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Day beginning at Sunrise

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

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

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

Such stars would, according to their unique rhythm, reappear at set calendar dates. If they reappeared from the Underworld, they would rise just before, or with, the

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

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

Your Heliacal Rising Star is:



Spica - A Gift from the Goddess

Wanting to use one's talents for the greatest possible good

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.

As the star is seen as the wheat sheaf in the hand of the goddess, Spica was considered a symbol of her gifts to humankind. These gifts were originally of harvest and bountifulness. The wheat sheaf, therefore, symbolised human knowledge of cultivation, a gift from the goddess. 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. With Spica in such an important position on the day of your birth, you have the mark of a gifted person who truly does have something to contribute to the world. If Spica is supported by other strong, successful fixed stars, then one is looking at fame and possibly even glory. With your Sun rising with Spica, then you can and should try to stretch yourself, for Spica is indicating that you have a talent or an insight that may be quite special.

Your Heliacal Setting Star is:



Hamal - The Head of the Ram

Believing that action solves all problems

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.

Hamal is a forceful star of action and independence, a little like the meaning of the tropical zodiac sign Aries. It seems to enhance any planet it contacts with the strength of independence. With Hamal in such an important position on the day of your birth, your very identity will be linked to the concept of focused, motivated energy. You will prefer to act or think in a way that separates you from others. Lacking diplomacy, you may be a forceful leader, even a tyrant. This could manifest as the simple but useful ability to be focused and direct, or it could be expressed as temper or frustration, and the inability to deal with authority figures within the family or in the career. The manner in which you lead your life is based on the concept: action is better than words; you solve problems by physically coming to grips with the issues.

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

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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.

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:

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Deneb Algedi - The Ancient Law Giver, with Jupiter **4** in Youth

The reformer or expert who paves the way for others

With Deneb Algedi in paran with your Jupiter, the law-giving expression of this star is blended with the educational, inspirational and humanitarian concepts of Jupiter. This combination indicates that you have a desire to either educate, or improve the lives of other people. In striving for this you endeavour to lay a pathway for others to follow. This may be a strong influence in your career, or it

may find expression in your hobbies or recreational pastimes. Nevertheless, no matter in what area of your life this paran manifests, it does give you a desire to inspire others and point them to a better way.



Rigel - The Protection of the Pharaoh, with Venus ♀ in Youth

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

Rigel in paran to your Venus influences your ideas and attitudes to social customs, art, and relationship conventions. This star is in the foot of Orion, whom the Egyptians saw as the Pharaoh. Their political view was that to be under a Pharaoh's foot was to be under his protection. The Pharaoh was not accountable to anyone, he was the ultimate free-thinking and independent individual. So, in your social and relating habits, you are a free-thinker acting with independence, and at times with little or no regard for social convention. This could mean that you are a trend-setter, establishing fashion, social, or artistic trends. More generally, you are a person who walks your own path in choosing your friends, your social scene, and even the nature of your personal relationships.



Spica - A Gift from the Goddess, with Moon ☾ in Youth

A person who embraces new technology, a popular person

With Spica in paran with your Moon you are a person who loves technology and new ideas. 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. Spica in paran with your Moon will add its symbolism to your mother figure, as well as the people that you seek out as friends. However, this is your talent. Use your passion and motivation to tackle problems with new ideas, new solutions, and to keep up with the new technologies being developed in your field.



Vega - Orpheus' Lyre, with Sun in Youth

Seeing the magic in life, touching another world

With Vega in paran with your Sun, you are a charismatic or musical person. 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 Sun, all of this magical energy and charisma can be linked to your father-figure; or you may use it in your adult life by devotion to another world, devotion to music and the arts, or a strong spiritual life.

