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## Natal Fixed Star Report

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For

**Germaine Greer**

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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

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:**



Ras Alhague - The Healer

**The healer; one who tries to bring help, through words or actions**

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.

To have Ras Alhague in such an important position on the day of your birth means that the myths and meanings of the great healer and his serpent, and thus his wisdom, will be a part of your life. You may use this to be a healer, or you may be the one who needs the wisdom of others to be healed. Ophiuchus is also linked to knowledge, the type of knowledge that can save lives, or allow whole communities to benefit. You will always feel that you are a teacher, and will be drawn to helping others by spreading information. This information may concern

issues or methods of healing, but it could also be any style of information that benefits the lives of others. Ophiuchus is the wise healer, and he is part of the journey of your life.

### **Your Heliacal Setting Star is:**



Sirius - The Scorcher

#### **An awareness of the importance of the moment, seeing the big picture**

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.

Sirius is one of the great stars of the sky and, with its magnitude of -1.43, it is the brightest star in the heavens apart from our Sun. The Egyptians called it The Shining One or The Scorcher. It was linked to the life-giving rising of the Nile and in that capacity it was also called the Nile Star. Sirius is a marker of great deeds. It indicates that the mundane may become sacred, that the small action of the individual has a large effect on the collective. The individual may be sacrificed to this collective expression, or may gain fame and glory. It is a blast of energy that can burn your fingers, or help you achieve things that were not thought possible. This very strong star indicates that you may, by your effort, achieve far more than what is expected. This is the mundane becoming sacred. So a small action becomes a symbol for the collective, a sense of ritual in the daily living. Huge success that can 'burn' you. To have Sirius in such an important position on the day of your birth is to have the brightest star in the sky claiming your Sun. Thus your life path will contain a clear focus, which will be of honest intent, yet contain such strong energy it could be difficult to handle. Fundamentally, your actions could have a profound effect far beyond what you expect, so choose them with care and, if situations escalate, do not try and stop them; rather try and direct them to a positive outcome.

### **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:



Alpheratz - The Navel of Pegasus, with Mercury ♀ in Youth

#### Outspoken, and thinking in different ways

Alpheratz in paran to your Mercury will give you an outspoken nature. You will think outside of the square and have the courage, or the naivety, to vigorously follow your ideas. Bold in business, brave in your thinking, outspoken in your words. If Alpheratz was active in your youth then you have had a role model which encouraged you to act and think quickly, to be decisive and bold in your thinking and actions. If active in your adult years, then your thinking and ideas are very independent and aimed at increasing your self-sufficiency and self-empowerment. You are suited to self-employment, or at least to a career that allows you freedom to express your own opinions, and to act on them. Rashness is the shadow side of your intellect but, although you will get a few bumps along the way, the gains are far greater than the pain.



Sadalmelik - Lucky One of the King, with Jupiter ♃ in Youth

#### Inspirational breakthroughs that solve problems

With Sadalmelik in paran with your Jupiter you will be a person who finds that

fortune follows as a result of exploration, either academically, in travel, or even in the sporting arena. For Sadalmelek is one of a pair of stars in the constellation of Aquarius, both of which meant "lucky" to their Arabian namers. Indeed their names mean a form of luck, Sadalmelek being translated as Lucky One of the King, and Sadalsuud, its twin, meaning Luckiest of the Lucky. Sadalmelek is the more conscious form of this luck, and you will find that in applying yourself to problems, the lucky chance occurs that gives you the insight or breakthrough. Or you may attract fortunate events, in terms of meetings, friendships and ideas, when you travel and explore the world.



Zuben Eschamali - The Northern Pan of the Scale, with Sun



in Youth


### **The ability to influence society through one's work**

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

## Stars of Your Prime

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



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

### **The ruthless visionary, a passionate and arrogant person**

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. With Alcyone in paran with your Sun you are seen as a person who is a visionary. Someone who has insights, and possibly can even see the future: the prophet. If Alcyone is active in your youth, then this inner vision would be apparent either in yourself or in authority figures around you. However, such figures in your life may also be dogmatic, narrow-minded or judgemental, dismissing other people's beliefs or ideas as simply irrelevant. There is an arrogance of knowledge with Alcyone, and this can cause difficulties with others. If the star is active in your adult years, then you will be seen as a person who has such visions and insights. This ability may be evident in your career, or chosen life path, but you will also be seen as a person who can be arrogant, harsh in your judgement of others, and even ruthless in the application of your ideas. By learning to consider others, and the consequences of your actions, you can have the insights of Alcyone while minimising the difficulties.





