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

Sun in Cancer

Cancer is a Water sign on the action cross. Its symbol is The Crab. Cancers respond to being needed by caring for others. Water sign children are typically sensitive, responsive, affectionate and kind. Your Cancer child needs to feel secure. He is apt to need much love and reassurance, especially at home and from Mom. Learning how to master their feelings is a lifelong endeavor for Cancerians, much abetted by the right training in early childhood. Where do we first learn love but in the arms of our mother? And who is first to teach us discipline but she? Cancerians need to exercise self-discipline to ride the waves of changing moods and emotions. Sulking, brooding, feeling sorry for oneself, justifying wrong behavior and all manner of self-indulgence are squalls best to be avoided! Assure your child that you love him but never give in to whining!

Cancer is the sign of the mother and like a good mother, the Cancer child often possesses good common sense and is mothering and protective to all. Water is reflective. Cancer children often love music, meditation and peaceful activities. Other Cancer favorites are cooking, growing things, caring for pets, fixing whatever. Many Cancer children are multi-talented.

Your child may "pick up" on what adults are feeling. Therefore its vital to always be honest with him. Of all the signs, Cancer is the most family-oriented, and the most influenced by the environment. On the natural wheel, Cancer is placed on the nadir, the lowest point, and so signifies our roots and heritage. The healthy tree must have strong roots and herein lies the fundamental determining factor between the Cancer child who grows up to sustain and nurture others as a self-sufficient individual and the neglected Cancer child, fearful of rejection, that later hungers for security as a clinging vine (or smothering protector) in adult relationships. Childhood impressions may last for life!

The crab carries his house on his back! Like the crab, with a hard shell but soft inside, the Cancer child may hide in his room and sulk, or enter a world of his own making, if his feelings have been hurt or to escape a harsh environment. Keep communication open, but discourage whining and emotional manipulation. Your little Cancerian likely loves to give to others, but like the crab, may fear to let go of possessions or friends. Life will teach him the difference between tenacity and possessiveness. Encourage self-reliance in your Cancer child who may tend to hold unto Mommy's apron strings.

Moon Trine Sun

Considered by itself, this trine between the Lights indicates a balanced personality, one in which will (Sun) and feeling (Moon) work together harmoniously. Unless either the Sun or Moon receive hard afflictions, it is probable that your child is popular among his friends and content among his kin. The Sun/Moon trine infuses the chart with vitality and often indicates physical strength and/or a healthy constitution at birth. Children with this aspect typically get along well with friends of both sexes.

Sun Square Mars

Others may sense in your child the presence of much energy. He may tend to have trouble just relaxing but he works well with creative tension. This aggressiveness could lead to undue competition and a tendency to get into scrapes. On the positive end, your child could impress you by his determined striving. He probably enjoys contests and will learn by pitting his physical or mental strength against others. He could be willful, stubborn, impulsive, too daring for his own good. If he learns to control his temper, he could be a dynamo! Some children with this aspect have a noticeably short fuse. Others hold anger in, but people pick up on the energy and so they end up in disputes. Teach your child respect for others and find ways for him to channel his energy into accomplishments; sports or creative projects demanding physical or mental stamina might fit the bill! Help him avoid the frustration so characteristic of this aspect by teaching him patience and planning.

Children with the Sun (ego, "I AM") and Mars (action through desire) forming a challenging square often tend to approach life from a "me" stance and therefore can be overly touchy or defensive. Astrologer Betty Lundsted suggests that this aspect sometimes indicates growing up in a difficult social environment; for example, where there is racial prejudice or religious bigotry. Your child likely is a hard worker but may need to learn when to stop. He may shine in pioneer or leadership roles. This aspect sometimes indicates an executive type or a career in police work, the military, firefighting, professional sports, dance, medicine or physical therapy.

Sun Sextile Uranus

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

The Moon: The Support System

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

Moon in 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 he may withdraw, perceiving that an adult is capable of physically or emotionally hurting him. Because he experiences life so intensely, the Moon in Scorpio child is often considerate, kind and fiercely loyal, if not sometimes possessive. He seeks strong attachments and a deep bonding with his 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. He needs to have a clear idea of right and wrong from babyhood. He 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!) He 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 his feelings with you, preferring to keep them a secret. Let him know he can trust you. He tends to want to feel in control of himself and his environment but resists being controlled. Secretive, he 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. He may perceive his mother as creative, strong and caring. If afflicted, the mother could be perceived as overbearing, powerful, intense.

Moon Trine Sun

Spirit and matter, mother and father, mind and emotion are in harmony, a blessing and an indication of a healthy personality! Usually this aspect indicates harmony between the parents, or that the child has a good rapport with both, providing him with a strong foundation for successful adult relationships. Typically, these children work well with authorities; parents, teachers, other adults. Life may not always be a bed of roses for any of us, but with this positive Sun-Moon contact, your child will likely always find the resources he requires at hand plus the necessary instruction as to how to use them. Your child is apt to be sociable and likeable. He likely feels at home with people of all ages. A love of pets and animals, children, older people, and the needy and downtrodden in general, is likely to be a lifelong trait.

Moon Trine Mercury

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

Moon Square Jupiter

The child with this aspect typically is generous but may tend to overdo in some way – in food, in action, in speech. He could be gullible and lack discrimination, especially in the company he keeps! Teach him not to throw his pearls before swine! He feels close to the mother, but should not be over-indulged. Getting things started and off the ground may be harder for him than for most.

Moon Square Saturn

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

Moon Opposition Uranus

The child with this aspect may have a somewhat unusual upbringing. Later in life he 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. He needs to know he can rely on her. Children with this Moon/Uranus contact can be unconventional, even at the expense of popularity. He learns by experience and may depart from the trodden path. Your child may be restless and move around a lot. His desire for personal freedom quite likely goes against the majority. He could be impulsive, more impatient than not, and (especially if Mars aspects the Moon or Uranus) could find it hard to control his temper. He 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 Pluto

This child needs to develop enough self-confidence to be able to deal with intense emotions without fear. He 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 his experience, and describes the values established during childhood. Venus tells us how the child expresses love, the things that mean a lot to him, and his appreciation for beauty (or lack of it). Mercury tells us something about our child's perception, verbal expression, schooling – in short, how his mind works, how he thinks and communicates.

Mercury: The Mind and Communication

Mercury represents thoughts, ideas, and the mental process in general. Communications – by phone, letter, spoken, or however – are ruled by Mercury. Also thoughts, connections, phone wires, and everything that connects and conveys – even forms of transportation. In the child's chart, Mercury describes the myriad aspects of schooling – teachers, study habits, homework, learning skills, concentration (or lack of it). Your child's relationship with brothers and sisters are indicated by Mercury as well. The way your child thinks, receives, shares and transmits information and knowledge will be revealed by studying the position of Mercury in his chart. Mercury relates to hands, fine motor abilities, and to handwriting and drafting skills. Mercury

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

Mercury in Cancer

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

Sun Conjunction Mercury

When the Sun and Mercury are combined, they are said to be combust. Mercury (mind) can be overpowered by so much solar radiance (Sun). The result can be impulsive speech or action, possible mental confusion or psychological blind spots (akin to the nature of the sign the Sun and Mercury are in). Nevertheless, if you give your child the right tools and training, you will most likely discover that he can communicate with consummate skill. It is stimulating just being with him. His high degree of mental concentration makes your child an avid student, able to excel in speaking, writing, and all types of communication skills. His goals go hand-in-hand with communication and using the mind, and the two should never be far apart. If the Sun and Mercury receive serious afflictions to other planets, he could require assistance in self-expression and learning.

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. He 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 him speak or entertain. This aspect often indicates a good memory. Your child may feel very close to a brother or sister.

Mercury Sextile Uranus

This aspect could point to an original thinker, perhaps an inventor. Your child may have a very unique way of looking at things and be capable of real insight. He tends to be innovative, thinking of new ways to do things or a new use for something. When others have run out of ideas to existing problems, he could pop up with the solution! Children with this aspect often excel at work requiring abstract thinking. They need to be challenged, can be easily bored, and may be misunderstood by their teachers! Communication of all kinds, especially computers, electronics, and the new technology, is likely to be right up your child's alley.

Venus: Values and Discrimination

Venus rules our values and sense of appreciation. When we appraise or appreciate something, whether that be another person or a new car, this is Venus – the sense of love and compassion we may feel. Venus in the child's chart shows us what kinds of things our child appreciates, his innate sense of beauty (which can be developed), the manner in which he interacts with his friends and with adults, and how he shows love. Children with Venus in ardent Leo, for example, are demonstrative and fun-loving. They tend to shine and love bright, colorful things. Venus in Scorpio children, on the other hand, may be shy but exceptionally kind and thoughtful. These children may want Mom all to themselves! The Venus in Libra child is a social butterfly and loves beauty in his clothes and bedroom. Venus in Taurus loves beautiful things, pretty rocks and later precious stones. He may be a gourmet. He may need help learning to share what he sees as prized possessions. A study of Venus by sign, house and aspect also reveals something about your child's taste in food, eating habits, care of possessions and attitude toward money and belongings.

