

Introduction

I. CHILD*STAR!!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IV. CONCLUSION:

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

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

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

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The Rising Sign

First let's take a quick look at your child's Ascendant, or Rising sign. Astrologers want to know what zodiac sign is rising at birth, since this gives a picture of the way we appear or come across to others. We look out upon the world through the glasses of the Rising Sign. Your child's Rising Sign will offer clues as to how your child perceives herself or would like others to see her. Many astrologers consider the Rising Sign as important as the Sun Sign in describing identity. This makes sense, since the Ascendant

describes the early childhood experience. From myriad impressions and interactions, the child will weave the tapestry of her unique selfhood. If the Rising Sign is very different from the Sun sign, the child may have to work at integrating diverse aspects of her personality.

Cancer Rising

Cancer is a Water sign on the Action cross. The child with Cancer Rising comes across as emotional and reactive. Her tendency is to sense things rather than think them through. She likes to mother everyone within her protective envelope. She loves to work around the home, shop or kitchen. The early home environment makes a lasting impression on the child with this Ascendant, for better or for worse. If there is harmony at home, your child will feel protected and secure. She could be very anxious if there is a great deal of conflict. The Cancer Rising child is adaptable, but may be shy and moody. Cancer is ruled by the Moon. Study the Moon's sign, house position and aspects well - they will reveal much about your child's emerging personality. If the Moon is in a Fire sign, the child is likely to be energetic, but touchy and defensive. She needs to learn to control her emotional reactions. When the Moon is found in Air, the child will reach out to people. She comes to understand her feelings through reason. If the Moon is in a Water sign, the child will be very emotionally sensitive, and could be prone to self-pity. When the Moon is in an Earth sign, the child will be very concerned with security. This combination confers common sense.

The Lights: The Sun and Moon

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

The Sun: Your Self and Future

The Sun represents our identity, or self and as such, colors every other aspect of the chart. In a child's chart, the Sun will reveal much about her emerging personality. Your child's greatest strengths and challenges are often described by the qualities of her Sun Sign. A Leo child, for example, is a born leader but may be pompous. A Piscean youngster may draw upon a rich imagination to inspire others, but may seek to escape reality by retreating into a fantasy world. The wise parent will train the child to manifest the positive qualities of her Sun Sign. The position of the Sun also helps us understand what motivates our children. A child with a Fire sign Sun such as Aries, will generally be motivated by seeking new experiences in which she can assert herself, whereas a Water sign Sun child is more emotional and will seek comfort and security before venturing out. Children born into Earth signs tend to be grounded. They're builders and seek means of practical expression. They want to know, "How does it work?" Air sign Sun children can experience life through thoughts and thrive on social interaction and communication.

The Sun also represents the child's perception of the father (or dominant parent) and the qualities the child identifies with within the father. From here, we extend our understanding of this relationship to authorities and adults in general and later, to the child's understanding of her own life purpose. For example, a child with the Sun in harmonious aspect to Mars would likely feel supported by the father and therefore more prone to self confidence than a child born with the Sun square Mars. The latter might feel blocked on some level by the father or dominant parent. Both, however, are dynamic positions indicating leadership potential.

Sun in Cancer

Cancer is a Water sign on the action cross. Its symbol is The Crab. Cancers respond to being needed by caring for others. Water sign children are typically sensitive, responsive, affectionate and kind. Your Cancer child needs to feel secure. She is apt to need much love and reassurance, especially at home and from Mum. Learning how to master their feelings is a lifelong endeavor for Cancerians, much abetted by the right training in early childhood. Where do we first learn love but in the arms of our mother? And who is first to teach us discipline but she? Cancerians need to exercise self-discipline to ride the waves of changing moods and emotions. Sulking, brooding, feeling sorry for oneself, justifying wrong behavior and all manner of self-indulgence are squalls best to be avoided! Assure your child that you love her but never give in to whining!

Cancer is the sign of the mother and like a good mother, the Cancer child often possesses good common sense and is mothering and protective to all. Water is reflective. Cancer children often love music, meditation and peaceful activities. Other Cancer favorites are cooking, growing things, caring for pets, fixing whatever. Many Cancer children are multi-talented.