Algol - The Head of the Beast, with Mercury ♀ in Prime

**The passionate, intense writer or communicator**

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 to your Mercury, the intense, focused, and confronting nature of Algol is expressed through your ideas, communication, and your interests as well as in your manner of speaking and the nature of your business dealings. You are forthright, empathic, emotionally pondering, brooding and processing, while at the same time there is a deep interest in the worlds of other people, either those who are less fortunate, or issues connected with women, children or welfare. You may be harshly spoken, or move others to be deeply inspired (positively or negatively) by your communications.




Fomalhaut - The Watcher of the South, with Mars ♂ in Prime

**A idealistic warrior, mystical hero, or blind fanatic**

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 to your Mars, your actions and what motivates you are driven by ideals and dreams. These dreams are not fueled so much by practicality, or even potential practical outcomes, but driven rather by an ideal of achieving the magical thing. These dreams can express in political or religious fanaticism, or may manifest in a gentler, artistic or philosophical, way. Always with this star there will be success provided that you keep your feet on the ground.




Menkar - The Whale, with Moon  in Prime

**Emotionally committed to, or responsive to, the needs of the collective**

Menkar with your Moon opens your emotional world to the great whale of the sky. For the whale in the sky represents the human collective unconscious, that can erupt like a beast from the deep bearing, with equal probability, moments of great collective insight, or chaos and mayhem. Symbolic of these unconscious forces in the human collective, Menkar's effect on your life can be difficult. However, the collective unconscious is not always evil or dark, it can also be great and glorious. But your emotional world is linked to this star, so those you love or the things you care about are open to upheavals and times of uncertainty due to circumstances beyond your, or indeed anyone's, control. If this star is active in your youth, then your mother-figure represents this influence of Menkar in your life. She may have been a victim or her times or a person swept along by the collective. A difficult combination as it takes the most sensitive part of your life, your connection to your loved ones and your own need for nurturing and support, and opens the flood gates of the collective into that area of your life. Learn to swim with the times, but also to read the signals of change early. And pay attention to your intuition, it will generally be right.



Sirius - The Scorcher, with Saturn  in Prime

**To be a founder of an institution; an idea that goes from strength to strength**

With Sirius in paran with your Saturn you are a person who can lay down the foundations of systems or policies upon which others can build. For Sirius is one of the great stars of the sky and the Egyptians called it The Shining One or The Scorcher. It was linked to the life-giving rising of the Nile and in that capacity it was also called the Nile Star. Sirius is a marker of great deeds. It indicates that the mundane may become sacred, that the small action of the individual has a large effect on the collective. The individual may be sacrificed to this collective expression, or may gain fame and glory. It is a blast of energy that can burn your fingers, or help you achieve things that were not thought possible. Sirius with Saturn will, therefore, pour this energy into your life like concrete, in that it seeks to lay a foundation for others. This foundation may be a nation, or a platform for a social or community group to use as a beginning. You are keen to start projects and dedicated to seeing them grow.

### 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:



Alphard - The Heart of the Serpent, with Mars  in Latter Years

#### **An aggressive, assertive person**

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.

Alphard carries symbolism of the great serpent, and at times it is a difficult star. Here is the Heart of the Serpent, which can easily be manifested in our turbulent world as violent, untamed energy and emotional outbursts. Nevertheless, to think of Alphard in this purely violent way is misleading, for the serpent, and thus its Heart, is only just re-emerging in the human psyche. When submerged in the unconscious, it can be murderous and violent in manifestation. However, its

preferred expression is conscious passion. With Alphard in paran to your Mars, your actions and motivations will be very strongly, even ruthlessly, focused on your goals. You are motivated to save the underdog, or espouse the minority cause, as well as being dedicated to the environment, nature and animal rights. All causes to prevent mother nature being potentially violated in some way will stir great passion in your soul. However, this passion can also become misdirected. The desire to save what in your opinion is an underdog can lead to actions which can damage other groups and other interests. It is important, with such a strong star and planet paran, that you allow your passions to run, but always to make sure that your actions are not damaging or detrimental to the needs of others. Try to see the bigger picture.



