

# AstroChild

Astrological Report for  
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## The Astrological Chart

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House System: Placidus

<u>Planet</u>	<u>Sign</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>House</u>	<u>House Cusps</u>
Sun	Aquarius	07°Aq25'	05th	01 22°Vi18'
Moon	Sagittarius	18°Sg19'	03rd	02 16°Li07'
Mercury	Aquarius	08°Aq12'	05th	03 15°Sc39'
Venus	Aquarius	29°Aq22'	06th	04 20°Sg24'
Mars	Cancer	00°Ca19'	10th	05 25°Cp54'
Jupiter	Libra	18°Li31'	02nd	06 26°Aq49'
Saturn	Aquarius	02°Aq00'	05th	07 22°Pi18'
Uranus	Pisces	13°Pi12'	06th	08 16°Ar07'
Neptune	Leo	09°Le38'	11th	09 15°Ta39'
Pluto	Sagittarius	17°Sg47'	03rd	10 20°Ge24'
Midheaven	Gemini	20°Ge24'		11 25°Ca54'
Ascendant	Virgo	22°Vi18'		12 26°Le49'

## 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.

Naturally modest, or perhaps a bit quiet and shy, your child may need deserved praise to build up his self-confidence. Virgo Rising children tend to be careful and precise, caring and responsible. A sense of perfection carried to the extreme can lead to anxiety. Virgo children may need your help seeing what's right instead of focusing immediately on what's wrong! Attention to detail, analytical (and probably mental, verbal) skills are their forte, and many children with this Rising are serious students. Most Virgo children are refined and neat. Mercury rules Virgo. If your child's Mercury is in a Fire sign, he could be quick to make decisions, but critical. Children with Virgo Rising who have Mercury in an Air sign, know how to mix with others. They can be quite persuasive in their speech or with their pen! If Mercury is found in a Water sign, the child could be emotional, critical of self, intuitive. When Mercury is in an Earth sign, he uses his mind to come up with practical solutions. He works hard.

*Virgo 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 Aquarius**

Aquarius is an Air sign on the feeling cross. Its symbol is The Waterbearer, who pours out the waters of life to all. Like other Air sign children, Aquarians are friendly and like to socialize. Aquarius is the sign of fraternity. Friendship and camaraderie mean a lot to the Aquarian child. You may discover that your child "never met a stranger" and don't

be surprised if among his friends are a few off-beat characters! He himself may be somehow unique, different, even perhaps eccentric! Because Aquarius is a mental sign on the fixed cross, your child may be stubborn about his ideas. He may insist upon doing things "my way"! On the positive side, once your little waterbearer makes a friend, his loyalty tends to be unwavering. Aquarians are known to be open-minded and democratic, but can become intolerant or aloof of what they perceive as lesser minds. Discourage a "know-it-all" attitude should it appear.

Aquarius is the sign of prophecy. It is said that Aquarians live in the future. They are inventive and innovative. If he can't find a kindred soul who understands his vision, the Aquarian child can feel quite alone. Because the Aquarian child may tend to live in his head, he may need help getting in touch with his own feelings. He may need to learn to be more sensitive to other children who are more emotional than he.

Your Aquarian child may be more interested in the world of thought and ideas than in sports and physical activity, but this is not a die-hard rule. Perhaps he takes to cycling, tennis, and running. Drama appeals to the Aquarian child. Many have a fascination for anything technological. Electronics, computers, space travel and alchemy may capture his attention. Especially if Mercury is in Aquarius, you may have a scientist ready to open new frontiers. Above all, the true Aquarian is progressive and enjoys putting into practice new ideas and reforms that help this world be a better place to live in. As he grows, he will want to keep abreast of the news. He may be searching for a cause.

Aquarius is the sign of freedom. Aquarian children love to be with people, but also demand time and space to be alone. Stress always that true freedom entails responsibility. He needs room to think, to create, to be, but he also needs to know from babyhood the difference between freedom and rebelliousness. Historical accounts and anecdotes are helpful in teaching the consequences of the right and wrong use of free will.

