

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	Taurus	21°Ta29'	09th	01 29°Le28'
Moon	Aquarius	09°Aq15'	06th	02 21°Vi36'
Mercury	Gemini	10°Ge26'	10th	03 19°Li13'
Venus	Aries	23°Ar13'	09th	04 22°Sc35'
Mars	Pisces	12°Pi23'	07th	05 28°Sg30'
Jupiter	Cancer	27°Ca26'	11th	06 01°Aq26'
Saturn	Taurus	05°Ta00'	09th	07 29°Aq28'
Uranus	Libra	12°Li58'	02nd	08 21°Pi36'
Neptune	Scorpio	07°Sc44'	03rd	09 19°Ar13'
Pluto	Virgo	06°Vi03'	01st	10 22°Ta35'
Midheaven	Taurus	22°Ta35'		11 28°Ge30'
Ascendant	Leo	29°Le28'		12 01°Le26'

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.

Lively Leo wears his heart on his sleeve, always managing to come across as confident and sure of himself. (Sometime when the Leo Lion is wounded, his bravado is a dramatic cover-up!) Leo children are typically very free with their emotions which nevertheless tend to stay under control. Your Leo child is affectionate, warm-hearted and effusive. Liking center stage, he may want all the attention on himself! Teach him to be thoughtful. The Sun rules Leo. If your child's Sun is in a Fire sign, leadership potential is enhanced, but he probably needs to learn to "harness the fire" as well as to consider the needs of others. If his Sun is in an Air sign, he is apt to be quite sociable, optimistic and positive. He is probably friendly and communicative. The child with a water sign Sun with Leo rising could be temperamental; he needs a good sense of self-esteem. He could feel hurt easily. An earth sign Sun could be the signature of a banker! His bravado is likely to be applied in practical works (later in work).

Leo 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 Taurus

Taurus is an Earth sign on the feeling cross. Its symbol is The Bull. Earth sign children need proper materials and assignments to get to work! Your Taurean is practical and purposeful. He may start with blocks or in the sandbox and later go on to bigger things, but his theme is "I build"!

Taurean children are sensorial; they love to touch, smell, listen. Clay is a favorite medium, as are polished stones. Trips to the seashore, the forest and other places full of sounds and sights and wonderful textures can captivate the little Taurean. Taureans are known to have "green thumbs." Give your child his own vegetable patch and child-size tools and he is likely to be busy all summer! Taureans are the gourmets of the zodiac (Taurus comes up a lot in the charts of cooks and restaurant owners). Your Taurean child might have much to say about what he will and will not eat. Above all, the Taurean child seeks comfort and security in material things. If he overeats, he may actually be seeking comfort through his food. He needs good eating habits. Taurean children that are over-indulged by parents can become indolent in the lap of luxury.

Taurean children are generally willing to listen to others, take cues, and then reflect and build upon that information. Others may find your child gentle, steady, and, for the most part, kind. But the bull can be stubborn indeed! Avoid locking horns with the Taurean youngster. The more you push, the more unyielding he is likely to become. You may need to have the Taurean preschooler sit by himself in a designated chair until his obstinacy passes. Then remind him of the rules and gently but firmly apply the consequences. Remember: he is ruled by Venus, planet of love. Rather than confronting your child head-on, you will get better results if you go around the back door and enter by love! Stubbornness as tenacity, persistence, and determination may be the bedrock of his future success, so seek challenging tasks and projects that will interest him and bring out his natural stick-to-it-tivity! Your child is apt to be patient, responsive and slow to anger.

Your child may identify with his things, holding on to old slippers and habits way beyond their usefulness. He may try to "possess" his friends. Taurean children like to rule the roost and he may want to be the boss around the house. If so, you just may have to remind him who is who in your household! Teach him obedience in stages, and teach him to let go!

Taurus is ruled by Venus, planet of beauty and the arts. Since Taurus also relates to the throat, many fine singers and more than a few famous composers are natives of this sign. Even baby Taureans will respond to a lovely voice, the sound of rippling water, a lullaby! As your child matures, you may notice a love for fine and beautiful things in the clothes he selects. Taurus is a practical (Earth) sign on the fixed cross. Unless other aspects in the chart indicate otherwise, little Taureans may not respond well to change when it is unexpected or unannounced. If he becomes rigid and not willing to budge, he may be telling you, "I'm scared." Prepare your child for changes on your family agenda.

