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Natal Fixed Star Report

For

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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:



Rigel - The Protection of the Pharaoh

The desire to bring order to chaos, with 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.

Being born with Rigel in such an important position on the day of your birth, you will have a strong connection to the mechanism of civilisation and the establishment. There will be a need to teach, or expand the worldview of others; or the need to protect the established worldview, believing that this represents the preferred and better way of life. This will be a strong statement in you, and could at times cause you to clash with non-establishment groups. However, for better or worse, your driving desire will be to bring order to any situation where you see disorder or chaos.

Your Heliacal Setting 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 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.

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.

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:

  Altair - The Eagle, with Mars  in Youth

Bold and at times rash action

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With Altair in paran to your Mars, your actions and what motivates you will be bold and at times even reckless. You may be drawn to the military or admire a military-style approach to problem solving. If involved with groups you will be considered a leader, a person of action and direction. However, this can also

lead to conflicts as not all around you may appreciate your forthrightness.



Hamal - The Head of the Ram, with Moon  in Youth

A rogue, but liked by many

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



Menkar - The Whale, with Sun  in Youth

Great success or great loss; to be a pawn in the winds of change

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. 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. With Menkar in paran with your Sun you are seen as a person who is a victim of your times. If this star is active in your youth, then your father-figure was a person blown by the winds of change, and subject to the ups and downs of the social and economic times of his life. If this combination is active in your adult years then you are the one who is influenced by the changeable tides of the human collective. You may work with people who are victims, be a victim yourself, or produce a body of work to which the collective responds. The sea of the collective can be a stormy one in which to sail, so a great deal does depend on the presence of other fixed stars in your chart.



Zosma - The Back of the Lion, with Mercury  in Youth

To be concerned with the difficulties of others

With Zosma in paran with your Mercury you are a person who is interested in the difficulties or struggles of others, whether individuals, or whole sections of the community. 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. Zosma in paran to your Mercury can, therefore, give you difficulties with language and learning; or it can give you a career helping others with learning difficulties, or perhaps helping people with financial problems. Zosma will bring into your life some kind of difficulty in areas of trading, learning, language, or intellect, but you can be a helper and healer, rather than a sufferer.



Zubenshaleh - The Northern Pan of the Scale, with Mercury ♀ in Youth

Imposing one's views on others

With Zubenshaleh in paran with your Mercury, you will have strong opinions on current social, or environmental, problems. For this star is one of a pair of stars, its twin being Zubenshaleh, with each star representing one of the pans of the scale of Libra. Both these stars have a common theme, with Zubenshaleh 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. Zubenshaleh 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 Zubenshaleh,. 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 Mercury, then the ambitious side of this star will express itself in your ideas, your dreams, and even your business dealings. This is not a negative combination, but one in which you need to be clear about your motives and maintain your ethics. For, as you pursue your ideas and your arguments, you will have a strong influence on others.

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:



Acumen - One of the Stings of the Scorpion, with Saturn ♄ in Prime

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.



Alderamin - The King, with Jupiter 4 in Prime

To create an illusion but with dignity and pride

Circumpolar

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Alderamin symbolises a balanced male energy, in harmony with the feminine and the earth, but within the context of focused, concentrated energy of the masculinity, rather than the more passive, intuitive energy of the feminine. Gentle power, receptive power. With Alderamin in paran with your Jupiter, then the old king of the sky is linked to the planet of sovereignty, yet his time has long passed. Thus such a stellar combination talks of an illusion: how things could be, or how they used to be. If Alderamin is active in your youth, then you may have grown up in an illusion, an unrealistic world, or a world that you escaped from in fantasy. If Alderamin is active in your adult years, then it will probably influence your profession, hobbies or lifestyle. You may create an illusion in art, cyberspace or in design as part of your career, or the world of fantasy may play a large role in your hobbies and leisure activities.



Deneb Adige - The Shaman's Star, with Sun ☉ in Prime

To be seen as a pioneer

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This is a very subtle star. It contains the strength and hostility of the swan, while at the same time holds within its symbolism the mystic, transcendental qualities embodied in shamanistic legends of the creation of the World Egg. Deneb Adige can express itself in both the aggressive and the spiritual sides of your life, for the star seems to have a duality about it: it is equally the strong fighting bird and the symbol of the swan god. The Egyptians saw this star as the exit of the birth canal of Nut, the great starry sky goddess. Through her birth canal the Sun, Ra, was born anew every winter solstice. So in many ways this star is linked to the hero's journey. With Deneb Adige in paran with your Sun you are seen as a person who represents the hero's journey. If Deneb Adige was active in your youth then your father-figure was a person who was always seeking, exploring the world, mentally, physically or spiritually. He taught you, in his own way, that life was a journey towards awareness. If this star is active in your adult years then your life is guided by the desire to explore. This can have many different expressions, but whatever its manifestation you are a shaman, a person who walks a path of self-awareness. This implies that you will define the success of your life by the roads that you have travelled and the insights you have gained.



El Nath - The Horn of Taurus, with Jupiter 4 in Prime

Breaking new ground artistically, or as a humanitarian

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. With El Nath in paran with your Jupiter, then fortunate events occur as a result of taking a contra attitude. By facing challenges and being willing to stand up and fight for your beliefs, this stellar combination will ensure eventual success with the hard battles. You are a person who can take the hard road to gain the best results.



