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# Child\*Star

## Astrological Report for

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<b>The Astrological Chart</b>
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<u>Planet</u>	<u>Sign</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>House</u>	<u>House Cusps</u>
Sun	Leo	01°Le23'	04th	01 01°Ar19'
Moon	Leo	12°Le33'	05th	02 29°Ar41'
Mercury	Leo	26°Le30'	05th	03 00°Ge06'
Venus	Cancer	05°Ca51'	04th	04 01°Ca21'
Mars	Cancer	12°Ca08'	04th	05 02°Le37'
Jupiter	Pisces	28°Pi00' R	12th	06 03°Vi02'
Saturn	Taurus	03°Ta12'	02nd	07 01°Li19'
Uranus	Aquarius	11°Aq09'	11th	08 29°Li41'
Neptune	Aquarius	00°Aq45'	10th	09 00°Sg06'
Pluto	Sagittarius	05°Sg26'	09th	10 01°Cp21'
Midheaven	Capricorn	01°Cp21'		11 02°Aq37'
Ascendant	Aries	01°Ar19'		12 03°Pi02'

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## Introduction

### **I. CHILD\*STAR!!**

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

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

Being a parent is challenging. A job description for a parent would include something of almost every other job. When we study the child's astrological chart, we can instantly attune to how we can best guide 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.

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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.

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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.

### 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.

Aries is a Fire sign on the Action Cross. Children with Aries Rising are prone to be bold and impulsive. This child needs opportunities to take the initiative as well as patient parents to teach her to "look before she leaps!" Your child likely has a strong personality, but others may see her as somewhat self-centered and possibly arrogant. She could appear to be self-enterprising, single-minded and daring – a leader. If she receives the necessary education, she might grow up to be a pioneer in her field. The sign ruling the Ascendant is said to rule the chart. Mars rules Aries. Study Mars' (and the Sun's) sign, house position and aspects well -they will reveal much about your child's emerging personality. If Mars (or the Sun) are in Fire signs, your child is likely to be active, yet possibly quite demanding in her approach to life. Mars (or the Sun) in an Earth sign is a stabilizing influence. She strives forward determinedly. If Mars (or the Sun) are in Water signs, she could be

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touchy and defensive. She needs to learn not to take herself so seriously! When Mars (or the Sun) are in Air signs, the child is apt to be quite sociable. If the rest of the chart depicts a more passive personality, seek ways to bring out her native self-reliance by building in her self-confidence and a healthy self-esteem. She learns by making choices.

*Aries 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 Leo**

Leo is a Fire sign on the feeling cross. Its symbol is The Lion. Leo is fire of heart! Your little Leo Lion radiates warmth and affection. She is apt to be outgoing, overflowing, and generous, and genuinely concerned with the welfare of others. Always the leader, if not the center of any group, your child seldom fails to attract attention. If she feels left out or unnoticed, she may resort to negative attention, better in her mind than none!

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Your child may well wear her heart on her sleeve, or hidden behind a noble bearing. Leo children exhibit strong emotions. Typically, the Leo child thrives on praise, and delights in showing you her accomplishments and how proud she is of herself! Dramatic and just plain happy to be here, your Leo is warm of heart, gregarious, outspoken, and independent. Look for opportunities to place her in the limelight. Leo is the sign of performance. A family party can be a fun time to shine and show off a special skill such as singing, charades, or skits. Your little lion will enjoy telling tales and hearing colorful stories.

Leo children often do well in programs such as the Scouts where merits can be earned and true leadership developed. As she matures you may discover that your child has a way with younger children. Teach her that true leaders are humble, and can obey orders as well as give them out. She may need to be reminded that other children need turns at being the leader, too! Tire not in reminding her of the importance of working cooperatively with others. These are lessons that will always serve her well! Like a king, she may take for granted the good things in life. Teach your Leo youngster always to give thanks and express appreciation for what others do for her. Caring for her things is another way to show, "I care" but little lions can be careless at times.

Leo is the sign of amusements and recreations. Many Leo children enjoy parties and participating in sports. To motivate her, devise ways to make learning fun. Then again, life is not all fun and games. Leo children may need to learn the importance of finishing the job, simply because it has to be done.

