

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	Gemini	22°Ge22'	11th	01 13°Le47'
Moon	Virgo	00°Vi46'	01st	02 06°Vi53'
Mercury	Cancer	13°Ca58'	11th	03 04°Li28'
Venus	Cancer	27°Ca32'	12th	04 06°Sc50'
Mars	Capricorn	22°Cp58'	06th	05 11°Sg24'
Jupiter	Pisces	21°Pi32'	08th	06 14°Cp16'
Saturn	Sagittarius	05°Sg12'	04th	07 13°Aq47'
Uranus	Sagittarius	20°Sg18'	05th	08 06°Pi53'
Neptune	Capricorn	04°Cp46'	05th	09 04°Ar28'
Pluto	Scorpio	04°Sc48'	03rd	10 06°Ta50'
Midheaven	Taurus	06°Ta50'		11 11°Ge24'
Ascendant	Leo	13°Le47'		12 14°Ca16'

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 her. 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 her own birth chart, her 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 her to know clearly when she crosses the line into negatives that could cause her 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 her 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 her 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 her parents, no one can know her 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 she grows. Maria Montessori proved that, by observing the child, you discover the laws of her 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 her how to play a musical instrument.

If playing an instrument doesn't seem to be her 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 she may demonstrate her 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 she 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 her 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 her master these. Be kind to your child. Her star has appeared and it may be different in magnitude and brilliance than your own! Love her and teach her, 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 her life with many pages left to write on-we seek to understand her better in order to guide, help, and instruct her in bringing out her special uniqueness, her calling in life, her 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 she 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 her 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 herself or would like others to see her. 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 her unique selfhood. If the Rising Sign is very different from the Sun sign, the child may have to work at integrating diverse aspects of her personality.

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

Leo Rising

Planet Aspects

The Lights: The Sun and Moon

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

The Sun: Your Self and Future

The Sun represents our identity, or self and as such, colors every other aspect of the chart. In a child's chart, the Sun will reveal much about her emerging personality. Your child's greatest strengths and challenges are often described by the qualities of her 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 her 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 she can assert herself, 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 her 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 Gemini

Gemini is an Air sign on the thinking cross. Its symbol is The Twins. Gemini's are here, there and everywhere and come up with a thousand questions! (Record her questions in a little book and then research the answers together.) Your little Gemini was born to investigate, search, and explore. She likely seeks to communicate by all available

means: talking, writing, broadcasting, learning foreign languages. Phones and walky-talkies make a big hit! Some Gemini children are chatterboxes. Others are exceptionally witty. Teach your Gemini to be still and to listen to what others have to say.

All manner of transportation may catch her attention; scooters, bicycles, skates, whatever, anything in which to get around! Gemini children can be into many projects at once! A skill essential to your little Gemini's future success is the ability to focus and complete the task at hand. As your Gemini grows, you might find ways, such as making lists, to help her order her mind and her tasks. She needs this training to develop good study habits and avoid dissipating her energy.

Gemini children are born mimics. They need good role models. Discernment is advised in the selection of books and movies, since little Gemini will copy (often verbatim) what she sees and hears. Sometimes the Gemini ability to pick up quickly amounts to a high degree of impressionability.

A good book is like a treasured friend to children of this double air (mind) sign. Stock up your library! The Gemini child is often the teacher's pet because she loves to read and enjoys learning a broad range of subjects. Gemini children typically like learning at a fairly brisk pace. Gemini rules writing and journalism. Your child might benefit by keeping a diary. Later she may be interested in working on the school paper. Working with her hands could steady her restless mind. (Sewing, painting, building with legos, washing the dishes, planting) Gemini children seek variety in everything; clothes, food, books and in everyday experience. Some have trouble staying still! Teach your child to concentrate.

Sun Square Jupiter

Your child is likely to be enthusiastic and "Sunny." She could be generous, friendly and cheerful. She might have a fair share of bravado and self-confidence. She could also radiate much energy and could probably benefit by plenty of exercise and outdoor play. Nevertheless, until she resolves this aspect, your child may display a tendency, or perhaps a knack, for ignoring good advice. More than once, she may find herself at odds with the correct, or prescribed way of doing things. This could manifest in a problem with authority figures. For example, she may tend to resent or resist the suggestions of her elders, perhaps her 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 her to accept responsibility, tackle one job at a time and to finish what she begins. (Positive Saturn aspects might provide the key for helping your child develop self-discipline.)

Sun Opposition Uranus

Sun-Uranus aspects often indicate leadership potential. Your child may be very magnetic, others being drawn to her. She is not afraid to be different, and may indeed be a "trendsetter." Later in life she is likely to be interested in some kind of social or

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

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 her mother, of her need to be cared for and to nurture. The Moon also describes the child's experience within her family, with its particular dynamics, tradition and heritage. From these, the child establishes her 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 her development. For example, a child with a Sagittarian Moon is happy when she has plenty of room to explore. (But she needs to learn the value of limits) A Cancer Moon child, in contrast, may cling to Mom's apron strings. (But she may need to overcome fear of making it on her own).

