

An Astrological Profile for Charles

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 did not come with instruction manuals?! There's a secret: they do!

Each person is born at a special time, on a certain day and place. Astrologers use this information to chart the positions of the planets relative to the date, time and place of birth. This chart, or horoscope, provides an invaluable and exceptional view of the potentials, drives and needs for Charles. This is the "cosmic guidebook" for each individual! The patterns of the planets, Sun and Moon are unique and notable for a developing child, since in childhood these pictures are seen in a different light. Children are changing rapidly, and, in the process of becoming themselves, need special love and guidance. Developmental Astrology incorporates the basic concepts of astrology within the framework of the early years of life.

This astrological report can be used as a guidepost, and provides a few hints and insights into the unique qualities of this child. Please remember that everyone -- including a child -- has free will. So while an astrological report can give you some valuable information, it does not indicate a fixed set of limited options. Of course environment also has its influence, but by understanding the significant drives and needs represented by Charles' chart, you can better appreciate his uniqueness, and, hopefully, guide him to fulfill his potentials in the healthiest possible way!

I. Basic Underlying Personality Traits

There are several layers to an astrological chart, just as there are layers to the personality. In astrology, the building blocks of the chart are the planets, signs and houses of the chart. 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, their costumes and props, and the houses illustrate the setting and scene of the play.

Using the building blocks of the zodiac signs, there's yet another layer. Each sign falls into categories called elements and modes. There are four

elements -- fire, earth, air and water; and there are three modes (or action models) -- cardinal, fixed and mutable. There's a way to distill the chart into its dominant element and mode of expression, and this leading denominator gives a powerful clue to the strongest underlying personality traits.

In Charles' chart, there is an outstanding quality of Fire. Having a powerful influence of fiery energy, Charles is likely to be highly energetic. He needs plenty of room and ample opportunities to assert himself. Sports may be a strong interest, but, at the least, staying active is important. Encourage Charles to funnel these active needs by providing plenty of options, from early sports, like gymnastics or dance classes to recreational activities that involve physical assertion. Babies with strong fire can be irritable if they are not given ample opportunities to get rid of physical stress (yes, babies experience stress, too!). Basically, Charles loves play, and fiery temperament babies and young children need plenty of active time with Mom and Dad. Even when he grows up, play will be important, and he will be happiest when anything feels more like play than work! There can also be selfishness with the fiery quality. One thing to keep in mind with Charles is the fact that you must tend a fire: either to keep it burning or to keep it from blazing out of control.

There are three modes in astrology. These determine how a particular sign manifests its energy. These qualities -- known as cardinal, fixed and mutable -- have special meanings in astrology. Each sign or the zodiac correlates with one of three modes of action.

Charles is mostly Mutable. That means he is flexible and able to adapt easily. Developing objectivity and cooperation is important, but making final decisions or choosing sides can be really difficult. That "fence-sitting" can be just as torturous for him as it is for other people! Praise Charles for his versatility and teamwork, but watch for signals that indicate he is becoming manipulative or has fallen victim to exploitation by others..

In summary, if an element or mode is low or lacking, there's no reason to be highly concerned, but you can find creative ways to help Charles compensate. Focusing on what the lack of any mode or element might mean for the child can prove beneficial, although this should not be interpreted as an actual "personality deficiency." Rather, understand that this could indicate either a tendency to overcompensate or to seek what is lacking in some way. As your child matures, you might discover that he is drawn to others who seem to possess the expressions of a quality that seems to be lacking in his own chart.

Moon Sign and Early Personality Development

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

Keep in mind that Charles is NOT a blank slate! These drives and expressions can be nourished and supported by understanding family and teachers, helping Charles make the most of these "ingredients" in his developing personality!

With the Moon in Sagittarius, Charles likes to be on the go. Restraints will not be appreciated, but a close watch may be! Given lots of room, time in nature, and ample opportunity to explore, Charles will be happiest. Confirm Charles' intellectual growth and positively reward learning to build his self-confidence and security.

The way Charles might like to be perceived, what he needs to feel motivated toward achievement and what makes him feel significant and special in the world shines through his Sun. While the full expression of Charles' ego takes quite some time to develop, certain qualities will definitely be apparent, even early on. However, this aspect of the personality will be more apparent after the earliest years.

For Charles, with Sun in Aquarius, childhood can provide the perfect backdrop of experimentation in a protective setting. Aquarian babies can exude a kind of brightness that is rather engaging, especially when communication skills are developing. This is the kid who seems to have a language all his own, but somehow, others understand it. Sometimes Charles may seem a little detached, especially if occupied with a fascinating toy, and later on, a project. Early childhood interaction with other toddlers can be enjoyable, although you may not see much attachment to any particular friends in the beginning. However, by elementary school years, he may become extremely drawn to lasting friendships with those who appreciate her or his special talents and unique abilities. Some Aquarian children express the sentiment that they feel out of place, and helping Charles appreciate the value of uniqueness can go a long way toward stabilizing his sense of self. During preteen years, Charles may be the perfect class officer -- taking on school projects or working in community endeavors. Involvement with others can be a mainstay for this child, but time to allow individuality to shine is just as important.