Venus in Gemini

Gemini is an Air sign on the thinking cross. Its symbol is The Twins. Your child loves to communicate and is very friendly indeed! He may be a chatter-bug, especially if the Sun is in a Fire or Air sign! he appreciates change, variety, and will be interested in many different topics at school. He may love reading and writing, and trips to the library. Your child needs many avenues to explore. He likely enjoys researching and asking questions. On the move, your child will probably attract many different friends. Children with Venus in Gemini often love going on excursions and trips.

Venus Sextile Mars

Positive Venus (love, art, beauty) /Mars (action, energy) aspects indicate creativity, and

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

Venus Trine Saturn

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

The External Planets: Mars, Jupiter, Saturn

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

Mars: Drive and Emotions

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

at school.

Mars in Aries

Aries is a Fire sign on the action cross. Its symbol is The Ram. The child with Mars in Aries is often powerfully motivated to be first and to lead. He tends to be self-assertive, determined and energetic. Children with Mars in the sign of The Ram typically act first and ask questions later (they "ram" their way through). Go-getters by nature, they demand immediate results and have a hard time delaying gratification. While it's great to be a self-starter, your child must learn to respect the wishes of others. Especially if he has other planets in Fire signs, he may have to curb a "me first" approach by learning to be more sensitive to other people's feelings. He may have blind courage and sheer guts, but watch out for any tendency to be daring to the point of foolishness. His greatest need could be to acquire patience and self-control. Aries is the sign of ego, the whole gamut of "ego games" coming under this sign, from temper tantrums to feigned passivity. He could have a hot temper, but generally doesn't hold onto grudges. Be patient with this child. The more positive his sense of self, the more successful he is likely to be in expressing Arian leadership and initiative rather than Martian anger and aggression. Teach your child to be true to his "REAL ME"! The Mars in Aries child enjoys sharpening his skills in competition. He jumps into competitive learning games. Sports help let out some of the steam of his fiery abundant energy. He might especially like athletics that are competitive like racing. Machinery, go-carts and cars may appeal to him. The plus of this placement is self-motivated enterprise, and an ability to forgive easily and move on; the negative is pride and conceit, and an "I'm going to do what I want to do anyway" kind of arrogance. He has plenty of enthusiasm and creativity, but needs direction. He is quick to begin, but generally needs help completing his tasks.

Sun Square Mars

Children with this challenging aspect often have tremendous drive and energy, but tend to become flustered or angry when they come against obstacles on the way. If the Sun and Mars are in mutable signs, the child could waste much energy in reaching the goal. You will need to teach him to focus his energy. He likely will need your help in beginning or directing his steps in projects he takes on. If the Sun and Mars are in Cardinal signs, he could be impulsive. Perhaps he works against the way things are: challenging authorities or the status quo and then resenting the rules thrown upon him as a result! His drive and passions could put him at odds with authority figures time and again. Regardless of the signs involved, this tendency towards clashes and emotional confrontation does exist, and at these times He could be his own worst enemy. Your job is to teach him "to possess his soul in patience." If Mars has afflictions in your chart as well, this might be a major challenge! Once he learns to control his temper, the creative tension of this square could spur him to great heights (Beethoven had it!)

Venus Sextile Mars

Your child loves to work with younger children and would make a superb teacher or coach. He has a heart-felt approach and is an enthusiast if there ever was one. He approaches life and relationships in a congenial and happy manner. Your child may enjoy sports and tends to be physically active. He likes to have fun, and is always ready to include others. The child with this aspect typically enjoys bringing his friends over and hosting parties. This child may be artistically inclined. He would probably enjoy participating in school plays.

Mars Sextile Saturn

This is a sign of excellent managerial ability. At best, this aspect indicates patience, courage and resourcefulness. Your child is capable of much discipline. His work tends to be well organized and efficiently produced. He is willing to work hard and expects to receive the reward of his efforts. Some children with this aspect, however, get frustrated and angry when their efforts are blocked. Encourage your child to develop a positive attitude. Avoid being overly critical, excessively strict, judgmental or condemnatory with this child.

Jupiter: Career and Life Path

The Hindu word for Jupiter is Guru. Jupiter is the guru and guide, the way we go through life, our life path and personal philosophy. Our first teachers and guides are usually our parents. Then there are our school teachers, ministers, and other significant adults who enter our life and guide us. Jupiter is the body of knowledge and wisdom made available to us, our method for dealing with the laws of life, our Saturn, or limitations. Saturn represents the father, structure, rules of behavior and social norms we must learn to abide by. Jupiter is the light or path. Jupiter rules religion, philosophy, culture, travel, history; how we expand our horizons, our philosophy of life. It has always been an indicator of how successful we may be, our vocation. In the child's chart, we look to Jupiter for clues as to how our child seeks to know more about life, what appeals to him, and where he may need to pull in the reins and balance exploration (Jupiter) with greater discipline (Saturn). A child with Jupiter in the 1st house in Aries, for example, will jump to the occasion for a trip, an experience to broaden his horizons and self-understanding but will need to find the balance between opportunities for growth and responsibilities (Saturn).

Jupiter in Capricorn

A bit grown-up for his age, the Jupiter in Capricorn child is typically dependable, trustworthy and responsible. He is quick to get the outline or skeleton of a project, to see how things work. At its best, this is a position of great integrity and know-how. Your child is likely to be conscientious. He is concerned with getting ahead. Merit programs where his good behavior can earn him greater privileges, badges, and recognition appeal to him. On the negative side, with his opportunity planet in this earthy sign, ambition for material things or status can take over. Especially if Jupiter forms squares or opposition to personal planets, he could be too hard on himself or others. Jupiter's natural expansiveness is curtailed by excessive

Capricornian caution, fear or procrastination. Show your child by example and direct experience how a positive mental attitude leads to success. He will look to the father for spiritual guidance and for direction in mastering the physical world.

Moon Square Jupiter

Your child is likely to have a happy disposition. He gets along well with others. He may need, however, to learn to stand on his own two feet rather than expecting others to do the job for him. Your child may overextend himself, taking on too much at a time, or he may expect others to do the work! Sometimes this position reflects an indulgent mother, but this child needs firm guidelines to steer him clear of self-indulgence in food, work, and play. He probably wants his wishes fulfilled on the spot, but learning to delay (or put aside) gratification is crucial for later success.

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 Aquarius

Your child was born with Saturn, the Great Teacher, in the sign of freedom and innovation. Aquarius is the sign of invention and of the New Age. Saturn in Aquarius indicates mental concentration in the realm of new ideas and technology. Your child be interested in or excel in science, math and computer science. Children with this placement typically place a high premium on truth. During his youth, friends mean a lot to the Saturn in Aquarius child, and he picks them from a broad range of backgrounds! He tends to be loyal and trustworthy, and will defend a friend who he believes is falsely accused. Later, his group of friends may expand to encompass groups, organizations, fraternities and universities, local and universal causes. Aquarius always brings lessons in love. Children with this placement must learn tolerance and

kindness from an early age. They need to allow room for others who may think or do things differently. Mental rigidity manifesting as intolerance, aloofness and intellectual pride are the potential pitfalls of this placement.

Moon Square Saturn

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

Venus Trine Saturn

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

Mars Sextile Saturn

The word here is accomplishment. If there is a job to be done, your child can do it. Your child is likely to be a prodigious worker, pouring himself into his tasks with absolute determination. He is responsible to the extreme and takes on obligations as though he just can't get enough. Your child enjoys choices and decision-making and needs opportunities to take responsibility in the home and at school. He would make a good teacher in matters of organization, practical competence, and the like. He could show a drive to be thorough and

responsible down to the smallest details. This aspect often indicates a strong relationship with the father or dominant parent.

Jupiter Conjunction Saturn

Unless difficult aspects tie into this coupling, the Jupiter/Saturn conjunction is an excellent indicator of success, since opportunity and drive work together! If the child is given a broad base of learning in a structured environment he will benefit most from this aspect. This aspect comes around once every 20 years! Look up the sign Jupiter and Saturn are in to get a greater idea of their expression (Libra could be in close partnerships, PR work, and law). Check out the house position to see in what area of life these energies will work themselves out (1st house might be sports, self-expression; 2nd house, values and belongings; 3rd house, schooling, siblings, transportation and communication, etc.) As a group, your child and his schoolmates are interested in truth, religion, and philosophy. So, during childhood, your child would learn much from religious training, exposure to travel, different cultures, the lessons of history and an understanding of the law. Your child might tend to "overdo" it, whether in work or in play. He could find it hard to accept delays or obstacles in his projects.

The Outer Planets

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

Uranus: Break-Thrus & Insights

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

Uranus in Taurus

Your child belongs to a sub-generation interested in reforming the economy. As a group, they give us new insights into home, possessions, the whole domestic scene, industry and agriculture. Financial independence and novel ways to make a living is likely to interest your child one day. As a child, he may have a green thumb, artistic talent, or be interested in electronics. Disobedience, stubbornness, and a lack of flexibility are the dangers of this placement. Uranus in Taurus often brings lessons in non-attachment to material comforts and things.

