

AstroChild

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The Astrological Chart

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<u>Planet</u>	<u>Sign</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>House</u>	<u>House Cusps</u>
Sun	Sagittarius	04°Sg57'	09th	01 14°Aq51'
Moon	Cancer	29°Ca30'	06th	02 09°Ar42'
Mercury	Sagittarius	03°Sg08'	09th	03 14°Ta47'
Venus	Sagittarius	07°Sg45'	09th	04 07°Ge53'
Mars	Scorpio	17°Sc36'	09th	05 26°Ge57'
Jupiter	Cancer	24°Ca51'	06th	06 16°Ca49'
Saturn	Gemini	09°Ge22'	04th	07 14°Le51'
Uranus	Gemini	02°Ge28'	03rd	08 09°Li42'
Neptune	Libra	01°Li41'	07th	09 14°Sc47'
Pluto	Leo	07°Le11'	06th	10 07°Sg53'
Midheaven	Sagittarius	07°Sg53'		11 26°Sg57'
Ascendant	Aquarius	14°Aq51'		12 16°Cp49'

Introduction

I. AstroChild

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 *AstroChild*, 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 *AstroChild* 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. Assumptions

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 AstroChild, 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 & Concepts

Keywords and concepts that will help you get the most out of AstroChild:

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 AstroChild 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, AstroChild 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.

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.

The Aquarius Rising child tends to gravitate toward groups. Very social, he communicates best when in a group or when working toward some very worthwhile goal. Idealism is apparent to all who come to know him. An unconventional, rebellious streak may characterize him. Teach your Aquarius Rising child, through story, history, film and experience, the consequences of free will, and the responsibility that accompanies independence. He may need to cultivate patience towards friends who may not match his own quick perception. Your child needs to learn tolerance for the ideas and ways of others if he is to express the virtue of this progressive sign: fraternity. He could feel (or others could perceive him as) somehow different. Perhaps he is ahead of his time! (Saturn and Uranus by house and sign position are especially significant with this placement, and will reveal much concerning the child's future goals and aspirations.)

Aquarius 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 Sagittarius

Sagittarius is a Fire sign on the thinking cross. Its symbol is The Archer. Your fiery archer likes to be out-front, frank, and even rough and tumble at times. He gets to the heart of any subject and tells it like it is! Sagittarians are generally outgoing and well-liked, but they're notorious for being too blunt; the ol' foot in mouth syndrome! Teach

your child tact and social graces. Do not allow rudeness in your household.

Sagittarians are the explorers of the zodiac. Little Archers in particular can be quite restless! Baby Archers delight in strolls around the neighborhood. Tricycles, bicycles and scooters are welcomed with glee! Sagittarian children do not generally take to boundaries readily, so don't be surprised if your child lets you know the playpen's not his favorite place! "Don't fence me in" could easily be his theme song. The challenge begins at toddler age when he takes off in all directions! Older Sagittarians may have trouble staying put in a school chair all day! No wonder! This sign's natural impulse is to transcend all limitation. Nevertheless, for safety's sake and for the sake of future success you'll need to teach your child the necessity for limits! For the same reasons, the Sagittarian youngster may resent restrictions on his freedom. Your child may be a born adventurer. Nevertheless, watch out for signs of "dare-devilry" that border on arrogance! All children need to learn to play by the rules and Sagittarian youngsters are no exceptions!

Sagittarian children love to travel, its true, but not just physically. They travel with their minds. Seek ways to introduce your child to a wide range of subjects. Colorful books on religious themes, heroes and noble deeds, far-off lands will capture his attention and ignite his own sense of mission! He has a love for the law and a natural sense of fairness. Even more important than book learning for Sagittarian children may be exposure to a variety of diverse environments and experiences: the park, the marketplace, the mountains, the sea. Sagittarians are also known to be outdoor people and enjoy participating in or following sports. Horseback riding comes naturally to many children of this sign, whose symbol is the Centaur. Show your child the arrow in the Centaur's hand. The arrow must reach the mark. Tire not in reminding your spirited archer that he must finish what he begins, whether it be putting away his toys or completing his homework. Especially if Mercury is in Sagittarius (less so if its in Scorpio or Capricorn) he may tend to skip the details in his work or become easily distracted. Help him develop good study habits and mental concentration by learning to pull in the reins of the mind and focus on task at hand.

Sagittarians are typically friendly and outspoken. When they feel they have been wronged (disciplined or hemmed in) Sagittarian children may express resentment and a desire to get even. Retaliation is the misuse of the Sagittarian light! The Sagittarian youngster needs to experience bringing his project to completion, getting the ball in the net and making that goal. When his youth is marked by victories, there is no room for resentment!

Moon Trine Sun

Considered by itself, this trine between the Lights indicates a balanced personality, one in which will (Sun) and feeling (Moon) work together harmoniously. Unless either the Sun or Moon receive hard afflictions, it is probable that your child is popular among his friends and content among his kin. The Sun/Moon trine infuses the chart with vitality and often indicates physical strength and/or a healthy constitution at birth. Children with

this aspect typically get along well with friends of both sexes.

Sun Conjunction Venus

Your child is gracious, expressive, warm and affectionate. He radiates love and others are drawn to him. This combination attracts friends and indicates popularity. Your child may gravitate toward authority figures. He probably attracts friends who are older, or dignified in some way. Your child may enjoy a close relationship to his father. He may be artistically gifted, or grow to appreciate theater and the arts (if you give him the opportunity to develop along these lines). Your child may be magnetic, robust and yet quite refined in manner. He may have a sweet tooth.