Moon in Virgo

Virgo is an Earth sign on the thinking cross. Its symbol is The Virgin. One of the most important things you can do for your child is to help her develop good self-esteem. Virgo energy seeks perfection, and the Moon in Virgo child can be awkwardly aware of her perceived shortcomings. Tire not in pointing out the good in her and in her work. Teach her that we learn by our mistakes and what really counts is doing our best! Perfectionism carried to an extreme can result in failure (why try, its not good enough!) your child is likely concerned and caring when it comes to the welfare of others and would enjoy the responsibility of helping to care for a pet or younger sibling. She is attentive, observant, careful, and above all responsible. She loves to serve, although others could feel scrutinized or "picked apart" by her insistence on perfection! She is particularly vulnerable to criticism.

Virgo is the sign of the Earth Mother and some children with this placement enjoy working with cloth; sewing, knitting, and embroidery. Herbs and botanical studies may one day lead to a career in healing arts. Moon in Virgo youngsters often have a strong sense of justice. If your child reacts to a discipline or situations with a complaining "it's not fair!", you would do well to point out the opportunity to grow inherent in every situation.

The Maiden is modest and concerned with cleanliness. Sometimes, however, we see this natural modesty carried out to a fault of fastidiousness or at the other end of the spectrum, extreme sloppiness. Proper care of the physical body and good hygiene is essential with this placement!

The Moon in Virgo child may perceive the mother as hard working, a natural teacher, self-reliant. If afflicted, and especially if the mother tends to be critical, nagging or complaining, the child could feel her best is never good enough.

Moon Square Saturn

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

Moon Trine Neptune

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

Moon Sextile Pluto

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

The Inner Planets: Mercury and Venus

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

schooling --in short, how her mind works, how she 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 her 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 she likes to study, and how we (her parents and teachers) can help her gain greater academic expertise. Children with Mercury in Fire signs think and talk simultaneously and are spontaneous. They enjoy games that make learning fun! Children with Mercury in Air Signs can chatter away and still keep going! Words can come alive for them and they enjoy listening to (or creating) colorful tales and stories. Communication is their thing. They may have to work at being listeners, however! Children with Mercury in Water signs may need help thinking clearly since emotion runs into thoughts. These children like profound subject matter. Children with Mercury in Earth signs generally have a good measure of common sense. Hands on training suits them best.

Mercury in Cancer

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

Mercury Trine Jupiter

This aspect often indicates a problem-solver, someone who can think of a way to do almost anything (or think her way out of almost anything)! Children with this aspect have a reputation among their peers of being fair and honest. Typically, they enjoy learning and are confident of their mental abilities. Your child is apt to enjoy traveling and seeks new experiences to broaden her horizons. This aspect indicates an ability to persuade others, and therefore favors politics, counseling and ministerial type work. As an adult, your child may find herself interested in legal matters, publishing, philosophical and religious subjects, and would make a good teacher or instructor. Scientific investigation might interest her also.

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, her innate sense of beauty (which can be developed), the manner in which she interacts with her friends and with adults, and how she 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 her clothes and bedroom. Venus in Taurus loves beautiful things, pretty rocks and later precious stones. She may be a gourmet. She may need help learning to share what she sees as prized possessions. A study of Venus by sign, house and aspect also reveals something about your child's taste in food, eating habits, care of possessions and attitude toward money and belongings.

Venus in Cancer

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

Venus Opposition Mars

This challenging aspect indicates potential conflict in relationships. The child needs to learn to cooperate and get along harmoniously with others. The negative manifestation could range from shyness and excessive prudence to a tendency to splurge and be headstrong in relationships. The child could be highly sensitive, and therefore easily hurt or perhaps emotionally volatile. A healthy relationship with the parent of the opposite sex will help the child attract more positive relationships in adulthood. The child needs to be taught sound values regarding sex and money. Some children born with this aspect are very physical: they want instant gratification. Learning to delay gratification (when necessary) builds character. As your child grows in self-discipline, she should have healthy relationships and so avert getting into trouble with the opposite sex, particularly during the teenage years.

Venus Trine Jupiter

Even in a more serious chart, this aspect lends a touch of generosity and joy. It is considered a fortunate aspect: good things tend to come your child's way. One day she could end up with a lot of money, property – possessions of all kinds. She is likely to be generous and warm by nature, and probably gives as much as she gets. There could be a love of travel and exploration; of art, culture and religion. Unless strongly counter-indicated, children with this aspect tend to get along well with their elders. The negative manifestation of this aspect is a tendency to be wasteful, extravagant, self-indulgent.

Without self-discipline in diet, individuals with this aspect tend to put on weight. The child may have a sweet tooth. Encourage her but teach her restraint!

