself is also influenced by the degree of self-discipline she acquires, and again, this will depend partly on her age and abilities. The child is sensitive, more inward than not, concerned with her place in the order of things. Saturn's transit through the 1st quadrant lasts six to seven 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 she have in abundance, and which does she lack, if any? Those with high totals show what we can or must do in life; plus points to be developed. These are qualities we have. "Wants" are areas that may be weaker and need developing or balance. Sometimes people overcompensate the "wants" and even pretend to have them. The old adage is: we become what we want (or lack), while we do what we can (or have to do) with what we've got. Here are your child's totals:

Have Air

There is an emphasis on communication, expression of ideas, and the connections between things, places, and people. She tends towards mental pursuits and admires intelligence. You can reach her through reason.

Want Fire

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

Have Mutable

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

Have Succeedent

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

Want Angular

Your child could have difficulty getting outer recognition for her efforts or accomplishments. This doesn't mean they're worthless. It does mean she should throw her efforts into work or ventures she 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 her 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: Trine

Your child may not be what she appears to be. Her personality, the way the world sees her, appears more independent and outgoing than is the case when people get to know her. An extroverted manner screens a more inward and quiet-seeking self. In other words, she is much more sensitive and concerned about what others think than meets the eye. Although her outer personality may look tough and self-centered, she is more sensitive to the needs and feelings of others than she may let on. Whereas her appearance and personality may bring her unwanted attention, the real "me" prefers to stay out of the limelight. Appearances aside, let's take a look at the real or inner child.

Inner Meanings, Life Patterns

Trine Type

Your child could be the eternal patron of just about anyone who will let her look after them -- the original mother hen. She needs to feel useful and wanted and is most happy when she is active and involved and lending a hand. Always the host/ess, your child finds herself (in most situations) caring for and taking care of others. In fact, she may tend to worry about others too much. Not content to let others judge her on appearance alone, she would rather be judged by her actions, by what she has done or can do. Her general sense of concern for everything makes her invaluable when anything needs doing and, if left unoccupied, she may be known to even worry for worry's sake! Given only a few facts, your child is able to take in a situation and come up with a real picture of what is happening. She is happiest when fully engaged. Your child will tend to find herself in responding to others. She is talented at putting her ideas into words and describing or analyzing situations. Chances are she will work in one of the many service occupations, taking care of and looking after people. Your child's mind and caring attitude are what others find attractive in her.

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.

Pluto

Throughout her life, your child is likely to pass through periods of tremendous self-transformation. On inner levels, she is apt to feel driven and intense in her pursuit of change and inner growth. She seeks to burn through superficialities, searching for opportunities to face the truth and render the evident to view. This ceaseless analytical activity, while central to her nature, may be the source of discomfort to others. Power plays may be no stranger to her. She must learn selflessness.

Keys to Understanding Your Child's Personality

Uranus

All parts of your child's life are touched by her sense of originality and spontaneity. Everything hangs on the innovative and original approach to things and people that marks her style. Questions of freedom and independence are absolutely essential to her life style, and she may be quick to rebel when authority cramps her style! Give her space within limits, freedom framed by accountability.

The Personal Hot Spot

Neptune

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

Moon

Your child needs to learn to master her emotions. She could take things quite personally and must learn not to be so reactive. Family and home could be the stage of much activity, or possibly conflict. She needs to develop self-discipline. Her key word for happiness is: HARMONY.

House Activity and Emphasis

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

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

Taurus on First House Cusp

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

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 her attitude toward her belongings. Responsibility, stewardship, and sharing all come into play here. If your child does not have any planets in the 2nd house, look to the sign, house and aspects of the planet ruling the sign on the cusp, and to the planet Venus, for clues as to money making potential and spending habits.

Gemini on Second 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.

Saturn in Second House

In an adult chart, Saturn in the 2nd can indicate considerable business ability and wealth or conversely, a lot of sweat with little to show for it. Since this is the house of values, much depends on the examples set (especially by the father or dominant parent) and values developed during childhood and the growing up years. You may consider setting up your child with an allowance, and later a savings account of her own as a framework for helping her develop good monetary habits. Sometimes this positions indicates frugality bordering on stinginess. The way your child treats her possessions may give you a clue. Look to Saturn's sign and aspects for a fuller picture. Your child will enjoy working for rewards, saving up points or pennies for that special something! This position lends itself toward merit programs. Saturn in the 2nd house favors government contracts, business management, mining, construction and commodities trading.

