

Child*Star

Astrological Report for
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The Astrological Chart

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<u>Planet</u>	<u>Sign</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>House</u>	<u>House Cusps</u>
Sun	Capricorn	08°Cp58'	04th	01 24°Vi25'
Moon	Sagittarius	22°Sg23'	03rd	02 21°Li17'
Mercury	Capricorn	26°Cp26'	05th	03 21°Sc36'
Venus	Scorpio	28°Sc32'	03rd	04 23°Sg56'
Mars	Gemini	17°Ge34'	09th	05 26°Cp19'
Jupiter	Aries	15°Ar29'	07th	06 26°Aq53'
Saturn	Leo	01°Le07'	11th	07 24°Pi25'
Uranus	Scorpio	06°Sc21'	02nd	08 21°Ar17'
Neptune	Sagittarius	12°Sg30'	03rd	09 21°Ta36'
Pluto	Libra	11°Li39'	01st	10 23°Ge56'
Midheaven	Gemini	23°Ge56'		11 26°Ca19'
Ascendant	Virgo	24°Vi25'		12 26°Le53'

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Introduction

I. CHILD*STAR!!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Another type of cross-reference is necessary when a planet receives more than one kind of aspect. For example, a child with Mars square Saturn can feel blocked,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The Rising Sign

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

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

Virgo Rising

Planet Aspects

The Lights: The Sun and Moon

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

The Sun: Your Self and Future

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

dominant parent. Both, however, are dynamic positions indicating leadership potential.

Sun in Capricorn

Capricorn is an Earth sign on the action cross. Its symbol is The Goat (who climbs to the summit on his knees). There is an astrological saying that Capricorns are old when they're young, and young when they're old. Generally speaking, the Capricorn child is not too emotional, but rather objective, businesslike, and self-disciplined. The climber seems to have been born "grown-up." He is mature, reliable, and has a natural sense of duty. Especially if he is the oldest child, the Capricorn child may be delegated much responsibility. While Capricorn children generally enjoy this early sense of power, they need to be given assignments appropriate for their age and ability.

Your little Capricorn may need more affection than you suspect. Even if he appears quite serious, he needs time for play. Let your Capricorn youngster know that you love him for who he is, not just for what he does. Happy when in command, the Capricorn child enjoys management roles. He might enjoy helping out in the family business or helping Mom manage the house! He will be attracted to grown-up "toys" such as calculators, computers and Daddy's tools.

Born into the earth element, Capricorn children like to construct and build things. He is in his element in the sandbox. Among his favorite toys could be an erector set, a carpentry set, tools for building sand castles and a box of building blocks (or something that mimics your work since he likes to be grown-up)! He likes to find ways to make the best use of whatever is available.

Power is the Capricorn keyword and your child will need opportunities to wield it and to learn its right use. The Capricorn child may find it frustrating to not be the one in charge, but time will teach him patience! Teach him that Capricorn relates to the knees, showing the need to be humble. Anger, criticism, complaining, and negative thinking are misuses of the Capricorn light. Hopefully these negatives can be nipped in the bud and turned around should they appear!

Because he is responsible, he tends to assume the blame whether he merits it or not! Be gentle with your little Capricorn. Judgmental remarks and/or harsh treatment from parents and teachers can leave lifetime scars. He seeks spiritual transcendency through conquering the material world and will look to the father or dominant parent as his role model. Government or managerial positions may be his calling. Above all, teach him to balance material aims with spiritual values (the ends don't justify the means), to work for the good of all and to acknowledge that

the source of power comes from within.

Sun Square Jupiter

Your child is likely to be enthusiastic and "Sunny." He could be generous, friendly and cheerful. He might have a fair share of bravado and self-confidence. He could also radiate much energy and could probably benefit by plenty of exercise and outdoor play. Nevertheless, until he resolves this aspect, your child may display a tendency, or perhaps a knack, for ignoring good advice. More than once, he may find himself at odds with the correct, or prescribed way of doing things. This could manifest in a problem with authority figures. For example, he may tend to resent or resist the suggestions of his elders, perhaps his father. The father, however, for better or for worse, often sets the pattern influencing the child's behavior.

Your child could be generous but may tend to go overboard, be extravagant, take on too much too soon. Be patient in teaching your child common sense and economy. Teach him to accept responsibility, tackle one job at a time and to finish what he begins. (Positive Saturn aspects might provide the key for helping your child develop self-discipline.)

