

Child*Star

Astrological Report for
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The Astrological Chart**Lady Gaga**

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Planet	Sign	Position	House	House Cusps
Sun	Aries	07°Ar38'	11th	01 27°Ge12'
Moon	Scorpio	11°Sc28'	05th	02 17°Ca23'
Mercury	Pisces	18°Pi04' R	10th	03 08°Le06'
Venus	Aries	24°Ar10'	11th	04 03°Vi04'
Mars	Capricorn	00°Cp14'	07th	05 06°Li14'
Jupiter	Pisces	08°Pi27'	10th	06 17°Sc45'
Saturn	Sagittarius	09°Sg38' R	06th	07 27°Sg12'
Uranus	Sagittarius	22°Sg22' R	06th	08 17°Cp23'
Neptune	Capricorn	05°Cp47'	07th	09 08°Aq06'
Pluto	Scorpio	06°Sc45' R	05th	10 03°Pi04'
Midheaven	Pisces	03°Pi04'		11 06°Ar14'
Ascendant	Gemini	27°Ge12'		12 17°Ta45'

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Introduction

I. CHILD*STAR!!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5. To get the most value out of *Child*Star*, the author recommends holding "all these things in your heart" and observing the child as he grows. Maria Montessori proved that, by observing the child, you discover the laws of his being. The chart unfolds as 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 him how to play a musical instrument.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5. Astrological knowledge must never be used to demean, criticize, or put anyone down. Take note of areas of great sensitivity, vulnerability, or pain in the child's chart. Find ways to help him master these. Be kind to your child. His star has appeared and it may be different in magnitude and brilliance than your own! Love him and teach him, and learn from 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 his life with many pages left to write on-we seek to understand him better in order to guide, help, and instruct him in bringing out his special uniqueness, his calling in life, his special star. In understanding our children, we also come to better understand ourselves, our own inner child.

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

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

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The Rising Sign

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

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

Gemini Rising

Planet Aspects

The Lights: The Sun and Moon

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

The Sun: Your Self and Future

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

Sun in Aries

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

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

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

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

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

Sun Square Mars

Others may sense in your child the presence of much energy. He may tend to have trouble just relaxing but he works well with creative tension. This aggressiveness could lead to undue competition and a tendency to get into scrapes. On the positive end, your child could impress you by his determined striving. He probably enjoys contests and will learn by pitting his physical or mental strength against others. He could be willful, stubborn, impulsive, too daring for his own good. If he learns to control his temper, he could be a dynamo! Some children with this aspect have a noticeably short fuse. Others hold anger in, but people pick up on the energy and so they end up in disputes. Teach your child respect for others and find ways for him to channel his energy into accomplishments; sports or creative projects demanding physical or mental stamina might fit the bill! Help him avoid the frustration so characteristic of this aspect by teaching him patience and planning.

Children with the Sun (ego, "I AM") and Mars (action through desire) forming a challenging square often tend to approach life from a "me" stance and therefore can be overly touchy or defensive. Astrologer Betty Lundsted suggests that this aspect sometimes indicates growing up in a difficult social environment; for example, where there is racial prejudice or religious bigotry. Your child likely is a hard worker but may need to learn when to stop. He may shine in pioneer or leadership roles. This aspect sometimes indicates an executive type or a career in police work, the military, firefighting, professional sports, dance, medicine or physical therapy.

Sun Trine 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 he 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, his most significant achievements come from his 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 him organization and concentration.

Sun Square Neptune

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

The Moon: The Support System

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

Moon in Scorpio

Scorpio is a Water sign on the feeling cross. Its symbols are The 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 he may withdraw, perceiving that an adult is capable of physically or emotionally hurting him. Because he experiences life so intensely, the Moon in Scorpio child is often

considerate, kind and fiercely loyal, if not sometimes possessive. He seeks strong attachments and a deep bonding with his 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. He needs to have a clear idea of right and wrong from babyhood. He 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!) He 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 his feelings with you, preferring to keep them a secret. Let him know he can trust you. He tends to want to feel in control of himself and his environment but resists being controlled. Secretive, he 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. He may perceive his mother as creative, strong and caring. If afflicted, the mother could be perceived as overbearing, powerful, intense.

Moon Trine Mercury

This aspect indicates fluency in communication. Even if your child has an emotional personality, you will be able to reach him through dialogue. He could be a fine speaker. He is likely to be most persuasive! This Moon/Mercury aspect often indicates success in life due to a positive mental attitude.

Moon Trine Jupiter

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

Moon Sextile Neptune

Children born with this aspect may be enchanting, with a dreamy look about them. They often have artistic and/or musical talent. They are highly impressionable and tend to pick up on

other people's vibrations. Children with the Moon aspecting Neptune need to learn to be discriminating in their choice of companions. Your child may be very kind, but gullible and easily duped (and therefore disappointed.) The line between fantasy and fact may not be apparent. The child could adore the mother, or be confused by her. The mother may help the child develop his creativity productively.