### **Sun Trine Jupiter**

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

### **Sun Square Saturn**

Your child could be very self-conscious, and could tend to take life a bit too seriously. Success for this child comes through hard and precise work. She does best in a structured environment but may need encouragement to finish her work properly. Some children born with this aspect have to overcome some sort of handicap; perhaps a difficult social, physical or family situation. Perhaps through no fault of his own, this child's father was absent in some way as a parental figure. Later, the acquired self-discipline and striving can lead them to the top. Your child seeks your approval and support; be careful not to be unduly harsh or critical of her. Especially if the Sun and Saturn are in fixed signs, the child could be too serious and would benefit by learning to be more flexible. Help your child see the bright side of life!

### **Sun Opposition Neptune**

Your child's perception of others could be colored by an over-idealized vision, great devotion, or negatively, by emotional bias and wishful thinking. Children born with this aspect may be very sensitive, with feelings easily hurt by what others say. The world of fantasy, creativity, illusion and delusion are common with this aspect. Help your child overcome fear through understanding and objective thinking. She needs a strong sense of self-worth. In some cases, a parent, usually the father is often psychologically "missing" in childhood, or there could have been a sense of mystery

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about the father for the child to relate to during their developing ego stage. This can give a cloudy view of oneself as well. Also, in some cases it is common to idealise the father. Your child could be naturally devotional with spiritual leanings.

### **Sun Trine Pluto**

It's said that those born with Pluto aspecting the Sun manage to cram many lifetimes into one, for during their life they pass through intense periods of self-transformation. This Sun-Pluto contact gives a Scorpio-like coloring to the chart. Your child may experience life with emotional intensity. This aspect confers stamina and good leadership potential for emergency and crisis situations. Your child could be sensitive and strong willed. She may have to work at overcoming resentment; especially if she doesn't get her way.

### **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 Leo**

Leo is a Fire sign on the feeling cross. Its symbol is The Lion. Moon in Leo children express their feelings ardently, dramatically, and with strong convictions. (Sometimes the little lion roars!) Children with this placement take their feelings seriously and expect you will, too. They can feel deeply hurt when other children or adults make fun of them. Above all, youngsters with the Moon in Leo crave attention. "Look at me!" their actions say. If Mom or Dad are too busy to notice, watch out! Often, negative attention is better than none at all in her mind.

Your child is apt to be a natural performer! You might want to enlist her in drama classes. To be happy, she needs to be creative. Your child is great with younger children and big on animals, sports, and recreation. She magnetizes people of all ages to her because she is an instant umbrella of warmth, friendship, and self-expression.

Unless the Sun is in Virgo, your child may be better at giving orders than obeying them. She may insist on doing it "my way," but the Moon in Leo child needs to learn to listen and obey and above all, to cooperate with others. Leo is the sign of royalty, and you might find your Moon in Leo youngster strutting around, taking a lot of things for granted. Stress gratitude in thought and action in your household. Expressing thanks, giving blessings at mealtime, caring for possessions and being willing to do her share (even if it's not the most fun job available), responding to the needs of family and friends are some ways to develop the sensitivity of heart necessary for true leadership. She could be forceful, even bossy. The Moon in Leo child perceives the mother as creative, in some cases flamboyant, and fun. With afflictions, she may think her overbearing and dogmatic.



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## **Moon Opposition Uranus**

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

## **Moon Trine 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, and 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.

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Children with Mercury in Earth signs generally have a good measure of common sense. Hands on training suits them best.

### **Mercury in Leo**

Leo is a Fire sign on the feeling cross. Its symbol is The Lion. My, what a show! The Mercury in Leo child is dynamic and expressive in thought and speech – dramatic! She appreciates her own ideas, and tends to be outgoing in speech and manner. Born with an active mind, she may need much practice to remember to raise her hand before she speaks in class! She speaks from the heart and with much conviction. She puts forth strong views and it may not be easy to get her to see things from your perspective. Emotional and a good entertainer, your child is louder than average and tends to exaggerate. She wants to make sure her ideas receive the recognition they deserve and will proudly display her best school work to you. She needs well deserved praise. At the same time, (and especially if the Sun is in Leo as well), she needs to learn to follow instructions. Mental pride and arrogance are the pitfalls of this placement. Parents and teachers need to be consistent and patient. Look for ways to make learning fun!

### **Mercury Trine Saturn**

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

## **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. She loves to cook as well! Many restaurant owners and chefs have Venus in Cancer!

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## **Venus Sextile 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.

