

# Child\*Star

Astrological Report for  
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**The Astrological Chart****Blue Ivy Carter**

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<b>Planet</b>	<b>Sign</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>House Cusps</b>
Sun	Capricorn	16°Cp48'	10th	01 29°Ar48'
Moon	Gemini	27°Ge51'	03rd	02 02°Ge25'
Mercury	Sagittarius	29°Sg11'	09th	03 25°Ge24'
Venus	Aquarius	22°Aq02'	11th	04 16°Ca20'
Mars	Virgo	21°Vi32'	06th	05 09°Le55'
Jupiter	Taurus	00°Ta39'	01st	06 12°Vi19'
Saturn	Libra	28°Li41'	06th	07 29°Li48'
Uranus	Aries	00°Ar59'	12th	08 02°Sg25'
Neptune	Aquarius	29°Aq05'	11th	09 25°Sg24'
Pluto	Capricorn	07°Cp34'	09th	10 16°Cp20'
Midheaven	Capricorn	16°Cp20'		11 09°Aq55'
Ascendant	Aries	29°Ar48'		12 12°Pi19'

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Another type of cross-reference is necessary when a planet receives more than one kind of

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### The Rising Sign

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

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 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 Capricorn**

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

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

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

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

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

### **Sun Trine Mars**

Go for it! This harmonious contact between the Sun ("I am", solar power) and Mars (action through desire) confers abundant energy. There's an accent on leadership and action. Your child likely has natural athletic ability. She is likely to be competitive and more confident than most of winning! She is physically active and may need plenty of exercise and outdoor play. Or perhaps she is mentally competitive or skilful in one of the arts. A positive combination for police or military work, this decidedly masculine contact indicates courage and ambition. Whatever your child's sphere of influence when she is grown-up, she is likely to make a mark! Typically, part of the formula for success is that the father (or dominant parent) encourages the child to do her best. Check out the affairs of the sign(s) and house(s) where the Sun and Mars are posited: your child will be very active in these areas.

### **Sun Conjunction Pluto**

Study well the sign the Sun is in; Pluto will either intensify the qualities/difficulties of that sign or attempt to block thier expression. It's said that those born with Pluto aspecting the Sun manage to cram many lifetimes into one, for during their life they pass though marked 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! Typically, the child with Pluto conjoined her Sun likes to be in control of the environment but doesn't want anyone controlling her! Help your child bring out the positive qualities of her Sun sign.

### **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 Gemini**

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

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

This is the child that always asks you "why?." Your child enjoys variety and change. She may find it difficult to concentrate on one activity at a time. The Gemini youngster likes to get around, enjoys outings, and all types of transportation toys that allow her to be on the go! She may be a tinkerer, with a penchant for taking apart and putting things back together. Insist she finish the job and put it away before she gets into another project. Mechanical toys, puzzles, and later computers keep her busy hands and restless mind engaged for hours. Thinking,

writing, researching, and science are favored. Plenty of learning occurs at home, or perhaps the parents are well educated. Gemini's are natural teachers.

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

### **Moon Opposition Mercury**

Children born with this aspect are often imaginative and expressive. Nevertheless, the child may find it hard to understand and talk about her feelings. Or perhaps her intentions are misunderstood. (Sometimes this results from the perception of the mother as somehow non-communicative.) If she feels awkward in conversation, the child could be shy or moody. Take the time to talk with your child. Help her learn to separate her thoughts from her feelings. Find ways to build her self-confidence in speaking and interacting with others: i.e., build her vocabulary, teach her elocution and the social skills, be generous with praise. Some children with this Moon-Mercury contact are high-strung, restless, and/or mentally stubborn. On the other hand, your child could be exceptionally glib and clever with a noticeable wit! She could be a born salesperson! Whichever is the case, she benefits by right schooling and training.

### **Moon Trine Venus**

People are just naturally attracted to this child, perhaps because they sense that she really cares for them, too. This aspect often indicates popularity; many friends and lots of relationships. Your child might be artistic or attracted to artistic types. She could be conscious of the way she looks and probably likes nice clothes. This aspect is favorable for feminine industries: fashion, beauty, style, etc., and any work involving plenty of contact with the public.

### **Moon Square Mars**

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

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

### **Moon Sextile Jupiter**

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

### **Moon Trine Saturn**

The child born with this aspect is usually loyal and dependable. She probably doesn't enter nor drop relationships lightly and may be a tad shy. This aspect lends stability to the chart. Your child may seem mature for her age.

