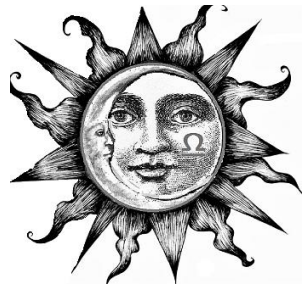


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A SOLAR WRITER REPORT
for Martin Luther King

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Natal Chart

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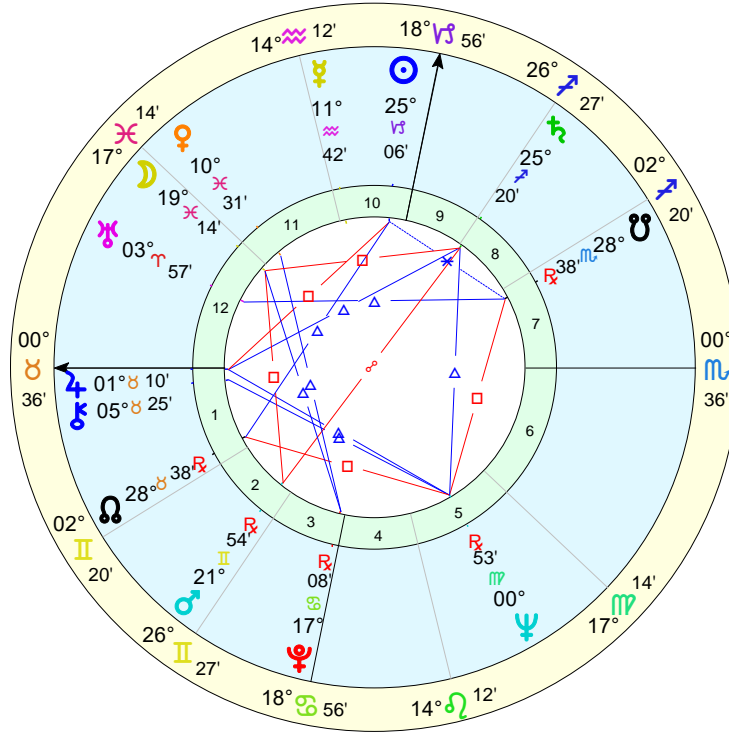
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Astrological Summary

Chart Point Positions: Martin Luther King

Planet	Sign	Position	House	Comment
The Moon	Pisces	19°Pi14'	12th	
The Sun	Capricorn	25°Cp06'	10th	
Mercury	Aquarius	11°Aq42'	10th	
Venus	Pisces	10°Pi31'	11th	
Mars	Gemini	21°Ge54'	2nd	
Jupiter	Taurus	1°Ta10'	1st	
Saturn	Sagittarius	25°Sg20'	8th	
Uranus	Aries	3°Ar57'	12th	
Neptune	Virgo	0°Vi53'	5th	
Pluto	Cancer	17°Cn08'	3rd	
Chiron	Taurus	5°Ta25'	1st	
The North Node	Taurus	28°Ta38'	1st	
The South Node	Scorpio	28°Sc38'	7th	
The Ascendant	Taurus	0°Ta36'	1st	
The Midheaven	Capricorn	18°Cp56'	10th	

Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Square	Mars	2°39'	Applying
The Moon	Square	Saturn	6°06'	Applying
The Moon	Trine	Pluto	2°05'	Separating
The Moon	Sextile	The Midheaven	0°17'	Separating
The Sun	Square	Jupiter	6°03'	Applying
The Sun	Trine	The North Node	3°32'	Applying
The Sun	Sextile	The South Node	3°32'	Applying
The Sun	Square	The Ascendant	5°30'	Applying
The Sun	Conjunction	The Midheaven	6°09'	Separating
Venus	Trine	Pluto	6°37'	Applying
Mars	Opposition	Saturn	3°26'	Separating
Jupiter	Trine	Saturn	5°49'	Applying
Jupiter	Trine	Neptune	0°16'	Separating
Jupiter	Conjunction	Chiron	4°14'	Applying
Jupiter	Conjunction	The Ascendant	0°33'	Separating
Saturn	Trine	Neptune	5°32'	Applying
Saturn	Trine	The Ascendant	5°15'	Applying
Uranus	Trine	The South Node	5°18'	Separating
Neptune	Trine	Chiron	4°31'	Separating
Neptune	Square	The North Node	2°15'	Separating
Neptune	Square	The South Node	2°15'	Separating
Neptune	Trine	The Ascendant	0°17'	Applying
Pluto	Opposition	The Midheaven	1°48'	Separating
Chiron	Conjunction	The Ascendant	4°48'	Separating

