

# Child\*Star

Astrological Report for  
Suri Cruise



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**The Astrological Chart****Suri Cruise**

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Planet	Sign	Position	House		House Cusps
Sun	Aries	28°Ar15'	02nd		01 22°Aq18'
Moon	Sagittarius	24°Sg00'	10th		02 05°Ar58'
Mercury	Aries	02°Ar33'	01st		03 10°Ta16'
Venus	Pisces	13°Pi18'	01st		04 06°Ge17'
Mars	Cancer	02°Ca32'	05th		05 28°Ge50'
Jupiter	Scorpio	16°Sc00' R	09th		06 22°Ca17'
Saturn	Leo	04°Le32'	06th		07 22°Le18'
Uranus	Pisces	13°Pi16'	01st		08 05°Li58'
Neptune	Aquarius	19°Aq30'	12th		09 10°Sc16'
Pluto	Sagittarius	26°Sg39' R	10th		10 06°Sg17'
Midheaven	Sagittarius	06°Sg17'			11 28°Sg50'
Ascendant	Aquarius	22°Aq18'			12 22°Cp17'

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# Introduction

## I. CHILD\*STAR!!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Throughout the report, you'll come across words and phrases like "tends to," "often will," "probably," "might." This is because there is a spectrum of possibility on any given point. At

times, these phrases have been omitted, but the concept remains true throughout the report.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### IV. CONCLUSION:

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

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

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

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### The Rising Sign

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

The Aquarius Rising child tends to gravitate toward groups. Very social, she communicates best when in a group or when working toward some very worthwhile goal. Idealism is apparent to all who come to know her. An unconventional, rebellious streak may characterize her. Teach your Aquarius Rising child, through story, history, film and experience, the consequences of free will, and the responsibility that accompanies independence. She may need to cultivate patience towards friends who may not match her own quick perception. Your child needs to learn tolerance for the ideas and ways of others if she is to express the virtue of this progressive sign: fraternity. She could feel (or others could perceive her as) somehow different. Perhaps she is ahead of her time! (Saturn and Uranus by house and sign position are especially significant with this placement, and will reveal much concerning the child's future goals and aspirations.)

*Aquarius Rising*

## **Planet Aspects**

### **The Lights: The Sun and Moon**

At the time of our birth, the planets (through their configurations and relationships) tell us something about the quality of the moment of time into which we were born. Each planet points to special traits within us. Yet, of all the planets, the two most important planets to astrologers are the "lights," the Sun and the Moon. From where we stand here on Earth, the great shining Sun by day and the reflecting Moon at night are our constant companions. The Sun and Moon are our greatest guides in understanding our children, their temperament, personality, relationship with parents and other significant adults, their sense of purpose, their feelings and much more! The Sun and Moon give us clues as to where our children are headed and how we can help them on the way.

### **The Sun: Your Self and Future**

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

### **Sun in Aries**

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

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

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

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

### **Moon Trine Sun**

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

### **Sun Sextile Mars**

This energizing positive combination between the Sun ("I am", solar power) and Mars (action through desire) places an accent on leadership and action. Your child may have natural

athletic ability and is likely to enjoy competitive sports. She is likely to be physically active and may need plenty of exercise and outdoor play. Or perhaps she is mentally competitive or skilful in one of the arts. She is more confident than most of winning! The father or dominant parent encourages the child to put her best foot forward. This combination strengthens the physical constitution but may give a certain degree of restlessness.

### **Sun Square Saturn**

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

### **Sun Trine Pluto**

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

## **The Moon: The Support System**

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

may need to overcome fear of making it on her own).

### **Moon in Sagittarius**

Sagittarius is a Fire sign on the thinking cross. Its symbol is The Archer. Here is a child born with questions about almost everything. "Why" is often on her lips and she will probably travel near and far in her life, searching for answers. She feels she has a mission in life and enjoys early religious training. Moral issues concern her as well. Sagittarius is the sign signature for explorers and adventurers, philosophers, judges, historians, and priests. They're searchers.

Your child is apt to be freedom-loving, independent, and at times, even a trifle impulsive. Limitation, what's that? "Don't fence me in" is more like it! Unless other positions or aspects strongly indicate otherwise, the Moon in Sagittarius youngster is cheerful by nature, tending to look on the brighter side of life. She could be happy, even in austere settings. Nevertheless, your child needs to practice self-control to be successful. She needs to know how to pull in the reins of her mind. Hopefully, your child will have many fountains from which to draw the knowledge she is seeking, but discourage idle chatter. She loves to talk, but teach her to listen as well.