### **Moon Square 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 Neptune**

Children born with this aspect may be enchanting, with a dreamy look about them. They often have artistic and/or musical talent. They are highly impressionable and tend to pick up on

other people's vibrations. Children with the Moon aspecting Neptune need to learn to be discriminating in their choice of companions. Your child may be very kind, but gullible and easily duped (and therefore disappointed.) The line between fantasy and fact may not be apparent. The child could adore the mother, or be confused by her. The mother may help the child develop her creativity productively.

### **Moon Opposition Pluto**

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

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

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

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

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

with Mercury in Water signs may need help thinking clearly since emotion runs into thoughts. These children like profound subject matter. Children with Mercury in Earth signs generally have a good measure of common sense. Hands on training suits them best.

### **Mercury in Sagittarius**

Sagittarius is a Fire sign on the thinking cross. Its symbol is The Archer or The Centaur. The Mercury in Sagittarius child is typically fair-minded and above-board, always direct and honest in thought. Sometimes, she could be blunt to the point of putting her foot in her mouth or offending others. She could feel self-justified in "telling it like it is," but do not allow her to be rude or inconsiderate in speech. She is more interested in eternal thoughts and broad landscapes than in minute details. Although she may get the picture right away, hers is a wandering mind that loves to travel. Focus, and finish one job at a time are her formulas for success!

### **Moon Opposition Mercury**

Does this opposition work as a yin/yang flow or as conflict? Is your child argumentative? If so, she may find it hard to find support for her ideas, and may tend to be defensive with those who oppose or challenge her way of thinking. Your child needs to integrate her thoughts and feelings but may tend to swing from objective thinking to pure emotion. She may feel misunderstood or find it difficult to express her feelings. She could say things that upset or challenge those around her. Although this position lends itself to jobs dealing with arguments (such as law and even reporting), in daily life it's best to learn to listen objectively to what the other fellow has to say! The way the mother in particular communicates (hopefully lovingly, but objective and not wishy-washy) will help or hinder the child in working out the challenges inherent in this aspect. The child with dynamic Moon/Mercury aspects may require assistance with new subjects, teachers, situations at school.

### **Mercury Square Mars**

Your child may put a lot of feeling into what she says. Others sense in her high energy and a certain tension. Children with this aspect typically have quick minds, an even sharper tongue, and a penchant for argumentation! This aspect often indicates impatience and irritability and you may need to be very patient in reminding your child to curb her tongue.

### **Mercury Trine Jupiter**

This aspect often indicates a problem-solver, someone who can think of a way to do almost anything (or think her way out of almost anything)! Children with this aspect have a reputation

among their peers of being fair and honest. Typically, they enjoy learning and are confident of their mental abilities. Your child is apt to enjoy traveling and seeks new experiences to broaden her horizons. This aspect indicates an ability to persuade others, and therefore favors politics, counseling and ministerial type work. As an adult, your child may find herself interested in legal matters, publishing, philosophical and religious subjects, and would make a good teacher or instructor. Scientific investigation might interest her also.

### **Mercury Sextile Saturn**

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

### **Mercury Square Uranus**

Brilliance or eccentricity? Children with this aspect may be very original thinkers! Nevertheless, they usually require instruction in follow-up and consistency in their work. This child's natural tendency could be to change her mind in the middle of a project and go rushing off in some new direction. Guide your child in finding practical uses for her plentiful insights.

### **Mercury Sextile Neptune**

The child with this aspect could have a fantastic imagination and be somehow tuned into what we all dream of at the deepest levels. The dream worlds, the more eternal thoughts of mankind, come easily to her, and she would be a convincing speaker on occult, metaphysical, and religious subjects. Your child could be sensitive, poetic and persuasive. This aspect is common in the charts of composers. She could have oratory and/or theatrical skills. On the downside, this child may weave many a tale. Help your child sort out reality from fact. Insist she tell the truth!

## **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 Aquarius**

Aquarius is an air sign on the feeling cross. Its symbol is The Water bearer. Aquarian love is often misunderstood. At best, your child has a love for her fellow man, and will see good in all despite race, or creed, or background. Like Will Rogers, she never met a stranger! She loves to exchange ideas of an abstract nature, and is a thinker! Some may see her as a good friend, others may say she is aloof, preferring not get too personal or emotional. In truth, she is a friend's friend! Your child loves to work for a great cause or purpose, and for a better world for all. She has an innate sense of what's fair and democratic, and feels happiest when among friends or as a member of a community. Your child may have acting talent. Sensitivity of heart and tolerance need to be developed with this placement. While she is apt to be popular, your child enjoys her space. She may avoid getting too personal or walk out of a relationship which feels too confining.

