

# Child\*Star

Astrological Report for  
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The Astrological Chart

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Planet	Sign	Position	House	House Cusps
Sun	Aries	26°Ar18'	02nd	01 19°Aq40'
Moon	Scorpio	27°Sc55'	09th	02 03°Ar18'
Mercury	Pisces	29°Pi54'	01st	03 08°Ta05'
Venus	Pisces	11°Pi07'	01st	04 04°Ge25'
Mars	Cancer	01°Ca23'	05th	05 27°Ge02'
Jupiter	Scorpio	16°Sc13' R	09th	06 20°Ca17'
Saturn	Leo	04°Le29'	06th	07 19°Le40'
Uranus	Pisces	13°Pi10'	01st	08 03°Li18'
Neptune	Aquarius	19°Aq28'	12th	09 08°Sc05'
Pluto	Sagittarius	26°Sg40' R	10th	10 04°Sg25'
Midheaven	Sagittarius	04°Sg25'		11 27°Sg02'
Ascendant	Aquarius	19°Aq40'		12 20°Cp17'

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## 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 Aries

Aries is a Fire sign on the action cross. Its symbol is The Ram (she bucks!) Your little firecracker is apt to go for it! Do it now and ask questions later may be her natural way! Fire inspires and she is apt to be enterprising, a born leader! She is probably quite daring and not afraid to try out something new. "Let me do it my way!" may be her favorite phrase if she takes the time to ask! You may have to help her balance a "me first" approach by learning to consider the needs of others.

The Aries child enjoys making choices and needs plenty of opportunity to make decisions. She will learn by experience and consequences rather than by pure advice! Because she tends to leap before she looks, you may need extraordinary patience in helping her learn to abide by the rules. Remember, her greatest test in life could be acquiring patience, easier said than done when the fire to act rises up within her!

At school, she tends to be competitive (especially if Mercury is in Aries, less so if Mercury is in Taurus or Pisces). You might hear, "Oh, Mom, I know that already" when in reality, she has only had one lesson! Patience, again, is what she needs to get through, plus the humility to admit someone else just may know better sometimes!

Aries is the sign of ego, the whole gamut of "ego games" coming under this sign; from temper tantrums to feigned passivity. Teach your child to be true to her "REAL ME"! Your child is likely to be assertive, first in line, and may become angry if told she has to wait! She could be hot-headed and prone to argumentation. Give her just recognition for achievement and right action, but bragging is to be discouraged. She needs room to roam but then again, fences might be a good idea. Toddler Arians especially can burst through the door before you know what happened! We all have to learn to respect necessary limitations and Arian children are no exception! Flaunting the rules amounts to arrogance, a misuse of Arian energy! Because they are so energetic, Arian children often excel at sports. Even as a younger elementary student, your child may enjoy disciplined physical activity such as ballet, gymnastics and/or martial arts. Arian babies benefit by lots of room in which to creep and crawl!

### Sun Sextile Mars

This energizing positive combination between the Sun ("I am", solar power) and Mars (action through desire) places an accent on leadership and action. Your child may have natural athletic ability and is likely to enjoy competitive sports. She is likely to be physically active and may need plenty of exercise and outdoor play. Or perhaps she is mentally competitive or skilful in one of the arts. She is more confident than most of winning! The father or dominant parent encourages the child to put her best foot forward. This combination strengthens the physical constitution but may give a certain degree of restlessness.

### Sun Square Saturn

Your child could be very self-conscious, and could tend to take life a bit too seriously. Success for this child comes through hard and precise work. She does best in a structured environment but may need encouragement to finish her work properly. Some children born with this aspect have to overcome some sort of handicap; perhaps a difficult social, physical or family situation. There may be conflict with the father or with an important authority figure. Later, the acquired self-discipline and striving can lead them to the top. Your child seeks your approval and support; be careful not to be unduly harsh or critical of her. Especially if the Sun and Saturn are in fixed signs, the child could be too austere and would benefit by learning to be more flexible. Help your child see the bright side of life!

