

# Child\*Star

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	Cancer	08°Ca38'	01st	01 01°Ca19'
Moon	Gemini	14°Ge57'	12th	02 16°Ca49'
Mercury	Cancer	18°Ca19'	02nd	03 03°Le02'
Venus	Cancer	13°Ca46'	01st	04 23°Le33'
Mars	Cancer	09°Ca05'	01st	05 24°Vi26'
Jupiter	Taurus	29°Ta58'	12th	06 13°Sc13'
Saturn	Taurus	26°Ta33'	12th	07 01°Cp19'
Uranus	Aquarius	20°Aq20'	09th	08 16°Cp49'
Neptune	Aquarius	05°Aq54'	09th	09 03°Aq02'
Pluto	Sagittarius	10°Sg48'	06th	10 23°Aq33'
Midheaven	Aquarius	23°Aq33'		11 24°Pi26'
Ascendant	Cancer	01°Ca19'		12 13°Ta13'

## Introduction

### I. CHILD\*STAR!!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Throughout the report, reference is made to planets receiving harmonious or challenging aspects. In astrology, trines and sextiles are considered aspects that indicate energy flowing in harmony. Squares point to challenges, blocks, internal frustrations and also pronounced talents. Oppositions indicate potential conflicts we resolve in the Tai-Chi of our interactions with others. We call squares and oppositions "dynamic aspects."

Here is where your child may meet her greatest challenges, but also where he may demonstrate his greatest strengths! In expressing and mastering the dynamic aspects, we grow and can realize our greatest achievements. Remember:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Some will walk through their childhood again through the pages of this report-finding, healing, and attuning with the child within.

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

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### **The Rising Sign**

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

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

*Cancer 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 Cancer**

Cancer is a Water sign on the action cross. Its symbol is The Crab. Cancers respond to being needed by caring for others. Water sign children are typically sensitive, responsive, affectionate and kind. Your Cancer child needs to feel secure. He is apt to need much love and reassurance, especially at home and from Mom. Learning how to

master their feelings is a lifelong endeavor for Cancerians, much abetted by the right training in early childhood. Where do we first learn love but in the arms of our mother? And who is first to teach us discipline but she? Cancerians need to exercise self-discipline to ride the waves of changing moods and emotions. Sulking, brooding, feeling sorry for oneself, justifying wrong behavior and all manner of self-indulgence are squalls best to be avoided! Assure your child that you love him but never give in to whining!

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

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

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

### **Sun Conjunction Venus**

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

### **Sun Conjunction Mars**

There is an accent on leadership and action. This combination confers abundant energy. Your child likely has natural athletic ability. Whatever the direction he chooses, he is determined to plough on until he reaches the goal! Your child may have a knack of getting into arguments or fights. Your child enjoys contests and will learn by pitting his physical or mental strength against others. He could be willful, stubborn, impulsive, too daring for his own good. If he learns to control his temper, he could be a dynamo! Teach your child respect for others and find ways for him to channel his energy into

accomplishments such as in sports or in creative projects demanding physical or mental stamina. Check out the affairs of the sign(s) and house(s) where the Sun and Mars are posited: your child will be is very active in these areas.

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

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

#### **Moon in Gemini**

Gemini is an Air sign on the thinking cross. Its symbol is The Twins. Your child is at home where there's lots of communication, investigation, travel and exploration. He could be fascinated by social interchange (and chattering too). He could enjoy reading and writing. One day, probably when he is a teenager, your child may ask for his own phone, which is fine but discourage him from idle talk and gossip.

Gemini energy is objective so children with this lunar placement tend to be more mental than emotional unless other aspects strongly indicate otherwise. Even if the latter be true, you'll find you can reach your child through reason. He needs to know he can talk to you. He needs to hear his thoughts, and he wants to know that he is understood.

This is the child that always asks you "why?." Your child enjoys variety and change. He may find it difficult to concentrate on one activity at a time. The Gemini youngster likes to get around, enjoys outings, and all types of transportation toys that allow him to be on the go! He may be a tinkerer, with a penchant for taking apart and putting things back together. Insist he finish the job and put it away before he gets into another project. Mechanical toys, puzzles, and later computers keep his busy hands and restless mind engaged for hours. Thinking, writing, researching, and science are favored. Plenty of learning occurs at home, or perhaps the parents are well educated. Geminis are natural teachers.