Sun Sextile Uranus

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

Moon Opposition Uranus

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

Mercury Sextile Uranus

Your child enjoys working with his mind, and his sharp perceptions make finding new solutions easy. He brings an unexpected twist or insight to anything he sets his mind to. He is able to teach or help others to be more original when it comes to the words or thoughts they use. Your child can use the mind in original ways and probably has excellent eye-hand coordination. His laser-like mind makes conversations fast-paced and illuminating. A ready wit. However, he may be willful. His brilliant ideas could seem too far-out for this planet! You will need to give your child space and tools to express his unique creativity! He benefits by developing tolerance for opinions different than his own, and by practicing consistency and follow through in work. Teach him to balance brilliance with practicality and find ways to help him develop mental concentration. Provide your child with a peaceful and uncluttered environment. This is a good aspect for educators, astrologers, technicians, mathematicians, writers, inventors and any field requiring abstract reasoning.

Neptune: Ideals & Imagination

Neptune provides the key for unlocking our child's imagination! Neptune represents the bridge to worlds we cannot see. Neptune, then, tells us about the child's need for worship, adoration, devotion. Neptune relates to music and the arts and is prominent in the charts of many creative people. Being an outer planet, Neptune also paints a picture of the collective dreams of our child's generation, dreams which may build upon, alter or even challenge our own. Neptune's influence tends to be subtle, often affecting us on subconscious levels. If afflicted, Neptune can indicate areas where the child may feel confused, uncertain or fearful. Read Neptune by sign, house and aspect but realize that your child may not consciously be aware of Neptune's influence until he reaches adulthood.

Neptune in Pisces

A generation of souls clothed in higher consciousness. A world where the spiritual is seen as the ideal. This is the generation who will embody the peace of the Savior and bring us to a high expression of idealism, religion, politics and love.

Jupiter Sextile Neptune

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

Pluto: Inner Change and Growth

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

Pluto in 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.

Moon Square Pluto

The Moon/Pluto child feels intensely but may withdraw if he perceives that he makes himself vulnerable by opening up to adults who (he feels) may not understand! The Moon/Pluto

child needs to feel loved and accepted, especially by his 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 often feels lonely and rejected and finds it hard to tap into his own inner feelings and needs. Parents should never discipline any child in anger, but a child with this aspect could be particularly wounded by a judgmental or dictatorial parent. If the relationship with the mother is healthy and balanced, this opposition could work out in adult life as a dynamo of creative potential. Your child may tend to keep his feelings and emotions to himself unless trust is well established. By helping others, he can overcome a perhaps excessive self-concern.

Jupiter Conjunction Pluto

A career in psychology, exploring areas of the mind and self that are vulnerable and sensitive, teaching or even cinematography could be indicated. Your child not only likes change and transforming experiences, he pursues them for their own sake. As your child matures, you may discover that he heads straight for whatever challenges his sense of identity and puts him through changes. This life path could also carry him into subjects like reincarnation, mystical experiences, and all that is occult or hidden from common view. As a student, your child is creative and seeks power to make changes. This aspect can be a great asset to success as long as your child learns to get along with parents, teachers and authority figures and is willing to consider someone else's opinion besides his own!

Saturn Conjunction Pluto

The effect of this powerful aspect, shared by every child born during the same period of time as your child, may have much to do with the nature of the relationship with the father or other important authority figures in his life. This aspect occurs every 33 years; it occurred in 1947 and then again in 1980. Drive and ambition are strong and your child may have a strong aura, even as a child. Your child likely has good managerial abilities and it's natural for him to delegate responsibilities. Give your child opportunities to develop along these lines. He may have a tendency to avoid sensitive subjects and to take refuge in duties and responsibilities rather than face issues that might disturb him or put him through some changes. Your child may react strongly to criticism or perceived failure: he may find it hard, for example, accepting a low grade at school and moving on. He could be quite tenacious.

Neptune Sextile Pluto

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

Challenges and Abilities

Focus

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

Challenges

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

Moon Square Saturn 00°41'

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

Moon Square Jupiter 06°41'

The child with this aspect typically is generous but may tend to overdo in some way – in food, in action, in speech. He could be gullible and lack discrimination, especially in the company he keeps! Teach him not to throw his pearls before swine! He feels close to the mother, but should not be over-indulged. Getting things started and off the ground may be

harder for him than for most.

Moon Square Pluto 06°42'

This child needs to develop enough self-confidence to be able to deal with intense emotions without fear. He 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.

Sun Square Mars 07°31'

Others may sense in your child the presence of much energy. He may tend to have trouble just relaxing but he works well with creative tension. This aggressiveness could lead to undue competition and a tendency to get into scrapes. On the positive end, your child could impress you by his determined striving. He probably enjoys contests and will learn by pitting his physical or mental strength against others. He could be willful, stubborn, impulsive, too daring for his own good. If he learns to control his temper, he could be a dynamo! Some children with this aspect have a noticeably short fuse. Others hold anger in, but people pick up on the energy and so they end up in disputes. Teach your child respect for others and find ways for him to channel his energy into accomplishments; sports or creative projects demanding physical or mental stamina might fit the bill! Help him avoid the frustration so characteristic of this aspect by teaching him patience and planning.

Children with the Sun (ego, "I AM") and Mars (action through desire) forming a challenging square often tend to approach life from a "me" stance and therefore can be overly touchy or defensive. Astrologer Betty Lundsted suggests that this aspect sometimes indicates growing up in a difficult social environment; for example, where there is racial prejudice or religious bigotry. Your child likely is a hard worker but may need to learn when to stop. He may shine in pioneer or leadership roles. This aspect sometimes indicates an executive type or a career in police work, the military, firefighting, professional sports, dance, medicine or physical therapy.

Moon Opposition Uranus 09°01'

The child with this aspect may have a somewhat unusual upbringing. Later in life he 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. He needs to know he can rely on her. Children with this Moon/Uranus contact can be unconventional, even at the expense of popularity. He learns by

experience and may depart from the trodden path. Your child may be restless and move around a lot. His desire for personal freedom quite likely goes against the majority. He could be impulsive, more impatient than not, and (especially if Mars aspects the Moon or Uranus) could find it hard to control his temper. He 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.

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 Uranus 00°35'

This aspect could point to an original thinker, perhaps an inventor. Your child may have a very unique way of looking at things and be capable of real insight. He tends to be innovative, thinking of new ways to do things or a new use for something. When others have run out of ideas to existing problems, he could pop up with the solution! Children with this aspect often excel at work requiring abstract thinking. They need to be challenged, can be easily bored, and may be misunderstood by their teachers! Communication of all kinds, especially computers, electronics, and the new technology, is likely to be right up your child's alley.

Mars Sextile Saturn 01°02'

This is a sign of excellent managerial ability. At best, this aspect indicates patience, courage and resourcefulness. Your child is capable of much discipline. His work tends to be well organized and efficiently produced. He is willing to work hard and expects to receive the reward of his efforts. Some children with this aspect, however, get frustrated and angry when their efforts are blocked. Encourage your child to develop a positive attitude. Avoid being overly critical, excessively strict, judgmental or condemnatory with this child.

Sun Sextile Uranus 01°09'

Positive Sun/Uranus aspects often indicate leadership potential. Your child may be very magnetic, others being drawn to him. He is not afraid to be different, and may indeed be a

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

Venus Sextile Mars 04°35'

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

Venus Trine Saturn 05°37'

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

Moon Trine Sun 07°52'

Considered by itself, this trine between the Lights indicates a balanced personality, one in which will (Sun) and feeling (Moon) work together harmoniously. Unless either the Sun or Moon receive hard afflictions, it is probable that your child is popular among his friends and content among his kin. The Sun/Moon trine infuses the chart with vitality and often indicates physical strength and/or a healthy constitution at birth. Children with this aspect typically get along well with friends of both sexes.

Moon Trine Mercury 09°36'

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

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 7, the child has absorbed an enormous amount of learning. His physical body has reached 70% of his growth potential. Permanent teeth (teeth relate to Saturn) begin to emerge. He passes from the absorbent mind stage into the stage of active reason. He is on his way to becoming an independent adult. Saturn represent rules and laws. At 7 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 his development. Your child is likely to show an interest in the outside world and social life very early, say around 11-12 years of age. Your child may at this time move very rapidly into the limelight and find himself increasingly more interested and successful in all social activities. This trend will continue and reach a peak when your child is about 18-19 years of age, after which time he is apt to lose interest in the social and external and turn more inward. This could result in his being somewhat of a prodigy and achieving a very early career success, only to find himself less and less involved in it. Your child may even turn away from everything and choose to start over again to find a new vocation. He could discover himself spending many years pursuing a more inward and subjective path that could last until your child is 30 years of age (or more) at which time he will likely turn outward once again and take a new direction.