Your child may "pick up" on what adults are feeling. Therefore it's vital to always be honest with her. Of all the signs, Cancer is the most family-oriented, and the most influenced by the environment. On the natural wheel, Cancer is placed on the nadir, the lowest point, and so signifies our roots and heritage. The healthy tree must have strong roots and herein lies the fundamental determining factor between the Cancer child who grows up to sustain and nurture others as a self-sufficient individual and the neglected Cancer child, fearful of rejection, that later hungers for security as a clinging vine (or smothering protector) in adult relationships. Childhood impressions may last for life!

The crab carries his house on his back! Like the crab, with a hard shell but soft inside, the Cancer child may hide in her room and sulk, or enter a world of her own making, if her feelings have been hurt or to escape a harsh environment. Keep communication open, but discourage whining and emotional manipulation. Your little Cancerian likely loves to give to others, but like the crab, may fear to let go of possessions or friends. Life will teach her the difference between tenacity and possessiveness. Encourage self-reliance in your Cancer child who may tend to hold unto Mummy's apron strings.

Sun Sextile Saturn

This placement confers a real love of science and natural laws. Your child may be a tireless worker with absolute determination and the ability to carry great projects through to completion. (Especially in the affairs of the houses and signs where the Sun and Saturn are posited.) Always the protector to those she comes to know, your child likely is loyal to friends and will tend to have long and secure relationships. Sometimes this aspect points to a position of authority in adult life. Regardless of circumstances, the child with this contact is apt to receive support from parents and elders during childhood. Nevertheless, her most significant achievements come from her own efforts. This Sun-Saturn aspect strengthens the constitution. Your child benefits by learning in a structured environment, by developing a strong moral character and by acquiring study habits that teach her organization and concentration.

Sun Trine Uranus

Positive Sun-Uranus aspects often indicate leadership potential. Your child may be very magnetic, others being drawn to her. She is not afraid to be different, and may indeed be a "trendsetter." Later in life she is likely to be interested in some kind of social or political reform. Children with this aspect typically love whatever is new or unusual, and breakthrough flashes of original insight are typical. Your child is likely to be creative with a natural love for inventions, electronics, computer science and the like. Your child will appreciate independence and originality in others, especially in a friend, and may tend to have novel companions who are very likely male. Your child is apt to have an inventive mind but could lose interest at school if the subject matter isn't stimulating. Problems at school could arise because she may somehow not fit in with the prescribed way of doing things. Your child likes to keep things spontaneous, and she probably keeps you hopping! Nevertheless, you'd do well to train her to finish what she begins and to look before she leaps! Sometimes Sun-Uranus aspects describe the father as being radical, eccentric, highly individualistic or somehow unusual. Note: if Saturn is well aspected, your child is more apt to have her feet on the ground!

The Moon: The Support System

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

Moon in Aries

Aries is a Fire sign on the action cross. Its symbol is The Ram. Even if your child was born under a milder Sun sign, this lunar position would give her an underlying forcefulness. Your child could be impulsively direct when relating to others, and may act without considering the consequences of her actions. Emotionally, she tends to see things from a self-centered perspective and is likely to take the reactions of others personally. Your child might have a short fuse, and you may need to exercise great patience in helping her control her fiery temper! Consider sports to help her channel abundant energy and to exercise the need to be self-assertive. Teach her to pause and listen to the voice within her, the voice of conscience. (Pinocchio is a great example of a person who had to learn to listen carefully to his conscience.)

The Moon in Aries child is always making choices. In essence she is deciding "Which me do I want to be?" The real me who is patient, truthful and considerate of my friends and family, or the angry, impatient, bullying me who demands her own way? Sometimes she has to see her way through a host of charades! She learns best by direct experience. Be consistent in teaching her the consequences of wrong action as well as the rewards of deeds well done! She may perceive her mother as dynamic. Perhaps she encourages her to be independent. If afflicted, she may perceive her as impatient, overbearing, angry.

Moon Sextile Venus

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

Moon Sextile Mars

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

Moon Square Pluto

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

The Inner Planets: Mercury and Venus

The planets Mercury and Venus, along with the Sun, Moon and Mars describe the child's emerging personality. These inner planets are located between the orbit of the Earth and the Sun. Venus indicates how the child appreciates and measures 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 Cancer

Cancer is a Water sign on the action cross. The Mercury in Cancer child senses things with the mind and understands that feelings are thoughts too. What does this or that thought mean? Where is it pointing? These are questions she may ask herself. Your child tends to use subjective rather than objective logic – intuition and gut instinct. Poetry, music, and the arts interest her, as does psychology. This placement usually indicates a good memory. Emotions could cloud objective thinking.