The Moon in Gemini child perceives his mother as busy and interested in his education. If afflicted, the child may feel a lack of emotional warmth from her, or may not be sure what's expected of him. In some cases, a sibling (Gemini) helps the mother (Moon) raise the child. The Moon's aspects could describe a close or difficult relationship with a brother or sister.

### **Moon Trine Uranus**

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

### **Moon 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 Opposition Pluto**

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

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

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

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

### **Sun Conjunction Mercury**

When the Sun and Mercury are combined, they are said to be combust. Mercury (mind) can be overpowered by so much solar radiance (Sun). The result can be impulsive speech or action, possible mental confusion or psychological blind spots (akin to the nature of the sign the Sun and Mercury are in). Nevertheless, if you give your child the right tools and training, you will most likely discover that 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 Venus**

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

### **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 Cancer**

Cancer is a Water sign on the action cross. Its symbol is The Crab. Homeward bound! With your child, the domestic scene is his nest! Children with Venus in Cancer like to feel secure. Your child is apt to be sensitive. He could be gracious and charming as well. The Venus in Cancer child likes demonstrative affection, but be careful not to smother or overindulge your child. If he receives plenty of love and support (and encouragement to be independent) as a youngster, he could later seek to nurture others. He loves music, and may have musical talent. Your child is sensitive and could be very emotional, even clingy. Teach him to let go of Mama's apron strings! He loves to cook as well! Many restaurant owners and chefs have Venus in Cancer!

### **Sun Conjunction Venus**

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

### **Mercury Conjunction Venus**

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

### **Venus Conjunction 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!

### **Sun Conjunction Mars**

Your child is a born doer, with an incredible drive to accomplish and achieve in life. When your child wants something, he goes after it, for his ambitions are backed up by the will to get things done. Your child can be very emotional, and others might find him a bit too assertive. He tries hard and he always pushes on toward whatever goals he has in mind. Even as a toddler, it's best not to let him flaunt anger. To be successful your child needs to curb drive with patience. Teach him to be kind and to show consideration for the needs of others. He could excel at sports.

### **Venus Conjunction Mars**

Children with this Venus/Mars contact generally enjoy life and value gusto and enthusiasm in those around them. Feelings are something your child is apt to express with ease, and he appreciates others doing the same. Emotional drama is valued rather than avoided. His appetite for action is probably well known, and well noted. Sports, outdoor activities, dance and everything physical are high on his list of favorite things to do.

### **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 Taurus**

The Jupiter in Taurus child is born with a green thumb in many areas, able to cultivate and nurture almost any project. Taurus is an earth sign ruled by Venus, the planet of love and beauty. Therefore, it's probable that your child likes beautiful things, jewelry and fine clothes. Making money may be second nature for him, and he is able to field ideas and bring forth growth and success. (Get him started on cookie sales, car washes and raffles!) he needs an understanding of the usefulness of money and things balanced with spiritual values lest he become attached to material goods. If your child is happy at home and senses his material and emotional needs are met, he can more easily let go of things. With afflictions, this placement can indicate complacency, especially if the child is over-indulged. In caring for his belongings, in learning to share, in handling his allowance, teach him to be a just steward. He likes to accumulate and may equate success with wealth. Jupiter in Taurus children will look to you for practical applications of religion and philosophy. Make sure you practice what you preach!

## **Saturn: Responsibilities**

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

## **Saturn in Taurus**

The great spiritual traditions of the East say that suffering is born of desire. Self-liberation comes from non-attachment to desire. People with Saturn in Taurus typically equate emotional security with material abundance. They can become very attached to their possessions. But, the snag is that the more attached they become, the more they fear losing their things, wealth or comfort. The balancing factor lies in the values acquired during childhood. The Saturn in Taurus child needs to learn to be a good steward of this world's goods. Later in life, he may enter banking, insurance or business management. He will look for a career that insures financial and material security. He is more patient than most, and willing to work hard to gain the objects of his desire. He may, however, find it difficult to share with other children. Remind him that, "It is far better to give than to

receive." Read him tales that teach the dangers of excessive materialism, such as the story of Midas and that of Scrooge. In *THE SOUND OF MUSIC* you will find a useful example of a family able to enjoy the good things in life, but who are able to walk away from it and maintain their happiness. Your child may be reluctant to give up his things, even when they have outgrown their usefulness. Teach him to clean out his closet to make room for something new!

