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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

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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:



Rukbat - The Steady Stance of the Archer

To lead a life that is unswerving from what is held to be the true path

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.

Rukbat is the foot of the archer, Sagittarius, and is the expression of steadiness; it implies steadiness or solidness. With Rukbat as your heliacal rising or setting star, it will add a sort of 'rudder' or 'anchor' to your life. This could manifest simply as stubbornness, but generally it means you can use the energy to give yourself strength. Be prepared to work towards long-term goals rather than looking for the short cut. This steadiness and consistency is a skill you admire in others and aspire to in your own life.

Your Heliacal Setting Star is:



Regulus - The Heart of the Lion

A strong belief in the correctness of one's position, or path

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.

Being one of the Royal Stars of Persia, this is one of the great historical stars of the sky. The Persians saw it as the Watcher in the North and linked the star to their mythical king Feridun who, according to their mythology, once ruled the entire known world. He was a good and great king whose mythical origins were similar to those of Zeus. Like Zeus, he was raised separate to his family, and suckled on a sacred cow. In his adulthood, he claimed his throne after a great battle. He is an image also very much like Osiris in Egyptian mythology: teaching; bringing peace and civilisation; and giving laws to his people. In his old age he decided to divide his great kingdom amongst his three sons. The two eldest fell upon and murdered their younger brother in order to take his lands, and this act so grieved Feridun that he took revenge upon his two elder sons. The resulting battle was the end of his kingdom and the end of the golden days of Feridun. The importance of this story is that it shows us the myth behind the military honours and success associated with Regulus. Like the other three Royal Stars, great success can be gained, but only by facing a particular nemesis. For Regulus, this nemesis is revenge. You may gain a great deal of success in your chosen field, but if you ever stoop to take revenge, you will lose power, position and standing in the community. Regulus indicates power and success, and so is active in the charts of successful people. But the higher this star takes a person, the more they must guard against revenge. To be born with one of the Royal Stars in such an important position on the day of your birth will put a strain on the rest of your chart, for you will be pushed to succeed, to shine, or to move forward in your life. This may fit well with the rest of your chart, in which case you should step out, as success is yours. However, it may contradict other needs, in which case, by taking pride in small things, the deep pressure to shine that Regulus will apply to you can

be eased. With Regulus in this position in on the day you were born, you should aim high, but with awareness of the danger of revenge.

Stars that were on the Angles at the moment of your birth...

At the moment you were born the following star or stars were on your Cross of Matter. This is the cross made up of your Ascendant/Descendant axis and your MC/IC axis. Known also as the angles of a chart, these four points are your connection between the spiritual, or cosmic, world and the physical world in which you live. A star on one of the angles acts like a filter or lens between the world of your spirit and the material world, the world of form, shape and expression. Such a star will have a strong influence on your lifestyle, and the daily unfolding of your physical, emotional, and financial life.



Procyon - The One that Comes Before

Early success that must be used as a platform for the future, otherwise a life spent reliving past glories

Procyon comes before The Shining One, Sirius, and so can indicate a quick rise but with no real substance. Therefore, with this star on your angles, you will have early physical, or mental, success in your life, and you may even be gifted athletically or artistically. However, the early success you experience will not carry indefinitely through your life. Learn to harvest your successes, and never take them for granted. Procyon is like fireworks - wonderful to watch, takes centre stage, but quickly fades. So harvest your opportunities as they emerge, for they can disappear as quickly as they arrive; and try to plant seeds in other areas and lifestyles while you are at the peak of your achievements. As long as you sow seeds into the future, then this star on your angles can give you a string of successes. If, however you do not plan, you can find yourself living your life retrospectively, dreaming of past glories rather than anticipating for the next success or adventure.



Diadem - The Woman's Crown

To devote yourself to a cause, the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the one

Any star on the angles at the time of your birth expresses itself in the rhythm of your everyday life, influences the goals that you seek, and thereby helps shape your life-style. Diadem is a star linked to feminine strength. It does not seek glory or personal fame but rather belongs to the concept of the quiet worker, the person who slaves for years helping or working for the benefit of a group, never seeking personal recognition or fame. With this star on your angles at the time of your birth, you willingly make sacrifices for others, and will devote your life to the service of a cause, a group, another person, or a philosophy.



Mirach - The Receptive Feminine

The dancer, the designer

This star is connected to concepts of the young fertile virgin: receptivity, feminine power, intuition, the arts, and aesthetic inclinations. The theme of this star is one of being receptive and fertile, and at times self-indulgent. On the angles at the time of your birth, you are physically gifted with grace of movement, or have skill with design or composition. These could manifest in areas of dance or physical expression, or you may simply find that you have a good eye for colour or a good ear for sound. Whatever its expression this is an endowment on which you can rely.

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.