Sun Conjunction Mercury

When the Sun and Mercury are combined, they are said to be combust. Mercury (mind) can be overpowered by so much solar radiance (Sun). The result can be impulsive speech or action, possible mental confusion or psychological blind spots (akin to the nature of the sign the Sun and Mercury are in). Nevertheless, if you give your child the right tools and training you will most likely discover that she can communicate with consummate skill. It is stimulating just being with her. Her high degree of mental concentration makes your child an avid student, able to excel in speaking, writing, and all types of communication skills. Her goals go hand-in-hand with communication and using the mind, and the two should never be far apart. If the Sun and Mercury receive serious afflictions to other planets, she could require assistance in self-expression and learning.

Mercury Sextile Saturn

This aspect confers mental organization. Your child might be a stickler for routine. Children with this aspect often show early signs of a scientific bent. Your child may love first principles and getting down to the bare bones of a subject. Mathematics and all things technological should be a snap! This Mercury-Saturn aspect indicates great mental endurance and is often the mark of a serious student.

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.

Venus: Values and Discrimination

Venus rules our values and sense of appreciation. When we appraise or appreciate something, whether that be another person or a new car, this is Venus – the sense of love and compassion we may feel. Venus in the child's chart shows us what kinds of things our child appreciates, her innate sense of beauty (which can be developed), the manner in which she interacts with her friends and with adults, and how she shows love. Children with Venus in ardent Leo, for example, are demonstrative and fun-loving. They tend to shine and love bright, colorful things. Venus in Scorpio children, on the other hand, may be shy but exceptionally kind and thoughtful. These children may want Mum 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 Gemini

Gemini is an Air sign on the thinking cross. Its symbol is The Twins. Your child loves to communicate and is very friendly indeed! She may be a chatter-bug, especially if the Sun is in a Fire or Air sign! she appreciates change, variety, and will be interested in many different topics at school. She may love reading and writing, and trips to the library. Your child needs many avenues to explore. She likely enjoys researching and asking questions. On the move, your child will probably attract many different friends. Children with Venus in Gemini often love going on excursions and trips.

Moon Sextile Venus

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

The External Planets: Mars, Jupiter, Saturn

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

Mars: Drive and Emotions

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

Mars in Gemini

Gemini is an Air sign on the thinking cross. Its symbol is The Twins. The Mars in Gemini child is motivated toward mental accomplishments. She typically loves to learn and loves to teach her findings. Communication of all kinds --speaking, writing, phones, walkie-talkies, visits and socializing-- provide her with the means of disseminating information. She may have too many irons in the fire at once. She can be all over the place, always trying to make one more connection. Make sure she finishes what she begins before she begins something else although she may be deft at doing more than one job at a time! (As an adult, she may hold two or more jobs simultaneously.)

Speaking and writing come naturally to her as well as the ability to pick up foreign languages. Gemini rules the hands. You may find your child uses many gestures in speaking including a tap-tap-tap with her fingers on the table which says, "Hurry up, Mum, this is taking too long!" your child has a need for lots of variety, a change of pace. She tends to be restless, even nervous, but needs to learn to take a breath and be at peace.

Your child may be witty and clever. Nevertheless, be patient in teaching her to control her tongue! Sometimes, this position inclines to argumentation and rude speech or worse yet, to gossip. Because she enjoys changes of scenery, she delights in trying out different forms of transportation, from strollers, tricycles and roller blades to cars and train rides.

Children with Mars in Gemini often have fine motor abilities. Working with the hands helps her focus her mind. Teach her that there's a place for everything, for everything a place and you'll be doing her a service for life! Especially if afflicted, keeping her room clean (with countless books and objects) may prove challenging to both of you! Brothers and/or sisters may play an important role in your child's life.

Moon Sextile Mars

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

Mars Sextile Uranus

The child with this aspect is likely to have a real drive to discover or invent things. She could be fascinated by what is happening in technology and communications. Your child may be quick-tempered. She feels very independent and could march to a different drummer. 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 foolhardiness. Again, the lesson is freedom within limits.

