

Child*Star

Astrological Report for
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The Astrological Chart

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<u>Planet</u>	<u>Sign</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>House</u>	<u>House</u>
Sun	Pisces	04°Pi21'	04th	01 15°Sc03'
Moon	Cancer	26°Ca41'	09th	02 14°Sg28'
Mercury	Aquarius	28°Aq17'	04th	03 17°Cp07'
Venus	Pisces	13°Pi18'	04th	04 21°Aq28'
Mars	Aquarius	20°Aq22'	03rd	05 23°Pi53'
Jupiter	Scorpio	14°Sc37'	12th	06 21°Ar42'
Saturn	Pisces	03°Pi01'	04th	07 15°Ta03'
Uranus	Capricorn	24°Cp35'	03rd	08 14°Ge28'
Neptune	Capricorn	22°Cp22'	03rd	09 17°Ca07'
Pluto	Scorpio	28°Sc04'	01st	10 21°Le28'
Midheaven	Leo	21°Le28'		11 23°Vi53'
Ascendant	Scorpio	15°Sc03'		12 21°Li42'

Introduction

I. CHILD*STAR!!

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

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

Being a parent is challenging. A job description for a parent would include something of almost every other job. When we study the child's astrological chart, we can instantly attune to how we can best guide her. Strengths, weaknesses, aptitude and potentials jump off the page. We can see how to turn around negative momentum and maximize talents that otherwise may not have been readily apparent. Understanding leads to greater patience, a virtue of immeasurable worth in child-rearing!

Many parents intuitively take a reading at the moment of birth and even before through dreams or visions, and receive a prescient knowing of the child soon to be born. The child comes to us with her own birth chart, her particular life plan, which many believe is determined prior to birth.

Nevertheless, there can be no doubt that environmental factors, decisions made by parents, education, and free will can change, alter, or mitigate the prophecy foreseen in the chart for better or for worse. A seed containing the blueprint of the most magnificent rose will not flower if denied sunshine, water, and good soil. And many have cultivated beautiful flowers in rocky soils through love and care.

How can we challenge the child to bring out the positive Sun sign potential, but, at the same time, teach her to know clearly when she crosses the line into negatives that could cause her much grief and sorrow later, if not corrected now? This is the challenge before us as educators and parents to our children, even to the child within ourselves. So we search the chart with an eye for potential problem areas that could disrupt, hinder or block the child's best expression. We devise how to turn them around. We take note of the positive potential and see how, like a good seed, it can be nurtured to bring forth the ripest fruit on time.

II. In creating this report, certain assumptions have been made:

1. Every child is unique. While most concepts will hit the nail on the head, not all you read will necessarily "fit."

Throughout the report, you'll come across words and phrases like "tends to," "often will," "probably," "might." This is because there is a spectrum of possibility on any given point. At times, these phrases have been omitted, but the concept remains true throughout the report.

2. It is assumed that you are concerned and loving parents who are dedicated to helping your child realize her highest potential.

3. It is assumed that you're willing to look at yourself (as you may find Mom and Dad depicted in the pages of this report) and see where greater self-awareness and self-improvement can help you better raise your child.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Throughout the report, reference is made to planets receiving harmonious or challenging aspects. In astrology, trines and sextiles are considered aspects that indicate energy flowing in harmony. Squares point to challenges, blocks, internal frustrations and also pronounced talents. Oppositions indicate potential conflicts we resolve in the Tai-Chi of our interactions with others. We call squares and oppositions "dynamic aspects."

Here is where your child may meet her greatest challenges, but also where she may demonstrate her greatest strengths! In expressing and mastering the dynamic aspects, we grow and can realize our greatest achievements. Remember:

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

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

Another type of cross-reference is necessary when a planet receives more than one kind of aspect. For example, a child with Mars square Saturn can feel blocked, and *Child*Star* instructs you to see if Mars and Saturn receive positive aspects from other planets-which will mitigate the difficulty and allow the aspect to manifest in a more dynamic and purposeful way. The positive aspects can also indicate to you how to work out the difficulty successfully.

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

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

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

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

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

Some will walk through their childhood again through the pages of this report-finding, healing, and attuning with the child within.

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

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The Rising Sign

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

Your Scorpio Rising child may appear intense and secretive. She probably likes to feel that she is in charge! Children with strong Scorpio placements usually respect power: rules consistently and lovingly applied. Your child may be super sensitive, this being a blessing and at the same time a burden. She is likely to be extremely self-reliant. She could be creative and dynamic in her expression. Let me do it my way, Mom! If you can manage to keep your cool when confronted with little Scorpio's emotional intensity, you'll teach her the valuable lesson of mastering her emotions, and her anger! Learning to let go of desire may be a tough lesson, best learnt as a child. Scorpio is ruled by Mars and Pluto. Aspects to either or both of these planets describe the child's temperament. House positions of Mars and Pluto could pinpoint areas of great importance to her.

Scorpio Rising

Planet Aspects

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: Identity, Ego, Will, Father

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

Sun in Pisces

Pisces is a Water sign on the thinking cross. Its symbol is The Fishes bonded together but swimming in opposite directions. Water sign children are typically sensitive, responsive, affectionate and kind. Water is reflective so Piscean children enjoy peaceful surroundings. They often benefit through meditation and enjoy listening to classical music. Pisceans are known to be long-suffering, taking a lot for the sake of upholding

beliefs and ideals. Your child will look for ways to help others, but must learn to discriminate lest she be taken advantage of because of her inherent kindness.