Another prevailing quality that's likely to emerge in Charles' early years is shown by the sign on his Ascendant, or Rising Sign. In childhood, the Ascendant and the 1st House signify Charles' physical appearance and how other people view him. After all, most of us have our self-image shaped by what other people tell us about ourselves. Most important, the Ascendant (ASC) represents Charles' basic attitudes and himself, and how he presents himself to the world. The significance of environmental conditioning in Charles' developing personality is shown by the Ascendant.

Virgo rising can give Charles a meticulous manner and impart a sense of perfection to his appearance. Natural fiber clothing may be necessary for him to feel comfortable. Charles may have an extra-sensitive body and may be overly concerned or fretful when he does not feel well. Charles is a studious, and sometimes shy, child.

II. Nurturing Intellectual and Physical Health and Development

Every parent watches for the signals that indicate a child's intellectual and physical progress. From baby's first words to performance in school, development is noted and records are kept. Providing the stimulus that will strengthen mental and physical development is up to parents, teachers and society. Of course, ultimately, a child will master the experience of learning!

There are many factors involved in intellect -- the ability to conceptualize, the communication of concepts and thoughts, memory, creative ideas, the application of rational thought, judicial thinking, decision-making, speculative thought and more. In order to be whole, the 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 under development in some other area.

One important factor in a developing intellect is the nature of the thought patterns themselves. Here, the Moon plays yet another role beyond that of emotional storage house. Through the Moon, a child's unique experiences are stored in the vaults of the subconscious mind. However, the Moon also shows the basic manner in which a child absorbs information. With the Moon in a fire sign, Charles has a highly active mind and the thoughts range into the realm of philosophy and the theoretical. Inspirational ideas will be more interesting than practical matters, and travel and cultural pursuits can inspire learning.

In addition, since the Moon represents the basic thought patterns, the Moon's speed (or rate of travel) fundamentally affects a child's approach to learning. The Moon moves at variable speeds in her rotation around the Earth.

Charles' Moon was moving at a moderate pace at the time he was born. This can indicate a strong need to observe a situation before making a change, and suggests a reluctance when facing unfamiliar ideas or situations. In learning, a careful, structured circumstance can create the safety zone that allows Charles to move through education with greater confidence. Following cautious observation and consideration, new situations are then less threatening. After that, Charles may do just fine with learning, but if forced to move too quickly may lose confidence. Retaining ideas can be a plus for this gently paced Moon.

As a small baby Charles began to explore and learn about his personal environment through the five senses, and these are represented by the energy of Mercury. Over time, the senses are used in a more refined manner, and as the mind gains the ability to integrate more and more information, learning increases. Mercury shows how Charles communicates those thought patterns -- how concepts are framed and also how they are expressed through communication. The years of Mercury's heightened developmental cycle are from age seven to thirteen, when the connections between a child and his world are powerfully shaped. Language is mastered; communication skills are refined. It is during these years, that Charles will project the qualities of Mercurial energy more strongly.

Charles has Capricorn Mercury and can be mentally disciplined and focused. His communication and learning is likely to be concerned with things which have practical value. In fact, Charles may have "common sense" in abundance. Mercury in Capricorn takes the cautious approach to learning. Also, Charles will appreciate structure and may learn best in situations which allow him to pattern ideas, behavior or practices before refining them.

Charles has Mercury in sextile to Uranus, an aspect indicative of a clear, sharp intellect and the ability to enjoy a wide variety of learning experiences. There may be a fascination with science and technology and a natural mathematical ability. However, study is not a favorite pastime for Charles, since anything that cannot be learned quickly may not garner much attention. Therefore, teaching good study habits early on will be especially helpful in the long run.

Mercury in the 4th House shows a tendency to mimic family

communication models very strongly. If Mom or Dad use certain gestures, expect to see them from Charles quite early in development. He may also enjoy learning crafts, gardening or domestic skills like sewing, cooking or building and fixing things. Invite him to share in projects around the home. History may become an interest as he matures in the educational process. Charles may respond especially well to home schooling.

Jupiter and Learning

Another factor involved in Charles' learning styles and needs is symbolized by Jupiter. These qualities are initially experienced through the encouragement of teachers and guides, but ultimately, Jupiter shows how Charles will express confidence and what types of stimulation will build his learning skills. Charles' Jupiter in Gemini stimulates a need to learn through developing the rational mind and may indicate little tolerance for subjects which call on or stimulate emotional response. There can be a talent for writing and verbal communication. However, he can be open to a wide variety of information, and if he can see the logical value, may also learn to appreciate the arts. Sign language might be special interest, and there can also be a keen interest in developing manual dexterity skills.

Encouragement and testing are two different things. Small children do not 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 Charles is comfortable with a situation, and ready to push beyond it. Then, offer stimulation of that expression by setting fresh goals and opportunities to learn and develop the mind.