Your Current Situation

Now for a close-up of recent years: while landscape was quite general, the dates given in this close-up should be much more precise. Don't look here for a day-to-day account of life but rather to get a picture of this stretch of time, "these years." In 28 to 30 years, Saturn will return to its natal position at birth and we experience the so-called "Saturn return." At age 14 (first Saturn opposition) and again at age 29 (first Saturn return), we become very aware of Saturn's influence in our life. Important events, or points of growth may occur around age 7 as well (first Saturn square). I do not believe, however, that the child is AWARE of Saturn's influence in a personal sense. Saturn in the child's chart may indicate conditions in his environment, his

relationship to others, and especially to his father and other significant authority figures in his life. Saturn represents the law, limits, restrictions, attitude toward responsibilities, hard work, and fairness. The child learns these in stages. A Saturnian keyword is "maturity."

Please note that for Newborns and children less than 7 years of age, the report may indicate a year prior to the actual birth of the child. If this is the case for your child, it means that Saturn was at the degree on the cusp of the quadrant in question on the date indicated. If this occurred about 3 years ago, for example, Saturn will remain in that quadrant for about 4 more years.

Jan 10, 2017 1st Pass D> (Age Before Birth)

Jul 17, 2017 2nd Pass R< (Age Before Birth)

Oct 01, 2017 3rd Pass D> (Age Before Birth)

The date(s) (above) indicate when Saturn ended its transit through the 4th quadrant of your child's chart. Depending on his age, your child may have been very concerned with his reputation among his peers and with his teachers, parents and elders and with outer accomplishments. As Saturn enters his first house and crosses his Ascendant, you may discover that your child becomes more self-absorbed. He is entering a sensitive cycle, one in which he will initially at least be likely to be very sensitive to criticism and correction. He needs to affirm his sense of self-worth. Astrologer Alexander Ruperti points out that Saturn transiting the house of identity specifically symbolizes the place of the physical father, one's place within the family structure, and biological development. Roots, heritage and cultural traditions bear upon the child's perception of his identity. The child's perception of himself is also influenced by the degree of self-discipline he acquires, and again, this will depend partly on his age and abilities. The child is sensitive, more inward than not, concerned with his place in the order of things. Saturn's transit through the 1st quadrant lasts 6 to 7 years.

Saturn in 01st 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 he have in abundance, and which does he lack, if any? Those with high totals show what we can or must do in life; plus points to be developed. These are qualities we have. "Wants" are areas that may be weaker and need developing or balance. Sometimes people overcompensate the "wants" and even pretend to have them. The old adage is: we become what we want (or lack), while we do what we can (or have to do) with what we've got. Here are your child's totals:

Have Water

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

Want Fire

If your child lacks an inner self-confidence, he could try to overcome this by defensive aggressiveness. He probably wishes he had more of the self-assurance his more fiery acquaintances display. Inspire in your child the joy to overcome all challenges. (A strong Mars or Sun, by sign, aspect or house position or a Fire Ascendant would compensate.)

Have Cardinal

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

Want Mutable

Your child may lack flexibility, and could be more stubborn than not! He could have trouble adapting to situations or to the demands of those around him, and could put his foot in his mouth when he least needs it! Perhaps it's not easy for him to communicate or smooth over things. (A strong Mercury, Gemini, Virgo or Pisces Rising, the Sun, Moon or Ascendant in

these signs or many planets in the 3rd, 9th, 6th or 12th houses could compensate.)

Have Succedent

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

Want Cadent

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

House Activity and Emphasis

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

First House: Appearance, Approach

First House

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

Sagittarius on First House Cusp

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

Second House: Possessions, Reactions

Second House

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

Capricorn on Second 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.

Jupiter in Second House

Watch out, this child will talk you into buying the sky! A natural salesman, he likes nice things! Values, that's the key phrase of this position! Never tire in instilling them. Teach your child good money habits. By itself, this Jupiter placement often indicates wealth and natural business ability. If afflicted, money may go out as soon as it came in! Your child's career or life-path may depend on his talent for responding and making something out of ideas, insights... whatever is new and challenging. The business world may call for his ability to react and build on opportunities. Often Jupiter here signifies a love of travel or a desire to obtain the means to travel and have many experiences.

Saturn in Second House

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

favors government contracts, business management, mining, construction and commodities trading.

Pluto in Second House

Millionaires and paupers both may boast or lament as the case may be of Pluto's presence in the house of money and resources. Your child could grow to be a terrific business person, as he has an ability to get past the surface of things and separate out that which has real worth. In the area of possessions or material goods, and in the pursuit of right livelihood, your child will likely go through a lot of changes and learn a lot. The establishment of strong moral values and good common sense from the earliest age are a must with this placement! At some point in his life, his values could be seriously tested or undergo tremendous change.

Third House: Inquiries, Communications

Third House

The key phrase for the 3rd house is "I think." At no time is the 3rd house more important than during childhood. This is because the 3rd house is the house of early education. The astrologer looks to the sign on the 3rd house cusp, its ruler and any planets abiding there (and to the planet Mercury) to get a picture of the child's approach to learning. The 3rd house is a very mental house, concerned with finding, researching, communicating, and all manner of questioning. Traditionally this house rules brothers and sisters. Planets in the 3rd house can tell you something about your child's interaction with his siblings, and with neighborhood pals. Children with personal planets (Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus and Mars) in the 3rd house tend to be very active at school.

Aquarius on Third 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.

Neptune in Third House

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

Fourth House: Home, Family, Security

Fourth House

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

Pisces on Fourth House Cusp

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

Mars in Fourth House

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

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.

Aries on Fifth House Cusp

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

Uranus in Fifth House

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

Sixth House: Responsibility, Work, Health

Sixth House

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

Taurus on Sixth House Cusp

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

Venus in Sixth House

Your child likes to do things with care and enjoys being discriminating and exact. His critical faculties are excellent, and you he can generally pick out what is worth saving and what is not. You may find that your child has excellent taste in clothes! He appreciates a caring attitude and is service-oriented. The child with this Venus placement typically loves to bestow affection on pets! With the planet of love in the house of service, your child may express his love by doing favors for other people. He may choose acting or art as a career. This position is also favorable for employment in the clothing industry, furniture business, healing arts and service oriented jobs.

Seventh House: Relationships, Other People

Seventh House

The 7th house is the house of partnerships, relationships, social life, and all that carries us beyond our personal self into an awareness of other people, community, and the like. Children with planets in this house seek to understand themselves through others. They are rarely alone. How does your child deal with competition? Is he able to hold his own in a match? Can he stand up against peer pressure? To succeed with 7th house issues, the child needs to feel secure within himself (1st house polarity.) Planets in the 7th house and the sign on the cusp can also

provide clues about your child's interaction, as he matures, with the opposite sex. For instance, a child with Mars in this house or Aries on the cusp would likely be bold in relationships, and hence, make friends easily. Nevertheless, he could incline toward arguments and contention (Mars) in close friendships (and later in marriage). He may, however, be willing to work hard (Mars) to make a relationship (7th house) work. The wise parent would teach this child the dangers of entering into relationships impulsively.

Gemini on Seventh House Cusp

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

Sun in Seventh House

You can be sure that friends and relationships play a major role in your child's makeup. A "bosom buddy" or close pal may be an essential key to happiness. Close bonds (friendship, marriage, partnership) will be very important to him when he is older. Children with the Sun (ego) in the house of others (7th) need to balance their need for companionship with a well developed sense of self. Encourage your child to stick up for what's right and not to give in just for the sake of maintaining the peace! He is likely to have a strong sense of justice and fair play. In fact, he may be the class peacemaker, helping his classmates see their way out of disputes. This is a favorable position for future lawyers, psychologists, diplomats and any work dealing with people on a daily basis. This placement also confers graciousness and diplomacy. Your child will benefit from early exposure to the social graces.

Mercury in Seventh House

The child born with Mercury in the 7th house is interested in learning what makes other people tick! He likes to discuss ideas and exchange opinions with other people and may gravitate toward intellectual types. His ideas tend to be balanced, fair and impartial. An inborn objectivity could lead to a career in law. He is at his mental best when he's communicating, teaching, or counseling with others. He probably enjoys studying with a friend. Since your child likely understands differing points of view, he may become the class peacemaker. Since the 7th house is the house of marriage, when your child is older he will want to marry someone with whom he shares a mental rapport. This position favors careers dealing with people on a daily basis. Also highlighted are law and psychology, and any field where understanding human motivation is key.

Eighth House: Business Savvy, Elimination

Eighth House

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

Cancer on Eighth 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.