Children born under this sign "pick up" easily on vibrations. They can be impressionable on a subconscious level. That is to say, they can absorb the atmosphere around them. What you observe as your Piscean youngster's "moods" may actually be a barometric reading of family or school ambience. Behavior patterns as well can be copied almost by osmosis! Sometimes Piscean children empathize so much with someone else's burden that tears flow freely. The Pisceans child's sense of individuality may be unclear due to her identification with the suffering of others. Teach her always to affirm her self-worth. The little Piscean who gives freely can be hurt by fair weather friends. She could feel rejected when those less sensitive fail to show appreciation for her services.

One of the greatest lessons in self-mastery for Pisceans is when to give and when to hold back. Continual self-sacrifice can amount to being a door-mat and lead to disappointment. Piscean youngsters who know their self-worth are confident and will seek relationships on more equal footing. Because your child seeks ways to help and care for others, she may enjoy volunteer work for school or church. She would probably enjoy caring for a pet. She has a deep sense of compassion and reaches out to the underdog, whether this be a poor stranger or a bird with a broken wing.

Your child is likely to be unusually intuitive. She may know things without being able to explain why. She may be funny, able to laugh at herself, and inspire others. Piscean children are naturally devotional and respond to religious themes, music and art. Piscean children are imaginative and creative, but may hide in fantasies when the going gets hard. Your child could appear dreamy. Perhaps she is reaching for higher worlds. You can introduce her to the worlds of transcendence through art, music, religion but teach her to keep her feet on the ground. Stress the practical side of life.

One way you can greatly help your little Piscean is to teach her to confront and conquer her fears. Piscean children often are like fish in the water. When she is old enough, you might teach your child to dive in the waves. This physical experience could help her avoid being engulfed by seemingly overwhelming problems later on. Some Piscean youngsters grow up to work in hospitals, churches, and/or spiritual retreats.

Pisces is ruled by Neptune, planet of illusion. Especially if Libra, Leo, Jupiter, the Sun or Venus are strong in the chart, your child could be adept at putting on a mask to suit the occasion or her whims. Intuition, imagination, and a love of fantasy may lead to a career in art, dance, or writing. However, do not allow your child to get away with being (intentionally or unintentionally) manipulative, sneaky or dishonest. In some cases, parents will need fine attunement to discern when the plaintive cries of the Piscean child are an expression of true affliction as opposed to when she might be putting on "crocodile tears" to get your attention!

Good habits are so essential with these children, because the Piscean personality can be addictive. Beware of introducing your child to habits (i.e., such as bribing her with sweets) that could potentially lead to self-destructive habits that are hard to shake in adulthood (i.e., turning to food for comfort, and consequently putting on excess weight).

Sun in Fourth House

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

Sun Conjunction Venus

Your child is gracious, expressive, warm and affectionate. She radiates love and others are drawn to her. This combination attracts friends and indicates popularity. Your child may gravitate toward authority figures. She probably attracts friends who are older, or dignified in some way. Your child may enjoy a close relationship to her father. She may be artistically gifted, or grow to appreciate theater and the arts (if you give her the opportunity to develop along these lines). Your child may be magnetic, robust and yet quite refined in manner. She may have a sweet tooth.

Sun Conjunction Saturn

This placement confers a real love of science and natural laws. Your child may be a tireless worker with absolute determination and the ability to carry great projects through to completion. Always the protector to those she comes to know, your child likely is loyal to friends and will tend to have long and secure relationships. She is willing to take on more than her share of responsibility. Let her know you appreciate her help, but make sure she has time for play as well! Some children born with this aspect have to overcome some sort of handicap; perhaps a difficult social, physical or family situation. Later, the acquired self-discipline and striving can lead them to the top. Your child seeks your approval and support; be careful not to be unduly harsh or critical of her. There may be benefit, obligations, or potentially conflict with authority figures or with the father (or dominant parent).

Sun Square Pluto

This is an aspect of confrontation. The child has lessons to learn in cooperating and dealing harmoniously with others. Perhaps she feels threatened and shy, or perhaps she tends to be demanding of loved ones. She could tend toward explosions and could have strong disagreements with authority figures. Some children with this aspect express themselves in such a forceful manner that others feel taken aback! Avoid threatening, coercing or putting down this child. The better she feels about herself, the greater chance she will have of mastering this aspect! When channeled constructively, this aspect can lead to profound self-awareness and leadership potential.

The Moon: Emotions, Habits, Family, Mother

In a child's chart, we look to the position of the Moon to understand the child's perception of her mother, of her need to be cared for and to nurture. The Moon also describes the child's experience within her family, with its particular dynamics, tradition and heritage. From these, the child establishes her roots. The Moon, then, indicates the

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

Moon in Cancer

Cancer is a Water sign on the action cross. Its symbol is The Crab. Children with the Moon in Cancer seek to nurture and be nurtured. Your child would probably enjoy caring for younger children, pets, and plants. Your child is exceptionally sensitive, picking up easily on the mood and feelings of others. This is a good placement for service-oriented careers; counseling, nursing, restaurants.

Your child is probably quite emotional, and has a natural sense of that which pleases, but may swing from the heights to the depths in a single day (or hour!). Learning to hold her harmony may be a lifelong endeavor! Moon in Cancer children thrive when taught self-discipline tempered with much love. The reinforcement of positive habits in daily life like good eating habits, keeping their rooms in order, waking up on time help them learn control of their inner feeling world as well. Cancer can be overly protective (or protected), but are generally good at parenting and creating a home.