### **Moon Trine Venus**

Your child is loving and kind. She is a natural arbitrator, tending to see the best in people. Your child has a natural appreciation for the past, personal as well as world history – all that is traditional. She finds it easy to work with music, color, fabric, and the arts – whatever is beautiful and genial. She would make a superb decorator of homes and, in general, all kinds of environments. Very likely, your child has some measure of musical or artistic talent. Many performers have this aspect.

### **Venus Trine Saturn**

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

### **Venus Conjunction Neptune**

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### **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 Virgo**

Virgo is an Earth sign on the thinking cross. Its symbol is The Virgin. Mars in Virgo



children are motivated to help and be of service. They need child-sized tools and real jobs to get to work. Work well done merits praise and recognition. Your child must develop a sense of the worth of her work, and her own worthiness lest she offer her services indiscriminately.

Otherwise, friends could take advantage of her by playing upon her need to serve others. Your child likely has an innate urge to save, salvage and conserve, and can make a silk purse from a sow's ear. She can't bear waste and is very thorough and precise. Your child is apt to be a perfectionist, but watch out! Discrimination is fine, but criticism and pettiness would lose her many a friend if not pointed out and corrected! As an adult, an over-fastidious and demanding attitude typically leads to contention with co-workers or with employees. An over concern with every little picky detail sometimes means the job never gets done at all! On the brighter side, the Mars in Virgo child is usually patient. She is capable of learning and applying detailed techniques whether this be in crafts, in well-laid out botany displays, in building models or in writing papers.

Your child is apt to do her best work in a neat and structured environment. She could feel frustrated, angry and/or disoriented in a messy room (even her own)!

Many artisans and craftsman have Mars in this detail-oriented earth sign. Your child might enjoy sewing, embroidery or in some way working with cloth. Mars in Virgo children are born investigators. They love to research the laws behind manifestation. A walk through the woods that turns into a research project would excite your child. Since she tends to be methodical and likes to plan, you could set out your project before venturing out! She enjoys the mental stimulation of inductive learning. Try presenting her with math problems and then let her come up with the rule! Virgo is a practical sign related to the healing arts. As she matures, you might discover that medical research, dentistry (especially with strong Saturn positions), nutritional analysis or psychology may be your child's forte. Mars in Virgo is common in the charts of researchers, critics, analysts, accountants, mathematicians, engineers and other professions where precision, detail, and analytical ability are requisite. If Mars is afflicted, the child could be quite restless and prone to worry. She needs to learn to relax.

### **Sun Trine Mars**

For most children with this harmonious Sun/Mars aspect, will and desire work hand in hand. It's probably easy for your child to work with those in authority: parents, teachers, elders. She enjoys working with others and would make a good manager. An interest (and ability) in athletics, exercise (working with the physical body), the outdoors and such, should be lifelong. Another form this could take is training or coaching others. Your child could have a natural ability to express herself and to handle emotions. She may also like to perform. A career in one of the entertainment industries is a possibility. This position also favors police work. Because Mom and Dad supported her as a child, your child is confident of success as an adult.

### **Moon Square Mars**

Is she willing to cooperate with others? You may find her being too harsh or forceful when dealing with others, especially in group situations. It all begins in the sandbox so observe her at school and with friends. The social fabric around your child is something she may tear through all too often in her drive to get things done (or satisfy her desires). This can result in a distinct lack of support or assistance from others. She will learn that when she tends to ignore sentiment and the feelings of others, she is often left out. This lack of cooperation makes it hard to really get ahead. Your child needs to learn to be at peace within herself, to be able to handle criticism when it comes her way without over-reacting. As she matures, her greatest challenge may be learning to control her anger and be objective. You may find it advisable during the later elementary years to enroll your child in a martial arts or dance course where your child can express this energy and learn self-discipline simultaneously. Your child is ready to stand up for a cause and if she learns to think before she acts, she should master this aspect. Much depends on the relationship with the mother who will need to be very patient with her. She needs a serene environment.

### **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 Taurus**

The Jupiter in Taurus child is born with a green thumb in many areas, able to cultivate and nurture almost any project. Taurus is an earth sign ruled by Venus, the planet of love and beauty. Therefore, it's probable that your child likes beautiful things, jewelry and fine clothes. Making money may be second nature for her, and she is able to field ideas and bring forth growth and success. (Get her started on cookie sales, car washes and raffles!) she needs an understanding of the usefulness of money and things balanced with spiritual values lest she become attached to material goods. If your child is happy at home and senses her material and emotional needs are met, she can more easily let go of things. With afflictions, this placement

can indicate complacency, especially if the child is over-indulged. In caring for her belongings, in learning to share, in handling her allowance, teach her to be a just steward. She likes to accumulate and may equate success with wealth. Jupiter in Taurus children will look to you for practical applications of religion and philosophy. Make sure you practice what you preach!