## **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 Cancer**

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

The Mars in Cancer child feels attached to her mother (the crab can cling as well). She is apt to be affectionate and caring. Let her know you love her, but encourage her to develop self-reliance and

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self-discipline. She needs to express her feelings. When the Mars in Cancer child holds in her anger and hurts (the crab hides in her shell) she sometimes gets indigestion and stomach problems. Many children with this placement are resourceful, imaginative and multi-talented. Your child likely loves family, children, and animals. She may enjoy cooking, repair work or carpentry. Motivated by feelings, the Mars in Cancer child can feel frustrated when she has to delay gratification. If she doesn't feel like it, she may find it hard to summon the gumption to get the job done! You can help her acquire the self-discipline she needs by providing her with structured activities, by teaching her to manage her time properly and by being consistent in seeing that she follows up on household chores and routines. With good aspects, she has common sense; if afflicted, she may need to work at it!

### **Moon Semisextile Mars**

Children with this energetic aspect are full of punch! It's probable that your child likes people, and finds it easy to get along with almost anybody! She could have an extra ounce of courage and daring! Some form of sports or physical creative discipline, such as dancing, will almost certainly appeal to her! (Because Mars is in a water sign, your child might take to the water like a fish!) your child is a natural! She knows how to motivate and inspire others and could be a mini-politician in her own right! Your child might enjoy coaching or training younger children. With her powerful spirit, she will attract many friends and positive experiences.

### **Venus Conjunction Mars**

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

## **Jupiter: Career and Life Path**

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

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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 Trine Jupiter**

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

### **Venus Square Jupiter**

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

## **Saturn: Responsibilities**

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

### **Saturn in Taurus**

The great spiritual traditions of the East say that suffering is born of desire. Self-liberation comes from non-attachment to desire. People with Saturn in Taurus typically equate emotional security with material abundance. They can become very attached to their possessions. But, the snag is that the more attached they become, the more they fear losing their things, wealth or comfort. The balancing factor lies in the values acquired during childhood. The Saturn in Taurus child needs to learn to be a good steward of this world's goods. Later in life, she may enter banking, insurance or business management. She will look for a career that insures financial and material security. She is

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more patient than most, and willing to work hard to gain the objects of her desire. She may, however, find it difficult to share with other children. Remind her that, "It is far better to give than to receive." Read her tales that teach the dangers of excessive materialism, such as the story of Midas and that of Scrooge. In *THE SOUND OF MUSIC* you will find a useful example of a family able to enjoy the good things in life, but who are able to walk away from it and maintain their happiness. Your child may be reluctant to give up her things, even when they have outgrown their usefulness. Teach her to clean out her closet to make room for something new!

### **Sun Square Saturn**

The Sun/Saturn child seeks confirmation from her parents of "I AM WORTHY!" But, because she may fear rejection, she could be defensive. Your child is apt to have a strong sense of duty, and strives to do her best. If she learns not to take life so seriously, she will be a real achiever! She may have conflict with her father, thinking him too strict, or not strict enough! Because she has an inborn sense of responsibility, she too easily could blame herself for adversities not of her own making! Because your child is likely to be too hard on herself, she could probably benefit by being taught to think positively, to look for the "silver lining in the cloud." She needs patient love and direction from her father and/or other significant men in her life. When your child matures, her high standards and methodical approach could pay off. This position favors careers in teaching, industrial management, conservation, utilities, agriculture and building, dentistry, chiropractic and any field that requires efficiency and the systematic application of knowledge.

### **Mercury Trine Saturn**

Your child is a heavy-duty thinker and serious student, ready to work an idea through, reducing it to what is essential. She enjoys mental effort and discipline, and is willing to work long and hard at whatever she puts her mind to (unless Mercury or Saturn receive challenging squares). Your child should do well at school if challenged and stimulated by subject matter and teachers. She could later present or teach religious and philosophical ideas, anything with substance and content. An older sibling may influence her in a positive way.

