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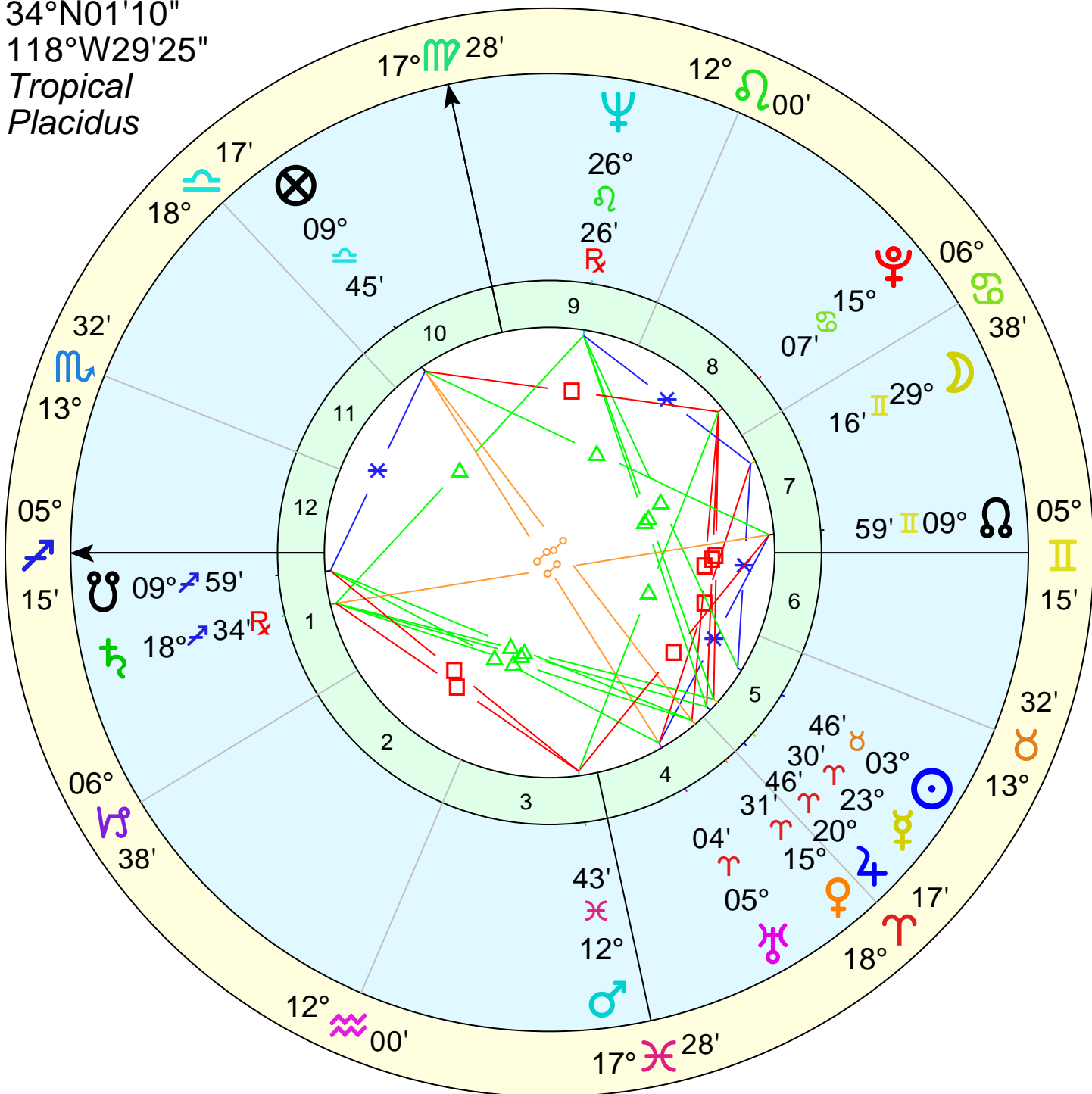
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Introduction



"There are stars whose radiance is visible on earth though they have long been extinct. There are people whose brilliance continues to light the world though they are no longer among the living. These lights are particularly bright when the night is dark." -- Hannah Senesh

This report has been written to introduce you to the concepts of astrology and help you get started with a child's natal chart. Astrology is a complex science which takes years to study and apply successfully; however, we would like to whet your appetite with this report, and encourage you to deepen your understanding through other means.

Astrology is a study of the connection between planets and life on Earth. It is based on a concept that energy patterns form between other planets and Earth and that these energies affect our lives as individuals and communities.

An astrological chart, also known as a horoscope, natal chart, or birth chart, records the relationship between the planets and the signs of the Zodiac. Charts can be calculated for the birth of a person, a community, an event or anything that seems momentous. The horoscope is as individual and unique as a fingerprint.