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 her siblings, and with neighborhood pals. Children with personal planets (Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus and Mars) in the 3rd house tend to be very active at school.

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Jupiter in Third House

Does she ask a million questions all at once! Patience, didn't you know great reporters are known to have Jupiter in the 3rd house! Your child came into being with an extra dose of curiosity and is a born investigator and researcher; inquiring, searching, following things to their logical conclusion. Your child's career may likely be built around these qualities of her -- communication, making connections, thoughts and ideas, and so on. A broad and complete education is essential to get your child off to a good start. If you haven't already, you may want to purchase an encyclopedia (there's no way you'll know how to answer everything she asks!) This position favors teaching, publishing, writing, communications and travel. Unless seriously afflicted, Jupiter in the 3rd indicates positive relations with brothers and sisters (and later with neighbors).

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

Cancer on Fourth 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.

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.

Leo on Fifth House Cusp

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

Venus in Fifth House

Your child probably loves the theater and all that is creative, expressive, and artsy. Games, puzzles, and entertainment are sure to appeal to her. She could have a flair for the dramatic, emotional scenes being a sign of life to her! She loves action, sports, and putting her heart and feelings on the line. If Venus is well aspected, your child is likely to be popular. Often this placement indicates artistic talent or ability. Your child may love working with younger children. She probably enjoys the good things in life but watch out for signs of laziness! This Venus placement is common in the charts of entertainers, models, teachers and child psychologists.

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 her daily habits. How she handles her chores, how she approaches her school work. Is her handwriting sloppy or neat? Is she happy to help others when asked or does she complain? The 6th house rules dress and appearance. This house also tells us about eating habits, diet and basic health. Obviously, eating habits and diet will affect health for better or for worse, as the case may be. A water sign on the cusp, or the Moon or Neptune in the 6th indicates that emotions will affect health and vice-versa. The sign on the cusp and planets in the 6th house can show you health areas that may require your attention.

Virgo on Sixth House Cusp

Virgo energy is analytical and precise, always separating what is worthwhile and worth supporting from that which is outmoded and of no further use. The affairs of the house with Virgo on the cusp reveal the area of life in which the child seeks to serve, and/or where she may take a systematic and detailed approach.

Sun in Sixth House

Your child is a good worker. She is naturally service-oriented, conscientious, and enjoys taking care of the needs of others. Her inborn discernment helps her sort out the good apples from the bad. She needs to know her help counts so provide her with child-sized tools early on. Show her how to be selective without getting hung up on the details. She may require help learning to recognize the good in her work and in that of others. She may be very demanding, even fussy. Many children with this placement enjoy detailed projects such as making models, or coloring by numbers. The 6th house relates to all aspects of medicine and nutrition; to secretarial and office work and is favorable for teaching and writing.

Mercury in Sixth House

Mercury is the natural ruler of the 6th house. Therefore, this placement is considered favorable and often indicates a well educated person or one of keen intelligence. Your child is skilled at using her mind in an analytical manner. An ace at quality control, she can spot the bad apples every time. A stickler for details, she may need help seeing the whole picture lest she lose the forest for the trees. Especially if Mercury is in Cancer, Virgo or Capricorn, she must learn not to be overly critical of himself or others, but rather to think positively and search for the good in all. This position favors careers in engineering, medicine and computer programming; accounting, transportation, broadcasting, and postal service. It's also favorable for restaurant jobs, teaching and writing, for certain laboratory jobs and for training others. If well aspected, your child should do well academically, since Mercury in this house indicates a hard-working person with an orderly mind.