Moon Conjunction Pluto

The Moon aspecting Pluto is an extremely powerful aspect that can indicate a dynamo of creative potential, or tremendous destructive force. Your child is apt to be courageous. He is willing to try harder to improve himself or his work. This child needs a strong bonding to the mother. Nevertheless, the child with Moon/Pluto contacts may feel overwhelmed or overpowered by her. This aspect gives a Scorpio coloring to the Moon and indicates the need for trust and communication in the mother-child relationship. The child feels intensely but is not apt to reveal his feelings without prompting. He may be dauntless, but willful; intuitive, but secretive; insightful, but manipulative. Establish the law and maintain it consistently, never in anger but in love.

The Inner Planets: Mercury and Venus

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

Mercury: The Mind and Communication

Mercury represents thoughts, ideas, and the mental process in general. Communications – by phone, letter, spoken, or however – are ruled by Mercury. Also thoughts, connections, phone wires, and everything that connects and conveys – even forms of transportation. In the child's chart, Mercury describes the myriad aspects of schooling – teachers, study habits, homework, learning skills, concentration (or lack of it). Your child's relationship with brothers and sisters are indicated by Mercury as well. The way your child thinks, receives, shares and transmits information and knowledge will be revealed by studying the position of Mercury in his chart. Mercury relates to hands, fine motor abilities, and to handwriting and drafting skills. Mercury by sign and element tells us how the child studies and what he likes to study, and how we (his parents and teachers) can help him gain greater academic expertise. Children with Mercury in Fire signs think and talk simultaneously and are spontaneous. They enjoy games that make learning fun! Children with Mercury in Air Signs can chatter away and still keep going! Words

can come alive for them and they enjoy listening to (or creating) colorful tales and stories. Communication is their thing. They may have to work at being listeners, however! Children with Mercury in Water signs may need help thinking clearly since emotion runs into thoughts. These children like profound subject matter. Children with Mercury in Earth signs generally have a good measure of common sense. Hands on training suits them best.

Mercury in Pisces

Pisces is a Water sign on the thinking cross. Its symbol is The Fishes. Mercury in Pisces children often typically more intuitive than rational. Psychological thought, mysticism and religion come naturally. Many children with this imaginative placement love poetry and music. Your child may tell you, "I just know", tending to sense with his mind the truth of a situation. Because his mind is so receptive, he picks up ideas easily, but may be too easily influenced, to the point of being gullible. The child with Mercury in this highly impressionable sign needs to learn and practice discernment. Yes, this. No, not that. He likely is a dreamer. He may need help focusing on the subject at hand and memorizing plain ol' facts and figures. He is compassionate and understanding and expresses kind thoughts. Especially if other positions are in Pisces as well, you will need to emphasize the importance of positive thinking and help him steer his way clear of moodiness.

Moon Trine 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. He 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 him speak or entertain. This aspect often indicates a good memory. Your child may feel very close to a brother or sister.

Mercury Square Uranus

Brilliance or eccentricity? Children with this aspect may be very original thinkers! Nevertheless, they usually require instruction in follow-up and consistency in their work. This child's natural tendency could be to change his mind in the middle of a project and go rushing off in some new direction. Guide your child in finding practical uses for his plentiful insights.

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, his innate sense of beauty (which can be developed), the manner in which he interacts with his friends and with adults, and how he shows love. Children with Venus in ardent Leo, for example, are demonstrative and fun-loving. They tend to shine and love bright, colorful things. Venus in Scorpio children, on the other hand, may be shy but exceptionally kind and thoughtful. These children may want Mom all to themselves! The Venus in Libra child is a social butterfly and loves beauty in his clothes and bedroom. Venus in Taurus loves beautiful things, pretty rocks and later precious stones. He may be a gourmet. He may need help learning to share what he sees as prized possessions. A study of Venus by sign, house and aspect also reveals something about your child's taste in food, eating habits, care of possessions and attitude toward money and belongings.

Venus in Aries

Aries is a Fire sign on the action cross. Its symbol is The Ram. Shy flowers, stand back! Your child is apt to be independent and single-minded, demonstrative and outgoing. Quick to start up a friendship, your child may not find it so easy to settle into one. Lessons in give and take with school chums prepare him for more serious relationships later on. At best, your child is happy and friendly, but watch out for a self-centered attitude that is demanding or says "me first."

Venus Trine Mars

Positive Venus (love, art, beauty) /Mars (action, energy) aspects indicate creativity, and often describe a happy disposition. Children with this contact typically show a zest for life. This aspect calms an aggressive personality and sparks a passive one. Others may find your child charming. The child with this contact could be generous, but possibly extravagant. There is often a strong physical attraction to the opposite sex and a busy social life. The relationship with the parent of the opposite sex will influence adult relationships. This child gives plenty of love and needs warmth and affection in return.