Finding Fun and Encouraging Physical Development

There are many factors that indicate particular needs in regard to physical health. However, I feel that specific strengths and weaknesses and their care are best dealt with in greater depth using refined astrological techniques beyond the scope of this reports. But one feature of childhood we can explore is where to find play and recreational activities that might be most comfortable and enjoyable for Charles. The planet Mars represents physical energy -- it's the fuel that is needed to keep the physical engine running! Mars' sign and house placement gives good clues about a child's preferences for play and activity, including sports and approach to fitness.

Charles' favorite forms of recreation and sports can include running (especially sprints), martial arts, baseball, tennis, fencing, free calisthenics (gymnastics), acrobatics, acrobatic skiing, athletic dancing, tap dancing, clog dancing.

With Mars in the 7th House, Charles can be strongly competitive, although he may not necessarily be a sports fanatic. Encourage physical activities which have positive goals and help Charles become more confident about his strength and power will have a positive effect on confrontational behaviors. Team sports can be enjoyable, but activities with a partner can also be fun.

The connection from Mars to Saturn indicates a potential for a low level of physical energy. Because of this, Charles needs to be encouraged to devote some time to physical activity in order to raise energy levels. If there is a defeatist attitude, help him learn the importance of overcoming or meeting challenges. Be sure to celebrate accomplishments with him. Charles may also go the other way and decide to overcompensate and train until he drops! There can be increased self-discipline and an ability to set limits and work or train carefully toward goals. Since Charles has a connection between Mars and Uranus, he can be accident-prone, since there's a tendency to take higher risks and a fascination with the idea of doing what seems impossible. While this may mean that a toddler will try to run before he can walk, the six year old may also think he can fly. During preteen years, there can be an inordinate fascination with activities that test physical possibilities, and sports like skiing might be interesting, or breaking boards with karate moves could be the perfect way to resolve this drive. Later, as an adult, Charles may decide to skydive, bungee jump and be drawn to extreme sports. Since Charles has a connection between Mars and Neptune, there's an extra physical sensitivity. This can also increase the potential for developing grace. Unfortunately, there can be a damper on Charles' exuberance and vitality, or he might prefer to channel physical energy into creative activities, like playing music. He might also be able to utilize visualization to improve physical skills. Also, during teen years, these aspects can indicate that Charles harbors powerful dreams about his physical prowess or abilities.

III. Embracing Emotional Drives and Needs

At different stages and ages Charles is developing different parts of himself. One reason 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 more susceptible or emotionally vulnerable, and that these needs and sensibilities change as a child matures. After all, a baby struggles each day to deal with a difficult-to-control body, but an elementary school age child is struggling with early social relationships. Each of the planets represents a different

emotional need and expression, but some planetary symbols are more emotionally charged than others.

There are myriad possibilities, but Charles' chart illustrates the potential emotional strengths and weaknesses, and the areas in his life where there can be greater vulnerability. It is important to explore these concepts through a lens of objectivity, since when dealing with psychological and emotional issues with our children we're likely to run into our own issues as part of the process!

Charles' most powerful emotional needs are symbolized by the Moon, which is the primary indicator of early psychological development. These needs remain with Charles throughout life, continually growing and evolving. The Moon symbolizes the reflective nature of humanity. It is the absorbing, subconscious mind and reflects the needs of the soul. This is the matrix from which habit patterns emerge. Moon is Mother -- who provides nurturing, comfort and security. Mother is the model for a child's developing sense of how he will nurture and care for others, and, most importantly, how Charles will nurture himself. Even as a baby, Charles has had a strong inner awareness of what is happening. As he grows, more information is absorbed and stored in Charles' subconscious mind, and deeper awareness of his feelings also grows. The Moon also indicates basic patterns of conditioning drawn from life experiences and filtered through the qualities of the Moon.

With Moon in Sagittarius, Charles craves the freedom to move about and explore the world. Even as a small baby, Charles may seem eager to venture out into the world. There's a love to play games, tell stories and learn new things. It's a need for expansion and outreach that drives Charles. This need to expand may include overindulgence at the dinner table as well! An urge to know the truth will stimulate this child to ask many questions. Endlessly.

Charles needs to communicate and will crave connection to and interaction with others. This drive from the 3rd House Moon can indicate more intense desires to express himself and to explore the world of words and ideas. Relationships with siblings can be especially significant, and if there are not brothers and sisters, Charles may "adopt" a few among closest friends.