### Sun Trine Pluto

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

## The Moon: The Support System

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

### Moon in Scorpio

Scorpio is a Water sign on the feeling cross. Its symbols are The Scorpion, The Phoenix and the high-soaring Eagle. Your child is likely to be exceptionally sensitive, picking up easily on

other people's thoughts and motivations. The Moon in Scorpio child is so sensitive that occasionally she may withdraw, perceiving that an adult is capable of physically or emotionally hurting her. Because she experiences life so intensely, the Moon in Scorpio child is often considerate, kind and fiercely loyal, if not sometimes possessive. She seeks strong attachments and a deep bonding with her mother.

Scorpio is a powerful sign and children with this lunar placement tend to respect power as rules, laid down and **CONSISTENTLY** applied with love. Your child has the inner strength to say "No!" and to go without, if need be, but desire can be very strong in this sign. She needs to have a clear idea of right and wrong from babyhood. She needs to develop good habits concerning belongings, money and the balance between material and spiritual things. (And that, of course, means good examples at home!) She may need encouragement to be willing to share.

Scorpio is ruled by Mars and Scorpio children can become intensely angry or manipulative when they don't get their way. Scorpio energy is dynamically creative. Once engaged, your child could dive into projects, carrying them out to the point of perfection. Your child may not always share her feelings with you, preferring to keep them a secret. Let her know she can trust you. She tends to want to feel in control of herself and her environment but resists being controlled. Secretive, she is not at all superficial, but always get to the heart of things. This is a good placement for business and politics, often indicating executive ability. Your child has a sense for power, wealth, and passion. She may perceive her mother as creative, strong and caring. If afflicted, the mother could be perceived as overbearing, powerful, intense.

### Moon Trine Mercury

This aspect indicates fluency in communication. Even if your child has an emotional personality, you will be able to reach her through dialogue. She could be a fine speaker. She is likely to be most persuasive! This Moon-Mercury aspect often indicates success in life due to a positive mental attitude.

### 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 Neptune

The child born with this Moon-Neptune aspect needs to sort out the real from the unreal. The line between fact and fantasy may not be apparent. Your child may need your help bringing things into focus without shattering her gentle dream world. She may tend to over-react, because she takes things very personally. There could be some rather harsh realities connected to her upbringing and if so, the child could retreat within her imagination to cope. This child might be very imaginative and artistic but needs to learn to look at life objectively. Search for

ways to develop your child's creativity. Teach her to maintain order in the environment.

### 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 Pisces

Pisces is a Water sign on the thinking cross. Its symbol is The Fishes. Mercury in Pisces children often typically more intuitive than rational. Psychological thought, mysticism and religion come naturally. Many children with this imaginative placement love poetry and music. Your child may tell you, "I just know", tending to sense with her mind the truth of a situation. Because her mind is so receptive, she picks up ideas easily, but may be too easily influenced, to the point of being gullible. The child with Mercury in this highly impressionable sign needs to learn and practice discernment. Yes, this. No, not that. She likely is a dreamer. She may need help focusing on the subject at hand and memorizing plain ol' facts and figures. She is

compassionate and understanding and expresses kind thoughts. Especially if other positions are in Pisces as well, you will need to emphasize the importance of positive thinking and help her steer her way clear of moodiness.

### Moon Trine Mercury

Chances are your child loves learning, has an inquisitive and curious mind. Given the right teachers and tools, children with this aspect generally like school. She is a natural teacher and communicator. Your child may even have a little too much gift of the gab at times! Your child may often handle words and tell stories with consummate skill, and others love to hear her speak or entertain. This aspect often indicates a good memory. Your child may feel very close to a brother or sister.

### 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 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 Pluto

This opposition indicates lessons to be learnt in communicating with others. Some children with this aspect are mentally combative, enjoying competition and a lively debate. The child with this Mercury-Pluto aspect could get into fights because of the things she says or the way she says them. At home, the child could be argumentative. Remind her, however, that if we have nothing nice to say it's best not to speak at all! On the other hand, she could be super-sensitive, touchy, and secretive. She might find it hard to share her feelings. This can be problematic when she finds herself in a crisis, and needs your help, but chooses instead to keep silent. It's vital that you establish trust and open communication with your child.