Venus Trine Saturn

This is the child who enjoys responsibility, and loves to bring order and discipline to anything (or anyone) with whom she 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 she. She probably gets along well with her elders. The child could have marked artistic talent. Even if your child doesn't end up being an artist or performer, teaching her 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.

Venus Square Pluto

This aspect inclines toward emotionally intense relationships. The child with this Venus-Pluto aspect could tend to put off confrontations until they build up and then explode, kind of like having her own built-in volcano. Physical activities such as sports could channel her pent-up energy constructively. She may have a flair for secrecy. Even if the rest of the chart suggests that the child is friendly and open, this aspect could lead her into intense personal involvements. You can help her master these powerful energies by emphasizing sharing, cooperation and the nature of true friendship. Help her develop a healthy self-esteem. Teach her to avoid power games in friendships (i.e. the childhood threat we've all been subjected to one time or another: "If you don't do such and such, I won't be your best friend anymore.") Even with the hard aspects, Venus-Pluto contacts confer charisma and heightened magnetic charm. Children with this aspect often have a lot of love to give, and may feel very attached to one (or both) parents. Children who do not receive adequate affection and attention in childhood, or who are dominated, pampered, or ignored are in danger of developing in adulthood the two major negative emotions associated with this aspect: jealousy and possessiveness.

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 she is born into and what urges her on to greater achievements as she grows. Mars will tune you in to what motivates your child and the way she approaches life. Jupiter shows us how she is most apt to channel that energy, and Saturn decrees what sort of obstacles will confront her 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 her 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 she 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 her 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 she 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 Capricorn

Capricorn is an Earth sign on the action cross. Its symbol is The Goat. The Mars in Capricorn child is by nature a very hard worker and is driven to accomplish, manage, and be in control. She is a natural born supervisor! Reinforce her inner urge for order by providing her with an orderly and structured environment. Teach her economy, practicality, and the importance of fair play. Your child has a sense of duty and responsibility that may belie her years. Because of a marked ability to take decisive action and to delegate responsibility, children with this position may grow up to be administrators or public servants. Work in construction or carpentry is also favored. Other jobs your child may be suited for are; chiropractor, government official, military officer, economist, draftsman, manager or bricklayer!

Whatever her future profession, she is likely to seek to be in command. This powerful placement is best framed by a humble and reverent attitude. Teach your child not to judge (condemn) others, lest she be judged. Some negative traits to avoid or work through are a tendency to be temperamental, dogmatic, overbearing, and/or ambitious to the point of disregarding the rights of others. Positive qualities to instill in your child are a true sense of humility, sensitivity to the needs of others, and the balance between worldly ambitions and spiritual values. Teach her that the ends don't justify the means!

Your child is willing to work hard to get to the top! She might enjoy physical (mountain) climbing. Mars in Capricorn youngsters typically enjoy contact with the earth: building in the sandbox, outdoor hikes, gardening, rock collecting. Your child might take to sports that require endurance such as jogging. The influence of the father (or dominant parent) is pivotal for later success in life and may provide the prime motivation (positively or negatively) behind the child's drive to be somebody important when she grows up!

Venus Opposition Mars

An opposition can always manifest as the harmonious interplay of yin and yang or as conflict and strife. Most children born with this aspect are extremely sensitive. However, your child may need to learn to be as sensitive to the feelings of others as she expects others to be to her own. All oppositions show the need to learn to share, to compromise and come half-way and we learn to do this by interacting with others. If Venus is

stronger, the child may be artistically inclined, perhaps shy, perhaps self-indulgent. If Mars is stronger, drive may manifest as argumentation and belligerence. The child seeks balance within the feminine and masculine aspects of her being. This process may be reflected in the choice of friends and companions. The child's experience of the parents' interaction with one another and her own relationship with the parent of the opposite sex may be the model for adult partnerships.

Mars Sextile Jupiter

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

Jupiter: Career and Life Path

The Hindu word for Jupiter is Guru. Jupiter is the guru and guide, the way we go through life, our life path and personal philosophy. Our first teachers and guides are usually our parents. Then there are our school teachers, ministers, and other significant adults who enter our life and guide us. Jupiter is the body of knowledge and wisdom made available to us, our method for dealing with the laws of life, our Saturn, or limitations. Saturn represents the father, structure, rules of behavior and social norms we must learn to abide by. Jupiter is the light or path. Jupiter rules religion, philosophy, culture, travel, history; how we expand our horizons, our philosophy of life. It has always been an indicator of how successful we may be, our vocation. In the child's chart, we look to Jupiter for clues as to how our child seeks to know more about life, what appeals to her, and where she 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 her horizons and self-understanding but will need to find the balance between opportunities for growth and responsibilities (Saturn).