Sun Sextile Uranus

Positive Sun/Uranus aspects often indicate leadership potential. Your child may be very magnetic, others being drawn to him. He is not afraid to be different, and may indeed be a "trendsetter." Later in life he is likely to be interested in some kind of social or political reform. Children with this aspect typically love whatever is new or unusual, and breakthrough flashes of original insight are typical. Your child is likely to be creative with a natural love for inventions, electronics, computer science and the like. Your child will appreciate independence and originality in others, especially in a friend, and may tend to have novel companions who are very likely male. Your child is apt to have an inventive mind but could lose interest at school if the subject matter isn't stimulating. Problems at school could arise because he may somehow not fit in with the prescribed way of doing things. Your child likes to keep things spontaneous, and he probably keep you hopping! Nevertheless, you'd do well to train him to finish what he begins and to look before he leaps! Sometimes Sun/Uranus aspects describe the father as being radical, eccentric, highly individualistic or somehow unusual. Note: if Saturn is well aspected, your child is more apt to have his feet on the ground!

Sun Square Pluto

This is an aspect of confrontation. The child has lessons to learn in cooperating and dealing harmoniously with others. Perhaps he feels threatened and shy, or perhaps he tends to be demanding of loved ones. He could tend toward explosions and could have strong disagreements with authority figures. Some children with this aspect express themselves in such a forceful manner that others feel taken aback! Avoid threatening, coercing or putting down this child. The better he feels about himself, the greater chance he will have of mastering this aspect! When channeled constructively, this aspect can lead to profound self-awareness and leadership potential.

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 Sagittarius

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

Your child is apt to be freedom-loving, independent, and at times, even a trifle impulsive. Limitation, what's that? "Don't fence me in" is more like it! Unless other positions or aspects strongly indicate otherwise, the Moon in Sagittarius youngster is cheerful by nature, tending to look on the brighter side of life. He could be happy, even in austere settings. Nevertheless, your child needs to practice self-control to

be successful. He needs to know how to pull in the reins of his mind. Hopefully, your child will have many fountains from which to draw the knowledge he is seeking, but discourage idle chatter. He loves to talk, but teach him to listen as well.

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

Moon Opposition Mars

This aspect indicates that temper gets in the way of harmonious relationships. Often there are lessons to be learned in cooperation, in meeting the other fellow halfway. The child with this aspect could be touchy, tending to make a mountain out of a molehill and/or to take things very personally. He could be very defensive. He needs your help working out his feelings objectively, and this will demand much patience and CONSISTENCY on your part. This aspect has to do with the working out of anger and emotions. Some children with this contact have trouble accepting: "not now" or "no, you may not" or "you must wait" and may even be prone to temper tantrums. This may not be the case with your child, but if it is its best that you don't tie into outbursts by taking it personally. He needs to learn to delay gratification and accept responsibility. M. Scott Peck, MD has some very constructive advice on this point and I recommend you read his book, *The Road Less Traveled*. It's best not to threaten this child with disciplines you don't plan to carry out. Usually this happens when parents are too busy or when the disciplines are unrealistic. The Moon represents the mother. Perhaps she is creative but tends to have a short fuse, herself! There could be conflicts with the mother (and later with important partners.) Teach your child not to kill a fly with a bowling ball! He likely is very active. If he learns self-control and patience during childhood, he could accomplish a great deal and may have qualities of leadership! For some children, however, this aspect could mean that action (Mars) may be blocked by emotions (Moon).

Moon Trine Jupiter

Children with this aspect are often fortunate in that they rarely have trouble finding support and approval from others. Your child may find that working with people is what he wants to do when he grows up! Whether professionally or not, he

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

Moon Conjunction 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.

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 Capricorn

Capricorn is an Earth sign on the action cross. Its symbol is The Goat. The Mercury in Capricorn child typically has a very clear and analytical mind and is able to grasp ideas and put them to work at once. He has good management and supervisory ability. Using cold reason, he may not be much moved by emotions, and is generally pragmatic. At school, your child likely will prefer concrete subjects to "grand ideas" and flights of fancy. (Although this is less true if his Sun is in Sagittarius) he could be too critical of self, work or of his teacher and curriculum. Teach him to balance material ambitions with spiritual values, and that the ends do not justify the means!