### 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 Pisces

Pisces is a Water sign on the thinking cross. Its symbol is The Fishes. Venus (love) in this charitable sign is said to be exalted. The child with Venus in Pisces is capable of expressing true compassion. Your child is likely to be sweet, devotional, capable of sacrifice, and deep commitments. At home in the world of the dreamer and mystic, she has innate intuition and emotional depth. Because of her extreme sensitivity, she may be shy or overly sensitive to the thoughts and words of others. She tends to be idealistic, romantic, understanding, poetic, gentle. She may experience another's suffering as her own and will naturally defend the underdog and downtrodden. Nevertheless, teach her not to throw her pearls before swine. She could feel hurt by "fair weather friends" of lesser sensitivity. The Venus in Pisces child needs much love and affection. With afflictions, she may have to conquer fear of being rejected. Discourage whining and self-pity should they appear! She could be musically or artistically gifted. Many great composers, artists and poets were born with Venus in this mystical sign.

#### Venus Trine Jupiter

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

### Venus Conjunction Uranus

This child may want free rein to choose her friends who may not always be run of the mill! She values independence and unique talents in others. She may be reluctant to get tied down. A balanced understanding of the question of freedom and commitment in relationships will be more important when she is older. Others are attracted to her because she is generally cheerful and may have a magnetic personality. She enjoys sharing with other children. Your child may radiate a catching "joie de vivre." She probably has a penchant for inventions, electronics, and new-age technology.

### The External Planets: Mars, Jupiter, Saturn

The major planets outside the Earth's orbit (external to us) are Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn. These are the planets describing the outer world and circumstances surrounding the child, the status, well-being and conditions she is born into and what urges her on to greater achievements as she grows. Mars will tune you in to what motivates your child and the way she approaches life. Jupiter shows us how she is most apt to channel that energy, and Saturn decrees what sort of obstacles will confront her on the road to success. Again: Saturn tells us about the territory we will be going through, Jupiter the way or path through it, and Mars what kind of push or drive we can count on to keep going.

### Mars: Drive and Emotions

Mars is the planet of emotion and drive. When we search for the meaning of something, it is Mars that urges us on, keeps us searching. Mars will tell us what motivates our child, what captures her interest. By studying the aspects formed between Mars and other planets we discern if our child expresses desire in a healthy and direct manner or whether she feels blocked (squares) by inner or outer conditions. We also learn how our child expresses anger, whether in strong bursts (Mars in Fire Signs), bottled up and tears (Mars in Water Signs) or with cutting words (Air signs). With greater understanding we can help our child deal with her feelings in a constructive way. Mars tells us about our child's interest and aptitude (or lack of it), for physical exercises, sports, recreation. Mars drives us against things, too, and sends us into war and combat. Mars imparts courage and stamina. The house position of Mars in the child's chart will tell us in what area of life she is likely to enter the greatest degree of active conflict or activity: In the 11th, with friends, in the 3rd, perhaps with sisters and brothers, or in competitive learning at school.

### Mars in Cancer

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

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

### Sun Sextile 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.

### Mars Opposition Pluto

Mars and Pluto are power planets; the power I wield vs. the power others use to control me. This is a potentially combative influence in the chart, indicating inner turmoil and outer confrontations. Perhaps the conflict begins with a parent or authority figure. Occasionally,

children with this Mars-Pluto contact become fighters to cope with a hostile environment or early childhood trauma. Some children with this aspect are interested in learning about the military and wars. Your child could brood rather than openly express her anger. She could be defiant. Sometimes there is a history of insecurity which manifests as a competitive urge to prove oneself better than the next guy. This can lead to power struggles. Children with hard Mars-Pluto aspects may be attracted to early sexual experiences. Even in an otherwise balanced chart, the house positions and signs involved may point to a sensitive area in your child's life requiring deep understanding. When the potential "Pluto problem" is resolved, this could be an area of great strength in your child's chart! Help your child channel this intense energy in a worthwhile "cause." If the family background is positive, the child is more likely to manifest the plus side of this contact: a healing presence, the courage of 10, and a desire to transform the world.