Your child needs to feel bonded to the family, and especially to the mother, but you should balance caring with independence lest she be afraid to let go of Mama's apron strings! Encourage self-reliance and teach her, when appropriate, to make her own decisions. Cancers are known for good memories. She is apt to respond more to feelings than to logic and reason. Keep communication open, but discourage whining and emotional manipulation.

Children with their Moon (emotions) in this sensitive sign often have to overcome fear, perhaps of abandonment or of condemnation. Procrastination and/or indecisiveness could be a symptom of fear or self-indulgence. If afflicted, the mother could be perceived as emotionally unstable or could be too indulgent or protective. Patterns established during childhood influence the Moon in Cancer child for life.

Moon in Ninth House

Your child's honest outlook on life is something that others sense in her and support. She is likely to have a natural bent for ritual, religion, travel, and colorful historical tales. She may feel she has a special mission or quest in life. Later, as an adult, she could teach or guide groups in matters of religion or philosophy. Travel, or residence in a foreign country is sometimes indicated by this placement. Attitudes instilled early in life will strongly influence your child's values as an adult. Intuitive guidance and a spirited imagination can lead your child to spiritual heights. Negatively, the Moon (emotion) working through the mind (9th) can result in a tendency to misread other people's

intentions. This can stimulate strong feelings of resentment and getting even. Teach your child how to clear up misunderstandings through communication. Adults with the Moon in the 9th (especially if afflicted) sometimes take a fanatical, dogmatic, or narrow religious stance. While intolerant religious attitudes often spring from intellectual pride, you can help your child avoid this trap by teaching her to respect people's right to choose their faith.

Moon Opposition Uranus

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

Moon Opposition Neptune

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

Moon Trine Pluto

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

The Inner Planets: Mercury and Venus

The planets Mercury and Venus, along with the Sun, Moon and Mars describe the child's emerging personality. These inner planets are located between the orbit of the Earth and the Sun. Venus indicates how the child appreciates and measures her

experience, and describes the values established during childhood. Venus tells us how the child expresses love, the things that mean a lot to her, and her appreciation for beauty (or lack of it). Mercury tells us something about our child's perception, verbal expression, schooling --in short, how her mind works, how she thinks and communicates.

Mercury: The Mind and Communication

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

Mercury in Aquarius

Aquarius is an Air sign on the feeling cross. Its symbol is The Water bearer. The Mercury in Aquarius child is typically an impartial thinker, democratic to the point of being impersonal. Fascinated by the latest technology, your child is likely to come up with very original and inventive ideas. While you may think she comes up with some pretty off-beat notions, why not test them out? The Aquarian mind is often prophetic, perceiving future trends. She could be simply ahead of her time. She tends to idealistic and believes in putting into practice what is preached. Her mind is quick, she thinks on her feet, but she may seem strangely aloof at times. She is group-conscious, community-oriented, and a natural reformer. Mercury in Aquarius usually indicates ability in math and sciences. Your child could be quite stubborn, even willful, demanding space to do her own thing her own way. She does need space, its true, but emphasize the responsibility that accompanies true freedom.

Mercury in Fourth House

Your child's mind tends to settle on issues of security – home, family, and such. An interest in history, the past, and cultural traditions may be lifelong. Her thoughts will be influenced by her emotions. The mother's role will be instrumental not only in her schooling, but in shaping the child's way of thinking. Of course, this is true of all children, but the mother's influence as teacher is even more marked when Mercury is in

the 4th house. Teach your child to express her ideas and to avoid getting too wrapped up in her own thoughts. The child with this Mercury placement can experience much anxiety when the home situation is discordant. Sometimes Mercury here can indicate a lot of moving around – changing residences, living in trailers and such. When she has her own home, she is likely to have a fine library! Sometimes Mercury in the 4th house reveals an interest in real estate, agriculture, landscape design, geology.

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 she can communicate with consummate skill. It is stimulating just being with her. Her high degree of mental concentration makes your child an avid student, able to excel in speaking, writing, and all types of communication skills. Her 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, she could require assistance in self-expression and learning.

Mercury Conjunction Mars

When it comes to self-expression, your child is likely to be a natural. She may have a knack at putting what she feels into spoken and written words. Children with this aspect typically are endowed with quick minds. Your child could do well in any of the communication fields, and with training, could be an excellent speaker.

Mercury Conjunction Saturn

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

Mercury Square Pluto

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

Venus: Values, Love, Art

Venus rules our values and sense of appreciation. When we appraise or appreciate something, whether that be another person or a new car, this is Venus – the sense of love and compassion we may feel. Venus in the child's chart shows us what kinds of things

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

Venus in Pisces

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

Venus in Fourth House

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

Sun Conjunction Venus

Your child has a basic self-esteem that is plain to all who meet her. Your child is sociable and she displays a sense of beauty in her appearance and environment. Your child may be gracious in manner or artistically talented. (Look up the house position and sign of the Sun and Venus to get a clearer idea of how this combination will play out) If free of major afflictions, your child is happy and tends to uplift others. Because of her pleasing manner, your child gets along well with peers and with elders. Sometimes, self-

indulgence and a sweet tooth need to be curbed with this combination. Your child may be physically attractive, or concerned with the way she looks. A favorable placement for teachers, personnel consultants, interior decorators, artists, beauticians and anyone working with beauty and people.