### **Moon Sextile Jupiter**

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

### **Mercury Trine Jupiter**

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

## **Saturn: Responsibilities**

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

### **Saturn in Libra**

Saturn is exalted in the Sign of the Scales. This positive placement imparts balance and strength to an even otherwise difficult chart. Unless personal planets strongly indicate to the contrary, children born with Saturn in Libra are by nature gracious and diplomatic and benefit through early exposure to the social graces. Later in life, your child may deal with many different people and will appreciate early training in knowing the appropriate dress and behavior for varied social situations. Your Saturn in Libra child has a strong sense of fairness that later may lead her to consider entering such fields as law and arbitration. Her way with people and innate organizational talents could lead to P.R. positions or management roles. The child with this placement typically becomes quite indignant in the face of injustice and will stand up for the underdog! Nevertheless, her sense of justice will vary according to personal outlook. Teach your child to know the spirit as well as the letter of the law. Your child tends to take relationships seriously. If afflicted, she could encounter her greatest challenges, and learn many valuable lessons in life through close partnerships. Emphasize balance and equilibrium in all things. A sense of responsibility for others could lead her to take on their problems. It is good to help others, but not when in so doing, we compromise our own integrity. (Like hanging around with the wrong kids at school). If she fails to acquire this discrimination in relationships during her youth, as an adult she could enter limiting relationships or she could suffer a loss of professional status by taking on more commitments than she can realistically fulfill.

### **Moon Trine Saturn**

Your child is most likely a natural manager with a sense of responsibility beyond her years. This positive aspect indicates that your child is disciplined, capable of hard work, and good at getting others to work with and for her. Perhaps a little too serious and frugal, your child knows how to make the most out of what she has! Essentials are what count. Extremely loyal, she may be a little lonely as a child lest she find a "Kindred Spirit" at school.

### **Mercury Sextile 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 Trine Saturn**

Your child could be an excellent teacher in areas requiring discipline and organization. She values order and places a high premium on hard work and effort. Whatever is most practical is

best. She is apt to appreciate things that are durable and long-lasting. Your child has a natural love of truth, philosophy, law, and the like. This is considered a favorable aspect for architects, designers, teachers (especially of music or art), and performing artists since discipline/structure/form (Saturn) and art/beauty/relationships with others (Venus) are harmoniously linked. This Venus/Saturn aspect also favors lawyers, bankers, and real estate agents. Endowed with common sense and understanding, your child should be responsible and caring. Her friends are apt to be older than she.

### **Jupiter Opposition Saturn**

Although the dynamics of this aspect may not surface until your child is older, the opposition could indicate that career decisions suffer from a lack of organization and self-discipline. Therefore, good personal habits instilled during childhood, such as completing tasks and putting away personal belongings in their right place, being on time, promising only that which she can realistically fulfill, and having the patience to get the training necessary to get the job done, could give your child the background to avoid the pitfalls inherent in this pairing. Follow-through is critical in school work and later in career training. Your child needs to be willing to accept responsibilities and obligations, although she may tend to live as if there were no tomorrow. To be successful, she must learn punctuality! During her youth the child with this aspect could set herself up against authorities. Perhaps she feels that her attempts to reach out for meaningful experiences are thwarted by parents (particularly the father), rules, family or religious traditions. If the socio-cultural or religious background is (perceived as) excessively rigid or prejudicial, the child could break from family tradition when she is older.

### **The Outer Planets**

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

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

Uranus is the planet that indicates how we free ourselves from the difficulties and problems life presents us. Uranus represents our link to the higher mind, Universal Intelligence. Here is the way insights come to us, how we discover or come to know and understand ourselves. Uranian energy shows us how to find new uses for old things. It rules inventions and sudden insights into our life – everything that is unusual, eccentric, and out of the ordinary. Uranus is, in many ways, the opposite, or undoing of Saturn. We look to Uranus in the child's chart to understand her personal sense of uniqueness, where she dares to be different. Uranus also may reveal individual genius, talent, interests. With hard aspects, or if Uranus is placed in the 1st, 4th, 7th, or 10th houses, we may have to deal with willfulness and/or rebelliousness in the child, or she may perceive herself as somehow different from the rest. Parents and teachers can help the child with strong Uranian aspects by providing her with avenues for individual expression and creativity, and by recognizing her natural bent to experiment with new ways of doing things. At the same time, the child needs to learn that there is no true freedom without accountability. Be consistent in applying the rules. She needs to know the consequences of her use of free will.

