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Natal Fixed Star Report

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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

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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:



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:



Pollux - One of the Twins of Gemini

Life is a journey of self discovery, through the mountains and valleys of your own soul

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.

This star is one of the twins, its brother being Castor. These two stars are the classic twins of the heavens and, as twins, they represent the universal struggle with polarity. Castor and Pollux thus produce writers and story-tellers, those who understand the mixing of good and evil, the over-lapping of each with the other until both are changed and both are whole. These two stars are about the blending of opposites, the recognition of contrary positions, and the building of bridges between the two. With Pollux in such an important position on the day you were born, then you are a traveller who seeks knowledge, and is prepared to feel pain or sorrow in order to find that knowledge or that enlightenment. Pollux in this position is a life-journey of self awareness through the more painful areas of your soul.

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.



Denebola - The Tail of the Lion

A lifestyle of struggling against establishment thinking

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. This may have very good results or lead to a great deal of success, but generally this success will be on the edge of the establishment, out of step with the main point of view. Or it could have a more negative impact, implying that you are not open to the views of the collective and tend towards dictatorial attitudes. More simply, you could find that you hold different opinions to others, which causes frustration. Awareness of this and listening to other opinions will be of benefit, not necessarily to change your mind but merely to enable you to understand other points of view. 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. With Denebola in this position you will seek to be different, as its influence on your lifestyle will be to bring the unconventional into your daily life. At times you will clash with the establishment, or struggle to be heard, to have your rights acknowledged or accepted. How you want to live your life and what you wish to achieve will be a journey which will see you in conflict with the views of others. Do not try and crash your way through but rather learn to balance and negotiate.



Aldebaran - The Eye of the Bull

Your principles and integrity are the compass and foundation of your life

Aldebaran is one of the great stars in the sky. It is one of the Royal Stars of Persia, being the Watcher in the East, the great cornerstone marking the spring equinox. In this capacity Aldebaran was the god Mithra, or Ahura Mazda, the slayer of the Cosmic Bull. Mithra was a great military god who gave victories to his followers, but only if they followed the strictest procedure in his worship. Aldebaran's connection to Mithra, and the beliefs and customs linked to the god, enable us to derive a more three-dimensional meaning for Aldebaran, namely that success will

come but only through ethical integrity and constructive objectives. Mithra was a warrior king who also wore the title 'lord of contracts'. He considered all exchanges as sacred and therefore oversaw the business of his followers, insisting on their honesty and purity. If they failed they would be condemned to an ordeal of fire. This was usually enacted, by the worshippers of Mithra, in forcing a suspected person to run through a tunnel of fire. Their survival was Mithra's judgement of innocence.

Being one of the four Royal Stars of Persia, it is a very powerful star and offers the possibility of glory, success or happiness, but only if a particular nemesis can be overcome. The challenge for Aldebaran is one of integrity and honour. Greatness can be achieved, but you will be challenged on the integrity and purity of your thoughts and dealings. The presence of Aldebaran on your angles indicates that you will have to face moral dilemmas which challenge your integrity. Success will be presented to you. However, along the journey you will be tempted to compromise your position, to go against your own integrity. Be aware that when this star is involved, any compromise of your integrity will have negative results, and all that is gained could be lost very rapidly. This need for integrity is paramount with this star on your angles, for it is a part of your physical world, part of your reaction patterns, and how you deal with life. You would have learned from an early age that honesty is the most successful way forward. However, from time to time, challenges to your integrity and/or your principles will arise. For you, to lose such battles would mean that you lose everything. Your principles are the compass, as well as the foundations of your life.

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 Curtailed Passage

Some of the stars that are in paran to your natal planets are in a stage of their cycle known as Curtailed Passage. These stars were visible in the night sky at sunset, and were still visible in the night sky at sunrise. These stars have therefore lost contact with the earth, as they are not seen to touch the horizon during the course of the night and are thought to be walking with the immortals, and are not open to the prayers of humans. In this situation the stars seem to express themselves in a more fated manner, and you will find it more difficult to deal with, or embrace, the themes of these stars in your life. Therefore, in this report, any star that is of Curtailed Passage should be read with these emphases in mind.

Some Stars are at a Phase of Arising and Lying Hidden

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 Mars  in Youth

Frequent hardships encountered in pursuing your dreams

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. Aculeus in paran to your Mars indicates that, as you work towards your dreams or passions, you will encounter frequent hardship and/or difficulties. If this star is active in your youth, then you would have found it difficult to achieve your goals, or perhaps were drawn to goals which were physically or mentally arduous. If the star is active in your adult years, then you may consciously choose to walk a difficult path, knowing that while the way will be hard you are willing to struggle for the outcomes. This stellar combination is not afraid of hard physical or mental toil in pursuit of success.