Sun Opposition Saturn

At its best, the child with this aspect gets along well with authorities because he has a strong sense of his own identity. He might seem somehow mature for his age, but could tend to take himself a tad too seriously. He could enjoy a close relationship to the father (or a special teacher or elder) who is apt to be instrumental in forming the child's character and direction in life. However, some children with Saturn (law/father) opposite their Sun (ego), frequently find themselves at odds with authority, rules, and conventions in general. The child may tend to be self-critical and may feel he has to "earn" his parents love. He especially seeks approval from the father or father figure. If the father is absent, estranged, too busy to spend time with the family, or condemnatory (or so perceived), the child with Sun/Saturn aspects may be apt to somehow blame himself. He could feel undeserving of being loved (even when this, in fact, is far from the truth). He may look to others for the approval he needs.

Make certain you let your child know that he is loved and that his contribution at home counts. Be careful not to be unduly harsh or critical of him. He could need more affection and attention than you suspect! The child's perception of the father may be largely based on the first 7 years of life. Unresolved feelings with men and/or the father could emerge around age 14 or 15 when Saturn opposes its own position in the chart (and conjoins him Sun) for the first time. On the positive side, this aspect often indicates inner strength and determination. Set up your child for victories and he should rise steadily to the top. He may show particularly mature or sound judgment. Later in life he could be interested in matters of law and psychology. Help him bring out the best of the signs the Sun and Saturn are posited in.

Sun Opposition Uranus

Sun/Uranus aspects often indicate leadership potential. Your child may be very magnetic, others being drawn to him. He is not afraid to be different, and may indeed be a "trendsetter." Later in life he is likely to be interested in some kind of social or political reform. However, the child with the this aspect may be somewhat of a rebel, with a history of flaunting convention and going against authority. He may feel different than his schoolmates. He could separate himself out and end up as the loner, although this is not necessarily what he inwardly desires. Your child could be very bright with exceptional talent. To be happy, however, he needs to learn to cooperate with others. Be patient in seeing him through those unexciting but necessary routines which are simply

part of life. His ideas may be brilliant, but help him learn to test them for practical value as well. Sometimes, Sun/Uranus aspects describe the father as being radical, eccentric, highly individualistic or somehow unusual. Note: if Saturn is well aspected, your child is more apt to have his feet on the ground!

Sun Sextile Neptune

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

Sun Trine Pluto

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

The Moon: 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 Cancer

Cancer is a Water sign on the action cross. Its symbol is The Crab. Children with the Moon in Cancer seek to nurture and be nurtured. Your child would probably enjoy caring for younger children, pets, and plants. Your child is exceptionally sensitive, picking up easily on the mood and feelings of others. This is a good placement for service-oriented careers; counseling, nursing, restaurants.

Your child is probably quite emotional, and has a natural sense of that which pleases,

but may swing from the heights to the depths in a single day (or hour!). Learning to hold his harmony may be a lifelong endeavor! Moon in Cancer children thrive when taught self-discipline tempered with much love. The reinforcement of positive habits in daily life like good eating habits, keeping their rooms in order, waking up on time help them learn control of their inner feeling world as well. Cancer can be overly protective (or protected), but are generally good at parenting and creating a home.

Your child needs to feel bonded to the family, and especially to the mother, but you should balance caring with independence lest he be afraid to let go of Mama's apron strings! Encourage self-reliance and teach him, when appropriate, to make his own decisions. Cancers are known for good memories. He is apt to respond more to feelings than to logic and reason. Keep communication open, but discourage whining and emotional manipulation.

Children with their Moon (emotions) in this sensitive sign often have to overcome fear, perhaps of abandonment or of condemnation. Procrastination and/or indecisiveness could be a symptom of fear or self-indulgence. If afflicted, the mother could be perceived as emotionally unstable or could be too indulgent or protective. Patterns established during childhood influence the Moon in Cancer child for life.

Moon Trine Sun

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

Moon 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 Venus

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

Moon Conjunction 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 Uranus

Your child may have a knack for taking an ordinary event and turning it into something brand new, really special! He is likely to be mentally alert and curious about just about everything! Others are attracted to his magnetic personality and he is more likely than not, rarely alone. He may have a somewhat unusual upbringing, and later will likely attract a partner who is independent and also a bit unusual. If the mother is inconsistent in moods, rules or behavior, the child with this aspect could easily become confused. He needs to know he can rely on her. This aspect confers a certain love of adventure. Your child could become bored easily with hum-drum normal routines! One thing is for sure, with this child there's never a dull moment!

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 Sagittarius

Sagittarius is a Fire sign on the thinking cross. Its symbol is The Archer or The Centaur. The Mercury in Sagittarius child is typically fair-minded and above-board, always direct and honest in thought. Sometimes, he could be blunt to the point of putting his foot in his mouth or offending others. He could feel self-justified in "telling it like it is," but do not allow him to be rude or inconsiderate in speech. He is more interested in eternal thoughts and broad landscapes than in minute details. Although he may get the picture right away, his is a wandering mind that loves to travel. Focus, and finish one job at a time are his formulas for success!

Sun Conjunction Mercury

When the Sun and Mercury are combined, they are said to be combust. Mercury (mind) can be overpowered by so much solar radiance (Sun). The result can be impulsive speech or action, possible mental confusion or psychological blind spots (akin to the nature of the sign the Sun and Mercury are in). Nevertheless, if you give your child the right tools and training, you will most likely discover that he can communicate with consummate skill. It is stimulating just being with him. His high degree of mental concentration makes your child an avid student, able to excel in speaking, writing, and all types of communication skills. His goals go hand-in-hand with communication and using

the mind, and the two should never be far apart. If the Sun and Mercury receive serious afflictions to other planets, he could require assistance in self-expression and learning.