#### **Uranus in Aries**

Your child belongs to a sub-generation that adopts an innovative approach to leadership, new starts and pioneer-type projects. As a group, they have bold and startling insights and tend to break away from tradition. Your child may seek greater self-expression through sports, exploration, and competition. With positive aspects to personal planets, your child could be a standard bearer. If the personality is self-centered, or if Uranus in Aries forms dynamic aspects to personal planets (especially to Mars), then the child will likely have to learn to deal with her anger and to curb impulsiveness for safety's sake!

#### **Moon Square Uranus**

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

### **Mercury Square Uranus**

Children with this Mercury/Uranus contact may surprise others with thoughts that are extreme, eccentric or that border on genius (but even so, which could easily be misinterpreted). Your child may need to learn to back up new insights with common sense and practical application and to avoid snap judgments. If Mercury and Uranus are in Gemini, Sagittarius, or Pisces, she will have to work at tethering the mind and focusing on the subject at hand, at school. She could be easily distracted or bored. Temper could be an issue. Provide your child with a peaceful and uncluttered environment. Diet could be a key element in the equation.

### **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!

### **Moon Trine Neptune**

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

### **Mercury Sextile Neptune**

Your child has a way with words and ideas. Your child creates mental tapestries and conveys them in a way that captures the attention of others. Your child loves a good story, especially those dealing with great heroes, colorful Biblical tales, mythology, and romantic legends such as that of King Arthur and His Knights! The danger is that the mind can be impressionable to a fault. Your child would make an excellent teacher of philosophy or religion, for she can't help but communicate these subjects and enchant all who come to know her. Your child might have literary or artistic talent. Although she has a rich imagination, your child needs to develop mental self-discipline to avoid daydreaming, especially at school! Your child would make a good director, for she likes working with mental images. Your child is devotional and understanding. She may be particularly devoted to a younger brother or sister.

### **Venus Conjunction Neptune**

Your child places a high value on dreams and ideals and doesn't consider them otherworldly or impossible. She has a love of the sea and of whatever bridges that which separates us. Mysticism, mythology, poetry, and music come naturally. Because she has a natural sense of devotion, she would benefit from a path of true religious training. Your child needs to develop a strong sense of identity and self-esteem lest she allow others to take advantage of her kindness or be indiscriminate in her choice of friends (partners). She seeks a way to help others, for she is more compassionate than most. For the same reason, your child could be overly impressionable or easily hurt by unthinking friends.

### **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.

### **Saturn Trine Neptune**

Here is the ability to ground and make spiritual ideas a practical matter, bringing them down to Earth and into everyday life. Your child could have great discipline when it comes to working with spirituality and unity – whatever binds or links all of us together. As she matures, she may be inspired to teach and show others these realms. No pie-in-the-sky for her. She grasps the principles that bind things together, the essentials of a practical religion, a



down-to-Earth mysticism. One of the parents (usually the father) influences the child along religious or philosophical lines. Your child carries on the tradition. This is the aspect of a "problem-solver." If Mercury is well aspected, the child may have marked writing ability.

### **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 Capricorn**

The United States Chart, and our founding fathers had Pluto in the sign of government and power. Tremendous practical sense and drive cut through all the red tape and exposes the right decisions every time. They had an ability to organize and manage and present us with a remarkable new concept of government and law. Pluto brings regeneration and sweeping changes in the public domain.

#### **Sun Conjunction Pluto**

Children with this aspect tend to come on strong, even to the point of intimidating others. Your child could put others through a lot of changes. Nor is she likely to be afraid of a good confrontation, and she is probably not known to pull any punches! As a child, she could be particularly willful (especially if the Sun is in Leo or Scorpio), so you'd best lay down the law from day one and please, remember...the key is to be consistent, stick to your guns but remain loving and never overpowering! Your child could excel at research or any work that requires digging, searching, investigating, and getting beneath the surface. Sometimes this placement indicates conflict with authorities or serious challenges to selfhood. The father's influence (or absence) for better or for worse is a crucial factor in weighing the nature of this aspect.

#### **Moon Opposition Pluto**

This aspect shows trials in relationships. Especially if the Moon is in Taurus and Pluto is in Scorpio, there is a need to learn to let go. The child with this aspect could be possessive of

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

### **Jupiter Trine Pluto**

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

### **Uranus Square Pluto**

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

## **Challenges and Abilities**

### Focus

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

#### **Venus Conjunction Neptune 07°03'**

Children with the planet of beauty coupled with the planet of illusion are very artistic. Even if they themselves are not artists, they could learn art appreciation and generally have an eye for beauty. Your child could be compassionate and kind, and sensitive to others. She could uplift others through the power of love. On the downside, the child with this aspect may be a dreamer, not always drawing the line between fact and fantasy. She could find it easy to be caught up in images – dreams, psychology, metaphysics, cinema, etc. (she probably loves movies – anything that flickers on the silver screen.) This aspect indicates a devotional nature. Your child would probably benefit by early religious instruction. Without suitable objects for their affection, these children could misplace their love, getting caught up with rock stars or unreliable characters.