Menkar - The Whale, with Mars  in Latter Years

**Actions that please or jolt the collective; to be driven by hidden forces**

Menkar is the alpha star of Cetus the whale, and represents the human collective unconscious, that can erupt like a beast from the deep bearing, with equal probability, moments of great collective insight, or chaos and mayhem. As the symbolic carrier of these unconscious forces, Menkar's influence on your life can be quite difficult. However, the collective unconscious is not always evil or dark, it can also be great and glorious. With Menkar in paran to your Mars, your actions and what motivates you are driven by the tides and rhythms of the collective. When young, you may have been easily swayed by your peer group to take up a particular challenge, for good or for bad. If Menkar is active later in your life, then you need to be very aware that you are vulnerable to the momentum of the collective. The lynch party, the reckless investment, the witch hunt, the popular political issues, all or any of these could sweep you up in their tide and take you along for the ride. The positive side of this combination is, of course, the noble cause, the just cause. The difficulty for you is to learn to distinguish between that which is damaging and that which is good. Use your intuition wisely, and above all question your political, social or personal motivations and endeavor to ensure that others are not harmed by your actions.



Zosma - The Back of the Lion, with Jupiter  in Latter Years

**The Angel of Mercy; to have compassion**

With Zosma in paran with your Jupiter, you are a person of great compassion who endeavours to help people, animals, or the environment, in any way that you can. For Zosma is the place on the back of the Nemean Lion where it was crushed by Hercules. This myth is a symbol of the point in Greek and Roman mythology where older, goddess-centred beliefs were extinguished. Zosma itself is not feminine, but belongs rather to those whom the establishment, either directly or indirectly, makes powerless. You may be dealing with a victimising situation, or you may work with these issues as a social worker or care-giver. This is not a star of glory and fame, but rather of the invisible work of dealing with the victim, either in oneself or in one's work. Jupiter in paran with Zosma uses its teaching, benefic energy to help, heal, and teach others. This is a stellar combination which truly talks of an Angel of Mercy.

### **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:

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

#### **To take action to achieve and protect one's ideals**

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



♁ Altair - The Eagle, with Mercury ♀ in Foundation

**A military mind, a brave and independent thinker**

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 Altair in paran with your Mercury you will show a bravery bordering on rashness in your thinking, ideas and even financial decisions. Influenced by the spirit of the eagle, your thinking, speech, and mental focus is shaped, directed, controlled by it, and you are potentially very successful in independent action. You have a natural ability to think fast on your feet and, if this star is active in your adult years, it may well have a strong influence on your career, propelling you towards working with words, or any situation where strong focused thinking is required.



♁ Bellatrix - The Left Shoulder of the God, with Venus ♀ in Foundation

**The rogue, the creative person who works in alternative fields**

Bellatrix is the left shoulder of the god. It is called, in some sources, the Amazon Star or the Female Warrior and, in others, the Conqueror or the Roaring Conqueror. Bellatrix gives success, but with a shadow, for the achievement that Bellatrix can promise has a price: that of dealing with some difficult aspects of the psyche. Here, with this star, personal weaknesses will be exposed, for this is the left or more shadowy side of the great god. With this star you will have to experience personal growth as the price for your success. If this growth and these insights are ignored, then Bellatrix can bring a downfall. With Bellatrix in paran to your Venus it will influence your social conscience, your responses in relationships, and your enjoyment of sensual and sexual pleasures. This is the rogue, the likable person who pushes at the edge of society's values, the artist who confronts us in a friendly manner, the comedian who makes us laugh but also allows us to see another point of view. Highly sexual and pushing at the edge of

social opinions, Venus with Bellatrix will give emotional fulfillment in relationships and friendships, as long as these are not tied to tradition.



El Nath - The Horn of Taurus, with Venus ♀ in Foundation

### **Taking a contra or antisocial attitude**

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 in your chart, then at some level of your life there will be issues of the use, or non-use, of weapons, physical, emotional, or intellectual. El Nath in paran to your Venus will influence your social conscience. You will challenge society's expectations, or flaunt social customs. Some may consider you rude, whereas you will feel simply that you are not a slave to convention or fashion. Challenge society when it needs to be challenged, but there is little point to the flouting of convention simply because you wish to be contra.

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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.