Venus Trine Uranus

This child may want free rein to choose his friends who may not always be run of the mill! He values independence and unique talents in others. He may be reluctant to get tied down. A balanced understanding of the question of freedom and commitment in relationships will be more important when he is older. Others are attracted to him because he is generally cheerful

and may have a magnetic personality. He enjoys sharing with other children. Your child may radiate a catching "joie de vivre." He probably has a penchant for inventions, electronics, and new-age technology.

The External Planets: Mars, Jupiter, Saturn

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

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

Mars in 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. He is a natural born supervisor! Reinforce his inner urge for order by providing him with an orderly and structured environment. Teach him economy, practicality, and the importance of fair play. Your child has a sense of duty and responsibility that may belie his 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 his future profession, he 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 he 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 him that the ends don't justify the means!

Your child is willing to work hard to get to the top! He 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 he grows up!

Sun Square Mars

Children with this challenging aspect often have tremendous drive and energy, but tend to become flustered or angry when they come against obstacles on the way. If the Sun and Mars are in mutable signs, the child could waste much energy in reaching the goal. You will need to teach him to focus his energy. He likely will need your help in beginning or directing his steps in projects he takes on. If the Sun and Mars are in Cardinal signs, he could be impulsive. Perhaps he works against the way things are: challenging authorities or the status quo and then resenting the rules thrown upon him as a result! His drive and passions could put him at odds with authority figures time and again. Regardless of the signs involved, this tendency towards clashes and emotional confrontation does exist, and at these times He could can be his own worst enemy. Your job is to teach him "to possess his soul in patience." If Mars has afflictions in your chart as well, this might be a major challenge! Once he learns to control his temper, the creative tension of this square could spur him to great heights (Beethoven had it)!

Venus Trine Mars

Your child loves to work with younger children and would make a superb teacher or coach. He has a heart-felt approach and is an enthusiast if there ever was one. He approaches life and relationships in a congenial and happy manner. Your child may enjoy sports and tends to be physically active. He likes to have fun, and is always ready to include others. The child with this aspect typically enjoys bringing his friends over and hosting parties. This child may be artistically inclined. He would probably enjoy participating in school plays.

Mars Conjunction Uranus

The child with this aspect is likely to have a real drive to discover or invent things. He could be fascinated by what is happening in technology and communications. Your child may be

quick-tempered. He 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 his actions. Children with this aspect sometimes display a bravery that borders on foolhardiness. Again, the lesson is freedom within limits.

Mars Conjunction Neptune

Here we see a coupling of the planet of action through desire (Mars) with that of illusion (Neptune)! Children born with this aspect have a natural aptitude for visualization. This can lead to success in the arts, intuitive (even psychic) vision or negatively, to fear due to a tendency to imagine the worst! Guide your child to overcome fear by using his "eye-magic" (imagination) to think positively! Neptune relates to the subconscious, thus the child with Mars/Neptune contacts acts on feelings, even if he doesn't necessarily understand why. Help your child understand the consequences of his actions. Sooner or later he will discover that doing something because "I feel like it" more often than not leads to trouble. This aspect is common in the charts of dancers, sculptors, and chemists.

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

Jupiter in Pisces

Jupiter in Pisces is often the signature of a real humanitarian, someone with a genuine interest in social work who is able to sacrifice in order to help others. This is the position of the good Samaritan. Jupiter in Pisces children typically show early signs of a love of what's beyond the surface: religion, psychology, and mysticism. Your child may be happiest when ministering to others. He seeks a career that calls for intuition, sensitivity and compassion. He would make an excellent counselor. As a child, your child would likely enjoy caring for a little pet, learning first aid, and volunteering in church fundraisers. Because he seeks spiritual understanding, he

would benefit by early exposure to the great religious and philosophical truths. Hopefully, he can hitch his wagon to a star! These children are devotional and without an early focus for their adoration (a great religious figure or teacher) they can fix their attention on false gurus and rock stars! If Jupiter aspects personal planets, your child could be somewhat naive. Teach him to be as gentle as a dove, but as wise as a serpent!

Moon Trine Jupiter

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

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 Sagittarius

Your child was born with Saturn, the Great Teacher, in Sagittarius the sign of religion, philosophy, law and travel. He inwardly seeks to develop a personal philosophy of life which will frame his later work and which he can share with others. Your child will benefit through sound ethical and moral training. He may require higher courses of formal study to fulfill his career aspirations. He is interested in learning about the great cultural and historical traditions. In educating this child, you yourself can broaden your horizons! Supply him with plenty of colorful stories: King Arthur and the Knights; Marco Polo, Christopher Columbus, and the

great explorers; Jacques Cousteau videos, National Geographic; the biographies of great men such as George Washington; the great religious traditions of East and West. Resources such as the Children's Bible, an encyclopedia plus Hirsch's Cultural Literacy Encyclopedia can provide a fountain of information for his thirsty mind! Your child may feel a sense of mission in life. Sometimes, however, zeal is carried to an extreme in this sign manifesting as religious fanaticism, intellectual arrogance and pride. Hopefully, religious tolerance is practiced in your household! Remind him that no one has all the right answers all the time! Intellectual conceit could manifest as resentment. Your child may have to learn to accept constructive criticism and disciplines.