The aim of this report is to act as a guide for parents and mentors of children. All parents want the best for their children. We want our children to live happy and fulfilled lives. All mentors and teachers would like to see children reach their full potential. This can be achieved by recognising and accepting each child's individual gifts and weaknesses. In accepting these traits, we can help our children overcome obstacles and provide them with as many opportunities as possible to develop their talents.

The journey from babyhood to adulthood is full of joys and challenges. This report is intended to help parents and mentors to support and encourage their children through the difficult times and to provide them with as much love and joy as possible. Then childhood can become a true foundation for a rewarding and joyful adult life. Both children and their parents can be satisfied with a strong and healthy emotional bond, happy memories and many possibilities for future success.

When using these interpretations, please bear in mind that, inevitably, every chart will contain some contradictory influences and, as a result, certain interpretations of different items in the same chart may seem difficult to reconcile. However, this may still be an accurate reflection of a child's chart, as it is likely that any

child will experience conflicting desires, events and circumstances in their life. Usually it is the responsibility of an astrologer to synthesise these contradictions in order to present a cohesive and meaningful interpretation of the dilemmas of the chart. Any advice given is meant as an aid and the author and publisher accept no liability for any adverse effects of this report.

Family and Friends



"Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength while loving someone deeply gives you courage."
-- Lao Tso

The Moon

The Moon tells you about your children's emotional nature and basic needs. It is also the key to how they experience intimacy in relationships. The Moon tells you about your children's relationship with their mother, how they experience their mother's nurturing. As a result it can also give you insights on how to best nurture your children as babies and maturing young adults. When a child feels safe and has their basic needs met, they are better able to achieve their goals later in life.

The Moon is in Gemini

The entrance of young Shirley into the world creates a whirlwind of activity because this is a child who likes variety and stimulation. A regular routine is not on the agenda for young Shirley, who craves the stimulus of changing environments. Baby Shirley benefits from a change of scenery. Parents can provide this by attending plenty of social occasions, joining parents and children's groups or simply by providing hanging mobiles of different shapes and colours over baby Shirley's crib. As Shirley grows older she continues to benefit from social interaction with other children, as well as plenty of reading material and a variety of games.

Shirley is a highly intelligent child and likely to constantly question the "whys" and "wherefores" of everything in her path. When bored Shirley is extremely restless and perhaps prone to bad temper. When stimulated Shirley is a charming companion. Shirley may be an early talker, because she craves communication with other children and adults. She also enjoys childcare and kindergarten, although may have some difficulties settling into a regular routine at school. Flexibility is the key to parents successfully nurturing young Shirley. Toy telephones, play cassettes, books, and plenty of crayons and paper provide stimulation and fun-times for young Shirley.

The Moon is in the 7th House

From the moment of birth Shirley forms a close bond with her mother. Perhaps Shirley has special needs that require her mother's considerable attention, or perhaps she holds a special charm for her mother. Either way this bond with her mother is likely to have an important influence on her life and relationships. A nourishing, loving union with mother results in a confident and charming child. For this reason it is important that Shirley's

mother has a balanced approach to parenting, showing as much love and affection as possible, but also setting realistic limits. Otherwise there is a possibility that young Shirley can become spoilt and overly dependent on her mother if over protected. Alternatively, Shirley could become fiercely independent if mother is too emotionally distant. The sign of Shirley's Moon influences the likelihood of dependence or independence. A child with a Moon in the sign of Aries, Leo, Sagittarius, Gemini, or Aquarius is more likely to develop independence. However, a child with a Moon in the signs of Libra, Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces, Taurus, Virgo or Capricorn may want to hold on much longer and need some encouragement to explore the world. Of course there is no need for mother to worry. She needs simply to take note of the fact that it is her role to teach young Shirley how to relate to other people in a healthy manner. As a result Shirley's natural charm and love of people is allowed to develop, as well as her independence. This is a child who delights in the company of others and knows how to relate to people of all ages.

Venus

The planet Venus describes your children's personal relationships with family and friends. Like a Moon, Venus is important in describing how your child prefers to interact. This planet also gives vital information about your child's receptivity to love. This is important because a child feels loved in different ways. Some children feel cherished when loved ones are paying them lots of attention, whereas others feel most loved when given the freedom to go their separate ways. Therefore gaining an understanding of the planet Venus in your child's chart can give you insights into how to encourage rewarding relationships with family and friends.

Venus is in Aries

Independence is a driving force in the relationships of young Shirley. Generally speaking she enjoys the freedom of her own company and avoids large social gatherings. This is because young Shirley likes to take over in her friendships and family relationships. There is a tendency for bossiness and wilfulness, and therefore an inability to co-operate with other children. Faced with the choice of doing things another child's way or playing on her own, young Shirley opts for solitary activities. This is a child who likes her own way at home and in the playground. She enjoys the company of one or two friends, but only if these friends are happy to do things her way. This can all sound a little negative, but parents do not need to despair. Shirley enjoys a challenge and is not easily repressed by others. Shirley is not unhappy with her choices, or at least not very often.