INTRODUCTION



“Other things may change us, but we start and end with the family.”
- Anthony Brandt

Actor Michael J Fox once said that family was not an important thing, it was everything! This is certainly true as we start out in life. Our families are our first introduction to life, our first experience of this earthly world. So, they are indeed important. Our first instincts are shaped by what we experience in the womb, and then as we are birthed into this world, our relationship with our mother, father and then the rest of the family. Families also come in all shapes and sizes – two-parent families, single-parent families, blended families and so on. Decisions are made for us by family members before we are born. Events occur in our parents’ lives before we are born. These all affect our private emotional world and how we respond to the outer world. Astrology can shed light on what these experiences are likely to be, how they shape us and how we can move into adulthood and form our own healthy home and family life, a private life that sustains our individual needs.

Children born into the same family can experience the family dynamics in different ways, being sensitive to varying factors. For instance, one child may appreciate a fiery parent, while another might cower in fear. One child may appreciate, even flourish in, time alone, while another might crave togetherness. Children are also born into families at different points in time, and thus have contrary experiences. For instance, the first child may be born when the parents are just starting out, learning how to take care of a little one and perhaps struggling financially. By the time that another child is born parents are more settled emotionally and financially. The family has the same parents, but the children have different stories.

This report is written by a professional astrologer and is meant as an introduction to the concepts of astrology and how it affects you in the areas of home and family. It provides insights into the experiences that shape you as a person, and how you operate in your family. Some remain very close to family. Like Michael J Fox you believe that “family is everything”. If this is you then your report is likely to be full of planetary action. Others may have more of a focus on the outside world, ready to leave the nest and experience adventure. If this is you then our family report is likely to be shorter. Hopefully this report whets your appetite for more astrological information. If so, then you can access more detailed reports, or consult a qualified astrologer for further insights.

HOME AND FAMILY



“The events of childhood do not pass but repeat themselves like seasons of the year”.
- Eleanor Farjeon

The Moon

The Moon is the seat of our emotions. It indicates our experiences in the womb and our first feelings as we enter this world. As such it tells us much about our families of origin and what we then seek in order to feel comfortable in our private lives as adults. Part of our emotional journey is to learn to recognise our subconscious urges and express them in a positive manner. Our families are our first and most intimate learning ground. Understanding the Moon in our Birth Charts helps us understand our inner urges, our feelings, our instinctive wants and needs. We can then mature and form a family and home that is supportive of our unique needs. Our private world then supports us as we move out into our public lives, expressing ourselves, forming relationships and contributing to society through our chosen profession.

The Moon is in Pisces

Your Pisces Moon is arguably the most sensitive in the Zodiac. This can be both a hindrance and a superpower. How so? Ideally, you are born into a peaceful home and family, one that encourages you to express your emotions in a safe and perhaps even artistic manner. As such, you learn to trust your intuition, protect yourself when necessary and express the sensitive side of your nature. You are thoughtful and understanding, loving your family members and feeling safe in your home. However, other factors may interfere and affect your emotional development. If this is the case, you need to be wary of becoming too sympathetic, putting other's needs before your own. You need to stay away from people who have a negative effect, because you are susceptible to their influence. You also need to avoid negative means of escaping. Alcohol, drugs and such-like stimulants are too much for your sensitive nature. Instead you can listen to or play music, pursue spiritual activities, pick up a paint brush, or write poetry. These are just a few suggested outlets for your vivid imagination. Water activities may also provide solace if emotions and family life prove problematic. You may enjoy living in a home that is close to the water, a lake, the ocean or a running creek. Your home is likely to be decorated in soothing colours, and you may enjoy a water feature in your home or garden. You may also enjoy living somewhere close to nature, as this helps you feel at ease.

