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Day beginning at Sunrise

On the day you were born, you not only gained the magic of your horoscope, you also gained the myths and meanings of a sky full of stars. Not all the stars, just those that formed links to your natal planets via what is called parans. By considering the star parans in your life you will be encountering a whole new (though very old) layer of myth and meaning to your chart. Welcome to your Stars.

Each star has a unique and wonderful pattern of visibility for any given place on earth. Some stars will be visible for a period in the night, yet later in the year they will fail to appear and be lost to the view of stargazers. Others will also rise or set at night, but instead of disappearing from view altogether, they will lose touch with the horizon and spend the whole night being visible in the starry sky. Yet both these sorts of stars will eventually return to rising or setting during the night, with each individual star doing so on a particular date of the year. However, there is also another set of stars that do not partake of this dance and are always visible, and never sink beneath the horizon, spending every night circling around the pole.

To the Egyptians the stars were deities and so these annual star patterns had strong religious significance. The never setting circumpolar stars were considered to be the Immortals for these are the deities that never died, the stars that never set. But the stars that rose or set during the course of the year were the deities who moved between the world of humans and the world of the Immortals, or the Underworld, the place the stars journeyed when they disappeared from view. These were the deities who communed with humans, the deities who were approachable and open to prayer.

Such stars would, according to their unique rhythm, reappear at set calendar dates. If they reappeared from the Underworld, they would rise just before, or with, the rising sun and be called the Heliacal Rising Star. This star was considered the ruling deity for a period of time until the next star in the annual cycle re-emerged from the Underworld. Or, if the star came back from the realm of the Immortals and once again touched the earth, they would appear to set just before, or with, the rising sun and be called the Heliacal Setting Star. This star can also be considered the ruling deity for a period of time until the next star in the cycle appears to descend from the Immortal realm. So important were these times of the return of a star that the Egyptians based their religious calendar around such events and built temples designed to capture the returning star's light onto the altar of the deity.

Thus, there will be at least two stars that rule the period of time and place in which you were born. One star will be the most recent to have returned from the Underworld and the other would have returned from the realm of the Immortals. Both stars have significance for you. Occasionally more than one star can return on the same day so some people will have more than one Heliacal Rising

Star or more than one Heliacal Setting Star. These stars, and their meanings, are guiding principles in your life.

Your Heliacal Rising Star is:



Canopus - The Great Navigator or Star of Egypt

To be a navigator, a pathfinder, or a perfectionist

This is the star that has been walking the path of the underworld and has now emerged to be visible in the world of humans. This star, the Heliacal Rising Star, is the star that you were born under and it will bear gifts to you from the land of your past, your family and your genetics. It is your gift, the jewel or the treasure, which your ancestors handed you at your birth. This star is a theme in your life; helps to build your philosophies, and can at times take on a vocational pulse.

The Egyptians knew this star as the navigator of the ship used to carry the dead to the after-life. Other cultures gave it other names: the Arabs at different times called it The Bright One or The Wise One. Canopus was also worshipped in the deserts as a form of god and was known as the Star of Egypt. It was also called the Heavy-Weighing Canopus, a name which tells us the importance of this star. For Canopus was considered the weight at the end of the plumb-line used to define the poles. Many cultures, including the mythology of some American Indian tribes, saw this South Pole star moving northward and delineated this as the timing of the end of the world. So Canopus became linked with the concept of time, with a Saturnian theme of time eating all things. Canopus is a powerful star and it shows skills of leadership, or the courage to take new directions or forge new paths. But it could also, by too much domination, destroy that which it has created. This is a complex star similar to a Royal Star, for while it can bring success, its shadow is that of needing too much control. To have Canopus in such an important position on the day of your birth will indicate that you have strong leadership skills, or the ability to find new pathways or break new ground, but it also implies that you will struggle with a need to dominate and control, which could damage the very work that you are trying to achieve.