Sun Sextile Jupiter

Your child may surprise you with his uncanny sense of justice coupled with an innate ability to interpret the law, whether manmade or natural. This could manifest as an ability to show others the way through, or beyond, the problems in their lives. He could also radiate much energy and could probably benefit by plenty of exercise and outdoor play. Your child may be adventuresome. Chances are he is a born traveler and you may find him very interested in learning about the faiths and lifestyles of people across the globe and throughout history. This placement is considered fortunate, a protective influence. Sometimes this placement indicates a special love for the father, a teacher or

Guru.

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 Aquarius

Aquarius is an Air sign on the feeling cross. Its symbol is The Waterbearer. The Moon in Aquarius child may be a true lover of humanity. Typically, he is altruistic. He can relate to people from all different backgrounds and walks of life. You may find that your child never met a stranger. Your child has a natural impulse to freedom, is inventive and enjoys finding new ways to do things. Computers, electronic devices and gadgetry may capture his imagination.

Your child could seem somewhat detached, less emotional than other children. He may identify strongly with his friends or peer groups. He may need to develop sensitivity, tolerance and kindness. He could be futuristic, ahead of his time, and highly independent.

Negatively, children with the Moon in Aquarius are sometimes willful, mentally stubborn, or downright rebellious! It's vital that he learn to account for his actions. The Moon in Aquarius child may perceive the mother as open-minded. He may share an intuitive understanding with her. If afflicted, the mother could be seen as eccentric, inconsistent or simply not around.

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 Square Saturn

Children born with the Moon square or opposite Saturn may have to grapple with trying conditions at home: apart from circumstances, the parents could be excessively strict, severe, rigid or emotionally distant. These attitudes inhibit the spontaneous flow of

emotions in the child. In households where this is not the case, the child is nevertheless apt to perceive it as so. He needs an extra dose of affection, particularly from his mother! He needs to know he is worthy of being loved. Teach him to see what is good about himself and others. Remind him that when we smile the world smiles with us, but when we cry we often cry alone!

Moon Trine 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 Square Neptune

The child born with this Moon/Neptune aspect needs to sort out the real from the unreal. The line between fact and fantasy may not be apparent. Your child may need your help bringing things into focus without shattering his gentle dream world. He may tend to over-react, because he takes things very personally. There could be some rather harsh realities connected to his upbringing and if so, the child could retreat within his imagination to cope. This child might be very imaginative and artistic but needs to learn to look at life objectively. Search for ways to develop your child's creativity. Teach him to maintain order in the environment.

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 Gemini

Gemini is an Air sign on the thinking cross. Its symbol is The Twins. Mercury in Gemini children typically love learning. Wit comes naturally as does curiosity about everything! He loves finding things out – speculating, investigating. He is likely to be clever but not necessarily known for deep thinking. He loves to talk, exchange ideas, read books, travel. His restless mind keeps him busy exploring, testing. Debates, games, and puzzles please him. He likes to think on his feet and could be easily bored with tedious schoolwork or chores. Stress honesty with him. Good study habits and an orderly environment help him do best at school. He may tend to scatter his energy into too many projects at once, or to dissipate energy through too much chatter. Teach him to create a schedule and stick to it!

Moon Trine Mercury

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

Mercury Square Mars

Your child may put a lot of feeling into what he says. Others sense in him high energy and a certain tension. Children with this aspect typically have quick minds, an even sharper tongue, and a penchant for argumentation! This aspect often indicates impatience and irritability and you may need to be very patient in reminding your child to curb his tongue.

Mercury Trine Uranus

This aspect could point to an original thinker, perhaps an inventor. Your child may have a very unique way of looking at things and be capable of real insight. He tends to be innovative, thinking of new ways to do things or a new use for something. When others have run out of ideas to existing problems, he could pop up with the solution! Children with this aspect often excel at work requiring abstract thinking. They need to be

challenged, can be easily bored, and may be misunderstood by their teachers! Communication of all kinds, especially computers, electronics, and the new technology, is likely to be right up your child's alley.