### **Jupiter Conjunction Saturn**

Unless difficult aspects tie into this coupling, the Jupiter/Saturn conjunction is an excellent indicator of success, since opportunity and drive work together! If the child is given a broad base of learning in a structured environment he will benefit most from this aspect. This aspect comes around once every 20 years! Look up the sign Jupiter and Saturn are in to get a greater idea of their expression (Libra could be in close partnerships, PR work, and law). Check out the house position to see in what area of life these energies will work themselves out (1st house might be sports, self-expression; 2nd house, values and belongings; 3rd house, schooling, siblings, transportation and communication, etc.) As a group, your child and his schoolmates are interested in truth, religion, and philosophy. So, during childhood, your child would learn much from religious training, exposure to travel, different cultures, the lessons of history and an understanding of the law. Your child might tend to "overdo" it, whether in work or in play. He could find it hard to accept delays or obstacles in his projects.

### **The Outer Planets**

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

### **Uranus: Break-Thrus & Insights**

Uranus is the planet that indicates how we free ourselves from the difficulties and problems life presents us. Uranus represents our link to the higher mind, Universal Intelligence. Here is the way insights come to us, how we discover or come to know and understand ourselves. Uranian energy shows us how to find new uses for old things. It rules inventions and sudden insights into our life – everything that is unusual, eccentric,

and out of the ordinary. Uranus is, in many ways, the opposite, or undoing of Saturn. We look to Uranus in the child's chart to understand his personal sense of uniqueness, where he dares to be different. Uranus also may reveal individual genius, talent, interests. With hard aspects, or if Uranus is placed in the 1st, 4th, 7th, or 10th houses, we may have to deal with willfulness and/or rebelliousness in the child, or he may perceive himself as somehow different from the rest. Parents and teachers can help the child with strong Uranian aspects by providing him with avenues for individual expression and creativity, and by recognizing his natural bent to experiment with new ways of doing things. At the same time, the child needs to learn that there is no true freedom without accountability. Be consistent in applying the rules. He needs to know the consequences of his use of free will.

### **Uranus in Aquarius**

Your child was born into a subgeneration of people who, as a group, have a radical approach to communal interests and group work. Progressive, with insights into uniting humanity, they grasp the true meaning of democracy, and will add new dimensions of understanding to the changes effected by the generation before them. Mentally independent, they like to make their own decisions. If Uranus aspects personal planets, the child could be willful and stubborn, learning by the university of hard knocks or not at all! He needs to know the consequences of his right and wrong decisions. He would make a great networker and tends to work for the benefit of all.

### **Moon Trine Uranus**

Does your child march at a different beat? He may be an inventor, a real thinker, with a marked sense of his own uniqueness. Your child may attract friends that are scientific, "off-beat", and from all backgrounds. Perhaps he has a twinkle in his eye, an effervescent personality. Your child will ask for space to do it "my way." Its important that he learn as a child the consequences of the choices he makes and the difference between independence and rebelliousness. Your child may be a computer whiz or have a natural sense of electronics. He probably will ask for his own room. The mother may be eccentric, unique or innovative. When your child is older, he may seek new and different ways to make a living. He could have a unique angle on ecological and environmental issues, and is interested in larger or group concerns. He may have new ideas about the past, about history, and the role of the youth. Your child finds it easy to create an unusual environment, and enjoys surrounding himself with what is new and different.

### **Saturn Square Uranus**

Since Saturn represents father and authority and Uranus the urge to be free, your child could buck against parental authority and perceived restrictions. If personal planets tie into this square, this is almost surely the case. Since all his friends share the same aspect, your child is born into a sub-generation who break with tradition.