Children with the Moon in Sagittarius may feel justified in being blunt, but do not allow your child to be rude nor inconsiderate. She could resent physical restrictions such as playpens and boundaries, even school chairs and mental restrictions such as repetitive math and language drills but freedom without limits is no true freedom at all! Encourage patience and thoroughness in her work. The archer's arrow has to reach the mark! Your child has a strong imagination. She may have a love of horses and the outdoors. She could perceive the mother as joyful and expansive, a teacher. She could resent it if the mother is absent or if there's a lack of clear direction.

### **Moon Trine Sun**

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

### **Moon Square Mercury**

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

### **Moon Opposition Mars**

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

### **Moon Sextile Neptune**

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

### **Moon Conjunction 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 Aries**

Aries is a Fire sign on the action cross. Its symbol is The Ram. The Mercury in Aries child typically has a sharp tongue and a quick wit. She speaks first, then thinks about it. She is direct, simple, and to the point. An independent thinker, you may find your child would rather speak than listen. Make no place for argumentation in your household! (Your child may shoot back an answer for everything and may need practice "biting her tongue".) Then again, she could be a perfect candidate for the debate club! She is apt to be quite impulsive when it comes to communicating, and often packs plenty of force behind her words. At school, she does her best work when the material is challenging.

### **Moon Square Mercury**

Your child may find it hard to express what she feels. She may at times say things that are unrelated to what she may actually be feeling. Feelings flood into the thinking process making it difficult to be objective. If in mutable signs (Gemini, Sagittarius, Pisces, Virgo) you may have to help your child pull in the reins of the mind and focus on the assignment at hand. Teach her to avoid dissipating energy by idle chatter! Your child needs a home environment free of criticism and belittlement, but she also may have to learn not to be so defensive when correction comes her way. The way the mother in particular communicates (hopefully lovingly, but objective and not wishy-washy) will help or hinder the child in working out the challenges inherent in this aspect.

### **Mercury Square Mars**

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

### **Mercury Trine Saturn**

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

### **Mercury Square Pluto**

This opposition indicates lessons to be learnt in communicating with others. Some children with this aspect are mentally combative, enjoying competition and a lively debate. The child with this Mercury-Pluto aspect could get into fights because of the things she says or the way she says them. At home, the child could be argumentative. Remind her, however, that if we have nothing nice to say 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 and Discrimination**

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

### **Venus in Pisces**

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

### **Venus Trine Jupiter**

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

### **Venus Conjunction Uranus**

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

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

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

### **Mars: Drive and Emotions**

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

### **Mars in Cancer**

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

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

### **Sun Sextile Mars**

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

### **Moon Opposition Mars**

Does your child have brothers and sisters? If so, she may have ample opportunity to work on mastering this aspect which demands one learn to share and work harmoniously with others! Opposition always challenges us to bring the yin and yang forces within ourselves into harmony through interactions with other people. Study the signs involved to gain greater insight into the nature of this opposition which basically points to potential conflict between desire and right action. Relationships tend to be intense or marked by crisis. It all begins in the sandbox so observe your child and see; is she argumentative, excessively competitive in class, impulsive or irritable? Does she tend to want to overthrow the apple cart and do it her way, alienating friends and elders? She needs to learn to be at peace with herself and must work at acquiring a sense of moderation and balance in all things.

The patient mother can help her child work out this aspect and thus avoid difficulties in relationships later in life. Often, however, the conflict has its roots in the relationship with the mother. Avoid long lectures and harangues when disciplining your child. State the facts and what the consequences are but stay clear of diatribes! When pointing out misbehavior, let her know it is the behavior you object to, not her! Speak with love. If you control your own anger, your child has a better chance of learning to control hers!

### **Mars Opposition Pluto**

Mars and Pluto are power planets; the power I wield vs. the power others use to control me. This is a potentially combative influence in the chart, indicating inner turmoil and outer confrontations. Perhaps the conflict begins with a parent or authority figure. Occasionally, children with this Mars-Pluto contact become fighters to cope with a hostile environment or early childhood trauma. Some children with this aspect are interested in learning about the military and wars. Your child could brood rather than openly express her anger. She could be defiant. Sometimes there is a history of insecurity which manifests as a competitive urge to prove oneself better than the next guy. This can lead to power struggles. Children with hard Mars-Pluto aspects may be attracted to early sexual experiences. Even in an otherwise balanced chart, the house positions and signs involved may point to a sensitive area in your child's life

requiring deep understanding. When the potential "Pluto problem" is resolved, this could be an area of great strength in your child's chart! Help your child channel this intense energy in a worthwhile "cause." If the family background is positive, the child is more likely to manifest the plus side of this contact: a healing presence, the courage of 10, and a desire to transform the world.