Jupiter in Pisces

Jupiter in Pisces is often the signature of a real humanitarian, someone with a genuine interest in social work who is able to sacrifice in order to help others. This is the position of the good Samaritan. Jupiter in Pisces children typically show early signs of a love of what's beyond the surface: religion, psychology, and mysticism. Your child may be happiest when ministering to others. She seeks a career that calls for intuition, sensitivity and compassion. She would make an excellent counselor. As a child, your child would likely enjoy caring for a little pet, learning first aid, and volunteering in church fundraisers. Because she seeks spiritual understanding, she would benefit by early exposure to the great religious and philosophical truths. Hopefully, she can hitch her

wagon to a star! These children are devotional and without an early focus for their adoration (a great religious figure or teacher) they can fix their attention on false gurus and rock stars! If Jupiter aspects personal planets, your child could be somewhat naive. Teach her to be as gentle as a dove, but as wise as a serpent!

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 her own (at times) worst enemy. As parents you need to be realistic in your own aspirations for her. In addition, there is a possibility of difficulty with authorities and elders. She must learn to listen (at least once in awhile) to advice given to her in her own best interests!

Mercury Trine Jupiter

Your child enjoys working with her mind and can usually find a solution to even the worst problems. She likes to solve puzzles and dilemmas. Her skills in this regard make her expert at counseling and guiding others. Fine verbal skills and a natural sense of justice makes legal work a distinct possibility. Working with laws, natural or man-made, amounts to a real talent. Your child also has a great interest in ideas, the more true and lasting the better. Religious concepts will likely be a lifelong concern for her. She loves to travel and may even spend some time studying away from home.

Venus Trine Jupiter

Here we have the mark of a happy, affectionate child. Your child may have an innate love of the law and working things through, and she is not put off by problems and obstacles. On the contrary, she looks forward to solving them. Your child gets along well with peers and elders, possessing an innate ability to work with others. This may later lead to a position in law or public relations. Artistic talent is also indicated and decorating, interior design, and the like may be her cup of tea. This is considered an excellent aspect for teachers and publishers. Your child may love sports and the outdoors. Because she is generous and loving, your child is likely to be popular. This aspect is considered fortunate, but too much of a good thing can be detrimental! Teach your child the wisdom of "all things in moderation."

Mars Sextile Jupiter

Your child is a great doer, an accomplisher. Her outgoing nature, coupled with extremely skillful ways of handling other people, make her a natural for working with or for audiences. She 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 she grows. She has plenty of drive and may excel at sports. She may tend to overdo things; overspend, overeat, over plan (such as in inviting 10 more children than you've room for to her birthday party!)

Teach her 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 Sagittarius

Your child was born with Saturn, the Great Teacher, in Sagittarius the sign of religion, philosophy, law and travel. She inwardly seeks to develop a personal philosophy of life which will frame her later work and which she can share with others. Your child will benefit through sound ethical and moral training. She may require higher courses of formal study to fulfill her career aspirations. She is interested in learning about the great cultural and historical traditions. In educating this child, you yourself can broaden your horizons! Supply her with plenty of colorful stories: King Arthur and the Knights; Marco Polo, Christopher Columbus, and the great explorers; Jacques Cousteau videos, National Geographic; the biographies of great men such as George Washington; the great religious traditions of East and West. Resources such as the Children's Bible, an encyclopedia plus Hirsch's Cultural Literacy Encyclopedia can provide a fountain of information for her thirsty mind! Your child may feel a sense of mission in life. Sometimes, however, zeal is carried to an extreme in this sign manifesting as religious fanaticism, intellectual arrogance and pride. Hopefully, religious tolerance is practiced in your household! Remind her that no one has all the right answers all the time! Intellectual conceit could manifest as resentment. Your child may have to learn to accept constructive criticism and disciplines.

Moon Square Saturn

The child with a Moon/Saturn contact needs to feel nurtured and loved by her mother. If the Moon is well aspected, the mother is teacher, disciplinarian, and constant in her care and so the child feels secure in the relationship. With afflictions, the child may see

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

Venus Trine Saturn

Your child could be an excellent teacher in areas requiring discipline and organization. She values order and places a high premium on hard work and effort. Whatever is most practical is best. She 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. Her friends are apt to be older than she.

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 her personal sense of uniqueness, where she 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 she may perceive herself as somehow different from the rest. Parents and teachers can help the child with strong Uranian aspects by providing her with avenues for individual expression and creativity, and by recognizing her 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. She needs to know the consequences of her use of free will.

Uranus in Sagittarius

Your child was born into a subgeneration that will look beyond orthodoxy for the answers to inner questions and for the eternal truths. They may open our eye to new philosophies, ideas for the future and new approaches to travel and exploration (of all kinds). Long journeys likely interest her. She may startle others with her direct conversations, always getting right to the heart of the matter. Especially if she has an outgoing personality, she enjoys being alone, free, and on the move. If Uranus aspects personal planets, she tends to be optimistic and adventurous. With hard aspects, the child may need encouragement in finishing tasks and in accepting responsibility.