Mercury Square Pluto

This opposition indicates lessons to be learnt in communicating with others. Some children with this aspect are mentally combative, enjoying competition and a lively debate. The child with this Mercury/Pluto aspect could get into fights because of the things he says or the way he says them. At home, the child could be argumentative. Remind him, however, that if we have nothing nice to say its best not to speak at all! On the other hand, he could be super-sensitive, touchy, and secretive. He might find it hard to share his feelings. This can be problematic when he finds himself in a crisis, and needs your help, but chooses instead to keep silent. It's vital that you establish trust and open communication with your child.

Venus: Values and Discrimination

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

Venus in Aries

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

Venus Square Jupiter

The last of the big spenders! While this aspect confers generosity of spirit, it also indicates potential wastefulness and overindulgence of all kinds. This aspect uplifts even a more taciturn chart, conferring a love for the company of others. Children with Venus/Jupiter contacts are often loving and affectionate, yet they may tend to idealize their loved ones. Your child could be highly devotional and could benefit by right

religious training (although sometimes this aspect indicates conflicts in relationships due to conflicting ideologies). This Venus/Jupiter contact could manifest as naivete, and/or a tendency to ignore the realities of life in favor of the good times. This could cause serious problems in adult relationships and career. To help your child master this aspect, give him plenty of encouragement but teach him self-discipline as well. Teach him to be economical.

The External Planets: Mars, Jupiter, Saturn

The major planets outside the Earth's orbit (external to us) are Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn. These are the planets describing the outer world and circumstances surrounding the child, the status, well-being and conditions 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 Pisces

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

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

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

Mars Trine Neptune

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

Mars Opposition Pluto

Mars and Pluto are power planets; the power I wield vs. the power others use to control me. This is a potentially combative influence in the chart, indicating inner turmoil and outer confrontations. Perhaps the conflict begins with a parent or authority figure. Occasionally, children with this Mars/Pluto contact become fighters to cope with a hostile environment or early childhood trauma. Some children with this aspect are interested in learning about the military and wars. Your child could brood rather than openly express his anger. He could be defiant. Sometimes there is a history of insecurity which manifests as a competitive urge to prove oneself better than the next guy. This can lead to power struggles. Children with hard Mars/Pluto aspects may be attracted to early sexual experiences. Even in an otherwise balanced chart, the house positions and signs involved may point to a sensitive area in your child's life requiring deep understanding. When the potential "Pluto problem" is resolved, this could be an area of great strength in your child's chart! Help your child channel this intense energy in a worthwhile "cause." If the family background is positive, the child is more likely to manifest the plus side of this contact: a healing presence, the courage of 10, and a desire to transform the world.

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.

Sun Sextile Jupiter

Your child is bent toward success, for he has a built-in sense of how to approach and unravel even the most difficult problems. Children born with this harmonious aspect often have a natural instinct for justice and the law, and generally know how to approach a problem from just the right angle. This ability could make your child a natural counselor or guide for others, in particular regarding vocational matters. This aspect also suggests the possibility of working with and helping older persons. Often this position indicates help received from others. Dynamic squares found elsewhere in the chart may bring out the positive sides of this position. The pitfall is too much ease, or a lack of ambition, a lack of humility, and/or expecting others to do the work.

Venus Square Jupiter

All things in moderation. This is the key to mastering the Venus/Jupiter square. While this aspect confers faith, (often considerable) creative talent and a sociable and happy nature, it also can signify a tendency to go overboard. Your child would benefit from reasonable limits consistently (but never fanatically) adhered to during childhood, especially in food and fun (and funds)!

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 Taurus

The great spiritual traditions of the East say that suffering is born of desire. Self-liberation comes from non-attachment to desire. People with Saturn in Taurus typically equate emotional security with material abundance. They can become very attached to their possessions. But, the snag is that the more attached they become, the more they fear losing their things, wealth or comfort. The balancing factor lies in the values acquired during childhood. The Saturn in Taurus child needs to learn to be a good steward of this world's goods. Later in life, he may enter banking, insurance or business management. He will look for a career that insures financial and material security. He is more patient than most, and willing to work hard to gain the objects of his desire. He may, however, find it difficult to share with other children. Remind him that, "It is far better to give than to receive." Read him tales that teach the dangers of excessive materialism, such as the story of Midas and that of Scrooge. In *THE SOUND OF MUSIC* you will find a useful example of a family able to enjoy the good things in life, but who are able to walk away from it and maintain their happiness. Your child may be reluctant to give up his things, even when they have outgrown their usefulness. Teach him to clean out his closet to make room for something new!