Sun Trine Saturn

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

Jupiter Square Saturn

Your child may have to work especially hard when it comes to matters of self-discipline. He needs consistent training and education. Your child may tend to go against authority (parents, teachers, adults in general), clashing with them rather than finding a way to work with and learn from them. You can help your child master this square and avoid the pitfalls, by teaching him sound personal habits during childhood, such as completing tasks and putting away personal belongings in their right place, being on time, promising only that which he can realistically fulfill, and having the patience to get the training necessary to get the job done. Follow-through is critical in school work and later in career training. Although he may tend to live as if there were no tomorrow, your child needs to be willing to accept responsibilities and obligations. If organization and punctuality are not stressed during childhood, it could hamper his career potential later on.

During his youth the child with this aspect could set himself up against authorities. Perhaps he feels that his attempts to reach out for meaningful experiences are thwarted by parents (particularly the father), rules, family or religious traditions. If the socio-cultural or religious background is (perceived as) excessively rigid or prejudicial, the child could break from family tradition when he is older.

The Outer Planets

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

Uranus: Break-Thrus & Insights

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

Uranus in Sagittarius

Your child was born into a subgeneration that will look beyond orthodoxy for the answers to inner questions and for the eternal truths. They may open our eye to new philosophies, ideas for the future and new approaches to travel and exploration (of all kinds). Long journeys likely interest your child. He may startle others with his direct conversations, always getting right to

the heart of the matter. Especially if he has an outgoing personality, he enjoys being alone, free, and on the move. If Uranus aspects personal planets, he tends to be optimistic and adventurous. With hard aspects, the child may need encouragement in finishing tasks and in accepting responsibility.

Mercury Square Uranus

Children with this Mercury/Uranus contact may surprise others with thoughts that are extreme, eccentric or that border on genius (but even so, which could easily be misinterpreted). Your child may need to learn to back up new insights with common sense and practical application and to avoid snap judgments. If Mercury and Uranus are in Gemini, Sagittarius, or Pisces, he will have to work at tethering the mind and focusing on the subject at hand at school. He could be easily distracted or bored. Temper could be an issue. Provide your child with a peaceful and uncluttered environment. Diet could be a key element in the equation.

Venus Trine Uranus

Your child is popular and friendly. As your child matures, you will find that he is receptive to new ideas and concepts. He could be interested in technology and new scientific frontiers. Children with this aspect are attracted to novel ideas and experiences. Your child is apt to be open about sharing his feelings with others, and expresses genuine concern for their welfare. He is at once emotionally sensitive, but objective. Electronics, computers, communications (in fact, everything electrical) are right up his alley. This aspect favors a career in broadcasting. He values independence in partners, friends, and love. He is what is called a "free spirit", and respects freedom for others, as well.

Mars Conjunction Uranus

This is a dynamic and extremely creative yet challenging aspect that you can help your child master by consistently showing him the consequences of free will. You can do this through literature, movies, real life examples and by applying the family rules firmly but fairly. Your child could be hard to control and very unpredictable. His drive for independence is obvious, and it is clear that the common and the traditional are not for him. Anything else but that! your child has leadership ability and daring but his temper could be hot and sharp and tends to snap out like a lightning bolt. (Temper tantrums? That's your opportunity to teach him!) your child is assertive in the pursuit of gaining insight into all that is new, different, and out of the ordinary. Your child may be a bit of a daredevil and probably doesn't take to restraints and limits kindly and so the wise parent will give the Mars/Uranus child plenty of room to think, invent, experiment and play within safe and reasonable boundaries. Electronics, computers, and communications could be a big part of his life. Stress this formula: the degree of obedience, accountability, responsibility = the degree of freedom.

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 he reaches adulthood.

Neptune in Capricorn

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

Sun Square Neptune

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

Moon Sextile Neptune

Children born with this creative aspect often have a built-in sense of how to make other people happy. Your child is likely to be imaginative and sensitive to the moods of others. He picks up easily on other people's vibrations and could be kind and compassionate. On the other hand, your child may need to learn not to let others take advantage of his good nature. He may need help separating his dreams from reality. Your child may have artistic or musical talent, or

enjoy listening to music. He might benefit from art, ballet, drama or music classes – some art form combining creativity and discipline. He is likely to feel close to his mother and relatives.

Mars Conjunction Neptune

Your child is likely to put his whole heart into making his dreams and ideals a reality. He could be artistically or musically talented. Teach him to separate the real from the unreal. Your child may need encouragement and may have to practice keeping his spirits up when the going gets rough (a friend moves, a not so great grade, etc.) Teach him how to confront and resolve problems. Let him know early on the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Your child may find it hard to accept correction, but needs to learn to answer for his actions. Teach him to know his self-worth, and to know the value of things; he could be careless with money, or indiscriminate in his interactions with others.