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 she able to hold her own in a match? Can she stand up against peer pressure? To succeed with 7th house issues, the child needs to feel secure within herself (1st house polarity.) Planets in the 7th house and the sign on the cusp can also provide clues about your child's interaction, as she matures, with the opposite sex. For instance, a child with Mars in this house or Aries on the cusp would likely be bold in relationships, and hence, make friends easily. Nevertheless, she could incline toward arguments and contention (Mars) in close friendships (and later in marriage). She may, however, be willing to work hard (Mars) to make a relationship (7th house) work. The wise parent would teach this child the dangers of entering into relationships impulsively.

Scorpio on Seventh 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.

Moon in Seventh House

The child with the Moon (emotions) in the 7th house (other people) is sociable and emotionally responsive to others. Friends, partners, and close relationships mean a lot to her. They are a primary source of strength, and she looks to them for support and encouragement. Her self-image may be unduly influenced by other peoples' opinions. More likely than not, you're going to have to teach your child discrimination in her choice of companions. Her choice of buddies is apt to be based on feelings, and initial emotional response. If she feels at peace within herself, she will be less likely to enter potentially compromising relationships for emotional or domestic security. In adult life, she is liable to choose a profession that will allow her plenty of social interaction. This position favors the legal profession, work with the public, and any position requiring tact and diplomacy.

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 her things with others, in carrying out joint responsibilities. Also, how does the child deal with pain, crises, even the death of significant others? This is the house of sex, and moreover, the house of desire. Planets in the 8th house and the sign on the cusp shed light on the child's ability to attract things to herself through desire, and to let go when necessary or right.

Sagittarius on Eighth House Cusp

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

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

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Mars in Ninth House

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

Tenth House: 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 she wants to do and who she wants to be when she grows up), how she deals with authorities, how she handles responsibility, and her relationship with her father or dominant parent. The child's way of dealing with her elders during childhood obviously will be transferred to dealing with her boss later on! Children with planets in the 10th house may be thinking ahead. Children with the Sun, Jupiter or Saturn or many planets in the 10th house often want to be someone of consequence in this world! The 10th house relates to Saturn and hence to maturation through time. Sometimes planets in the 10th house (especially the Sun or Saturn) indicate a need for much training before reaching the career goal.

Capricorn on Tenth 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.

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

Aquarius on Eleventh 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.

Uranus in Eleventh House

Get ready because you never know who your child will invite home for dinner! The child with Uranus in the 11th house may enjoy eccentric, unconventional, even offbeat friends. As she grows, she could become interested in affiliating with groups that carry some kind of humanitarian appeal, or New Age message. In her search for truth, she may kick traditional values aside, being more open to what is new and different. Your child may have very original ideas when it comes to community, making our collective dreams into a reality, and could enjoy living in a New Age environment. Give your child a bedrock foundation of traditional values that she can build upon. If afflicted, she may attract "fair weather" friends whose motives may not always be in her best interests. Uranus in the 11th house is found in the charts of astrologers, students of esoteric traditions, politicians and technicians to name but a few.

Neptune in Eleventh House

The child with Neptune (illusion/idealism) in the house of friends could be overly impressionable and should choose her friends wisely. Your child may gravitate toward peculiar friends or perhaps they'll be attracted to her. With this position, she may indeed have very close friends who are spiritually inclined. Perhaps she sees others with rose colored glasses and hence, set herself up for disappointment. Be patient (but firm) in teaching her discrimination in her choice of companions. Group or community work with high aims (great altruism) might later be her cup of tea.

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.

Pisces on Twelfth House Cusp

Pisces energy runs deep and toward the psychological -- whatever is beneath the surface. Pisces is said to be related to the past, to memories and to karma. Pisces pertains to "hidden enemies" and also to illumination. The affairs of the house with Pisces on the cusp may signal an area of vulnerability in the chart, where your child could be subject to illusion, or where she could be particularly sensitive, intuitive and imaginative. (i.e. Pisces on the 7th house cusp could indicate disappointments in relationships, perhaps due to a tendency to attract unstable partners. On the other hand, Pisces on the 7th house cusp could indicate a sensitive, spiritual partner).