### **Sun Conjunction Saturn**

This placement confers a real love of science and natural laws. Your child may be a tireless worker with absolute determination and the ability to carry great projects through to completion. Always the protector to those he comes to know, your child likely is loyal to friends and will tend to have long and secure relationships. He is willing to take on more than his share of responsibility. Let him know you appreciate his help, but make sure he has time for play as well! Some children born with this aspect have to overcome some sort of handicap; perhaps a difficult social, physical or family situation. Later, the acquired self-discipline and striving can lead them to the top. Your child seeks your approval and support; be careful not to be unduly harsh or critical of him. There may be benefit, obligations, or potentially conflict with authority figures or with the father (or dominant parent).

### **Sun Opposition Neptune**

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

could be naturally devotional with mystical leanings.

### **The Moon: The Support System**

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

#### **Moon in Sagittarius**

Sagittarius is a Fire sign on the thinking cross. Its symbol is The Archer. Here is a child born with questions about almost everything. "Why" is often on his lips and he will probably travel near and far in his life, searching for answers. He feels he has a mission in life and enjoys early religious training. Moral issues concern him as well. Sagittarius is the sign signature for explorers and adventurers, philosophers, judges, historians, and priests. They're searchers.

Your child is apt to be freedom-loving, independent, and at times, even a trifle impulsive. Limitation, what's that? "Don't fence me in" is more like it! Unless other positions or aspects strongly indicate otherwise, the Moon in Sagittarius youngster is cheerful by nature, tending to look on the brighter side of life. He could be happy, even in austere settings. Nevertheless, your child needs to practice self-control to be successful. He needs to know how to pull in the reins of his mind. Hopefully, your child will have many fountains from which to draw the knowledge he is seeking, but discourage idle chatter. He loves to talk, but teach him to listen as well.

Children with the Moon in Sagittarius may feel justified in being blunt, but do not allow your child to be rude nor inconsiderate. He could resent physical restrictions such as playpens and boundaries, even school chairs and mental restrictions such as repetitive math and language drills but freedom without limits is no true freedom at all! Encourage patience and thoroughness in his work. The archer's arrow has to reach the mark! Your child has a strong imagination. He may have a love of horses and the outdoors. He could perceive the mother as joyful and expansive, a teacher. He could resent it if the mother is absent or if there's a lack of clear direction.

#### **Moon Sextile Jupiter**

Children with this aspect are often fortunate in that they rarely have trouble finding

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

### **Moon Square Uranus**

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

### **Moon Trine Neptune**

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

### **Moon Conjunction Pluto**

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

## **The Inner Planets: Mercury and Venus**

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

### **Mercury: The Mind and Communication**

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

### **Mercury in Aquarius**

Aquarius is an Air sign on the feeling cross. Its symbol is The Waterbearer. The Mercury in Aquarius child is typically an impartial thinker, democratic to the point of being impersonal. Fascinated by the latest technology, your child is likely to come up with very original and inventive ideas. While you may think he comes up with some pretty off-beat notions, why not test them out? The Aquarian mind is often prophetic, perceiving future trends. He could be simply ahead of his time. He tends to idealistic and believes in putting into practice what is preached. His mind is quick, he thinks on his feet, but he may seem strangely aloof at times. He is group-conscious, community-oriented, and a natural reformer. Mercury in Aquarius usually indicates ability in math and sciences. Your child could be quite stubborn, even willful, demanding space to do his own thing his own way. He does need space, its true, but emphasize the responsibility that accompanies true freedom.

### **Sun Conjunction Mercury**

When the Sun and Mercury are combined, they are said to be combust. Mercury

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

### **Mercury Conjunction Saturn**

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

### **Mercury Opposition Neptune**

The child with this aspect could be a real dreamer but may not necessarily always manage to put his vision into words. He could occasionally be accused of cloudy thinking and of letting his imagination run wild. Unless he learns to see people for what they are, there is a likelihood that he could get himself into situations in which he is disappointed, or disappoints others. Some clear thinking on his part could prevent others from getting the feeling that he is intentionally misleading them. This child may weave many a tale. Help your child sort out reality from fact. Insist he tell the truth! This aspect increases visualization and imagination and is conducive to any of the arts. Your child may, however, need guidance in subjects requiring logic and drills. He could have trouble paying attention, keeping his mind on what he is doing. He does better in an orderly environment. You will need to teach him good study skills. Reward him when his work is orderly, on time and complete!