Jupiter Sextile Neptune

Your child is likely to be kind and warm-hearted. He is creative and can visualize easily. Your child might do well in a career in music, poetry, psychology, philosophy, photography, cinematography – the realms of the imagination. He works well in these areas and can help or teach others by sharing his understanding. He is devotional by nature and would benefit from early religious education (not of the rigid sort). He will especially enjoy the colorful stories and parables! You may discover that your child understands spiritual problems and questions and understands people from diverse backgrounds. Especially if Venus is well aspected, your child is compassionate and loves to minister to life. He would probably enjoy caring for a pet.

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

Pluto in Scorpio

Astrologers predict that this group of children, born at the end of the Piscean Age, will live

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

Moon Conjunction Pluto

Your child is likely to feel a close emotional bonding to his mother. He tends to be highly emotional (especially if the Moon and Pluto are in Scorpio) and will have to learn how to make his sensitivity work for him instead of against him. Even as a child, he is capable of tuning into other people's motivations and this may even frighten him or cause him to withdraw from certain adults. As an adult, he may be interested in psychology, strategy, military affairs, science or medicine. He needs to establish a relationship of trust with parents and teachers before he will open up and talk about his feelings. He needs to feel in control of the environment, but doesn't like to be controlled by others. Your child needs firm, consistent care but would withdraw or rebel against adults perceived as harsh and overbearing. In a group (friends, school), others take note of your child, because he likely has a powerful presence. Others may feel that nothing is a secret from him! You might as well stock up on those mystery novels now! As an adult, your child may wield political influence or handle other people's money.

Jupiter Trine Pluto

Your child seeks to do what is right. He has a strong sense of right and wrong, and sets high standards for himself. He possesses a deep understanding of others. His career may well be in managing or working with people within a psychological context. Your child would make a good teacher in these areas too. Counseling or helping people who are in crisis or working out sensitive issues are careers where your child could excel. Your child could have tremendous faith, the ability to transform the lives of others. He is naturally inclined toward religion and philosophy.

Neptune Sextile Pluto

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

Challenges and Abilities

Focus

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

Moon Conjunction Pluto 04°43'

The Moon aspecting Pluto is an extremely powerful aspect that can indicate a dynamo of creative potential, or tremendous destructive force. Your child is apt to be courageous. He is willing to try harder to improve himself or his work. This child needs a strong bonding to the mother. Nevertheless, the child with Moon/Pluto contacts may feel overwhelmed or overpowered by her. This aspect gives a Scorpio coloring to the Moon and indicates the need for trust and communication in the mother-child relationship. The child feels intensely but is not apt to reveal his feelings without prompting. He may be dauntless, but willful; intuitive, but secretive; insightful, but manipulative. Establish the law and maintain it consistently, never in anger but in love.

Mars Conjunction Neptune 05°33'

Here we see a coupling of the planet of action through desire (Mars) with that of illusion (Neptune)! Children born with this aspect have a natural aptitude for visualization. This can lead to success in the arts, intuitive (even psychic) vision or negatively, to fear due to a tendency to imagine the worst! Guide your child to overcome fear by using his "eye-magic" (imagination) to think positively! Neptune relates to the subconscious, thus the child with Mars/Neptune contacts acts on feelings, even if he doesn't necessarily understand why. Help your child understand the consequences of his actions. Sooner or later he will discover that doing something because "I feel like it" more often than not leads to trouble. This aspect is common in the charts of dancers, sculptors, and chemists.

Mars Conjunction Uranus 07°52'

The child with this aspect is likely to have a real drive to discover or invent things. He could be fascinated by what is happening in technology and communications. Your child may be quick-tempered. He 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 his actions. Children with this aspect sometimes display a bravery that borders on foolhardiness. Again, the lesson is freedom within limits.

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, his parents and teachers, and the environment you provide for him. Other aspects may show up later, at about age 12 or older, even in young adulthood. Your knowledge of these areas in your child's chart should give you a greater understanding as to how to help him turn stumbling blocks into rings on the ladder of success. Therefore, when it comes to the following factors in your child's chart, you may wish to exercise extra patience.

Sun Square Neptune 01°51'

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

Mercury Square Uranus 04°18'

Brilliance or eccentricity? Children with this aspect may be very original thinkers! Nevertheless, they usually require instruction in follow-up and consistency in their work. This child's natural tendency could be to change his mind in the middle of a project and go rushing off in some new direction. Guide your child in finding practical uses for his plentiful insights.

Sun Square Mars 07°24'

Others may sense in your child the presence of much energy. He may tend to have trouble just relaxing but he works well with creative tension. This aggressiveness could lead to undue competition and a tendency to get into scrapes. On the positive end, your child could impress you by his determined striving. He probably enjoys contests and will learn by pitting his physical or mental strength against others. He could be willful, stubborn, impulsive, too daring for his own good. If he learns to control his temper, he could be a dynamo! Some children with this aspect have a noticeably short fuse. Others hold anger in, but people pick up on the energy and so they end up in disputes. Teach your child respect for others and find ways for him to

channel his energy into accomplishments; sports or creative projects demanding physical or mental stamina might fit the bill! Help him avoid the frustration so characteristic of this aspect by teaching him patience and planning.

