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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:



Am
Acumen - One of the Stings of the Scorpion

Suffering at the hands of others; subject to rumours

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.

This is one of a pair of nebulae, its twin being Aculeus. Aculeus and Acumen are the tail of Scorpio, the sting, and are linked to attacks, not only physical but also mental, verbal or spiritual. Acumen leans towards the small irritating attacks that can slowly weaken you. So with Acumen in such an important position on the day of your birth, you will feel that your life-path may be filled with attacks or hindrance. It is therefore imperative that you learn to overcome obstacles on your path, whether placed there by yourself or by others.

Your Heliacal Setting Star is:



El Nath - The Horn of Taurus

A confronting attitude, a desire to deal with real life, real issues

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.

El Nath is the tip of the horn, the point of attack. It was viewed as the force of the Bull, thereby having power over the waters or blood of life, and thus it can symbolise a great and terrible weapon. This is a potentially destructive skill that can be used to destroy or used to give life. With El Nath in such an important position on the day of your birth, then it is strongly placed and issues of the use, or non-use, of weapons will figure strongly in your life. This may manifest as a love of martial arts, or it may simply be the sharp edge of your tongue, that you learn to use or curb.

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.



Polaris - The Pole Star

Single mindedness, strong focus

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This star is linked to its long history as a pole star, where it has been used for centuries by sailors of both sea and desert as a guide. In addition we have many layers of goddess mythology spread across this area of the sky, and when we combine this with the focus and path-finding potential of Polaris, the net symbolic picture is of an emotional or nurturing mission. With this star on your angles, and it can only be on your MC, then it gives your life a mission, a strong focus. This could give you motivation to do great things, or could lead you along the pathway of the fanatic. Moderation, and endeavouring to see a situation from another's point of view, will help you steer a more successful path.



Ras Alhague - The Healer

To physically try and make a difference, to be pro-active in seeking change

This is the star of the healer, the teacher, or the wounded. It belongs to Ophiuchus, the great healer in the sky who holds a serpent in his hands. With this star on your angles at birth, then you physically want to make a difference. Your idea of solving a problem is to engage in it, come to grips with the issues, and intervene to help produce a better outcome. The difficult side to this star is that what you consider a better outcome for others may not necessarily be considered so by others. Such a star on your angles could lead you into the healing professions, or you may choose to heal society at large in some way. This may lead you into politics, or other forms of social involvement where you are involved in a pro-active manner. Whatever its expression, the driving force of this star is to repair that which is damaged, to heal.



Schedar - The Queen

Strength in one's dignity, assuming respect from others

This star is the archetypal symbol of the queen. A natural ability to command respect through wisdom. To take a leadership role based on the feminine model, which incorporates intuition and mysticism, just as the masculine model incorporates strength and focus. This star is a strong woman who exudes dignity, and rules by the power of her respectability and honour. To have Schedar on the angles at the moment of your birth means that you will feel, correctly or

incorrectly, that you deserve respect, that you deserve to be treated with dignity. Some may see you as arrogant, but others will see you as a pillar of strength.

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:



Alhena - The Wounded Heel, or the One Who Marches, with

Mars  in Youth

To fight for one's ideas or beliefs

This star carries both the concept of the Proudly Marching One and the tradition of the god with the wounded heel. The Egyptians believed that, at the solstice and equinox, the Sun god touched the earth, rested on the earth, thus connecting himself to the physical world but wounding his heel in the process, as the physical world was considered to be impure. With Gemini being a predominant constellation at these early equinoxes, Alhena came to represent the heel of an immortal or sacred one who touches the earth with great pride. With Alhena in

paran to your Mars, you will believe that action is better than words, writing or dreaming. Motivated by social issues, you will feel driven to actually take action in order to help your beliefs along. This may take the form of protest marches, being politically active, or even being a leader who takes others into action with you. Alhena gives you a purpose, a mission, and when in paran with Mars, these beliefs will be channelled into focused action.



★ ♀ Altair - The Eagle, with Jupiter ♃ in Youth

A person with the courage of their own convictions - success through bold action

With Altair in paran with your Jupiter, you will be at your best when you are bold in your thinking and actions. Altair is the Eagle and when linked to the nobility of Jupiter it gives you the ability to be successful where others have failed. This is the combination of the successful campaigner, a person who can plan a course of action and then have the courage to follow through with those actions. Courage in your own convictions is the gift of this paran.




M Mirach - The Receptive Feminine, with Sun ☉ in Youth

Wanting to remove the pain or ugliness from life, interested in beauty

This star embodies the symbolism of Andromeda, connected to concepts of the young fertile virgin: receptivity, feminine power, intuition, the arts, beauty and harmony. The theme of this star is, therefore, one of being receptive and fertile with creative ideas. With Mirach in paran with your Sun you are seen as a person who has skills of design, rapport, and an eye for colour or beauty. If this star is active in your youth, your father-figure would be well-described by these concepts, and from him, therefore, you have gained your talents in art, and colour. If the star is active in your adult years, then it will influence your reputation and your work. Your talent for building consensus and gaining rapport, or your talent with design and colour, will strongly influence your career, and are skills that you can rely upon to help you with all of your life's ups and downs.