Notes on Astrological Terms

Creating the Natal Chart

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

Your child's natal chart is his individual cosmic portrait or mandala. It is said that something that is born in time takes on the qualities of that specific moment. Your child's natal chart reveals a picture of who he is and what he may become. Astrology is a map of karma, positive and negative, that will unfold in cycles of time. The seeds of the future are always sown in the present, but can we read them? This is what the study of astrology is all about: reading the signs of the times and listening to what they have to say about ourselves, now and in the future. Astrology, then, is prophecy. Yet we know that prophecy can be altered, changed, or mitigated through free will, right or wrong decisions, prayers, and self-awareness.

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

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

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

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

Elements and Modalities

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

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

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

Earth Signs: Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn. People with lots of earth are very practical; they can see how to do and use things. Children with a strong earth emphasis are looking for ways to be productive. They are often dependable, efficient, and "down to

earth." They like a hands-on approach to learning. Earth-sign children enjoy playing with sand, clay, and beautiful rocks. They like to build. Those with little earth tend to be less objective, less grounded, or less practical.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Aspects

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

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

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

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

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

The "hard" (or dynamic) aspects: square (90 degrees) and semi-square (45 degrees). These represent challenge, obstacles, and creative tension; they provide the surest means to dynamic growth. Too many can block or obstruct the life flow, yet too few can indicate a lack of motivation. In the child's chart, these aspects show where his greatest challenges and opportunities for growth may lie.

The "soft" (or harmonious) aspects: trine (120 degrees) and sextile (60 degrees) The soft aspects bring ease, clarity, and vision to our lives; we can see, grasp, and understand what is happening. Too few of the soft aspects can bring a lack of ease to our lives, while too many soft aspects make for a life that is potentially lacking in substance. In the child's chart, the soft aspects reveal potential talent

waiting to be developed. A child can "sit" on his trines and sextiles, he and his parents taking his strong points for granted. When ignored, these aspects can lead to over-indulgence and eventual weakness. Develop these points like diamonds.

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

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

The Planets

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saturn. Saturn is the great teacher, the giver of laws or rules, the Initiator. Saturn also represents Chronos -- time -- and the material world. In the child's chart, Saturn represents the limits placed upon him by parents, authorities and teachers, and by time itself. As Saturn makes its cycles, we can expect the child to test these limitations. By studying Saturn, we can glean an understanding of the best approach to adopt in disciplining the child. Saturn reveals much about the child's relationship to his father. Saturn gives us clues as to the child's later career. Saturn can show us where the child may feel thwarted and how we can best help him. Studying Saturn by sign, aspects, and house position will reveal in what area of life the child may later (as an adult) confront some of his greatest challenges. Knowing this, we as parents can take definite steps to prepare him to pass every test!

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

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

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

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

The Lights

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

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

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

The Signs of the Zodiac: key words and esoteric meditations

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

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

Gemini: The Twins. Communicating, inquiring, investigating, exploring. "Getting to know you, getting to know all about you." Nervous, versatile, inventive, curious, linking, reasoning, making connections. Gemini is the sign where we end our differences through effective communication (come-into-union). We transcend envy and jealousy (that would divide us) through knowledge and the application of wisdom.

Cancer: The Crab. The crab carries his home with him wherever he goes. Cancer is the experience, vehicle, or body itself. The house and home -- The Chariot. The experience as in feeling, living, and sensing life. Cancer energy is protective, nurturing, and compassionate. Cancer is the mother, human and divine, who gives and gives of herself until this daily giving becomes second nature.

In Cancer we learn self-discipline to raise up the tremendous creative force of the mother, the kundalini. We overcome self-pity, self-justification and indecision and are harmonious with all of life.

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

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

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

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

Sagittarius. The Archer/the Centaur. What remains after the furnace of Scorpio: truth, that which cannot be further reduced. Sagittarius represents all the great cultural traditions that frame civilization: law, religion, history, and philosophy. Sagittarian energy is enthusiastic, profound, generous, and candid. This is the sign of Victory over all the misuses of every other sign! In Sagittarius we learn to overcome lower desires (the Centaur) and aim our arrow higher! If we give in to freedom without responsibility, we can find ourselves on a roller coaster ride hard to get off! Beethoven (a Sagittarian) composed his greatest symphonies after he had gone deaf, and Sagittarius is a sign of overcoming all human limitations and soaring for the sky! The only thing that can rob us of our victory is resentment and retaliation. When we have a rolling momentum of victory, there is no room for resentment. We rise higher.