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 Conjunction Venus

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

Mercury Opposition Saturn

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

Mercury Opposition 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.

Mercury Sextile Neptune

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

Mercury Trine Pluto

Just call him "Eagle Eye!" Pluto conjunct the planet of mind most often gives sharp mental acumen and penetrating insight. Your child could be expert at getting straight to the heart of things, and would make a super sleuth, or researcher. The deeper a secret is buried, the more likely it is that he will turn it up. In its negative expression, Pluto could cause brooding, irritability, mental stubbornness and/or and nervous tension. There could

be a karmic tie with a sibling or relative.

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 Sagittarius

Sagittarius is a Fire sign on the thinking cross. Its symbol is The Archer. The Venus in Sagittarius child loves all things plain and true, and possesses an innate sense of religion and justice. In relationships, he is attracted to "kindred souls" with whom he can share his dreams and aspirations. Not prone to limitations, your child may insist on freedom in all things. He may love sports, the outdoors, and travel. Sometimes, this position gives a love of horses. An idealist by nature, your child is likely to be outspoken and affectionate. He may have an appreciation for religious art and music.

Sun Conjunction Venus

Your child has a basic self-esteem that is plain to all who meet him. Your child is sociable and he displays a sense of beauty in his appearance and environment. Your child may be gracious in manner or artistically talented. (Look up the house position and sign of the Sun and Venus to get a clearer idea of how this combination will outpicture) If free of major afflictions, your child is happy and tends to uplift others. Because of his pleasing manner, your child gets along well with peers and with elders. Sometimes, self-indulgence and a sweet tooth need to be curbed with this combination. Your child may be physically attractive, or concerned with the way he looks. A favorable placement for teachers, personnel consultants, interior decorators, artists, beauticians and anyone working with beauty and people.

Moon Trine Venus

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

musical or artistic talent. Many performers have this aspect.

Mercury Conjunction Venus

Your child has a love affair going on with the mind and values all of its offspring: words, ideas, thoughts, books and such. And oh, how he loves to talk! In particular your child enjoys telling and hearing a good tale! Your child appreciates good conversation, and feels that stimulating mental adventures (either alone or with others) are among the most exciting experiences life offers. A daily journal might help your child develop his ideas.

Venus Opposition Saturn

The child with this aspect may feel hampered by authority and elders. Too many rules and regulations may inhibit or put a damper on what his heart feels like doing. Nevertheless, he is likely to be dependable. He could procrastinate and put off attending to the necessities, with the result that duties tend to pile up. He could be somewhat defensive about expressing his real likes and dislikes for fear of being criticized or cut down. He needs a strong sense of self worth and a lot of love from his parents.

Venus Opposition Uranus

This aspect brings challenges in relating to others. Sometimes this Venus/Uranus contact brings unusual, strange or unique attractions. Your child may have many friends. As a youth, he needs to understand the dangers of quick attachments and infatuations. He could confuse love and friendship, be fickle (especially if in mutable signs) or get bored and drop friends abruptly (cardinal). In fixed signs, desire could take the place of common sense. You can help your child work out this energy positively by teaching him to delay gratification (when necessary and appropriate), accept responsibility and be respectful of other people's feelings. It all begins in the nursery!

Venus Trine Pluto

People with this aspect are known for getting into intense involvements. They seem to invite emotional confrontations. They seek spiritual regeneration through love. In adult life, they could learn valuable soul lessons through intense karmic relationships. Children with this aspect may cleave to the mother, or to their friends. They may seek to control (or be controlled) by their close pals. Especially during the adolescent years, they could tend to attract partners that aren't particularly good for them. To help your child master this intense aspect, you will need to impart to him solid values regarding sex, money, alcohol and drugs and relationships in general. The better his own sense of self-esteem, the surer he feels in your love, the more likely he will be to attract fulfilling relationships later on. This is a powerfully creative aspect in an artist's chart.

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 Scorpio

Scorpio is a Water sign on the feeling cross. Its symbols are The Scorpion, The Phoenix and The Eagle. The child with Mars in Scorpio possesses a powerful, persistent drive. He can be a hard, steady worker at work and at play. He tends to be thorough. Others may describe him as intense, or as one with a sense of mission and mystery. He stands behind his beliefs with staunch conviction. Once he fixes his mind on a goal, it's not easy to get him to change his course. He can be unflinchingly stubborn! Nevertheless, he tends to carry on his work with unwavering determination to succeed.

The child with Mars in Scorpio likes to probe, investigate, get beyond the surface to the deeper meaning of life. Microscopes, telescopes, detective stories, mystery novels and occult literature may appeal to him as well as checkers, chess and other games which depend on strategies. He is interested in what motivates other people and may be unusually perceptive. (This position favors police and detective work, psychiatric counseling and research, politics and market analysis.) Because he tunes into people's psychology, he could be manipulative, knowing just what buttons will get the desired effect! Make the rules of your household plain and easy to follow and then carry them forward with consistency, but never with violence!

Children with Mars in Scorpio often have musical talent which should be developed, as musical expression helps them express their deeply experienced emotions. Sometimes, children with this placement seek a perfectionism that is unrealistic and if they fall short of the mark, swing to the other extreme in a false passivity. Help your child see the middle way! Teach your child to seek above all a perfection of the heart. With good training, the rest will follow.

It's important to establish good communication with your child. He is extremely sensitive and is capable of reacting strongly to an (perceived) unkind comment or hurt. He may tend to hold in and suppress his true feelings. Outwardly, he wears a calm mask while inside he may be seething. When the volcano of suppressed emotions finally erupts, others could be bewildered. Let your child know he can trust you. Help him learn to let go of past hurts and move on.