Vega - Orpheus' Lyre, with Moon  in Youth

A compassionate leader, someone who cares

With Vega in paran with your Moon you can be a beacon of help or support for others, or for an idea. 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 Moon, this charismatic energy is focused into humanitarian issues, giving you the opportunity to help others. You may help them through your love of the arts or music, or you may help them directly through the offer of aid or support.

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:



Alhena - The Wounded Heel, or the One Who Marches, with

Mercury  in Prime

To have a voice, to demand the right to be heard

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This star carries both the concept of the Proudly Marching One and the tradition of the god with the wounded heel. The Egyptians believed that, at the solstice and equinox, the Sun god touched the earth, rested on the earth, thus connecting himself to the physical world but wounding his heel in the process, as the physical world was considered to be impure. With Gemini being a predominant constellation at these early equinoxes, Alhena came to represent the heel of an immortal or sacred one who touches the earth with great pride. With Alhena in paran to your Mercury it will give you a desire to speak out on behalf of others, to use your writing skills, voice, or journalistic skills to bring to the attention of others some injustice, some issue that you feel needs to be corrected. For Alhena is influencing how you think and talk, what interests you, and how you learn. Mercury is also the god of business, contracts and paperwork, thus Alhena in this combination can also link you to the world of business and commerce, making this a major interest in your life and giving you a natural business sense. It is ideas that drive you, and philosophies and concepts motivate you to look beyond your own world into the world of others.



Facies - The Face of the Archer, with Mercury ♀ in Prime

A pessimistic attitude, or one who is judged, or speaks, harshly

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.


Facies in paran to your Mercury influences how you think and talk, what interests you, and how you learn. Facies, a nebula in the face of the archer, is the penetrating stare of a lethal weapon. It is one of the most difficult and possibly most violent bodies in the heavens. It gives a penetration of action that has no regard for others and can, therefore, make a great leader or a dictator. The other side of Facies is the individual who may be the victim of the archer's stare. Facies can be cruel and ruthless and its darkest shadow is the evil of war. But it can also represent very strong focus which, if balanced, can make for a non-diplomatic but achieving and insightful person. With this influence on your Mercury, then you can be a sharp and piercing critic, using your words like a weapon. Indeed, you may not be aware of the damage or hurt that your verbal assaults can cause. Or, you may be able to tackle the hard or difficult problems of life, due to your ability to maintain your mental focus on a principle or subject. But this same gift of mental focus can also lead to pessimism, in which you constantly worry over

issues and find yourself unable to move on to other subjects. It is important with such a combination to ensure that you have a mental challenge on which to focus.

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 Sun  in Latter Years

The Healer, a person who sees life as sacred

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 with your Sun, you are seen as a person who appreciates or understands the sacredness of life. You will be involved in health as a lifestyle or profession, and be drawn to this area. To you, life and its many expressions is sacred, and you will identify yourself with this perspective, whether in the field of spiritual beliefs, or via the path of being a healer.




Algol - The Head of the Beast, with Jupiter  in Latter Years

An obsession with power, whether political, physical or spiritual

Algol was called Ras al Ghul by the Arabs, which means the Head of the Demon, and they considered this female demon to be the wife of the Devil. Ptolemy labelled the star as 'the bright one of those in the Gorgon's head. The Chinese called the star Tseih She meaning Piled-up Corpses. In Talmudic Law she is the first wife of Adam, Lilith, who left him because she refused to be submissive to his needs. Lilith then fled Paradise and became a demon of the wind. She was

considered a curse, as she contained sexual pleasure and was the cause of all male wet dreams. The resulting impact in the Jewish, Moslem and Christian cultures was the suppression of all male sexual pleasure, which then led to the oppression of the sexual woman. Algol thus embodied everything that men feared in the feminine. She is not the mother face of the goddess but rather the passionate lover or the whore. She is female kundalini energy. Algol is the wild, raw, frightening face of the outraged feminine, which has been labelled as demonic or simply as evil. This star contains immense female passion and power. It is the power of the feminine, or the potential power of Mother Nature, strong but not to be called evil. This star represents a strong consuming passion, which may devour you with anger and rage. If one can contain a conscious or unconscious compulsion to take revenge, and focus that passion into a more productive outcome, Algol is one of the most powerful stars in the sky. With Algol in paran with your Jupiter, then controversial issues or a confronting attitude, either in yourself or in those around you will bring you benefit or success, even though this achievement may lead to even greater confrontation with some groups. Passionate about your beliefs whether those beliefs are spiritually or materially based, you will move towards the fulfilment of these beliefs with little regard for social subtleties, niceties or protocol. With Algol fueling your personal philosophy of life, you do need to learn to temper your ideas, to learn to listen to others, or at the very least to learn to move forward with a little less drama and confrontation.