Ninth House: Religions, Philosophy, Ideas

Ninth House

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

Leo on Ninth House Cusp

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

Tenth House: Practical Vision, Vocation

Tenth House

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

Virgo on Tenth House Cusp

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

Eleventh House: Dreams & Visions, Community

Eleventh House

We have been on the mountain and had a vision (10th house). In the 11th, we bond with others who share our vision and can help us realize it. Thus, this is the house of friends and community life. The young child is greatly influenced by his companions. As he matures (and particularly during pre-adolescence and teen-age years), peer pressure and conformity may take precedence over parental guidelines in his mind. Planets in this house and the sign on the 11th house cusp indicate what traits your child may admire in a friend and the kind of friends he is likely to attract. For example, if Uranus is in the 11th house or if Aquarius is on the cusp, the

child would attract friends who are unique, unusual, somehow different. If Gemini is on the cusp, he may enjoy having many friends, but could be fickle. Traditionally, the 11th house is called the house of "hopes and wishes." The 11th house provides clues as to how to tune into the child's aspirations; how to teach him goal-fittedness; how to measure our projected aspirations for him against his own! The 11th house also addresses the child's willingness (or lack of it) to cooperate with others in group projects.

Libra on Eleventh House Cusp

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

Moon in Eleventh House

Your child has an emotional need to be part of a group, to draw strength and encouragement from his friends and acquaintances. His attitude toward his friends is apt to waver with his moods. Working with others, especially on community or school projects is perfect for him. Nevertheless, the child with the fluctuating Moon in the house of friends needs occasional solitude to separate his thoughts from those of his peers. He could be too easily influenced by the current trend (or conversely, he could be a loner.) Through the family he is likely to make many social contacts. If the Moon is afflicted, however, the parents may not approve of the child's choice of companion! he grows through making ideals real. His goals in life will be greatly influenced by what he is taught as a child. At some point in his life he may have to sift out his own aspirations from those of his parents.

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.

Scorpio on Twelfth 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.

Notes on Astrological Terms

Creating the Natal Chart

The astrological, or natal chart is a method of mapping the space surrounding our Earth for a birth moment. A natal chart is simply a snapshot of the cosmos at the time of birth -- a cosmic portrait. We know that all things are in motion. Not only do the planets move slowly at different speeds in great elongated orbits around the Sun, but the Earth itself turns on its axis once in 24 hours. As the Earth turns during a day, each one of us is exposed to the entire 360 degrees of the zodiac. The natal chart is a diagram or picture that stops the cosmic clock and captures the universe as it exists at a particular moment.

Your child's natal chart is his individual cosmic portrait or mandala. It is said that something that is born in time takes on the qualities of that specific moment. Your child's natal chart reveals a picture of who he is and what he may become.

Astrology is a map of karma, positive and negative, that will unfold in cycles of time. The seeds of the future are always sown in the present, but can we read them? This is what the study of astrology is all about: reading the signs of the times and listening to what they have to say about ourselves, now and in the future. Astrology, then, is prophecy. Yet we know that prophecy can be altered, changed, or mitigated through free will, right or wrong decisions, prayers, and self-awareness.

The Sun sign interpretations that we find in most newspapers are a far cry from the work of professional astrologers. The sign the Sun was in on the day of your birth (for example Aries, Taurus, or Gemini) is only one of many factors that professionals look at. In addition to the day and year of birth, most professionals use the time and place of birth as well. Birthdate, year, time, and place are all needed to pinpoint your place in time and space. Given this information, an astrologer creates what is called a natal or birth chart (sometimes called a horoscope).

Each natal chart includes the exact position of the Sun, Moon, and the planets: Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. These planets are then placed in a circular diagram called a chart wheel. This wheel is a miniature diagram of what the sky looked like at the moment of birth as seen from the birthplace.

The very top of the chart, or MC (Medium Coeli or Midheaven), is that part of the zodiac directly overhead, while the bottom of the chart, or IC (Imum Coeli, or lower heaven), is the part beneath your feet and on the other side of the Earth from you. At the extreme left-hand side of the wheel is the Ascendant, or rising sign -- the part of the zodiac that is on the horizon or rising at the birth moment. The Descendant is on the right-hand side of the chart. This is the part of the zodiac that is setting. These four points -- the Ascendant, Descendant, Midheaven, and IC -- are very important to astrologers. They are sensitive points.

What follows is a brief introduction to some of the terms and concepts used in astrology. Reading through this material will help you get more out of your Child*Star report.

Elements and Modalities

The 12 zodiac signs have different qualities. Certain groups of signs share similar qualities. The two most popular methods for sign grouping are elements and modalities. Astrologers like to see which of the groups the natal planets fall in, then add them up to produce counts or totals. It's fun to tally up your Sun, Moon, and planets and check out your elemental and modality balance. Keep in mind while doing this that we often attract to ourselves, or ultimately become, what we want (or lack), and we do what we can (or have to do) with what we've got! Studying the elements in your child's chart can help you gain perspective on his natural temperament and mode of action. Keep in mind that these points might tally up quite differently for you! For example, if you have a lot of Cardinal planets, you're a doer. If your child, however, lacks (wants) Cardinal planets and is strong on Fixed, he may find it harder than you to get going; but once he gets started, his efforts could be more stable. Learning your similarities and differences will help you master your own chart as well as be more patient with your child.

Elements

A very popular grouping of the signs is that of the four elements -- Fire, Earth, Air, and Water.

Fire Signs : Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius. People with lots of fire in their chart are very active, involved and can do all kinds of things. Children with an emphasis on fire in their charts are vivacious and fun to be with, but they may need to work at being more reliable. These "fireballs" often find it hard to settle down. Fire-sign children love to look at the dancing flames of a summer camp-out fire. Fire is creative but, mishandled, is dangerous. Those with little fire in their charts often find it hard to get started, and they may need someone of greater enthusiasm and spark to get them going!

Earth Signs : Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn. People with lots of earth are very practical; they can see how to do and use things. Children with a strong earth emphasis are looking for ways to be productive. They are often dependable, efficient, and "down to earth." They like a hands-on approach to learning. Earth-sign children enjoy playing with sand, clay, and beautiful rocks. They like to build. Those with little earth tend to be less objective, less grounded, or less practical.

Air Signs : Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius. People with lots of air are analytical; they are able to resolve and draw conclusions. Children with a preponderance of air can be chatty. They are mental and like to exchange ideas. They understand emotions through reason. Those with little air sometimes have trouble with abstractions and ideas -- getting the "big picture." They tend to be less objective about their experience.

Water Signs : Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces. People with lots of water are very feeling oriented and "sense"-ative. Children with a strong water emphasis may be artistic or musical. Their feelings are hurt easily. They seek ways to care for others. Even as babies, they enjoy quiet periods of meditation. Water-sign children often love swimming and playing in water. Those with little water may need help getting in touch with their feelings.

Modalities

Another popular way of grouping the zodiac signs is by the Cardinal, Fixed, and Mutable crosses.

Cardinal Signs : Aries, Cancer, Libra, and Capricorn. People with a heavy emphasis in Cardinal signs are self-starters, doers. They initiate and get things moving. Children with a Cardinal emphasis are normally active and dynamic. Life will bring them challenges through changing circumstances. They must learn the proper use of power. They can be firecrackers for getting things off the ground, but they may need guidance on follow-through. Children with few planets in Cardinal signs may have trouble getting the ball rolling.

Fixed signs : Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, and Aquarius. People with a heavy emphasis in fixed signs hang onto and preserve life. They are at the center of things and are hard to budge. Children with a strong fixed emphasis can get "fix-ated," stubborn, and unyielding. They tend to be loyal and persevering. Life will teach them to be less attached to desire. They must learn to love in a more selfless manner. Children with few planets in fixed signs may have trouble seeing the job through and may need to cultivate stick-to-it-tive-ity.

Mutable signs : Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, and Pisces. People with a heavy emphasis in mutable signs are restless and impressionable. They seek ways to communicate. Children with a strong mutable emphasis are normally inquisitive and enjoy learning. They like to share what they learn with others. They may be restless and would benefit by some work with the hands. Life may offer them lessons in overcoming fear. They need to learn to focus the mind. They may be mimics, and tend to pick up knowledge easily, but they can also easily become distracted and they tend to be overly impressionable. Children with few planets in mutable signs may have trouble adapting or being flexible.

Aspects

Aspects are an important part of astrology. As the planets move in their elongated orbits around the Sun, they form various angular relationships with one another, using the Sun (or Earth) as the center. These are called aspects. The most popular aspects result from dividing the circle by numbers such as 1, 2, 3, and 4, resulting in aspects such as the conjunction (0 degrees), opposition (180 degrees), trine (120 degrees), and square (90 degrees). When two planets form an aspect with each other, their energies and natures are said to combine and work in harmony (positive) or discord (afflicted). For example, when two planets are exactly on opposite sides of the Sun (Earth), they are in opposition.

The most popular aspects can be divided into three main categories:

The **"emphatic" aspects** : The emphatic aspects are those that emphasize or align two planetary energies with one another.

Conjunction (0 degrees) Two planets at the same point in the zodiac are said to be in conjunction. Their natures are fused or blended into one.

Opposition (180 degrees) Two planets at opposite sides of the zodiac. The energies are in alignment with each other. They can pull together or apart, depending upon the nature of the planets involved, and the consciousness of the individual.