Venus Trine Jupiter

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

The External Planets: Mars, Jupiter, Saturn

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

Mars: Action Through Desire; Drive, Motivation, and Anger

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

Mars in Aquarius

Aquarius is an Air sign on the feeling cross. Its symbol is The Water bearer. The Mars in Aquarius child has an inner drive to be free! She seeks to free the world as well as herself and is a born reformer. Perhaps your child will have a chance to get involved with student

government or community issues. She has an inborn sense of uniqueness. Sometimes, the lesson to be learned is when (and how) to surrender the way she wants to do it, for the good of the group! Your child may need extra room (and a room to herself) to think, invent, and create! Independence may be her favorite word. Teach your child the positive and negative consequences of free will. Teach her to be free, but never a law unto herself.

Friendships mean a lot to the Mars in Aquarius child. She seeks friends with whom she can share her beliefs and ideas. Her friends might be an unusual lot or she might be a leader, someone unique and different from the crowd. Even though she can be surrounded by pals, she is usually somewhat of a loner. If Mars is afflicted, trouble could come from friends at one time or another in her life.

Children with this placement tend to be highly individualistic and may resist accepting instructions from adult authorities. They want to be free, to do it "my way!" Carried to an extreme, this attitude could manifest as rebellion and stubbornness and a tendency to buck the system. Teach your child to abide by the rules (but you might want to lend an ear to her reasons for wanting to change them)!

You may find your child captivated by planes and flying. The world of electronics and all manner of gadgetry and electronic devices could delight her for hours at a time! When she grows up, your child could be attracted to aviation or space travel, psychotherapy, computers and electronics, astrology, radio or television, and/or university studies.

Mars in Third House

Mars (action through desire) in the 3rd house (mind, communication) indicates a relentless drive to pursue knowledge, to search, research, and follow out leads and pointers. Your child is very motivated when it comes to communications of all forms – discussions and heated debates, phone calls, correspondence, computers, and the like. With good aspects, this is an excellent placement for schooling indicating a competitive approach to learning. With hard aspects, this placement signifies potential trouble with brothers and sisters. Mars in the 3rd house is common in the charts of automobile mechanics, truck drivers; it's also favorable for book sales, publishing, teachers and reporters (any work where obtaining & sharing information is important). But watch out, her sharp wit may manifest as argumentation, with an answer for everything! This may be well indeed for the debate club or future lawyers but not with parents and teachers!

Mercury Conjunction Mars

Your child is apt to be a very forceful speaker; one who communicates with great enthusiasm. Words just flow out with an emotional impact that brings them home to her listeners. Your child has no trouble putting her feelings into words but may, in fact, have to exercise some control over her tongue, for she is quick to respond with an answer and may be prone to talking back. Your child has great mental drive and lavishes great energy on mental pursuits of all kinds. Ideas, words, books, and the like are pursued with great gusto. Your child may be competitive at school.

Mars Square Jupiter

How to harness a wild horse! This aspect indicates an abundance of energy but indicates

lessons to learn in its use! Adults with this aspect may squander money, tend to expand too rapidly, in general do too much. The child with this Mars-Jupiter contact could have lessons to learn in cooperating with others, following schedules and directions, using her time wisely, putting her work away on the shelf (instead of all over the room!) and in general, settling down! She could be buoyant and spontaneous, but rambunctious. Your child could find it hard to stay still. Teach your child to THINK before she acts, but remember MOVEMENT IS THE LAW OF her BEING. Keep her busy and you're more apt to keep her out of trouble. With correct training, she could learn to tame her wild horse! (When she is of age, you might want to get her a feisty little puppy she has to train!) Patience, Mom!

Mars Square Pluto

Your child could be strong, courageous, and/or daring. More likely than not, she tends to be independent, headstrong and strong-willed. This square, when mastered, is a powder keg of energy! As your child grows, you may need to exercise great patience in helping her work out the powerful energies within this square. She might need help dealing with, and expressing anger. Especially if Mars and Pluto are in Cardinal signs, your child might tend to be impulsive and over-reactive; she could be combative, tending to get into fights. While she may resist any form of perceived limits, you must discourage her from taking on a dare-devil attitude that could land her in trouble. If the planets are in fixed signs, she could surprise you by her dogged determination but could have trouble sharing power; she could feel uncomfortable except when she is in command. Your child could well excel in leadership and pioneer type roles, but might have to learn not to be a bull in a china shop! If the planets are in mutable signs, the child may have a variety of talents or interests but needs to focus, define and apply herself to be effective.

Jupiter: The Teacher; Opportunity, Career and Life Path

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

Jupiter in Scorpio

Big vision, big business, the Jupiter in Scorpio child typically gears toward where the action is most intense. When she talks about her dreams they tend to be big scale. She has

a penchant for mysteries, secrets, intrigues. A tendency to be suspicious could hamper her otherwise finely attuned shrewd judgment of people and situations. This placement lends itself to careers dealing with real estate, taxes, corporate finances and fund raisers. You may discover at the ol' lemonade stand that she is a born entrepreneur. If other indicators agree, this placement is favorable for any scientific endeavor. Your child may show early interest in the deeper mysteries of life. In its highest sense, Jupiter in Scorpio indicates uncompromising faith.