### **Venus Sextile 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

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

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

Uranus is the planet that indicates how we free ourselves from the difficulties and problems life presents us. Uranus represents our link to the higher mind, Universal Intelligence. Here is the way insights come to us, how we discover or come to know and understand ourselves. Uranian energy shows us how to find new uses for old things. It rules inventions and sudden insights into our life – everything that is unusual, eccentric, and out of the ordinary. Uranus is, in many ways, the opposite, or undoing of Saturn. We look to Uranus in the child's chart to understand 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 Aquarius**

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

#### **Moon Opposition Uranus**

Children with Moon/Uranus contacts yearn to be free. They thrive on independence and may in fact be quite willful. The relationship with the mother may be unusual in some way. Sometimes the mother is quite unique, avant-garde or New Age or perhaps she is inconsistent, absent much of the time (or so perceived). Others may find your child original (certainly very different) and perhaps unpredictable, especially when it comes to emotional reactions. Your child may have a tendency to show emotions suddenly and/or in unusual ways. She likes unconventional friends and is probably a nonconformist herself. The Moon/Uranus child needs room to create but must be made to answer for her actions as well. Your child must recognize the importance of considering the feelings of others. She may seem to go out of her way to shock, confront, and challenge whatever is traditional and customary.

#### **Mars Quincunx Uranus**

The quincunx between Mars (action, motivation, desire) and Uranus (innovation) suggests that the child needs to learn to get the upper hand on a possibly restless nature. While she may not take easily to restraints of any kind (i.e. keeping schedules, wearing a helmet while cycling, etc.), she may need to adjust for safety's sake! Very little can be accomplished without some sort of discipline and training, and your child may resist these. Acquiring self-discipline, the ability to delay gratification, to work because the job needs to be done (even if she doesn't feel like it), and

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generally becoming self-motivated will head your child in the right direction for success. Be patient in showing her the way. your child needs consistent attention and parenting.

Children with Mars/Uranus contacts typically enjoy plenty of physical exercise. You may have to help her deal with sudden bursts of anger. With right training, your child could be both enterprising and determined. (Note that if Mars and Saturn receive trines and/or sextiles from other planets, much of the negative influence could be mitigated. In that case – and also when the parent/teacher learns how to motivate the child and gives her consistent, structured instruction – this aspect can lead to steady achievements.)

### **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 Aquarius**

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

### **Sun Opposition Neptune**

Stress honesty in your household and telling it as it is. With this placement, your child may have a tendency to exaggerate, tell tall tales, or fabricate stories. Not necessarily due to dishonesty, but rather to extreme sensitivity to the harshness of the world. (Ann of Green Gables would be a good example.) Your child may long for the perfect place, the ideal relationship. Teach her not to be afraid to confront people and problems. Above all, teach her to believe in herself and her ability to stand, face and conquer! Your child is compassionate by nature. She could be quite gracious, with an ability to charm others. Teach your child the importance of being reliable and on time.

### **Jupiter Sextile Neptune**

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



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## **Saturn Square Neptune**

Overcoming fear and accepting responsibility are themes of this challenging square. Your child needs a strong sense of self-esteem. She also needs to learn to "dive in the wave" or problems can seem overwhelming. A healthy relationship with the father will help mitigate the negative influences. Sometimes the child feels that parents, authorities, family tradition or heritage block her path or sense of spirituality.

## **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 Sagittarius**

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

## **Sun Trine Pluto**

Check and see if other elements of the chart point to leadership, for this position is often found in the charts of those who make a significant impact in the lives of others. Your child may go through periods of incredible change and transformation during her life. She is a natural detective and analyst, psychologist and fact finder, and enjoys getting beneath the surface. See to it that your child is challenged intellectually at school and has opportunities to take the lead.

## **Moon Trine 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 Quincunx Pluto**

Your job: instill in your child right values concerning relationships with the opposite sex, food and drink and money! Venus represents values and all the aforementioned; the Pluto contact can add a compulsive energy. Teach your child moderation in all things, the wisdom of the middle way! The child with this aspect could be possessive with her friends, or set out to reform them. She could attract or be attracted to friends who are in some way not good for her. Perhaps she is interested in what makes them click! Teach your child to be honest with others and not to give in to emotional

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manipulation. Let her know how to discern who is her friends and who is best avoided! Teach her to influence others by example, rather than by control. Your child could be an inspiring communicator! Venus/Pluto contacts often describe a charismatic personality and sometimes indicate a career in television, cinema or one of the arts.