In Scorpio, we can go to the lowest of the low (the Scorpion with its deadly sting) or the highest of spiritual heights (the Eagle). With his action planet in this powerful sign, your child's rule of thumb could well be, "RIGHT REASON, RIGHT MOTIVE, RIGHT CAUSE." Wrongly motivated, the Mars in Scorpio individual can be selfish, possessive, and even cruel. Yet when he sees clearly, he can be loyal, courageous, kind and a true warrior of the spirit! He is capable of great inner strength. Your child needs a solid foundation of firm values and principles during the growing up years.

Mars Trine Jupiter

This aspect is a very fortunate influence in the chart, and is conducive to success in enterprises. Your child is likely to be enthusiastic and energetic in action. When he is motivated to do something, he probably goes after it in a big way! Others remark on his creative energy, great drive, and the fact that he never seems to let up! Children with this positive Mars/Jupiter contact are prompted to help people solve their problems. They particularly like to lend a hand to those in trouble or less fortunate circumstances. When personal problems arise, your child is not afraid to tackle them. This aspect often points to a love of adventure, sport and travel. It favors careers in law, social work and psychology, education (or training others), religion (especially preaching) and publishing.

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 Cancer

Jupiter is said to be exalted in Cancer. If free of major affliction, Jupiter in Cancer usually points to a happy home environment. Generally, the mother is sincerely interested

in the child's welfare and takes the time to instill in the child right religious and moral values. The family may be well educated. The philosophy of life established in childhood may be carried into adult life. As an adult, your child's home may be a center of educational, philosophical and religious activities.

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

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

Moon Conjunction Jupiter

Even as a baby, everyone knows that your child is a "people person!" he has a winning smile and people take to him right away! By nature, your child is trusting and affectionate. His ability to counsel others is excellent, and others may come to him for advice. A born leader, his buddies find it easy to follow his example. Enthusiasm and creativity mark his character! He may enjoy helping others solve their problems. Be patient as you teach him to discipline his boundless exuberance! He needs to learn good moral habits as well as common sense and self-discipline! Give him loads of love, but please don't over-indulge him!

Mars Trine Jupiter

Your child is a great doer, an accomplisher. His outgoing nature, coupled with extremely skillful ways of handling other people, make him a natural for working with or for audiences. He is likely to be popular in school, and may organize many social events. Your child would make an excellent teacher or coach, and helping others to make important (career) decisions is a skill that will blossom as he grows. He has plenty of drive and may excel at sports. He may tend to overdo things: overspend, overeat, overplan (such as in inviting 10 more children than you've room for to his birthday party!) Teach him to be economical with time, energy and funds. This aspect is considered to be a positive and protective influence!

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 Gemini

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

Sun Opposition Saturn

Not an easy placement, your child will have to discover how to balance self-expression in the face of perhaps heavy responsibilities or limitations (such as an absent father). Your child likely has an innate sense of duty, but he needs to cultivate a strong self-esteem and a positive mental attitude. Those in authority, possibly parents or teachers may in some way challenge or oppose him and thus (perhaps inadvertently) hold him back. To fulfill his goals, your child needs to learn organization and careful planning as a child. His personal self-discipline, or lack thereof, may be the plus or minus factor for later success. A certain seriousness will pay off better later in life, but may result in his feeling lonely at times as a child. The Sun/Saturn child needs to feel bonded to the father. If the father is not present, a substitute male influence may be advisable.

Mercury Opposition Saturn

Mental organization and self-discipline is the key to mastering this aspect. Study the signs in polarity to understand the nature of this opposition. If in mutable signs (Gemini/Sagittarius or Virgo/Pisces) good study habits need to be developed at an early age to keep the mind from wandering. Tasks begun must be finished lest 10 be going

simultaneously and not a one completed! Talking back and endless chatter best be discouraged. If in cardinal signs (Aries/Libra), help him acquire self-control over the mind and mouth. With Cancer/Capricorn, overcoming shyness may be in order. Condemnation from parents would affect him (negatively) deeply. If in fixed signs (Taurus/Scorpio or Leo/Aquarius) concentration may be great but mental willfulness may get in the way of communication with teachers and parents. Your child might be quite smart, but is he willing to listen to someone else's opinion? You may find it hard convincing him that he doesn't have all the answers all the time! Teach him to look at the brighter side of life. Your child could have real mental acumen and even become a teacher and/or specialist in his field.

Venus Opposition Saturn

Your child is likely to be a loyal friend and child. Love is taken seriously, there is a sense of responsibility, perhaps honor. Sometimes, the opposition indicates separation from one of the parents. Your child needs large doses of affection during childhood but also could probably benefit by learning not to take every relationship so-so seriously! Your child may be better at spotting his own faults than pointing out his virtues. He needs a healthy strong self-esteem lest he feel unworthy. Your child could feel burdened by excessive responsibilities (for example, being put in charge of a younger child). Sometimes, the child with this opposition is reluctant to abide by the rules and prefers to live in disorder (a messy room) rather than submit to outside regulation. At different times in his life, his particular value system could manage to bring him into conflict with others, especially those in authority. If he persists in ignoring his responsibilities, and if he lets his obligations pile up, a confrontation may be inevitable.

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-Throughs & 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 Gemini

The Uranus in Gemini subgeneration born in the forties brought us brilliant insights into communications of all kinds – computers, radio, T.V., the press, writing, and speaking. As a group, they are exceptionally inventive and also have deep insights into research and investigations. They can turn around our way of thinking. The child with Uranus in Gemini may love to read, travel, brainstorm. He may be restless. There may be something unusual about a brother or sister. Especially when Uranus aspects personal planets (in particular, Mercury and/or Mars), the Uranus in Gemini child is apt to be quite fidgety. Your child may need to work hard at acquiring the stability to finish what he begins. It's important that he finish his education.