Jupiter: Career and Life Path

The Hindu word for Jupiter is Guru. Jupiter is the guru and guide, the way we go through life, our life path and personal philosophy. Our first teachers and guides are usually our parents. Then there are our school teachers, ministers, and other significant adults who enter our life and guide us. Jupiter is the body of knowledge and wisdom made available to us, our method for dealing with the laws of life, our Saturn, or limitations. Saturn represents the father, structure, rules of behavior and social norms we must learn to abide by. Jupiter is the light or path. Jupiter rules religion, philosophy, culture, travel, history; how we expand our horizons, our philosophy of life. It has always been an indicator of how successful we may be, our vocation. In the child's chart, we look to Jupiter for clues as to how our child seeks to know more about life, what appeals to her, and where she may need to pull in the reins and balance exploration (Jupiter) with greater discipline (Saturn). A child with Jupiter in the 1st house in Aries, for example, will jump to the occasion for a trip, an experience to broaden her horizons and self-understanding but will need to find the balance between opportunities for growth and responsibilities (Saturn).

Jupiter in Aquarius

Aquarius is the sign of individuality and freedom and Jupiter relates to new horizons, so you can bet that your child will seek unique and creative ways of self-expression. A true progressive, especially in community or group work, she may be democratic to the point of being radical – an idealist, a revolutionary, a reformist or a rebel! This is the position of the scientist who opens up new vistas, works on group projects, catapults reform. Teach your child that true freedom is framed by accountability and that no one can be a law unto themselves. As she matures, your child will show a great

interest in new trends and world affairs. This placement favors a career in aeronautics, diplomatic corp., personnel management, reform movements and astrology. Your child is future-oriented.

Saturn: Responsibilities

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

Saturn in Virgo

The Saturn in Virgo child tends to be practical and hardworking. Her natural love of perfection could cause her to be too critical of herself and others. Especially if her personality is on the serious side, good may never be good enough for her! Therefore, teach your child the value of learning from mistakes. Point out her positive qualities and show her how to see the good in her work. Guide her in seeing the best in others, rather than mercilessly pointing out their shortcomings. Discourage faultfinding and complaining. A whining "it's not fair!" is your cue to teach your child how to turn challenging situations into opportunities! If your child has a more forceful personality, she could react to a perceived personal injustice in anger. Encourage her to think positively! Excessive fretting could lead to

health problems. Careers in medicine or science, bookkeeping and accounting, writing and teaching, healing arts or laboratory work may be indicated.

Sun Sextile Saturn

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

Mercury Sextile Saturn

Your child is a heavy-duty thinker and serious student, ready to work an idea through, reducing it to what is essential. She enjoys mental effort and discipline, and is willing to work long and hard at whatever she puts her mind to (unless Mercury or Saturn receive challenging squares). Your child should do well at school if challenged and stimulated by subject matter and teachers. She could later present or teach religious and philosophical ideas, anything with substance and content. An older sibling may influence her in a positive way.

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: Breakthroughs & Insights

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

Uranus in Pisces

Your child was born into a subgeneration that will offer us new insight into all mystical, occult, and religious matters – visionaries. They gravitate toward New Age methods of worship and service. They are very broad-minded in the areas of philosophy, music, drama, poetry, and the arts. They are also innovative in psychology. Theirs is the quest to break free from the past and seek a higher road; new dreams, new reality. This is a great position for a career in movies and films. Teach your child to anchor her ideals, and to choose her friends wisely. With difficult aspects to personal planets, the child may tend to avoid confronting unpleasant realities. She could be unreliable or find others taking advantage of her kindness. Teach her to dive in the wave and conquer her problems, which otherwise could take on greater than life dimensions in her mind!

Sun Trine Uranus

Your child works well with those in authority who are independent and original. She comes up with some very unique ideas, but may scoff at rules or tradition. As she grows, you may discover that she is magnetized to nonconformist causes, New Age movements, or social reform. She likes radical approaches, and is curious about whatever new-wave product or breakthrough advance is next in line. Communication, computers, electronics, and everything new-wave is what excites her. Aviation, rockets, missiles and the like may also catch her imagination. Your child is inventive. Provide her with the tools to invent, discover, tinker. At school, hopefully her teachers will recognize her unique approach! Your child could discover new ways of working with traditional materials.

Mercury Trine Uranus

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

Mars Sextile Uranus

Never a dull moment with her around, that's for certain! You are likely to find that your child puts a lot of thought and energy into being different, avoiding the commonplace with great determination. Her drive to innovate, invent, and find new ways to use things is both well coordinated and intense. One day she could be an excellent teacher and innovator. She may be drawn to areas connected to electronics, computers, and communications. She loves to travel and is quite energetic, even athletic. Your child has a magnetic personality and could excel at drama as well.