Children with the Sun (ego, "I AM") and Mars (action through desire) forming a challenging square often tend to approach life from a "me" stance and therefore can be overly touchy or defensive. Astrologer Betty Lundsted suggests that this aspect sometimes indicates growing up in a difficult social environment; for example, where there is racial prejudice or religious bigotry. Your child likely is a hard worker but may need to learn when to stop. He may shine in pioneer or leadership roles. This aspect sometimes indicates an executive type or a career in police work, the military, firefighting, professional sports, dance, medicine or physical therapy.

Talents and Abilities

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

Venus Trine Uranus 01°47'

This child may want free rein to choose his friends who may not always be run of the mill! He values independence and unique talents in others. He may be reluctant to get tied down. A balanced understanding of the question of freedom and commitment in relationships will be more important when he is older. Others are attracted to him because he is generally cheerful and may have a magnetic personality. He enjoys sharing with other children. Your child may radiate a catching "joie de vivre." He probably has a penchant for inventions, electronics, and new-age technology.

Sun Trine Saturn 02°00'

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 he 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, his most significant

achievements come from his 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 him organization and concentration.

Moon Trine Jupiter 03°01'

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

Moon Sextile Neptune 05°41'

Children born with this aspect may be enchanting, with a dreamy look about them. They often have artistic and/or musical talent. They are highly impressionable and tend to pick up on other people's vibrations. Children with the Moon aspecting Neptune need to learn to be discriminating in their choice of companions. Your child may be very kind, but gullible and easily duped (and therefore disappointed.) The line between fantasy and fact may not be apparent. The child could adore the mother, or be confused by her. The mother may help the child develop his creativity productively.

Venus Trine Mars 06°04'

Positive Venus (love, art, beauty) /Mars (action, energy) aspects indicate creativity, and often describe a happy disposition. Children with this contact typically show a zest for life. This aspect calms an aggressive personality and sparks a passive one. Others may find your child charming. The child with this contact could be generous, but possibly extravagant. There is often a strong physical attraction to the opposite sex and a busy social life. The relationship with the parent of the opposite sex will influence adult relationships. This child gives plenty of love and needs warmth and affection in return.

Moon Trine Mercury 06°37'

This aspect indicates fluency in communication. Even if your child has an emotional personality, you will be able to reach him through dialogue. He could be a fine speaker. He is likely to be most persuasive! This Moon/Mercury aspect often indicates success in life due to a positive mental attitude.

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 7, the child has absorbed an enormous amount of learning. His physical body has reached 70% of his growth potential. Permanent teeth (teeth relate to Saturn) begin to emerge. He passes from the absorbent mind stage into the stage of active reason. He is on his way to becoming an independent adult. Saturn represent rules and laws. At 7 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 his development. Your child is a late bloomer, and (all else being equal) his childhood should be an easy one. However, in his early teens (somewhere around the age of 14-15), your child could take a distinct turn toward the more inner and subjective. This could mean a number of years when your child could feel more insecure, alone, and quite on his own. At about age 14 or 15, Saturn opposes its own position in the chart and most teens pass through a kind of identity crisis. Balance is the keyword but the adolescent who says to himself, how can I be free to make my own decisions, but who is usually not ready to leave the nest! The years from 14 through 21 or 22 will likely be times of intense searching and self-examination during which your child may not have much outwardly to show others as to who he is or what he can do. He could be perceived as hard to reach, and he might feel that no one recognizes him for who he really is. Fear not, for this is not a long-term condition. In his early to middle twenties, your child is apt to have a real awakening (suddenly finding himself), move outward, and should find something upon which he can build with confidence. Each year afterwards brings a gain in self-confidence and accomplishments. Ages 30-40 could well be his most successful years bringing material gain and outward recognition. Your child could reach a peak of fame or success around the 37th or 38th year.

Your Current Situation

Now for a close-up of recent years: while landscape was quite general, the dates given in this close-up should be much more precise. Don't look here for a day-to-day account of life but rather to get a picture of this stretch of time, "these years." In 28 to 30 years, Saturn will return to its natal position at birth and we experience the so-called "Saturn return." At age 14 (first Saturn opposition) and again at age 29 (first Saturn return), we become very aware of Saturn's influence in our life. Important events, or points of growth may occur around age 7 as well (first Saturn square). I do not believe, however, that the child is AWARE of Saturn's influence in a personal sense. Saturn in the child's chart may indicate conditions in his environment, his relationship to others, and especially to his father and other significant authority figures in his life. Saturn represents the law, limits, restrictions, attitude toward responsibilities, hard work, and fairness. The child learns these in stages. A Saturnian keyword is "maturity."

Please note that for Newborns and children less than 7 years of age, the report may indicate a year prior to the actual birth of the child. If this is the case for your child, it means that Saturn was at the degree on the cusp of the quadrant in question on the date indicated. If this occurred about 3 years ago, for example, Saturn will remain in that quadrant for about 4 more years.