The **"hard" (or dynamic) aspects** : square (90 degrees) and semi-square (45 degrees). These represent challenge, obstacles, and creative tension; they provide the surest means to dynamic growth. Too many can block or obstruct the life flow, yet too few can indicate a lack of motivation. In the child's chart, these aspects show where his greatest challenges and opportunities for growth may lie.

The **"soft" (or harmonious) aspects** : trine (120 degrees) and sextile (60 degrees) The soft aspects bring ease, clarity, and vision to our lives; we can see, grasp, and understand what is happening. Too few of the soft aspects can bring a lack of ease to our lives, while too many soft aspects make for a life that is potentially lacking in substance. In the child's chart, the soft aspects reveal potential talent waiting to be developed. A child can "sit" on his trines and sextiles, he and his parents taking his strong points for granted. When ignored, these aspects can lead to overindulgence and eventual weakness. Develop these points like diamonds.

"Exact" aspects and aspects' orbs: Aspects between planets gradually form, become exact, and separate. When an aspect is exact, it has its greatest impact. Yet the effect of most aspects can be felt for some time before and after the moment of exactness. The range within which an aspect is in operation is called its "orb of influence," or simply its orb. An orb of one or two degrees of arc on either side of the exact aspect is considered a close or tight orb, while an orb of 10 degrees is said to be wide.

Aspects to the Sun and Moon (the Lights) are most important, followed by the planetary aspects of Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. If your child's natal chart has an accurate birth time, then aspects to the chart angles (Ascendant and Midheaven) are also important. The particular combination can make a difference too. Aspects between planets such as Saturn and Mars (traditional malefics) are obviously more potentially explosive than the same aspect between Venus and Jupiter (traditional benefics).

The Planets

In astrology, the larger life of our solar system as a whole tells us something about our own personal Earth life. The interplay and relationship of the planets with one another as they circle the Sun is carefully studied. Of particular interest to astrologers are the Sun, the Moon, and the planets Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. These are the celestial bodies used most often by modern astrologers for natal interpretation. Each of these planets represents or refers to a part of our life and self. Here are some of the concepts and key words associated with each planet:

Sun. The heart and center of it all: spirit and identity. The Sun represents father, guru, teacher or figure of authority -- our connection to great solar hierarchies! In the child's chart, the Sun shows his perception of his own identity. The Sun sign often reveals the child's greatest strengths as well as his potential weaknesses. The Sun reveals the child's perception of his father.

Moon. The Moon represents our mother, our surroundings, the environment out of which we come, our past and childhood, our formative years and self. In short, the Moon paints a picture of the early background, that out of which we emerged. The Moon is very prominent in the child's chart, especially during the first seven years. Here we see the child's perception of his relationship to his mother. Here we gauge the child's emotional barometer, his interaction with the family, his habit patterns. The Moon should be a clear reflection of the Sun, but, because of the subconscious nature of the Moon and the state of affairs on this planet, most of us have some weeds to pluck from our lunar garden.

Mercury. Mercury is communication at light speed, linkage, thought, ideas, the light of the mind -- Logos! Mercury in the child's chart tells us much about his early schooling, his

learning experience, his mentality. Mercury also relates to brothers and sisters.

Venus. Venus reveals how we respond, appreciate, cherish, or value something. Venus shows the way we love, our capacity to care for others. Venus in the child's chart will tell us what he values, what's important to him and how he shows love and appreciation, and how he cares for his belongings. Venus describes the child's sense of self-worth. Venus reveals the child's attitudes toward, and potential future experiences with, the opposite sex.

Mars. Mars is the planet of action through desire. Mars is energy and Mars is our clue to what motivates our child. Mars in the child's chart reveals how he is likely to express anger, the kind of discipline he may need, and the type of sports and recreation he might enjoy.

Jupiter. Jupiter is the pathfinder or lamp through the trials of time.

Jupiter shows where opportunities for expansion lie. Jupiter is grace. Jupiter is the planet that brings us the rewards of good karma. Jupiter relates to religion, philosophy, and higher education. By studying Jupiter in the child's chart, we can discover how to teach our child fundamental truths and ethics. We can also gauge in what areas of life "too much of a good thing" could be harmful to him.

Saturn. Saturn is the great teacher, the giver of laws or rules, the Initiator. Saturn also represents Chronos -- time -- and the material world. In the child's chart, Saturn represents the limits placed upon him by parents, authorities and teachers, and by time itself. As Saturn makes its cycles, we can expect the child to test these limitations.

By studying Saturn, we can glean an understanding of the best approach to adopt in disciplining the child. Saturn reveals much about the child's relationship to his father. Saturn gives us clues as to the child's later career. Saturn can show us where the child may feel thwarted and how we can best help him. Studying Saturn by sign, aspects, and house position will reveal in what area of life the child may later (as an adult) confront some of his greatest challenges. Knowing this, we as parents can take definite steps to prepare him to pass every test!

Uranus. Uranus is the Great Awakener. Uranus represents breakthroughs: insight, invention, innovation. Where Saturn crystallizes into form, Uranus shatters and creates anew! In the child's chart, Uranus may reveal special talent and unique abilities. Uranus may reveal how the child may try to "break" out of parental (Saturnian) restrictions. Uranus tells us about the child's attitude toward his friends and peers.

Neptune. Neptune is the planet that brings enlightenment and compassion. Neptune also brings confusion, illusion, delusion, self-deception and/or deception from others. Neptune's influence is subtle and hard to define. Neptune in the child's chart may reveal much about his devotional nature, artistic and musical talent, his attunement to higher spheres, his ability to cope with reality, his dreams, and where he may have to overcome fear.

Pluto. Pluto is the "bad guy" of the zodiac, the "dweller on the threshold." As we mature, we have to face (and conquer or be conquered by) that dweller. When we challenge the darkness Pluto exposes, we enter a cycle of creation and regeneration, usually through a transmutative or transformative experience (generally in adulthood, but the seeds can be set in childhood or even in past lives)! When Pluto makes personal contacts in the child's chart, it may point to an area of extreme vulnerability, crisis, and emotional intensity. Pluto shows the issues native to the generation into which our child was born, issues that may challenge and change our own!

Lunar north node. Vocation or application point. The North Node is a point of strength.

The Lights

The Sun and the Moon are the two most significant bodies in the natal chart. They are referred to as "the Lights."

The Sun represents our ego and identity, how we see ourselves, and how we project outward to the world. In manifesting our highest potential, our spiritual identity, we have many choices along the way. The sign position of the Sun reveals the nature of our greatest potential attainment (plus attainment we have brought in from other lifetimes), and also the nature of our points of greatest vulnerability. Understanding the qualities of the child's Sun sign will help us better understand his emerging personality, his natural expression, and how he approaches life. The house position indicates an area of high focus in his life. The Sun also tells about the child's attitude toward authorities.

The Moon is reflective; it represents the soul, struggling through the veils of "mater" to unite with the higher self. Where the Sun is conscious will directed toward an outer purpose, the Moon is the subconscious, emotions, and the feeling world. The Sun is father and authorities; the Moon is mother and our roots, our family, home and nation. The Moon should be a clear reflection of spirit, and one day perhaps she shall be, but for now the Moon tends to amplify the more negative emotions and habit patterns within the individual and the mass consciousness. We can see our child's perceptions of his father (Sun) and mother (Moon) by studying the Lights. We can see how we, his parents and teachers, may have to work on our own emotions and habits to help the child obtain greater self-mastery, and where we could, even inadvertently, injure him by passing on generational patterns of negative behavior. Lunar energy is most significant in the first seven years of life.

The Signs of the Zodiac: key words and esoteric meditations

Aries. The Ram. Spring. The pioneer, adventurer. Courage, daring, boldness. The fountainhead or source. The word of Logos, the "I AM THAT I AM." Impulse, energetic, start, beginning, manifestation. However we see our identity in Aries (the Sun) will color the rest of the chart. In Aries, through patience and the higher mind, we exercise control and replace the human ego with the divine. To do so, we must battle Martian energy and master anger, aggression, conceit, and all manner of ego games.

Taurus. The Bull. Taurus is the steady, deliberate, determined response of life to the new ideas and impulses of Aries -- possessing them, embodying them. Taurus is the sign of the Builders. In Taurus, we make way for the Buddha (the enlightened one) through an inner obedience to our calling in life. Through the fires of love, we transmute human density and receive illumination. The bull that blindly follows the red cape of desire must become the ox who serves.

Gemini: The Twins. Communicating, inquiring, investigating, exploring. "Getting to know you, getting to know all about you." Nervous, versatile, inventive, curious, linking, reasoning, making connections. Gemini is the sign where we end our differences through effective communication (come-into-union). We transcend envy and jealousy (that would divide us) through knowledge and the application of wisdom.