With the Moon in a square aspect to Venus, Charles may display an increased emotional vulnerability. While he can be very affectionate and caring, he may be afraid to risk leaving one situation and going on to another. This is the "having my cake and eating it too" aspect. Emotional manipulation of others can result, but usually as a mechanism to assure that he will be safe -- no matter what. Learning to be honest about feelings can be difficult, since needs for immediate gratification can become a substitute for developing truly close bonds and fulfilling needs in a more healthy manner. Since the Moon and Mars are in trine to one another, Charles' inner feelings, emotional sensitivity and self-assertiveness seem easy and natural. He can

be comfortable in most situations since there's a sense that he is strong. While personal courage can be easily mustered, he may not be especially interested in pushing it. Why rock the boat? You may also observe that Charles rises to most occasions in the nick of time, but for the impatient parent or teacher, questions may arise about exactly when he will take action. Outside motivation is sometimes necessary for this child to forge ahead toward challenging goals. Since Charles' Moon and Neptune are conjunct, he will be extremely impressionable. Encouraging him to use imagination in creative ways can be helpful, since learning how to bring dreams into reality is an important challenge. Charles may also be more sensitive to the emotions of others, and if surrounded by negativity is likely to reflect negativity, but if surrounded by harmony, will reflect more peaceful qualities. There can be a mystical or dreamy quality about this child and some tendency toward escape or emotional denial. However, much will depend upon Charles' life circumstances, since positively directed this energy can aid him in developing true compassion for others.

The energy of the Sun is tied to the development of individuality and the sense of identity. The individuality of the Sun begins to emerge once a child has developed enough mastery over basic bodily functions so that he can start paying more attention to the outside world. The Sun is a major factor in determining, "Who am I?" This radiance of Self really becomes focused once Charles is relating to others on a more frequent basis, especially during the school years.

Charles is an Aquarius, basically described in the Underlying Personality section of this report. However, there are factors which alter Charles' expression and development of his Sun.

Charles may have a well-integrated personality, since the Moon and Sun are in sextile aspect to one another. The parental support system is likely to be harmonious, with parents presenting a complimentary influence in Charles' life. It's easy for Charles to see the positive virtues of male and female without feeling that they are always destined to be in conflict! With the Sun square to Uranus a rebellious spirit resides, restlessly, within Charles' heart. Excessive restraints are likely to provoke outbursts of frustration, and balancing personal responsibility with a need to be free can be difficult. Settling for the status quo can be difficult, and even in toddler years it's easy to observe that he is most attracted to unusual things and innovative people. This aspect does suggest some dissatisfaction with the father and can be an indicator that Dad and he do not see eye to eye. Charles is not really interested in conforming, although supportive aspects from Saturn or Jupiter to the Sun can indicate that he may be able to exercise his

need for independence within existing structures. With the Sun in sextile to Neptune, Charles may seek out peaceful people and situations, He can be happiest when surroundings and relationships seem to be "in the flow." Creative, musical and artistic interests may abound, although he may not be especially ambitious or interested in recognition. However, when placed in circumstances which are comfortable, expressing special talents can be very rewarding. Doing things that seem to make a difference or to help others can add life-affirming messages to Charles' existence.

Mercury is not traditionally considered an emotional expression. However, Mercury's role in the expression of feelings is highly important. Mercury represents the function of articulation of ideas and feelings and influences how we communicate them. After all, most of us are more comfortable if we can talk about our emotional experiences to someone special. A child needs to feel that he can talk about anything with his parents, and that it is okay to share feelings and ideas. When a child is not given opportunities to communicate his emotional needs, he can develop problems communicating almost anything else! Mercury's function in our lives is to link internal processes to the external world, and one of the most important inner links is the experience of sharing emotion.

Even at an early age, Charles may have very different ideas and ways of communicating than most of his friends. Sometimes these unusual thoughts can be alienating. The connection between Mercury and Uranus can stimulate a feeling that he is "weird." If parents and teachers can show Charles how to use these original thoughts creatively, he will have more confidence in his creative ideas. Reinforcing trust of the intuitive mind is also helpful. Imaginative stories and ideas are never lacking for Charles. The connection between Mercury and Neptune stimulates a need to reach into the imaginative realm with the mind. Magical thinking is part of childhood, and should definitely be encouraged. However, Charles may not like it when fantasy and reality collide! It's important that parents and family eradicate certain childhood myths in a gentle manner, but also that they teach Charles that imagination can be a very good thing. Parents can listen attentively to the tall tales, appreciating Charles' imaginings, but need to encourage him to tell the truth when relating actual events! Parents also need to be aware that the cute little "stories" told at age five, if left uncorrected, can leave the impression that Charles can lie without being caught. This could lead to socially unacceptable behavior later on.

Self-esteem is another part of Charles' psychological make-up. Venus describes the needs for love and value systems, along with self-worth. Artistic expression can be part of this emotional outlet, and this is Venus in

action. Selfish behavior can be Venusian, too, and most small children show Venus through their particular expression of selfishness and their ultimate struggle to allow Venus to evolve as they develop the capacity to learn to share. You'll see Venus expressing in a more outgoing manner after about age four, when Charles may finally want to give something to another person. But the full involvement of Venusian development is during the teen years, when "falling in love" becomes a reality. But, regardless of Charles' age, he needs to feel love from others to encourage growth on every level, including the growth of self-esteem.

Through Venus in Pisces, Charles is tenderhearted and will love sinking into a warm cuddle during story time. Play-acting is great fun, and dance, music and art may be more to Charles' liking than math or history. Even in early childhood, he can learn to enjoy doing nice things for others, and may show a special sensitivity in situations calling for extra care and concern.