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

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

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

The astrological wheel, or mandala, is a map of the space surrounding us at the time of our birth. The chart represents the hub of life! The wheel is divided into twelve sections called houses -- six houses in the sky above, six beneath the Earth below. These houses

are numbered counterclockwise, starting with the 1st house and the direction east on the left-hand side of the wheel. Planets in the heavens are placed on the chart wheel in the houses that correspond to where they actually are in the sky. Of the 12 houses, astrologers find the four most important are the one directly above our heads (10th), the one under our feet (4th), the one on the left and to the east (1st), and the one on the right and to the west (7th). These four are called "angular" because they mark the corners of the chart: south, north, east, and west.

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

In the chart wheel, the planets are placed in their zodiac positions. The zodiac stretches in a circle through all 360 degrees of the surrounding sky, and this circle is divided into sections of 30 degrees -- the familiar 12 signs. Planet positions are measured within signs by degrees, minutes, and seconds of circular arc. Each degree contains 60 minutes of arc and each minute of arc contains 60 seconds of arc. For example, I might tell you that my Moon (Moon at birth) is in the sign Leo (5th sign). More exactly it is in the 01st degree of Leo. It is actually at 01 degree and 28 minutes of the sign Leo.

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

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

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

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

The Wheel of Houses

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

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

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

and the nature of his aspirations. The 11th house also reveals how a child interacts with his friends. For example, a child with Cancer on the 11th house cusp would be protective toward his friends. He likes to invite them over, and a sleep-over would be a special treat! He could be very attached to his friends. If a child has planets in the 11th house, his chart will take on an Aquarian coloring: he may be innovative, interested in science or electronics, and be free-spirited.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6th House. As we reach the 6th house, the "party" of the 5th is over. Now it's time to get down to business! The 6th house is the house of work and service. This house relates to training and so reveals much about the child's habits, which are established for the most part in early childhood: eating habits, study skills, care of the body, maintenance of his room, etc.. The child with Virgo on the 6th house cusp tends to be meticulous in his work. The 6th house is also the house of health and can give us clues as to the child's physical constitution and potential health problems. A child with Mars in the 6th house could be very robust and energetic but could also be critical or bossy with classmates (and later with employees). He could be susceptible to fevers and inflammations.

7th House. The 7th house, another angular house, marks the beginning of a new series of three houses. Here we cross over from the personal houses to the impersonal houses. The personal experience of the first six houses is finished. It falls away from us and we see it as a complete stage in our development. We begin the upward trek toward a more impersonal service, with less concern for self, and more energy expended toward helping others. We begin by seeking a partner, cooperating with others, forming significant unions:

Marriage. Planets in the 7th house and the sign on the 7th house cusp reveal to us how the child gets along with others. Is he sociable or shy? Does he attract friends that are good for him or does he tend to cling to fruitless relationships. Will he think well before "tying the knot," or is he more apt to jump into marriage impetuously? A child with many planets in the 7th house will be very involved with other people and their affairs.

8th House. The 8th house results from our fully grasping the nature of the completed personal experience in the first seven houses... what was right about it and what was wrong. Here we strip away and can do without what was wrong. The extra baggage is unloaded. The 8th house is also the house of resources we share with others. It is the house of sex, money and death. In the child's chart, planets in the 8th house and the sign on the 8th house cusp provide clues as to stewardship of belongings, his ability to share, and his search for the answers to questions of life and death. Here we see potential transformative events in the life of the child. We see his values, his strongest desires, and his search for the answers to the deeper mysteries of life. The child with Capricorn (power) on the 8th house may want to rule the sandbox, but will probably discover that when he doesn't share the kingdom he manages it alone!

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

The Chart Wheel, or Mandala:

Here are some brief descriptions of the 12 houses and what they mean to astrologers. We will start with the 10th house -- the house of clear, practical vision.

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

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

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

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

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

Third house. The child's ability to cogitate and to communicate ideas: thinking, talking, listening, writing, reading, visits. The acquisition of knowledge: schooling, questions, interactions, curiosity. The child's relationship with his brothers and sisters.

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

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

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

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

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

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