Aspects to the Moon Astrologers also look at whether or not other planets are making harmonious aspects to your Moon, or if they are inharmonious. This tells you whether or not you are easily able to fulfil your needs, whether or not your family life is harmonious, and how you can rise to the challenges that may face you in your private world. The Moon also reveals much about your emotional nature. The first place that emotions are experienced is in your childhood home and family. Therefore, these astrological aspects also reveal much about your feelings as a child, and what you learnt growing up in your household. Understanding various emotions can

help you function better as an adult.

The Moon is Square Mars

People who get close to you see a different side of your nature. This is because your loved ones see the strong emotions that stir inside of you, which are sparked because the emotional Moon combines with the fiery Mars in your Birth Chart. Positively speaking, your feelings are stirred by strong protective instincts, projects that ignite your passion and issues that stir your beliefs. The planet Mars gives you the ability to fight for your own and other people's basic needs. You are at your best when campaigning for other people's rights, protecting the vulnerable or those down on their luck. As long as your feelings are being expressed in positive ways, all is well. If you suppress your own needs and wants then it is likely to be a different story. Likewise, if someone upsets you then it can spark strong emotion. It is as if you have a switch inside you, when it turns on then you instantly react and the result may be volcanic. In other words, you have a temper and those closest to you know all about it. You could enjoy sporting activities as an outlet to any pent-up emotions. Household projects could also be satisfying. Your energy and vitality can inspire others, as long as you let them join in on their own terms. Your emotions are more likely to be expressive if your Moon is in a Fire or Air Sign – Aries, Gemini, Leo, Libra, Sagittarius, Aquarius. If your Moon is in an Earth or Water Sign – Taurus, Cancer, Virgo, Scorpio, Capricorn, Pisces – then you are more likely to suppress your feelings.

The Moon is Square Saturn

In an ideal world everyone would be born into equal circumstances, but this is not always possible. This combination of the Moon with serious Saturn indicates that early life is not easy. Family circumstances are likely to be compromised. This could mean that material comforts are in short supply, or that parental caregivers are pre-occupied with serious matters. As a result, it is likely that you learnt to grow up quickly. You may have faced adult issues at a young age. This can mean that you experience sadness and self-doubt at a young age. If your Moon is in an Earth or Water Sign – Taurus, Cancer, Virgo, Scorpio, Capricorn, Pisces – then you are likely to feel somewhat bewildered in your early household, not sure how to acknowledge and look after your basic emotional needs. If your Moon is in a Fire or Air Sign – Aries, Gemini, Leo, Libra, Sagittarius, Aquarius – then you may work hard to look after yourself and others in your family. As you mature, family life is likely to improve. The positive side of this combination is that, once you have come to terms with early childhood experiences, you gain wisdom. You are then able to work slowly and surely towards achieving your ambitions in life. You understand the worth of long-term goals, of working persistently, and of being reliable. You may seek security through building or purchasing your own home early in life, gradually improving your circumstances. You understand the value of family life.

The Moon is Trine Pluto

In an ideal world everyone would be born into equal circumstances, but this is not always possible. This combination of the Moon with serious Pluto indicates that early life is not easy. Family circumstances are likely to be somewhat volatile. Your relationship with your family, in particular your mother, is likely to be an intensely emotional one. Perhaps dramatic circumstance surrounded your birth, heralding an early childhood of emotional undercurrents. Your mother, or another female member of your family, may have challenges that affect her relationship with you. You are highly sensitive to her moods. As a child, you may feel responsible for other family members' circumstances. You need to ensure that you are not manipulated by anyone at home. You also need to learn to separate yourself from family dramas, particularly any involving female relatives. One of your main lessons in life is that other people's problems are not your fault. As you learn to accept this fact then you experience freedom, and can start to live your own life. And the good news is that you are perceptive, a knowing and wise person, who has learnt a great deal from your early childhood experiences. You may choose to share your lessons through choosing a profession in psychology, or some other form of counselling. You may also sever ties with your family of origin, focussing on starting afresh with your own family.