The amazing extent of Charles' emotional sensitivity arises from a connection between Venus and Neptune. In many ways, his emotional expression is linked with divine love, and others can feel that he is a vehicle for divine compassion. In addition, creative energies are extraordinarily responsive, with a strong attraction to music, dance and other flowing art forms. Because there is such a potent sensibility, Charles can easily be hurt by the insensitivity of others. Emotional expression may be difficult because this aspect, with its elusive feelings, sometimes makes it hard for Charles to know exactly how he feels. Plus, he may have trouble distinguishing between his sense of what another feels and his own feelings -- it's as though the emotional boundaries are very loose. As a result, Charles may be a cry baby -- weeping more easily than most kids.

Consequently, Charles may be too easily influenced by others, and choices of friends and other influences need to be made with care. However, most of all, help Charles trust his sense of boundless love, and encourage development of true forgiveness and compassion. Give this child an opportunity to help others, and encourage as many forms of creative expression as possible.

Charles' Mars shows when he expresses anger and personal strength. As Charles grows up, the way he shows personal assertiveness will be developed.

Charles' Mars in Aries is likely to be expressed through impatient attitudes and bold actions. He likes to feel fearless and may end up in accidents, compromising situations or circumstances -- sure to leave Mom feeling unnerved. It's crucial to teach Charles the importance of safety and reasonable caution (although you have to hold his attention long enough

first!). Anger is usually burned off quickly, but can also be quickly ignited! He can be unusually competitive, even during preschool years. It's not necessarily "personal" -- just an expression of desires to have what he wants when he wants it!

Charles can feel terribly uncomfortable expressing anger, since the frustrating connection between Mars and Saturn can indicate a restriction of anger, causing Charles to feel trapped inside his anger. This inhibited energy may then be released in cruel ways. This can result in physical and emotional difficulty. If parents tend to bridle Charles' need to become self-assertive, it will tend to create anger toward the parents. This can become self-destructive and will block an easy flow of understanding between parent and child. While Charles does feel a need to be in control, experiencing a positive model of control will be healthier than simply being told "no."

During preteen and teen years, sexual assertiveness may be very uncomfortable for Charles to develop, since there is frequently a restrictive attitude toward sexual expression. Healthy caution is one thing, but guilt about the feelings of sexuality can be damaging. Charles may feel that the "permission" to even have these feelings does not exist, and the frustrations can lead to violent or destructive outbursts. Teaching him that sexual feelings are a normal part of growing up will alleviate much of this turmoil. Replacing guilt with an awareness of the possible consequences of his sexual actions will give Charles a choice. The ability to make choices strengthens his sense of personal power, whereas guilt feelings will simply be frustrating. There's a strong desire to go with the natural flow of things, since Charles has a flowing connection between Mars and Neptune. Peacefulness is important, and he may be the peacemaker in circumstances with family and friends alike. However, learning self-confidence may take some time, since upsetting the apple cart is not exactly Charles' style. "Make peace, not war," is more like it for Charles. With this ideal strong, Charles may decide that the best action is to escape when things heat up -- or to disappear from the scene. It may be necessary to encourage him to feel good about expressing assertiveness, and to help him understand that sometimes taking a strong stand feels good. Charles can be extremely tolerant, and may prefer to put energy into making a positive difference in the world. He can also be highly charismatic, and may radiate the kind of energy that mesmerizes others to follow his lead.

Charles may not demonstrate the energy of Uranus until teenage years, since this quality is part of the expression of uniqueness, ingenuity, and rebellion. It's usually outwardly expressed in teen years as part of a teen's uprising against the status quo. Uranus spends about seven years in one sign, and is one of the planetary energies that identify qualities of a

generation. Children with Uranus in Scorpio are now, in this New Millennium, entering into society as young adults. They've been challenged, even at an early age, to deal with issues around sexuality, violence, death and psychology at levels which may, to some adults, have seemed premature. One thing we grow to realize with astrology is that everything has its time! To develop truly awakened attitudes about human sexuality, the stereotypes and barriers which have existed for several generations will be challenged by Charles and his generation. They are likely to be the adults who create revolutionary actions, laws and social situations around issues like cloning, family planning, abortion, genetic engineering and sexual preferences.

But the personal expression of Uranian energy is most likely to be seen in the arena of life most influenced by this planet. Uranus in the 3rd House adds a restless quality to Charles' personality. He can be a quick learner, and may have difficulty paying attention to subject matter he finds disinteresting. His desire to drive (or use whatever vehicles are available) to get somewhere more quickly can try the patience of the parent who prefers a more leisurely pace. Gadgets and high-tech toys and tools can be excellent learning aids.

Another significant, but emotionally charged, generation-oriented quality is the energy of Pluto. Pluto represents the deepest reservoirs of emotional energy, and is not a quality openly expressed in childhood. However, when a personal planet or angular point in a chart is connected to Pluto, then this profound level of emotional and transformational energy is easier to see. Pluto also represents deep-seated anxieties or fears, which are, for lack of a better description, absorbed into the psyche.