Cancer: The Crab. The crab carries his home with him wherever he goes. Cancer is the experience, vehicle, or body itself. The house and home -- The Chariot. The experience as in feeling, living, and sensing life. Cancer energy is protective, nurturing, and compassionate. Cancer is the mother, human and divine, who gives and gives of herself until this daily giving becomes second nature. In Cancer we learn self-discipline to raise up the tremendous creative force of the mother, the kundalini. We overcome self-pity, self-justification and indecision and are harmonious with all of life.

Leo: The Lion. Leo is fire of heart! Leo is the outward expression of love: acting, creativity, children, sports, and romance. Leo is the sign of Kings. In Leo we learn humility and magnanimity of heart, the mark of true leadership! Through the fires of love, we transmute hardness of heart, which has made us blind, into God's great gifts. We learn to care for and appreciate life. We express gratitude in thought, word, and deed.

Virgo: The Virgin. Virgo is the sign of health, works, and service. Virgo is the Celestial Maiden. In her arms she carries the sheaves of wheat, symbolizing wisdom. With meticulous discernment, she separates out the chaff, makes flour, and distributes the bread to a world hungry for her spiritual guidance. She is the Earth Mother who shows us "how to do it" step by step. She is the teacher. In her great love of geometry and perfection, the Earth Mother pays special attention to details, repair, craftsmanship. She is busy, concerned, and careful, practical, analytical, and discriminating. In Virgo we balance our karmic accounts. Through peace and understanding, we transmute anger and a sense of injustice. We replace a tendency to worry with a positive mental outlook. We balance our accounts through service to life.

Libra. The Scales. Marriage and union. (Yoga: to join, or yoke.) Marriage is the most common form of yoga. Libra energy is diplomatic, compassionate, attentive to the needs of others. In Libra we learn to be centered in the heart. Only there and in the higher mind can we be at the fulcrum of reality. We treat our brother as we would have him treat us, but learn to be unafraid to stand up for truth, even if in so doing we rock the Libran scales! In Libra, we seek balance to be the instruments of love. Painful experiences in love -- dishonesty, treachery, and intrigue -- are arrows that cause pain but also purify and bring us back to the center in God.

Scorpio. The Scorpion, the Phoenix, the Eagle. Scorpio is the sign of great yet, more often than not, painful transformations. Rising out of the ashes of an ancient karma, we reclaim our divine sonship. We learn it is far better to give than to receive. We learn to detach ourselves from those desires not in keeping with our Higher Self. We remove all that is nonessential to our path. Scorpio energy is intense, penetrating, purging, metamorphic. This is the sign of the Warrior and the Initiate. Its key word is TRIUMPH!

Sagittarius. The Archer/the Centaur. What remains after the furnace of Scorpio: truth, that which cannot be further reduced. Sagittarius represents all the great cultural traditions that frame civilization: law, religion, history, and philosophy. Sagittarian energy is enthusiastic, profound, generous, and candid. This is the sign of Victory over all the misuses of every other sign! In Sagittarius we learn to overcome lower desires (the Centaur) and aim our arrow higher! If we give in to freedom without responsibility, we can find ourselves on a roller coaster ride which is hard to get off! Beethoven (a Sagittarian) composed his greatest symphonies after he had gone deaf, and Sagittarius is a sign of overcoming all human limitations and soaring for the sky! The only thing that can rob us of our victory is resentment and retaliation. When we have a rolling momentum of victory, there is no room for resentment. We rise higher.

Capricorn: The Goat. The purified essence bursts into light. Capricorn is the greatest concentration of spirit in the earth body, the crystallization of spirit in earthly works and endeavors. When we remember that we are the instruments of the light, and not the source of its creation, we can accomplish all things. Those who become drunk with power meet their downfall in this sign. Those who are humble do the works of the father, and they often become governors of men. Capricorn energy gives practical vision. Capricorn is dependable, steady, constant, organized, managerial. Misused it is cold, dictatorial, judgmental, manipulative, and cruel.

Aquarius: The Water Bearer. Aquarius carries the spiritual light of Capricorn into actuality. The will to implement our clearest vision; alchemy. Aquarius relates to freedom, innovation, and brotherly love. Aquarius is the sign of technology, scientific advances that are intended to free us from drudgery to better pursue the life of the spirit! In working with others, and for causes greater than ourselves, we learn the lessons of love -- cooperation, surrender of personal desire for the good of all, and true fraternity. Irritation, intellectual conceit, and intolerance are misuses of the Aquarian light born out of hardness of heart.

Pisces. The Fishes. Jesus Christ was born at the beginning of the Piscean Age. He is known as the Piscean avatar. His ministry exemplified a path of self-mastery characterized by charity, compassion, mystical understanding. Pisces energy is intuitive, understanding, willing to sacrifice. In Pisces we call upon courage, illumination, and faith to overcome all manner of fear (based on past memories from this or other lifetimes, or embedded in the race subconscious). We obtain peace and become teachers holding a lamp of wisdom to the many. Doubt, fear, self-pity, illusion, delusion and all manner of evading reality (alcoholism, drug abuse, etc.) are "death by drowning." In Pisces, we learn to ride the wave; sometimes we must dive in unafraid!

The Chart Wheel and the Zodiac

The astrological wheel, or mandala, is a map of the space surrounding us at the time of our birth. The chart represents the hub of life! The wheel is divided into twelve sections called houses -- six houses in the sky above, six beneath the Earth below. These houses are numbered counterclockwise, starting with the 1st house and the direction east on the left-hand side of the wheel. Planets in the heavens are placed on the chart wheel in the houses that correspond to where they actually are in the sky. Of the 12 houses, astrologers find the four most important are: the one directly above our heads (10th), the one under our feet (4th), the one on the left and to the east (1st), and the one on the right and to the west (7th). These four are called "angular" because they mark the corners of the chart: south, north, east, and west.

Life continues after the birth moment. Astrologers watch the planets (as they continue on in the sky after a birth) move through the houses of the natal chart. Their movement is counterclockwise: from the upper hemisphere (houses 7-12), across the ascendant (1st house cusp), into the lower hemisphere (houses 1-6), and on around.

In the chart wheel, the planets are placed in their zodiac positions. The zodiac stretches in a circle through all 360 degrees of the surrounding sky, and this circle is divided into sections of 30 degrees -- the familiar 12 signs. Planet positions are measured within signs by degrees, minutes, and seconds of circular arc. Each degree contains 60 minutes of arc and each minute of arc contains 60 seconds of arc. For example, I might tell you that my Moon (Moon at birth) is

in the sign Leo (5th sign). More exactly it is in the 01st degree of Leo. It is actually at 01 degree and 28 minutes of the sign Leo.

The chart wheel is usually divided into 12 sections called houses. The houses are numbered (counterclockwise) from 1 to 12. The pie-like lines that divide one house from the next are called house cusps. For example, the cusp of the 1st house is the horizontal line on the left-hand (east) side of the wheel.

Keep in mind that our Earth makes a complete turn on its axis once in 24 hours. The chart wheel represents the space surrounding where we were born. It is as if we were standing outside with the sky above us (upper part of chart) and the Earth beneath our feet (lower hemisphere). As the Earth turns, it brings each of the 360 degrees of the zodiac overhead (or to any part of the wheel) once in 24 hours -- a new degree of the zodiac every four minutes or so.

As you can see, the symbols for the planets have been placed in the part of the sky (the house) in which they were at the time of your birth. For example, if you were born in the daytime, then the symbol for the Sun will be somewhere in the upper half of the wheel. If you were born at noon, the sun would be almost right overhead or at the top of the chart, while if you were born at midnight it would be at the bottom (4th house) of the chart.

The wheel is also seen as two hemispheres -- a top and a bottom. The upper part of the chart (houses 7-12) represents that part of the sky that was overhead and above the horizon at the time of our birth. It has to do with our participation in the world of thoughts, ideas, ideals, planning, and public service. Here we see our interaction with others, joint finances, career development, shared philosophies, and group endeavors. The lower hemisphere (houses 1-6) marks that part of the heavens that we have under us -- and cannot see -- below the horizon and on the other side of the Earth from us. It has more to do with personal issues -- myself, my money, my home, my job, etc. -- and it outlines our subjective experiences.

The Wheel of Houses

The chart wheel or mandala of 12 houses can be seen as a circle, or cycle, with each house leading to the next house, and so on, in a counterclockwise direction. Let's start at the very top of the wheel -- the MC and the cusp of the 10th house.

10th House. The 10th house is at the peak of the chart, the point of the crystallization of self into the world at large. Here we give back to the world our specialized talent and achievement, our dharma, the manifestation of our incarnation. It is directly overhead, up-there, and to the south. It is the house of clear, practical vision. Ideas can take their start here as planets pass through the 10th house. In the natal chart, the 10th house is associated with career, vocation, and the like. In the child's chart, the 10th house represents his interaction with his father (or dominant parent), with elders and authorities and what he wants to do when he grows up. The sign on the 10th house cusp gives us insight into the child's career potential; the nature of the career or his attitude to advancement. For example, a child with Aries (ruled by Mars) on the Midheaven might be headed for a job with the police force, military, or steel industry. Of course, this will only be the case for a certain percentage of children. The majority, however, will take an Arian approach to work: They will be self-enterprising and willing to work hard. They may butt heads with their employers. They may be impatient with those beneath them (employees, hirelings, etc.) The latter may reflect their attitude toward authority figures -- parents, principals, policemen -- during their youth. The child with planets in the 10th house may be thinking about his career early in life but may require considerable training to reach the heights to which he aspires.