Learning to interact with other children and family members is a challenge for young Shirley. All young children face challenges. With appropriate encouragement from parents, Shirley can learn to co-operate with others and consider their feelings and opinions. As such Shirley may benefit from activities that involve teams. In a team Shirley has both a positive outlet for pent-up frustrations, as well as an ideal environment for learning about team spirit and the value of interaction with others. Once Shirley has mastered the lesson of collaboration and respect for others, she is likely to be a good leader of her peer group inspiring friends and colleagues with her passion and enthusiasm.

Venus is in the 4th House

Shirley is a little homebody. She doesn't like to stray far from her home, or perhaps even from her own room. Shirley may be unusual in that she enjoys spending time tidying her room, placing all of her favourite things in special corners and making sure that everything is clean and neat. She may have an artistic flair for home decoration, which is apparent at a young age. Shirley finds her family members a great source of comfort, particularly any women in the family. For this reason, it is important that Shirley's mother, or any other female relatives, treat Shirley with much love and tenderness. Shirley enjoys socialising with family members, although she may prefer relatives to visit her at home rather than venturing out. Visits of friends and relatives are important to young Shirley. She can be quite the little host.

At the same time Shirley does need to be encouraged to take part in activities outside of her home. Ancient

astrologers believe that this is a powerful placement of the planet Venus meaning that young Shirley's early home life can provide a very beneficial foundation for her achievements later in life. For this reason it is important that Shirley's parents create a warm, loving and stable home environment.

Talents and Schooling



"Dance like no one is watching. Sing like no one is listening. Love like you've never been hurt and live like it's heaven on Earth." -- Mark Twain

The Sun

The Sun represents your child's identity. It describes your child's basic personality traits and their talents. It also tells you how your children think of themselves; how they need to express themselves; how they need to shine in their lives; how they feel alive. It is the centre of a child's self-expression. The Sun can also tell us about a child's father.

The Sun is in Taurus

The Taurus Sun child is both charming and reliable, thriving in a stable and ordered environment. Comfort plays an important role in Shirley's daily life. Shirley derives comfort from routine, thriving on the emotional security that accompanies familiar surroundings and a schedule. In fact once the routine has been established, Shirley can be quite stubborn about adjusting to new circumstances. Adapting to change is difficult for this young Taurean. Shirley also enjoys the sense of security that comes from being shown that she is well loved, particularly through the sense of touch. Shirley is an attractive baby and child, who derives pleasure from the warmth of human contact. In fact physical comfort, pleasure and emotional warmth are the keystones needed in order for Shirley to develop her talents.

Childcare, kindergarten and school should provide few problems for Shirley, as long as the transition from home to institution is a gradual and comforting one. It is important for Shirley to feel secure before undertaking any change in her life. As she grows older, Shirley shines in activities, which require a practical and sensible approach as well as creativity. Shirley may be quite conservative, developing a strong set of values that provide support as she develops her gifts.

The Sun is in the 5th House

Baby Shirley is a joy, full of smiles and responsive to all efforts to entertain her. Fun loving Shirley loves to play. A wide range of toys is beneficial for young Shirley; however, she delights in any creative activity. She has the ability to turn any item into a toy. Shirley is likely to respond well to music, art, crafts, sand play, water, clay or

the dramatic arts. She may well show an outstanding ability at a young age. It is important that Shirley's parents and mentors, in particular her father or a male mentor encourage her creative expression. The challenge for young Shirley is knowing when to stop playing and when to start work. Although she has the ability to make most things seem like fun, there are times when she has difficulty concentrating. This is particularly true for a child with the Sun in the sign of Gemini, Libra, Aquarius, Aries, Leo, Sagittarius or Pisces. A child with the Sun in the sign of Cancer, Scorpio, Taurus, Virgo or Capricorn is more likely to be able to combine creativity with concentration. Nevertheless it is unlikely that Shirley's parents need to worry. This is a child who is light-hearted, able to give much joy to her immediate family and the wider community. Young Shirley needs to be introduced to many new and exciting activities. As she matures then Shirley is likely to express her own individuality.

Mercury

The planet Mercury describes your children's intellectual abilities. The sign and placement of Mercury can describe whether or not your child finds it easy to concentrate at school. Your child may be a daydreamer or have great concentration. Your child may be shy or interact easily with other people. Either way it is possible to boost your child's self-esteem by choosing study methods and schooling that suits their needs rather than forcing them to fit into an alien environment. Gaining an understanding of the planet Mercury can help in these matters.