Procyon - The One that Comes Before, with Mars  in Prime

Stops and starts, many changes to one's career, or life path

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With Procyon in paran to your Mars your actions and what motivates you are spontaneous and varied. For Procyon comes before The Shining One, Sirius, and thus can indicate a quick rise but with no real substance. Procyon is like fireworks - wonderful to watch, taking centre stage, but quickly fading, and then needing more fireworks to sustain the thrill. However, this star can teach you the value of diversification. Intertwined with your Mars, this stellar energy can bring great variety to your life, but it can also lead you to act rashly and without thought. Its shadow side is a continual stream of hold-ups, delays and frustrations in trying to achieve your goals. Nevertheless, it can also be an advantageous energy, for the better use of this symbolism in your life is to have many different and varied activities or interests. Working with many things, some of these will reach fruition and success for you.



Sadalmek - Lucky One of the King, with Mercury  in Prime

An agile and nimble person whose ideas appeal to others

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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 Sadalmek in paran with your Mercury you will be a dexterous person, skilled in movement or quick thinking. For Sadalmek 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, Sadalmek being translated as Lucky One of the King, and Sadalsuud, its twin, meaning Luckiest of the Lucky. Sadalmek is the more conscious form of this luck, and you will have found that, when you put effort and work into your business, or your pursuits, physical or intellectual, they bear fruit.



Sualocin - The dolphin, with Sun  in Prime

Physically talented, vital and alive

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With Sualocin in paran with your Sun you are seen as a person who is very skilled in a particular field. 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 from its more shadowy side as the "trickster". In paran with your Sun, you may have seen your father-figure in this manner, as a person of wit, or a trickster with a sleight-of-hand approach to life. In adult years, this star will be linked with your identity, so you will be considered a talented, quick-witted person. Sualocin does not give you the drive to do anything with this skill, so it is important that you motivate yourself to achieve things, rather than just to rely on your natural talent to get you through.



Zosma - The Back of the Lion, with Saturn  in Prime

A minority leader, or a person who grows in pessimism

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 Zosma in paran with your Saturn, you are a person who is willing to become involved in a minority cause, or an arduous struggle on behalf of a group. 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. Zosma's victim-identified energy in paran with Saturn, therefore, needs to be directed into a helping form, like leading a disadvantaged or unpopular cause. For the shadow of this combination, which needs to be avoided, is pessimism, learned from a life where no structure has proved to be safe, or no structure has really given the support required.

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:



Spica - A Gift from the Goddess, with Mars  in Latter Years

A designer, or a person who plans, plots, draws or performs

With Spica in paran with your Mars then you are physically gifted, athletic, dexterous; or your skills lie in the understanding of space, size, and design. 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. This star is a gift of brilliance, an innate talent, skill or ability which is out of the ordinary. In paran with your Mars, all of this talent seeks a physical, practical outlet. You may find that you have an athletic gift, or a gift of movement and rhythm. Another expression of this combination is the understanding of space and its use. This can give you design skills, which could manifest through a range from art, or performance art, to architecture and engineering. Be active, for it is in your activity that you discover your greatest skills.

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:



Betelgeuse - The Right Shoulder of the God, with Moon  in Foundation

An empowered person who is concerned with the quality of life

This is one of the great stars of the sky and talks of unbridled success without complications. This is the right hand, arm-pit or shoulder of the god, so represents that which is clear and strong. Betelgeuse is effective, brilliant and successful. When the Moon is involved with Betelgeuse, it adds the qualities of caring, compassion and empathy to the highly successful Betelgeuse. If this is active in your youth then your mother-figure was a successful woman, who may have had a career as well as being mother, or else was very involved in the well-being of others. In your adult years Betelgeuse will give you emotional fulfillment as you work, quite successfully, to help others or the environment. You have been given the gift of being able to make a difference, whether you choose to exercise it locally or globally.



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Vindemiatrix - The Gatherer, with Sun ☉ in Foundation

The one who gathers information, things or people

With Vindemiatrix in paran with your Sun you are a person who gathers information or people, and seeks ways to place them into a new order or structure. For the name Vindemiatrix means Grape-Gatherer, for it was said to be the heliacal rising star that indicated the harvesting of the grapes. And even when precession removed Vindemiatrix from this important calendar date, the Greeks and Romans maintained her identity as the Grape Picker. Vindemiatrix, connected with the time of harvest, thus implies a time of action; a time to pick what one has sown. It marks you as a collector, or gatherer of people, ideas or information; but also a person who is patient and will wait for the correct time to harvest. In paran with your Sun, you may have seen your father-figure in this way; if active in your adult years, then you will gather, harvest and collect in order to create. Along with this desire to collect comes also patience, and an understanding that some ideas are best gathered only after they have had a chance to grow. This skill could make you a good trader on the stock markets, or a good coach of a team. Knowing when to reap and when to sow is a very valuable skill.



Vindemiatrix - The Gatherer, with Mars ♂ in Foundation

A thirst for knowledge or information; a lover of research

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Zosma - The Back of the Lion, with Moon  in Foundation

The pacifist or the warmonger - to hate, or enjoy, the suffering of others

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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.