Sun Opposition Uranus

Let me do it MY way! Sound familiar? Well, your child may not accept neither limits nor directions without challenging them!

he might see himself as marching to a different drumbeat! This position may indicate unusual talents, scientific know-how, or even genius but is best aspected by other traits stabilizing an otherwise erratic or unstable personality. Your child could benefit from periods of quiet, learning to relax. It is vital that you be consistent with this child. Conflicts with teachers, authorities and classmates come from a justification of nonconformity. Your child may be attracted to friends (and later partners) who are somehow different, with off-beat lifestyles.

Moon Sextile Uranus

Does your child march at a different beat? He may be an inventor, a real thinker, with a marked sense of his own uniqueness. Your child may attract friends that are scientific, "off-beat", and from all backgrounds. Perhaps he has a twinkle in his eye, an effervescent personality. Your child will ask for space to do it "my way." Its important that he learn as a child the consequences of the choices he makes and the difference between independence and rebelliousness. Your child may be a computer whiz or have a natural sense of electronics. He probably will ask for his own room. The mother may be

eccentric, unique or innovative. When your child is older, he may seek new and different ways to make a living. He could have a unique angle on ecological and environmental issues, and is interested in larger or group concerns. He may have new ideas about the past, about history, and the role of the youth. Your child finds it easy to create an unusual environment, and enjoys surrounding himself with what is new and different.

Mercury Opposition Uranus

No one doubts that your child has a sharp mind! He probably picks up quickly on technological, mathematic and scientific studies. You may discover that your child doesn't mind rocking the boat and tact and diplomacy are arts he best acquire early on! While he tends to be a free-thinker, he might also express radical or rebellious thinking. Unless other positions in the chart indicate otherwise, your child might have trouble sticking to the subject at hand at school especially if he doesn't find it particularly stimulating. He may be somewhat nervous and if so would benefit from non-mental work or work with the hands to steady the mind. This aspect favors achievements in education, writing, computers, science, social reform, also electronics and electrical engineering. Occasionally, this opposition will manifest as an avoidance of the novel and unorthodox.

Venus Opposition Uranus

When he is older, your child may enjoy the company of "off-beat" or artistically inclined friends. Of course, this is fine if not carried to an extreme! Depending on the rest of the chart, your child is likely to demand lots of room in any close commitment. You can help him make the social adjustments suggested by this quincunx by stressing the nature of sharing and responsibility in partnerships and by your own example. He may be emotionally willful, requiring plenty of patience on your part. He needs reasonable room to roam, its true, but also needs to know how to pull in the reins on impulsive desires. One way you can help him practice self-discipline in childhood is by providing him with a balanced diet. He may be impulsive with money and may require early training in this area.

Saturn Conjunction Uranus

A natural leader, your child seeks independence but is willing to shoulder responsibility as well. Your child has an innate knack of taking the best of the traditional and new frontiers as well. He is likely to excel at science and math, computers and hi-tech. Your child likes associating with friends and adults who are rugged but individualistic. You may want to teach him survival skills, hiking. Your child may need sports or some other outlet to relax. There's a lot of creative tension in this combination. Saturn represents the father. With other hard aspects to either Saturn or Uranus, we might see willfulness or conflict with the values of authorities. Your child could be quite restless, especially during his teens. At about age 30, he is apt to settle down.

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 Libra

Ah, the love generation! Neptune illumines, yet Neptune confuses, and oh, how many new approaches to intimacy popped as a bubble in the laboratory of everyday life! This group yearns for the perfect love. They are seldom bound by tradition or personal ties and are not particularly domestically inclined. New forms of art, changes in the legal system, drugs and rock music tie into Neptune's transit in this sign. Many single parents of today's elementary and teen age children were born with Neptune in Libra.

Sun Sextile Neptune

Your child may have a natural ability to grasp spiritual and visionary matters and to put them to work. He can perform with the imagination and capture metaphysical thoughts like others work with durable things. Much of his own self-image is wrapped up with his ability to work with images dreams and the imagination. He would make a good teacher in areas of music, philosophy, and all that is mystical. This aspect is favorable for a career in entertainment.

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.

Mercury Sextile Neptune

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

particularly devoted to a younger brother or sister.

Saturn Trine Neptune

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

Uranus Trine Neptune

This positive aspect confers insight and vision into what unites people and into the dreams and mystical regions of our mind. Your child likely has an innate capacity for communicating with others, especially when it comes to religion, music and the arts. New paths to world or personal unity may be a major interest, and your child may astound you with his insights as to how to make his dreams real. If Venus is well aspected, he may have a vivid imagination and marked artistic talent. He probably enjoys movies, music and theater.

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 Leo

Leo is a sign of power and leadership. When Pluto entered Leo, it ushered in WW II, dictatorships and the atomic bomb! Leo is a sign of expressing love. The Pluto in Leo generation struggled with the question of intimacy, the giving and receiving of love. Collectively, they tend to be very sensitive (even vulnerable) when it comes to self-expression. Periods of intense creativity enable the Pluto in Leo individual to go through changes and inner growth. This creative intensity is good for music, poetry, art, and such. If afflicted, anger and pride could lead to a tendency to engage in power struggles. There may be a conflict with the father.

Sun Trine Pluto

Check and see if other elements of the chart point to leadership, for this position if

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

Moon 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.