Altair - The Eagle, with Moon  in Youth

A lover of the bold or the daring

When the Moon is in paran with Altair then the strength, boldness and focus of the eagle is linked into your emotional world. If the star was active in your youth then your mother-figure contained this head-strong, fighting but noble spirit, and she would have taught you to value these emotional qualities in yourself and others. If Altair is active in your adult years, then whatever interests you is filled with enthusiasm and passion. You will love speed, freedom, movement and thrills, and have an interest in all things that embody these principles, from military issues to all forms of sport.




Facies - The Face of the Archer, with Mars  in Youth

Endurance, physical or mental, for good or for evil

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 indicate very strong focus which, if balanced, can make for a non-diplomatic but achieving and insightful person. With Facies in paran to your Mars, then you are consistent in your motivation, to the point of being unswerving. These motivations can be for constructive causes, as long as they contain danger or risk or serious challenge. In contrast, this stellar combination can lead to a focus on sadistic or harmful acts perpetrated against individuals or groups. Once you are focused in a direction you can be obsessive, so it is very important that you give yourself positive constructive challenges to fill your life. Endurance is one of your keywords, so use it for a positive outcome.



Rukbat - The Steady Stance of the Archer, with Mars  in Youth

A person who can cope with physical pressure

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.

With Rukbat in paran with your Mars you will be someone who can stand your ground in a disagreement. For Rukbat is the foot of the archer, Sagittarius, and is the expression of solidness, and a steady platform. With Rukbat in paran to your Mars you find this steadiness in the areas of your life where you are challenged, or where you are passionate and motivated. Strong focus gives you endurance. At times however, this endurance can turn to mere stubbornness, so you would be

wise to learn to balance your determination with awareness of the possible end result of your endeavour.

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:




Acubens - The Scarab Beetle of Life, with Mercury ♀ in Prime

To have an interest in the ways or life; to explore how life works socially, or physically

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. Acubens in paran to your Mercury influences how you think and talk, what interests you and how you learn. Acubens values life and humanity above all else, and subjects that encourage, record, discuss and magnify in any way the diversity and mystery of life are of interest to you. Whether the star is active in your youth or adult life, people, or animals, will interest you ; what they do, how they act, how they live. Acubens does not shape your profession or daily life, yet this love of life will influence the things that you seek to intellectually explore.



Bellatrix - The Left Shoulder of the God, with Moon  in Prime

Compassionate; a person who seeks to help others

When the Moon is involved with a star like Bellatrix, the left shoulder of the god, there is a desire for success through dealing with the shadow or shadowy issues which this star represents, mixed with a love of people, a desire to care for or nurture others. If this star was active in your youth, then your mother-figure was a person who cared more for others than for herself, or in contrast, she may have needed extra caring herself, for health or emotional reasons. If Bellatrix is active in your adult years, you will be drawn to a caring profession or lifestyle. This may be hands-on, or may be an involvement with the laws or issues which govern those who need help. Bellatrix in paran with the Moon is compassionate, and seeks improvement, for those who need it, in the basic quality of life.



El Nath - The Horn of Taurus, with Moon  in Prime

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.



Mirfak - The Young Warrior, with Venus ♀ in Prime

To be candid in personal, and public, relationships

Circumpolar

At this latitude this star is circumpolar and therefore never touches the earth. Thus you should delineate the meaning in a more forceful, or black and white manner. Refer to the beginning of this report to refresh yourself with the meaning of such a star.

This star represents the concept of the young warrior proud of his strength, his hunting and fighting abilities, and proud of his trophy. Mirfak is young male energy. With Mirfak in paran with your Venus, you are attracted towards dynamic individuals who are driven by action, and at times even aggression. This may be a strength for you, enabling you to combine your energy with others who are more competitive, more assertive, and therefore willing to forge the path ahead. However, it can also be a difficulty, ricocheting into your personal life, causing arguments and stormy personal relationships. It is important, with this stellar combination, to realise that you are a person who seeks the thrill of intense personal exchanges, whether this takes a sexual expression, or is simply the joy of competition.



Spica - A Gift from the Goddess, with Jupiter ♃ in Prime

A person who goes beyond the recognised limits of their field

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.


With Spica in paran with your Jupiter, you are a person who finds great success when you reach beyond yourself, physically, or in scholarly pursuits. For Spica is the wheat sheaf in the hand of the goddess and is considered a symbol of her gifts to humankind. In present times, the wheat sheaf is the symbol of knowledge and insights which are respected. Spica is not connected with any particular field or profession, but rather shows the potential for brilliance. The star is a gift of brilliance, an innate talent, skill, or ability which is out of the ordinary. In paran with your Jupiter, all of this talent makes itself available to you when you push the

boundaries of your own, or others', known limits and known worlds. The researcher, the explorer, the inventor, or the athlete; all of these lifestyles are expressive of this stellar combination.

