

Optimum*Child

An Astrological Profile for
Johnny Depp

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Childhood is a time filled with promise. A new life, fresh beginnings and — for parents and teachers — it's the ultimate challenge. How many times have parents wondered why kids don't come with instruction manuals? There's a secret: they do!

Each person is born on a certain day at a special time and a certain spot on the surface of the globe. Astrologers use this information to chart the positions of the planets at the date, time and place of birth. At the birth moment, and when viewed from the birthplace, the pattern of the Sun, Moon and planets is something that will never be repeated in quite the same way. This unique pattern forms a person's natal chart or horoscope.

The natal chart is a symbolic map of a person's unique potentials, drives and needs. A sort of "cosmic guidebook," it can give someone perspective on his or her own being, and it can also help others better to understand that person. The report that you are reading now is specially designed to help anyone who is raising or teaching a child. Unlike a regular horoscope interpretation, it shows how the symbolism of the chart is likely to work out during the earlier stages of human development, from babyhood to adolescence. Children change rapidly, and, in the process of becoming themselves, they need special love and guidance. Hopefully this report will give you a few hints and insights that will help you to appreciate this child's unique qualities and help them to blossom as the child grows.

Please remember that everyone — including a child — has free will. So while an astrological report can give you some valuable information, it doesn't indicate a fixed set of limited options. Of course, environment also has its influence, but by understanding the significant drives and needs represented by Johnny's chart, you can better appreciate his incomparability, and, hopefully, guide him to fulfill his potentials in the healthiest possible way.

Chapter One:

Basic Underlying Personality Traits

Just as there are layers of personality, there are several layers in an astrological chart. The building blocks of the chart are the planets, signs and houses. You'll see these terms scattered throughout this report. In a nutshell, the planets (plus the Sun and Moon) represent specific energies and drives. These drives each have a different purpose in the developing personality. The twelve signs of the zodiac represent qualities, characteristics and traits. The houses (the twelve divisions of the chart wheel or circle) symbolize the facets of a person's life. In the drama of life, the planets represent the actors, the signs show the roles the actors play, (including their mannerisms, costumes and props), and the houses show the setting and scene of the play.

Johnny's Balance of Elements and Modes

There's another layer, too. Each sign represents the energies of one of the four elements: Fire, Earth, Air or Water, and the way these elements are balanced in a birth chart reveals a great deal about the person's basic personality. To find the balance of elements, we tally up the zodiacal signs of the Sun, Moon and other important points in the chart.

Tallying Johnny's elements shows that Earth signs (like Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn) are prominent. This suggests that Johnny will show a more introspective quality and may be more cautious about new circumstances or situations.

Johnny needs to be "hands on," to feel a physical connection to life. Hugs are especially important. Also, making sure to meet his security needs and reassuring him that he can reach out and make contact will make a huge difference in this child's sense of identity. Touch is necessary for all children, but you're likely to see Johnny spending more time exploring textures, temperatures and other physical evidence.

Nature exploration can be especially stimulating, and learning in a natural environment helps to forge happy memories. If your school offers it, give Johnny a chance to experience something like "nature's classroom," where environmental concerns are integrated into learning. Otherwise, occasional camping, hiking or even time spent in the garden can be an amazing way to confer a sense of calm and focus to this child. Oh, yes, do be on the alert for that possible stubborn streak!

The *least* influential element in Johnny's chart turns out to be Water. With Water absent or weak, Johnny can have difficulty understanding and accepting the emotional needs of both himself and others. Encourage Johnny to accept and express his feelings more openly through creative and artistic endeavors. Music can be especially helpful. Getting physically in touch with Water by swimming, going to the beach, or enjoying an aquarium can help, too. Talk openly with Johnny about learning to trust and value intuition, since this will help him feel more comfortable with inner sensibilities.

When an element is low or lacking there's no reason to be highly concerned. You can, however, look for creative ways to help Johnny compensate. Focusing on what the lack of Water might mean for this child can prove beneficial. Do understand that an imbalance in elements should not be interpreted as a personality deficiency. Rather, it can indicate either a tendency to overcompensate or in some way to seek what is lacking. For example, as Johnny matures, you might discover that he's drawn to others who seem to possess the Water qualities that seem to be lacking in his own chart.

Also, besides being one of the four elements, each sign is also Cardinal, Fixed or Mutable. These astrological modes (or action models) determine how a sign manifests its energy. In the case of Johnny's chart, there is an emphasis on Fixed signs. Johnny can feel very stabilizing to others, but can also be extremely stubborn! At its best, the Fixed quality indicates a need to preserve and to maintain the status quo. Johnny can be consistent and patient, and in turn will appreciate and respect consistency from parents and teachers. There can also, however, be inflexibility, resistance and an obsessive quality that can be rather difficult to manage or accept. Johnny really needs to finish things, and can become upset if too many things are left undone.

Since Johnny's highest scores are in signs of the Earth element and the Fixed mode, he will naturally be drawn to the sensory experiences of life. This is a child who will prefer to learn through experience. He will be able to integrate knowledge more completely when his physical senses are involved in the process. He will also need help in nurturing his innate qualities of stability, conservatism, practicality, consistency and creativity.

Johnny feels more stable when he's connected to the earth, so you may therefore notice a special love for the earth and its life forms. As a baby, Johnny will enjoy walking in the warm sun, touching trees, smelling flowers, and crawling in the grass. As he grows, so can his appreciation for the earth. Touching the substance of earth helps to strengthen his sense of personal identity, so encourage activities like working with clay and gardening both outdoors and indoors.

One thing you'll notice is that Johnny is not too happy with change. This may stem from a fear of losing something, and consequently losing part of the self. So that he can learn that change doesn't necessarily lead to loss, encourage him to participate in changes. Simple games like peek-a-boo can help him to learn that disappearing usually doesn't mean gone forever. For the same reasons, Johnny may tend to be possessive. Holding on means "It's mine forever!". For Johnny, it's especially important to learn to share with friends.

Johnny may have a strong tactile sense, so while he's a baby, provide toys with varying textures and surfaces. As he grows, he may enjoy crafts, working with clay or building toys, growing a garden or digging in the sandbox. He may have a special knack for building things that last. He may also adore music, and may become a fine singer or musician.

As Johnny matures, he'll increasingly appreciate games that involve the accumulation of power. Whether these are board or computer games, Johnny will find the acquisition element fun. Since the lesson of gracefully letting go of things is so important, however, games that teach cooperation and sharing are also a good idea.

For Johnny, offering goods in exchange for deeds works well as a motivator. Of course, the lesson that all deeds may not result in physical repayment will be a challenging one to teach. It may take a while for him understand that to give is more blessed than to receive.

Johnny is also likely to develop a tenacious attachment to concepts and ideas. To develop more mental and emotional flexibility, he may benefit from physical exercises such as yoga, tai chi or dance. Learned early, these will teach Johnny to function from a position of flexibility while creating the lasting impressions and stable values in which he excels.