### **Saturn Quincunx Pluto**

Children born with Saturn/Pluto contacts can be hard taskmasters on themselves and on others! Sometimes this aspect is the mark of a fighter! Hopefully, the childhood environment is neither harsh nor harmful. Check the rest of the chart for elements of compassion, sensitivity and humor – these would lighten up the load of this rather heavy combination! Teach your child tolerance for her mistakes and those of others, and perhaps to relax and not (always) take life so seriously! Physical exercise and meditation could help release a high degree of tension (check the house positions of Saturn and Pluto to see where in life this is most apt to manifest). Your child needs to cultivate a cooperative attitude, self-control and self-discipline. She could be secretive, interested in detective stories, police work and the law, scientific research, medicine, finances and/or spiritual mysteries.

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## Challenges and Abilities

### Focus

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

#### **Venus Conjunction Mars 06°17'**

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

### Challenges

Life can be challenging, and things are not always easy. The major challenges in a natal chart are where we can expect increased activity and personal involvement – ready or not. These critical areas of life can be difficult, and the resulting confusion and possible obscurity often makes it hard for us to see and act with normal clarity. Some of these aspects are apparent in little children, others describe yourselves, 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 Opposition Neptune 00°38'**

Your child's perception of others could be colored by an over-idealized vision, great devotion, or negatively, by emotional bias and wishful thinking. Children born with this aspect may be very sensitive, with feelings easily hurt by what others say. The world of fantasy, creativity, illusion and delusion are common with this aspect. Help your child overcome fear through understanding and objective thinking. She needs a strong sense of self-worth. In some cases, a parent, usually the father is often psychologically "missing" in childhood, or there could have been a sense of mystery about the father for the child to relate to during their developing ego stage. This can give a cloudy view of oneself as well. Also, in some cases it is common to idealise the father. Your child could be naturally devotional with spiritual leanings.

#### **Moon Opposition Uranus 01°23'**

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

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acquiring self-control and self-knowledge. Some children with this Moon-Uranus aspect are quite brilliant and original in their thinking. Teach your child the importance of keeping commitments.

### **Sun Square Saturn 01°49'**

Your child could be very self-conscious, and could tend to take life a bit too seriously. Success for this child comes through hard and precise work. She does best in a structured environment but may need encouragement to finish her work properly. Some children born with this aspect have to overcome some sort of handicap; perhaps a difficult social, physical or family situation. There may be some issue related to the father or with an important authority figure. Perhaps through no fault of his own, this child's father was absent in some way as a parental figure. Later, the acquired self-discipline and striving can lead them to the top. Your child seeks your approval and support; be careful not to be unduly harsh or critical of her. Especially if the Sun and Saturn are in fixed signs, the child could be too serious and would benefit by learning to be more flexible. Help your child see the bright side of life!

### **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.

### **Venus Sextile Saturn 02°39'**

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.

### **Sun Trine Jupiter 03°24'**

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

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**Sun Trine Pluto 04°03'**

It's said that those born with Pluto aspecting the Sun manage to cram many lifetimes into one, for during their life they pass through intense periods of self-transformation. This Sun-Pluto contact gives a Scorpio-like coloring to the chart. Your child may experience life with emotional intensity. This aspect confers stamina and good leadership potential for emergency and crisis situations. Your child could be sensitive and strong-willed. She may have to work at overcoming resentment; especially when she doesn't get her way.

**Mercury Trine Saturn 06°42'**

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

**Moon Trine Pluto 07°07'**

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.

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## **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 Fire**

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

### **Have Fixed**

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

### **Want Cadent**

This is a busy pattern – showing the need to master the daily details: being on time, schedules, tasks. Your child makes contact with a lot of people.

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## 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.

#### **Aries on First 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.

### **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

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the planet ruling the sign on the cusp, and to the planet Venus, for clues as to money making potential and spending habits.

### **Aries on Second 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.

### **Saturn in Second House**

In an adult chart, Saturn in the 2nd can indicate considerable business ability and wealth or conversely, a lot of sweat with little to show for it. Since this is the house of values, much depends on the examples set (especially by the father or dominant parent) and values developed during childhood and the growing up years. You may consider setting up your child with an allowance, and later a savings account of her own as a framework for helping her develop good monetary habits. Sometimes this position indicates frugality bordering on stinginess. The way your child treats her possessions may give you a clue. Look to Saturn's sign and aspects for a fuller picture. Your child will enjoy working for rewards, saving up points or pennies for that special something! This position lends itself toward merit programs. Saturn in the 2nd house favors government contracts, business management, mining, construction and commodities trading.