### **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 Aquarius**

Aquarius is an air sign on the feeling cross. Its symbol is The Water bearer. Aquarian love is often misunderstood. At best, your child has a love for his fellow man, and will see good in all despite race, or creed, or background. Like Will Rogers, he never met a stranger! He loves to exchange ideas of an abstract nature, and is a thinker! Some may see him as a good friend, others may say he is aloof, preferring not get too personal or emotional. In truth, he is a friend's friend! Your child loves to work for a great cause or purpose, and for a better world for all. He has an innate sense of what's fair and democratic, and feels happiest when among friends or as a member of a community.

Your child may have acting talent. Sensitivity of heart and tolerance need to be developed with this placement. While he is apt to be popular, your child enjoys his space. He may avoid getting too personal or walk out of a relationship which feels too confining.

### **Venus Trine Mars**

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

### **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 Cancer**

Cancer is a Water sign on the action cross. Its symbol is The Crab. The child with Mars in this emotional sign needs to conquer fear of abandonment. He needs to feel secure within the family and secure within himself. He is extremely sensitive and tends to react from an emotional level. Because he takes things very personally, he often is defensive. If your child strikes out (the Cancer crab has claws!) at loved ones in a dogmatic and demanding manner, he may secretly fear being rejected. He may need to learn to look at his feelings more objectively. He needs to learn that he is responsible for his reactions and cannot justify wrong behavior because so-and-so said or did this or that! He needs constructive examples and guidance in knowing how to deal with his emotions when they well up within him. The degree of sensitivity experienced by the child with Mars in this water sign may be difficult for parents and teachers to understand unless the water element is emphasized in their own charts as well.

The Mars in Cancer child feels attached to his mother (the crab can cling as well). He is apt to be affectionate and caring. Let him know you love him, but encourage him to develop self-reliance and self-discipline. He needs to express his feelings. When the Mars in Cancer child holds in his anger and hurts (the crab hides in his shell) he sometimes gets indigestion and stomach problems. Many children with this placement are resourceful, imaginative and multi-talented. Your child likely loves family, children, and animals. He may enjoy cooking, repair work or carpentry. Motivated by feelings, the Mars in Cancer child can feel frustrated when he has to delay gratification. If he doesn't feel like it, he may find it hard to summon the gumption to get the job done! You can help him acquire the self-discipline he needs by providing him with structured activities, by teaching him to manage his time properly and by being consistent in seeing that he follows up on household chores and routines. With good aspects, he has common sense; if afflicted, he may need to work at it!

### **Venus Trine Mars**

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

### **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 Libra**

The Jupiter in Libra child likes dealing with people. Your child could later enjoy a career working with people as a go-between, negotiator, or mediator, for he tries to be all things to all people – the mirror. Unless he discovers what he wants to do apart from the opinions of others, he may find it difficult finding his niche in this world as an adult. Your child is a natural diplomat. As a child, he may help quarreling friends smooth over their differences. He looks toward relationships which are spiritual in nature and unless Jupiter is seriously afflicted, he tends to be cooperative and fair with his friends. A tendency to see both sides could make it hard for him to choose a career later on. This placement favors lawyers, diplomats, arbitrators and public relations personnel.

### **Moon Sextile Jupiter**

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

### **Saturn: Responsibilities**

Saturn rules the laws and limitations of this material world we all live in. Saturn indicates where we are bound to learn, the narrowness that makes our way felt, the walls that make homes possible. Saturn holds us together as much as apart. Saturn represents the law and is said to be the Great Teacher. Saturn defines and clarifies. Saturn represents the reality of life in the physical universe. We understand how vital it is that our children learn to accept responsibility, maintain their environment in order, finish homework and projects on time, learn how to delay gratification. Hopefully, they learn as they grow how to turn mistakes into lessons, obstacles into stepping stones to success. Saturn represents the father or dominant parent, all adults whom the child looks up to as authorities. Saturn represents the law of the land we're born into, the family rules and traditions and our own

innate or developed sense of fairness. Saturnian qualities are rarely self-evident in the small child. Children have to learn self-discipline, order, patience, obedience. This they do in cycles of time. Saturn represents the process of maturity, the outlines for growth presented to us by our teachers and our inner biological clock. Saturn by sign, house, aspect and Saturn cycles in your child's chart and in your own provide a wonderful blueprint whose design you can follow to help your children grow to be successful in this world.