The Moon Sign and Early Personality Development

Although most people are more familiar with the concept of the Sun sign, during the earliest years a child expresses the qualities of the Moon sign more. That's because the Moon tells the story of feelings and pure emotion. So, during Johnny's early childhood you might see more qualities that relate to his Moon sign. Expressing the Sun requires more self-awareness, and that develops later.

With his Moon in Capricorn, Johnny likes a steady-going course and reliable circumstances. His security depends upon consistency, and so he functions best when he knows the well-defined rules. If there are inconsistent rules, Johnny may just make them himself.

Keep in mind that Johnny is *not* a blank slate! Though these drives are basic ingredients in his developing personality, it is up to family and teachers to nourish and support these drives. In this way, they can help Johnny to make the most of the special gifts that have been given to him.

The Sun Sign and Ego Development

The sign of Johnny's Sun will show how he might like to be perceived, what he needs in order to feel motivated toward achievement, and what makes him feel significant and special in the world. This aspect of a child's personality tends to become more apparent after the earliest years, as the full expression of the ego takes some time to develop. However, even early on, Johnny is likely to show at least some of the qualities of his Sun sign.

Johnny's Gemini Sun points to a need for plenty of distractions. In infancy, he's likely to be fascinated by crib toys, mobiles and rattles (which, when finally quiet, are the clue that Johnny is asleep). These then give way to tricycles and bicycles, since moving about is also a top priority for this child. In preschool years, Johnny may show a preference for social play with other children. He may talk early, and whether or not he speaks understandable language, he seems always to have something to say or questions to ask.

Primary-school years can be pure joy, since Johnny will most likely be enthusiastic about the chance to learn new things. Focus can be a problem, but this will be further defined by other planetary qualities. As a preteen, Johnny may seem to change friends as interests change, but Johnny will cherish a good friend who is fun to be around and understands his humor.

How Johnny Deals with the Outer World

Another prevailing quality that's likely to emerge in Johnny's early years is shown by the astrological sign on his Ascendant, also known as the rising sign. The Ascendant and the First House will signify Johnny's physical appearance and how other people view him. Most of us have our self-image shaped by what other people tell us about ourselves. The Ascendant represents Johnny himself, his basic attitudes, and how he presents himself to the world. It also shows what kind of environmental conditioning will shape his developing personality.

With Leo rising, Johnny's trademarks are likely to be personal pride and a flare for drama. A Leo-rising child is difficult to ignore! Johnny may enjoy being the center of attention, and he needs a place to show off and shine. Even as a tiny tot, he can radiate a loving, generous warmth.

Chapter Two:

Nurturing Intellectual and Physical Development

Parents naturally watch for the signals that indicate a child's intellectual and physical progress. From baby's first words to performance in school, most parents note their child's development and keep records. Not only parents, but also teachers and other mentors need to provide the stimuli that will strengthen the mental and physical development of a child. This will help the child to master the experience of learning.

There are many factors involved in intellectual development. These include memory, judicial thinking, decision-making, speculative thought, and creativity. They also include the ability to conceptualize and communicate, and to apply rational thought to real-world situations.

In order to be whole, a child must achieve a balance between the mental, emotional, physical and spiritual parts of the self. Only then can the power of the intellect be used to its utmost. Otherwise, the mental capacities are likely to be overemphasized or misdirected in order to compensate for underdevelopment in another area.

Johnny's Style of Absorbing Information

An important factor to consider in developing Johnny's intellect is the individual nature of his thought patterns. The Moon in Johnny's birth chart reveals the way that he will store his unique experiences in the vaults of his subconscious mind. Besides being the emotional storage-house, the Moon will also show the manner in which Johnny absorbs information.

Since Johnny has the Moon in an Earth sign, his thoughts are more likely to be focused on the physical plane. Empirical thinking will come naturally to him. He'll be most inclined to understand common-sense kinds of ideas and things that can be touched, and he'll tend to learn better in hands-on and more structured kinds of situations.

The speed at which the Moon was moving when Johnny was born also has something to say about his learning style. The Moon can move from less than 12 to more than 15 degrees per day. In Johnny's case, the Moon was moving at an easy pace. Its relatively slow speed suggests a strong need to observe a situation before making a change, and a reluctance to face unfamiliar ideas or situations. Therefore Johnny may lose confidence if he's forced to move too quickly.

New situations will seem less threatening if Johnny is allowed to precede any conclusions or action by cautious observation and due consideration. He may then do just fine in learning situations. Careful, structured circumstances can create the safety zone that allows Johnny to move through education happily. The plus side of this gently paced Moon is that Johnny tends to retain ideas easily.

How Johnny Senses and Communicates

As a baby, Johnny will start to explore and learn about his personal environment through his five senses. The senses are symbolized by Mercury. Over time, Johnny will use these senses in an increasingly refined manner. As his mind gains the ability to integrate more and more information, his learning will increase. Johnny's Mercury shows how he communicates his thought patterns — how he frames concepts and expresses them to others.

The years of Mercury's heightened developmental cycle are from ages seven to thirteen, when the connections between Johnny and his world will be powerfully shaped. This is when a child masters language and refines communication skills. During these years Johnny is likely to project the qualities of Mercurial energy with especial strength.

With Mercury in Taurus, Johnny may be reluctant to communicate until he has all the facts. Even in early learning, Johnny may observe, then — finally — speak. Before speaking or committing to an idea, he will want to be certain, but after this, getting him to change his mind or take a different approach to an idea can be nearly impossible!

Mercury in Taurus is driven by the physical senses (How does it taste or feel?) and by the practical uses of things. If this child can't find an application for something, he probably won't be interested in it.

A connection between Mercury and Venus indicates an artistic expression of ideas. Johnny may enjoy listening to or reading poetry or beautifully phrased prose. Playing story-telling games with him at an early age may foster creative writing abilities. Once in school, Johnny may be especially interested in studying literature. This Mercury-Venus connection can also increase public-speaking skills.

In addition, Johnny may give special attention to his handwriting, which could turn out to be quite beautiful. He might take an interest in calligraphy, or possibly in drawing.

Developing a genteel manner of speech may be another of Johnny's important priorities. In fact, coarse speech may offend him. Also, when relating to friends, Johnny, a natural diplomat, may be the one who is the peacemaker.

Having Mercury in square aspect to Saturn, Johnny can be frustrated with learning. He may sometimes feel that his thoughts and ideas are met with undue criticism. The desire to be right and to gain endorsement from parents and teachers can be especially strong. When he makes a mistake, it can feel hurtful and may quickly undermine his confidence. Ultimately, the type of criticism that Johnny receives will largely determine how much he trusts his intellectual abilities. Supportive, constructive criticism can build confidence, but harsh critiques that demand more from Johnny than he's capable of producing are destructive. This child's esteem and motivation will be damaged by statements like "You're not meeting your potential." Whenever his efforts merit it, affirm Johnny's potential by rewarding him with honest praise.