## **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.

### **Gemini on Third 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.

## **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



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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.

### **Cancer on Fourth House Cusp**

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

### **Sun in Fourth House**

Home, family, and security are important to your child. She loves to set down roots and build a home base. Sensitive and somewhat private, she tends to be a sensitive (and sometimes vulnerable) person. The impact of impressions from early home life, and in particular the nature of the relationship with the mother, may last a lifetime. If your child feels secure in your love, she may grow to nurture and counsel others. Many children with this position love helping around the house, cooking and fixing things. This is a good placement for cooks and restaurant owners. It is also favorable for business; you might want to start her out early!

### **Venus in Fourth House**

Your child loves her roots, whether home and family, ancestors, or history in general. Harmony in the home is essential for her happiness. If well aspected, Venus in the 4th usually indicates a close relationship with the mother. Your child may enjoy "home entertaining" from toddler tea parties to elementary birthday celebrations to teen age gatherings. She could be artistic or be a fine cook! Your child may be patriotic. Disorder or want of physically comfortable surroundings could hit a sensitive chord. When she is an adult, her relationships with the opposite sex will be greatly influenced, for better or for worse, by the quality of caring and affection received as a child. This Venus placement is favorable for restaurant managers, professional cooks and caterers. It also favors interior decorators, real estate agents and innkeepers. Venus in the 4th house is common in the charts of teachers since it often indicates a love for children.

### **Mars in Fourth House**

The child with Mars in the 4th house is actively searching for her roots! Home life means a lot to her. Indeed, she may want to be in charge! Sometimes Mars in the 4th house (especially if afflicted), points to quarrels with family members and domestic discord. If your child is defensive and demanding, she may feel secretly rejected! She may need help being objective about her feelings. Lots of love and praise well deserved will help her sense the security she yearns for. (Study Mars by sign and aspect as well as the lunar placements and any other planets in the 4th house, for greater insight into home life.) Children with Mars in the 4th are likely to enjoy fixing things around the house. Many repairmen have this placement. Cooking may be another favorite activity. (This is a common position for chefs and restaurant owners) This child may need her own room. Otherwise she may try to "rule the roost." When she's older, owning land may be important to her. (This Mars placement favors ecologists, geologists, ranchers, miners, plumbers, builders, and real estate agents.) Establish good communication with your child.

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## **Fifth House: Expression, Creativity**

### **Fifth House**

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

### **Leo on Fifth 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 Fifth House**

Your child lights up a room with her enthusiasm and joie de vivre! She loves to share with others, not only possessions, but ideas, experiences as well! Emotionally dramatic, she is most expressive when urged on by a group or in an environment that she feels is both supportive and appreciative. With the Moon (emotion) in the house of recreation, children, and romance (5th), your child is apt to take to games, group sports, and pageantry. She may enjoy coaching younger children and caring for pets. Especially if the Moon is positively aspected, children with this placement tend to be openly affectionate. They need your approval and love. But make no mistake about it; spoon out encouragement and self-discipline in equal measures. Love her, but don't over indulge her! Especially if the Moon is in Aquarius, Taurus or a fire sign, cooperation may not come easily and is a lesson best learnt starting in the Nursery! This is a great position for actors, educators (or their assistants), athletes, and group leaders.

### **Mercury in Fifth House**

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

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## **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.

### **Virgo on Sixth 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.

## **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.

### **Libra on Seventh 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

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## **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.

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

### **Ninth House**

The 9th house covers higher education, long journeys and religion (the longest journey of all). Here is what remains of the purification that takes place in the 8th house – the seed, or essence, of an entire cycle of experience. Religion comes from a Latin word that means to bind back, and thus refers to all things that last or endure, such as the truth. Essential ideas, philosophy, and the courts of law belong here. In your child's chart, the 9th house reveals the influences shaping the child's notions of right and wrong, 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.

### **Sagittarius on Ninth 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.

### **Pluto in Ninth House**

Individuals born with Pluto in the 9th house experience spiritual regeneration through the discovery of universal laws and eternal truths. Listen well to your child's questions on the nature of life and man. She is searching and there's nothing superficial capturing her attention. An intense analytical approach to life cuts through to the heart of things. A marked bluntness may be misunderstood by others; she tells it as it is, or as least as she thinks it is! She may be possessed of a powerful will, but

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try to show her the value of tact and diplomacy. A fanatical or rigid religious (or cultural) upbringing could evoke the more negative aspects of this placement: spiritual pride, fanaticism, and religious intolerance. If afflicted, there could be obstacles to overcome in obtaining higher education, perhaps due to a general impatience with the academic process.