Sep 28, 2007 1st Pass D> (Age 21 6m)

Mar 23, 2008 2nd Pass R< (Age 21 11m)

Jun 11, 2008 3rd Pass D> (Age 22 2m)

The dates above mark the ending of a quiet, subjective cycle. Saturn at that point finished its transit through the 1st, most subjective quadrant of your child's chart. (This may not apply for Newborns) The dates show when Saturn entered the 4th house and the 2nd quadrant. The 4th house is a one of the four "ANGULAR" houses. Angular houses are "action" houses and point to the "shifting of gears." Saturn entering this house marked the beginning of a 7 year period of greater self-expression for your child. The fourth house relates to the sign Cancer (see the wheel called "Houses in Childhood" at the beginning of the report) and deals with family life and security. The child is now laying his foundation for later success. Family support and harmony in the environment are strong plus factors during this critical period. Changes in residence could effect him deeply at this time, for better or for worse. This is when the child must "establish" a strong sense of self-worth. If he feels secure, he is likely to become increasingly more confident and outgoing during the next few years. He is apt to be more social, tending to reach out more to others as this phase progresses. During this phase, the child must learn self-discipline, creative self-expression and good work, studying and eating habits. Saturn's transit through the 2nd quadrant lasts 6 or 7 years.

Saturn in 02nd Quadrant

The Elements, Modalities and Angularity

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

Have Fire

Your child's innate positivism lets him get right to the point! He may have little patience with those who are shilly-shally. He has plenty of enthusiasm and warms up to things and people quickly. Your child has an inner self-confidence which burns with its own light.

Have Water

Your child is apt to experience life mostly through his emotions and how he "feels" about someone or something. His intuition is likely to be strong and can guide him accurately in making forecasts or decisions. He could be compassionate and/or psychically attuned. Because of his sensitivity, he might recoil from more aggressive types.

Want Air

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

Want Fixed

Not too centered, perhaps not always able to hang in there for the long haul. Your child might not make a good linebacker. He could tend to be all over the place rather than front and

center! Learning to bring it all together could be a major challenge.

Want Cadent

This is a busy pattern – showing the need to master the daily details: being on time, schedules, tasks. Your child makes contact with a lot of people.

House Activity and Emphasis

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

First House: Appearance, Approach

First House

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

us really all that simple to understand? You will have to study well the Sun sign and the Ascendant (and the sign and house the Ruler is in) plus the nature of any planet in the 1st house. Learn the keys, be sensitive and observe the child. You will see how it all comes together.

Gemini on First House Cusp

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

Second House: Possessions, Reactions

Second House

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

Cancer on Second House Cusp

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

Third House: Inquiries, Communications

Third House

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

be very active at school.

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

Fourth House: Home, Family, Security

Fourth House

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

Virgo on Fourth 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 he may take a systematic and detailed approach.

Fifth House: Expression, Creativity

Fifth House

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

their niche through the arts. The giving and receiving of love is also connected with this house. Children with personal planets in this house (Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, and Mars) feel most fulfilled when they are actively creating, sharing, expressing their emotions.

Libra on Fifth House Cusp

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

Moon in Fifth House

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

Pluto in Fifth House

Individuals born with Pluto in the house of romance, creativity and children (5th) experience spiritual regeneration through the giving and receiving of love. Profound changes and inner growth occur during periods of intense creativity, romantic involvement, or working with children. During childhood, the creative intensity of this placement is best channeled; perhaps through the development of artistic skills, through sports and games, or school plays. Your child may take games very seriously, always measuring what the outcome will be. He may have trouble seeing "its just a game." Gamblers and stockbrokers often have Pluto in the house of fun! This child needs opportunities to express himself as well as plenty of affection and respect. He needs to learn to be sincere and kind to others, as this placement sometimes brings power plays into relationships in adult life. If Pluto is afflicted, the child may need help overcoming blocks to self-expression or may feel (justifiably or not) unloved.

Sixth House: Responsibility, Work, Health

Sixth House

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

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.

Saturn in Sixth House

Discrimination yes! Criticism and complaining, no! Make this the rule of thumb for your child. (If you allow him to be overly demanding or negative as a child, he may have trouble getting along with his classmates and later, as an adult, with co-workers or employees.) A tendency to worry could manifest in the form of health problems. Particularly during the growing years, this child will need a sound diet as Saturn (restrictions) in the house of health (6th) can manifest in the form of health problems. On the other hand, Saturn's presence here could indicate a career in one of the healing arts. Your child is likely to be a hard worker but he needs to do "real" jobs even as a child, and needs to know that his work is an asset to the family and community. (Child sizes tools will help him get to work!) A few more careers potentially indicated by this Saturn placement are science, clothing, engineering, and mechanical fields requiring specialized skill and precision.