Moon Square Saturn

The child with a Moon/Saturn contact needs to feel nurtured and loved by his mother.

If the Moon is well aspected, the mother is teacher, disciplinarian, and constant in her care and so the child feels secure in the relationship. With afflictions, the child may see the mother as demanding or critical of him (whether or not this be so), or may feel he cannot live up to her (perceived) expectations of him. In either case, the mother's influence is strong and influences the child's relationships with women as an adult. Especially busy single, divorced or working mothers need to ensure that their Moon/Saturn child gets the attention he needs. A fanatically strict upbringing, judgmental parents, absent parents or harsh conditions could result in the child feeling unworthy, lonely, self-critical. Moon/Saturn children generally do their best work in structured situations. They benefit by routines, and thrive when endowed with meaningful responsibilities. Praise and approval may mean a lot to your child, and he needs plenty of it in honest measures! Teach him to think positively. No complaining allowed! Count your blessings together daily! Leave room for fun! Your child may enjoy caring for a younger sibling. A pet puppy could be his pride and joy! As an adult, your child could be attracted to social services.

Jupiter Square Saturn

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

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

The Outer Planets

In the previous sections, we have dealt with planets that we can see with our naked eyes. In general, these planets refer to life as we know and live it and are the so-called inner planets. Beyond these are three planets that are not visible in the sky and which have cycles longer than the average human life span. Since they are beyond Saturn or time, astrologers call them the trans-personal or transcendental planets – Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. Here you will find information on issues and attitudes typical of your child's generation. Uranus represents the sense of discovery, new frontiers, revolutions and consequent changes we make. Neptune reveals how we understand and accept these discoveries, our understanding of mystical and/or inner realities, the expression of

devotion and compassion. Pluto points to the great challenges confronting ourselves and our civilization. How can we best prepare our children to meet these challenges? To fulfill their fiery destiny individually and collectively? To stand firm amidst the winds of change? To reach out for worlds beyond the physical? To feel secure in their relationship to God? For most of us, the challenges increase as we mature but certainly the foundation is set in childhood!

Uranus: Break-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 Libra

This subgeneration are apt to be innovative in their approach to marriage and social conventions. They may be destined to revolutionize the legal system. They will seek to bring equal opportunity to people of all races, creeds and classes. If Uranus makes aspects to personal planets, the Uranus in Libra individual may seek a unique partnership but should be wary of sudden infatuations and "shot-gun" marriages. The child born with this placement benefits from good examples of cooperation and mutual commitment in marriage.

Moon Trine 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." It's 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 Trine Uranus

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

Neptune: 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 Scorpio

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

Moon Square Neptune

This aspect indicates an extremely sensitive and idealistic nature. Your child probably has a love of beauty, art, music, cinematography and may have some talent in these fields. With a strong Mercury, writing skill is evident. The challenge of the square is that

dreams and ideals may tend to clash with reality, the actual surroundings and the practical necessity of the hour. Your child needs opportunities to channel constructively the more positive creative aspects of the square at the same time that he needs to develop self-discipline and objectivity. He may yearn for a perfection not attainable on this earth or may insist on perfection at the expense of personal emotions and feelings. It's vital that his family place a big premium on truth and honesty with self and others. Otherwise others may see him as unrealistic or downright deceptive. Never lie to your child, or tell him one thing and mean another. Moon/Neptune children seem to have built-in antenna. They pick up the subtlest vibration around them. It's important to ask them what they feel and to listen to what they have to say. Sometimes children with this aspect are sensitive to certain foods or need to build up a strong constitution to overcome health problems.