With Mercury in square aspect to Uranus, there can be a kind of mental hyperactivity so that Johnny may need to learn to focus. While learning can be pure joy, this child needs to move quickly. For this reason, he may seem to skip through the more tedious subjects, simply content to arrive at the right answer. This child has a highly inventive mind. Unusual subjects will be fascinating, and ultimately he may develop a desire to learn about anything.

In early years, provide ample reading material, but also give Johnny access to computers. To provide the kind of structure in which this probably-brilliant child can shine, encourage organized study habits.

Sometimes, a Mercury-Uranus square suggests a learning disorder. If Johnny displays a keen intellect but isn't doing well in school, consider testing for certain "processing" aberrations. Also, remember that mental exhaustion can quickly develop if this child doesn't rest.

Mercury's location in the Tenth House stimulates Johnny's desire to be recognized for his intellectual abilities. He can be strongly opinionated. In the early years, he will parrot the opinions of those influencing him. It's crucial, therefore, that parents and teachers take clear responsibility for their ideas and their methods of sharing them!

Building Johnny's Confidence and Skills

The planet Jupiter supplies additional information about Johnny's learning styles and needs. At first, he'll experience Jupiterian qualities through the encouragement of teachers and guides. Later, Jupiter will show how he expresses confidence, and what types of stimulation will build his learning skills.

Johnny's Jupiter in Aries shows a need for plenty of independence when learning, with an appreciation of challenging games as part of the learning process. He needs a place to stand out and show leadership abilities.

Whenever you're dealing with intellectual development, it's helpful to keep in mind that encouragement and testing are two different things. Small children don't like to be tested — life is enough of a test for them! They do enjoy learning, but need to be encouraged to learn at their own pace. Finding that pace is one of the primary tasks of parents and teachers. Watch for signs that tell you when Johnny is comfortable with a situation, and ready to push beyond it. Then stimulate that expression by setting fresh goals and opportunities to learn and to develop his mind.

Finding Fun and Encouraging Physical Development

There are many factors in an astrological chart that can indicate needs in regard to physical health. However, I feel that specific health strengths and weaknesses and their care are best dealt with using refined astrological techniques beyond the scope of this report.

One feature of childhood that we *can* explore here is where to find play and recreational activities that Johnny would benefit from and enjoy. The planet Mars represents physical energy — the fuel that's needed to keep the physical engine running. The placement of Mars in Johnny's chart gives helpful clues about his preferences for play and activity, including sports and achieving physical fitness.

With Mars in the First House, Johnny will prefer to stay physically active. As a baby, he may have trouble getting to sleep unless he has had sufficient physical activity to burn off excess energy. To help relax tight muscles, try infant massage. Johnny may be interested in sports, dance or other activities that require endurance and strength. If there are difficult aspects to Mars from other planets, Johnny could be accident-prone.

Johnny's favorite forms of recreation and sports could include racquetball, handball, table tennis, tennis, scuba diving, aerobic dancing, yoga, gymnastics, English-saddle riding, figure skating or baseball.

A connection between Mars and Uranus increases the possibility for Johnny to be accident-prone. He may have a fascination with doing what seems impossible, and a tendency to take risks. With this aspect a toddler may try to run before he can walk, and a six-year-old may think that he can fly. During preteen years, there could be an inordinate fascination with activities that test physical possibilities. Sports like skiing might be interesting, or breaking boards with karate moves could be the perfect way to resolve this drive. When this combination finds physical expression in adulthood, a person can be drawn to extreme sports like skydiving or bungee jumping.

Since Johnny has Mars in aspect to Pluto, he may want to take physical abilities into a different realm, drawing on a deeper strength to build energy reserves. It's important to help him to learn how to challenge others without provoking a strong or defensive response. Learning the limits of personal power can be difficult, especially if a child has been faced with any kind of abuse. When properly directed, sports can be a plus, particularly when they teach Johnny to respect himself and others.

Chapter Three:

Embracing Emotional Drives and Needs

At different stages and ages, Johnny will be developing different parts of himself. One reason why childhood astrology is different from adult astrology is that a child is in the process of becoming. Anyone who's been around children knows that at some stages of development a child is especially susceptible or emotionally vulnerable, and that these needs and sensibilities change as a child matures. A baby struggles each day to deal with a difficult-to-control body, but a child in elementary school is struggling to master social relationships. Each of the planets represents a different emotional need and expression. At certain stages of development, some planetary symbols take on a special emotional charge.

Johnny's chart illustrates his own potential emotional strengths and weaknesses, and the areas in his life where he may feel more vulnerable. It is important to explore these concepts through a lens of objectivity, since when dealing with our children's psychological and emotional issues we're likely to run into our own issues as well.

Johnny's Basic Emotional Makeup

Johnny's most powerful emotional needs are symbolized by the Moon. While the Moon is the primary indicator of early psychological development, its emotional needs remain with a person throughout life, continually growing and evolving.

The Moon symbolizes the reflective nature of humanity, the absorbing, subconscious mind that reflects the needs of the soul. Even as a baby, Johnny will have had a strong inner awareness of what is happening. As he grows, he'll absorb more information and store it in his subconscious mind. Deeper awareness of his feelings will also grow.

The Moon is also the matrix from which habit patterns emerge, and so it indicates basic patterns of conditioning. These patterns are drawn from life experiences and filtered through the qualities of the Moon.

Additionally, the Moon symbolizes Mother and whoever else provides nurture, comfort and security. Mother and these other figures provide the model for how Johnny will nurture and care for others, and – perhaps even more basically important – how this child will learn to nurture himself.

With his Moon in Capricorn, Johnny prefers to feel in control of his emotions. Contrary to first impressions, he may be highly sensitive emotionally, but he isn't comfortable showing it.

Johnny has a tremendous need for structure, and will appreciate a carefully scheduled lifestyle. Lax attitudes and irresponsibility from adults will undermine Johnny's sense of security. Instead, he needs, and will appreciate, consistent and positive behavioral reinforcement. Johnny needs to feel responsible and respected, and will enjoy the company of mature individuals. A wry sense of humor may be noticeable, even while he's a child.

The position of Johnny's Moon in the Sixth House suggests that he can be very picky about diet and environment. He needs to feel that he is aware of and can be in control of his physical body. As a baby, he can show a lot of fussiness if he's uncomfortable, but once adjustments are made, he may be quite peaceful. Pets may be especially important to this child.

Johnny may express the frustrations of his Moon square Jupiter aspect through a kind of ravenous appetite. It may be difficult for this child to get enough of anything! He has a sense that the grass is greener on the other side, and so teaching him to be satisfied with things as they are can be a challenge.

The positive part of this energy dynamic can be a sense of adventure. However, there can be a tendency to go into situations unprepared or expect that the reinforcements will arrive in the nick of time. This can lead the child to hold unrealistic expectations of himself or others, or to make promises that are difficult to fulfill.

With the Moon in sextile to Neptune, Johnny is likely to be especially tenderhearted. Also, there can be a profound emotional tie to Mother, whose comfort and care radiate on a spiritual level for this child.