### **Saturn in Aquarius**

Your child was born with Saturn, the Great Teacher, in the sign of freedom and innovation. Aquarius is the sign of invention and of the New Age. Saturn in Aquarius indicates mental concentration in the realm of new ideas and technology. Your child be interested in or excel in science, math and computer science. Children with this placement typically place a high premium on truth. During his youth, friends mean a lot to the Saturn in Aquarius child, and he picks them from a broad range of backgrounds! He tends to be loyal and trustworthy, and will defend a friend who he believes is falsely accused. Later, his group of friends may expand to encompass groups, organizations, fraternities and universities, local and universal causes. Aquarius always brings lessons in love. Children with this placement must learn tolerance and kindness from an early age. They need to allow room for others who may think or do things differently. Mental rigidity manifesting as intolerance, aloofness and intellectual pride are the potential pitfalls of this placement.

### **Sun Conjunction Saturn**

Perhaps your child is a touch too sober. Much depends on other aspects formed by the Sun and Saturn. But, he is not afraid to shoulder more than his share of responsibility. Your child may seem quite mature for his age. Even as a child, he will likely be more interested in meaningful work than in play. He can't wait to grow up and take the driver's seat and probably enjoys interacting with authorities, elders and teachers with great mutual respect. As a child, he could feel somewhat lonely because of this seriousness, but his hard-working nature will pay off in later years. A serious, perhaps difficult relationship with the father may be indicated. The father may be seen by the child as restrictive or excessively strict or absent. If Saturn and the Sun receive positive aspects as well, then perhaps the father is very supportive of the child. The child may perceive him as not only as his father, but also as his teacher and guide. Children with this aspect may be born "achievers," accustomed to an upward climb (although for most, this may not be apparent until they are older).

### **Mercury Conjunction Saturn**

Your child is apt to be very deliberate when it comes to words, to what he says and thinks. He takes learning seriously. If challenged, your child should enjoy schooling and learning. When he puts his mind to it, your child almost always comes up with what is essential to the matter at hand. He is anything but "frivolous," and his more serious approach to ideas, while welcome when there is mental work to do, may not always be appreciated when others are in more social moods. Your child could take life too

seriously. Belittlement from parents would carve a deep wound. Discussions about philosophy, religion, teaching and the like are right up his alley! This aspect also lends itself toward engineering, architecture, drafting, mathematics and research. Your child may be influenced by an older brother or sister.

### **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 Pisces**

Your child was born into a subgeneration that will offer us new insight into all mystical, occult, and religious matters – visionaries. They gravitate toward New Age methods of worship and service. They are very broad-minded in the areas of philosophy, music, drama, poetry, and the arts. They are also innovative in psychology. Theirs is the

quest to break free from the past and seek a higher road; new dreams, new reality. This is a great position for a career in movies and films. Teach your child to anchor his ideals, and to choose his friends wisely. With difficult aspects to personal planets, the child may tend to avoid confronting unpleasant realities. He could be unreliable or find others taking advantage of his kindness. Teach him to dive in the wave and conquer his problems, which otherwise could take on greater than life dimensions in his mind!

### **Moon Square Uranus**

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

### **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 Leo**

Neptune is in the sign of romance! This generation was in love with the drama and glamour of the movie star, hence "The Roaring Twenties." Forever on stage and always the center of attention, they floated with glitter and glamour. Life at its best for them is handsome, dramatic. As a group, they adore children, creative artists, and animals. This is a dangerous position for financial speculation; extravagance and impulsiveness could bring economic disaster. With contacts to personal planets, Neptune in Leo can indicate psychological or spiritual blind spots.