Mercury Trine Pluto

When it comes to mental work, you may find out that your child has a natural gift for research and investigation. He enjoys examining and analyzing, in particular when it comes to psychological and sensitive areas of the mind. Math, writing and the sciences may appeal to him. Watch for a natural know-how in sifting through difficult material and coming up with what is essential every time! Your child likes to discuss and communicate, especially at a very personal level. Others may find your child just too intense.

Venus Trine Pluto

Your child may have exceptional artistic talent. Study Venus by house and sign to understand in what area of life your child will seek creative expression. (In the 1st, in dress and appearance; in the 2nd, with money and beautiful things; in the third, in speech and mannerisms, etc.) he also may have a deep understanding of other people and may be attracted to fields dealing with psychology when he grows up. Your child learns a lot about himself through relationships he forms throughout his life. Some of these may be on the intense side, but even as your child learns about himself, others may feel transformed through contact with him! Some children with this powerful trine between Venus (art, beauty, attraction, money) and Pluto (the masses, television, intense emotions) could do well in business careers, modeling, television, movie careers or in politics.

Saturn Sextile Pluto

With this aspect, parents (especially the father) strengthen the child's innate sense of

integrity and self-discipline. (Check Saturn/Sun, Saturn/Moon aspects and the nature of the aspect between the Sun and Moon for confirmation). Your child needs challenges true to his ability. He enjoys working hard toward a goal. He may have a sense of mission (you may pick up clues during childhood – listen well!) Generally, this aspect confers managerial ability and a degree of aptitude for leadership. Research, science, law, and government are also favored.

Uranus Sextile Pluto

Your child may be a whiz when it comes to knowing how to motivate others. His keen mind and great analytical powers always manage to get at whatever motivation is beyond apparent behavior. If Uranus and Pluto aspect personal planets as well, your child could be inventive, clever, insightful. This is a generational aspect, indicative of a group who live through tremendous upheaval, not without ultimate benefits!

Challenges and Abilities

Focus

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

Sun Conjunction Venus 02°48'

Your child is gracious, expressive, warm and affectionate. He radiates love and others are drawn to him. This combination attracts friends and indicates popularity. Your child may gravitate toward authority figures. He probably attracts friends who are older, or dignified in some way. Your child may enjoy a close relationship to his father. He may be artistically gifted, or grow to appreciate theater and the arts (if you give him the opportunity to develop along these lines). Your child may be magnetic, robust and yet quite refined in manner. He may have a sweet tooth.

Mercury Conjunction Venus 04°37'

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

Moon Conjunction Jupiter 04°39'

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 Conjunction Pluto 07°40'

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.

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.

Mercury Opposition Uranus 00°40'

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 Opposition Saturn 01°37'

The child with this aspect may feel hampered by authority and elders. Too many rules and regulations may inhibit or put a damper on what his heart feels like doing. Nevertheless, he is likely to be dependable. He could procrastinate and put off attending to the necessities, with the result that duties tend to pile up. He could be somewhat defensive about expressing his real likes and dislikes for fear of being criticized or cut down. He needs a strong sense of self worth and a lot of love from his parents.

Sun Opposition Uranus 02°29'

Sun/Uranus aspects often indicate leadership potential. Your child may be very

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

Sun Opposition Saturn 04°24'

At its best, the child with this aspect gets along well with authorities because he has a strong sense of his own identity. He might seem somehow mature for his age, but could tend to take himself a tad too seriously. He could enjoy a close relationship to the father (or a special teacher or elder) who is apt to be instrumental in forming the child's character and direction in life. However, some children with Saturn (law/father) opposite their Sun (ego), frequently find themselves at odds with authority, rules, and conventions in general. The child may tend to be self-critical and may feel he has to "earn" his parents love. He especially seeks approval from the father or father figure. If the father is absent, estranged, too busy to spend time with the family, or condemnatory (or so perceived), the child with Sun/Saturn aspects may be apt to somehow blame himself. He could feel undeserving of being loved (even when this, in fact, is far from the truth). He may look to others for the approval he needs.

Make certain you let your child know that he is loved and that his contribution at home counts. Be careful not to be unduly harsh or critical of him. He could need more affection and attention than you suspect! The child's perception of the father may be largely based on the first 7 years of life. Unresolved feelings with men and/or the father could emerge around age 14 or 15 when Saturn opposes its own position in the chart (and conjoins him Sun) for the first time. On the positive side, this aspect often indicates inner strength and determination. Set up your child for victories and he should rise steadily to the top. He may show particularly mature or sound judgment. Later in life he could be interested in matters of law and psychology. Help him bring out the best of the signs the Sun and Saturn are posited in.

Venus Opposition Uranus 05°17'

This aspect brings challenges in relating to others. Sometimes this Venus/Uranus contact brings unusual, strange or unique attractions. Your child may have many friends. As a youth, he needs to understand the dangers of quick attachments and infatuations. He could confuse love and friendship, be fickle (especially if in mutable signs) or get bored and drop friends abruptly (cardinal). In fixed signs, desire could take the place of common sense. You can help your child work out this energy positively by teaching him to delay gratification (when necessary and appropriate), accept responsibility and be

respectful of other people's feelings. It all begins in the nursery!

Mercury Opposition Saturn 06°13'

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

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 Pluto 00°35'

People with this aspect are known for getting into intense involvements. They seem to invite emotional confrontations. They seek spiritual regeneration through love. In adult life, they could learn valuable soul lessons through intense karmic relationships. Children with this aspect may cleave to the mother, or to their friends. They may seek to control (or be controlled) by their close pals. Especially during the adolescent years, they could tend to attract partners that aren't particularly good for them. To help your child master this intense aspect, you will need to impart to him solid values regarding sex, money, alcohol and drugs and relationships in general. The better his own sense of self-esteem, the surer he feels in your love, the more likely he will be to attract fulfilling relationships later on. This is a powerfully creative aspect in an artist's chart.