Johnny's intuition can be powerful, and dreams and the realms of imagination may be especially real to him. He may have a deep desire to yield to these imaginative impulses. It is therefore highly important to assure that this child has ample opportunities to develop his creative and artistic sensibilities.

The Moon in trine to Pluto can give Johnny an extra emotional resilience. He is more likely to view life's inevitable changes as natural alterations, much like losing baby teeth so that permanent teeth can emerge. Though Johnny's emotional expression can be intense, he rarely has any doubt about what he truly feels and needs. The bond with Mother can be especially powerful. It may be a truly life-sustaining force, and may eventually become a mutual support system.

Johnny's Developing Sense of Self

The development of individuality and a sense of identity is tied to the energy of the Sun, which is a major factor in determining "Who am I?" This radiance of Self will begin to emerge once Johnny has developed enough mastery over basic bodily functions to start paying more attention to the outside world. It will really become focused once he's relating to others on a more frequent basis, especially during his school years.

Johnny has the Sun in Gemini, which is described under "The Sun Sign and Ego Development" in Chapter One of this report. However, there are additional factors that color Johnny's expression and development of his Sun energies.

Johnny's Sun in a harmonious connection to Jupiter signifies a natural exuberance that can be contagious. Self-confidence and optimism are likely to be hallmarks of his personality. He likes to feel important, and accomplishment will make him positively glow.

Johnny can also be eager to please others. Feeling that his parents expect a great deal, he may wonder if he meets their expectations. Failure to acknowledge Johnny's accomplishments can leave him wondering whether his parents or teachers have actually noticed. Therefore, be sure to offer praise and support when it's due.

Johnny will also benefit from being encouraged to reach out to show gratitude for the good things in life. He should learn that sometimes simply saying "thank you" can build a positive emotional link and serve as an acknowledgment to parents and others.

While this Sun-Jupiter connection can give Johnny an honest desire to reach beyond his current situation or capacities, it can also indicate laziness. If you notice Johnny trying to get by with minimal effort, it will help to provide him with a reason to excel.

With the Sun and Saturn in a trine aspect, Johnny may feel more safe and supported. Family structures tend to be sound, and respect for social rules and mores will be easier to develop.

Taking risks may be difficult, however. When confronted with a new situation, Johnny's automatic response may first be to resist. Unless other factors in the chart suggest otherwise, conservative attitudes will almost always prevail. Especially if others or an existing situation clearly provide real security, Johnny will feel that following the established order is more comfortable than changing the status quo. This aspect can reinforce a feeling that the best choice is always to keep things as they are, but it can also indicate an ability to form a positive sense of self.

How Johnny Expresses His Inner Feelings

Most of us are more comfortable if we can talk about our emotional experiences to someone special. A child needs to feel that it's okay to share feelings and ideas, and that he can talk with his parents about anything. Children who aren't given opportunities to communicate their emotional needs can develop problems communicating almost everything else.

The planet Mercury represents how we communicate. Though it isn't traditionally linked with the emotions, its role in the expression of feelings is highly important. Mercury's function in our lives is to link internal processes to the external world, and one of the most important links is sharing emotions.

Since Johnny has Mercury and Venus connected, he needs to communicate his sense of values and expressions of love in a clear way. At an early age, he may enjoy listening to prose and poetry, and may be especially drawn to singing about feelings! When emotions can be expressed verbally or artistically, he simply feels better.

Since Mercury and Saturn are connected, Johnny tends to take communication seriously. The primary emotional implication of this connection is that Johnny may worry excessively. Help him to appreciate the reality of situations, but also encourage him to rest and relax his mind. Make a special effort to teach positive thinking.

Even at an early age, Johnny may have ideas and ways of communicating that are very different from those of most of his friends. His connection between Mercury and Uranus may signify that his thinking is highly original, but he may find that his unusual thoughts are alienating and then come to feel that he is "weird." To build his confidence, parents and teachers should show Johnny how to use his original thoughts creatively. It is also helpful to reinforce his trust in his intuitive mind.

Loving and Self-Esteem

Self-esteem is another important part of Johnny's psychological makeup. This is described by Venus. Throughout life, in order to encourage growth on every level, including the growth of self-esteem, a person needs the Venusian energy of love from others. Venus also rules value systems in general, as well as artistic expression (which is itself an important emotional outlet).

Selfish behavior can be Venusian, too. In earliest years, Venus may show up mainly as Johnny's particular expression of selfishness. As Venus energy evolves, he will develop his capacity to share. After about age four, you'll see Venus expressing in a more outgoing manner, when he may finally want to give something to another person. The full involvement of Venusian development comes during the teen years, when falling in love becomes a reality.

Johnny's Venus in Taurus bestows a strong desire to experience the beautiful side of life. He may particularly love music (especially singing), tactile activities such as working with modeling clay, and getting into nature. Encourage Johnny to grow something! When it comes to expressing affection, hugs and closeness mean a lot to him. He is likely to develop close attachments to people and situations.

Johnny's Venus-Saturn connection gives a tendency to feel inhibited about expressing love and affection. It can indicate low self-esteem. Johnny may feel that to be loved, he must do certain things, or do things in a particular way. Such self-imposed restrictions on receiving love can be tremendously detrimental to the need to express tenderness openly. Johnny may also associate love with fear: the fear that the love may not be there, or the fear that love will cause pain.

Whatever barrier Johnny builds against intimacy, parents can help him by becoming sensitive to it. Developing a trust in his feelings can be frustrating for Johnny. Once the sexual self begins to develop, it's important for him to be able to cope with these feelings without fear and guilt.

Since Venus also deals with the concept of beauty, it's possible that Johnny will be overly focused on whether or not he is attractive. For better or worse, our society places a strong value on the way someone looks. Given the media exposure that children receive today, they, too, are being bombarded by images that they will try to emulate. If Johnny receives messages from parents or teachers that there is a problem with his looks, then he will take it more seriously and is likely to worry about it. It is crucial for Johnny to understand the many layers of beauty and to be taught how to accept himself with love — even with a few flaws that challenge the popular ideal.

Johnny's desire and ability to include a wide range of friends in his life arises from a connection between Venus and Uranus. Johnny may especially enjoy team activities and group associations, but he also has a need to stand out from the crowd. He may be the one who sets trends or begins a fashion revolution. His need is to be different, and to let others know that being different is fantastic! Also, Johnny may champion the underdog. If you're wondering why Johnny brings home the weirdest kids in the school, it's because he can relate to them.

Spontaneous emotion is a definite possibility with a Venus-Uranus connection, and so Johnny may have a powerful urge for free emotional expression. Johnny's show of love is an expression of his own need for unconditional acceptance.

Assertiveness and Anger

We've already looked at Johnny's Mars as an indicator of his level of physical energy and its best avenues for expression. Mars will also play a major part in describing his basic emotional nature.

The assertive, active, and fiery qualities of Mars show up early in a child's development, making themselves really obvious during the period called "the terrible twos." Sometimes, when Johnny is upset or hurt, his Mars will surface as anger. At other times, his Mars will show up as an attempt to test limits. Testing limits is a natural part of development, and every parent hopes that the child will be safe during those times. In adolescence, a child's Mars may also show up as the assertive side of sexuality.