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

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

### **Jupiter in Scorpio**

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

### **Venus Trine Jupiter**

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

popular. This aspect is considered fortunate, but too much of a good thing can be detrimental! Teach your child the wisdom of "all things in moderation."

### **Saturn: Responsibilities**

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

### **Saturn in Leo**

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

### **Sun Square Saturn**

The Sun/Saturn child seeks confirmation from her parents of "I AM WORTHY!" But, because she may fear rejection, she could be defensive, carrying a chip on her shoulder or brushing against authorities (parents, teachers, "the establishment"). Your child is apt to have a strong sense of duty, and strives to do her best. If she learns not to take life so seriously, she

will be a real achiever! She may have conflict with her father, thinking him too strict, or not strict enough! Condemnation or judgmental attitudes from important adult figures, or even tough childhood circumstances could be internalized as a sense of unworthiness or low self-esteem. Because she has an inborn sense of responsibility, she too easily could blame herself for adversities not of her own making! Because your child is likely to be too hard on herself, she could probably benefit by being taught to think positively, to look for the "silver lining in the cloud." She needs patient love and direction from her father and/or other significant men in her life. When your child matures, her high standards and methodical approach could pay off. This position favors careers in teaching, industrial management, conservation, utilities, agriculture and building, dentistry, chiropractic and any field that requires efficiency and the systematic application of knowledge.

### **Mercury Trine Saturn**

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

### **The Outer Planets**

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

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

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

### **Uranus in Pisces**

Your child was born into a subgeneration that will offer us new insight into all mystical, occult, and religious matters – visionaries. They gravitate toward New Age methods of worship and service. They are very broad-minded in the areas of philosophy, music, drama, poetry, and the arts. They are also innovative in psychology. Theirs is the quest to break free from the past and seek a higher road; new dreams, new reality. This is a great position for a career in movies and films. Teach your child to anchor her ideals, and to choose her friends wisely. With difficult aspects to personal planets, the child may tend to avoid confronting unpleasant realities. She could be unreliable or find others taking advantage of her kindness. Teach her to dive in the wave and conquer her problems, which otherwise could take on greater than life dimensions in her mind!

### **Venus Conjunction Uranus**

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

### **Jupiter Trine Uranus**

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

### **Neptune: Ideals & Imagination**

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

### **Neptune in Aquarius**

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

### **Moon Sextile Neptune**

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

### **Jupiter Square Neptune**

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

### **Pluto: Inner Change and Growth**

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

### **Pluto in Sagittarius**

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

### **Sun Trine Pluto**

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

to it that your child is challenged intellectually at school and has opportunities to take the lead.

### **Moon Conjunction Pluto**

Your child is likely to feel a close emotional bonding to her mother. She tends to be highly emotional (especially if the Moon and Pluto are in Scorpio) and will have to learn how to make her sensitivity work for her instead of against her. Even as a child, she is capable of tuning into other people's motivations and this may even frighten her or cause her to withdraw from certain adults. As an adult, she may be interested in psychology, strategy, military affairs, science or medicine. She needs to establish a relationship of trust with parents and teachers before she will open up and talk about her feelings. She needs to feel in control of the environment, but doesn't like to be controlled by others. Your child needs firm, consistent care but would withdraw or rebel against adults perceived as harsh and overbearing. In a group (friends, school) others take note of her, because she likely has a powerful presence. Others may feel that nothing is a secret from her! You might as well stack up on those mystery novels now! As an adult, your child may wield political influence or handle other people's money.

### **Mercury Square Pluto**

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

### **Mars Opposition Pluto**

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

## Challenges and Abilities

### Focus

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

### Venus Conjunction Uranus 00°02'

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

### Moon Conjunction Pluto 02°39'

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.