#### **Sun Conjunction Pluto 09°14'**

Study well the sign the Sun is in; Pluto will either intensify the qualities/difficulties of that sign or attempt to block their expression. 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 marked 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! Typically, the child with Pluto conjoined her Sun likes to be in control of the environment but doesn't want anyone controlling her! Help your child bring out the positive qualities of her Sun sign.

### Challenges

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

exercise extra patience.

### **Moon Opposition Mercury 01°20'**

Children born with this aspect are often imaginative and expressive. Nevertheless, the child may find it hard to understand and talk about her feelings. Or perhaps her intentions are misunderstood. (Sometimes this results from the perception of the mother as somehow non-communicative.) If she feels awkward in conversation, the child could be shy or moody. Take the time to talk with your child. Help her learn to separate her thoughts from her feelings. Find ways to build her self-confidence in speaking and interacting with others: i.e., build her vocabulary, teach her elocution and the social skills, be generous with praise. Some children with this Moon-Mercury contact are high-strung, restless, and/or mentally stubborn. On the other hand, your child could be exceptionally glib and clever with a noticeable wit! She could be a born salesperson! Whichever is the case, she benefits by right schooling and training.

### **Mercury Square Uranus 01°48'**

Brilliance or eccentricity? Children with this aspect may be very original thinkers! Nevertheless, they usually require instruction in follow-up and consistency in their work. This child's natural tendency could be to change her mind in the middle of a project and go rushing off in some new direction. Guide your child in finding practical uses for her plentiful insights.

### **Moon Square Uranus 03°08'**

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 Square Mars 06°18'**

This aspect indicates that temper gets in the way of harmonious relationships. Often there are lessons to be learnt in cooperation, in meeting the other fellow halfway. The child with this

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

### **Mercury Square Mars 07°39'**

Your child may put a lot of feeling into what she says. Others sense in her high energy and a certain tension. Children with this aspect typically have quick minds, an even sharper tongue, and a penchant for argumentation! This aspect often indicates impatience and irritability and you may need to be very patient in reminding your child to curb her tongue.

### **Moon Opposition Pluto 09°43'**

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

## **Talents and Abilities**

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

child with opportunities to bring out and develop areas of inherent ability.

### **Mercury Sextile Neptune 00°06'**

The child with this aspect could have a fantastic imagination and be somehow tuned into what we all dream of at the deepest levels. The dream worlds, the more eternal thoughts of mankind, come easily to her, and she would be a convincing speaker on occult, metaphysical, and religious subjects. Your child could be sensitive, poetic and persuasive. This aspect is common in the charts of composers. She could have oratory and/or theatrical skills. On the downside, this child may weave many a tale. Help your child sort out reality from fact. Insist she tell the truth!

### **Mercury Sextile Saturn 00°30'**

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 Saturn 00°50'**

The child born with this aspect is usually loyal and dependable. She probably doesn't enter nor drop relationships lightly and may be a tad shy. This aspect lends stability to the chart. Your child may seem mature for her age.

### **Moon Trine Neptune 01°14'**

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

### **Mercury Trine Jupiter 01°28'**

This aspect often indicates a problem-solver, someone who can think of a way to do almost anything (or think her way out of almost anything)! Children with this aspect have a reputation

among their peers of being fair and honest. Typically, they enjoy learning and are confident of their mental abilities. Your child is apt to enjoy traveling and seeks new experiences to broaden her horizons. This aspect indicates an ability to persuade others, and therefore favors politics, counseling and ministerial type work. As an adult, your child may find herself interested in legal matters, publishing, philosophical and religious subjects, and would make a good teacher or instructor. Scientific investigation might interest her also.

### **Moon Sextile Jupiter 02°48'**

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

### **Sun Trine Mars 04°45'**

Go for it! This harmonious contact between the Sun ("I am", solar power) and Mars (action through desire) confers abundant energy. There's an accent on leadership and action. Your child likely has natural athletic ability. She is likely to be competitive and more confident than most of winning! She is physically active and may need plenty of exercise and outdoor play. Or perhaps she is mentally competitive or skilful in one of the arts. A positive combination for police or military work, this decidedly masculine contact indicates courage and ambition. Whatever your child's sphere of influence when she is grown-up, she is likely to make a mark! Typically, part of the formula for success is that the father (or dominant parent) encourages the child to do her best. Check out the affairs of the sign(s) and house(s) where the Sun and Mars are posited: your child will be very active in these areas.