Mars Trine Neptune

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

Saturn Opposition Neptune

This aspect comes around every 35 years, the last time being in 1971. Inner fears are brought up for resolution through relationships. Encourage honesty and frankness in your household. The child with this aspect needs to know that a trusting parent will listen to him and help him vanquish his fears (which may be unreal, based on past life memories or his imagination, but nevertheless, very real to him). Above all, the child with Saturn/Neptune contacts needs to cultivate a positive mental attitude! Help your child feel good about himself and his work. Your child needs to acquire self-discipline, self-reliance and obedience, but he also needs to feel appreciated and loved! Avoid being unduly harsh or projecting upon him feelings of guilt and/or shame! In dealing with parents, teachers and authority figures in general, your child benefits from reassurance that his contribution is valued.

Physical ailments associated with this opposition are often symptomatic of low self-esteem and/or negativity of one sort or another. That physical problems, should they arise, could be psychosomatic in nature, is particularly suggested when ailments are chronic, difficult to diagnose, or to cure.

There is a need to balance a longing for the ideal with practical reality so as not to be disappointed if others don't fit the mold of the imagined ideal perfectly! Your child needs opportunities to develop his creative talents as well as opportunities to help out at home. Hopefully, he is not overburdened with excessive responsibilities beyond his years! Your child may want to sacrifice to help others and may have religious or spiritual inclinations. Give him opportunities to lend a hand and to serve, but teach him not to be a doormat! If the rest of the chart paints a more cheery picture, then study the house positions of Saturn and Neptune to see where your child may need an extra ounce of loving support and

understanding!

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 Virgo

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

Mercury Square Pluto

Store up on mystery novels, microscopes, puzzles and chess games. Your child most likely is a deep thinker, interested in probing the depths! Your child loves mysteries and may be fascinated by behind-the-scenes and so-called "secret" information. Your child is apt to hold in his feelings. If parents and teachers want to communicate effectively with this child, they must first establish trust with him. Because he is so sensitive (more than most) he may be touchy, or easily defensive, angry or inhibited. He may resent probing on the part of others, but may read them like a book. Right communication is the key! This is an aspect of mental tension. A brother or sister could have a marked effect on your child or vice-versa.

Mars Opposition Pluto

Sports, martial arts, ballet; any or all may appeal to your child. This powerful opposition points to the need for patience and self-control. Sometimes children with Mars/Pluto contacts are overly sensitive but need to practice greater consideration for others. Your child will need a strong set of ethical and moral values instilled throughout childhood as this opposition often indicates powerful desires. You may have to find a way to help him deal with, and constructively channel his anger. The relationship with the father will influence his interaction with other adult men, teachers and others. He could be combative.

Saturn Trine 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.

Neptune Sextile Pluto

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

Challenges and Abilities

Focus

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

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 obscurity often makes it hard for us to see and act with normal clarity. Some of these aspects are apparent in little children, others describe yourselves, his parents and teachers, and the environment you provide for him. Other aspects may show up later, at about age 12 or older, even in young adulthood. Your knowledge of these areas in your child's chart should give you a greater understanding as to how to help him turn stumbling blocks into rings on the ladder of success. Therefore, when it comes to the following factors in your child's chart, you may wish to exercise extra patience.

Moon Square Neptune 01°32'

The child born with this Moon/Neptune aspect needs to sort out the real from the unreal. The line between fact and fantasy may not be apparent. Your child may need your help bringing things into focus without shattering his gentle dream world. He may tend to over-react, because he takes things very personally. There could be some rather harsh realities connected to his upbringing and if so, the child could retreat within his imagination to cope. This child might be very imaginative and artistic but needs to learn

to look at life objectively. Search for ways to develop your child's creativity. Teach him to maintain order in the environment.

Mercury Square Mars 01°56'

Your child may put a lot of feeling into what he says. Others sense in him high energy and a certain tension. Children with this aspect typically have quick minds, an even sharper tongue, and a penchant for argumentation! This aspect often indicates impatience and irritability and you may need to be very patient in reminding your child to curb his tongue.

Venus Square Jupiter 04°12'

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

Moon Square Saturn 04°16'

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

Mercury Square Pluto 04°24'

This opposition indicates lessons to be learnt in communicating with others. Some children with this aspect are mentally combative, enjoying competition and a lively debate. The child with this Mercury/Pluto aspect could get into fights because of the things he says or the way he says them. At home, the child could be argumentative. Remind him, however, that if we have nothing nice to say its best not to speak at all! On the other hand, he could be super-sensitive, touchy, and secretive. He might find it hard to share his feelings. This can be problematic when he finds himself in a crisis, and needs your help, but chooses instead to keep silent. It's vital that you establish trust and open communication with your child.