Some will grow to be world leaders. Stress the formula of the degree of responsibility being commensurate with the amount of independence granted. Sometimes this square manifests as fear of diving into new situations, particularly if parental control was excessive during childhood. Leave room for spontaneity!

## **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 Aquarius**

These are the children born into the dawning of a New Age of enlightenment and freedom! The age of Aquarius marks the ideal, a time of peace and freedom. Religion and science blend in enlightened leaders who represent the highest good. Plato's ideal of the Philosopher King come at last!

### **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.

### **Jupiter Trine Neptune**

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

## **Pluto: Inner Change and Growth**

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

lifetimes in one! The struggle of our century with nuclear power is a plutonian issue. Will this intense power be used as a dynamo of life or to devastate life? Stress the positive, be ready to help your child navigate through intense emotions he may feel, but not necessarily comprehend. Teach him to express this power wisely.

### **Pluto in 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 Opposition Pluto**

This aspect shows trials in relationships. Especially if the Moon is in Taurus and Pluto is in Scorpio, there is a need to learn to let go. The child with this aspect could be possessive of things or friends, or overly serious when it comes to interactions with others. He may keep his true feelings to himself. The Moon/Pluto child feels intensely but may withdraw if he perceives that he makes himself vulnerable by opening up to adults who (he feels) may not understand! Much depends on the relationships with the mother. Is the mother at home enough, does she see parenting as an excessive responsibility, or is she overly attached to doing everything for the child? When this is the case, the Moon/Pluto child may find it hard to tap into his own inner feelings and needs. If the relationship with the mother is healthy and balanced, this opposition could work out in adult life as a dynamo of creative potential.

### **Neptune Sextile Pluto**

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

## Challenges and Abilities

### Focus

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

#### **Sun Conjunction Mars 00°27'**

There is an accent on leadership and action. This combination confers abundant energy. Your child likely has natural athletic ability. Whatever the direction he chooses, he is determined to plough on until he reaches the goal! Your child may have a knack of getting into arguments or fights. Your child enjoys contests and will learn by pitting his physical or mental strength against others. He could be willful, stubborn, impulsive, too daring for his own good. If he learns to control his temper, he could be a dynamo! Teach your child respect for others and find ways for him to channel his energy into accomplishments such as in sports or in creative projects demanding physical or mental stamina. Check out the affairs of the sign(s) and house(s) where the Sun and Mars are posited: your child will be is very active in these areas.

#### **Mercury Conjunction Venus 04°33'**

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

#### **Venus Conjunction Mars 04°41'**

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.

#### **Sun Conjunction Venus 05°08'**

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

### Challenges

Life can be challenging, and things are not always easy. The major challenges in a

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

#### **Moon Opposition Pluto 04°09'**

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

#### **Talents and Abilities**

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

#### **Moon Trine Uranus 05°22'**

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

#### **Moon Trine Neptune 09°04'**

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**

Your child's early years, until the age of 11-12, may not be very easy. He could be a more inward and insecure youngster than average. The early teens should see the end of this stage and the beginning of a much more outward and self-confident one. 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! Puberty will bring a change of heart and direction aside from its expected effects. During his teens, your child will begin to sense his own strength and may discover himself at this time. What follows will be a time of learning, expanding his horizons until around the age of 18-19, at which time he will likely really begin to come into his own, both in a social sense and where his career is concerned. The years from 18-26 will be very strong. He could rise rapidly to a position of success. After that, he will become more inward, less concerned with outer success. A time for consolidation.

### **Your Current Situation**

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

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

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The date(s) (above) indicate when Saturn ended its transit through the 4th quadrant of your child's chart. Depending on his age, your child may have been very concerned with his reputation among his peers and with his teachers, parents and elders and with outer accomplishments. As Saturn enters his first house and crosses his Ascendant, you may discover that your child becomes more self-absorbed. He is entering a sensitive cycle, one in which he will initially at least be likely to be very sensitive to criticism and correction. He needs to affirm his sense of self-worth. Astrologer Alexander Ruperti points out that Saturn transiting the house of identity specifically symbolizes the place of the physical father, one's place within the family structure, and biological development. Roots, heritage and cultural traditions bear upon the child's perception of his identity. The child's perception of himself is also influenced by the degree of self-discipline he acquires, and again, this will depend partly on his age and abilities. The child is sensitive, more inward than not, concerned with his place in the order of things. Saturn's transit through the 1st quadrant lasts 6 to 7 years.