Your Heliacal Setting Star is:



Altair - The Eagle

To use boldness and bravery as the guiding principles of your life

This is the star that has been living amongst the immortals of the pole, and has now, at the time of your birth, returned to earth. This star is known as the Heliacal Setting Star and is a gift or treasure given to you from your spirit, from your immortal soul, from your daemon. This star represents goals that you reach for; vocations that motivate you, and the spiritual pathways that you seek. This star represents your doorway to the immortals, or your journey towards a fulfilled life. That which gives you the greatest happiness.

With Altair in such an important position on the day of your birth, swiftness and boldness of action will be a part of your sense of self. This could lead to rashness, or determination, or the ability to

soar to places others have not been. Altair is a masculine star of action and strength and will naturally seek action rather than inaction. But at the same time this quest for action is not just for its own sake but also seeks to serve others.

Stars that are linked to your planets...

Stars form links or parans to your planets, via the angles of your chart. If a planet is at a key point of its daily movement, either Rising, Setting, Culminating or At the Bottom of the Sky, and at the same time a star is also at one of these key points in its daily movement, then the star is in paran to that planet. The angle that the star occupies also tells us the period of your life when the mythology of the star will be expressed. If the star is rising then it affects your youth, if culminating then the prime of your life, if setting the latter years, and if lower the star is a foundation, or summary statement concerning your life.

Only the visible planets are used in this report, as the outer planets are generational and do not have meaning at a personal level.

Stars of Your Youth

All of these stars are rising as they form a paran to a planet. Therefore, all of these stars will express themselves in your childhood and young adulthood. Simply put, these stars influence the first third of your life. With these stars shaping your childhood, they will have an impact on your parents, schooling and social skills, and in that manner can have a large impact on your whole life. These stars are:

 Alkes - The Crater or the Cup, with Mars  in Youth

To take action to achieve and protect one's ideals

With Alkes in paran to your Mars, your actions and motivation will be to provide a sense of safety, to find safety or to build security, not just for yourself but for those you love or care about. This combination reaches far beyond your family circle and may well lead you to do volunteer work for a cause or group that you feel strongly about. This work may be for humanitarian reasons or it may be work for the support of an idea or a body of knowledge. Another expression may simply be to support different charities which align with your philosophies. This combination wants to build or create greater security for the people or ideas that you care about, in whatever manner is available in your life.

 Alnilam - The Belt of Orion, with Mars  in Youth

An individual who is an active problem-solver

This star influences your childhood, but its meaning and impact returns in your latter years. An issue from your childhood may finally be resolved, or a talent is finally revealed, in the later years of your life.

This is the bright buckle of the belt of the god and the star is symbolically linked to pulling things together. Taking knowledge that is already there and improving and expanding the subject in such a way that a new foundation is laid. Alnilam is not a power star, or one for those who make a show of their work, but is concerned with the steady, reliable plod that can produce well-grounded, long lasting work. With Alnilam in paran to your Mars, your actions and what motivates you are focused into problem solving. There is a love of challenge and an active seeking of mental or physical gaps to be bridged. This desire to solve problems will be expressed in many different ways, but always it will have a physical impact, a moment when the ideas are put into practice. For Alnilam seeks new ways of doing things and, when in paran with Mars, focuses the star into a goal-oriented approach. You will need results and want physical outcomes.



Ankaa - The Phoenix, with Saturn



in Youth

A pathmaker - someone who can build new direction from chaos

Ankaa is the alpha star of the Phoenix and it represents the ability to transform a situation, to move from the ashes of one thing to the clarity and foundation of another. To have this star in paran to Saturn means that you have a natural resilience, either socially, politically or in your career. In addition you are physically robust, able to recover from health problems or difficulties that would defeat others. Difficulties are really a source of strength for you and a source of new beginnings. In this way you can help others with difficulties, or lead others out of chaos into a more promising or fruitful situation.



Deneb Algedi - The Ancient Law Giver, with Moon



in Youth

A story-teller, the use of story to promote greater awareness of humanity

The Moon is very concerned with the well-being of people and, when linked to this ancient law-giver, the star of the great water goat Deneb Algedi, then the laws that interest you are the lunar laws. These are the laws concerning the rights of people, in contrast to the solar laws which deal with property. As well as human rights issues, you will also be drawn to myths, stories that heal, stories that teach, stories that bring change and hope to people. For underpinning your strong social conscience, you are also a collector and teller of stories.