For a child, it's virtually impossible to direct an awareness of this energy, since the personal self must be well developed before knowledge of this esoteric plane of consciousness awakens. In fact, most adults have difficulty with this part of the self! Although the energy of Pluto may be felt during the childhood years, it is not usually a conscious expression at this time.

Pluto moves very slowly through the zodiac, and its sign tells more about the transformational influence Pluto will have on that particular generation than it will about the changes in the individual.

As with the other transpersonal planets, the House position of Pluto is the area of life where you help Charles get in touch with a need for healing and transformational change. With Pluto in the 6th House, Charles can be suspicious about other people and their "motives." He can also be unusually fearful of falling ill or may be insecure around doctors. Sometimes this can manifest as a fear of dogs, cats, or other animals -- especially if Charles has been in an unsupported situation when an animal scratched or bit him.

However, there can be an exceptional relationship with pets if handled in the right manner.

You've discovered that the Ascendant is like the window-dressing or mask of the personality, but connections from planets to the Ascendant can also alter how Charles expresses his emotional self.

Since Charles' Moon makes a frustrating connection to the Ascendant, he can be extra-sensitive to what others say and think about him. There can be an unusual feeling that he needs to protect himself -- a kind of emotional guarding. Mercury's connection to the Ascendant links the personality to the intellect. Charles may be very talkative and communicative. The mental abilities will provide part of the "mask" for this child, and will be a sensitive trigger for his self-image. Charles may be physically attractive with Venus aspecting the Ascendant, but since this connection is a frustrating one, he may have conflicts about this. If too much emphasis is placed on physical appearance, it can have a detrimental affect on self-esteem. However, if too little emphasis is placed on knowing what is appropriate for a particular situation, then self-esteem can also be damaged. It's more about establishing a positive gauge between a loving, helpful attitude than about wardrobe! The extra sensitive quality of Charles' personality may be amplified because Neptune makes a dynamic aspect to the Ascendant. Sometimes, Charles may feel invisible, and it can be difficult to make his needs known. Positive outlets for this energy dynamic can be acting, music or the arts.

Sometimes, planets appear to move backward in their orbital path from our viewpoint here on Earth. When that happens, we say a planet is retrograde.

There can be a strengthening of personal faith with Jupiter retrograde, because ideals and philosophical beliefs are developed within the self. Charles' ideals and morals may run counter to those of society at large, because he is likely to give them extra thought! Writers William Butler Yeats (who wrote extensively about mystical philosophical concepts) and Upton Sinclair were both born with Jupiter retrograde. The expansive energy of Jupiter is positively enhanced when retrograde, because the inner search for truth is strongly empowered.

IV. 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 brings light into life. To help a child find Truth and

embrace a sense of The Divine, very little encouragement is needed. But it is necessary to support this natural connection, and can make all the difference in Charles' ability to trust himself.

One of the most significant ways to help Charles awaken and touch Spirit is to foster his creativity. It's not necessary for every child to be a consummate artist, but each child needs room to experiment with the creative self. There are several factors in the astrological chart that support the development and expression of personal creativity.

Beyond education and development of the intellect in a more formal sense, Mercury plays an important role in self-expression. After all, this is the energy of linking ideas and concepts from the inner self to the outside world -- and back again! One of the creative influences of Mercury in Capricorn can be developed in the early years by encouraging artistic play with building and construction toys. From basic building blocks to complex kits like interlocking blocks, Charles may simply enjoy the process of construction and design. However, working with wood, fabrics and products from nature can be especially inspiring. He might also enjoy play with "old-time" toys, or toys based on time-tested models from the past.

Venus, the expression of artistry, is, of course, an important part of creativity. This is the energy through which Charles experiences and expresses feelings. In many respects, while the Moon represents "feeling," Venus represents "emotion" -- which is the voice of feeling. Venus also represents beauty, a quality deep within which every child needs to feel, identify and express.

Encourage Charles to get in touch with expressions that feel good to his heart! Special talents and creative interests will give him a chance to exercise a highly sensitive imagination. Nighttime stories can develop into storytelling and then dramatic stage presentations, which can not only be fun, but may give Charles a chance to see the difference between real and "pretend." Music is especially important, and there can be a special love of dance or ballet, along with talents for singing or playing instruments like harp, guitar or synthesized sound. On stage, anything from acting and singing to make-up, costume design, or set decoration can be enjoyed. Mime and ventriloquism might also be fun. Artistic talents should be encouraged early, too. So have easels and art supplies around all the time. There may be an interest in painting, or even in animation!

Since Charles has Venus in the 6th House, there may be a special interest in crafts and a love of working with and utilizing tools or instruments. Watch out! he could be a gadget nut! He might also have an especially good time creating gifts from the heart to present for birthdays or holidays.