## Challenges

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

### **Mercury Square Mars 00°01'**

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

### **Mars Opposition Pluto 05°53'**

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

### **Mercury Square Pluto 05°54'**

This opposition indicates lessons to be learnt in communicating with others. Some children with this aspect are mentally combative, enjoying competition and a lively debate. The child

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

### **Sun Square Saturn 06°17'**

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

### **Moon Opposition Mars 08°32'**

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

**Moon Square Mercury 08°33'**

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

**Talents and Abilities**

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

**Sun Trine Pluto 01°36'**

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

**Mercury Trine Saturn 01°58'**

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

**Venus Trine Jupiter 02°42'**

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 Sun 04°15'**

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

**Sun Sextile Mars 04°17'**

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

**Moon Sextile Neptune 04°30'**

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

## **Landscape: Major Life Periods**

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

### **Your Personal Background**

By age seven, the child has absorbed an enormous amount of learning. Her physical body has reached 70% of her growth potential. Permanent teeth (teeth relate to Saturn) begin to emerge. She passes from the absorbent mind stage into the stage of active reason. She is on her way to becoming an independent adult. Saturn represent rules and laws. At seven years of age, Saturn forms its first square and you can expect your child "to test the law," at home and at school. Astrologically, this is a critical point in her development. Your child is a late bloomer, and (all else being equal) her childhood should be an easy one. However, in her early teens (somewhere around the age of 14 or 15), your child could take a distinct turn toward the more inner and subjective. This could mean a number of years when your child could feel more insecure, alone, and quite on her own. At about age 14 or 15, Saturn opposes its own position in the chart and most teens pass through a kind of identity crisis. Balance is the key but the adolescent who says to herself, how can I be free to make my own decisions, but who is usually not ready to leave the nest! The years from 14 through 21 or 22 will likely be times of intense searching and self-examination during which your child may not have much outwardly to show others as to who she is or what she can do. She could be perceived as hard to reach, and she might feel that no one recognizes her for who she really is. Fear not, for this is not a long-term condition. In her early to middle twenties, your child is apt to have a real awakening (suddenly finding herself), move outward, and should find something upon which she can build with confidence. Each year afterwards brings a gain in self-confidence and accomplishments. Ages 30-40 could well be her most successful years bringing material gain and outward recognition. Your child could reach a peak of fame or success around the 37th or 38th year.

### Your Current Situation

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

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

**Apr 04, 2022**1st Pass D> (Age 15 11m)

**Aug 09, 2022**2nd Pass R< (Age 16 3m)

**Dec 30, 2022**3rd Pass D> (Age 16 8m)

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

*Saturn in 01st Quadrant*

## **The Elements, Modalities and Angularity**

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

### **Have Fire**

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

### **Want Earth**

Your child may be strong on mental activity and action but may need to acquire basic common sense and the ability to deal with practical matters. She may require your help "getting down to business;" completing her chores and attending to basic necessities. She could be "spacey," out of touch with the physical dimension of reality. She needs to get centered. A balanced diet would help. (Strong Saturn aspects by sign, aspects, and house or an Earth sign Ascendant would compensate)

### **Have Mutable**

Your child is apt to be communicative, flexible, mental, and other-oriented. She could be a natural teacher. She could be restless, liking plenty of variety.

### **Have Angular**

Your child's energies run effectively toward making herself felt in the material, tangible outer world. She is an "action" person who gains the attention of others and seems to get things moving. The circumstances of her life suggest extroversion.

**Want Succedent**

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

## House Activity and Emphasis

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

### First House: Appearance, Approach

#### First House

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

#### Aquarius on First House Cusp

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

talents.

### **Mercury in First House**

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

### **Venus in First House**

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

### **Uranus in First House**

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

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

### **Second House**

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

### **Aries on Second House Cusp**

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

### **Sun in Second House**

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

### **Third House: Inquiries, Communications**

#### **Third House**

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

#### **Taurus on Third House Cusp**

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

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

#### **Fourth House**

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

#### **Gemini on Fourth House Cusp**

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

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

### **Fifth House**

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

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### **Mars in Fifth House**

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

## **Sixth House: Responsibility, Work, Health**

### **Sixth House**

The key phrase of the 6th house is "I work." That which was conceived in the 5th house is applied and produced in the 6th! In an adult chart, this house indicates employment, attitude toward work, and relationship with employees and/or co-workers. In the child's chart, we study

the 6th house to understand her daily habits. How she handles her chores, how she approaches her school work. Is her handwriting sloppy or neat? Is she happy to help others when asked or does she complain? The 6th house rules dress and appearance. This house also tells us about eating habits, diet and basic health. Obviously, eating habits and diet will affect health for better or for worse, as the case may be. A water sign on the cusp, or the Moon or Neptune in the 6th indicates that emotions will affect health and vice-versa. The sign on the cusp and planets in the 6th house can show you health areas that may require your attention.