Neptune: Ideals & Imagination

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

Neptune in 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!

Jupiter Conjunction Neptune

With her, dreams and ideals become a way of life. She seeks to bring them down to earth and make them real. Hers is a path of imagination and vision, perhaps leading to a career in music, mysticism, or the arts. She seeks to understand the forest behind the trees and the unity beyond all separateness. A disciplined art form may be just what your child needs to channel these energies constructively and transform the negatives; namely unreality, lack of common sense, living in fantasies. A sound diet may prove essential (fewer sweets).

Pluto: Inner Change and Growth

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

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

Pluto in Capricorn

The United States Chart, and our founding fathers had Pluto in the sign of government and power. Tremendous practical sense and drive cut through all the red tape and exposes the right decisions every time. They had an ability to organize and manage and present us with a remarkable new concept of government and law. Pluto brings regeneration and sweeping changes in the public domain.

Moon Square Pluto

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

Uranus Square Pluto

A tension producing aspect, the challenge before your child and her sub-generation is dealing with and emerging from periods of great upheaval. Insecurity or fear may be born of such times, or a great sense of personal and group triumph! With personal planets, your child could be willful and disruptive, needing structure and discipline during youth coupled with room to invent and discover.

Challenges and Abilities

Focus

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

Challenges

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

Moon Square Pluto 04°47'

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

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 accom-

plish 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 Venus 03°24'

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

Sun Sextile Saturn 04°11'

This placement confers a real love of science and natural laws. Your child may be a tireless worker with absolute determination and the ability to carry great projects through to completion. (Especially in the affairs of the houses and signs where the Sun and Saturn are posited.) Always the protector to those she comes to know, your child likely is loyal to friends and will tend to have long and secure relationships. Sometimes this aspect points to a position of authority in adult life. Regardless of circumstances, the child with this contact is apt to receive support from parents and elders during childhood. Nevertheless, her most significant achievements come from her own efforts. This Sun-Saturn aspect strengthens the constitution. Your child benefits by learning in a structured environment, by developing a strong moral character and by acquiring study habits that teach her organization and concentration.

Mercury Sextile Saturn 04°12'

This aspect confers mental organization. Your child might be a stickler for routine. Children with this aspect often show early signs of a scientific bent. Your child may love first principles and getting down to the bare bones of a subject. Mathematics and all things technological should be a snap! This Mercury-Saturn aspect indicates great mental endurance and is often the mark of a serious student.

Mercury Trine Uranus 04°44'

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

Sun Trine Uranus 04°45'

Positive Sun-Uranus aspects often indicate leadership potential. Your child may be very magnetic, others being drawn to her. She is not afraid to be different, and may indeed be a "trendsetter." Later in life she is likely to be interested in some kind of social or political reform. Children with this aspect typically love whatever is new or unusual, and breakthrough flashes of original insight are typical. Your child is likely to be creative with a natural love for inventions, electronics, computer science and the like. Your child will appreciate independence and originality in others, especially in a friend, and may tend to have novel companions who are very likely male. Your child is apt to have an inventive mind but could lose interest at school if the subject matter isn't stimulating. Problems at school could arise because she may somehow not fit in with the prescribed way of doing things. Your child likes to keep things spontaneous, and she probably keeps you hopping! Nevertheless, you'd do well to train her to finish what she begins and to look before she leaps! Sometimes Sun-Uranus aspects describe the father as being radical, eccentric, highly individualistic or somehow unusual. Note: if Saturn is well aspected, your child is more apt to have her feet on the ground!

Mars Sextile Uranus 04°50'

The child with this aspect is likely to have a real drive to discover or invent things. She could be fascinated by what is happening in technology and communications. Your child may be quick-tempered. She feels very independent and could march to a different drummer. 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 foolhardiness. Again, the lesson is freedom within limits.