### **Moon Trine Venus 05°49'**

People are just naturally attracted to this child, perhaps because they sense that she really cares for them, too. This aspect often indicates popularity; many friends and lots of relationships. Your child might be artistic or attracted to artistic types. She could be conscious of the way she looks and probably likes nice clothes. This aspect is favorable for feminine industries: fashion, beauty, style, etc., and any work involving plenty of contact with the public.

**Venus Trine Saturn 06°38'**

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

## **Landscape: Major Life Periods**

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

### **Your Personal Background**

By age seven, the child has absorbed an enormous amount of learning. Her physical body has reached 70% of her growth potential. Permanent teeth (teeth relate to Saturn) begin to emerge. She passes from the absorbent mind stage into the stage of active reason. She is on her way to becoming an independent adult. Saturn represent rules and laws. At seven years of age, Saturn forms its first square and you can expect your child "to test the law," at home and at school. Astrologically, this is a critical point in her development. Your child is a late bloomer, and (all else being equal) her childhood should be an easy one. However, in her early teens (somewhere around the age of 14 or 15), your child could take a distinct turn toward the more inner and subjective. This could mean a number of years when your child could feel more insecure, alone, and quite on her own. At about age 14 or 15, Saturn opposes its own position in the chart and most teens pass through a kind of identity crisis. Balance is the key but the adolescent who says to herself, how can I be free to make my own decisions, but who is usually not ready to leave the nest! The years from 14 through 21 or 22 will likely be times of intense searching and self-examination during which your child may not have much outwardly to show others as to who she is or what she can do. She could be perceived as hard to reach, and she



might feel that no one recognizes her for who she really is. Fear not, for this is not a long-term condition. In her early to middle twenties, your child is apt to have a real awakening (suddenly finding herself), move outward, and should find something upon which she can build with confidence. Each year afterwards brings a gain in self-confidence and accomplishments. Ages 30-40 could well be her most successful years bringing material gain and outward recognition. Your child could reach a peak of fame or success around the 37th or 38th year.

### **Your Current Situation**

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

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

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The above dates marked the end of Saturn's transit through the personal, subjective quadrants of your child's chart. (The latter may not apply for Newborns). The 7th house is an "Angular" house. When Saturn passes through one of the four angular houses, it signifies a shifting of gears. As Saturn continues its travel through the 7th house and the 3rd quadrant, your child will become increasingly more aware of social relationships. Of course, this will be more apparent in the older child than in an infant or toddler, but even the nursery calls for learning cooperation, etiquette, and right interaction, all themes of this period. Sharing things and sharing notions comes into play as well. If your child is in Elementary school or High School, she may now begin to gradually come into her own! Some children may feel lonely, or left out. The question is, What is my place among my friends? Recognition (or non recognition) among peers could become increasingly more important. The older child especially could form lasting friendships or/and encounter conflict among her peers.

*Saturn in 03rd Quadrant*

## The Elements, Modalities and Angularity

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

### Have Earth

Your child may be concerned with preserving the status quo and is apt to be stable and methodical in her ways. She could resist change and might have trouble getting started, but once on the move should be indomitable. She could mistrust that which is new or untried.

### Have Air

There is an emphasis on communication, expression of ideas, and the connections between things, places, and people. She tends towards mental pursuits and admires intelligence. You can reach her through reason.

### Want Water

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

### Have Cardinal

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

## Have Cadent

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

## House Activity and Emphasis

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

### **Jupiter in First House**

Considered a beneficial and protective presence, Jupiter in the 1st house uplifts even the most difficult of charts, giving a "joie de vivre," an enthusiasm that's catching and often a good sense of humor. This Jupiter placement is said to attract the good things in life and may indicate a well educated and possibly spiritually oriented person. Your child's career may be built around the way she appears or presents herself – the way she comes across to others. Your child may have a love of teaching, traveling, and helping others. Because she identifies with her beliefs, she may enter a career related to law, social welfare, or religion. Unless counter indicated by other factors in the chart, neatness may not be her forte! She may need your help in pulling in the reins of her multi-faceted activities to keep them all in place! If Jupiter is afflicted, the child may tend to take on more than she can realistically handle. Be realistic in the goals you set for this child.