Mercury Sextile Venus

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

Mercury Opposition Saturn

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

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 Scorpio

Scorpio is a Water sign on the feeling cross. Its symbols are The Scorpion, The Phoenix and The Eagle. Venus in Scorpio children feel intensely and are rarely, if ever, lukewarm when it comes to emotions and desires. Your child may need a deep bonding with the mother. He is a staunch and loyal friend, but may be prone to dominate others. He could be possessive, not wanting to share Mom or his best friend (or his belongings) with anybody else! All that is mysterious, intriguing, secretive likely appeals to him. Your child has great personal magnetism. One thing he is not is dull. Later in life, money and influence may figure into his equation as well as politics. He needs sound moral values. Lessons in letting go of desire (delaying gratification), in sharing resources, and right conduct with the opposite sex will help him avoid the pitfalls of this placement – emotional and sexual excesses, jealousy and possessiveness – when he is older.

Mercury Sextile Venus

Children with this positive Mercury/Venus aspect typically enjoy working with words and ideas and have a natural appreciation for anything that is literary or artistic. Your child's sense of discernment when it comes to matters of literary and intellectual taste (if developed) is very refined. He could write poetry or prose, and he likely places a very high value on the written word. He enjoys nothing more than a good conversation and may be very adept at speaking and communicating. Your child loves learning! He could excel at fields dealing with people, or in public relations. Song or screen writing also may be indicated. A daily journal would help him develop his ideas and express his inner thoughts and feelings. Your child may enjoy a close relationship to a brother or sister.

Venus Trine Saturn

This is the child who enjoys responsibility, and loves to bring order and discipline to anything (or anyone) with whom he is involved. Even in a more open chart, this aspect adds a measure of restraint. The child's friends may tend to be older than he. He probably gets along well with his elders. The child could have marked artistic talent. Even if your child doesn't end up being an artist or performer, teaching him a skill such as painting, dancing or singing in a disciplined manner over a period of time will help develop character. Your child is loyal to loved ones. On the negative side, some children with this Venus/Saturn contact find it hard to express their feelings. Others may feel unappreciated or unloved. Your child may need more affection than you suspect.

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 Gemini

Gemini is an Air sign on the thinking cross. Its symbol is The Twins. The Mars in Gemini child is motivated toward mental accomplishments. He typically loves to learn and loves to teach his findings. Communication of all kinds – speaking, writing, phones, walkie-talkies, visits and socializing – provide him with the means of disseminating information. He may have too many irons in the fire at once. He can be all over the place, always trying to make one more connection. Make sure he finishes what he begins before he begins something else although he may be deft at doing more than one job at a time! (As an adult, he may hold two or more jobs simultaneously.)

Speaking and writing come naturally to him as well as the ability to pick up foreign languages. Gemini rules the hands. You may find your child uses many gestures in speaking including a tap-tap-tap with his fingers on the table which says, "Hurry up, Mom, this is taking too long!" your child has a need for lots of variety, a change of pace. He tends to be restless, even nervous, but needs to learn to take a breath and be at peace.

Your child may be witty and clever. Nevertheless, be patient in teaching him to control his tongue! Sometimes, this position inclines to argumentation and rude speech or worse yet, to gossip. Because he enjoys changes of scenery, he delights in trying out different forms of transportation, from strollers, tricycles and roller blades to cars and train rides.

Children with Mars in Gemini often have fine motor abilities. Working with the hands helps him focus his mind. Teach him that there's a place for everything, for everything a place and you'll be doing him a service for life! Especially if afflicted, keeping his room clean (with countless books and objects) may prove challenging to both of you! Brothers and/or sisters may play an important role in your child's life.

Moon Opposition Mars

Does your child have brothers and sisters? If so, he may have ample opportunity to work on mastering this aspect which demands one learn to share and work harmoniously with others! Opposition always challenges us to bring the yin and yang forces within ourselves into harmony through interactions with other people. Study the signs involved to gain greater insight into the nature of this opposition which basically points to potential conflict between desire and right action. Relationships tend to be intense or marked by crisis. It all begins in the sandbox so observe your child and see; is he argumentative, excessively competitive in class, impulsive or irritable? Does he tend to want to overthrow the applecart and do it his way, alienating friends and elders? He needs to learn to be at peace with himself and must work at acquiring a sense of moderation and

balance in all things.

The patient mother can help her child work out this aspect and thus avoid difficulties in relationships later in life. Often, however, the conflict has its roots in the relationship with the mother. Avoid long lectures and harangues when disciplining your child. State the facts and what the consequences are but stay clear of diatribes! When pointing out misbehavior, let him know its the behavior you object to, not him! Speak with love. If you control your own anger, your child has a better chance of learning to control his!