### **Sun Opposition Neptune**

Stress honesty in your household and telling it as it is. With this placement, your child may have a tendency to exaggerate, tell tall tales, or fabricate stories. Not necessarily due to dishonesty, but rather to extreme sensitivity to the harshness of the world. (Ann of Green Gables would be a good example.) Your child may long for the perfect place, the ideal relationship. Teach him not to be afraid to confront people and problems. Above all, teach him to believe in himself and his ability to stand, face and conquer! Your child is compassionate by nature but needs to learn not to throw his pearls before swine. He could

be quite gracious, with an ability to charm others. Sometimes, however, charm could turn to deceit, intentional or otherwise, if not checked. Emphasize honesty when dealing with others. Teach your child the importance of being reliable and on time.

### **Moon Trine Neptune**

Children born with this creative aspect often have a built-in sense of how to make other people happy. Your child is likely to be imaginative and sensitive to the moods of others. He picks up easily on other peoples vibrations and could be kind and compassionate. On the other hand, your child may need to learn not to let others take advantage of his good nature. He may need help separating out his dreams from reality. Your child may have artistic or musical talent, or enjoy listening to music. He might benefit from art, ballet, drama or music classes – some art form combining creativity and discipline. He is likely to feel close to his mother and relatives.

### **Mercury Opposition Neptune**

Is your child painstaking in his avoidance of all that is transcendental and smacks of the next world? Perhaps you'll find that your child goes out of his way to be clear-headed and practical and he may have little tolerance for the stuff of imagination and dreams. More often however, this is the aspect of the dreamer who may not feel 100% at home in this world, and who does in fact gravitate toward higher realms. An aspect of great devotion, the key to the harmonious resolution of this opposition is to practice being honest with oneself and with others. Children with this aspect may react fearfully, but may not necessarily understand or know how to express their deep feelings to parents. Music, writing, drama and other creative pursuits as well as religious devotions could help the Mercury/Neptune child uncover his emotions as well as develop his innate creative talent. Confusion of fact and fantasy could result in dishonesty. Place a high premium on telling the truth in your household.

### **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 Sagittarius**

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

#### **Moon Conjunction Pluto**

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

#### **Jupiter Sextile Pluto**

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

### **Uranus Square Pluto**

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

## **Challenges and Abilities**

### **Focus**

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

### **Moon Conjunction Pluto 00°32'**

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

### **Sun Conjunction Saturn 05°26'**

This placement confers a real love of science and natural laws. Your child may be a tireless worker with absolute determination and the ability to carry great projects through to completion. Always the protector to those he comes to know, your child likely is loyal to friends and will tend to have long and secure relationships. He is willing to take on more than his share of responsibility. Let him know you appreciate his help, but make sure he has time for play as well! Some children born with this aspect have to overcome some sort of handicap; perhaps a difficult social, physical or family situation. Later, the

acquired self-discipline and striving can lead them to the top. Your child seeks your approval and support; be careful not to be unduly harsh or critical of him. There may be benefit, obligations, or potentially conflict with authority figures or with the father (or dominant parent).

### **Mercury Conjunction Saturn 06°13'**

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

### **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.

### **Mercury Opposition Neptune 01°26'**

The child with this aspect could be a real dreamer but may not necessarily always manage to put his vision into words. He could occasionally be accused of cloudy thinking and of letting his imagination run wild. Unless he learns to see people for what they are, there is a likelihood that he could get himself into situations in which he is disappointed, or disappoints others. Some clear thinking on his part could prevent others from getting the feeling that he is intentionally misleading them. This child may weave many a tale. Help your child sort out reality from fact. Insist he tell the truth! This aspect increases visualization and imagination and is conducive to any of the arts. Your child may, however, need guidance in subjects requiring logic and drills. He could have trouble paying attention, keeping his mind on what he is doing. He does better in an orderly environment. You will need to teach him good study skills. Reward him when his work is orderly, on time and complete!