Some Stars are at a Phase of Arising and Lying Hidden

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Some of the stars that are in paran to your natal planets are in a stage of their cycle known as Arising and Lying Hidden. These stars can at times be seen at the latitude of your birth, however, in this period of time they are not visible in the night sky at sunset, and will still not be visible in the night sky at sunrise. So these stars have lost contact with the earth, and have returned to the underworld, the land of the dead. In this situation the stars will express themselves in a more fated manner, as they are no longer concerned with the land of the living, and the Egyptians believed that they could no longer hear your prayers. Thus you will struggle with these stars, as their meanings and myths will be more powerfully and bluntly expressed in your life. In this report, any star that is in a phase of Arising and Lying Hidden should be read with this emphasis in mind.

Some Stars are Circumpolar

Some of the stars which are influencing your chart are circumpolar. This means that, for your birth location, they are visible every night, for the whole night, regardless of the time of the year. They are permanently in the realm of the immortals. These stars should be read with greater emphases for they have a tendency to express themselves in a more black and white manner due to their lack of contact with the ways of humans.

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:



Aculeus - One of the Stings of the Scorpion, with Moon 
in Youth

Hardship which leads to compassion

This is one of a pair of nebulae, its twin being Acumen. Aculeus and Acumen are the tail of Scorpio, the sting, and are linked to attacks, physical, mental, verbal or spiritual. Aculeus brings the less damaging attack, the kind you can endure, and use to harden or strengthen yourself. 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 concerned with children, women's issues, health and welfare. On a personal level, it will colour your feelings and emotional well-being. Aculeus brings difficulties relating to nurturing. If it is active in your childhood, then it may be that your perception of your mother-figure was as a person who was wounded, or caustic and hard in their treatment of you. If Aculeus is active in your adult years, then you may have difficulties with women, whether as lover, sister, friend, mother or workmate. Alternatively, you may be trying, in a professional sense, to help women and children in society.



Hamal - The Head of the Ram, with Moon



in Youth

A rogue, but liked by many

Hamal is a forceful star of action and independence. A little like the meaning of the tropical zodiac sign Aries, it seems to enhance any planet it contacts with the strength of independence. With your Moon involved with Hamal, then the forthright independence of this star mixes with the qualities of caring, compassion and empathy. If active in your childhood, then your mother-figure has been a person who is easily angered and quick to act, or a person who has taught you the value of focused action. If active in your adult years, then you are likely to be something of a popular hero, a people's hero, a sports person who is loved by many. If you are not such a sports person then, depending on the condition of your moon, you will be a rogue, or a person who will challenge authority but in a way that is loved, or appreciated, by others. The person who works for the common folk.



Rigel - The Protection of the Pharaoh, with Venus



in

Youth

Not restrained by social opinions on ethics, relationship, or religious issues

Rigel in paran to your Venus influences your ideas and attitudes to social customs, art, and relationship conventions. This star is in the foot of Orion, whom the Egyptians saw as the Pharaoh. Their political view was that to be under a Pharaoh's foot was to be under his protection. The Pharaoh was not accountable to anyone, he was the ultimate free-thinking and independent individual. So, in your social and relating habits, you are a free-thinker acting with independence, and at times with little or no regard for social convention. This could mean that you are a

trend-setter, establishing fashion, social, or artistic trends. More generally, you are a person who walks your own path in choosing your friends, your social scene, and even the nature of your personal relationships.

Stars of Your Latter Year:

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:



Acubens - The Scarab Beetle of Life, with Saturn ♄ in
Latter Years

The cartographer; one who maps, records or collects people, events, or things

This star is linked with the energy of life-giving, the Gateway of life, and thus to the concept of resurrection. This star may sit quietly in your life, shaping some of your spiritual attitudes and giving you a sense or belief in the concept of resurrection, either in a religious sense or simply as an optimistic outlook on life in all its diverse forms. With Acubens in paran to your Saturn, you will record life, store life, build a history of life. For Saturn wishes to consolidate any star that it touches, and when it meets Acubens, the Giver of Life then people, events, human or animal society can be of great interest to you. It will propel you through a hobby or your profession, to try to capture or record in some way the world around you. The photographer, the cartographer, the historian, the collector are all expressions of Acubens with Saturn.



Alkes - The Crater or the Cup, with Jupiter ♃ in Latter
Years

To be the physical representation of an ideal

With Alkes in paran with your Jupiter, then the Jupiterian desire to expand and grow is combined with a desire in you to protect and nurture this expression or this growth. This will have many different representations. If active in your youth then you may be the heir, the child who has the family gift, the child who will fulfill the dreams of your parents. If it is active in your adult years, then you will

be the one endeavoring to protect and propel forward a cherished idea or concept. This could be in education, medicine or law. Or it could manifest the more shadowy side of Jupiter in gambling or recklessness. Alkes wants to provide a safe haven for anything it touches, whether people or ideas




Antares - The Heart of the Scorpion, with Mars  in Latter Years

To act, fuelled by inspiration or obsession

This star is the Heart of the Scorpion and is one of the great stars of the sky. It is a Royal Star of Persia and was known as the Watcher of the West. To the Persians this star was the god of the dead, Yima. Being a Royal Star, Antares offers great success, worldly or otherwise. However, it also indicates that you may well cause your own undoing. The natural desire of this star is to generate success by going through a cleansing life-and-death experience. It can cause you to seek this intensity even when it is not required. A powerful star, this will imply that you will go to extremes, intentionally or unintentionally. Success will come, as this is one of the Royal Stars, but only through continually putting your efforts to the test and honing them through the fires of experience. The planet in contact with Antares will indicate how this energy will be expressed in your life. The danger is one of seeking drama simply for the thrill, and if this happens, it can lead to the loss of all that has been gained. With Antares in paran to your Mars, your actions and what motivates you will be passionate. Focused at times, rash or head strong at others, but always you do everything with all your energy. You will paint the world in a black and white manner. This will make your choices very easy or straightforward for you, and having made your choice, you will put all your energy into the outcome. However, recognise that not everyone has the same view as you, and if you are too tunnel- visioned, you may find that the journey is becoming more important than the outcome. Learn to keep an eye on the big picture.