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Mars Trine Pluto

The child with this aspect may have great perseverance and staying power. He may have a drive to delve into the unknown. The cosmos has real trouble keeping secrets from him once he has made his mind up to investigate! You may find that your child is brave and works well in a crisis. He could be self-motivated. This aspect indicates potential leadership ability. Negatively, drive is so powerful here that when the child doesn't get his way, he could be manipulative or even dishonest. He could need help learning how to deal with anger. The relationship with the father could influence relationships with men and authorities in general. Study well the signs and house positions: Pluto and Mars will intensify the qualities/challenges of the signs and houses in which they are posited.

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 Aries

Jupiter in this sign shows the capacity to lead others, especially in education, religion and law. This placement indicates positive action. In a strong natal chart, and especially if fire and air predominate, Jupiter in Aries will add inspiration and confidence. To more timid souls, and especially if water and earth predominate, this position imparts some degree of self-assurance. The child with Jupiter in the Sign of the Ram may jump into new experiences eagerly. Particularly if Jupiter aspects one of the "personal planets," an "I can do anything" attitude certainly inspires others, but could get him into trouble as well! He could rush in where

angels fear to tread, confident all will somehow work out! Success for him in most things is second nature. Your child may overextend himself, promising more than he can realistically deliver. Teach him the wisdom of planning. To be happy, he has to fulfill his own aspirations. Your child may be a born crusader.

Sun Square Jupiter

The value of good timing and realism are keys best taught your child from birth! With good Saturn placements, your child may know just how to balance enthusiasm with diligence and self-discipline. Considered by itself, this aspect can lead to a tendency to go "over-board," to be wasteful or extravagant. Due to an inflated sense of self-importance, advice from elders could fall by the wayside. If this is the case, then your child would in effect, to use an old adage, be his own (at times) worst enemy. As parents you need to be realistic in your own aspirations for him. In addition, there is a possibility of difficulty with authorities and elders. He must learn to listen (at least once in awhile) to advice given to him in his own best interests!

Moon Trine Jupiter

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

Mars Sextile Jupiter

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

Saturn: Responsibilities

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

Saturn in Leo

The Saturn in Leo child learns responsibility through assuming leadership roles. Especially if his basic personality is outgoing, he likes to head the line and lead the parade! As with all Leo placements, he will need to learn to balance his natural inclination for recognition with sensitivity to others and a willingness to serve (even if it's not his most favorite chore!) This placement confers both drive and dignity, courage and reserve. If afflicted, and especially if the personality is more timid, the Saturn in Leo child could be afraid to follow his own heart and to express his true emotions. Instead, he may try to always keep his emotions in control. He could be shy when it comes to giving and receiving love. Participating in school plays could help him loosen up and show his true colors. Conversely, he could be bossy and pompous (like the boy in Captain Courageous). Your child needs proper values regarding love, romance and money. Saturn in Leo could indicate a career in the military, in education, in theater, or in banking. In whatever field he chooses, he will seek a position of power and respect. The relationship with the father is vital. Your child will look to him as a role model.

Mercury Opposition Saturn

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

lest 10 be going simultaneously and not a one completed! Talking back and endless chatter best be discouraged. If in cardinal signs (Aries/Libra), help him acquire self-control over the mind and mouth. With Cancer/Capricorn, overcoming shyness may be in order. Condemnation from parents would affect him (negatively) deeply. If in fixed signs (Taurus/Scorpio or Leo/Aquarius) concentration may be great but mental willfulness may get in the way of communication with teachers and parents. Your child might be quite smart, but is he willing to listen to someone else's opinion? You may find it hard convincing him that he doesn't have all the answers all the time! Teach him to look at the brighter side of life. Your child could have real mental acumen and even become a teacher and/or specialist in his field.

Venus Trine Saturn

Your child could be an excellent teacher in areas requiring discipline and organization. He values order and places a high premium on hard work and effort. Whatever is most practical is best. He is apt to appreciate things that are durable and long-lasting. Your child has a natural love of truth, philosophy, law, and the like. This is considered a favorable aspect for architects, designers, teachers (especially of music or art), and performing artists since discipline/structure/form (Saturn) and art/beauty/relationships with others (Venus) are harmoniously linked. This Venus/Saturn aspect also favors lawyers, bankers, and real estate agents. Endowed with common sense and understanding, your child should be responsible and caring. His friends are apt to be older than he.