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

### **Second House**

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

### **Gemini on Second 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.

## **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.

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### **Moon in Third House**

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

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

### **Fourth House**

The 4th house is the house of the home and family. The 4th house represents our roots and also relates to our perception of our mother. The sign on the 4th house cusp and any planets abiding here describe the early home environment. Young children yearn to feel secure within the arms of mother and father, within the walls of home. The small child fears abandonment.

This house tells about the emotional foundation upon which the rest of the chart can stand or collapse. Traumatic childhood scenes take years to resolve. A memory of a nurturing and secure experience helps the adult get through many a storm. Since many of the early patterns are repeated, the fourth house (and the sign, house position and aspects of the Moon) describes how your child is likely to manage her own family one day. Land and property also come under the fourth house domain.

### **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.

## **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.

## **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.

### **Mars in Sixth House**

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

### **Saturn in Sixth House**

Discrimination yes! Criticism and complaining, no! Make this the rule of thumb for your child. (If you allow her to be overly demanding or negative as a child, she may have trouble

getting along with her classmates and later, as an adult, with co-workers or employees.) A tendency to worry could manifest in the form of health problems. Particularly during the growing years, this child will need a sound diet as Saturn (restrictions) in the house of health (6th) can manifest in the form of health problems. On the other hand, Saturn's presence here could indicate a career in one of the healing arts. Your child is likely to be a hard worker but she needs to do "real" jobs even as a child, and needs to know that her work is an asset to the family and community. (Child size tools will help her get to work!) A few more careers potentially indicated by this Saturn placement are science, clothing, engineering, and mechanical fields requiring specialized skill and precision.

### **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

### **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.

### **Sagittarius on Eighth 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.

## **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.

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### **Mercury in Ninth House**

Questions, questions, questions!! Never tire of answering them, for your child is searching for answers to inner ponderings! Her mind and thoughts tend to gravitate to what is lasting, true, or of the essence. Philosophy and religion are subjects that often occupy her attention. Her comments are generally to the point and candid, and rarely are superficial. Since the 9th house represents travel, your child will love geography, travel and foreign languages. She may do better at essays than at tests since she leans toward creative work. Especially if Mercury is in a Fire or Air sign, she may be impatient with details and routines. This position favors university professors, travel, law, philosophy, medicine and religion; it's also good for export-import type businesses, writing, publishing and communications. If Mercury favorably aspects Uranus, Neptune or Pluto, her vision could border on prophecy! With afflictions, Mercury in the 9th can indicate intellectual snobbery. Teach your child tolerance for the faiths and philosophies of others.

### **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 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.

### **Sun in Tenth House**

Your child's personal reputation and honor are apt to be of the utmost importance to her. She possesses a natural sense of organization and practical insight. Given the right training, she could excel at managing or supervising others. If not now, ambition and status may take a front seat later in her life. Born with a natural air of authority, your child may balk at taking orders from adults! Teach her humility and she will go far! She may need much training and experience before reaching the top. This position confers administrative ability, may relate to construction and inclines to a life of public service. An upbringing stressing self-discipline, and the father's example in particular in preparing the child to be successful in the world, is especially critical for the child with this placement.

## **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.

### **Venus in Eleventh House**

Unless Venus receives challenging squares, your child is apt to be warm & sociable. (Squares may indicate shyness or difficulty with friends.) The child with Venus in the 11th house loves to get involved in community projects and group work. It's easy for her to find something to like in almost anybody and you may need to guide her in the proper selection of friends (although you should expect to receive an interesting cast of characters!). She is a perfect candidate for school clubs, team projects and sports. She will learn to appreciate goals and efforts at the global level. This position favors political involvement, university level work, and acting. This Venus placement may also confer a love of science, electronics, and invention.

### **Neptune in Eleventh House**

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

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

### **Twelfth House**

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

### **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).

### **Uranus in Twelfth House**

The Great Awakener (Uranus) in the house of the subconscious (12th) can bring the soul into a higher perception of self through deep and often startling experiences. Children with this Uranus placement often show signs of interest in unconventional matters of psychology, metaphysics and religion. They often are highly intuitive, with a sixth sense about people and things. They may seem more interested in helping others than in helping themselves. Nevertheless, the child with the planet of individuality (Uranus) in the house of overcoming fear (12th) needs to be encouraged to be herself! The 12th house is the house of the imagination and of the unconscious. This highly creative placement points to an ability to work behind the scenes (or in the depths of the psyche) and is found in the charts of film producers, priests, counselors, writers and psychologists. Help your child balance imagination with realism. Teach her to channel daydreaming into productive outlets such as writing, singing, reciting poetry or when she is old enough, some sort of volunteer work. Let her know at an early age the dangers of alcohol, drugs and other forms of escapism.