Uranus in Sixth House

Stock up on microscopes, inventor sets and electronics kits. Uranus in the 6th often indicates an interest in science, electronics, computers, even research and programming. Often there is considerable ingenuity and/or mathematical ability. Uranus in the house of health sometimes points to an interest in homeopathy, alternate medicine and spiritual healing. If afflicted, Uranus here could show up as irritability or sudden or unusual health problems.

Children with this placement may be restless. They may need help learning to quiet the mind and settle down to the task at hand. Especially if afflicted, the child may balk at routine chores and academic drills, preferring to place his attention on something new. Provide this child with challenging lessons. Nevertheless, be patient in teaching him good study and work habits. Self-discipline acquired during childhood will help him avoid the potential difficulties of this placement during adulthood: namely, instability in employment, discordant relationship with co-workers, health problems as a result of nervousness.

Seventh House: Relationships, Other People

Seventh House

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

Sagittarius on Seventh House Cusp

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

Mars in Seventh House

Your child is highly motivated when it comes to relationships (social or private). But, because of the nature of Mars, he may be inclined to argue with others or see them in opposition to him. He is going to have to learn to come half way! This position is favorable for lawyers (who love to argue the case!) and anyone assuming an arbitration role. Your child needs to develop a strong core sense of self-worth lest he allow others to dominate him or vice-versa! Teach him not to judge a book by its cover since he may tend to get into relationships based on physical attraction. Since the 7th house relates to the public, this may be the placement of an enterprising salesman! You will help your child by stressing tact and diplomacy in dealing with contention.

Neptune in Seventh House

At its best, this placement gives a heightened or spiritual understanding of others. Is your child giving away free advice to all his friends? If so, you may be witnessing the workings of a future counselor, psychologist or public relations manager! His imagination comes alive when he is relating to others. Your child could tune into other people, or be easily influenced by their moods. He may tend to idealize his close friends (and later romantic partners), not wanting to look realistically at their faults. If afflicted, he will need your help in learning discernment in relationships (you might be able to save him from some heartbreak later on!) Sometimes this Neptune placement indicates karmic ties in marriage or partnerships. Teach your child to always be honest and reliable in dealing with others (and to avoid associating with people who lean toward deception). A well aspected Neptune could indicate an ideal or spiritual marriage.

Eighth House: Business Savvy, Elimination

Eighth House

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

Capricorn on Eighth House Cusp

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

Ninth House: Religions, Philosophy, Ideas

Ninth House

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

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.

Tenth House: Practical Vision, Vocation

Tenth House

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

Pisces on Tenth 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 he 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).

Mercury in Tenth House

When it comes to business and career, your child has a mind that just can't help but take care of business. His thoughts and ideas are nothing if not practical, and his clear-sightedness makes some form of management or supervision almost unavoidable, even during the growing up years. In fact, your child may be more responsible than his peers. He is liable to continue his studies beyond the high school level, whether at college or vocational school. This is an excellent position for a career in public speaking; Mercury in the 10th also favors a career in journalism, transportation, teaching at the administrative level, technical work, drafting, and speech writing.

Jupiter in Tenth House

This is a powerful placement, often the signature of the trustee, public servant, government official, or manager. Experience and strong moral values, true humility coupled with self-confidence are the ingredients for success here that must be reinforced during childhood. It's natural for your child to put his practical and managerial abilities to work. Your child can make a career out of his keen organizational skills and clear insight into how things work. Supervision and taking charge are his trademarks. Jupiter in the 10th may indicate much training, education and/or experience before reaching one's goals. Nevertheless, this placement often signifies honors or professional success in the later part of life. Your child may gravitate toward positions of responsibility in school and in group such as Scouts. He could be a natural teacher. This placement favors positions dealing with law, travel, education, history and religion. The relationship with and values inherited from the father or dominant parent is likely to influence career choice.

Eleventh House: Dreams & Visions, Community

Eleventh House

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

Aries on Eleventh House Cusp

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

Sun in Eleventh House

Your child's innate idealism and love for humanity can blossom in group or community work, especially if he is in a leadership role. Friendships mean a lot to him. Anything that is altruistic or serves the common good – that's where he can be found. Scouts or 4 H Club could afford him the opportunity to work with groups. Your child strives to make his dreams and ideals real. This position lends itself to change and reformation, and therefore is not uncommon in the charts of politicians! Often there is a love of electronics and inventions. This placement also relates to acting, broadcasting and flying.

Venus in Eleventh House

Unless Venus receives challenging squares, your child is apt to be warm & sociable. (Squares may indicate shyness or difficulty with friends.) The child with Venus in the 11th house loves to get involved in community projects and group work. Its easy for him to find something to like in almost anybody and you may need to guide him in the proper selection of

friends (although you should expect to receive an interesting cast of characters!). He is a perfect candidate for school clubs, team projects and sports. He will learn to appreciate goals and efforts at the global level. This position favors political involvement, university level work, and acting. This Venus placement may also confer a love of science, electronics, and invention.

Twelfth House: Sacrifice, Psychology, Acceptance

Twelfth House

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

Taurus on Twelfth House Cusp

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