Mercury is in Aries

Shirley is forthright, learning to talk and read early in her development and quickly developing a reputation for blurting out what she thinks. Shirley calls a spade and spade, sometimes embarrassing adults with her honesty. She has an agile mind and is keen to understand matters as soon as possible. In fact she is frustrated if she cannot learn new tasks and topics rapidly. Shirley is eager to learn fresh things, but loses interest quickly. She needs the stimulation of new activities. Parents and mentors need to provide plenty of inspiration, while also helping young Shirley to learn the value of persistence. It is all too easy for young Shirley to drop a project the moment that it loses its appeal. School and study are easy challenges for Shirley. She is likely to be top of her class, enjoying a competitive environment at school. Her quick wit also entertains classmates. Reward systems are a good encouragement to keep Shirley on track; however, she is mostly self-motivated.

Shirley simply enjoys the pleasure of coming first in intellectual pursuits. She has a real talent for original thinking and acquiring knowledge. She may also excel at debating, crosswords, and creative writing. Shirley has the ability to excel in communication and study, provided she can persevere. Her tendency to make impulsive decisions and to be headstrong may detract from her talents. However, if she can learn to consider the consequences of her decisions then she is a formidable force.

Mercury is in the 5th House

Shirley has a quick wit. As a young child this becomes obvious, as Shirley loves to play word games, giggling with delight over certain word associations. As she matures her wit blossoms. Friends and relatives enjoy this side of Shirley's nature, but teachers may not be so impressed as lessons are likely to be disrupted by Shirley's clownish antics. This does depend on the rest of Shirley's birth chart. She may have a more serious side to her nature that balances this impish trait. Shirley's love of words needs to be directed in positive outlets such as reading and creative writing. She may have a real talent for creative writing or for public speaking, but only if it is fun.

Shirley finds it difficult to concentrate on anything that she considers being boring. Shirley enjoys reading, but mostly for fun. Concentrated study is not so appealing. She also enjoys puzzles and games, particularly games of strategy and wordplay. The challenge for parents and mentors is to maintain an element of entertainment in all lessons. For this reasons Shirley benefits from a less formal school environment. Teachers and parents can

also note that a sense of humour is a handy tool in defusing many an emotional moment with young Shirley.

Goals



"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." -- Eleanor Roosevelt

The Ascendant

The Ascendant, or Rising Sign as it's sometimes called, is considered to be an important component of an astrology chart. Ancient astrologers believed that the Ascendant depicted a person's primary motivation. Some believed that it was one of the links to discovering what makes a person happy. It could be said that when we're accomplishing our primary motivation then we're happy. By gaining knowledge of a child's Ascendant and discovering this child's primary motivation in life, parents and mentors can then help them achieve their goals. Caring adults can encourage the child with love and support. In turn your child experiences a sense of happiness and fulfilment.

The Ascendant is in Sagittarius

Shirley is likely to actively seek her purpose in life, taking the initiative rather than waiting until circumstances are comfortable. Sagittarius is a Mutable sign denoting versatility, flexibility, adaptability, sensitivity, restlessness, indecision and anxiety. However, it is also a Fire sign depicting a need for action and enterprise.

As a baby Shirley is easy going, enjoying the adventures of daily life. Shirley enjoys plenty of stimulation. As a child, Shirley is open-minded, honest, idealistic, jovial, impulsive and at times a deep thinker. Why and how questions are likely to abound, testing parents' knowledge. All being well this child views life as a continual adventure with many exciting lessons. She enjoys playing with other children and testing out the playground equipment. She also benefits from books. Shirley's irrepressible enthusiasm is irresistible, and others are keen to join her adventures. At times Shirley may be a little headstrong exhausting herself and her parents. However, Shirley's primary motivation is for adventure and this needs to be encouraged within reason. Shirley needs plenty of freedom to explore the wonders of the world into which she has been born.

Mars

Ambition and drive, like many traits, can be powerful positive forces in your children's lives, helping them achieve their dreams. Too much ambition can hinder your child's ability to collaborate. On the other hand,

without motivation your child may not be able to establish a healthy sense of self and successfully leave home and family. Studying Mars, the planet of drive and energy, assists parents and mentors. Mars describes vitality in your child's birth chart. If our children are free to pursue their own dreams and ambitions, their joie de vivre is a wonderful thing to see. By understanding the placement of Mars in your child's chart, you can help support their goals. You gain insight into whether or not your child lacks motivation in certain areas and why. You can also see if your child has an excess of passion. As a result you can either patiently try to motivate your child, or you can provide plenty of stimulation and direction.