Mercury Sextile Neptune 01°28'

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

Moon Sextile Neptune 02°10'

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.

Sun Trine Pluto 02°13'

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

Moon Sextile Uranus 02°58'

Your child may have a knack for taking an ordinary event and turning it into something brand new, really special! He is likely to be mentally alert and curious about just about everything! Others are attracted to his magnetic personality and he is more likely than not, rarely alone. He may have a somewhat unusual upbringing, and later will likely attract a partner who is independent and also a bit unusual. If the mother is inconsistent in moods, rules or behavior, the child with this aspect could easily become confused. He needs to know he can rely on her. This aspect confers a certain love of adventure. Your child could become bored easily with hum-drum normal routines! One thing is for sure, with this child there's never a dull moment!

Sun Sextile Neptune 03°17'

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

Moon Trine Mercury 03°38'

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.

Mercury Trine Pluto 04°02'

Just call him "Eagle Eye!" Pluto conjunct the planet of mind most often gives sharp mental acumen and penetrating insight. Your child could be expert at getting straight to the heart of things, and would make a super sleuth, or researcher. The deeper a secret is buried, the more likely it is that he will turn it up. In its negative expression, Pluto could cause brooding, irritability, mental stubbornness and/or nervous tension. There could

be a karmic tie with a sibling or relative.

Moon Trine Sun 05°27'

Considered by itself, this trine between the Lights indicates a balanced personality, one in which will (Sun) and feeling (Moon) work together harmoniously. Unless either the Sun or Moon receive hard afflictions, it is probable that your child is popular among his friends and content among his kin. The Sun/Moon trine infuses the chart with vitality and often indicates physical strength and/or a healthy constitution at birth. Children with this aspect typically get along well with friends of both sexes.

Mars Trine Jupiter 07°15'

This aspect is a very fortunate influence in the chart, and is conducive to success in enterprises. Your child is likely to be enthusiastic and energetic in action. When he is motivated to do something, he probably goes after it in a big way! Others remark on his creative energy, great drive, and the fact that he never seems to let up! Children with this positive Mars/Jupiter contact are prompted to help people solve their problems. They particularly like to lend a hand to those in trouble or less fortunate circumstances. When personal problems arise, your child is not afraid to tackle them. This aspect often points to a love of adventure, sport and travel. It favors careers in law, social work and psychology, education (or training others), religion (especially preaching) and publishing.

Moon Trine Venus 08°15'

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

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 may be a very social child – an accomplished leader at the age of even seven or eight and a real socialite in the early teens. All of this is somewhat premature, so don't be surprised if your child later loses some of his interest in the external, social scene during the middle teen years. At that time, your child just may discover a more subjective side of himself and could elect to take a more inward direction. Turning away from the social scene, your child could spend many years pursuing his inner life. At about age 14 or 15, Saturn opposes its own position in the chart and most teens pass through a kind of identity crisis. Balance is the 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! This more involuted and personal time may intensify when your child is 21-22 years and last until your child is around 30 years of age. At that time your child may go through a remarkable change, sort of discovering himself all at once. The more inward years of inner searching will pay off with new confidence and real direction. Your child is likely to begin his real life's work after this time, and his middle years will be very strong and successful.

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.

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.

Want Earth

Your child may be strong on mental activity and action but may need to acquire basic common sense and the ability to deal with practical matters. He may require your help "getting down to business;" completing his chores and attending to basic necessities. He could be "spacey", out of touch with the physical dimension of reality. He needs to get centered. A balanced diet would help. (Strong Saturn aspects by sign, aspects, and house or an Earth sign Ascendant would compensate)

Have Mutable

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

Want 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.

Have Cadent

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

Want Succedent

Theories and mental activities may be fine, but your child may need to work on (or the necessary time) to let things ripen.

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.

Aquarius on First 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.

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.

Aries on Second 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.

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.

Taurus on Third 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.

Uranus in Third House

The child born with the Great Awakener (Uranus) in the house of mind (3rd) is more often than not, a free thinker! Make sure that your child is intellectually challenged at home and at school. His ideas may be different, perhaps misunderstood. Your child has real insight when it comes to anything connected to research, study, and the world of ideas. His independent mental approach to problem-solving and communication finds him coming up with connections that are new and different. Computers and anything

modern and electronic will have a special appeal. Many creative scientists have Uranus in the 3rd house. He will, however, need to learn to tether his mind and to test his notions for practicality. Sometimes, Uranus so placed indicates an unusual brother or sister.

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.

Gemini on Fourth House Cusp

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

Saturn in Fourth House

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

Fifth House: Expression, Creativity

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.

Gemini on Fifth 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.

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.

Cancer on Sixth 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.

Moon in Sixth House

All children need sound diets. Its no mystery that a child's behavior can directly reflect back to what he puts in his mouth! The child with the Moon (emotions) in the 6th house (diet and nutrition) especially illustrates the above. By offering your child balanced meals and teaching him correct dietary habits, you will help him balance his temperament and better concentrate on his schoolwork and chores. To be at peace, he needs a neat and orderly environment. These early habits of corporeal and domestic harmony can lead to success in his adult work later on. You may discover that your child is attracted to health, food, nutrition, and areas where service or attention to detail are in high focus. This position favors work in restaurants, markets, farms and food co-ops as well as the healing arts. Especially if the Moon is in a water sign, the child may be musically gifted. The child with the Moon in the 6th house may be excessively critical and demanding, of self and of family members. Teach him to look for good in himself and in others. Some children with this placement enjoy sewing and working with cloth.