Sun Opposition Uranus

Let me do it MY way! Sound familiar? Well, your child may not accept neither limits nor directions without challenging them! She might see herself as marching to a different drumbeat! This position may indicate unusual talents, scientific know-how, or even genius but is best aspected by other traits stabilizing an otherwise erratic or unstable personality. Your child could benefit from periods of quiet, learning to relax. It is vital that you be consistent with this child. Conflicts with teachers, authorities and classmates come from a justification of nonconformity. Your child may be attracted to friends (and later partners) who are somehow different, with off-beat lifestyles.

Jupiter Square Uranus

All goes well until the question of personal freedom comes up. Eventually, your child will learn that to move ahead in life demands a certain degree of conformity and the toning down of perhaps unconventional habits. At school she may take a more radical approach. This could be a source of some tension, and she might just discover that a tendency to rebel can get her in hot water every time.

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 she reaches adulthood.

Neptune in Capricorn

The practical is the ideal. Your child was born into a group of dynamic children who will seek to obtain power and control. They will bring order out of the prevailing world chaos and change what they grew up in. Although they may spend their childhood years in times of global hardship, they will grow up to usher in a Golden Age. Your child and her peers will seek ways to incorporate spiritual truths into government and management. If Neptune afflicts personal planets, she could be too critical of herself or of authority figures. She benefits through consistent and clear direction from grown-ups and a structured work environment.

Moon Trine Neptune

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

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, she will experience an intense desire for self-transformation on some level of her 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 she may feel, but not necessarily comprehend. Teach her to express this power wisely.

Pluto in Scorpio

Astrologers predict that this group of children, born at the end of the Piscean Age, will live through drastic upheaval and earth changes. Spiritual and physical survival are questions they and their parents will have to address. Your child may find psychology,

initiation, mysticism, and the occult of great interest. Intense personal transformations and inner growth are lifelong habits. If Pluto aspects a personal planet in your child's chart, it will intensify or block its natural expression. Difficult aspects can manifest as shyness. She may not tell you what's really on her mind. Gain your child's trust and encourage open communication between you.

Moon Sextile Pluto

AH! Here's the child that loves hearing stories about mysteries, the unknown! Your child is likely to feel a close relationship to her mother. She also is a natural psychologist, and friends may come to her for advice, even during school years. She has a knack for working with the public and may be quite dramatic in the expression of her emotions. Your child is perceptive. People sense this about her and trust her with sensitive matters, inner worries, and questions of personal identity. Does your child talk about her dreams in life? If so, why not write them down? Even as a child, she is apt to have a sense of a real mission in life!

Venus Square Pluto

Children with Venus/Pluto contacts are extremely sensitive. They need to give and to receive much love. If the child, however, feels unloved or threatened, she may withdraw. Trust, then, is the first order of the day with the Venus/Pluto child. If she cannot love openly because of anger or other harsh reactions (or lack of response) she may become manipulative. The Venus/Pluto child can also be very demanding of a favorite parent or teacher, and should not be over-indulged. The key here is the right balance of love and fairness (she may want all your time but you, of course, need to give equally to all your children). Children with this aspect often need to learn to let go of old possessions and to share with other children. Some feel threatened if they lose control over their environment. At its highest expression, this aspect describes one who loves deeply and who is capable of healing and regenerating self and others through the power of love. Your child could have a magnetic or impelling appeal. Some children with this dynamic square between Venus (money, art, beauty, attraction) and Pluto (the masses, television, intense emotions) could do well in business careers, modeling, photography, television, movie careers or in politics.

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
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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, her parents and teachers, and the environment you provide for her. 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 her turn stumbling blocks into rungs 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 Jupiter 00°51'

Your child is likely to be enthusiastic and "Sunny." She could be generous, friendly and cheerful. She might have a fair share of bravado and self-confidence. She could also radiate much energy and could probably benefit by plenty of exercise and outdoor play. Nevertheless, until she resolves this aspect, your child may display a tendency, or perhaps a knack, for ignoring good advice. More than once, she may find herself at odds with the correct, or prescribed way of doing things. This could manifest in a problem with authority figures. For example, she may tend to resent or resist the suggestions of her elders, perhaps her 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 her to accept responsibility, tackle one job at a time and to finish what she begins. (Positive Saturn aspects might provide the key for helping your child develop self-discipline.)

Sun Opposition Uranus 02°05'

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

Moon Square Saturn 04°26'

Children born with the Moon square or opposite Saturn may have to grapple with trying conditions at home: apart from circumstances, the parents could be excessively

strict, severe, rigid or emotionally distant. These attitudes inhibit the spontaneous flow of emotions in the child. In households where this is not the case, the child is nevertheless apt to perceive it as so. She needs an extra dose of affection, particularly from her mother! She needs to know she is worthy of being loved. Teach her to see what is good about herself and others. Remind her that when we smile the world smiles with us, but when we cry we often cry alone!