Jupiter in Twelfth House

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

Venus Trine Jupiter

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

Mars Square Jupiter

A thorough evaluation of Mars by sign, house and aspect is in order for this is a critical square that needs be mastered and you can help! Observe: Do feelings, led by emotion and temper, send your child off in a direction that is anything but where she really wants to go? A struggle between feelings and responsibilities later could manifest as trouble buckling down to a given livelihood. Your child could find it hard to get the task done if she doesn't feel like it. She needs training for a career she really loves, not just a job. Acting only on feelings and doing "whatever she wants" with no thought for a plan is also not helpful. She could be carefree to the point of being careless. Early and consistent self-discipline in childhood will make all the difference. Even as a babe, begin teaching her to put away the blocks, put the lid on the bottle, put the sock in the drawer, etc.. Patience!

Saturn: The Lawgiver; Rules, Responsibility, Trials, Growth, Father

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 Pisces

Your child was born with Saturn, the Great Teacher, in the sign of compassion. Children with Saturn in Pisces typically feel duty bound to reach out and help others. This placement may indicate the need to overcome fears, often at the subconscious level. The imagination can be overactive and the child can easily become anxious. The child may be supersensitive, picking up on other people's problems but sensing them as her own. Your child will benefit by open communication with an understanding parent to allay her fears. She can channel her imagination creatively through art, music, singing or writing. Encourage your child not to get caught up in what was, but rather to experience what now is and to look forward to what will be. Discourage whining and self-pity. Help your child find effective ways to confront and master even difficult situations or trying emotions.

Children born with Saturn in Pisces may tend to blame themselves for the shortcomings of their parents. Your child may enjoy quiet periods of meditation when she can feel at peace with herself and her environment. A healthy self-esteem developed during the childhood years is essential to avoid the typical Piscean pitfalls; worrying, escapism, guilt, self-doubt. On the bright side, children with this placement are understanding and caring. This position favors work in social services, healing arts, or behind the scenes work in hospitals, monasteries, prisons, or as cinematic directors.

Saturn in Fourth House

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

Sun Conjunction Saturn

Perhaps your child is a touch too sober. Much depends on other aspects formed by the Sun and Saturn. But, she is not afraid to shoulder more than her share of responsibility. Your child may seem quite mature for her age. Even as a child, she will likely be more interested in meaningful work than in play. She can't wait to grow up and take the driver's seat and probably enjoys interacting with authorities, elders and teachers with great mutual respect. As a child, she could feel somewhat lonely because of this seriousness, but her hard-working nature will pay off in later years. A serious, perhaps difficult relationship with the father may be indicated. The father may be seen by the child as restrictive or excessively strict or absent. If Saturn and the Sun receive positive aspects as well, then perhaps the father is very supportive of the child. The child may perceive him not only as her father, but also as her teacher and guide. Children with this aspect may be born "achievers," accustomed to an upward climb (although for most, this may not be apparent until they are older).

Mercury Conjunction Saturn

Your child is apt to be very deliberate when it comes to words, to what she says and thinks. She takes learning seriously. If challenged, your child should enjoy schooling and learning. When she puts her mind to it, your child almost always comes up with what is essential to the matter at hand. She is anything but "frivolous," and her more serious approach to ideas, while welcome when there is mental work to do, may not always be appreciated when others are in more social moods. Your child could take life too seriously. Belittlement from parents would carve a deep wound. Discussions about philosophy, religion, teaching and the like are right up her alley! This aspect also lends itself toward engineering, architecture, drafting, mathematics and research. Your child may be influenced by an older brother or sister.

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: The Awakener; Rebellion, Breakthroughs, Insights, Originality

Uranus is the planet that indicates how we free ourselves from the difficulties and

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

Uranus in Capricorn

Your child was born into a subgeneration that may change the world, bringing us a new government and economy. They will seek a way to couple the best of traditional values and New Age ideals. Children born with this placement may be interested in the political and business arena as adults. Ever practical, the Uranus in Capricorn individual comes up with new or alternate forms of management – breakthroughs in top-level management and corporate styles. Agriculture and architecture will undergo radical changes under their direction. Since they will challenge the ways of their elders, they likely will experience clashes with authorities during childhood. If Uranus aspects personal planets, the child will need to learn to control anger. She will benefit from opportunities to learn to wield power with humility and kindness.

Uranus in Third House

The child born with the Great Awakener (Uranus) in the house of mind (3rd) is more often than not, a free thinker! Make sure that your child is intellectually challenged at home and at school. Her ideas may be different, perhaps misunderstood. Your child has real insight when it comes to anything connected to research, study, and the world of ideas. Her independent mental approach to problem-solving and communication finds her coming up with connections that are new and different. Computers and anything modern and electronic will have a special appeal. Many creative scientists have Uranus in the 3rd house. She will, however, need to learn to tether her mind and to test her notions for practicality. Sometimes, Uranus so placed indicates an unusual brother or sister.

Moon Opposition Uranus

Children with Moon/Uranus contacts yearn to be free. They thrive on independence and may in fact be quite willful. The relationship with the mother may be unusual in some way. Sometimes the mother is quite unique, avant-garde or New Age or perhaps she is inconsistent, absent much of the time (or so perceived). Others may find your child original (certainly very different) and perhaps unpredictable, especially when it comes to emotional reactions. Your child may have a tendency to show emotions suddenly and/or in unusual ways. She likes unconventional friends and is probably a nonconformist

herself. The Moon/Uranus child needs room to create but must be made to answer for her actions as well. Your child must recognize the importance of considering the feelings of others. She may seem to go out of her way to shock, confront, challenge whatever is traditional and customary.