11th House. The 11th house is a movement away from the 10th and down towards the lower hemisphere of the chart. The 11th house takes the clear idea seen in the 10th and resolves to put it to work, usually enlisting the help of friends and others. The 11th house has to do with plans for action, group goals, cooperation. In the child's chart, the 11th house will tell us much about his goals and the nature of his aspirations. The 11th house also reveals how a child interacts with his friends. For example, a child with Cancer on the 11th house cusp would be protective toward his friends. He likes to invite them over, and a sleep-over would be a special treat! He could be very attached to his friends. If a child has planets in the 11th house, his chart will take on an Aquarian coloring: he may be innovative, interested in science or electronics, and be free-spirited.

12th House. The 12th house is the house of the past, the subconscious and so is associated with karma. It is called the house of "hidden enemies," the worst of these originating within ourselves. It is also the house of "hidden strength" and spiritual reserves. The 12th house can reveal to us the nature of fears the child must overcome, in addition to hidden strengths upon which he can draw. The child with planets in the 12th house may be shy, intuitive, even clairvoyant. He sees the world through the eyes of a mystic or dreamer. He may not know clearly where fantasy ends and reality begins. Meditation, music, and art often can often bring him out of his shell and channel his imagination constructively.

The 1st house marks the division between the upper and lower houses. The upper houses are more outer in their manifestations. A child with the majority of planets in the upper hemisphere is likely to be "other-oriented" (more interested in serving others than in serving himself). The child with the majority of planets in the lower hemisphere is more personal and subjective. Home, family, and security need to be established before he will venture out.

1st House. The 1st house is very important in a child's chart because it depicts the early childhood environment. The 1st house is the house of identity which will be primarily shaped by early experiences in life. The first house tells how we project ourselves outward (our personalities) and how others perceive us. The child's perception of himself will be colored by the nature of the planet(s) in the 1st house, more so if the planet is close to the Ascendant.

2nd House. The 2nd house is the house of values, what we value, and how we treat our valuables. This is also the house of income and right livelihood, which of course will be influenced by the degree to which we developed our personal resources during childhood. The sign on the 2nd house cusp and planets in the 2nd house provide clues to talents your child has that you will want to help him develop. A child with Venus in the 2nd house, for example, could be musical or artistic. The child with Aries on the 2nd house cusp will be quick to begin new projects but may not be realistic in his assessment of his ability to carry them out.

3rd House. The 3rd house continues the drama set forth in the 1st and 2nd. The 1st is the new start, the 2nd is what is drawn forth in response to the 1st, and the 3rd is how the situation develops to its fullness. The 3rd house has to do with the many details of everyday living. The 3rd house is the house of communication and of early childhood education. Planets in the third house and the sign on the 3rd house cusp will reveal much about the child's manner of communicating. Here the child's attitude toward schoolwork is revealed. The 3rd house also deals with brothers and sisters. The child with Neptune (imagination) in the 3rd house (mind) may excel at poetry or musical composition. On the other hand, he could be dreamy and easily distracted.

4th House. The 4th is one of the angular houses and starts a new series of three. The 4th house is the basement of the chart, and so it represents the subconscious. It is also the cradle of life, the mother, family, and heritage. Planets in the 4th house and the sign on the 4th house cusp in the child's chart show us the child's perception of the early home environment -- the parents and physical home, the nurturing the child receives, his sense of security or lack of it, and his later role as parent and patriot. If your child has planets in the house of the family, the early childhood experience makes a lasting impression upon him.

5th House.

The 5th house is the house of creativity, romance and children. The 5th house is the experience of sharing who we are with others, of creative self-expression, of the giving and receiving of love. Fun is also related to the 5th house. When we study the child's 5th house we discover what types of recreation may appeal to him. We perceive his need for attention and recognition, important steps in building his self-esteem. The child with planets in the 5th house dramatizes emotion; his actions say, "look at me!"

6th House. As we reach the 6th house, the "party" of the 5th is over. Now it's time to get down to business! The 6th house is the house of work and service. This house relates to training and so reveals much about the child's habits, which are established for the most part in early childhood: eating habits, study skills, care of the body, maintenance of his room, etc. The child with Virgo on the 6th house cusp tends to be meticulous in his work. The 6th house is also the house of health and can give us clues as to the child's physical constitution and potential health problems. A child with Mars in the 6th house could be very robust and energetic but could also be critical or bossy with classmates (and later with employees). He could be susceptible to fevers and inflammations.

7th House. The 7th house, another angular house, marks the beginning of a new series of three houses. Here we cross over from the personal houses to the impersonal houses. The personal experience of the first six houses is finished. It falls away from us and we see it as a complete stage in our development. We begin the upward trek toward a more impersonal service, with less concern for self, and more energy expended toward helping others. We begin by seeking a partner, cooperating with others, forming significant unions: Marriage. Planets in the 7th house and the sign on the 7th house cusp reveal to us how the child gets along with others. Is he sociable or shy? Does he attract friends that are good for him or does he tend to cling to fruitless relationships. Will he think well before "tying the knot," or is he more apt to jump into marriage impetuously? A child with many planets in the 7th house will be very involved with other people and their affairs.

8th House. The 8th house results from our fully grasping the nature of the completed personal experience in the first seven houses... what was right about it and what was wrong. Here we strip away and can do without what was wrong. The extra baggage is unloaded.

The 8th house is also the house of resources we share with others. It is the house of sex, money and death. In the child's chart, planets in the 8th house and the sign on the 8th house cusp provide clues as to stewardship of belongings, his ability to share, and his search for the answers to questions of life and death. Here we see potential transformative events in the life of the child. We see his values, his strongest desires, and his search for the answers to the deeper mysteries of life. The child with Capricorn (power) on the 8th house may want to rule the sandbox, but will probably discover that when he doesn't share the kingdom he manages it alone!

9th House. The 9th house has to do with what remains when all extra is stripped away. It is what endures from the entire episode, the seed essence. It becomes the light for a new idea in the 10th, where the whole cycle repeats itself. The 9th house shows how we arrive at a higher illumination through religion, travel, philosophical thought, and travel. Planets in the 9th house and the sign on the 9th house cusp can tell us how the child reaches out to know more: something of the child's aspirations for truth, his philosophy in life (as developed from early religious and moral training, his higher education, and his own experience), and his potential travel experiences.

The Chart Wheel, or Mandala:

Here are some brief descriptions of the twelve houses and what they mean to astrologers. We will start with the 10th house -- the house of clear, practical vision.

Tenth house. Career. Practical talents. Ambition and status. Concern with reputation. Practical vision and supervisory skills. The child's interaction with adults and elders. The father and father principle. The child's attitude toward responsibility.

Eleventh house. The child's interactions with his friends. How he relates to his peers. His wishes and aspirations.

Twelfth house. The child's hidden fears and inner strengths. His participation in "institutions" such as churches, hospitals, and boarding schools. The workings of his imagination.

First house. The way the child perceives himself and how he comes across to others. The early environment. How he sees himself (Sun and Ascendant on the 1st house cusp) will color the entire chart.

Second house. Possessions, money, things. What the child values and what is valuable to him. How he treats his belongings. Responsibility and stewardship.

Third house. The child's ability to cogitate and to communicate ideas: thinking, talking, listening, writing, reading, visits. The acquisition of knowledge: schooling, questions, interactions, curiosity. The child's relationship with his brothers and sisters.

Fourth house. The child's roots: his national and cultural heritage, his mother and family, his physical home and early childhood environment. What he needs to feel secure. How he cares for others. Harmony or discord with family members. His basic foundation in life.

Fifth house. How the child expresses love: awareness, pride, self-discovery. Acting, playing, sport and recreation, teaching others. His idea of fun!

Sixth house. Health, work, and service. How the child cares for himself and for life. His pets. His daily habits: eating, dressing, hygiene. His willingness to serve. Physical well-being or potential health problems. Work requiring skill or special training such as crafts and hobbies.

Seventh house. Others. How the child see himself in relation to his friends. His ability to cooperate with a partner. His concept of self as opposed to how others may see him. His sense of justice and fair play. Competition. His awareness and interaction with the opposite sex. His social life.

Eighth house. What the child looks for in others; his ability to share and to be a steward of his things and money (allowance). Sacrifice and selfishness. Transformative experiences in his

life. His ability to be self-disciplined, to let go of or delay gratification of desires. How he is likely to approach sex later in life.

Ninth house. The child's early religious and moral training. His travel experience. His search for understanding. His sense of a mission in life. His need for higher education or training. His own search for meaning.

Challenges and Abilities