Toliman - The Foot of the Centaur Chiron, with Mars



in Youth

A persistent personality

This star influences your childhood, but its meaning and impact returns in your latter years. An issue from your childhood may finally be resolved, or a talent is finally revealed, in the later years of your life.

With Toliman in paran with your Mars you are a person who is strongly motivated to help and teach others. However, your passion may be too strong for many people, and you may find yourself being labelled as a persistent, or dominating, person. For this is the forward leading foot of the centaur, Chiron, who is going to the Altar to make a sacrifice. Chiron is a healer and a teacher, but he carries his wound. Toliman being on the foot of the great tutor, like Rigel on the foot of Orion, indicates

that the star's meaning is connected to matters of learning and education that expand your world view. To have Toliman in paran with your Mars means, therefore, that this desire to help, educate and even heal others can become too strong, too assertive. Focus your motivation into your own projects, and allow your success to convince people of your arguments, not your assertiveness.

Stars of Your Prime

All of these stars are culminating as they form a paran to a planet. These stars will be influencing you in your adulthood, or the second third of your life. These stars will therefore have an impact on your career, adult relationships, children and financial prosperity. In addition, some of these stars will be doubly emphasised as they will not only be present and active in the prime of your life but will be shown, later in this report, to be coming from a deeper source, coming from the foundation stones of your being. These stars are discussed here, as it is in this period of your life that you first encounter their impact they will, however, simply grow stronger as your life unfolds. The stars that are active in the prime of your life are:




Alcyone - The Pleiades, The Third Eye, with Moon  in Prime

Insightful into the darker side of life

This star seeks the inner eye, the third eye. There is a very strong desire to seek inner knowledge. Alcyone is also linked to the Fates and the judgement of the dead. This can manifest in an individual's life as ruthlessness when dealing with those who have not met certain standards. Thus Alcyone is a strong, powerful star indicating visions and mystical abilities, but also a potential for ruthlessness or judgemental anger. When the Moon is involved with a star, it adds to the star the qualities of caring, compassion and empathy. On a professional level, it will be involved with children, women's issues, health and welfare. On a personal level, it will colour your feelings and emotional well-being. Alcyone linked with your Moon in your childhood places all this mystical, insightful, but at times narrow-minded or judgemental, energy on your carers; the people who raised you. This could have a wide range of expressions, from a household of mystics to a household of bigots, with every shade in-between. At best it gives a strong insightful mother-figure who teaches you that there is more to this world than only what can be weighed and measured. In your adult years, this star will influence the way you love others or care for others. You will from time to time experience very strong emotions around people or places, and these emotions, if not understood, can lead you to paranoia or rash judgements. This is a gift of insight and mysticism, but it will lead you to encounter both the best and the worst in human nature.



Altair - The Eagle, with Saturn  in Prime

Issues of bravery and honour in the daily life

This influence of this star comes from your foundations, the roots of the tree of your life, your family history. In this period of your life you start to experience its energy in your social and professional world, but it grows stronger as you grow older until it eventually adds to the overall meaning of your life.

When Altair is linked to the materialising nature of Saturn, then the boldness of the eagle, the spiritual and/or physical warrior nature of this star, strives to express itself in your world. This

expression may take many forms; you may be a warrior or have an involvement with military matters as a hobby or career. Another expression may be that you show a boldness and a bravery in your work or creative output. You may also have a child who is brave, and physically gifted. The central theme of this combination is that in your life, your creative work, children, or career you will be dealing with a physical expression of bravery and courage.

Stars of Your Latter Years

All of these stars are setting as they form a paran to a planet. These stars will be influencing you in your later years or the last third of your life. They will be influential in the nature of your reputation, the manner in which you retire, and the autumn of your life, its joys or its sorrows. These stars are:



Alnilam - The Belt of Orion, with Mars  in Latter Years

An individual who is an active problem-solver

This star first influenced your childhood, and its nature is also expressed, and possibility better understood, now in the latter years of your life. Refer back to your childhood stars for its meaning.