Parents face a tremendous challenge in helping a child to understand, accept and deal with this raw energy. Mars' energy needs to be released in healthy ways, or it will surface as aggression and hostility. Parents need to teach a child that anger is a normal feeling. The important thing for a healthy adjustment in life is the way that the anger is channeled and expressed. If misdirected, the expression of Mars can be destructive and hurtful. However, as Johnny learns to direct his need to be assertive and strong, he will begin to feel an increasing sense of confidence, courage and personal power.

With Mars in Virgo, Johnny needs to keep those hands busy. As a baby, he may be fidgety and fussy if he's the least bit uncomfortable. Toddler years may find him fascinated with dexterity-building toys, puzzles, and gadgets. As he grows, art, music, dance and sports like gymnastics may help him to further his capacity for dexterity and attention to detail. Since Mars in Virgo can be excessively critical of self and others, however, Johnny may need to develop patience with the process of becoming skillful. Don't expect Johnny to be neat. Keeping all those tools and toys organized may not be nearly as much fun as pulling them off the shelf and putting them to use!

Quick responses and an excitable temperament are a strong part of Johnny's personality. With a healthy contact between Mars and Uranus, Johnny needs ample opportunity to express himself freely, but could benefit as well from lessons of positive caution. In fact, teaching reasonable caution may be absolutely necessary! As an example, Johnny may be fascinated with high-risk activities like skydiving or ski jumping. He should be encouraged to explore such risky activities only after adequate instruction and when maturity allows.

This combination also tends to stimulate sudden, focused expressions of anger. On the upside, it can give an ability to take the lead when courage and ground-breaking are necessary.

The fascination with power that Johnny feels is symbolized by a dynamic connection between Mars and Pluto. On the one hand, he may have a strong need to express personal power, and even in younger years he may possess a sense of omnipotence. Alternatively, he may feel powerless. It's important to determine if this is true, especially if this child is in a situation with adults (such as a powerful father) who are especially strong.

Since Johnny has a special ability to heal and regenerate, he has the potential to overcome early traumas and difficulties. In doing so, he can find positive directions for his own power, and learn to prevent others from absorbing or stealing it.

This aspect can also indicate a fear of anger, so that a child represses these feelings. Make sure that Johnny has permission to express anger. He needs to learn that dealing with angry feelings when they surface is better than letting them build up and then explode like a volcano.

It's also possible that Johnny may be drawn to early sexual experimentation. Learning about the balance of power that exists in sexual situations is a difficult but necessary lesson.

It's also important that Johnny be given permission to express his own power. In order to enable that power to find positive expression, support this child's innate need to influence or bring change into the lives of others. Teach him to find ways to help: for example, by aiding an ailing friend or relative, or nursing an injured animal back to health and freedom. Johnny needs to see transformation in action. This happens around us all the time, especially when a person becomes whole following an illness. If guided, Johnny's need to change things can be harnessed to bring about positive change in the world.

Developing Johnny's Uniqueness

To find out how the qualities of ingenuity, rebellion and personal uniqueness are likely to surface in Johnny's personality, we look to the planet Uranus. While these traits *may* be evident in a very young child, they often don't come out until teenage years, when young people most tend to rebel against the status quo.

Johnny's Uranus in the First House adds an unusual, independent quality to his whole personality. He needs plenty of room to exercise his individuality, and should be given ample opportunities to express his preferences for clothes and other items related to his personal image. During teen years, watch for surprise colors — at the least!

Because Uranus spends about seven years in each sign, its sign is likely to be the same for all or most of the children in Johnny's age group. While the signs of the slow-moving planets Uranus, Neptune and Pluto don't give much information about individual children, they do give valuable insights into the generation into which the child was born. Looking at earlier generations can be instructive, because themes that crop up in one generation tend to reappear in succeeding generations when a planet returns to the same sign. In the case of Uranus, the next entry into the same sign takes place about 84 years later.

Johnny's age group has Uranus in Virgo. During the 20th century, Uranus was in this sign from 1962 to 1969. This generation was marked by its rebellion against the old way of doing things. With the Virgo credo, "There has to be a better way," these people became highly adept at creating and using innovative tools. They also, however, ran the danger of going too far with their fix-it attitude.

Hidden Emotional Currents

The energies of the planet Pluto may also be significant in Johnny's emotional life. Because Pluto represents our deepest reservoirs of emotional energy, its qualities are not usually openly expressed in childhood. However, when Pluto connects to a major astrological point like the Sun, Moon, Ascendant or Midheaven, Pluto's profound level of emotional and transformational energy will be easier to see, even in a child's early years.

It's virtually impossible, however, for a child to direct an awareness of this energy. This is because the personal self must be well-developed before knowledge of this esoteric plane of consciousness can awaken. In fact, most adults have difficulty with this part of themselves! Although generally the energy of Pluto isn't consciously expressed during the childhood years, it may be unconsciously felt. Pluto can represent deep-seated anxieties or fears that are, for lack of a better description, absorbed into the psyche.

The house that Pluto is in signifies the area of life where you can help Johnny get in touch with a need for healing and transformational change. Johnny's Pluto in the Second House can suggest a fear of not being good enough or not having sufficient resources. Johnny needs extra reinforcement of his self-worth and may also need to be taught how to handle time and things of material value. There is an innate attraction to renewal, and this can be cultivated in simple ways, such as by using old milk cartons for art projects. Later, Johnny might enjoy helping with or taking charge of the family recycling efforts.

Pluto takes nearly 250 years to make a complete circuit of the zodiac, and so its sign tells more about the transformational influence that Pluto will have on Johnny's whole generation. His generation was born when Pluto was in Virgo, which occurred in recent centuries from the years 1957 to 1971. This group was saddled with the task of repairing the trauma created by previous generations. Whether the trauma was to the Earth or to the individual, there was a strong need to see the whole picture. This generation's interests ranged from integrating holistic and alternative health techniques to simplifying lifestyles. It also arrived in time to deal with the questions posed by genetic engineering.

Expressing Emotions in the World

We've already talked about the Ascendant as the window-dressing or mask of the personality. At a more fundamental level, the Ascendant is the interface through which the inner person meets the outer world. Therefore, to learn more about how Johnny expresses his emotional self, we should also look at whatever planets connect with his Ascendant.

With the Sun in a sextile aspect with the Ascendant, Johnny is likely to have a "sunny" disposition! There's a tendency to be highly noticeable, and he may like to shine above the crowd.

Jupiter in a trine to the Ascendant adds a sense of confidence, optimism and enthusiasm. However, it can also exaggerate the personality, and it can sometimes encourage a noticeable overindulgence and laziness.

The extra-sensitive quality of Johnny's personality may be amplified because Neptune makes a dynamic square to the Ascendant. Johnny may sometimes feel invisible, and can find it difficult to make his needs known. Positive outlets for this Neptune contact include acting, music and the other arts.