Mars Opposition Pluto 06°20'

Mars and Pluto are power planets; the power I wield vs. the power others use to control me. This is a potentially combative influence in the chart, indicating inner turmoil and outer confrontations. Perhaps the conflict begins with a parent or authority figure. Occasionally, children with this Mars/Pluto contact become fighters to cope with a hostile environment or early childhood trauma. Some children with this aspect are interested in learning about the military and wars. Your child could brood rather than openly express his anger. He could be defiant. Sometimes there is a history of insecurity which manifests as a competitive urge to prove oneself better than the next guy. This can lead to power struggles. Children with hard Mars/Pluto aspects may be attracted to early sexual experiences. Even in an otherwise balanced chart, the house positions and signs involved may point to a sensitive area in your child's life requiring deep understanding. When the potential "Pluto problem" is resolved, this could be an area of great strength in your child's chart! Help your child channel this intense energy in a worthwhile "cause." If the family background is positive, the child is more likely to manifest the plus side of this contact: a healing presence, the courage of 10, and a desire to transform the world.

Talents and Abilities

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

Moon Trine Mercury 01°11'

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 Uranus 02°31'

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

Moon Trine Uranus 03°42'

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!

Mars Trine Neptune 04°39'

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

Sun Sextile Jupiter 05°57'

Your child may surprise you with his uncanny sense of justice coupled with an innate ability to interpret the law, whether manmade or natural. This could manifest as an ability to show others the way through, or beyond, the problems in their lives. He could also radiate much energy and could probably benefit by plenty of exercise and outdoor play. Your child may be adventuresome. Chances are he is a born traveler and you may find him very interested in learning about the faiths and lifestyles of people across the globe and throughout history. This placement is considered fortunate, a protective influence. Sometimes this placement indicates a special love for the father, a teacher or Guru.

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 represents 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. The Saturn cycle depicts a fairly easy childhood (all else being equal) up until around the 11-12th year, at which time your child may begin to become more subjective and inner-directed. This could mean that during his adolescence, he may feel somewhat introspective. 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 inner time of exploration lasts until he is about 18-19 years of age. At that time, he likely will proceed to take hold, discover himself, and become more outward – in a rather short time. His sense of confidence should take hold and build, and the years of introspection will pay off as he begins to reach out. The years from 18 through 25 or 26 are likely to be characterized by hard work and continued gains in self-confidence. From the 26th year, his most opportune time for the climb to fame and fortune will commence. Provided he takes advantage of these cycles, the 30s and 40s should be materially successful years.

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.

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By the last date shown, Saturn, the great tester, conjoined the Midheaven and entered the 10th house of your child's chart. The 10th house is one of the 4 "Angular" houses. When Saturn enters an angular house, it signifies a gradual shifting of gears. The 10th

house in the child's chart relates to the father or father figure, to all significant elders or authorities in the child's life and also to his reputation and status among his peers. This is an earth house, one of "works." The older child could make significant progress in his schoolwork during this time. If he is so inclined. He could take up a position of responsibility at home or at school. He may be particularly interested in pursuing what he wants to do when he grows up! He could be helped or hindered by parents. He may work well with restrictions, limits, and responsibilities or buck against them and feel frustrated, depending on his character and upbringing. This could be a good period to master a skill of one kind or another. In accordance with his abilities and the opportunities available to him, this should be a cycle of achievement. The older child can show what he has mastered. Even with younger children, this is a time to place an emphasis on right attitudes toward responsibilities and authorities.

Saturn in 04th Quadrant

The Elements, Modalities and Angularity

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

Have Earth

Your child may be concerned with preserving the status quo and is apt to be stable and methodical in his ways. He could resist change and might have trouble getting started, but once on the move should be indomitable. He could mistrust that which is new or untried.

Have Air

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

Want Fire

If your child lacks an inner self-confidence, he could try to overcome this by defensive aggressiveness. He probably wishes he had more of the self-assurance his more fiery acquaintances display. Inspire in your child the joy to overcome all challenges. (A

strong Mars or Sun, by sign, aspect or house position or a Fire Ascendant would compensate.)