### **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.

#### **Capricorn on Tenth 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.

#### **Neptune in Tenth House**

As she matures (and usually after age 10) children with Neptune in the 10th house benefit from parental guidance in career development: learning how to determine and crystallize her particular talent, learning effective ways to cope with and master the outside world. With this placement, your child may be attracted to social work, healing, or some work in which she can serve others. She may be uncertain as to exactly what she wants to be when she grows up, but you can bet she's got an idealist vision of whatever it is! She tends to link her practical skills to her almost mystical inner vision. At best, she will manifest her ideals and dreams in an organized and clear-headed manner. She might be just the one to later give the public a sense of the ideal via films, advertising, or spiritual work. Sometimes, individuals with this placement work with no thought of personal reward. Teach your child to recognize the value of her work so that when she is older, she will not "give away" her time. On the other hand, point out to her the downfall of those whose motives are selfish. Your child may have a strong, idealized bond to her father, or dominant parent but could feel disappointed if that parent is absent, non-effective (in the world) or somehow doesn't live up to her idealized expectations!

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## **Eleventh House: Dreams & Visions, Community**

### **Eleventh House**

We have been on the mountain and had a vision (10th house). In the 11th, we bond with others who share our vision and can help us realize it. Thus, this is the house of friends and community life. The young child is greatly influenced by 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.

### **Aquarius on Eleventh House Cusp**

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

### **Uranus in Eleventh House**

Get ready because you never know who your child will invite home for dinner! The child with Uranus in the 11th house may enjoy eccentric, unconventional, even offbeat friends. As she grows, she could become interested in affiliating with groups that carry some kind of humanitarian appeal, or New Age message. In her search for truth, she may kick traditional values aside, being more open to what is new and different. Your child may have very original ideas when it comes to community, making our collective dreams into a reality, and could enjoy living in a New Age environment. Give your child a bedrock foundation of traditional values that she can build upon. If afflicted, she may attract "fair weather" friends whose motives may not always be in her best interests. Uranus in the 11th house is found in the charts of astrologers, students of esoteric traditions, politicians and technicians to name but a few.

## **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.

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## **Pisces on Twelfth 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 Twelfth House**

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

<h2><b>Landscape: Major Life Periods</b></h2>
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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 represents 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 is likely to show an interest in the outside world and social life very early, say around 11 or 12 years of age. Your child may at this time move very rapidly into the limelight and find herself increasingly more interested and successful in all social activities. This trend will continue and reach a peak when your child is about 18 or 19 years of age, after which time she is apt to lose interest in the social and external and turn more inward. This could result in her being somewhat of a prodigy and achieving a very early career success, only to find herself less and less involved in it. Your child may even turn away from everything and choose to start over again to find a new vocation. She could discover herself spending many years pursuing a more inward and subjective path that could last until your child is 30 years of age (or more) at which time she will likely turn outward once again and take a new direction.

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## **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.

### **Jun 14, 2003 3rd Pass D> (Age 4 10m)**

The dates above mark the ending of a quiet, subjective cycle. Saturn at that point finished its transit through the 1st, most subjective quadrant of your child's chart. (This may not apply for Newborns) The dates show when Saturn entered the 4th house and the 2nd quadrant. The 4th house is a one of the four "ANGULAR" houses. Angular houses are "action" houses and point to the "shifting of gears." Saturn entering this house marked the beginning of a seven year period of greater self-expression for your child. The fourth house relates to the sign Cancer and deals with family life and security. The child is now laying her foundation for later success. Family support and harmony in the environment are strong plus factors during this critical period. Changes in residence could effect her deeply at this time, for better or for worse. This is when the child must "establish" a strong sense of self-worth. If she feels secure, she is likely to become increasingly more confident and outgoing during the next few years. She is apt to be more social, tending to reach out more to others as this phase progresses. During this phase, the child must learn self-discipline, creative self-expression and good work, studying and eating habits. Saturn's transit through the 2nd quadrant lasts six or seven years.

*Saturn in 02nd Quadrant*