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 Scorpio

Your child was born into a subgeneration destined to pass through a time of tremendous world changes. As a group they are up to the challenge, being remarkably resourceful. All things mystical and occult hold their interest. Teach your child, "let all your desires be good desires." Teach him to "Say no to drugs." He needs to be taught the rules of right conduct between the sexes. With positive aspects to personal planets, you may see scientific brilliance, musical ability, mechanical ability, deep compassion and/or original talent. Dynamic aspects can be powerful, but explosive.

Sun Sextile Uranus

Your child works well with those in authority who are independent and original. He comes up with some very unique ideas, but may scoff at rules or tradition. As he grows, you may discover that he is magnetized to nonconformist causes, New Age movements, or social reform. He likes radical approaches, and is curious about whatever new-wave product or breakthrough advance is next in line. Communication, computers, electronics, and everything new-wave is what excites him. Aviation, rockets, missiles and the like may also catch his imagination. Your child is inventive. Provide him with the tools to invent, discover, tinker. At school, hopefully his teachers will recognize his unique approach! Your child could

discover new ways of working with traditional materials.

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 Sagittarius

Your child was born into a generation who collectively are "seekers." They seek a broad understanding of culture, philosophy and religion and will look to ensoul universal rather than sectarian truths. Many will be world travelers. Even in a more introverted chart, this placement confers a degree of fairness and broad-mindedness. Your child may have a love of camping, survival treks, and may be sports-minded. Many of these children will explore esoteric religions and gnosis. As they do, help them keep tethered to their studies and practical chores! Especially if Neptune afflicts personal planets (Mercury in particular), the child may need help in finishing his tasks and in concentrating on his studies.

Mars Opposition Neptune

What do I want? And should I want it? And how do I get started? Desire is the test here, as well as discernment and the ability to overcome temptation. Your child needs to be anchored in the here and now. He needs to be brave enough to handle confrontations and stand up for his ideals. Teach him to separate the real from the unreal. Your child may need encouragement and may have to practice keeping his spirits up when the going gets rough (a friend's moves, a not so great grade, etc.) Teach him how to confront and resolve problems. Let him know early on the dangers of drugs and alcohol. This aspect lends itself toward acting and other professions where a good imagination pays off! It can also be found in the charts of clergy and leaders of spiritual organizations and in military charts. Teach your child to know his self-worth, and to know the value of things; he could be careless with money, or indiscriminate in his interactions with others.

Jupiter 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 Libra

Change and inner growth come to this group through close relationships, both

friends and lovers. Perhaps this generation of children were influenced (or disturbed) by the high divorce rate among their parents who had Neptune in Libra. Collectively, they will take marriage seriously. Your child will likely seek to get to the heart of a relationship each and every time. This group will bring sweeping changes into our justice system and foreign relations. The downfall of Libra is dishonesty. Place a high premium on truth in your household.

Sun Square Pluto

Perhaps he needs to be "King of the Sandbox" or perhaps he needs to be in control of his environment. He could be bossy with friends, demanding of parents. He could have quite a temper to boot! On the other hand, sometimes this challenging square manifests as shyness, an attempt to avoid confronting life at the personal level, leading to frustration. Watch and observe your child, but the bottom line is a need to "let go." Much depends on the interaction with and example of the father and other authority figures during childhood. There is much power locked in this square. The child who is taught humility and purpose during youth could unlock the tremendous potential of this square and be a leader in adulthood.

Mars Trine Pluto

Find out what makes your child tick because once he sees the target he goes for it! Unless other hard aspects indicate otherwise, your child has plenty of drive and self-confidence. If in water signs, your child may have persuasive powers or musical talent! This is considered an excellent aspect in a detective or military chart. A problem solver's aspect, this Mars/Pluto combination gives courage to face problems squarely and an abundance of physical energy. Your child may find his niche in karate, ballet, baseball and other sports. As your child matures, you may discover that he has a natural grasp for political issues, for handling the public, and knowing how to get his way. His drive in these areas may amount to a passion.

Jupiter Opposition Pluto

This opposition deals with balancing one's need for inner growth and change with the demands, opinions, or dogmas of others. There is a need to be humble enough to listen to what others think. Often there is a strong sense of injustice, a desire to change the world! Your child is likely to question just about everything as he grows. He probably will have strong convictions and beliefs. Pitfalls of this opposition would be a self-righteous or know-it-all attitude, a desire to control others but not be controlled. At best, respect for others' views and rights leads to success. Your child would benefit by lessons in right stewardship of funds during

youth.

Neptune Sextile Pluto

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

Challenges and Abilities

Focus

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

Moon Conjunction Neptune 09°52'

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.