Pollux - One of the Twins of Gemini, with Saturn  in Latter Years

A person who can take a simple idea and build it into a practical application

With Pollux in paran with your Saturn you wish to give substance and form to

unusual, or unpopular, ideas. For Castor and Pollux represent the concept of twins, the struggle with polarity, and Pollux is symbolic of the more difficult side of the condition, or the side that struggles with the harder issues. Thus, linked with Saturn, you will have a strong desire to give substance to ideas, and build a body of work, in the area of communication, or in unusual, unfashionable or proletarian matters. Teaching the poor, simple communication issues, uncomplicated plain ideas that can be built into an empire or a serious hobby, all these are within the scope of this stellar combination.

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:




Denebola - The Tail of the Lion, with Venus ♀ in
Foundation

To challenge accepted social opinions

Denebola is linked to the mythology of the Nemean Lion, for just as the Nemean Lion was symbolic of the goddess worship still practiced in rural areas, this star indicates in some degree 'being out of step' or being out of the main stream of thought. Not conforming; living on the fringe. Denebola, therefore, adds an element of difference, seeing the world differently in some way. Denebola in paran to your Venus will influence your social conscience and the types of relationships that you seek. This star represents the concept of an alternative path, the desire to be different, and the strength or tenacity to clash with the views of others. When linked to Venus this confronting, challenging energy flows into your social conscience, giving you the desire to confront and put forward opinions which will be different to mainstream thinking. If the star is functioning in your personal life, you will seek alternative styles of friendships and relationships. You will be happy going against the tide of social opinion in these areas of your life. In addition, this stellar combination can give you unique ideas in the world of colour and fashion. Denebola with Venus takes your social values, opinions,

relationships and friendships, and asks that, in one or all of these areas, you walk a different path to those around you.



Fomalhaut - The Watcher of the South, with Sun  in

Foundation

The artist, the idealist, the charismatic one who is vulnerable to hubris

Arising Lying Hidden That the time of your birth, and for this latitude, this star is in the phase of Arising and Lying hidden and is therefore to be read more in the extremes of its meaning, rather than a more balanced expression. Refer to the beginning of this report to refresh yourself with the meaning of such a star phase.

This is one of the Royal Stars of Persia and all of them are quite unique, for each one seems to represent a trial or a temptation through which the individual must work before true success can be achieved. They form a rocky road with many potential pitfalls, or areas where the individual can fall from grace. They are represented in Christian mythology by the scene in the Bible where Christ is tempted by Satan. But they are not evil, they are simply the nemesis the individual must conquer. Fomalhaut contains a touch of the mystic, a sense of magic, and is based on high ideals or lofty visions. Being one of the Royal Stars, it contains charisma, and its version of this charisma is beauty or perfect harmony. With Fomalhaut in paran with your Sun you are seen as a person who has this charisma, or has this artistic, spiritual or idealistic theme in your personality. If the star is active in your childhood, then all of this symbolism may be reflected in your father-figure. He could have been idealistic, artistic, or a person who had fallen from grace due to his hubris. However, if Fomalhaut is active in your adult years, you will have an impact on people, convincing them to follow you. However, if ever you believe your own propaganda, or allow yourself to get carried away with the adulation of others, there is a painful falling from grace. On the other hand, you may project this star onto others and seek out those whom you can admire, only to be greatly disillusioned or even embittered when they fail you. Balance is the important point with this great and wonderful star. Admire others, admire yourself, but allow humanity to be present. Even the greatest person has physical or psychological failings.



Vindemiatrix - The Gatherer, with Jupiter **4** in Foundation

To gather others around an idea, a teacher

With Vindemiatrix in paran with your Jupiter you are a person who gathers others around an idea. This idea could be about sport, travel, or religion and philosophy. For the name Vindemiatrix means Grape-Gatherer, for it was said to be the heliacal rising star that indicated the harvesting of the grapes. And even when precession removed Vindemiatrix from this important calendar date, the Greeks and Romans maintained her identity as the Grape Picker. Vindemiatrix, connected with the time of harvest, thus implies a time of action; a time to pick what one has sown. It marks you as a collector, or gatherer of people, ideas or information; but also a person who is patient and will wait for the correct time to harvest. With Vindemiatrix in paran with your Jupiter, what is collected is ideas which pull others towards you, ideas that are very popular. This can make you a teacher and a leader, a person to whom other people look for ideas.

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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 stars proper name.