Mars is in Pisces

The fiery energy of Mars does not mix well with water signs such as Pisces. This means that young Shirley has difficulty achieving her objectives. She is easily sidetracked, daydreaming rather than staying on task. If Shirley is left to her own devices then she enjoys a world of imagination and play, floating from one day to another. This may not be a problem for a young child at home but it creates difficulties as Shirley matures and is faced with more responsibilities such as schoolwork and household chores. She finds any practical task a real challenge. Parents and mentors are likely to be frustrated by young Shirley's carelessness but it is important not to be stern.

Parents and mentors need to help young Shirley find a positive direction, gently teaching her the benefits of completing her objectives. This child needs plenty of understanding and support. Excess criticism could destroy Shirley's self-confidence. She needs encouragement and praise for her abilities to be a sympathetic listener and an ingenious child. A creative pursuit such as learning to play a musical instrument or attending dance classes may provide an outlet for Shirley's imagination as well as teaching her self-discipline. As she matures and leaves school, her unique skills are more appreciated and she is more able to achieve her goals.

Mars is in the 3rd House

Young Shirley is noisy. Parents, siblings, friends and neighbours know when she is in the vicinity. Shirley seems to cry louder than other babies, talk louder than other children and play more noisily. This may abate later in life, but as a child Shirley enjoys making an impact on her family and neighbourhood. It is as if Shirley has come into this world with a message and she is going to make sure that everyone hears it. Shirley has a sharp wit and a keen intellect. She is likely to use these attributes to defend her siblings and friends. Once young Shirley's passions are aroused it is difficult to keep her quiet. For this reason Shirley may become an advocate for a political or environmental cause later in life. In fact she may show this talent for advocacy in early life if given the opportunity. Schooling is a challenge. The type of challenge depends on the sign of Mars. A child with Mars in the signs of Aries, Leo, Sagittarius, Gemini, Libra or Aquarius is going to be passionate about selected subjects, successfully completing goals as long as she is allowed to study in her own way. Shirley is likely to clash with strong-willed teachers, but nevertheless achieve good scholastic results. A child with her Mars in Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn, Cancer, Scorpio or Pisces is more likely to be introverted. She is enthusiastic about certain subjects, but tackles studies in a quiet and persistent manner. Clashes with teachers are likely. In other words the force of resistance shown on occasion by young Shirley may surprise Shirley's teachers and parents. She may benefit from letting off steam in a daily sports lesson or taking part in energetic neighbourhood sports and games. She also enjoys games of strategy such as chess and backgammon.

Childhood Journey



"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." -- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Wouldn't it be ideal if we could isolate one trait in our personalities, capture it in a glass for observation and dissection? Of course this is not possible. Neither is it possible for us to isolate one part of a birth chart. The different aspects of our children's birth charts intermingle in a complex manner to make the little person that we know and love. However, it is possible for us to influence the development of our children, to support them in their journey. The aim of this section is to give vital clues for parents and mentors on how to guide, but not coerce, the development of your child.

The Sun is Sextile The Moon

A sunny natured child, Shirley shines under the influence of this combination of the Sun and Moon. Her mother and father agree that young Shirley is special and together they decide on the best methods of raising their wonderful child. Shirley is fortunate to spend her early childhood under the nurturing influence of parental harmony. As a result Shirley develops a natural curiosity and has the confidence to explore her environment. Shirley enjoys new adventures and quickly adapts to changing routines. In fact Shirley's eagerness to discover new horizons may lead her into a few scrapes. Her parents need to offer young Shirley plenty of freedom, but also keep a watchful eye to make sure she explores within safe limits.

Neptune is Sextile The Moon

Shirley is a soft, imaginative and sensitive child. She needs gentle handling and a calm environment in order to thrive. Baby Shirley benefits from a peaceful and quiet home. If Shirley has noisy siblings, then she benefits from her own quiet room, somewhere to escape the hustle and bustle of daily life. Lullabies are likely to be the best method of getting Shirley off to sleep.

It is possible that young Shirley shows signs of creative talents in one form of the arts such as music or dance. Alternatively she may be a kind and caring young person with an inclination to help others. Of course Shirley could be both! she is particularly sensitive to the influence of one woman. This could be mother or grandmother, or a favourite aunt, teacher, nanny or caregiver. This woman is likely to be idolised by Shirley and may have difficulty living up to her expectations. On the other hand this woman could also positively influence young Shirley, teaching her in a gentle and loving manner and helping her reach her true potential. In babyhood

and childhood Shirley needs tender care, particularly by the women in her life.

Uranus is Square The Moon

Change is likely to play a prominent role in young Shirley's life. Parents and family members may try to provide a set routine for baby Shirley, but the routine is destined to be unsettled. This could be due to positive changes in Shirley's home life or because of upsets in her early life. Shirley's birth may have coincided with problems in her mother's life or perhaps her mother is a free spirit. In some cases Shirley's family or mother may have an unusual occupation or lifestyle. Depending on other aspects of Shirley's chart, she either enjoys the stimulation of a changing environment, or is unsettled by the lack of routine. Either way Shirley has the opportunity to develop as a resourceful, inventive and independent person. As a young child she may experience sudden mood changes as she learns to come to terms with life's challenges.