The Direction of Emotional Flow

Yet another factor that influences the emotional expression of a planet is whether it was traveling forward through the zodiac as it usually does, or appearing to move backward, as planets sometimes appear to do when they are viewed from the earth. When a planet is traveling backward, or "retrograde," it usually takes on a more inward expression.

Trusting inner security is a primary lesson for any child who, like Johnny, was born with a retrograde Saturn. Questions about his own personal safety could cause him excessive anxiety, worry or fear when he faces new situations.

Also, having Saturn retrograde may at first make it difficult for him to learn Saturn's lessons of structure, direction, discipline, and the setting of priorities. Johnny may innately mistrust authority, or have problems relating to the parent who provides this structure in the early years. That parent might be inaccessible to Johnny, perhaps because he or she is absent, constantly working, or emotionally distant. In such a case, Johnny would need to learn to go within to achieve his own sense of structure, direction and personal discipline.

Affirmations that confer a sense of confidence, achievement and personal strength can be powerful tools for this child. Once his sense of self-doubt is overcome, Johnny has the potential to become remarkably self-disciplined and focused. Pianist Van Cliburn, actor Sean Connery, dancer/actress Leslie Caron and singer Dionne Warwick were all born with Saturn retrograde.

Neptune's energy ordinarily draws us into the inner self where we dream, visualize, imagine and escape. Since Johnny has Neptune retrograde, this energy becomes even more introspective. Johnny's desire to escape the ordinary world and its pressures is intensified. He may have to struggle to distinguish between physical-plane reality (what we usually think of as "real") and the world of imagination or illusion. It's absolutely necessary that he learn the positive uses of creative imagination. Imagination should certainly be encouraged, but in ways that are constructive to Johnny's growth. Neptune's house placement will indicate the area in which Johnny needs a creative escape and how he can be effective in using his imagination. Farrah Fawcett, Yoko Ono, and Ralph Waldo Emerson are some of the well-known people who were born with Neptune retrograde.

Chapter Four:

Fostering Creativity and Spirituality

Children seem to be inherently connected to spiritual awareness and expression. Their joy in the daily discoveries of life can be infectious, and a child's sense of wonder can bring light into everyone's life.

A child needs very little encouragement to seek truth and embrace a sense of the divine. But it's necessary to support this natural connection, because this can make all the difference in the child's ability to trust himself. One of the most significant ways to help Johnny awaken and touch Spirit is to foster his creativity. It's not necessary for him to be a consummate artist, but he needs room to experiment with his creative self. The astrological factors that will particularly support his expression of spirituality and creativity include Mercury, Venus, Jupiter and Neptune.

The Link from the Inner Self

In addition to being associated with education and development of the intellect, the planet Mercury plays an important role in self-expression. This is because Mercury links ideas and concepts from the inner self to the outside world. Mercury's position in the zodiac can suggest the creative outlets and mediums that are most suitable for a given child.

To develop Johnny's Mercury-in-Taurus style of creativity in early years, you can encourage artistic play with clay. Johnny may have very expressive hands, and will enjoy handling earthy materials as part of his creative process. Johnny may also like using his hands to make music. In addition, Mercury in Taurus could mean that he has a very pleasant singing voice.

Creative Expression and Artistry

Venus, which is traditionally connected with art, is of course another important part of Johnny's creativity. Venus represents beauty, an inner quality that every child needs to feel, identify and express. Venus also represents a means by which Johnny can experience and express his feelings. While the Moon represents feelings, Venus can give voice and material expression to them.

Since Johnny has Venus in Taurus, he may have a wide range of talents and creative interests in music. His favorite form of musical expression may be singing. A love of nature's beauty could inspire creativity with flowers, as in gardening or flower arranging. The earthy, sensual qualities of Venus in Taurus can stimulate expressions like making pottery or using clay in other ways. Painting and drawing might also be enjoyable, and there may be talent in jewelry design. Johnny could also become a first-class cook, perhaps specializing in confection-making. Whatever expressions are considered, the important thing is to encourage Johnny to explore those that feel good to his heart.

In addition, Johnny's Venus is in the Tenth House, which indicates a desire to develop an artistic career, or at least have some public display of his artistic talents. To encourage these talents, approval from family and teachers is very important for this child. He may also have a gift for directing the efforts of others.

Venus and Mars in square aspect indicate that Johnny may feel an inner frustration when expressing creativity. This aspect doesn't mean a lack of talent, but it could mean a problem directing it in the best possible way. Attention to grace, style and flow will be helpful, whether Johnny is singing, dancing, speaking, or working in the garden. Exercises like dance, tai chi or martial arts can help him to connect emotional and physical qualities of expression more smoothly. Otherwise Johnny may feel like a "klutz," with physical awkwardness leading to potentially embarrassing situations and perpetuating self-conscious behavior.

A square aspect from Saturn to Venus makes it possible that Johnny will be excessively critical of his own efforts, thus restricting the creative flow and causing feelings of frustration. Procrastination could also happen. Johnny may wait to share his creations until he feels absolutely certain that his efforts will meet with approval. Or, he may fear that he will disappoint someone whose endorsement carries great significance. Another possibility is that his creative talents could be overly structured so that spontaneity is lost or diluted.

Because of all of these possible Saturn-Venus meanings, loving guidance and care are exceptionally important. The good news is that this aspect can also give Johnny a powerful drive to develop his creativity. Venus-Saturn may just mean that there are a few obstacles to overcome!

With Venus square Uranus, Johnny will definitely have a unique quality that shows in his creativity. His tastes are bound to be a bit unusual, futuristic, and sometimes even strange. Fascinated with whatever is relatively untried, he may be drawn to technologically innovative media like synthesized music, computer games, electronic art or desktop publishing.

Though Johnny can be creatively innovative, when it comes to art or music classes, he may not fall into line. Also, he could have trouble concentrating, as when the form of expression doesn't seem "quite right," or some spontaneous inspiration distracts him from completing the project at hand.

Inspiration and Enthusiasm

The expansive energy of Jupiter takes Johnny beyond purely self-centered awareness and encourages him to reach out and expand his personal universe. Jupiter brings a desire to grow, to broaden one's horizons, to feel adventure and joy. Through Jupiter, Johnny can begin to exercise his sense of hope and vision, and his generosity and enthusiasm. Most important, when he's in touch with Jupiter, Johnny is inspired.

The earliest awareness of Jupiter deals primarily with the concepts of sharing, positive thinking, enthusiasm and hope for reward. It's generally not until elementary school and preteen years that a child develops enough cognitive skill to manifest Jupiter's philosophical side. Moral questions flow through the realm of Jupiter, and learning higher principles from inspiring teachers and mentors is another way that this energy can take form in later childhood. While Jupiter gives the potential for exploring religious teachings and developing a personal philosophy, this may take a lifetime to develop. Jupiter is a function of the higher mind, the part of our consciousness that can connect with the Divine. During childhood, Johnny is likely to express Jupiter mainly through endless questions and by feeling a natural wonder about universal principles and a Higher Power.