Neptune: The Savior; Illusion, Ideals, Imagination, Spirituality

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

Neptune in Capricorn

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

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 her teacher some warranted concern! Your child may be a natural teacher, with an innate gift to communicate, but teach her to always separate fact from fantasy. Stress honesty in your household.

Uranus Conjunction Neptune

Your child may have real vision and insight into the unity that ties this world together. She could have a brilliant imagination and enchanting manner. She may spend a lot of time in her imagination. Your child may be a seer, in the true sense of the word, and could possess a waking experience of that part of us that is mystical and dreamlike. Your child finds new ways to bring people together, to unify situations. She might be unusually musical, or inventive.

Pluto: The Shadow; Deep Fears, Inner Change, Growth, Regeneration

Pluto is the planet of profound change, of generation and regeneration. Pluto often touches upon the most sensitive psychological areas within us. Once touched, we have no choice but to change and grow. If Pluto aspects a personal planet in your child's chart, she

will experience an intense desire for self-transformation on some level of her being. Pluto contacts often teach us through intense experiences. We feel as if we've lived several lifetimes in one! The struggle of our century with nuclear power is a Plutonian issue. Will this intense power be used as a dynamo of life or to devastate life? Stress the positive, be ready to help your child navigate through intense emotions she may feel, but not necessarily comprehend. Teach her to express this power wisely.

Pluto in Scorpio

Astrologers predict that this group of children, born at the end of the Piscean Age, will live through drastic upheaval and earth changes. Spiritual and physical survival are questions they and their parents will have to address. Your child may find psychology, initiation, mysticism, and the occult of great interest. Intense personal transformations and inner growth are lifelong habits. If Pluto aspects a personal planet in your child's chart, it will intensify or block its natural expression. Difficult aspects can manifest as shyness. She may not tell you what's really on her mind. Gain your child's trust and encourage open communication between you.

Pluto in First House

Pluto in the house of self (1st) is powerfully placed! You may find that over the years your child develops an intense self-awareness and a strong will, perhaps (but not always) in response to some hardship or trying experience during the early years. This Pluto placement adds an emotional intensity to the chart. As an adult, others may note in her a marked intensity. She may be highly individualistic, feeling somehow set apart from most people. This could manifest as a resistance to conform to standard procedure but could also lead to a path of great self-realization through the discovery of spiritual realities and inner truths. During the school years, your child might be a leader among her pals, who will feel very magnetized to her. She seems driven to penetrate the superficial and get at the essential.

Sun Square Pluto

Perhaps she needs to be "King of the Sandbox" or perhaps she needs to be in control of her environment. She could be bossy with friends, demanding of parents. She could have quite a temper to boot! On the other hand, sometimes this challenging square manifests as shyness, an attempt to avoid confronting life at the personal level, leading to frustration. Watch and observe her, but the bottom line is a need to "let go." Much depends on the interaction with and example of the father and other authority figures during childhood. There is much power locked in this square. The child who is taught humility and purpose during youth could unlock the tremendous potential of this square and be a leader in adulthood.

Moon Trine Pluto

AH! Here's the child that loves hearing stories about mysteries, the unknown! Your child is likely to feel a close relationship to her mother. She also is a natural psychologist, and friends may come to her for advice, even during school years. She has a knack for working with the public and may be quite dramatic in the expression of her emotions. Your child is perceptive. People sense this about her and trust her with sensitive matters, inner worries, and questions of personal identity. Does your child talk about her dreams

in life? If so, why not write them down? Even as a child, she is apt to have a sense of a real mission in life!

Mercury Square Pluto

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

Mars Square Pluto

There could be a lot of emotional tension with this combination. You may find that your child tends to set herself up against whatever forces of change manage to rear their heads around her. This is especially true where feelings are concerned. A study of the overall chart will show how best to deal with this forceful combination. Here is the child who wants to get going and may explode (or implode) if thwarted. Here is the toddler who must learn that temper tantrums don't help (please see to it!) Here is the four year old who must learn obedience lest she take over the roost. We are looking at potential willfulness and temper. Turn it around and we see a dynamic combination expressing itself as drive, determination, courage in the face of great odds, the endurance of ten! Environment, education, karma make the difference! Even as you teach your child obedience (day one is not too early), beware of being overly forceful or unkind. Hopefully, early childhood discipline will be tempered with love. You will need to establish a good communication and trust with her.

Saturn Square Pluto

This powerful square may not be readily apparent during your child's youth unless Pluto and/or Saturn make close aspects to personal planets. Note the house positions Saturn and Pluto are in to uncover in what area of life she is apt to find some of her greatest challenges. If the aspect is formed on the Cardinal cross (Aries/Libra/Cancer/Capricorn), the child may have to contend with trying circumstances. If the square is in fixed signs, the child could have a strong inner desire for transformative change. She may fear losing control over her environment. She may need to learn not to be so rigid. If the square is formed on the mutable cross, the child may have to overcome fear of authority. The child with this aspect could be emotionally insecure. She could sidestep necessary steps to growth that appear painful. The key may be found in the relationship to the father. Your child needs a firm hand, but avoid coming down on her too hard.

Uranus Sextile Pluto

Your child may be a whiz when it comes to knowing how to motivate others. Her keen mind and great analytical powers always manage to get at whatever motivation is beyond apparent behavior. If Uranus and Pluto aspect personal planets as well, your child could be inventive, clever, insightful. This is a generational aspect, indicative of a group who

live through tremendous upheaval, not without ultimate benefits!