Challenges

Life can be challenging, and things are not always easy. The major challenges in a natal chart are where we can expect increased activity and personal involvement – ready or not. These critical areas of life can be difficult, and the resulting confusion and possible obscuration often makes it hard for us to see and act with normal clarity. Some of these aspects are apparent in little children, others

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

Sun Square Pluto 02°41'

This is an aspect of confrontation. The child has lessons to learn in cooperating and dealing harmoniously with others. Perhaps he feels threatened and shy, or perhaps he tends to be demanding of loved ones. He could tend toward explosions and could have strong disagreements with authority figures. Some children with this aspect express themselves in such a forceful manner that others feel taken aback! Avoid threatening, coercing or putting down this child. The better he feels about himself, the greater chance he will have of mastering this aspect! When channeled constructively, this aspect can lead to profound self-awareness and leadership potential.

Mercury Opposition Saturn 04°41'

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

Moon Opposition Mars 04°49'

This aspect indicates that temper gets in the way of harmonious relationships. Often there are lessons to be learned in cooperation, in meeting the other fellow halfway. The child with this aspect could be touchy, tending to make a mountain out of a molehill and/or to take things very personally. He could be very defensive. He needs your help working out his feelings objectively, and this will demand much patience and CONSISTENCY on your part. This aspect has to do with the working out of anger and emotions. Some children with this contact have trouble accepting: "not now" or "no, you may not" or "you must wait" and may even be prone to temper tantrums. This may not be the case with your child, but if it is its best that you don't tie into outbursts by taking it personally. He needs to learn to delay gratification and accept responsibility. M. Scott Peck, MD has some very constructive advice on this point and I recommend you read his book, *The Road Less Traveled*. It's best not to threaten this child with disciplines you don't plan to

carry out. Usually this happens when parents are too busy or when the disciplines are unrealistic. The Moon represents the mother. Perhaps she is creative but tends to have a short fuse, herself! There could be conflicts with the mother (and later with important partners.) Teach your child not to kill a fly with a bowling ball! He likely is very active. If he learns self-control and patience during childhood, he could accomplish a great deal and may have qualities of leadership! For some children, however, this aspect could mean that action (Mars) may be blocked by emotions (Moon).

Mars Opposition Neptune 05°04'

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Sun Square Jupiter 06°31'

Your child is likely to be enthusiastic and "Sunny." He could be generous, friendly and cheerful. He might have a fair share of bravado and self-confidence. He could also radiate much energy and could probably benefit by plenty of exercise and outdoor play. Nevertheless, until he resolves this aspect, your child may display a tendency, or perhaps a knack, for ignoring good advice. More than once, he may find himself at odds with the correct, or prescribed way of doing things. This could manifest in a problem with authority figures. For example, he may tend to resent or resist the suggestions of his elders, perhaps his father. The father, however, for better or for worse, often sets the pattern influencing the child's behavior.

Your child could be generous but may tend to go overboard, be extravagant, take on too much too soon. Be patient in teaching your child common sense and economy. Teach him to accept responsibility, tackle one job at a time and to finish what he begins. (Positive Saturn aspects might provide the key for helping your child develop self-discipline.)

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.

Mars Sextile Jupiter 02°05'

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

Mercury Sextile Venus 02°06'

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 Trine Saturn 02°35'

This is the child who enjoys responsibility, and loves to bring order and

discipline to anything (or anyone) with whom he is involved. Even in a more open chart, this aspect adds a measure of restraint. The child's friends may tend to be older than he. He probably gets along well with his elders. The child could have marked artistic talent. Even if your child doesn't end up being an artist or performer, teaching him a skill such as painting, dancing or singing in a disciplined manner over a period of time will help develop character. Your child is loyal to loved ones. On the negative side, some children with this Venus/Saturn contact find it hard to express their feelings. Others may feel unappreciated or unloved. Your child may need more affection than you suspect.

Sun Sextile Uranus 02°36'

Positive Sun/Uranus aspects often indicate leadership potential. Your child may be very magnetic, others being drawn to him. He is not afraid to be different, and may indeed be a "trendsetter." Later in life he is likely to be interested in some kind of social or political reform. Children with this aspect typically love whatever is new or unusual, and breakthrough flashes of original insight are typical. Your child is likely to be creative with a natural love for inventions, electronics, computer science and the like. Your child will appreciate independence and originality in others, especially in a friend, and may tend to have novel companions who are very likely male. Your child is apt to have an inventive mind but could lose interest at school if the subject matter isn't stimulating. Problems at school could arise because he may somehow not fit in with the prescribed way of doing things. Your child likes to keep things spontaneous, and he probably keeps you hopping! Nevertheless, you'd do well to train him to finish what he begins and to look before he leaps! Sometimes Sun/Uranus aspects describe the father as being radical, eccentric, highly individualistic or somehow unusual. Note: if Saturn is well aspected, your child is more apt to have his feet on the ground!