Jupiter's placement in Johnny's Ninth House indicates that even from an early age he may have a strong interest in understanding moral values. He will have a strong appreciation for teachers who walk their talk. Interested in religion and philosophy, he may love allegorical tales that drive home universal truths. Exploring other cultures can be an excellent way for him to learn the value of tolerance.

Dreams and Imagination

Then, there's the world of imagination, which is largely ruled by Neptune. What child isn't a master of make-believe? Johnny should be encouraged to use his imagination and to trust his dreams, since these, too, are an important part of reality. It's important, though, to teach him to identify the difference between real and imaginary worlds. This can be quite a job, but it's an important lesson for a child to learn.

The sensitivity that Neptune bestows also allows Johnny to connect with parts of the spiritual, nonphysical realm. Neptune can be an expression of divine compassion, something that needs special support and nourishment during childhood. Johnny can be taught to express this through charity. A child taught to give to others less fortunate is definitely a blessed child.

For clues about the best ways to engage Johnny's imagination, what he likes to dream about, and the areas of life where he's most likely to exercise compassion toward others, we look to the house where Neptune is placed in his chart. Johnny's Neptune in the Fourth House is perfect for a child who wants to spend time in the playhouse or fort in the back yard. Johnny will also enjoy emulating the activities of the family, and this, too, will stimulate his creativity. Family holiday traditions can provide still other opportunities to exercise his imagination and his impulse to give.

Johnny was born into the age group that has Neptune in Scorpio. In the 20th century this occurred from 1957 to 1970 and produced a generation focused on erasing old prejudices and uncovering the mysteries of human psychology. Neptune's spirituality came out as a deep need to understand profound emotional issues, including ones dealing with birth, healing and death. Human sexuality and its many forms of expression were another significant element for this generation, which saw powerful links between sexuality, spirituality and creative expression.

Chapter Five:

How Johnny Will See His Parents

Guess what? You can tell how Johnny is likely to see his parents or other primary caregivers by looking at his own chart. Understanding how Johnny perceives Mom and Dad can be especially helpful, since what Johnny hopes to see and needs to experience from his parents forms the basis of his own sense of self. In this chapter we'll look at Johnny's own personal view of mother and father figures, as well as of authority figures in general.

Projection is a key factor in human psychology. To better understand this concept, think of a movie projector, which shows an image against a screen. In human psychology, the process of projection works much the same way. When Johnny feels happy, the world looks bright, too. But if Johnny is physically or emotionally low, his view of the world changes accordingly.

In their relationships with others, both children and adults will project their feelings and perceptions onto other people. The undeveloped aspects of the self are projected onto others usually as a means of "seeing" one's own feelings or needs. In other words, by projecting his needs onto the people in his personal environment, Johnny is actually experiencing himself.

Sometimes the other people are reasonable targets for those projections. This is especially true if the connections are tied up with emotional or other commitments. For example, Mother represents the inner feminine self for boys and girls alike. A child looks to Mother as the person who will reflect his or her own nurturing, feminine needs.

Johnny may, however, see things in Mother that Mother doesn't recognize in herself. It makes no difference whether Mother sees herself in this light. Johnny holds these particular perceptions of Mother because Mother is a projection screen for Johnny's inner needs for security. As Johnny matures into adulthood, the way he views her mother will determine how he'll play a nurturing and mothering role toward others.

How Johnny Will See Mother

Johnny's view of the mother figures in his life is shown by the placement of his Moon. A Moon in Capricorn suggests that Johnny sees Mother as serious and reliable and deserving of respect. To this child, the mother figure represents structure, organization, determination, persistence and control — the things that a person needs to feel secure.

Since Johnny's Moon is stimulated by a dynamic connection with Jupiter, Mother's encouragement is definitely needed. However, expectations can be a problem. Johnny may feel that satisfying Mother is difficult, and might tend to stretch the truth in order to appear better or more acceptable. Mother can help this child by making a special effort to define expectations when they do exist.

Through his chart's harmonious contact between Moon and Neptune, Johnny may have the feeling that Mother is a source of spiritual and mystical power. In some instances, Mother may personify a kind of ideal of perfection, especially in the sense of goddess-like qualities. The intuitive connection with Mother may also be quite profound and special to this child.

A flowing Moon-Pluto connection can stimulate a child to project an absorbing power onto Mother. Watch out, since Johnny may be sure that Mom has eyes in the back of her head! To this child, Mother seems like the ultimate healer. Because Mother seems to be the one who can connect to the power of transformation and regeneration, Johnny will have a specially strong need to be around Mother during any crisis.

How He Will See Father

Perceptions of his father and other male nurturing figures are mainly symbolized by the placement of the Sun in Johnny's chart. The Sun, the primary masculine energy in astrology, is also described as a person's sense of self. A true sense of self is very limited in a young child, who is unlikely to "own" these qualities until the preteen years or later. Nevertheless, the development of self may be strongly tied to the initial relationship with the father and, later, to interactions with other significant male figures. If these important people in his early life are supportive and consistent, Johnny will come to feel that his own individuality is reliable and strong.

With his Sun in Gemini, Johnny will tend to project qualities of intelligence, flexibility and connection onto Father, until he can own these qualities for himself. For Johnny, time spent sharing ideas with Dad is truly special.

His Sun being in the Eleventh House indicates that Johnny is likely to see Father as playing the role of a good friend. This child may experience the greatest encouragement when it is Father who gives the stamp of approval to his hopes and plans.

A connection between Johnny's Sun and Jupiter is likely to be projected as a kind of Santa Claus image, reinforcing his view of Father as the great provider. If, however, Dad provides many material things to compensate for a lack of time spent with him, it could cause problems. Johnny is nevertheless likely to view Father as optimistic and enthusiastic, and he will tend to look especially to his dad to provide inspiration and praise for his achievements.

Reflecting a supportive connection between the Sun and Saturn, Johnny may feel that Father is an excellent source of strength and security. Though he may have a very close relationship with Father, this child will probably also have a strong desire for Father's approval. This can be somewhat inhibiting. Since his approval seems so important, Johnny could allow Father's wishes to overshadow his own desires.

Authority Figures and Stabilizing Influences

For children, another important need is for solidity, structure and safety — and most children look to their parents to establish this for them. Though Johnny will learn about these eventually, as a small child he won't be capable of understanding the ways of the world, nor will he understand the need for limits. It's up to parents and teachers to set these limits and expose him to the rules of life. These rules, tests and structures are shown in his chart by Saturn.

Many children are anything but delighted at the prospect of being "responsible" — that's what adults are supposed to be, not kids! Therefore, especially in childhood, Saturn energy may much of the time feel judgmental and limiting. Nevertheless, Saturn brings the discipline, structure, stability and relationship to tradition that every child needs.

Saturn will show how Johnny needs to be stabilized and what he requires in terms of a sense of safety and security. Male and female parents, as well as teachers, can provide this stabilizing function in his life. The placement of Johnny's Saturn will also show how he will relate to other authority figures and to authority in general.