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:



Alphard - The Heart of the Serpent, with Sun in Prime

A person of strong passions who can become angry, violent or aggressive

With Alphard in paran with your Sun your sense of identity, personal history, and even your vitality is flavoured with the passion, drama and intensity of Alphard. It is called the Heart of the Serpent. If this star is active in your chart when you were young, then authority figures or the older males in your family will have been

experienced as harsh, caustic or subject to great turbulence. If however, this star is active in your adult years then you may find that either you can be harsh with others, or feel angry at injustices, or be subject to mistreatment by authority figures. Passion and intensity is the focus of this star and, linked with your Sun, you will need to embrace its taste for intensity, and direct it into a positive expression. Large issues of human rights or the environment are best for the anger and intensity of Alphard.



Alphard - The Heart of the Serpent, with Saturn  in Prime

A person who fights the system, the long struggle

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.

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 with Saturn, there is a strong tendency to clash with the system. Saturn's need for establishment and order clashes with the intense female passion of Alphard, giving a blend that can lead to bitter struggles against the established status-quo. The shadow of this paran is the aggressor that inflicts, or the victim that receives, violence. Either way it is a position distasteful to the establishment. With this paran in your chart you need to struggle or battle against a large force. Do not expect victory, but in the struggle you will be expressing the strong focused energy of Alphard.



Alpheratz - The Navel of Pegasus, with Moon  in Prime

Emotionally independent; a self-contained individual or a loner

Alpheratz is the star of speed and independence and, when in paran to the Moon, it enables you to be emotionally independent. If this paran was active in your youth, then you will see your mother-figure as a person who was more involved

with her own world than yours. From her you were encouraged to be independent. If this paran is active in your adulthood, then you are a person who does not need the praise or sympathy of those around you and, because of this, you are capable of taking actions which are contra to your culture, or the beliefs of your family and friends.



Mirach - The Receptive Feminine, with Mars  in Prime

A thrill-seeker, a person absorbed with their own needs

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.

Mirach is connected to concepts of the young fertile virgin: receptivity, feminine power, intuition, and the arts. The theme of this star is one of being receptive and fertile and, when in paran with Mars, you are motivated strongly by your own physical and sexual needs. For some this will express itself as a thrill-seeker type of life-style, where exhilaration is the stuff of life. For others these needs will be sexual, and you may well decide to explore the less conventional worlds of heterosexual as well as homosexual experience. What motivates you is receptiveness, being open to influences outside of yourself, and putting yourself in a position where you receive physical input.

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:



Antares - The Heart of the Scorpion, with Mercury  in

Latter Years

Mental obsession with a subject or a person

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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. When Antares is in paran to your Mercury, you are a mentally focused, thinking person whose decision-making skills can become embroiled with conflicts and difficulties, which in turn can lead to unwise actions. Your mind is a sharply focused, investigating, probing, problem-solving instrument, and the mental concentration that characterises your thinking can lead to brilliant ideas, inventions and insights, but is also vulnerable to becoming shadowed with obsession, worry and paranoia. This subjective and fearful thinking is your nemesis and can be a vortex that, if allowed, will pull you down and eventually consume you. Antares is one of the great royal stars of Persia and so promises success as long as its lessons are learnt. For Antares these lessons are about paranoia and obsession.



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

To act, fuelled by inspiration or obsession

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Antares will indicate how this energy will be expressed in your life. The danger is one of seeking drama simply for the thrill, and if this happens, it can lead to the loss of all that has been gained. With Antares in paran to your Mars, your actions and what motivates you will be passionate. Focused at times, rash or head strong at others, but always you do everything with all your energy. You will paint the world in a black and white manner. This will make your choices very easy or straightforward for you, and having made your choice, you will put all your energy into the outcome. However, recognise that not everyone has the same view as you, and if you are too tunnel- visioned, you may find that the journey is becoming more important than the outcome. Learn to keep an eye on the big picture.