The mystical and visionary sensibilities Charles expresses are a

manifestation of the connection between Venus and Neptune. While there can be a special affinity for music, drama and the arts, there may be a lack of confidence -- especially if Charles always feels overlooked or "invisible." He can also have unrealistic expectations of his abilities, and need special guidance from a mentor or teacher to help him develop. The dynamic contact between Venus and Neptune indicates a need to express the inner self creatively, yet something always seems to be lost in the translation. It may be difficult for parents or others to relate to what Charles is trying to say or express artistically. With training, this confusing outflow can be more easily clarified.

To get past purely self-centered awareness, the expansive energy of Jupiter encourages a child to reach out and expand his personal universe. Through Jupiter, Charles can begin to build a basic philosophy of life, and exercise his sense of hope and vision. The need to reach out and give is Jupiter in action, but so is enthusiasm. Most important, when Charles is in touch with Jupiter, he is inspired! Here is the desire to grow, to reach into new horizons, to feel adventure and joy. While it may take a lifetime to develop a personal philosophy or explore religious teachings, during childhood, Charles does feel wonder about universal principles, a Higher Power, and endless questions called, "Why?"

Moral questions flow through the realm of Jupiter, and learning higher principles through inspiring teachers and mentors is another outpouring of this energy. It is generally not until a child has developed some measure of cognitive skill that the awareness of Jupiter can be taught. During elementary school and preteen years, this energy begins to flourish. Jupiter is a function of the higher mind, the part of our consciousness that can connect with the Divine. The early awareness of Jupiter deals primarily with the concepts of sharing, positive thinking, enthusiasm and hope for reward.

Teachers and parents will be lasting models for spiritual leadership, since Charles' Jupiter in the 10th House stimulates a strong need to learn about morality through role models. His enthusiasm for any value systems will be directly related to the type of response parents and other authorities provide during formative years -- ranging from religious ideologies to political philosophies. It is crucial that he be given permission to explore ideals different from those of his "origins" in order to understand that one belief system does not necessarily make a person better than others.

Then, there is the world of dreams and imagination. Neptune's placement in the chart indicates the areas where a child dreams most easily. The sensitivity Neptune adds to life allows Charles to connect with the spiritual, nonphysical realm. What child is not a master at make-believe? But this

energy is also an expression of Divine Compassion, and it needs special support and nourishment during childhood. Encouraging Charles to trust his dreams, while identifying the difference between the "real" and "imaginary" world can be quite a job. But it is a very important one, since walking between the inner world and the outside world requires special awareness. There is nothing inferior about imagination, nor is there anything wrong with beliefs, since there are many expressions of reality.

Another feature of this energy is the expression of charity. A child taught to give to others less fortunate is definitely a blessed child!

Because Neptune moves very slowly, it is another of the generation-focused planets. Other children Charles' age will likely have Neptune in the same sign. Many Neptune in Sagittarius (1970 - 1984) children are now young adults and all soon will be entering their adult years. Charles has grown up in an era when knowledge of the different religious and ideals has been more widespread, but he has also seen vestiges of excessive zeal or fundamentalism. For example, the knowledge of heightened terrorism stemming from perceived insults from radical religious groups is part of the collective psyche of Charles and his generation. Since Neptune's energy can help to dissolve barriers and locate the higher thread of any principle, this generation can have a profound influence on the way media exposes truth and information.

Neptune's placement in the chart shows the areas where a child can easily dream. This also provides indicators of the facet's of life where Charles can feel a desire to let go or to exercise compassion toward others. Charles will enjoy theatrical verbal expressions and may love reciting poetry, singing songs or telling stories. With Neptune in the 3rd House, there can be a special sensitivity toward all forms of communication, and may be an ease of understanding others, too. However, there can be a tendency to daydream a bit too much!

V. Perceptions of the Parents

Guess what? You can tell how Charles is likely to see his parents by looking at his own chart! Understanding how Charles perceives Mom and Dad can be especially helpful, since what Charles hopes to see and needs to experience from parents forms the basis of his sense of Self.

When Charles feels happy and full of joy, the world looks bright, too. But if Charles is physically or emotionally low, his behavior and responsiveness suffer. In relationships with others, children and adults alike will project their feelings and perceptions onto other people. Charles needs to experience himself through projecting his needs onto the people in his personal

environment. In fact, the undeveloped Aspects of the Self are usually projected onto others as a means of "seeing" these feelings or needs manifested in some way. Projection is a key factor in human psychology.

In many instances, the other people are reasonable targets for those projections, especially if their connections are bound by emotions or other commitments. A child looks to Mother as the person who will reflect the nurturing feminine needs. Mother represents the inner feminine self for boys and girls alike. Charles may even see things in Mother that Mother does not recognize as the way she is!

Charles' Moon sign shows how he perceives Mother. It makes no difference whether Mother sees herself in this light or not -- the child holds these particular perceptions what Mother needs to be because he is projecting his own inner needs for security onto her. As Charles matures into adulthood, these perceptions determine how Charles will play the nurturing and mothering role toward others.

Through Charles' eyes, Mother is the ultimate teacher, since the Moon in Sagittarius projects qualities of wisdom and spirituality onto Mother. Mom may also seem very independent and sometimes unreliable.