### 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 Scorpio

Big vision, big business, the Jupiter in Scorpio child typically gears toward where the action is most intense. When she talks about her dreams they tend to be big scale. She has a penchant for mysteries, secrets, intrigues. A tendency to be suspicious could hamper her otherwise finely attuned shrewd judgment of people and situations. This placement lends itself to careers dealing with real estate, taxes, corporate finances and fund raisers. You may discover at the ol' lemonade stand that she is a born entrepreneur. If other indicators agree, this placement is favorable for any scientific endeavor. Your child may show early interest in the deeper mysteries of life. In its highest sense, Jupiter in Scorpio indicates uncompromising faith.

### Venus Trine Jupiter

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

### Saturn: Responsibilities

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

### Saturn in Leo

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

relationship with the father is vital. Your child will look to him as a role model.

### Sun Square Saturn

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

### 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 Trine Saturn

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

## 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 Pisces

Your child was born into a subgeneration that will offer us new insight into all mystical, occult, and religious matters – visionaries. They gravitate toward New Age methods of worship and service. They are very broad-minded in the areas of philosophy, music, drama, poetry, and the arts. They are also innovative in psychology. Theirs is the quest to break free from the past

and seek a higher road; new dreams, new reality. This is a great position for a career in movies and films. Teach your child to anchor her ideals, and to choose her friends wisely. With difficult aspects to personal planets, the child may tend to avoid confronting unpleasant realities. She could be unreliable or find others taking advantage of her kindness. Teach her to dive in the wave and conquer her problems, which otherwise could take on greater than life dimensions in her mind!

### Venus Conjunction Uranus

Your child cherishes whatever is different and out of the ordinary. The commonplace and the humdrum are not for her. Her friends and surroundings – everything around her – are apt to be unconventional to the point of being controversial. Her friends may be off-beat. Your child sets a high value on being different. Use stories and real life examples to teach her the folly of "on the spot" romances. She may have some really interesting friends--possibly New Age or scientific-- and doesn't want to be tied down. Your child could have a love for freedom, perhaps for flying and aviation.

### Jupiter Trine Uranus

Your child is bright and independent. She values freedom and nonconformity. A great problem-solver, she enjoys working out new solutions, trying new things. At school, your child is sure to come up with a different approach and will be happiest if challenged by innovative material. She may find it hard to buckle down to repetitive exercises such as math and language drills, routine chores. Try to find ways to make learning challenging, exciting and fresh! She likes to hear about the latest frontier. As an adult, her career may be unusual, out of the ordinary. Especially with positive Mercury aspects, she will bring a lot of mental skill and understanding to whatever she does. She is apt to have a natural bent for electronics, computers, and the like. Your child is adventuresome, enjoys traveling, exploring and the outdoors. If other aspects indicate patience and structure (check out Saturn and Mercury), your child could be a gifted teacher.

### 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 Square Neptune

This aspect indicates an extremely sensitive and idealistic nature. Your child probably has a love of beauty, art, music, cinematography and may have some talent in these fields. With a strong Mercury, writing skill is evident. The challenge of the square is that dreams and ideals may tend to clash with reality, the actual surroundings and the practical necessity of the hour. Your child needs opportunities to channel constructively the more positive creative aspects of the square at the same time that she needs to develop self-discipline and objectivity. She may yearn for a perfection not attainable on this earth or may insist on perfection at the expense of personal emotions and feelings. It's vital that her family place a big premium on truth and honesty with self and others. Otherwise others may see her as unrealistic or downright deceptive. Never lie to her, or tell her one thing and mean another. Moon/Neptune children seem to have built-in antennae. They pick up the subtlest vibration around them. It's important to ask them what they feel and to listen to what they have to say. Sometimes children with this aspect are sensitive to certain foods or need to build up a strong constitution to overcome health problems.

### Jupiter Square Neptune

All art requires discipline! Children born with a Jupiter/Neptune square often are imaginative and creative. The pitfall is self-indulgence, over-extension of self or resources (later in life, this could be an over-extension of credit!) your child is apt to be kind and warmhearted. She tends to idealize. Teach her to always mean what she says and not to make promises she cannot keep or others might consider her dishonest. Woolgathering could be a problem at school (unless offset by strong Mercury/Saturn aspects). You can help your child make her dreams come true by teaching her to finish her projects on time (starting with putting the building blocks back on the shelf is not too early), stressing the importance of order and neatness in her room, desk, homework, appearance, labeling her clothes and bringing them home from school, and by finding creative ways to channel her imagination. In short, teach your child to discipline the mind.