Venus Opposition Mars 04°34'

This challenging aspect indicates potential conflict in relationships. The child needs to learn to cooperate and get along harmoniously with others. The negative manifestation could range from shyness and excessive prudence to a tendency to splurge and be headstrong in relationships. The child could be highly sensitive, and therefore easily hurt or perhaps emotionally volatile. A healthy relationship with the parent of the opposite sex will help the child attract more positive relationships in adulthood. The child needs to be taught sound values regarding sex and money. Some children born with this aspect are very physical: they want instant gratification. Learning to delay gratification (when necessary) builds character. As your child grows in self-discipline, she should have healthy relationships and so avert getting into trouble with the opposite sex, particularly during the teenage years.

Venus Square Pluto 07°16'

This aspect inclines toward emotionally intense relationships. The child with this Venus-Pluto aspect could tend to put off confrontations until they build up and then explode, kind of like having her own built-in volcano. Physical activities such as sports could channel her pent-up energy constructively. She may have a flair for secrecy. Even if the rest of the chart suggests that the child is friendly and open, this aspect could lead her into intense personal involvements. You can help her master these powerful energies by emphasizing sharing, cooperation and the nature of true friendship. Help her develop a healthy self-esteem. Teach her to avoid power games in friendships (i.e. the childhood threat we've all been subjected to one time or another: "If you don't do such and such, I won't be your best friend anymore.") Even with the hard aspects, Venus-Pluto contacts confer charisma and heightened magnetic charm. Children with this aspect often have a lot of love to give, and may feel very attached to one (or both) parents. Children who do not receive adequate affection and attention in childhood, or who are dominated, pampered, or ignored are in danger of developing in adulthood the two major negative emotions associated with this aspect: jealousy and possessiveness.

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 01°27'

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

Moon Trine Neptune 04°01'

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 her creativity productively.

Moon Sextile Pluto 04°03'

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

Venus Trine Jupiter 06°01'

Even in a more serious chart, this aspect lends a touch of generosity and joy. It is considered a fortunate aspect: good things tend to come your child's way. One day she could end up with a lot of money, property – possessions of all kinds. She is likely to be generous and warm by nature, and probably gives as much as she gets. There could be a love of travel and exploration; of art, culture and religion. Unless strongly counter-indicated, children with this aspect tend to get along well with their elders. The negative manifestation of this aspect is a tendency to be wasteful, extravagant, self-indulgent. Without self-discipline in diet, individuals with this aspect tend to put on weight. The child may have a sweet tooth. Encourage her but teach her restraint!

Mercury Trine Jupiter 07°33'

This aspect often indicates a problem-solver, someone who can think of a way to do almost anything (or think her way out of almost anything)! Children with this aspect have a reputation among their peers of being fair and honest. Typically, they enjoy learning and are confident of their mental abilities. Your child is apt to enjoy traveling and seeks new experiences to broaden her horizons. This aspect indicates an ability to persuade others, and therefore favors politics, counseling and ministerial type work. As an adult, your child may find herself interested in legal matters, publishing, philosophical and religious subjects, and would make a good teacher or instructor. Scientific investigation might interest her also.

Venus Trine Saturn 07°40'

This is the child who enjoys responsibility, and loves to bring order and discipline to anything (or anyone) with whom she 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 she. She probably gets along well with her elders. The child could have marked artistic talent. Even if your child doesn't end up being an artist or performer, teaching her 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.

Landscape: Major Life Periods

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

Your Personal Background

By age seven, the child has absorbed an enormous amount of learning. Her physical body has reached 70% of her growth potential. Permanent teeth (teeth relate to Saturn) begin to emerge. She passes from the absorbent mind stage into the stage of active reason. She is on her way to becoming an independent adult. Saturn represent rules and laws. At seven years of age, Saturn forms its first square and you can expect your child "to test the law," at home and at school. Astrologically, this is a critical point in her development. Your child may be a very social child – an accomplished leader at the age of even seven or eight and a real socialite in the early teens. All of this is somewhat premature, so don't be surprised if your child later loses some of her interest in the external, social scene during the middle teen years. At that time, your child just may

discover a more subjective side of herself and could elect to take a more inward direction. Turning away from the social scene, your child could spend many years pursuing her inner life. At about age 14 or 15, Saturn opposes its own position in the chart and most teens pass through a kind of identity crisis. Balance is the key but the adolescent who says to herself, how can I be free to make my own decisions, but who is usually not ready to leave the nest! This more involuted and personal time may intensify when your child is 21 or 22 years old and last until your child is around 30 years of age. At that time your child may go through a remarkable change, sort of discovering herself all at once. The more inward years of inner searching will pay off with new confidence and real direction. Your child is likely to begin her real life's work after this time, and her middle years will be very strong and successful.

Your Current Situation

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

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

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

opportunities available to her, this should be a cycle of achievement. The older child can show what she has mastered. Even with younger children, this is a time to place an emphasis on right attitudes toward responsibilities and authorities.