Bellatrix - The Left Shoulder of the God, with Mars  in Latter Years

A person who takes up a proletarian fight

With Bellatrix in paran to your Mars, then you are an old warrior, a battler. Bellatrix is the left shoulder of Orion and will give a military focus to your Mars. You are willing to enter into battle, and you are willing to take on board the type of battle where the odds are against you. For some people these may be personal battles; others may take on environmental or social battles. This is the politician for the minority party, the leader who is willing to lead from the front, the blue collar union representative who finds themselves victorious in a battle. This is a gift for your Mars and, if you focus on harder or proletarian issues, you will be victorious.



Markab - The Saddle of Pegasus, with Mars  in Latter Years

To be honest, and act in an open-handed way

Markab is the saddle of Pegasus and represents great solidness and reliability, a point of steadiness or the power to maintain stability under pressure. With Markab in paran to your Mars, therefore, you are reliable and persistent in your actions and your motivations. You are the type of person who will become strongly motivated towards a goal, then show great persistence and consistency over many years in striving to obtain that goal. Some would call you stubborn but others would call you determined. As long as you learn to temper your drive with a willingness to see other options or other opinions, then this star should be a useful combination for you. However, you must ensure that your determination does not lead you into a narrow, obsessed pathway.



Mirach - The Receptive Feminine, with Jupiter ♃ in Latter Years

An insatiable appetite for the physical world, money or people

Mirach is connected to concepts of the young fertile virgin: receptivity, feminine power, intuition, and the arts. The theme of this star is one of being receptive and fertile and, when in paran with Jupiter, you will find as you live your life that fortunate circumstances grow from being patient, calm and receptive. You are a person past whom the river of life flows, and you only need to wait and all things come to you. This can lead to a charmed life, a life full of the richness and joys of living. However, there is a shadow side to Jupiter's involvement with Mirach, and that is of self indulgence, and in worst cases even decadence and debauchery. You can get the things that you want from life, but you will find that it is far more fulfilling to also put back into the river of life.



Ras Algethi - The Natural Order, with Mars ♂ in Latter Years

Wanting to live by a moral code; strong principles and sense of justice

Ras Algethi seeks the natural or correct balance of life, nature, and soul. This star is part of the constellation Hercules, and is symbolic of the older meaning of this constellation, which was to give homage to the natural order of the world. So, with Ras Algethi in paran with your Mars, your actions and what motivates you are driven by the adherence to a belief, code or life philosophy. You will have a strong sense of moral justice. The only difficulty is that, for you, some of the complex issues of life and death may be too simplistically reduced to black and white. You will want to take action against any moral, environmental, or social, injustice; and indeed this is a good expression of this stellar combination, which in essence is the concept of the protestor for the rights of others, or the rights of the environment.



Toliman - The Foot of the Centaur Chiron, with Mars ♂ in Latter Years

A persistent personality

This star first influenced your childhood, and its nature is also expressed, and possibility better understood, now in the latter years of your life. Refer back to your childhood stars for its meaning.




Vega - Orpheus' Lyre, with Mercury ♿ in Latter Years

A visionary with a very persuasive voice, or charismatic ideas

With Vega in paran with your Mercury your voice, interests, and writing are all touched with a drop of magic. For Vega, the alpha star of the Lyre, is a most beautiful and bright star, and through its connection to Orpheus and his lyre, is linked to magic and divine spells. It is full of charisma and talks of one who has been touched by the other world. The Greek myth of Orpheus is about a musician whose music could tame the wildest of animals, and in that sense Vega is the star of music. For music is a spell and music can be spell-binding. Thus Vega gives you creative, mysterious skills which can be used for artistic, spiritual expression, or in a negative way as a tool of deception. It is however, a beautiful, magical star much like Fomalhaut, one of the Royal Stars of

Persia, and will bring a touch of charisma to your life. In paran to your Mercury, this charismatic energy is focused into your interests, ideas and communication skills. You may be interested in music or poetry and have skills in these areas; or Vega's other world, like nature, may give you very strong spiritual beliefs, where you see the magic in everyday life. To you speech, and the human voice, is an instrument to be played well either in prose, poetry, or song.