### Pluto: Inner Change and Growth

Pluto is the planet of profound change, of generation and regeneration. Pluto often touches upon the most sensitive psychological areas within us. Once touched, we have no choice but to change and grow. If Pluto aspects a personal planet in your child's chart, she will experience an intense desire for self-transformation on some level of her being. Pluto contacts often teach us through intense experiences. We feel as if we've lived several lifetimes in one! The struggle of our century with nuclear power is a Plutonian issue. Will this intense power be used as a dynamo of life or to devastate life? Stress the positive, be ready to help your child navigate through intense emotions she may feel, but not necessarily comprehend. Teach her to express this power wisely.

#### Pluto in Sagittarius

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

#### Sun Trine Pluto

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

#### Mercury Square Pluto

Store up on mystery novels, microscopes, puzzles and chess games. Your child most likely is a deep thinker, interested in probing the depths! Your child loves mysteries and may be fascinated by behind-the-scenes and so-called "secret" information. Your child is apt to hold in her feelings. If parents and teachers want to communicate effectively with this child, they must first establish trust with her. Because she is so sensitive (more than most) she may be touchy, or easily defensive, angry or inhibited. She may resent probing on the part of others, but may read them like a book. Right communication is the key! This is an aspect of mental tension. A brother or sister could have a marked effect on your child or vice-versa.

### Mars Opposition Pluto

Sports, martial arts, ballet; any or all may appeal to her. This powerful opposition points to the need for patience and self-control. Sometimes children with Mars/Pluto contacts are overly sensitive but need to practice greater consideration for others. Your child will need a strong set of ethical and moral values instilled throughout childhood as this opposition often indicates powerful desires. You may have to find a way to help her deal with, and constructively channel her anger. The relationship with the father will influence her interaction with other adult men, teachers and others. She could be combative.

## 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 Uranus 02°04'

This child may want free rein to choose her friends who may not always be run of the mill! She values independence and unique talents in others. She may be reluctant to get tied down. A balanced understanding of the question of freedom and commitment in relationships will be more important when she is older. Others are attracted to her because she is generally cheerful and may have a magnetic personality. She enjoys sharing with other children. Your child may radiate a catching "joie de vivre." She probably has a penchant for inventions, electronics, and new-age technology.

### 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.

#### Mercury Square Mars 01°29'

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 Square Pluto 03°14'

This opposition indicates lessons to be learnt in communicating with others. Some children with this aspect are mentally combative, enjoying competition and a lively debate. The child with this Mercury-Pluto aspect could get into fights because of the things she says or the way she says them. At home, the child could be argumentative. Remind her, however, that if we have nothing nice to say its best not to speak at all! On the other hand, she could be super-sensitive, touchy, and secretive. She might find it hard to share her feelings. This can be problematic when she finds herself in a crisis, and needs your help, but chooses instead to keep silent. It's vital that you establish trust and open communication with your child.

#### Mars Opposition Pluto 04°43'

Mars and Pluto are power planets; the power I wield vs. the power others use to control me. This is a potentially combative influence in the chart, indicating inner turmoil and outer confrontations. Perhaps the conflict begins with a parent or authority figure. Occasionally, children with this Mars-Pluto contact become fighters to cope with a hostile environment or early childhood trauma. Some children with this aspect are interested in learning about the military and wars. Your child could brood rather than openly express her anger. She could be defiant. Sometimes there is a history of insecurity which manifests as a competitive urge to prove oneself better than the next guy. This can lead to power struggles. Children with hard Mars-Pluto aspects may be attracted to early sexual experiences. Even in an otherwise balanced chart, the house positions and signs involved may point to a sensitive area in your child's life requiring deep understanding. When the potential "Pluto problem" is resolved, this could be an area of great strength in your child's chart! Help your child channel this intense energy in a worthwhile "cause." If the family background is positive, the child is more likely to manifest the plus side of this contact: a healing presence, the courage of 10, and a desire to transform the world.