Saturn in 04th Quadrant

The Elements, Modalities and Angularity

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

Have Water

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

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 Mutable

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

Want Fixed

Not too centered, perhaps not always able to hang in there for the long haul. Your child might not make it in the WNBA. She could tend to be all over the place rather than front and center! Learning to bring it all together could be a major challenge.

Have Succedent

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

Want Angular

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

House Activity and Emphasis

The twelve houses of the horoscope, particularly when they are occupied by a planet, provide a clue to areas of special activity in the child's life and development. They paint a picture of the environment in which she 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 she grows up. The child's projected image (personality) will reflect her experience and assimilation of her 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 she is likely to be assertive but compassionate and interested in serving others. Sometimes, however, the child may experience a conflict; in this case, for instance, part of the child may want to jump right into new experiences (Aries) whereas another part may be shy or afraid (Pisces). The child could feel overwhelmed (Pisces) by the stern parental rebuke given in response to a typically Arian impulsive action! All this may seem very complex, but you can take it step by step. Are any of us really all that simple to understand? You will have

to study well the Sun sign and the Ascendant (and the sign and house the Ruler is in) plus the nature of any planet in the 1st house. Learn the keys, be sensitive and observe the child. You will see how it all comes together.

Leo on First House Cusp

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

Moon in First House

Your child manages to end up in the limelight, with the support of those around her! She can get a lot of mileage out of her appearance and the way she carries herself and communicates to others. She could make her living from the public. Early home life, and particularly the relationship to the mother, colors the entire chart! Extremely sensitive, you must be patient in helping your child discipline and sort out her emotions. She may, without knowing, reflect the moods of people around her. She must be self-disciplined in eating and living habits from babyhood on!

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 her attitude toward her belongings. Responsibility, stewardship, and sharing all come into play here. If your child does not have any planets in the 2nd house, look to the sign, house and aspects of the planet ruling the sign on the cusp, and to the planet Venus, for clues as to money making potential and spending habits.

Virgo on Second House Cusp

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

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 her siblings, and with neighborhood pals. Children with personal planets (Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus and Mars) in the 3rd house tend to be very active at school.

Libra on Third House Cusp

Libra energy is always facilitating and responsive, assuming the appropriate reaction or response to any question or statement. This is certainly the social sign, par excellence. The affairs of the house with Libra on the cusp indicate where your child may enjoy working with a close pal; this may also be where she 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

Pluto in Third House

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

Fourth House: Home, Family, Security

Fourth House

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

Scorpio on Fourth House Cusp

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

Saturn in Fourth House

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

Fifth House: Expression, Creativity

Fifth House

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

Sagittarius on Fifth House Cusp

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

Uranus in Fifth House

Your child is unconventional when it comes to self-expression and enjoyment. She likes to find new and different ways to express herself – possibly sports, the creative arts, dance, martial arts and such. Electronic keyboards, computer, and New Age Art could fascinate her! The child with this placement usually doesn't mind feeling a little different. If afflicted, (and especially if aspecting personal planets) she could be openly rebellious to attract attention to herself or to prove her courage to her friends. She may have a hard time doing things anyway but her own! The 5th house is the house of romance. Sometimes, Uranus' presence here indicates sudden romances, infatuations, or an off-beat approach to love. As your child matures, teach her well the rewards of lasting commitments in love and friendships, the consequences and dangers of wrong choices and impromptu relationships. This position is common in the charts of artists (especially if Venus is prominent in the chart), recording artists, television personalities, and movie actors. Uranus in the 5th house is also favorable for teachers, stock brokers, athletes, child psychologists. Sometimes, Uranus in the house of children indicates a unique

approach to education. You may have gifted or somehow unusual grandchildren!

Neptune in Fifth House

Neptune in the 5th house is an artistic influence in the chart. Children with this Neptune placement often have vivid imaginations, and an ability to express ideas of a mystical or other-worldly nature. Your child may be a natural performer! Your child may enjoy music, drama, art, or dance classes and be adept at entertaining friends and adults with enchanting tales! Neptune in the house of drama can wear many masks! Make sure your child knows the difference between fact and fantasy, the mask and the real "me" inside! This child needs to express love and seeks your affection and approval. Search for other factors in the chart that would balance creativity with practicality and common sense. It's important that your child learn to see people as they really are, rather than as she would like them to be, to avoid disappointment in relationships. A born romantic, teach her discernment in her choice of companions.

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 her daily habits. How she handles her chores, how she approaches her school work. Is her handwriting sloppy or neat? Is she happy to help others when asked or does she 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.

Capricorn on Sixth 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.

Mars in Sixth House

The child with Mars in the 6th house is typically motivated when it comes to matters of care and service – taking care of details. She has an inborn desire to serve, to be useful and productive and it's up to you to provide her with the necessary tools to accomplish real jobs! (i.e. child-sized hammer, shovels, egg beaters for toddlers; shovels, shopping lists, and job opportunities for older children) Having an eye for quality control, she may sooner or later show you a better way to do the very thing you've taught her! Speaking of tools, this placement favors heavy-equipment operators, steel workers and mechanical engineers. Medicine, nutrition, food services and work with textiles and/or cloth may be indicated. For some children with this placement, perfectionism becomes an obsession;

others have the energy to do the work of ten. Help your child see the middle way and pursue a spiritual (rather than a human) perfection. If afflicted, friction with classmates & later with co-workers may be due to an overly demanding or critical attitude.