Mars Trine Pluto 05°55'

The child with this aspect may have great perseverance and staying power. He may have a drive to delve into the unknown. The cosmos has real trouble keeping secrets from him once he has made his mind up to investigate! You may find that your child is brave and works well in a crisis. He could be self-motivated. This aspect indicates potential leadership ability. Negatively, drive is so powerful here that when the child doesn't get his way, he could be manipulative or even dishonest. He could need help learning how to deal with anger. The relationship with the father could influence relationships with men and authorities in general. Study well the signs and house positions: Pluto and Mars will intensify the qualities/challenges of the signs and houses in which they are posited.

Moon Trine Jupiter 06°54'

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

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.

Jul 23, 2002 1st Pass D> (Age 26 6m)
Jan 08, 2003 2nd Pass R< (Age 27 0m)
Apr 07, 2003 3rd Pass D> (Age 27 3m)

By the last date shown, Saturn, the great tester, conjoined the Midheaven and entered the 10th house of your child's chart. The 10th house is one of the 4 "Angular" houses. When Saturn enters an angular house, it signifies a gradual shifting of gears. The 10th house in the child's chart relates to the father or father figure, to all significant elders or authorities in the child's life and also to his reputation and status among his peers. This is an earth house, one of "works." The older child could make significant progress in his schoolwork during this time. If he is so inclined. He could take up a position of responsibility at home or at school. He may be particularly interested in pursuing what he wants to do when he grows up! He could be helped or hindered by parents. He may work well with restrictions, limits, and responsibilities or buck against them and feel frustrated, depending on his character and upbringing. This could be a good period to master a skill of one kind or another. In accordance with his abilities and the opportunities available to him, this should be a cycle of achievement. The older child can show what he has mastered. Even with younger children, this is a time to place an emphasis on right attitudes toward responsibilities and authorities.

The Elements, Modalities and Angularity

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

Have Fire

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

Want Water

Your child may have trouble understanding those who seem emotional or sentimental, yet his own practicality and intellectual approach may attract just such types into his life. He needs your guidance getting in touch with his feelings, and acknowledging those of others. He may try to balance his lack of empathy with logic and common sense. (A strong Moon, Venus or Neptune by sign, aspects and/or house position or a Water sign Ascendant could compensate.)

Want Air

Some children with this emphasis find it hard getting their ideas across to others, sometimes feeling inadequate in matters that require logic or the use of mental powers. Most however, are simply so busy, they would simply benefit by

learning to take the time to reflect before acting. Your child is likely to be bigger on actions than on words. Avoid long lectures with this child: active measures of discipline, such as logical consequences, would be more effective! (A strong Mercury by sign, aspect or house position or an Air sign Ascendant would compensate)

Have Cardinal

Your child is apt to be an energetic prime mover, a starter, able to initiate and get things moving. Not always hot on the follow-up, he may tend to get the ball rolling and get out to move on to other things.

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.

House Activity and Emphasis

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

First House: Appearance, Approach

First House

The 1st house is the house of "Me!" How I see myself, the "me" I would like to be, and how others see me: in short, my identity. The key phrase of the first house is "I AM." This house rules our personal self and everything about us that draws a reaction from our surroundings or from others. The 1st house describes the early childhood environment (or the child's perception of it). Much of the child's identity

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

Virgo on First House Cusp

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

Pluto in First House

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

Second House: Possessions, Reactions

Second House

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

Libra on Second House Cusp

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

Uranus in Second House

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

Third House: Inquiries, Communications

Third House

The key phrase for the 3rd house is "I think." At no time is the 3rd house more

important than during childhood. This is because the 3rd house is the house of early education. The astrologer looks to the sign on the 3rd house cusp, its ruler and any planets abiding there (and to the planet Mercury) to get a picture of the child's approach to learning. The 3rd house is a very mental house, concerned with finding, researching, communicating, and all manner of questioning. Traditionally this house rules brothers and sisters. Planets in the 3rd house can tell you something about your child's interaction with his siblings, and with neighborhood pals. Children with personal planets (Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus and Mars) in the 3rd house tend to be very active at school.

