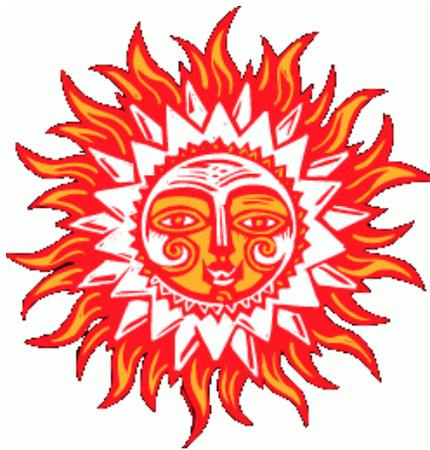


# **ZODIAC CHILD**

## **A Solar Writer Report for Michael J. Fox**



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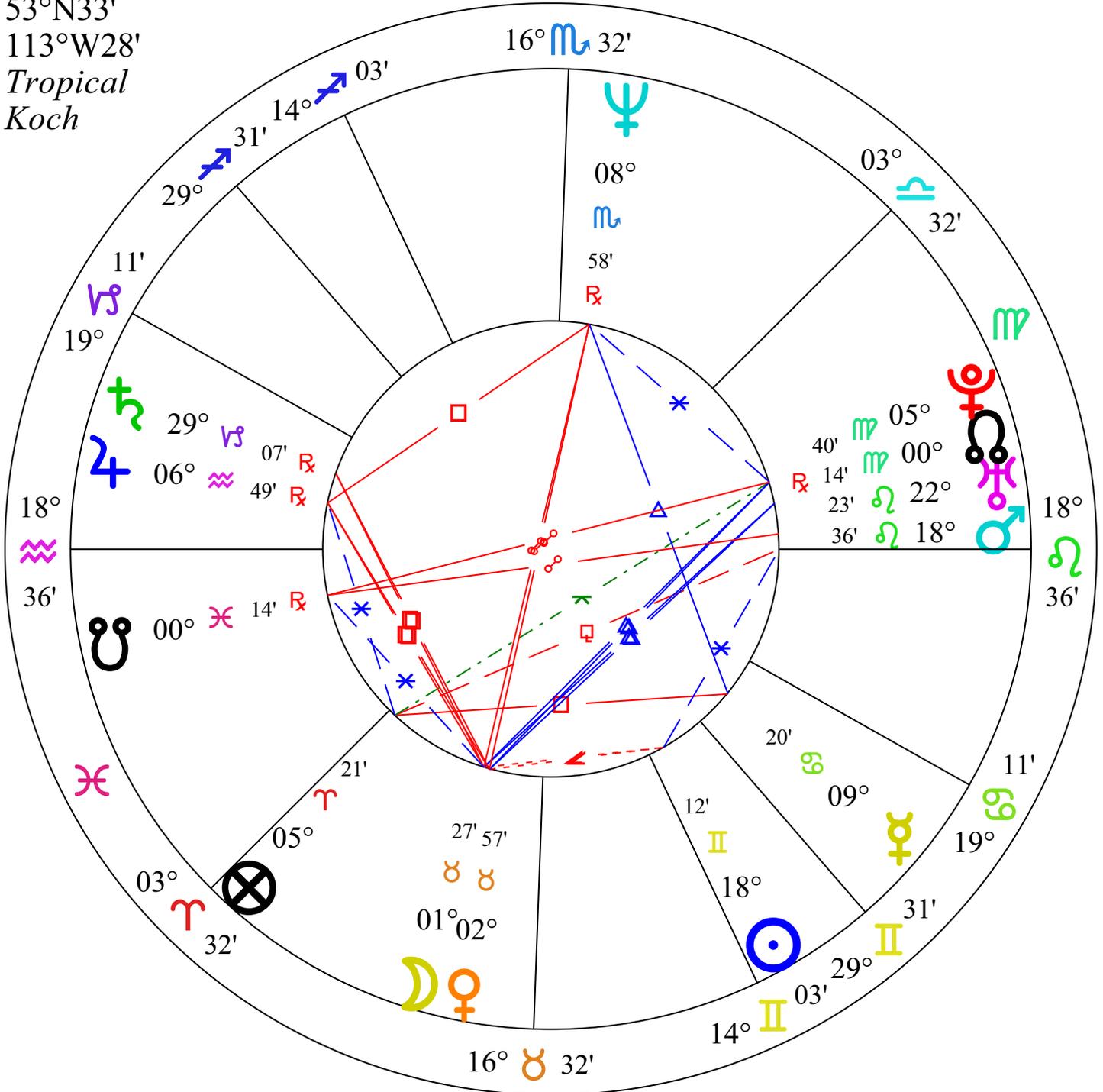
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Astrological SummaryChart Point Positions: Michael J. Fox