*Saturn in 01st Quadrant*

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

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

### **Have Water**

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

### **Want Fire**

If your child lacks an inner self-confidence, he could try to overcome this by defensive aggressiveness. He probably wishes he had more of the self-assurance his more fiery acquaintances display. Inspire in your child the joy to overcome all challenges. (A strong Mars or Sun, by sign, aspect or house position or a Fire Ascendant would compensate.)

### **Want Mutable**

Your child may lack flexibility, and could be more stubborn than not! He could have trouble adapting to situations or to the demands of those around him, and could put his foot in his mouth when he least needs it! Perhaps it's not easy for him to communicate or smooth over things. (A strong Mercury, Gemini, Virgo or Pisces Rising, the Sun, Moon or Ascendant in these signs or many planets in the 3rd, 9th, 6th or 12th houses could compensate.)

### **Have Cadent**

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

### **Want Succedent**

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

## **House Activity and Emphasis**

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

### **First House: Appearance, Approach**

#### **First House**

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

#### **Cancer on First House Cusp**

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

#### **Sun in First House**

Your child tends to be out front and personable. More likely than not, he is strong willed and even a little cocksure! Lessons in cooperating with others, in considering the feelings of others may come his way. Personal appearance and how others see him is

important to him. If supported by other factors on the chart, this is a position of leadership. Your child tends to be resourceful and may be athletic.

### **Venus in First House**

Watch out, here we have the born charmer! This Venus placement is considered fortunate since it generally confers a happy outlook on life. Your child values a good appearance and is conscious of how he comes across. He appreciates a personal approach. He has an inborn sense of refinement and enjoys beautiful clothes and things. He could be artistic or develop an appreciation for art. He knows how to make a good impression. This child will benefit by learning social graces at an early age. You may need to curb a tendency towards self-indulgence. This Venus placement is favorable for all occupations related to dramatic arts. Venus here may also be found in the charts of models, gem cutters, beauticians and businessmen and women.

### **Mars in First House**

The child born with Mars in the house of self (1st) has a strong drive to be seen and known – to communicate himself to others. Personal appearance (the way he comes across) is a motivating factor. He is probably athletic and may need sports to channel an abundance of energy. With hard squares to Uranus, he could be a bit of a daredevil but recklessness could lead to accidents! Other hard aspects could indicate a tendency to be egotistical, hence to get into fights. Children with this Mars placement tend to be self-starters but may need to learn to look before they leap! Sooner or later, he will see that patience has its reward! Generally speaking, children with this Mars placement like to first in line. You'll likely discover that your child learns best from direct experience. There is leadership potential here if humility is taught or acquired from childhood!

## **Second House: Possessions, Reactions**

### **Second House**

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

### **Cancer on Second House Cusp**

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

### **Mercury in Second House**

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

### **Third House: Inquiries, Communications**

#### **Third House**

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

#### **Leo on Third House Cusp**

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

### **Fourth House: Home, Family, Security**

#### **Fourth House**

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

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### **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.

#### **Virgo on Fifth House Cusp**

Virgo energy is analytical and precise, always separating what is worthwhile and worth supporting from that which is outmoded and of no further use. The affairs of the house with Virgo on the cusp reveal the area of life in which the child seeks to serve, and/or where he may take a systematic and detailed approach.