Zubén Eschamali - The Northern Pan of the Scale, with Sun  in Latter

Years


The ability to influence society through one's work

With Zubén Eschamali in paran with your Sun, you are considered a socially orientated, socially aware individual who has status in the role, or position, that you fill. For this star is one of a pair of stars, its twin being Zubén Elgenubi, with each star representing one of the pans of the scale of Libra. Both these stars have a common theme, with Zubén Eschamali showing the more shadowy side of the concept. This theme is to be strongly involved in social reform, or social justice, with this star expressing itself in a more direct, and sometimes more self-interested, way than its southern twin. Zubén Eschamali can be very effective in the community, but you will have a strong motive of personal gain, or power. The local councillor who seeks to help his or her community, but also wants the status of being on the council, is a positive example of Zubén Eschamali,. However, if you desired the position in the community in order to act in a corrupt way, this is the negative expression of the star. With this star linked to your Sun, you may have seen your father-figure in this light, either ambitious for power and status, or a person willing to serve his community as long as there was some form of recognition. In your adult life, this stellar combination will influence your career, or standing in the community, motivating you to play a part in the affairs of your community, and to take on jobs and roles. This can be a noble undertaking, but always be aware of your motives and insure that your ambition does not compromise your ethics.

The Hearthstone of Your Life

All of these stars are on the Nadir, the bottom of the sky, as they form a paran to a planet. These stars will express themselves, firstly, as the foundation of your life, the roots from which you grow, and secondly, as the summation of your life. These stars can be considered your hearthstone; they are there from the beginning, influencing you from behind the scenes, but only really become visible in your life as you grow old. Some of these stars would have first expressed themselves in the prime of your life and were discussed in that section. These hearthstone stars are:



Altaír - The Eagle, with Saturn  in Foundation

Issues of bravery and honour in the daily life

This star expresses itself in the prime of your life but continues to grow in strength as you age. Eventually it becomes one of the main defining features of your life. For more details on the meaning of this stellar combination, look again at the stars of your prime.



Phact - The Bow of the Argo, with Mars  in Foundation

Bold, daring and original, needing a challenge

With Phact in paran with your Venus your social attitudes and conventions are linked to a star which used to be part of the Argo. Situated on the top of the bow, Phact was the point on the craft which cut through the waves in uncharted waters. Phact, therefore, adds an element of exploration, of seeking the unknown, and of being prepared to move into uncharted waters. It can be a bold risk-taking statement or, alternatively, it could be the exploration of intellectual pursuits. In paran with your Mars, you will need new and exciting situations just to help you feel alive. These may be sexual encounters, or the thrill of speed, or any other form of adventure. You have been given a braveness of heart, use it wisely rather than seeking cheap thrills.

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Star Legend


Each star has a pictogram that will help you remember the nature of the star as well as give you some simple information. There are three components to each star pictogram; the star magnitude symbol, the constellation image and the letter of the alphabet giving the star's common proper name.

The star symbol will tell you the brightness of the star.

 = A star whose magnitude is less than 2.0. This is a bright or very bright star clearly visible even within a large city.

 = A star whose magnitude is between 2.0 and 2.9. This is a small star, clearly visible even within a city unless there is a great deal of light pollution, but better seen away from the city lights.

 = A star whose magnitude greater than 3.0 This is a faint star that would possibly not be seen if you live in a city, but would be visible on a clear night in the country. The human eye can see stars up to a magnitude of 6.0 provided the viewing conditions are good.

 = A star whose magnitude is variable, sometimes bright at other times not bright.

 = This is a nebula, not actually a star but an interstellar cloud of dust and gas.

The constellation image will tell you the constellation to which the star belongs, for example:



This is the pictogram for Regulus the bright star in the constellation Leo. The star symbol shows that it is a bright star and the image of the Lion represents Leo. All stars in Leo will have the same lion image.



This is the pictogram for Denebola another star that is not as bright as Regulus in the constellation Leo and ...



This is the pictogram for Zosma another star of similar brightness to Denebola also in the constellation Leo.

The letter of the alphabet will give you the first letter of the star's proper name.