Have Fixed

He is a solid supporter, always gravitating to the heart of things. Your child may have trouble getting moving, but once rolling, others better watch out. He has the stick-to-itiveness of the tortoise that beat the hare!

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.

Leo on First 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.

Pluto in First House

Pluto in the house of self (1st) is powerfully placed! You may find that over the years your child develops an intense self-awareness and a strong will, perhaps (but not always) in response to some hardship or trying experience during the early years. This Pluto placement adds an emotional intensity to the chart. As an adult, others may note in him a marked intensity. He may be highly individualistic, feeling somehow set apart from most people. This could manifest as a resistance to conform to standard procedure but could also lead to a path of great self-realization through the discovery of spiritual realities and inner truths. During the school years, your child might be a leader among his pals, who will feel very magnetized to him. He seems driven to penetrate the superficial and get at the essential.

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.

Virgo on Second House Cusp

Virgo energy is analytical and precise, always separating what is worthwhile and worth supporting from that which is outmoded and of no further use. The affairs of the

house with Virgo on the cusp reveal the area of life in which the child seeks to serve, and/or where he may take a systematic and detailed approach.

Uranus in Second House

You may have an inventor, electrician, computer-whiz, or magician on your hands! Your child is likely to seek an unusual means of livelihood when he is older. Give him full reign with the sciences until he finds his niche. It's important that you teach your child that the little squirrel put away some acorns for a rainy day! Sometimes, this position indicates that money goes out as fast as it comes in! Your child may stand out among his friends as individualistic and different from the group.

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.

Libra on Third 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.

Neptune in Third House

Your child's mind tends to be very imaginative, but not necessarily concerned with facts and figures. Instead, ideas and writing of a mystical or poetic nature appeal. Research into religious or very idealistic subjects is indicated. As a child, daydreaming or woolgathering could cause his teacher some warranted concern! Your child may be a natural teacher, with an innate gift to communicate, but teach him to always separate fact from fantasy. Stress honesty in your household.

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.

Scorpio on Fourth 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.

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.

Sagittarius on Fifth 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.

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.

Aquarius on Sixth 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.

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.

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.

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Mars in Seventh House

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

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.

Pisces on Eighth House Cusp

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

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.

Aries on Ninth House Cusp

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

Sun in 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.

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!

Saturn in Ninth House

Please add these to your library: A subscription to National Geographic, a good encyclopedia, a Bible with easy to read print, a compendium of the world religions plus a few children's copies of the great religious dramas, such as the Hindu RAMAYANA. Additional recommendations: "Cultural Literacy" by Hirsch and a collection of the Shakespeare plays. Religion, philosophy, and truth are essential to your child's life. Or

conversely, (when afflicted) this position sometimes manifests as narrowness of thought, but the latter is not so prevalent unless the child is brought up in a puritanical, fanatical, or bigoted household. A college education or advanced vocational training may be necessary for him to fulfill his aspirations! (Start saving up your college fund now!) Squares to Saturn could point to obstacles to overcome in obtaining higher education. Your child likely will pose many a question of what is right and what is wrong and why. He could appear to others as too sober or religious. A favorable position for education, law, preaching and publishing. His career may somehow be linked with travel, foreigners, or import-export.

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.

Taurus on Tenth 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.

Mercury in Tenth House

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

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.

Gemini on Eleventh 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.

Jupiter in Eleventh House

Friends mean a lot to your child. More likely than not, your child is kind to them and concerned about their welfare. If well aspected, this placement confers popularity. Later, your child could make a career out of group or community work, anything involving attempts to bring large-scale and humanitarian dreams and ideas to reality. His ideals and inner vision keep what is best for everyone ever on his mind. Your child's friends may seek advice from him. With hard aspects, however, the advice may border on being impractical, eccentric, or radical. The child with Jupiter in the 11th house sometimes makes a point out of being different. He may take action to bring about positive reforms at school. You might test out Jupiter's strength by enrolling him in group activities such as Scouts, 4 H Club, or school fund raisers! A true humanitarian, your child will get along with children from all different backgrounds. This positions favors educators, actors, politicians, inventors, engineers, and traveling salesmen.

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.

Leo on Twelfth 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.

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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