## Sun Square Saturn 08°11'

Your child could be very self-conscious, and could tend to take life a bit too seriously. Success for this child comes through hard and precise work. She does best in a structured environment but may need encouragement to finish her work properly. Some children born with this aspect have to overcome some sort of handicap; perhaps a difficult social, physical or family situation. There may be conflict with the father or with an important authority figure. Later, the acquired self-discipline and striving can lead them to the top. Your child seeks your approval and support; be careful not to be unduly harsh or critical of her. Especially if the Sun and Saturn are in fixed signs, the child could be too austere and would benefit by learning to be more flexible. Help your child see the bright side of life!

## Moon Square Neptune 08°27'

The child born with this Moon-Neptune aspect needs to sort out the real from the unreal. The line between fact and fantasy may not be apparent. Your child may need your help bringing things into focus without shattering her gentle dream world. She may tend to over-react, because she takes things very personally. There could be some rather harsh realities connected to her upbringing and if so, the child could retreat within her imagination to cope. This child might be very imaginative and artistic but needs to learn to look at life objectively. Search for ways to develop your child's creativity. Teach her to maintain order in the environment.

## 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.

## Sun Trine Pluto 00°22'

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

## Moon Trine Mercury 01°59'

This aspect indicates fluency in communication. Even if your child has an emotional personality, you will be able to reach her through dialogue. She could be a fine speaker. She is likely to be most persuasive! This Moon-Mercury aspect often indicates success in life due to a positive mental attitude.

## Mercury Trine Saturn 04°35'

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.

## Sun Sextile Mars 05°05'

This energizing positive combination between the Sun ("I am", solar power) and Mars (action through desire) places an accent on leadership and action. Your child may have natural athletic ability and is likely to enjoy competitive sports. She is likely to be physically active and may need plenty of exercise and outdoor play. Or perhaps she is mentally competitive or skilful in one of the arts. She is more confident than most of winning! The father or dominant parent encourages the child to put her best foot forward. This combination strengthens the physical constitution but may give a certain degree of restlessness.

## Venus Trine Jupiter 05°07'

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

## Moon Trine Saturn 06°34'

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.

## 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.

#### Aquarius on First 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.

### Mercury in First House

A thinker, tinkerer, chatter-box, investigator! One or all of these appellations might describe your child. She is full of questions. Answer them as intelligently as you can (instead of "it's a dog" tell her the breed!) and if you don't know the answer, why not write down her inquiries in a special book. Later, you can look up the answers together. By itself, this placement imparts a knack with the written and spoken word and is a boon to learning. Look up Mercury's sign and aspects for further clues. If Mercury is in an earth sign, thought may be slower but thorough; if in water thought will be influenced by feelings. If Mercury is in a fire or air sign, the mind could be restless. Children with Mercury in the 1st house like variety and change. They can become easily bored or distracted. Encourage your child to complete the task at hand before beginning another.

### Venus in First House

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

### Uranus in First House

Independence Plus, that's her! Chances are, she didn't care for the playpen, did she? Perhaps your child's approach to life – the way she comes on – is unusual or different. She is apt to be unconventional in appearance and mannerisms. Your child may be spontaneous, witty, and unpredictable. She needs space to be, it's true. She also needs to know the voice of conscience and the clear consequences of the miss use of free will! This may require an extraordinary amount of tolerance and patience on your part--and consistency--but it's sure to pay off in dividends later! Especially if Uranus aspects personal planets, your child may be perceptive, innovative, creative, inventive, and/or daring. Negatively, Uranus here may point to rebelliousness, placing personal standards precedent over the rules (My way!). She could be a natural leader, perhaps a loner, but it's important she hang around the right friends. State the family standard, uphold it and be firm, but give her plenty of room to make decisions, to invent,



to be free!

## 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.

### Aries on Second House Cusp

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

### Sun in Second House

Your child needs to feel comfortable and secure. She equates emotional well being with material abundance and things. More likely than not, she is a collector, and her drawers and shelves may be cluttered with all sorts of paraphernalia! Your child is likely to have good taste, but please help her create a system to keep her possessions in order! Lessons in sharing are likely, and may not come naturally for some children with this placement. Later in life, material success – money, home, security, possessions, – will be high on her list of priorities. She needs to learn right values and money habits during childhood. She tends to be very supportive of others. A favorable position for bank jobs, appraisers; also any work dealing with gems or luxury items. If other points confer, she may have a green thumb and enjoy gardening and agriculture.