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The Sun	Gemini	18°Ge12'	4th	
Mercury	Cancer	9°Cn20'	5th	
Venus	Taurus	2°Ta57'	2nd	
Mars	Leo	18°Le36'	7th	
Jupiter	Aquarius	6°Aq49'	12th	
Saturn	Capricorn	29°Cp07'	12th	
Uranus	Leo	22°Le23'	7th	
Neptune	Scorpio	8°Sc58'	8th	
Pluto	Virgo	5°Vi40'	7th	
The North Node	Virgo	0°Vi14'	7th	
The South Node	Pisces	0°Pi14'	1st	
The Ascendant	Aquarius	18°Aq36'	1st	
The Midheaven	Sagittarius	14°Sg03'	10th	
The Part of Fortune	Aries	5°Ar21'	2nd	

Chart Point Aspects

Planet	Aspect	Planet	Orb	App/Sep
The Moon	Semisquare	The Sun	1°45'	Applying
The Moon	Conjunction	Venus	1°30'	Applying
The Moon	Square	Jupiter	5°22'	Applying
The Moon	Square	Saturn	2°19'	Separating
The Moon	Opposition	Neptune	7°31'	Applying
The Moon	Trine	Pluto	4°13'	Applying
The Moon	Trine	The North Node	1°13'	Separating
The Moon	Sextile	The South Node	1°13'	Separating
The Sun	Semisquare	Venus	0°14'	Separating
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Venus	Trine	The North Node	2°43'	Separating
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Mars	Trine	The Midheaven	4°33'	Separating
Mars	Sesquisquare	The Part of Fortune	1°45'	Applying
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### Introduction



*"There are stars whose radiance is visible on earth though they have long been extinct. There are people whose brilliance continues to light the world though they are no longer among the living. These lights are particularly bright when the night is dark." -- Hannah Senesh*

This report has been written to introduce you to the concepts of astrology and how to get started with a child's natal chart. Astrology is a complex and meaningful science which takes years to study and apply successfully; however, we

would like to whet your appetite with this report, and encourage you to deepen your understanding through other means.

Astrology is a study of the connection between planets and life on Earth. It is based on a concept that energy patterns form between other planets and Earth and that these energies affect our lives as individuals and communities.

An astrological chart, also known as a horoscope, natal chart, or birth chart, records the relationship between the planets and the signs of the Zodiac. Charts can be calculated for the birth of a person, a community, an event or anything that seems momentous. The horoscope is as individual and unique as a fingerprint.

The aim of this report is to act as a guide for parents and mentors of children. All parents want the best for their children. We want our children to live happy and fulfilled lives. All mentors and teachers would like to see children reach their full potential. This can be achieved by recognising and accepting each child's individual gifts and weaknesses. In accepting these traits, we can help our children overcome obstacles and provide them with as many opportunities as possible to develop their talents.

The journey from babyhood to adulthood is full of joys and challenges. This report is intended to help parents and mentors to support and encourage their children through the difficult times and to provide them with as much love and joy as possible. Then childhood can become a true foundation for a rewarding and joyful adult life. Both children and their parents can be satisfied with a strong and healthy emotional bond, happy memories and many possibilities for future success.

When using these interpretations, please bear in mind that, inevitably, every chart will contain some contradictory influences and, as a result, certain interpretations of different items in the same chart may seem difficult to reconcile. However, this may still be an accurate reflection of a child's chart, as it is likely that any child will experience conflicting desires, events and circumstances in their life. Usually it is the responsibility of an astrologer to synthesise these apparent contradictions in order to present a cohesive and meaningful interpretation of the dilemmas of the chart. Any advice given is meant to be an aid and the author and publisher accept no liability for any adverse effects of this report.