Parents do well to encourage Shirley's unique talents, and try to discipline through creative means rather than traditional ones because it is likely that Shirley is a non-conformist. Strict discipline brings out the rebellious side of young Shirley's nature and parents can be surprised at how stubborn she can be. Creative solutions to problems help Shirley learn without having a strong, negative emotional reaction. She may also have an unusual talent, which needs nurturing rather than thwarting. Shirley fares well when loving adults enjoy her unique approach to life.

Neptune is Trine The Sun

Shirley is a creative child, who longs for a close and caring relationship with her father or a man who can act as a father figure. Shirley is also a sensitive child who needs gentle support by an important man in her life. It is also possible that she has an artistic talent or an interest in spirituality that ideally needs to be nurtured by a father figure.

This is a child who needs to be encouraged by her father to trust her own instincts. Harsh discipline could cause such a gentle natured child to become timid. Rather she needs her father to help nurture her innate talents and interests. One of the indications of this combination could be that Shirley's father seems destined to play a less prominent role in her life than perhaps Shirley's mother. Perhaps Shirley's father is unable to provide this close, supportive emotional bond through circumstances beyond his control such as his profession demanding frequent absences from home. In such cases Shirley may enjoy having her favourite photos of her father placed in the bedroom or around the home. When Shirley's father is around he can create special memories by spending exclusive time with Shirley in a secluded or natural environment. Another indication can be that Shirley's father has a special talent which he passes on to this sensitive and artistic child. Shirley may prove gifted.

Whatever the circumstances it is important that some gentle means can be found to provide young Shirley with a positive male influence. Otherwise she is likely to develop attention-getting traits such as bed-wetting, minor illnesses and sulking. Perhaps a male member of the extended family, a teacher at school or a mentoring program could be of help. This way Shirley's creative and compassionate nature can be encouraged. Fantasy stories, musical instruments and recordings, paints and crayons, time spent in nature and dance can all play a positive part in helping young Shirley shine in the world. Other aspects of Shirley's birth chart could affect this planetary influence. For further information about the exact nature of this astrological signature it may help to consult a qualified astrologer on a one-to-one basis.

Jupiter is Conjunct Mercury

Shirley is an explorer. As soon as she can crawl and walk, she is eager to take off and investigate her surroundings. She enjoys learning new things. Shirley has an inquisitive mind and responds well to most teaching methods. Shirley's parents and mentors are easily able to influence her through introducing fun and

educational activities. These could include books, DVDs, computer games and visits to the library or cinema for the more introverted child. If Shirley is more extroverted then parents and mentors could introduce visits to educational institutions such as museums, art galleries, and children's hands-on centres or trips to the park or beach. Shirley also benefits from social visits to friends and family members.

Shirley's parents' and mentors' main task is to think up new and fascinating ideas to assist her development. She needs little encouragement to study at school, enjoying her teachers and peers. Shirley is likely to excel at most school subjects, but may be particularly drawn to studying languages, geography, religious education, biology, sports, and law. In conclusion this combination of the positive planet Jupiter with the planet Mercury is a most fortunate influence in helping Shirley cope with her own stages of development and life in general.

Saturn is Trine Mercury

Now here's a child who needs a lot of approval and support, particularly from her father or an important male mentor. The more love and kindness that Shirley receives, the more she is able to express herself in her daily life with confidence. The reason for this is that the combination of the planets Saturn and Mercury can be a difficult one, presenting some pitfalls in early childhood development. In other words young Shirley may face difficulties in her ability to learn and communicate. This, in turn, affects her self-confidence.

Shirley may be shy, preferring the safety of her home rather than venturing out and about. Shirley could be slow to talk and read. Perhaps school seems a bit overwhelming to young Shirley. She prefers to spend time reading in her own room rather than socialising with her friends. Shirley is sensitive to criticism, particularly any harsh words from her father or a prominent male member of the family. On the other hand Shirley slowly blossoms when praised by her father. She also responds well to a male mentor's patient words of wisdom. Shirley needs a slow, methodical approach when being given any instructions. She works better within a structured environment. With calm handling Shirley gradually gains self-understanding and a wisdom that is beyond her years. Another positive note that is most of Shirley's learning difficulties are experienced in her early youth. As she matures, social and communication skills and study becomes easier. It is almost as if Shirley is born with a greater intelligence that needs to be carefully nurtured during childhood in order for it to be fully expressed as she matures.