### **Sun Opposition Neptune 02°13'**

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

### **Moon Square Uranus 05°08'**

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

### **Talents and Abilities**

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

#### **Moon Sextile Jupiter 00°12'**

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

#### **Venus Trine Mars 00°57'**

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

#### **Moon Trine Neptune 08°41'**

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

### **Landscape: Major Life Periods**

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

#### **Your Personal Background**

By age 7, the child has absorbed an enormous amount of learning. His physical body has reached 70% of his growth potential. Permanent teeth (teeth relate to Saturn) begin to emerge. He passes from the absorbent mind stage into the stage of active reason. He is on his way to becoming an independent adult. Saturn represent rules and laws. At 7 years of age, Saturn forms its first square and you can expect your child "to test the law," at home and at school. Astrologically, this is a critical point in his development. Your child is somewhat of a late bloomer, spending his childhood up until the age of 11-12 in a pleasant and more social frame of mind. At that time he likely will turn away from the more outward scene and begin to take a greater interest in his inner, subjective life. At about age 14 or 15, Saturn opposes its own position in the chart and most teens pass through a kind of identity crisis. Balance is the keyword but the adolescent who says to himself, how can I be free to make my own decisions, but who is usually not ready to leave the nest! From the age of 11-12 until perhaps 18-19, your child is apt to find himself ever more on his own, quite inner-directed and increasingly more independent. From the age of 19 until 25-26, this will intensify even further and your child will examine and explore deep within himself. Those who love him may well worry, feeling your child is hard to reach and understand. He himself could feel too much on his own, even alone. This solitary period will end shortly after his 25th year, at which time he will begin to emerge and to build and move outward. His rise to social and material success may be quite remarkable from that point forward. His early thirties could be years of great success for your child.

#### **Your Current Situation**

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

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

### **The Elements, Modalities and Angularity**

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

#### **Have 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 Earth**

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

### **Have 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!

### **Want Cardinal**

Not a great starter, your child may have trouble initiating things and getting them moving. He may need your help in learning how to be more assertive and outgoing.

### **Have Succeedent**

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

### **Want Angular**

Your child could have difficulty getting outer recognition for his efforts or accomplishments. This doesn't mean they're worthless. It does mean he should throw his efforts into work or ventures he really loves doing.

## **House Activity and Emphasis**

The twelve houses of the horoscope, particularly when they are occupied by a planet, provide a clue to areas of special activity in the child's life and development. They paint a picture of the environment in which 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.

### **Virgo on First 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.

## **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.

### **Libra on Second 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.

### **Jupiter in Second House**

Watch out, this child will talk you into buying the sky! A natural salesman, he likes nice things! Values, that's the key phrase of this position! Never tire in instilling them. Teach your child good money habits. By itself, this Jupiter placement often indicates wealth and natural business ability. If afflicted, money may go out as soon as it came in! Your child's career or life-path may depend on his talent for responding and making

something out of ideas, insights... whatever is new and challenging. The business world may call for his ability to react and build on opportunities. Often Jupiter here signifies a love of travel or a desire to obtain the means to travel and have many experiences.

### **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.

#### **Scorpio on Third House Cusp**

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

#### **Moon in Third House**

Your child has a knack for putting the feelings of a group into words and may serve as the class spokesperson. Because the Moon (emotion) is in the house of mind (3rd), emotions may cloud objective thinking. Your child needs to learn to sort out his thoughts from his feelings. Experience will teach him not to act simply because he "feels like it." On the other hand, this placement confers intuitive insight. The Moon here may point to a nervous temperament (especially if in Gemini or Virgo). If so, work with the hands provides a steady counterbalance to an active mind. The Moon in the 3rd house may signify an important relationship with a brother or sister. This position favors travel, journalists, truck drivers, teachers, telephone operators, writers, radio announcers.

#### **Pluto in Third House**

You may nickname him, "Eagle Eye!" A good detective or research person, your child may be your best bet in finding that needle you misplaced! Children born with the research planet (Pluto) in the house of mind (3rd) often manifest an appetite for inquiry, questioning and searching and are adept at digging for some piece of information. Sometimes, there's a particularly close or difficult relationship with a brother or sister. If afflicted, Pluto's presence in the house of early schooling could point to blocks in learning that need to be surmounted.