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 she able to hold her own in a match? Can she stand up against peer pressure? To succeed with 7th house issues, the child needs to feel secure within herself (1st house polarity.) Planets in the 7th house and the sign on the cusp can also provide clues about your child's interaction, as she 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, she could incline toward arguments and contention (Mars) in close friendships (and later in marriage). She 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.

Aquarius on Seventh 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.

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 her 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 herself through desire, and to let go when necessary or right.

Pisces on Eighth House Cusp

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

If other factors in the chart agree, your child may be a super business person! Keep your eyes open for clues; does she sign up to be class treasurer? On the other hand, the 8th house relates not only to finances (with Jupiter, finances in a BIG way) but to spiritual mysteries. Searching, delving, researching, inventing, discovering, seeing...Your child's life path involves cutting through appearances and superficialities and laying bare the reality of a situation. This could mean that the business world is an open book for her – easy to read. Or she may find psychology fascinating. Jupiter here may indicate a career in medicine, in emergency care. This placement also favors any work related to real estate, taxes, banking and insurance.

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, her search for higher meaning, where she reaches out to know more, the (life-long) evolution of her belief system. As a youth, she is apt to be more concerned with her direct experience than with abstract thoughts. From these, however, she will draw conclusions shaping her beliefs. Priests, judges, historians, college professors, philosophers and explorers often have key planets here. The child with planets in the 9th house enjoys expanding her horizons through travel.

Aries on Ninth House Cusp

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

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 she wants to do and who she wants to be when she grows up), how she deals with authorities, how she handles responsibility, and her relationship with her father or dominant parent. The child's way of dealing with her elders during childhood obviously will be transferred to dealing with her boss later on! Children with planets in the 10th house may be thinking ahead. Children with the Sun, Jupiter or Saturn or many planets in the 10th house often want to be someone of consequence in this world! The 10th house relates to Saturn and hence to maturation through time. Sometimes planets in the 10th house (especially the Sun or Saturn) indicate a need for much training before reaching the career goal.

Taurus on Tenth House Cusp

Taurus energy is stable. Here is where your child is likely to be resourceful, where talent may lie! She 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.

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 her companions. As she matures (and particularly during pre-adolescence and teen-age years), peer pressure and conformity may take precedence over parental guidelines in her 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 she 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, she 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 her goal-fittedness; how to measure our projected aspirations for her against her own! The 11th house also addresses the child's willingness (or lack of it) to cooperate with others in group projects.

Gemini on Eleventh House Cusp

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

Sun in Eleventh House

Your child's innate idealism and love for humanity can blossom in group or community work, especially if she is in a leadership role. Friendships mean a lot to her. Anything that is altruistic or serves the common good – that's where she can be found. Scouts or 4 H Club could afford her the opportunity to work with groups. Your child strives to make her dreams and ideals real. This position lends itself to change and reformation, and therefore is not uncommon in the charts of politicians! Often there is a love of electronics and inventions. This placement also relates to acting, broadcasting and flying.

Mercury in Eleventh House

The child born with Mercury in the 11th house tends to be idealistic. Her mind runs to humanitarian values and thoughts of what could (and should) be – Utopia! She likes to exchange ideas with her friends and is more prone to establish friendships for mental stimulation rather than purely social reasons. If well aspected, this child has an open mind and converses with people of all different backgrounds. She likes to put her ideas to work in the world, making dreams real. She may be interested in participating in clubs at school or in taking on a position in student government. Especially (but not necessarily) if in Aquarius, scientific ability is almost always present. With hard aspects, your child's ideas may be eccentric, radical, or impractical. Many electricians have Mercury here. This placement is also favorable for politics, theater, science, flying, electronics, computers and group work.

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.

Cancer on Twelfth 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.

Venus in Twelfth House

The child with Venus in the 12th house is typically kind-hearted, compassionate, imaginative, and concerned with the welfare of others. She can appreciate their difficulties and be understanding of the problems they may be having. Many a friend may

cry on her shoulder! She is prone to a certain amount of self-sacrifice. She will need to learn not to let others take advantage of her good nature (and not to feel sorry for herself if they do!) If your child is shy, this is due to extreme sensitivity, and she may need your help in strengthening her sense of self-esteem. This is a potentially creative placement, possibly indicating talent in writing, arts or film. When unchanneled (into creative work), Venus here could manifest as fantasy, escapism and wool-gathering. Because of her caring nature, this child may be attracted to working in hospitals or spiritual retreats when she is older. She may be naturally devotional and would benefit by early religious training. Many producers and actors have Venus in the 12th house.