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:



Acumen - One of the Stings of the Scorpion, with Saturn  in Latter Years

Hardships in life, fuelling motivation or anger

This is one of a pair of nebulae its twin being Aculeus. Both of these stars, Aculeus and Acumen, are the tail of Scorpio, the sting, and tend to be linked to attacks, not only physical, but also mental, verbal or spiritual. Acumen carries the negative or shadow side, so there are attacks that weaken, attacks that can slowly but surely erode you. With Acumen in paran to your Saturn, you will battle against the hardships in your life or the hardships of others. If Acumen is linked to your Saturn in your childhood, then you may have found that your father, or other authority figures, were harsh, or suffered from hardship themselves. If Acumen is active in the adult years of your life, then its paran to Saturn can be seen in your profession, for Saturn is what we try to build with our life. In this case you will be striving to help those in hardship, or facing hardship yourself to fulfill your own passions. The shadow side to this stellar combination is some level of brutality and cruelty which brings hardship to others.




Alpheratz - The Navel of Pegasus, with Saturn  in Latter Years

An architect, someone who creates in a physical way

Alpheratz is speed of movement and freedom, and is uncomfortable when linked with the more grounded Saturn. However, Saturn seeks lasting or practical achievement, so you will have a strong desire to take your creative spark, your

insights, visions, or dreams (the area of your life where you know no boundaries) and give them physical expression. This expression is not just confined to actions but also objects. You are a designer, an architect, a person who willingly takes on a hard long road in order to see your dreams come true.



Arcturus - The Hunter and the Farmer, with Mars  in Latter Years

An assertive, and at times aggressive, leader

This is the star in the northern skies which symbolises the transition from the nomadic hunter-gatherer to the herder-cultivator-ploughman villager. Thus Arcturus embodies the symbolism of guarding, learning, teaching, leading. Leading and protecting people as they embrace a new life style. One who can lead the way, one who has the vision or the spirit to take the first step. With Arcturus in paran to your Mars, a love of adventure and seeking the road-less-traveled is the key to your motivation. It fuels your motivation and drive with a desire to make a difference and do things your own way.



Castor - One of the Twins of Gemini, with Mercury  in Latter Years

A skill with words and language

Curtailed Passage

That the time of your birth, and for this latitude, this star is in the phase of Curtailed Passage 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 star is one of twins, its brother being Pollux. These two stars are the classic twins of the heavens and represent the essence of the universal struggle with polarity. Castor and Pollux seem, because of the constant challenge of struggling with polarities, to produce writers. Castor and Pollux are probably not about writing per se, but speak rather of the successful story-teller who has a knowledge of mixing good and evil, over-lapping them with each other until both are changed and both are whole. With Castor as the active star, then you will seek the bright

side of the story or situation. You are aware of the polarity but lean towards the positive pole. You are able to explore ideas and express yourself without the constant need to examine or take into account the shadowy side of the issue. With Castor in paran to your Mercury it indicates a love of words and a skill with languages. This may be expressed in your life as a desire to study languages, or as a love of words, their origins, use and meanings. There is a natural ability to be a writer, communicator or wordsmith. A journeyman of language.



Phact - The Bow of the Argo, with Saturn ♄ in Latter Years

Taking on large and difficult projects

With Phact in paran with your Saturn the nature of what you wish to build with your life is 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 cuts 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 Saturn, then whatever you apply yourself to, whatever you are trying to achieve or build with your life, you will desire that it be bigger, better, faster, smarter than anything else in its field. Thus you may devote yourself to very large, and at times impossible, schemes, or plans which may, or may not, prove to be successful.

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:




Altair - The Eagle, with Jupiter ♃ in Foundation

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

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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.



Spica - A Gift from the Goddess, with Sun  in Foundation
A talented person, to have a gift

With Spica in paran with your Sun you are seen as a person who is talented. For Spica is the wheat sheaf in the hand of the goddess and is considered a symbol of her gifts to humankind. In present times, the wheat sheaf is the symbol of knowledge and insights which are respected. The star is not connected with any particular field or profession but rather shows the potential for brilliance. Spica is a gift of brilliance, an innate talent, skill or ability which is out of the ordinary. In paran with your Sun, this can describe your father figure, or the people that you admire in adult life, but more importantly you need to claim this brilliant star. You are a brilliant, gifted person, so have faith in yourself and reach for great heights.



Spica - A Gift from the Goddess, with Jupiter  in
Foundation

A person who goes beyond the recognised limits of their field

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.

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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.