### **Sixth House: Responsibility, Work, Health**

#### **Sixth House**

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

#### **Scorpio on Sixth House Cusp**

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

## **Pluto in Sixth House**

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

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

### **Seventh House**

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

### **Capricorn on Seventh 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.

## **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.

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## **Ninth House: Religions, Philosophy, Ideas**

### **Ninth House**

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

### **Aquarius on Ninth House Cusp**

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

### **Uranus in Ninth House**

This is the position of a "freethinker," especially in the realm of law, religion and philosophy. Your child may have a sense of being on a quest or mission even as a tot! His inquiring mind could lead him to unique discoveries in religion, law, philosophy, science or electronics. Especially if well aspected to personal planets, his mind could be quick, ahead of his time. He could become easily bored with standard academic fare! Unless counter-indicated in the chart, he could be more interested in the bigger picture and sloppy about details. Be patient in helping your child follow guidelines of thoroughness and neatness in his schoolwork and chores. Insist he finish what he begins! The down side of this position is difficulty stilling one's thoughts, a mind-set that leans toward rebelliousness (although some great Revolutionaries have Uranus in the 9th house), a tendency to question rules and regulations. The child with this Uranus placement could

be independent and somewhat of a loner. He is likely to enjoy traveling.

### **Neptune in Ninth House**

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

## **Tenth House: Practical Vision, Vocation**

### **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.

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## **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.

### **Pisces on Eleventh House Cusp**

Pisces energy runs deep and toward the psychological – whatever is beneath the surface. Pisces is said to be related to the past, to memories and to karma. Pisces pertains to "hidden enemies" and also to illumination. The affairs of the house with Pisces on the cusp may signal an area of vulnerability in the chart, where your child could be subject to illusion, or where 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).

## **Twelfth House: Sacrifice, Psychology, Acceptance**

### **Twelfth House**

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

### **Taurus on Twelfth House Cusp**

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

### **Moon in Twelfth House**

The child with the Moon (emotions) in the 12th house (retreats, the subconscious, the past) looks to the world to reflect back to him the inner beauty he feels inside. When the

environment is harsh, discordant, unsupportive (or so perceived), the child with this placement may retreat within himself. He is likely to be shy. Because he is highly sensitive and tends to pick up easily on vibrations, he can feel overwhelmed by fear. Many of his fears, however, are illusory. Adults can easily be perplexed by this child's behavior. Therefore, encourage your child to communicate openly with you so you can allay his fears and soothe his hurt feelings. (Discourage, however, self-pity and whining). The more peaceful the home situation, the more likely is the child to rise above the difficulties born of a sensitive nature. Your child could benefit through periods of meditation. He may enjoy listening to classical music. A born psychologist, that's him! On the positive side, the Moon in this house confers a vivid imagination, and if other factors in the chart confirm, could indicate artistic aptitude or appreciation. Some children with the Moon in the 12th house have a good sense of humor, although the object of the joke may more often than not, be themselves! Your child may find himself counseling or ministering to others, helping them to understand and resolve their problems, even as a youngster. This child is very sensitive and needs a strong sense of security and self-esteem to banish fears that might haunt him. This placement favors the healing professions, working in retreats and hospitals, working behind the scenes, film production.

#### **Jupiter in Twelfth House**

"Wisdom from the mouths of babes!" Your child's intuitive grasp of the situation may belie his years. One day your child could excel in a career that involves understanding and self-sacrifice. Psychology, counseling – guiding others to be forgiving and accepting – may be a special skill that he learns to wield. Because this placement indicates a desire to help out those less fortunate, missionary or hospital work, social and welfare work and the like are possible. Your child may spend time in a spiritual community, university setting or retreat (in childhood or in adult life or both)! The down side to this position is that through pity and/or gullibility, your child could allow others to take advantage of his kind disposition. Teach him discernment in his choice of companions. Volunteer work may appeal to him. Your child could have strong religious convictions, perhaps a mystical nature. Jupiter here signifies help from hidden sources.

#### **Saturn in Twelfth House**

Your child is very serious when it comes to self-sacrifice and doing all he can to make things easier for other people. As an adult he may be attracted to pursue psychology and/or metaphysical studies. He is quite painstaking when it comes to giving to and helping others. Because he is so sensitive, he could be easily disappointed or discouraged when friends don't seem to respond in kind. Teach him to hold his head up high and not to "throw his pearls before swine." Encourage your child to talk openly with you about any fears he may be experiencing and help him learn to let go of them! This placement is common in the charts of hospital personnel, doctors, nurses, social workers. Saturn in the house of retreats (12th) may indicate "working behind the scenes" such as government jobs dealing with confidential information, movie production and ghost writing.