Jupiter in Sixth House

This placement indicates a love for work and service. Your child needs to know that

his contribution counts at home and at school. He may find himself automatically taking care of the needs of others. Indeed, he develops his personal philosophy through his area of work. He may require advanced degrees or specialized training to fulfill his career requirements. When he is in elementary school, your child would probably enjoy caring for the family pet. Apart from satisfying his desire to render service, he would enjoy grooming, feeding and training his little animal friend. Remember, your child wants to help out and it's up to you to get him the right tools. He enjoys finding better, more efficient ways to get the job done. Teach your child good health habits. Sometimes, this Jupiter placement points to a tendency to overeat. A career in one of the social services, in education or health is possible. His occupation may involve health, food, and/or recycling. Unless afflicted, Jupiter in the 6th indicates that your child will get along well with his classmates and later with co-workers.

Pluto in Sixth House

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

Seventh House: Relationships, Other People

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.

Leo on Seventh 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.

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.

Libra on Eighth 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.

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.

Scorpio on Ninth 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.

Sun in Ninth House

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

Mercury in Ninth House

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

Venus in Ninth House

Your child's love of truth makes philosophy and religious ideas a life-long habit. He

appreciates things of a global or universal level and could love to travel. Tales of knights of old, El Cid and other Epic adventures will capture his imagination as will colorful stories of the lives of the saints East & West. Geography and foreign language may be his favorite subjects. Appearances mean little to him, for he values honesty and candidness in friends and partners. A love of horses and riding is common. A favorable position for careers in sales, law, travel, anthropology, philosophy, the clergy, equestrian activities, sales, export-import, and foreign trade. This Venus placement also gives a love of sports or of the outdoors. Sometimes this position indicates marriage to a foreigner!

Mars in Ninth House

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

Tenth House: Practical Vision, Vocation

Tenth House

The 10th house is the point of crystallization, what we give back to the world in concrete form: hence, the 10th house deals with career, and subsequently status and reputation. The 10th house is connected with authorities: father, government, employer, Guru. In studying the planets in the 10th house plus the sign on the 10th house cusp in the child's chart (and Saturn), we discover clues about the nature of the child's ambitions (what 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.

Sagittarius on Tenth 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.

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.

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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.

Capricorn on Twelfth 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.

Notes on Astrological Terms

Creating the Natal Chart

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

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

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

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

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

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

What follows is a brief introduction to some of the terms and concepts used in

astrology. Reading through this material will help you get more out of your AstroChild report.

Elements and Modalities

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Aspects

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Planets

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

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

Moon. The Moon represents our mother, our surroundings, the environment out of

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Lights

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

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

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

The Signs of the Zodiac: key words and esoteric meditations

Aries. The Ram. Spring. The pioneer, adventurer. Courage, daring, boldness. The

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

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

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

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

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

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

Libra. The Scales. Marriage and union. (Yoga: to join, or yoke.) Marriage is the most common form of yoga. Libra energy is diplomatic, compassionate, attentive to the needs of others. In Libra we learn to be centered in the heart. Only there and in the higher mind can we be at the fulcrum of reality. We treat our brother as we would have him treat us,

but learn to be unafraid to stand up for truth, even if in so doing we rock the Libran scales! In Libra, we seek balance to be the instruments of love. Painful experiences in love -- dishonesty, treachery, and intrigue -- are arrows that cause pain but also purify and bring us back to the center in God.

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

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

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

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

Pisces. The Fishes. Jesus Christ was born at the beginning of the Piscean Age. He is known as the Piscean avatar. His ministry exemplified a path of self-mastery characterized by charity, compassion, mystical understanding. Pisces energy is intuitive, understanding, willing to sacrifice. In Pisces we call upon courage, illumination, and faith to overcome all manner of fear (based on past memories from this or other lifetimes, or embedded in the race subconscious). We obtain peace and become teachers holding a

lamp of wisdom to the many. Doubt, fear, self-pity, illusion, delusion and all manner of evading reality (alcoholism, drug abuse, etc.) are "death by drowning." In Pisces, we learn to ride the wave; sometimes we must dive in unafraid!

The Chart Wheel and the Zodiac

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Wheel of Houses

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

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

11th House. The 11th house is a movement away from the 10th and down towards the lower hemisphere of the chart. The 11th house takes the clear idea seen in the 10th and resolves to put it to work, usually enlisting the help of friends and others. The 11th house has to do with plans for action, group goals, cooperation. In the child's chart, the 11th house will tell us much about his goals and the nature of his aspirations. The 11th house also reveals how a child interacts with his friends. For example, a child with Cancer on the 11th house cusp would be protective toward his friends. He likes to invite them over, and a sleep-over would be a special treat! He could be very attached to his friends. If a child has planets in the 11th house, his chart will take on an Aquarian coloring: he may be innovative, interested in science or electronics, and be free-spirited.

12th House. The 12th house is the house of the past, the subconscious and so is associated with karma. It is called the house of "hidden enemies," the worst of these

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

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

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

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

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

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

impression upon him.

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

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

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

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

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

9th House. The 9th house has to do with what remains when all extra is stripped away. It is what endures from the entire episode, the seed essence. It becomes the light

for a new idea in the 10th, where the whole cycle repeats itself. The 9th house shows how we arrive at a higher illumination through religion, travel, philosophical thought, and travel. Planets in the 9th house and the sign on the 9th house cusp can tell us how the child reaches out to know more: something of the child's aspirations for truth, his philosophy in life (as developed from early religious and moral training, his higher education, and his own experience), and his potential travel experiences.

The Chart Wheel, or Mandala:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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