As Shirley grows older, she is likely to excel in a specialised subject of her choice. Her selection of topic depends on other aspects of her birth chart. Parents need to make sure that Shirley is able to choose her own study topics as much as is possible. Excessive parental control could have a detrimental effect, eroding Shirley's budding self-confidence. It is interesting to note that the famous scientist Albert Einstein experienced learning difficulties at school, and yet later rose to prominence in his field. Einstein had a powerful combination (conjunction) of the planets Saturn and Mercury in his birth chart. The strength of this association depends on the nature of the astrological link. Parents may wish to consult an astrologer.

Neptune is Trine Mercury

The combination of the planets Neptune and Mercury can be a challenging one. The extent of the challenge depends on the exact nature of the association and other influences in Shirley's birth chart. However, the planet Mercury represents communication, which is overshadowed by the planet Neptune. Therefore Shirley finds it difficult to express herself in conventional ways. It is important that parents and mentors help Shirley find more unorthodox ways in which to express herself such as through the creative arts. Art, poetry, theatre, dance and music can prove highly beneficial forms of expression. Shirley may be particularly talented in the creative arts, a child prodigy who needs nurturing.

Shirley is sensitive and needs encouragement to trust her own intuition. This child needs permission to be different. Shirley is imaginative and enjoys stories such as fairy tales, myths and legends. She may also have a

talent for making up her own stories. Parents and mentors need to ensure that young Shirley understands the difference between fantasy and reality. Shirley may prefer to live in a fantasy world rather than face the demands of daily responsibilities. She is highly impressionable. Positive influences are important in order for Shirley to develop her self-esteem. Shirley is a caring child with a unique understanding of her friend's problems. Parents and mentors need to take special care in choosing a school for young Shirley. She needs a school environment that encourages creativity, rather than purely academic achievement. Friendships also play an important role in helping or hindering Shirley's sensitive nature. Therefore, it is important for parents to encourage friendships that have only a positive influence. With the right encouragement Shirley grows in self-confidence and finds the means to express her unique gifts.

Pluto is Square Mercury

Shirley is an insightful child who likes to understand what motivates people. Rather than enjoying learning things for the sake of trying something new, Shirley likes to pull them apart and discover what makes them work. This can include anything such as dismantling a complex mechanical toy or simply pulling the head off a much beloved doll to see what is underneath. It can also include asking embarrassing questions of family members in order to understand a loved one's motives. Shirley is not trying to be difficult, although her methods of learning are a little unusual. She merely wants to understand all things hidden.

Shirley needs to be encouraged to explore her environment; even if she does have unusual methods at time. She is sensitive to criticism and easily feels rejected if her parents or mentors express disapproval. This can result in a lack of self-assurance. Shirley is scared to try new things for fear of being chastised. Therefore parents and mentors need to encourage Shirley's endeavours by teaching her in a direct and forthright manner. Shirley does not respond well to coercion or force. She also challenges any untruths. Shirley comprehends hidden meanings and responds best to the truth. Shirley may also appreciate toys and activities that can be researched, engineered and constructed. Parents and mentors need to ensure that Shirley's entry into school is as smooth as possible, perhaps even explaining to teachers in advance that Shirley is a serious and unique student. Shirley needs to be protected from harsh teachers because she is likely to clash. She needs tolerant teachers who can successfully avoid a clash of wills. With the right direction, Shirley is a potent force.

Jupiter is Conjunct Venus

Good fortune smiles on Shirley. The two positive planets of Venus and Jupiter have combined to bring happiness, comfort and joy. Shirley has many friends and family members who shower her with gifts and money. Loved ones are also happy to shower her with affection and favours.

Shirley is surrounded with tenderness and kindness. Growing up in warm and loving surroundings is certainly an advantage for young Shirley. She is happy and secure and able to adjust well to the different stages of childhood development. She forms friendships easily and is eager to share her good fortune. School is a happy experience. Shirley is popular and creative. Academic success depends largely on other factors in Shirley's birth chart. However, parents are proud of Shirley's generous and fun-loving nature, and her ability to form positive associations. Mentors, particularly mother figures, need only beware of overindulging young Shirley. If Shirley is too comfortable then she may become lazy, waiting for others to provide inspiration rather than attaining her own goals. However, it is more likely that young Shirley's enthusiasm stands her in good stead for reaching her own objectives with plenty of co-operation from willing friends and family members.

Saturn is Trine Venus

Young Shirley has a serious side to her nature that ensures that she is a responsible child. No matter what other personality traits Shirley may show, she has the ability to form long and lasting relationships with family and friends. In fact she may form a close bond with a particular parent, showing loyalty and self-sacrifice beyond her years.

From a young age Shirley sees the merits of stable relationships and wants this for herself. In some cases this yearning for security is a result of instability or friction in the family home, but mostly it is a part of Shirley's nature. She is caring and responsible. Unlike other children, she seems to understand the adage that "something worthwhile is worth waiting for". Shirley is likely to have one or two close friends, rather than an abundance of acquaintances. In fact she may be shy in crowds, preferring the intimacy of smaller gatherings.