YOUR SIBLINGS



“To the outside world, we all grow old. But not to brothers and sisters. We know each other as we always were, we know each other’s hearts, we share private family jokes. We remember family feuds and secrets, family griefs and joys”.

- Clara Ortega

A sibling relationship is a key family relationship. It is likely to be the most enduring relationship of our life, outlasting the lives of our parents. Siblings have an impact on our early childhood, and family home, and continue to influence our lives as adults. Modern day families come in all shapes and sizes. When it comes to blended families, the relationship with a sibling can be the one stable bond as children move from one parent’s home to another. Siblings, or the lack of a sibling, shapes our history and our character, to a far greater extent than perhaps is recognised. Therefore, this Family Report includes a section outlining what our Birth Charts tell us about our needs when it comes to our brothers and sisters, and the extent to which these relationships affect our family life. Much of this also depends on what position we hold in the family. For instance, the eldest child has a different role to play than the youngest. The family situation can change, sometimes dramatically, in the years between the birth of each child. Some are considered “lucky” to be born into a relatively smooth family landscape, while others may be born into times of tension. As children, we ride the waves of these family changes, with our siblings. However, the sibling relationship is complex and intense, full of extreme displays of frustration and resentment, but also intimacy and love. Our challenge, as adults, is to recognise and accept the intense emotions, both negative and positive, and to fight to form a bond with our siblings, whether related by blood or by family ties.

Pluto is in the 3rd House

The 3rd House of your Birth Chart is the one that is intricately linked with your siblings, also with early education, and experiences with neighbours. This is because the 3rd House represents your first experiences of connecting to those who are not your parents. This, then, sets the scene for the way in which you communicate throughout your life. It is here that astrologers look to see the what, wherefore and why of your early childhood experiences, and your connections with those family members who share your parents. In your case, you need to form a deep and lasting bond with your siblings. However, this might not be as easy as it sounds. Powerful Pluto can sometimes disrupt sibling relationships. It can mean that you share a profound bond as a result of a tumultuous childhood event, or possibly one of your siblings is the trigger for your own profound understanding of relationships. In some cases, you can experience a sense of betrayal as a result of a sibling. Whatever, your personal childhood scenario, as an adult you need to overcome any childhood traumas and seek a kindred spirit with whom you may be fully engaged, completely honest, vulnerable and intimate.

Ruler of the 3rd House is Mercury

Every Birth Chart has a Planet related to each of the 12 House Cusps, and each House Cusp has a meaning. The 3rd House is connected to early childhood learning, siblings, your first journeys out of the family home and to connections to neighbours. In your case, your siblings play a vital role in your life, influencing how you communicate. All being well, you have a lively and stimulating connection with any siblings, or extended family

members. Misunderstandings need to be deftly dealt with. Otherwise, you are likely to become anxious. You are keen to share ideas, experiences and discoveries with your siblings and childhood friends. You learn much about yourself, and your communication style through your links with siblings. In fact, you may have a sibling who teaches you skills in a certain area of life, or with whom you share certain talents. Twins may feature prominently in your life. As an adult, you are keen to maintain good connections with your siblings, and may even share living quarters at some stage. It is likely that your children are encouraged to share many happy experiences with their cousins. While you enjoy making new friendships, you are also likely to maintain links with your childhood friends.

YOUR FAMILY ENVIRONMENT



“The ache for home lives in all of us, the safe place where we can go as we are and not be questioned”.
- Maya Angelou

Rulers of the 4th House give you vital information about the family environment in which you are raised, and therefore what you are likely to incorporate into your home life as an adult. For instance, your Sun may be shining its rays on the family sector of your Birth Chart. Your Sun Sign plays an important role in your Birth Chart and therefore your life. This is how you shine in the world. And so, it is important to see which area captures the light of the Sun, and therefore where you focus on the most. For instance, is your Sun shining brightly in the career sector of your Birth Chart, or in the marital section, etc? This report is focused on home and family. So, in this section you will see your Sun Sign highlighted if it is also connected with the 4th House of your Birth Chart, which is connected with your private life. This emphasises your bond with your home and family. If your Sun is not connected, then you will see which planet is most linked to those who share your living quarters, those people and the places that you call family and home.