Scorpio on Third House Cusp

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

Moon in Third House

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

Venus in Third House

Your child loves to communicate; discussions, telephone calls, correspondence. When he is in Elementary School, your child might enjoy corresponding with a pen pal. Because the planet of beauty (Venus) is in the house of mind (3rd), he could express himself graciously. This Venus placement gives an artistic coloring to the mind. He may have a flair with words. This child could have artistic or musical talent, or perhaps enjoys writing music and poetry. The mental world appeals to him, and he is discriminating (but appreciative) when it comes to concepts, ideas, thoughts, and the like. He values good research and real inquiry. If well aspected, this position denotes a close relationships with a brother or sister

(or both). This is a favorable position for artists, songwriters and entertainers.

Neptune in Third House

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

Fourth House: Home, Family, Security

Fourth House

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

Sagittarius on Fourth House Cusp

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

Sun in Fourth House

Home, family, and security are important to your child. He loves to set down roots and build a home base. Sensitive and somewhat private, he tends to be a sensitive (and sometimes vulnerable) person. The impact of impressions from early home life, and in particular the nature of the relationship with the mother, may last a lifetime. If your child feels secure in your love, he may grow to nurture and counsel others. Many children with this position love helping around the house,

cooking and fixing things. This is a good placement for cooks and restaurant owners. It is also favorable for business; you might want to start him out early!

Fifth House: Expression, Creativity

Fifth House

The 5th house is the house of dramatic self-expression; its key phrase is "I create." Many actors have planets here. The 5th house relates to fun and recreation: planets in the 5th house plus the sign on the cusp provide clues as to what kind of recreation your child might enjoy. Fire signs may like sports, competitive games and outdoor exploration. An Earth sign on the cusp could take to nature walks, hiking, building, mechanics. For these children, work can be fun! Children with Air signs on the 5th house cusp are going to enjoy mixing with other people. A Water sign on the 5th house cusp may enjoy family outings, be attached to loved ones, find their niche through the arts. The giving and receiving of love is also connected with this house. Children with personal planets in this house (Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, and Mars) feel most fulfilled when they are actively creating, sharing, expressing their emotions.

Capricorn on Fifth House Cusp

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

Mercury in Fifth House

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

Sixth House: Responsibility, Work, Health

Sixth House

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

Aquarius on Sixth House Cusp

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

Seventh House: Relationships, Other People

Seventh House

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

into relationships impulsively.

Pisces on Seventh House Cusp

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

Jupiter in Seventh House

Your child likes having a close companion, but to be happy he will have to develop a strong sense of identity lest he be overly influenced by his friends. His life path likely involves very close relationships with others. Even as a child your child may show a desire to give to others. Teach him to discriminate in his choice of friends for the lessons he learns in youth will influence his choice of partner in adulthood. A basic honesty, and a strong sense of fairness generally make children with this placement popular. Your child may be adroit at settling disputes among friends. Unless afflicted, Jupiter in the 7th indicates a prosperous and fortunate marriage. Later he may be attracted to law, public relations, or sales.

Eighth House: Business Savvy, Elimination

Eighth House

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

house of sex, and moreover, the house of desire. Planets in the 8th house and the sign on the cusp shed light on the child's ability to attract things to himself through desire, and to let go when necessary or right.

Aries on Eighth House Cusp

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

Ninth House: Religions, Philosophy, Ideas

Ninth House

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

Taurus on Ninth House Cusp

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

Mars in Ninth House

One day he may end up traveling the world. Especially if the rest of the chart indicates refinement and good breeding, your child may experience an inner urge

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

Tenth House: Practical Vision, Vocation

Tenth House

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

Gemini on Tenth House Cusp

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

Eleventh House: Dreams & Visions, Community

Eleventh House

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

Cancer on Eleventh House Cusp

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

Saturn in Eleventh House

As a young man, your child may work hard to make his dreams and ideals a reality. Listen to him when he speaks of his aspirations – on these he likely will build his life. He could benefit by participating in group projects. The child born with this Saturn placement may gravitate toward clubs and fraternities (a perfect position for a Scout). Humanitarian goals are central to his life's work. As a child, he may have plenty to say about school policies as well as world conditions. Individuals with this Saturn position sometimes enter politics. Saturn in the 11th may signify one who is "alone in a crowd." He may tend to have older friends.

Twelfth House: Sacrifice, Psychology, Acceptance

Twelfth House

The 12th house is called the house of endings. This house is considered

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

Leo on Twelfth House Cusp

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