Moon Sextile Mars 04°51'

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

Landscape: Major Life Periods

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

Your Personal Background

By age seven, the child has absorbed an enormous amount of learning. Her physical body has reached 70% of her growth potential. Permanent teeth (teeth relate to Saturn) begin to emerge. She passes from the absorbent mind stage into the stage of active reason. She is on her way to becoming an independent adult. Saturn 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 may be a very social child – an accomplished leader at the age of even seven or eight and a real socialite in the early teens. All of this is somewhat premature, so don't be surprised if your child later loses some of her interest in the external, social scene during the middle teen years. At that time, your child just may discover a more subjective side of herself and could elect to take a more inward direction. Turning away from the social scene, your child could spend many years pursuing her inner life. At about age 14 or 15, Saturn opposes its own position in the chart and most teens pass through a kind of identity crisis. Balance is the key but the adolescent who says to herself, how can I be free to make my own decisions, but who is usually not ready to leave the nest! This more involuted and personal time may intensify when your child is 21 or 22

years old and last until your child is around 30 years of age. At that time your child may go through a remarkable change, sort of discovering herself all at once. The more inward years of inner searching will pay off with new confidence and real direction. Your child is likely to begin her real life's work after this time, and her middle years will be very strong and successful.

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.)

Want Fixed

Not too centered, perhaps not always able to hang in there for the long haul. Your child might not make it in the WNBA. She could tend to be all over the place rather than front and center! Learning to bring it all together could be a major challenge.

Have Cadent

Circumstances could throw your child into positions where she must use her mind and deal with communications, service, or enclosed hidden interests. She may deal with education, psychology, spiritual enlightenment or teaching principles and techniques.

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.

House Activity and Emphasis

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

First House: Appearance, Approach

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.

Cancer on First 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.

Second House: Possessions, Reactions

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

Cancer on Second House Cusp

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

Sun in Second House

Your child needs to feel comfortable and secure. She equates emotional well being with material abundance and things. More likely than not, she is a collector, and her drawers and shelves may be cluttered with all sorts of paraphernalia! Your child is likely to have good taste, but please help her create a system to keep her possessions in order! Lessons in sharing are likely, and may not come naturally for some children with this placement. Later in life, material success – money, home, security, possessions, – will be high on her list of priorities. She needs to learn right values and money habits during childhood. She tends to be very supportive of others. A favorable position for bank jobs, appraisers; also any work dealing with gems or luxury items. If other points confer, she may have a green thumb and enjoy gardening and agriculture.

Mercury in Second House

Hmm, now here's a child who has a good mind for business. Start her out early with the ol' Lemonade Stand. She tends to think along lines that are practical and conservative, especially if Mercury is in an earth or water sign. If Mercury is in an air or fire sign, she may come up with the ideas others put into action. Sometimes, this placement favors a career related to communications & telephone services; economics, corporate planning, advertising, marketing, journalism, P.R. and secretarial work, education, writing, television and publishing are also favored. Often Mercury in the 2nd house indicates the need for higher or specialized studies to fulfill the chosen career.

Third House: Inquiries, Communications

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

Leo on Third House Cusp

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

Fourth House: Home, Family, Security

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.

Leo on Fourth 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.

Saturn in Fourth House

This position calls for reinforcement at home from loving parents. Communication and trust need to be established from day one, else your child may feel emotionally cut off from family members. Avoid being excessively strict with this child. Sometimes Saturn's presence in the house of home (4th) points to considerable family responsibility, whether during childhood or in adult life, or both! Later (teen years) your child will profit by an afternoon job, or some responsibility outside of the home. This placement

is favorable for the manufacture of domestic products, hotel management, real estate work, farming, construction, factory jobs, ecology and home businesses.

Fifth House: Expression, Creativity

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.

Virgo on Fifth 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.

Sixth House: Responsibility, Work, Health

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

Moon or Neptune in the 6th indicates that emotions will affect health and vice-versa. The sign on the cusp and planets in the 6th house can show you health areas that may require your attention.

Scorpio on Sixth House Cusp

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

Pluto in Sixth House

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

Seventh House: Relationships, Other People

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.

Capricorn on Seventh House Cusp

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Eighth House: Business Savvy, Elimination

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.

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Ninth House: Religions, Philosophy, Ideas

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

Aquarius on Ninth House Cusp

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

Jupiter in Ninth House

Especially if the rest of the chart indicates refinement, your child's devotion and search for truth may one day carry her across the globe and certainly to the far reaches of philosophy and religious thoughts. Her career may hinge on a need to always get at the seed, essence, or heart of every question. She needs a broad and complete education (but may lack patience completing the drabber but necessary aspects of learning, like language drills and required classes). Early religious training is a must! Your child will love discovering the thread of truth in the world's religions. Historical tales will fascinate her, and the more colorful the better! Your child will seek a profession where she can express her personal philosophy. Jupiter in the 9th is common in the charts of University professors, judges and people in the publishing field. Mission counts more than money here. To be successful your child must learn to finish what she begins but (especially if Jupiter is in Aries, Gemini or in Sagittarius) she may have 20 projects going on at once! Even though your child may have grand notions, teach her to be humble. After all, no one has all the answers all the time!