### 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.

#### Taurus on Third House Cusp

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

### 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.

#### Gemini on Fourth 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.

## 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.

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### Mars in Fifth House

Your child is driven to excel in any form of physical and creative expression--sports, theatrics, arts and crafts, whatever. This urge to express himself, to speak out and be heard, propels her. She may be impatient with routine. This position is common in the charts of athletes and outdoorsman. Competitive or strenuous sports, gymnastics, ballet, hiking and/or camping are apt to appear on your child's list of favorite activities. Mars in the 5th house is also common in the charts of dramatists and artists, especially sculptors or those who work with tools. An excellent position for teachers, your child knows how to get others to sit up and listen! If Mars is afflicted, friends may see her forceful personality as bossy or arrogant, even though she herself may be unaware of the impact she makes.

## 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.

### Cancer on Sixth House Cusp

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

### Saturn in 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.

### Leo on Seventh 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.

## 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.

### Libra on Eighth 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

## Ninth House: Religions, Philosophy, Ideas

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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.

### Scorpio on Ninth House Cusp

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

### Moon in Ninth House

Your child's honest outlook on life is something that others sense in her and support. She is likely to have a natural bent for ritual, religion, travel, and colorful historical tales. She may feel she has a special mission or quest in life. Later, as an adult, she could teach or guide groups in matters of religion or philosophy. Travel, or residence in a foreign country is sometimes indicated by this placement. Attitudes instilled early in life will strongly influence your child's values as an adult. Intuitive guidance and a spirited imagination can lead your child to spiritual heights. Negatively, the Moon (emotion) working through the mind (9th) can result in a tendency to misread other people's intentions. This can stimulate strong feelings of resentment and getting even. Teach your child how to clear up misunderstandings through communication. Adults with the Moon in the 9th (especially if afflicted) sometimes take a fanatical, dogmatic, or narrow religious stance. While intolerant religious attitudes often spring from intellectual pride, you can help your child avoid this trap by teaching her to respect people's right to choose their faith.

### Jupiter in Ninth House

Especially if the rest of the chart indicates refinement, your child's devotion and search for truth may one day carry her across the globe and certainly to the far reaches of philosophy and religious thoughts. Her career may hinge on a need to always get at the seed, essence, or heart of every question. She needs a broad and complete education (but may lack patience completing the drabber but necessary aspects of learning, like language drills and required classes). Early religious training is a must! Your child will love discovering the thread of truth in the world's religions. Historical tales will fascinate her, and the more colorful the better! Your child will seek a profession where she can express her personal philosophy. Jupiter in the 9th is common in the charts of University professors, judges and people in the publishing field. Mission counts more than money here. To be successful your child must learn to finish what she begins but (especially if Jupiter is in Aries, Gemini or in Sagittarius) she may have 20 projects going on at once! Even though your child may have grand notions, teach her to be humble. After all, no one has all the answers all the time!

### Tenth House: Practical Vision, Vocation

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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.

#### Sagittarius on Tenth House Cusp

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

#### Pluto in Tenth House

A potentially powerful placement, your child is likely to be strong willed and a natural leader among her friends. Children with this placement sometimes forget they're still children

and can be bossy, not liking to take orders from adults! But as the Master told her disciples, "The heir, while a child is as a servant." As the opportunity arises, remind her that indeed, it's far easier to catch flies with honey than with vinegar! Put downs of Mom or school (rather than seeing how she can help make it better) is another key to you that it's time to help your child master Pluto's intense energies. She may be heading for a managerial position or one of public service, so be persistent in teaching your child the right use of power! In adulthood, your child may pass through several changes in career.

### Eleventh House: Dreams & Visions, Community

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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.

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### Twelfth House: Sacrifice, Psychology, Acceptance

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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 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.

#### Capricorn on Twelfth House Cusp

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

#### Neptune in Twelfth House

The child with Neptune in the 12th house possesses very high ideals and a vision of unity and togetherness that allows her to be long-suffering and put up with a lot. She tends to be self-sacrificing, understanding, and always interested in whatever is psychological, mystical, and the like.