### **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.

### **Sagittarius on Fourth 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.

## **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.

### **Capricorn on Fifth House Cusp**

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

### **Sun in Fifth House**

Your child is very expressive and outgoing when it comes to his feelings and emotions – he wears his heart on his sleeve. Indeed, he may be a bit of a clown! Creativity of all kinds is important to him – music, drama, art, poetry and street corner oratory!. Most of all, he wants attention, and will seek it one way or the other. It's best to give him opportunities to shine! he may have an innate love for animals and children. This placement lends itself to sports, teaching, the performing arts, work with young children, and managerial positions. If other aspects concur, your child may be interested in economics, stocks or banking.

### **Mercury in Fifth House**

Your child can express feelings and put emotions into words. This could give him a flair for the dramatic, public speaking, poetry, and the arts. He is proud of his mind and enjoys using it, solving puzzles and giving speeches – any creative mental outlet. He likes all kinds of games that make learning fun. Especially if Mercury is in a fixed sign, he may be quite reluctant to change his mind once set. If he turns into a class clown, he may be telling you he needs more of your attention! This placement is favorable for screen writers, advertisement and marketing positions, stock market analysts and art critics, sports announcers. Since the 5th is the house of young children, many lower school teachers have Mercury placed here.

### **Saturn in Fifth House**

The child with the planet of restrictions (Saturn) in the house of self-expression (5th) is likely to be loyal and true but may feel blocked in expressing his feelings. He may in fact be shy, especially if the Sun or Moon are in Virgo or in water signs. There may be stumbling blocks to expressing creativity. On the other hand, this position can lead to success in the arts by blending creativity (5th house) and production (Saturn), inspiration and form. This Saturn placement is considered favorable for architects if well aspected to Venus; Saturn here also favors teaching and school administrative positions; stockbrokers and financial consultants, and entertainers. Harshness from parents could result in blocks later on in expressing love.

## **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.

### **Venus in Sixth House**

Your child likes to do things with care and enjoys being discriminating and exact. His

critical faculties are excellent, and you he can generally pick out what is worth saving and what is not. You may find that your child has excellent taste in clothes! He appreciates a caring attitude and is service-oriented. The child with this Venus placement typically loves to bestow affection on pets! With the planet of love in the house of service, your child may express his love by doing favors for other people. He may choose acting or art as a career. This position is also favorable for employment in the clothing industry, furniture business, healing arts and service oriented jobs.

### **Uranus in Sixth House**

Stock up on microscopes, inventor sets and electronics kits. Uranus in the 6th often indicates an interest in science, electronics, computers, even research and programming. Often there is considerable ingenuity and/or mathematical ability. Uranus in the house of health sometimes points to an interest in homeopathy, alternate medicine and spiritual healing. If afflicted, Uranus here could show up as irritability or sudden or unusual health problems. Children with this placement may be restless. They may need help learning to quiet the mind and settle down to the task at hand. Especially if afflicted, the child may balk at routine chores and academic drills, preferring to place his attention on something new. Provide this child with challenging lessons. Nevertheless, be patient in teaching him good study and work habits. Self-discipline acquired during childhood will help him avoid the potential difficulties of this placement during adulthood: namely, instability in employment, discordant relationship with co-workers, health problems as a result of nervousness.

## **Seventh House: Relationships, Other People**

### **Seventh House**

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

### **Pisces on Seventh 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).

### **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.

#### **Aries on Eighth 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.

### **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.

#### **Taurus on Ninth 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.

### **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.

#### **Gemini on Tenth 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.

#### **Mars in Tenth House**

Your child is driven to manage and control things. An urge to organize and be practical amounts to a minor obsession. Career motivation is constant and relentless, and may manifest as an ambition to be #1 at school. If he forgets you're the boss (or that he is still a child), you'd best remind him! Some children with this placement are so resourceful (especially if Mars is in an earth sign or in Scorpio or Aries) that you might have to remember he is still a child yourself! Mars is powerfully placed here (accidentally exalted) and may indicate a career as a public servant, politician, manager or executive. Observe, and as opportunities arise, teach your child the correct use of power. Read him stories, fictional and real that speak of right leadership and of the fall from grace for those who lack humility! Mars in the 10th house favors corporate management, engineering and military professions as well.

### **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.

### **Cancer on Eleventh House Cusp**

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

### **Neptune in Eleventh House**

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

## **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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*For a compatibility report we require the birth data for the two parties involved.*