Neptune in Ninth House

The child with Neptune in the 9th house is apt to have an intuitive and imaginative mind. Her dreams and ideals rest in whatever is pure and true. Your child may find escape and refuge from the mundane world in reading (or hearing about) tales of faraway places and far off worlds. She could have a sense of mission, causing herself to search, even as a youth, for the answers to questions of a spiritual nature. The danger of this position is a tendency to daydream, to brush aside (often important) details, and a lack of common sense. (Check the rest of the chart for confirmation or counter-indications) A sensitive parent will guide the child in grounding her beautiful ideas in the here and now. She may need your help finishing what she begins and plowing through uninteresting but necessary drills at school (i.e. math or language arts). Neptune in the 9th house often indicates a love of travel.

Tenth House: Practical Vision, Vocation

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

Aquarius on Tenth House Cusp

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

Uranus in Tenth House

You will discover that your child is original and insightful when it comes to practical matters. Independent, she may insist on showing you she has her own way of doing things! As an adult, your child may have an unconventional approach to work, and as she grows, your child may insist on managing her own affairs! She could find it trying to settle down to routines and there could be a resistance to discipline and structure. Even as an elementary student, your child may have a reputation for being different. Sometimes this position favors work in technical and scientific fields. It inclines toward executive positions. Many executives in science and electronics have Uranus placed in the 10th house. The father or stronger parent may be unconventional, scientific, even an astrologer! Help her prepare for later success by teaching her to balance her innate sense of individuality with self-discipline and obedience.

Eleventh House: Dreams & Visions, Community

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.

Pisces on Eleventh 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).

Moon in Eleventh House

Your child has an emotional need to be part of a group, to draw strength and encouragement from her friends and acquaintances. Her attitude toward her friends is apt to waver with her moods. Working with others, especially on community or school projects is perfect for her. Nevertheless, the child with the fluctuating Moon in the house of friends needs occasional solitude to separate her thoughts from those of her peers. She could be too easily influenced by the current trend (or conversely, she could be a loner.) Through the family she is likely to make many social contacts. If the Moon is afflicted, however, the parents may not approve of the child's choice of companion! she grows through making ideals real. Her goals in life will be greatly influenced by what she is taught as a child. At some point in her life she may have to sift out her own aspirations from those of her parents.

Twelfth House: Sacrifice, Psychology, Acceptance

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

Taurus on Twelfth House Cusp

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

Venus in Twelfth House

The child with Venus in the 12th house is typically kind-hearted, compassionate, imaginative, and concerned with the welfare of others. She can appreciate their difficulties and be understanding of the problems they may be having. Many a friend may cry on her shoulder! She is prone to a certain amount of self-sacrifice. She will need to learn not to let others take advantage of her good nature (and not to feel sorry for herself if they do!) If your child is shy, this is due to extreme sensitivity, and she may need your help in strengthening her sense of self-esteem. This is a potentially creative placement, possibly indicating talent in writing, arts or film. When unchanneled (into creative work), Venus here could manifest as fantasy, escapism and wool-gathering. Because of her caring nature, this child may be attracted to working in hospitals or spiritual retreats when she is older. She may be naturally devotional and would benefit by early religious training. Many producers and actors have Venus in the 12th house.

Mars in Twelfth House

This child is highly motivated when it comes to making personal sacrifice. She understands and is easily moved by the problems of others. Psychology in all of its forms is a driving force in her life. But to effectively help others, she needs to figure herself out first! Most important is to build up in your child a true sense of self-worth. She may be likely to blame herself for problems that in truth belong to others! She may play the martyr. This child would be extremely sensitive to parental condemnation and/or blame! Teach her as early as she can understand the dangers of alcoholism, drugs and other dangerous forms of escapism. Teach her to confront her problems as they arise (bite the bullet, dive in the waves). Ministers, counselors, hospital & social workers may have Mars in the house of compassion (12th). This placement also favors work at sea, plumbing, and irrigation. Mars in the 12th is helpful in the charts of film producers, writers, painters and other jobs requiring imagination. Researchers, monks, and divers may have Mars in the house of retreats.