Challenges and Abilities

Focus

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

Sun Conjunction Saturn 01°20'

This placement confers a real love of science and natural laws. Your child may be a tireless worker with absolute determination and the ability to carry great projects through to completion. Always the protector to those she comes to know, your child likely is loyal to friends and will tend to have long and secure relationships. She is willing to take on more than her share of responsibility. Let her know you appreciate her help, but make sure she has time for play as well! Some children born with this aspect have to overcome some sort of handicap; perhaps a difficult social, physical or family situation. Later, the acquired self-discipline and striving can lead them to the top. Your child seeks your approval and support; be careful not to be unduly harsh or critical of her. There may be benefit, obligations, or potentially conflict with authority figures or with the father (or dominant parent).

Mercury Conjunction Saturn 04°44'

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

Mercury Conjunction Mars 07°55'

When it comes to self-expression, your child is likely to be a natural. She may have a knack at putting what she feels into spoken and written words. Children with this aspect typically are endowed with quick minds. Your child could do well in any of the communication fields, and with training, could be an excellent speaker.

Sun Conjunction Venus 08°57'

Your child is gracious, expressive, warm and affectionate. She radiates love and others are drawn to her. This combination attracts friends and indicates popularity. Your child may gravitate toward authority figures. She probably attracts friends who are older, or dignified in some way. Your child may enjoy a close relationship to her father. She may be artistically gifted, or grow to appreciate theater and the arts (if you give her the opportunity to develop along these lines). Your child may be magnetic, robust and yet quite refined in manner. She may have a sweet tooth.

Potential

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

Mercury Square Pluto 00°14'

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

Moon Opposition Uranus 02°06'

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

Moon Opposition Neptune 04°19'

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

maintain order in the environment.

Mars Square Jupiter 05°45'

How to harness a wild horse! This aspect indicates an abundance of energy but indicates lessons to learn in its use! Adults with this aspect may squander money, tend to expand too rapidly, in general do too much. The child with this Mars-Jupiter contact could have lessons to learn in cooperating with others, following schedules and directions, using her time wisely, putting her work away on the shelf (instead of all over the room!) and in general, settling down! She could be buoyant and spontaneous, but rambunctious. Your child could find it hard to stay still. Teach your child to THINK before she acts, but remember MOVEMENT IS THE LAW OF her BEING. Keep her busy and you're more apt to keep her out of trouble. With correct training, she could learn to tame her wild horse! (When she is of age, you might want to get her a feisty little puppy she has to train!) Patience, Mom!

Sun Square Pluto 06°17'

This is an aspect of confrontation. The child has lessons to learn in cooperating and dealing harmoniously with others. Perhaps she feels threatened and shy, or perhaps she tends to be demanding of loved ones. She could tend toward explosions and could have strong disagreements with authority figures. Some children with this aspect express themselves in such a forceful manner that others feel taken aback! Avoid threatening, coercing or putting down this child. The better she feels about herself, the greater chance she will have of mastering this aspect! When channeled constructively, this aspect can lead to profound self-awareness and leadership potential.

Mars Square Pluto 07°41'

Your child could be strong, courageous, and/or daring. More likely than not, she tends to be independent, headstrong and strong-willed. This square, when mastered, is a powder keg of energy! As your child grows, you may need to exercise great patience in helping her work out the powerful energies within this square. She might need help dealing with, and expressing anger. Especially if Mars and Pluto are in Cardinal signs, your child might tend to be impulsive and over-reactive; she could be combative, tending to get into fights. While she may resist any form of perceived limits, you must discourage her from taking on a dare-devil attitude that could land her in trouble. If the planets are in fixed signs, she could surprise you by her dogged determination but could have trouble sharing power; she could feel uncomfortable except when she is in command. Your child could well excel in leadership and pioneer type roles, but might have to learn not to be a bull in a china shop! If the planets are in mutable signs, the child may have a variety of talents or interests but needs to focus, define and apply herself to be effective.

Talents and Abilities

Despite whatever problems we may have, there are areas of life where we have clear insight and real talent – natural ability. When it comes to these matters, our judgment is sharp and we always manage to take charge. We have the knack. It may be as simple as the ability to work hard and accomplish things without something going wrong. An innate sense of the workings of these parts of life makes it easy for us to learn and accomplish things where they are concerned. Positive aspects in your child's chart are

like money in the bank. It does little good if not wisely invested. Too much ease in a chart can result in lack of motivation. Therefore, provide your child with opportunities to bring out and develop areas of inherent ability.

Venus Trine Jupiter 01°19'

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

Moon Trine Pluto 01°22'

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

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.