### Family and Friends



*"Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength while loving someone deeply gives you courage."*

-- Lao Tso

### *The Moon*

*The Moon tells you about your children's emotional nature and basic needs. It is also the key to how they experience intimacy in relationships. The Moon tells you about your children's relationship with their mother, how they experience their mother's nurturing. As a result it can also give you insights on how to best nurture your children as babies and maturing young adults. When a child feels safe and has their basic needs met, they are better able to achieve their goals later in life.*

### *The Moon is in Taurus*

From the moment of birth Michael benefits from plenty of cuddles and love. He is an attractive baby who enjoys the comfort of familiar faces and a daily routine. In other words, regular feeding, changing of nappies and other comforts are important. He may also enjoy something to suck, hold, cuddle, feel and taste.

As a young child Michael continues to feel secure when a daily routine has been established. This is a child who likes to take things slowly and surely. For this reason Michael may be a slow developer in comparison to other children. However, he is also likely to persist at tasks longer than other children. As he grows older building blocks, cuddly toys, digging tools, garden toys and a sand pit may provide a sense of security and fun. Traditional stories such as "The Hare and the Tortoise" provide enjoyment for young Michael. This is a child who may show an attachment to a cuddly toy or comfort blanket longer than other children. Adults need not be concerned, but simply allow Michael to outgrow his comforts in their own good time.

### *The Moon is in the 2nd House*

It is important to create a comfortable environment for Michael. He needs to be surrounded with familiar and pleasing decor and toys. As a baby Michael enjoys being kept snug and cozy. Growing up he enjoys a pleasant and warm environment and a close bond with his mother, or a caring mother figure. Michael's mother, or a female mentor, plays a significant role in helping him feel safe in the world. Although it is likely that this significant woman is Michael's mother, she could also be a grandmother, female sibling, favourite aunt, or any other female mentor.

Familiar people, toys and routines help young Michael develop a strong sense of self-esteem and emotional security. When Michael is feeling secure he is a happy-go-lucky child, willing to leave his mother's side and explore his surroundings. Feeling well loved and cared for, Michael shares his toys and other possessions. However, Michael is less likely to be sociable, or share toys, when he feels insecure. He is also likely to be more possessive of his mother if feeling anxious.

Of course the ability to share toys also depends on the sign of Michael's Moon. A child with a Moon in the sign of Aries, Sagittarius, Pisces, Libra, Gemini or Aquarius is more likely to want to share his possessions with other children. However, a child with a Moon in Cancer, Scorpio, Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn or Leo is less likely to want to share their toys. Parents could allow Michael to keep some of his most precious items out of other children's way, while encouraging him to share some of his other things. It is also possible that young Michael forms an attachment to a particular toy, perhaps a cuddly toy or security blanket. It is essential that toys and possessions are not given in place of quality time and affection. Otherwise Michael may learn to attach too much importance to material things. On the other hand, in a warm and loving home, Michael quickly develops his own set of values, which stands him in good stead for the rest of his life.

### *Venus*

*The planet Venus describes your children's personal relationships with family and friends. Like a Moon, Venus is important in describing how your child prefers to interact. This planet also gives vital information about your*

*child's receptivity to love. This is important because a child feels loved in different ways. Some children feel cherished when loved ones are paying them lots of attention, whereas others feel most loved when given the freedom to go their separate ways. Therefore gaining an understanding of the planet Venus in your child's chart can give you insights into how to encourage rewarding relationships with family and friends.*

### *Venus is in Taurus*

Loved ones play an integral role in Michael's life. The planet Venus is very comfortable in the sign of Taurus and therefore relationships with other people are a strength on which Michael can rely throughout his life. As a youngster, Michael enjoys cuddles and physical closeness with family and friends. Cuddly toys, a warm and comfortable home and a safe and inviting garden provide the ideal environment for young Michael to share with friends and family. Home comforts are important. Michael attracts loyal friends and all of the good things in life. The number of doting family members and friends may surprise parents. In turn Michael is a loyal and true friend, sometimes stubborn in his defence of a close friend. He enjoys social gatherings and is a real charmer at such events. This is a positive child with a love of people. His only challenge is to avoid becoming too comfortable in his environment. This could lead to laziness, a fear of change, or a need to become attached to loved ones rather than explore new opportunities on his own. Parents need to encourage young Michael to open up to new activities and social events, showing him the benefits of independence. He is likely to enjoy dressing up, painting, singing and writing; perhaps also gardening or taking care of a faithful pet. Michael may have a particular talent for singing, ballet, art, or the theatre, which needs to be nurtured. Perhaps he simply has a love for the arts or music, which can be encouraged at home. Either way Michael is an amiable child, capable of forming long-lasting bonds with friends and family.