### **Cancer on Sixth House Cusp**

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

### **Saturn in Sixth House**

Discrimination yes! Criticism and complaining, no! Make this the rule of thumb for your child. (If you allow her to be overly demanding or negative as a child, she may have trouble getting along with her classmates and later, as an adult, with co-workers or employees.) A tendency to worry could manifest in the form of health problems. Particularly during the growing years, this child will need a sound diet as Saturn (restrictions) in the house of health (6th) can manifest in the form of health problems. On the other hand, Saturn's presence here could indicate a career in one of the healing arts. Your child is likely to be a hard worker but she needs to do "real" jobs even as a child, and needs to know that her work is an asset to the family and community. (Child size tools will help her get to work!) A few more careers potentially indicated by this Saturn placement are science, clothing, engineering, and mechanical fields requiring specialized skill and precision.

## **Seventh House: Relationships, Other People**

### **Seventh House**

The 7th house is the house of partnerships, relationships, social life, and all that carries us beyond our personal self into an awareness of other people, community, and the like. Children with planets in this house seek to understand themselves through others. They are rarely alone. How does your child deal with competition? Is she able to hold her own in a match? Can she stand up against peer pressure? To succeed with 7th house issues, the child needs to feel secure within herself (1st house polarity.) Planets in the 7th house and the sign on the cusp can also provide clues about your child's interaction, as she matures, with the opposite sex. For instance, a child with Mars in this house or Aries on the cusp would likely be bold in relationships, and hence, make friends easily. Nevertheless, she could incline toward arguments and contention (Mars) in close friendships (and later in marriage). She may, however, be willing to work hard

(Mars) to make a relationship (7th house) work. The wise parent would teach this child the dangers of entering into relationships impulsively.

### **Leo on Seventh House Cusp**

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

## **Eighth House: Business Savvy, Elimination**

### **Eighth House**

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

### **Libra on Eighth House Cusp**

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

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

### **Ninth House**

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

### **Scorpio on Ninth House Cusp**

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

### **Jupiter in Ninth House**

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

## **Tenth House: Practical Vision, Vocation**

### **Tenth House**

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

### **Sagittarius on Tenth House Cusp**

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

### **Moon in Tenth House**

The child with the Moon (emotion/home/family) in the 10th house (ambition, status and reputation) wants to be someone of consequence! She begins quite early to seriously consider what she wants to be when she grows up!. The nature of her home life (for better or for worse) directly affects her performance at school and later her career success. Your child has natural insight into public needs. Especially if the Moon is well aspected, she is at home making practical and management decisions. She may be attracted to running for student government, or taking an active role in a achievement oriented hierarchical youth programs such as Scouts. Her career will likely receive all kinds of support from other people (especially from women). She looks to her mother for strength and encouragement and her influence is great. If the Moon is afflicted, however, the mother could be over domineering. As a young adult, the child with this placement may have to separate herself from the family circumstance or tradition for a time to determine her true direction in life. This placement favors public service, government and politics; also agriculture, food services, marketing, services related to supplies. Often there are several changes before settling down into a given career.

### **Pluto in Tenth House**

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

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

### **Eleventh House**

We have been on the mountain and had a vision (10th house). In the 11th, we bond with others who share our vision and can help us realize it. Thus, this is the house of friends and community life. The young child is greatly influenced by her companions. As she matures (and particularly during pre-adolescence and teen-age years), peer pressure and conformity may take precedence over parental guidelines in her mind. Planets in this house and the sign on the 11th house cusp indicate what traits your child may admire in a friend and the kind of friends she is likely to attract. For example, if Uranus is in the 11th house or if Aquarius is on the cusp, the child would attract friends who are unique, unusual, somehow different. If Gemini is on the cusp, she may enjoy having many friends, but could be fickle. Traditionally, the 11th house is called the house of "hopes and wishes." The 11th house provides clues as to how to tune into the child's aspirations; how to teach her goal-fittedness; how to measure our projected aspirations for her against her own! The 11th house also addresses the child's willingness (or lack of it) to cooperate with others in group projects.

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

### **Twelfth House**

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

### **Capricorn on Twelfth House Cusp**

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

### **Neptune in Twelfth House**

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