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

Someone who is intense and focused, the potential to be obsessed

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 with your Sun you are seen as a person who is strongly focused sometimes to the point of obsession. You see the dark and the light of situations, the God and the Devil in things, and in this manner you tend to polarise people for or against you. You will feel, therefore, that you attract confrontation and challenges, and find yourself entering into behind-the-scenes lobbying, and power games. The shadow side of Antares is that you could find yourself living in a network of blood links and favours owed, and becoming obsessed concerning the role that other people are playing in your life. The positive side of this great royal star of Persia is that your obsession can be a gift of strong focus, and determination to complete a task. However, the success that you can gain from this focus is jeopardized if you fall into a world of obsession.



El Nath - The Horn of Taurus, with Moon  in Latter Years

A fighter, or one who knows the cruelty of life

El Nath is the tip of the horn, the point of attack. It was viewed as the force of the Bull, thereby having power over the waters or blood of life, and thus it can symbolise a great and terrible weapon. This is a potentially destructive skill that can be used to destroy or used to give life. With El Nath making a contact with your Moon, there will be issues of assertiveness or conflict involving the emotional, nurturing side of your life. For when the Moon is involved with a star, then the star's energy is blended with the caring, compassionate and empathic nature of the moon. If this star is active in your youth, then your mother-figure was either a person who was very assertive and abrasive, or an individual who suffered as a result of the cruelty of life. If, however, this star is active in your adult years, then it will influence your attitude to love, both who you love and how you love. It may symbolise drama or tragedy in your emotional life, or it may indicate that you are drawn to form relationships with very assertive, cruel and/ or self-confident people. The most productive use of this stellar combination is to learn to be assertive yourself, to have strong beliefs and to stand up and be counted if those beliefs are challenged. It is important, however, to balance this with concern for the welfare of others.



Zubén Elgenubi - The Southern Pan of the Scale, with
Venus ♀ in Latter Years

Manipulating the social order for better or worse

With Zubén Elgenubi in paran with your Venus, you are concerned with the rights of different groups in your community, or the rights of other life forms, animals, plants, the whole ecosystem. For this star is one of a pair of stars, its twin being Zubén Eschamali, with each star representing one of the pans of the scale of Libra. The word zuben means claw, as the pans of Libra were originally the claws of Scorpio. Both of these stars have a common theme, with Zubén Elgenubi showing us the light, brighter side. Strongly involved in social reform or social justice, this star has higher ideals than its northern partner, for its prime motive is not personal gain but rather to benefit the group. This star is involved with reform, and will resist the temptation for personal gain or power. So, with this star in paran with your Venus, its reforming, concerned energy is focused into different social groups, or different religions. You may be attracted towards relationship with members of a minority group, or the nature of your relationships may be different, non-mainstream. On the other hand, you may want to give of your time and energy freely to help a minority group. Whatever its expression, you do want to have an impact on the social environment which impinges on your life.

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:



Alcyone - The Pleiades, The Third Eye, with Venus ♀ in
Foundation

A love of theatre or the rituals of religion: the poetic soul

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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. Alcyone in paran to your Venus will influence your social conscience, your responses in relationships, and your enjoyment of sensual and sexual pleasures. Alcyone's mysticism blends with Venus to give the magic of ritual. If active in your youth, then you grew up with a love of ritual, whether in religion or theatre. In your adult years the star may influence your career and/or lifestyle, making the beat of ritual, or the creation of magic, part of the fabric of your daily life. This is a poetic soul that will look for a life with mystical or magical meaning.



Facies - The Face of the Archer, with Mercury ♀ in

Foundation

A pessimistic attitude, or one who is judged, or speaks, harshly

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.



Murzim - The Announcer, with Moon ☾ in Foundation

A researcher of people, health or behaviour

When the Moon is involved with a star, it adds to the star the qualities of caring, compassion and empathy, and the star will colour your feelings and emotional well-being. You have Murzims in paran with your Moon, and this star is called The Announcer because it rises before Sirius and announces the imminent arrival of that great star. This star, therefore, seems to embody the symbolism of the dog, as its nature is to announce, to make a noise, to speak out, to carry a message, or to have something important to say. If Murzims is active in your youth, then your mother-figure would have been a person who spoke out, had opinions and was keen that these be given voice. She taught you, for better or for worse, the results of speaking your mind. If this star is active in your adult years then you are

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interested in people, information about people, and their welfare. This could lead you into any number of different professions, but whatever its nature, you are a collector of people-information.

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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.