Personal Background

By age seven, the child has absorbed an enormous amount of learning. Her physical body has reached 70% of her growth potential. Permanent teeth (teeth relate to Saturn) begin to emerge. She passes from the absorbent mind stage into the stage of active reason. She is on her way to becoming an independent adult. Saturn represent rules and laws. At seven years of age, Saturn forms its first square and you can expect your child "to test the law," at home and at school. Astrologically, this is a critical point in her

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

Current Situation

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

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

Jul 11, 1999 1st Pass D> (Age 5 4m)

Oct 20, 1999 2nd Pass R< (Age 5 7m)

Mar 27, 2000 3rd Pass D> (Age 6 1m)

The above dates marked the end of Saturn's transit through the personal, subjective quadrants of your child's chart. (The latter may not apply for Newborns). The 7th house is an "Angular" house. When Saturn passes through one of the four angular houses, it signifies a shifting of gears. As Saturn continues its travel through the 7th house and the 3rd quadrant, your child will become increasingly more aware of social relationships. Of course, this will be more apparent in the older child than in an infant or toddler, but even

the nursery calls for learning cooperation, etiquette, and right interaction, all themes of this period. Sharing things and sharing notions comes into play as well. If your child is in Elementary school or High School, she may now begin to gradually come into her own! Some children may feel lonely, or left out. The question is, What is my place among my friends? Recognition (or non recognition) among peers could become increasingly more important. The older child especially could form lasting friendships or/and encounter conflict among her peers.

Saturn in 03rd Quadrant

The Elements, Modalities, and Angularity

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

Have Water

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

Want Fire

If your child lacks an inner self-confidence, she could try to overcome this by defensive aggressiveness. She probably wishes she had more of the self-assurance her 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 Fixed

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

Want Succeedent

Theories and mental activities may be fine, but your child may need to work on (or the necessary time) to let things ripen.

Patterns; Inner and Outer Self

Here we are examining basic patterns, called astrological configurations, within your child's charts. These will reveal much about your child's basic attitude or approach to life. The more one studies astrology, the more it comes down to a basic understanding of these simple patterns. The configurations can provide valuable information as to the general direction of your child's life, and her mode of action. It is particularly interesting to note differences in comparing the Heliocentric and Geocentric patterns. While Heliocentric interpretations are still in an experimental stage, some modern astrologers suggest that a comparison of these patterns reveals the difference, if any, between our outer personality (the way we appear to others) and our real inner self; who are we, in fact, as people get to know us? Not all people are as they seem.

Geo: Trine Helio: Square

Appearances can be deceiving, and here is a case in point. Your child's appearance (the way she comes across) and personality suggest that she may be inward, quiet, and concerned about what other people think. This, in truth, is not 100% the case. Although gentle-mannered, conservative, and sensitive on the outside, she likely is as tough as nails on the inside – as anyone can testify who gets to know her very well. Her more sensitive style may well hide a strong, assertive, and quite confident nature. Your child probably feels at home in a crowd and enjoys the attentions of others. A mild mannered smoke-screen could hide a real tiger! Appearances aside, let's take a look at the real or inner person.

Inner Meanings, Life Patterns

Square Type

Your child may be independent, confident, and in some ways a little self-centered. She loves attention and somehow manages to gravitate to the center of whatever is happening. Others accept her, for they sense she is a leader and admire her almost regal manner. Yet as much as she may love attention and the crowd, she is also likely to be fiercely protective of her independence, sense of freedom, and – above all – her privacy! There is a kind of contradiction here. When in the mood, she may love to express herself, entertain and perform for others, and enjoys being surrounded by an audience. She is magnetic and dynamic, and could inspire others. Nevertheless, for all her confidence, she may tend to depend on others for advice and counsel.

Your child is likely to be a very feeling person and can sense the drift of a situation without a lot of analysis. This immediate "hands-on" approach might be contrasted with one that is more deliberate and cerebral. She could be more comfortable in the realm of action than abstraction!

Inner Keys

Each person has one or more key qualities. Here we are not referring to the outer appearance or personality, but rather to inner qualities: how someone is when we really

get to know them.

Sun

"I AM THAT I AM!" Your child is her own reason for being. She is likely to be self-reliant and assertive. Her dreams, visions, and ideals propel her from within. She may have to encounter the whole gamut of ego games in deciding which "me" she wants to be. With experience, she will find that when she follows the inner guide, her aspirations are true and serve to show the way. She must learn humility and patience.

Saturn

At heart, your child has a deep sense of responsibility and purpose, and this seriousness is genuine and felt by others. She is willing to take on responsibility and may seem like she was born "grown-up." She seems to gravitate to those things which last and hold true, and is always separating the wheat from the chaff. She manages to get down to the bare bones. Matters of law, religion, and philosophy hold her interest. In this life, she may pass through many trials and accomplish much.

Keys to Understanding Your Child's Personality

Moon

The key to understanding your child's personality can be found in the environment or support system that surrounds her. Moon types are very influenced by early childhood conditions, habits and habitat. Your child may feel the need for the encircling network of family and friends to feel secure. Security is vital to her sense of well-being and she could feel easily threatened. She seeks to nurture and to be nurtured. She could be highly emotional. When she learns to find peace within herself, she could be a healer, an artist, an active manager and/or could work effectively with the public.

Uranus

All parts of your child's life are touched by her sense of originality and spontaneity. Everything hangs on the innovative and original approach to things and people that marks her style. Questions of freedom and independence are absolutely essential to her life style, and she may be quick to rebel when authority cramps her style! Give her space within limits, freedom framed by accountability.

The Personal Hot Spot

Mercury

Mercury, the mind (all that is mental and relates to communication) mark the single most active factor in your child's make-up. The key spot in her personality and circumstances is her mind: the world of ideas and communication. She is a natural teacher. Make sure she receives adequate schooling. She may need to learn to focus the mind and to concentrate on the task at hand.

Sun

Your child's inner self and her goals are the most active facets of her personality. They receive more stress and attention than other areas of her life. However she sees herself will color the entire chart. She could be quite self-driven but may come into conflict with others when she fails to consider their needs as well as her own.