Diadem - The Woman's Crown, with Mercury ♀ in Latter Years

A person to whom ideas are more important than money

The star takes its name from the word diadem, a symbol of royalty worn on the head or a small crown. Diadem seems to be about feminine strength. This star does not seek glory or personal fame. It belongs to the quiet workers, the people who slave for years helping or working for the benefit of a group but never seeking personal recognition or fame. And at times the sacrifice it asks may seem beyond the person's ability to give. Diadem in paran to your Mercury moves your Mercury away from the world of business and money and leads it into the interests of people, and ideas. Indeed ideas and your dedication to an idea is a far more powerful influence on you then even your own wellbeing. Diadem in this combination indicates that you are willing to sacrifice your material security and creature comforts in order to explore an idea or concept. If active in your adult years then you will not be seeking the career which will return the most financial reward, but will rather pursue a career or lifestyle that you feel is worthy of your mental devotion.



Hamal - The Head of the Ram, with Sun ☉ in Latter Years

Assertively following one's own path

Hamal is a forceful star of action and independence. A little like the meaning of the tropical zodiac sign Aries, it seems to enhance any planet it contacts with the

strength of independence. With Hamal in paran with your Sun, therefore, you are seen as a person who is direct and even forceful. Having decided on a course of action, be it for a minor issue or for your life plan, you will assertively move in this direction. If Hamal was active in your youth, then your father-figure has been a forceful or strongly focused individual who taught you the value of direct action. If, however, Hamal is active in your adult years, then as you grow older you become more determined, motivated, and inspired to follow your own paths, independently of whether they are fashionable or not. Hamal can give you the energy and focus to work independently of the views of others, yet by choosing this path, your life will contain more than your fair share of conflicts and disagreements.



Hamal - The Head of the Ram, with Saturn  in Latter Years

Hard physical or intellectual choices that can cause frustration or anger

Hamal is a forceful star of action and independence. A little like the meaning of the tropical zodiac sign Aries. It seems to enhance any planet it contacts with the strength of independence. When linked to Saturn, this naturally assertive and free-flowing star is restricted. This restriction can have many effects. You may have suffered at the hands of a strong disciplinarian at some stage of your life. Or you may find that you are becoming harsh in your treatment of others. Saturn wants to build a body of work, so a good expression of this difficult stellar combination is to tackle a hard project. Choose the harder pathway, knowing that while this may cause you frustration, within that very frustration you will find motivation and drive.



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:

 Alphard - The Heart of the Serpent, with Saturn  in Foundation



A person who fights the system, the long struggle

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.

 Sadalsuud - Luckiest of the Lucky, with Sun  in Foundation

Fortune or luck coming from difficulties

With Sadalsuud in paran with your Sun, you are a person who can learn from your mistakes, and move on to better and bigger things. Sadalsuud is one of a pair of stars in Aquarius and both meant "lucky" to their Arabian namers. Sadalmelek is the other star and is translated as Lucky One of the King; Sadalsuud is the Luckiest of the Lucky. Sadalsuud is the more intuitive style of luck, the sort that seems to just occur, in contrast to the action of making your own luck, symbolised by Sadalmelek. Linked to your Sun, your father-figure may have been a person who seemed to always land on his feet. But, more importantly, you will show a resilience to life's ups and downs, making what seems to be the best of unfortunate situations.

 Sualocin - The dolphin, with Mars  in Foundation

One who can motivate others, a person who can sell an idea

With Sualocin in paran with your Mars you are a person who can motivate others, as you have an natural understanding of how to enthuse other people with ideas. For this star is the alpha star of the Dolphin and represents a kind of intelligent playfulness, but at the same time a certain mastery, or at least confidence of mastery, of one's environment. However, this does not seem to be a strong star, so it tends to act as a supporting statement for other such indications in your chart. Curiosity or mastery in one's environment, which you can use in a positive way, or

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from its more shadowy side as the "trickster". In paran with your Mars all this talent or trickster-energy becomes available to you when you are active and motivated, working towards a goal. These skills will emerge in sport, or in professions which require an understanding of what motivates others. The motivation of others to follow your dreams, or support your projects, is one of your greatest natural assess.

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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.