Ruler of the 4th House is The Moon

The 4th House of your Birth Chart represents your home and family. This is one of the most private areas of your Birth Chart and hence your life. When an astrologer looks at your horoscope, the 4th House reveals your information about how you view your family, and your home. This is your first landing place when you are born, and may well be your last. The Moon ruling this section of your life give you a strong emotional bond to home. Perhaps you seek security, or perhaps you seek excitement. Perhaps you are like the Oak tree putting down deep roots, or maybe you are more like a tumbleweed, preferring to move from place to place. In this case, the ruler of your 4th House is the emotional Moon. This emphasises the Moon in your personal life. The Moon already reveals much about your personal emotions, but its placement in ruling the 4th House of your Birth Chart means that your emotional state of being is intimately linked with your experience of home and family. Your relationship with your family is paramount. The dynamics of your family relationships teach you much about your own emotional nature. No matter how far you roam, you are likely to have a strong attachment to your family of birth, and to the place that you call home.

YOUR FAMILY'S NATURE



“He is happiest, be he king or peasant, who finds peace in his home”.
- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

This section is about the Planets that reside in the sector of your Birth Chart most closely associated with your private life. Planets in the 4th House of your Birth Chart indicate that your home and family life are emphasised throughout your life. As you have already realised, it is not only the planets in the 4th House that are significant, but other planetary influences. Different people learn through varying ways, and have contrasting interests. One person may be much more career focussed than another. It doesn't mean that this person has no home, but rather than he or she learns more when out in the working world. This report focuses on the private section of your Birth Chart, home and family. If you have planets in this section then you are very much embedded in your private life, and in a family environment. If you have many planets in this sector of your Birth Chart then your family is most likely the most important motivating force in your life. The family patterns that were at play when you were young are likely to be some of the major lessons in your life.

Contrarily, it is possible to have no planets in your 4th House. This does not mean that you have no family. Rather it means that other areas of your life are highlighted. No one section of a Birth Chart is completely empty. Previous sections of this report have highlighted the role that family and your home play in your life, and you can focus on these. You may also realise that while your family is important, it is not the be all and end all. For some people being born into a family doesn't automatically make them more important than other people. Some people rail against family patterns from a young age, and therefore experience other areas of life much more profoundly.

So, if you have planets in this section of the report, you may learn much about the nature of your family, the role that you play and what does or doesn't enhance your ability to express your authentic self. However, the absence of planets in this section may also give you some clear indications of what is or is not a major influence in your life.

Conclusion



"Families are like branches on a tree – we grow in different directions yet our roots remain as one."
- Unknown

This report has been written to shed light your family patterns, and your own needs in your private life. Understanding your family history and their patterns of interaction may help you to identify ways that family communication can be improved. It can also help you understand and accept much about your own nature. Self-acceptance can be a big step forward in living a more satisfactory life.

No matter how loving and strong individual family members try to be, there are usually upsets and patterns that affect the individual members. As adults it is important to come to terms with the past, the effects of early family life, and to move forward to form a firm foundation. Hopefully this report can help in the process. The aim is to help individuals come to terms with the conditions that affected childhood, to see how and why these conditions have affected life as an adult, and consequently to help in the process of acceptance and unconditional love.

Astrology has the power to shed light on many aspects of life, showing how each of us differs in the same way that no snowflake or star is alike. Families are like clusters of individuals, where we learn to accept and love, both ourselves and our relatives. If we can thrive in a family environment then we can thrive in the world. We can accept that we are individuals and loved as such. Family life is not always as simple as this, because each individual has different challenges. Nevertheless, an understanding of the challenges can be healing, and help us move forward. That's the objective of this report. To help in that process.

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