With The Moon in a tense connection to Venus, Charles may not be entirely comfortable with Mother. Part of the problem can be the feelings that Mother is difficult to please. Remember, this is a projection by Charles, whose self-esteem needs extra support. Encourage Charles when he excels, offering appropriate praise. Just as important, be aware of how criticisms are presented, since Charles may feel them very deeply. Since the Moon and Mars are harmoniously connected in Charles' chart, he may see Mother as assertive, a woman ready to stand up for her own rights and beliefs. Mother can seem to be strong-willed. However, it's important that Mother shows Charles how to stand up for his needs in a healthy way, since the model she shows can be especially significant. Through the harmonious contact between Moon and Neptune, Charles may have the feeling that Mother is a source of spiritual and mystical power. In some instances, Mother may personify a kind of perfect ideal, especially in the sense of "goddess-like" qualities. The intuitive connection with Mother may also be quite profound and special to Charles.

The Sun, the primary masculine energy in the chart, is also described as a person's sense of "self". A young child has a very limited true sense of self, and is not likely to "own" these qualities until the preteen years or later. This sense of individuality may be strongly tied to the initial relationship with Father and, later, to interactions with other significant male figures. In early childhood development, Charles' Sun does not express fully as an individual ego. The Sun powerfully affects the child's perceptions of Father; if the

father is supportive and consistent, Charles may feel that his or her own individuality is reliable and strong. Charles' perceptions of Father are strongly symbolized by the energy of the Sun in the astrological chart.

For Charles, Father always seems to be on the leading edge. Through the Sun in Aquarius, Charles will see Dad as inventive, unusual and the quintessential friend. However, Dad can seem remote or unreachable, and may have to go out of his way to remind Charles that he is special, too.

Charles' Sun in the 5th House needs Daddy to be a playmate and will gain great inspiration from the times he shares pleasurable activities with him. If Charles is involved in anything special, Daddy needs to be there to give his stamp of approval or his absence will be sorely felt.

Through the connections between the Sun and Uranus, Charles is likely to perceive that he has an exceptional father. Or, Charles may see the father as too aloof, leading to feelings that Dad is unreliable or undependable. Dad may be rather eccentric, but he could also just be highly independent. Remember: this is the potential perception Charles has of Father! It's possible that Charles sees the father as a model so unique that he could never fit into it. It's also likely that he sees the father as living beyond the limitations and structures of society, offering a different viewpoint of life from the "norm." When given an opportunity to prove his own uniqueness to Father, Charles will require positive reinforcement for his talents and abilities if he is to feel confidence in his individuality. The contact between the Sun and Neptune can suggest problems in a child's perception of Father, since Dad can be over-idealized; he may even have disappeared. Charles may see only an illusion of Father. This can produce problems in Charles' own perception of Self later on, since the role model is viewed through rose-colored glasses. Charles may also expect the father to be rather saintly, and can be disappointed when Daddy turns out to be human! For this reason, it's crucial that Charles has a realistic and close contact with Father. While Father's sharing of his spirituality and creativity with Charles can be especially positive reinforcement, he also needs to show his humanity. Ultimately, it may also be helpful if Charles has a male mentor who may be easier to identify than Dad. This does not mean that another male needs to come into Charles' life to take over the role of the father, but that this could be a very positive compliment to the child's development. Charles needs a reason to have a male to idealize. That's quite a tall order for Father, but many men are definitely up to the task!

Then, there is a need for solidity, structure and safety -- and most children look to parents to establish this for them. A child is not capable of understanding the ways of the world, but will learn about them eventually.

Nor does a child understand the need for limits. It's up to parents and teachers to set these limits and expose a child to the rules of life. These rules, tests and structures are identified by the energy of Saturn.

There can be a downside, since Saturn energy feels judgmental and limiting much of the time, especially in childhood. Many children are anything but delighted at the prospect of being "responsible" -- that's what adults are supposed to be, not kids!

The placement of Saturn not only symbolizes the parents, but also authority in society. Saturn does not necessarily represent one parent or another. Here is discipline, structure, and stability. This is also tradition. For the better part, what Saturn symbolizes is the story of how Charles needs to be stabilized and what he requires in terms of a sense of safety and security.

Saturn in Capricorn responds best to a parental situation which displays consistent and well-defined roles. This does not mean that traditional concepts are the only ones which will make sense to Charles. As long as family structure and parental messages remain intact, he will feel like he stands on solid ground.

Saturn in the 4th House symbolizes Charles' need for a sound home environment and sense of family continuity. If Charles experiences parents who show respect for family, it will be especially confirming for him. Learning the importance of family tradition and the best ways to incorporate those traditions into his life will make a positive impact. However, if Charles learns from parents that these traditions carry great guilt, then the imprint will be quite different.

Ultimately, as Charles moves through the various ages and stages of childhood, he will be able to incorporate all these qualities and expressions once seen through others, into himself. However, some vestiges of our childhood remain throughout a lifetime. Think of the concepts in this report as the building blocks for the person who will become Charles through the course of these early years. And enjoy every moment of your journey together!

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