With Saturn in Aquarius, it's possible that Johnny will grow up in situations that defy traditional concepts, and will learn to accept that this is normal and right. Whether or not this is the case, this child will probably feel most stable when he has plenty of room to explore his individuality within a framework of personal responsibility. He is also likely to need parents who are comfortable standing up for humanitarian ideals.

His Saturn being in the Seventh House adds a need to learn how to honor promises. It's therefore especially important for parents to keep the promises that they make to this child. Johnny will also look to his parents to see how they deal with other commitments, and will pay attention to the way they keep their obligations in society.

As Johnny moves through the various stages of childhood, he will be able to take all the qualities and expressions that he once saw through others, and incorporate them into himself. The examples that Johnny observes may become the pattern for his own self-expression. In some instances, however, he may see something that isn't worth emulating. That, too, can be a part of his learning process. During his childhood, Johnny will have a grand opportunity to experiment and learn — hopefully while under the protective guidance of a loving family.

Conclusion

Here we've looked at the building blocks for the person who will become Johnny as an adult. Childhood is a critical time because its vestiges remain throughout a person's life. To some degree, these fragments will play a role in his personal creativity, career choices and life path for many years to come.

I hope that this look at Johnny's astrological chart has enlarged your understanding of the unique gifts, needs, problems and potentialities that he's brought with him into this lifetime. Perhaps by reading it you will have gained some insights that will enable you to further his chances of having a happy and fulfilling life, and of growing into the person he was meant to be.

May you savor the wonder of this precious new person, and enjoy every moment of your journey together!

An Afterword from Gloria Star

Whether you're looking into the life of a child dear to your heart, or recalling your own childhood through the lens of this report, it's always interesting to explore what astrology illuminates.

I've been a professional astrologer since 1975. My first book, *Optimum Child* (Llewellyn, 1987), came from a desire to show parents that exploring their child's astrological chart could be tremendously helpful during the challenges they would face. This book was based on observation of hundreds of children and many years of feedback. Since I wrote those first notes, I've had a chance to continue my research in this area, resulting in an expanded and revised book titled *Astrology & Your Child* (Llewellyn, 2000). That book gave rise to the observations in this report.

I've written other books, too. Among them, *Astrology: Woman to Woman* (Llewellyn, 1999) is especially for and about women. Instead of insisting that my readers try to figure out how astrology might apply to their lives, I prefer to write about real-life experience, and then bring astrology into this realm.

I love to travel, and teaching astrology in lectures and workshops both at home and abroad has provided a marvelous opportunity for me. Thousands of astrological charts later, I realize that I'm still learning! That's one reason I love this subject

Planetary Positions

| Planet | | Sign | | Longitude | Declination |
|--------|-----------|-------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| q | Sun | is in | d Gemini | 18` 02' 52" | +22` 54' 00" |
| w | Moon | is in | v Capricorn | 13` 48' 57" | -22` 06' 00" |
| e | Mercury | is in | s Taurus | 25` 17' 03" | +15` 21' 00" |
| r | Venus | is in | s Taurus | 26` 05' 45" | +18` 04' 00" |
| t | Mars | is in | h Virgo | 3` 13' 15" | +11` 27' 00" |
| y | Jupiter | is in | a Aries | 13` 58' 41" | + 4` 23' 00" |
| u | Saturn | is in | b Aquarius | 23` 04' 47" | -14` 50' 00" |
| i | Uranus | is in | h Virgo | 1` 34' 39" | +11` 37' 00" |
| o | Neptune | is in | x Scorpio | 13` 24' 53" | -14` 07' 00" |
| p | Pluto | is in | h Virgo | 9` 37' 45" | +20` 27' 00" |
| l | N. Node | is in | f Cancer | 22` 14' 08" | +21` 36' 00" |
| j | Ascendant | is in | g Leo | 12` 26' 36" | +17` 04' 00" |
| k | Midheaven | is in | s Taurus | 3` 21' 58" | +12` 38' 00" |

Emphasis in Elements

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| Fire | : yj | Total = 2 | Weighted Score = 3 |
| Earth | : wertipk | Total = 7 | Weighted Score = 12 |
| Air | : qu | Total = 2 | Weighted Score = 5 |
| Water | : ol | Total = 2 | Weighted Score = 1 |

Emphasis in Modes

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| Cardinal | : wyl | Total = 3 | Weighted Score = 5 |
| Fixed | : eruojk | Total = 6 | Weighted Score = 9 |
| Mutable | : qtip | Total = 4 | Weighted Score = 7 |

Weights Used Above

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| Sun | = 3 | Moon | = 3 | Mercury | = 2 | Venus | = 2 |
| Mars | = 2 | Jupiter | = 2 | Saturn | = 2 | Uranus | = 1 |
| Neptune | = 1 | Pluto | = 1 | N. Node | = 0 | Ascendant | = 1 |
| Midheaven | = 1 | | | | | | |

Planetary Aspects

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| q | Sun | is | G | Sextile | y | Jupiter | The orb is 4` 04' |
| q | Sun | is | F | Trine | u | Saturn | The orb is 5` 02' |
| q | Sun | is | G | Sextile | j | Ascendant | The orb is 5` 36' |
| q | Sun | is | Z | Semisquare | k | Midheaven | The orb is 0` 19' |
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| w | Moon | is | D | Square | y | Jupiter | The orb is 0` 10' |
| w | Moon | is | G | Sextile | o | Neptune | The orb is 0` 24' |
| w | Moon | is | F | Trine | p | Pluto | The orb is 4` 11' |
| w | Moon | is | S | Opposite | l | N. Node | The orb is 8` 25' |
| w | Moon | is | V | Quincunx | j | Ascendant | The orb is 1` 22' |
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| e | Mercury | is | A | Conjunct | r | Venus | The orb is 0` 49' |
| e | Mercury | is | D | Square | u | Saturn | The orb is 2` 12' |
| e | Mercury | is | D | Square | i | Uranus | The orb is 6` 18' |
| e | Mercury | is | G | Sextile | l | N. Node | The orb is 3` 03' |
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| r | Venus | is | D | Square | t | Mars | The orb is 7` 07' |
| r | Venus | is | D | Square | u | Saturn | The orb is 3` 01' |
| r | Venus | is | D | Square | i | Uranus | The orb is 5` 29' |
| r | Venus | is | G | Sextile | l | N. Node | The orb is 3` 52' |
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| t | Mars | is | A | Conjunct | i | Uranus | The orb is 1` 39' |
| t | Mars | is | A | Conjunct | p | Pluto | The orb is 6` 25' |
| t | Mars | is | F | Trine | k | Midheaven | The orb is 0` 09' |
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| u | Saturn | is | V | Quincunx | l | N. Node | The orb is 0` 51' |
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| o | Neptune | is | G | Sextile | p | Pluto | The orb is 3` 47' |
| o | Neptune | is | D | Square | j | Ascendant | The orb is 0` 58' |
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| p | Pluto | is | F | Trine | k | Midheaven | The orb is 6` 16' |