Parents and mentors need to ensure that Shirley does not sacrifice her own happiness in order to please loved ones. With firm and loving parental guidance young Shirley can achieve the right balance between thoughtfulness for others and self-assurance. Shirley is particularly sensitive to any antagonism by her mother. Therefore it is important that Shirley is able to experience warmth and understanding from her mother, or an important female member of her family.

Pluto is Square Venus

Shirley forms strong emotional connections with friends and family. She is more likely to single out one friend or family member, rather than relate to many. This starts when Shirley is a baby and she forms a close attachment to her mother or a mother figure. Shirley demands this woman's full attention, refusing to share her mother with siblings or anyone else. On the one hand this can be a positive trait. Shirley is able to fully depend on a caring adult and therefore develop good self-esteem in the knowledge that she is deeply loved. She is able to deeply love in return.

A passionate child, Shirley throws herself wholeheartedly into her own life and relationships. Loved ones respond, aiding her development through the different stages of childhood. On the other hand Shirley's intensity can cause some problems. Shirley may closely guard her relationship with her mother. Siblings may be jealous. Mother may inadvertently break the bond with little Shirley thus sparking feelings of abandonment and rejection. Ill feeling and a lack of self-confidence then mar normal childhood development. Shirley resorts to manipulative means to try to maintain her dependence on her mother. Parents can best help Shirley by teaching her to understand and express her feelings in appropriate ways. With strong parental support Shirley becomes self-confident, able to form and maintain close ties with friends and family members. Commitment to associations and projects then becomes a major strength in young Shirley's life.

Saturn is Square Mars

Young Shirley knows how to work and achieve, although she has difficulty accepting help from others. This is obvious from early childhood when Shirley refuses help with toys and games, no matter how frustrated she may be. She has a serious side to her nature that is obvious from a young age. This is because safety and peace of mind play an important role in Shirley's childhood development. She needs to feel secure and is likely to play her part in achieving a sense of accomplishment and security. While other children are out playing, Shirley is often at work. She is organised, hard working and honest with an ability to work methodically towards her goals. This is quite unusual in a young child. It is important for parents to ensure that Shirley is working to achieve her own desires rather than taking responsibility for others in the family. There is a temptation for less responsible members of the family to rely on young Shirley with negative affects on her development. Parents, in particular her father, need to encourage Shirley to have fun.

Shirley is a practical child and may find it difficult to be frivolous and playful. At times she may appear to be plagued by insecurities. Shirley needs lots of reassurance throughout her childhood, particularly from her father or an important male member of the family. It is important that young Shirley is able to enjoy the carefree side of childhood. The more support that she receives from her father, or an important father figure, the easier Shirley finds to adjust to the different stages of childhood development. She may achieve a prominent position in her career later in life or prove adept in running her own business later in life.

Pluto is Trine Mars

Shirley is likely to surprise loved ones at some stage of her development. She may appear easy-going, but Shirley has an iron will. Those closest to Shirley recognise that she knows what she desires and is unlikely to let anyone or anything stand in her way. This trait can be seen at a very early age. Shirley doesn't like to be thwarted and has quite a temper. It is not always apparent and can erupt out of the blue. This presents quite a challenge for Shirley's parents, who need to teach her that tantrums and other manipulative forms of behaviour are not the way to achieve her goals.

It is vital that Shirley's parents avoid physical punishment. Shirley has to learn that getting her own way is not the most important thing in life and that physical force, of any kind, is not acceptable. Shirley needs to learn that co-operation and consideration are also valuable. Of course, the extent of Shirley's forceful manner does depend on other aspects of her birth chart. As she matures, Shirley becomes more resourceful, able to accomplish many creative tasks and enlist the co-operation of others.

Conclusion



"When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years." -- Mark Twain "Bringing Up Father"

This report has been written from a child's point of view with the aim of helping parents and mentors better understand their youngsters. Of course, each person is ultimately responsible for their own actions, but the support that children get early in life goes a long way to helping them live rich and rewarding adult lives. Children need to be given the freedom to be their true selves rather than being forced to live up to parental expectations or to fulfill parents' own personal journeys. They need their parents to live their own lives to the full, joyously and responsibly. Above all children need love and support. What great gifts and what a challenging role for parents! It is the author's hope that this report may help in the process of childhood development, supporting both child and parent. My own father often quoted the above saying by Mark Twain. So I thought that I would share it in this report. My mother gave me many of the aforementioned gifts. I hope that these have shone through in the writing of this report.

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This report is meant more of an introduction to the wonders of astrology rather than a complete course in its intricacies. Further studies, or a consultation with a professional astrologer, are encouraged to explore this most ancient scientific and philosophic tool.

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