### *Venus is in the 2nd House*

Women bearing gifts play an important role in young Michael's life. It is the women in his life who determine Michael's feelings of self-worth and his ability to receive and give love. This starts with the most important woman in his life - his mother or perhaps an important mother figure, such as grandmother. Either way Michael sees himself through this woman's eyes. Therefore it is important that this woman shows her love and affection as much as possible.

Young Michael appreciates and understands the value of gifts and money and is likely to judge his parents' affection on how well they provide for him. If his family struggles financially then young Michael is likely to feel this as a lack of his own worth. This is obviously not a logical reaction, but it is true for Michael. If Michael's parents are wealthy then he expects to receive many rewards. He may also form a strong attachment to a particular item, taking great care to ensure its longevity. He appreciates items for their sentimental value. Parents need to support Michael's efforts to preserve sentimental items, but it is important to find a balance. Obviously Michael does have an appreciation of the finer things in life. However, his parents need to teach Michael other values such as enjoying the simple beauty of nature or learning about spiritual values. It is important that Michael does not grow up believing that material wealth and goods are more important than love and affection. With a strong set of personal values, Michael is able to attract good fortune.

## Talents and Schooling



*"Dance like no one is watching. Sing like no one is listening. Love like you've never been hurt and live like it's heaven on Earth." -- Mark Twain*

### *The Sun*

*The Sun represents your child's identity. It describes your child's basic personality traits and their talents. It also tells you how your children think of themselves; how they need to express themselves; how they need to shine in their lives; how they feel alive. It is the centre of a child's self-expression. The Sun can also tell us about a child's father.*

### *The Sun is in Gemini*

Curiosity is central to the nature of a Gemini Sun sign. The natural curiosity of an infant is magnified in Michael's nature. Parents may have difficulty keeping up with Michael's need for exploring everything and everyone in his environment. Michael enjoys the company of other people as long as they are communicating with him. Likewise he enjoys new activities, visits to other people's houses, new toys and games, and interacting with other children. Problems only arise when Michael is bored. This is a child who delights everyone with his charming nature in one moment, and yet horrifies them with his temper tantrums in the next moment. These tantrums seem to erupt for no apparent cause. In fact they stem from boredom. Fortunately Michael's tantrums don't last long because he is easily distracted by stimulating his interest in something new. Michael's talents lie in his ability to communicate with other people. Other talents may include language skills, writing, reading, or anything that requires deft handling. Organisation is not likely to be a strong point, but creativity and original ideas are. For these reasons Michael is likely to enjoy the stimulation of childcare, kindergarten and junior school, but may have some difficulty coping with the expectations and requirements of senior school studies. This depends largely on aspects of Michael's birth chart.

### *The Sun is in the 4th House*

Little Michael is a homebody. From the moment of birth he likes nothing better than to be surrounded by love and family in the warmth and comfort of his own home. As a young child Michael prefers to invite playmates to his home rather than visit others. He forms strong bonds with his immediate and extended family.

Michael may be shy as a youngster, needing some encouragement to venture away from home. A child with his Sun in the signs of Gemini, Libra, Aquarius, Aries, Leo or Sagittarius is likely to be more gregarious and independent than one with the Sun in the signs of Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces, Taurus, Virgo or Capricorn. Michael enjoys helping around the

house and needs the comfort of knowing that his parents and mentors are not far away. With the right encouragement Michael has a real talent as a homemaker, and perhaps later in life in the fields of real estate and property development. He also has a talent for bringing members of his family closer together. On the other hand any tension in the house is keenly felt by young Michael. He is particularly sensitive to his father's expectations and presence in the home. It is possible that Michael's father's family features prominently in his life. Therefore it is important that young Michael has the encouragement and support of his father or a male mentor in order to really shine in his own family and the world.

### *Mercury*

*The planet Mercury describes your children's intellectual abilities. The sign and placement of Mercury can describe whether or not your child finds it easy to concentrate at school. Your child may be a daydreamer or have great concentration. Your child may be shy or interact easily with other people. Either way it is possible to boost your child's self-esteem by choosing study methods and schooling that suits their needs rather than forcing them to fit into an alien environment. Gaining an understanding of the planet Mercury can help in these matters.*

### *Mercury is in Cancer*

Michael is a sensitive child, very responsive to his immediate environment. If all is well with his loved ones then Michael is comfortable. However, if there is some emotional tension, then young Michael is also tense and unable to concentrate on his own activities. If there is conflict at home then Michael is likely to be unsettled, whether at home or at school. In other words, loved ones influence Michael's ability to focus on his own thoughts and tasks, as well as his resolutions. Therefore, he needs a lot of encouragement to learn to disconnect and to make his own decisions with careful thought. This is a child who lets his heart rule his head. This is not necessarily a negative trait, but does mean that he needs patience, not criticism when it comes to learning new tasks and life skills.

Some tasks, such as cooking and caring for a pet, come easily to young Michael. However, academic topics are more of a challenge. Michael enjoys learning through story telling and benefits greatly from legends, fairy-tales, and myths. He also has a talent for creating his own stories, and may even have a talent for painting or creative drawing. Any creative activity is of great benefit for young Michael as an outlet for expression of any pent-up emotions. Michael's sensitivity also means that he has a talent for interacting with loved ones, understanding their needs and wishes. Michael is a good listener. This is quite a skill for one so young. Parents and mentors need to ensure that Michael is given the freedom to concentrate on his own interests, rather than caring for other people.

### *Mercury is in the 5th House*

Michael has a quick wit. As a young child this becomes obvious, as Michael loves to play word games, giggling with delight over certain word associations. As he matures his wit blossoms. Friends and relatives enjoy this side of Michael's nature, but teachers may not be so impressed as lessons are likely to be disrupted by Michael's clownish antics. This does depend on the rest of Michael's birth chart. He may have a more serious side to his nature that balances this impish trait. Michael's love of words needs to be directed in positive outlets such as reading and creative writing. He may have a real talent for creative writing or for public speaking, but only if it is fun.

Michael finds it difficult to concentrate on anything that he considers being boring. Michael enjoys reading, but mostly for fun. Concentrated study is not so appealing. He also enjoys puzzles and games, particularly games of strategy and wordplay. The challenge for parents and mentors is to maintain an element of entertainment in all lessons. For this reasons Michael benefits from a less formal school environment. Teachers and parents can also note that a sense of humour is a handy tool in defusing many an emotional moment with young Michael.

## Goals



*"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." -- Eleanor Roosevelt*

### *The Ascendant*

*The Ascendant, or Rising Sign as it's sometimes called, is considered to be an important component of an astrology chart. Ancient astrologers believed that the Ascendant depicted a person's primary motivation. Some believed that it was one of the links to discovering what makes a person happy. It could be said that when we're accomplishing our primary motivation then we're happy. By gaining knowledge of a child's Ascendant and discovering this child's primary motivation in life, parents and mentors can then help them achieve their goals. Caring adults can encourage the child with love and support. In turn your child experiences a sense of happiness and fulfilment.*

### *The Ascendant is in Aquarius*

Michael is likely to actively seek his purpose in life, taking the initiative rather than waiting until circumstances are comfortable. Aquarius is a Fixed sign denoting fixity of purpose, resolution, self-reliance and independence. However, it also an Air sign indicating a love of ideas, communicating and intellectual prowess.

As a baby Michael may have difficulty settling into a routine, seemingly restless and unsettled. Depending on other aspects of Michael's birth chart, his parents need to forgo the need for a routine in favour of providing stimulation and social contact. Michael is a gregarious child, enjoying interaction with people of all ages. His parents will be constantly surprised by the original antics of young Michael as he tests his limits.

Michael is independent but his purpose and fate are strongly linked with his friends and associates. For this reason Michael's parents need to encourage plenty of contact with other children, so that Michael can learn about the machinations of human relationships from a young age. It is likely that Michael is highly intelligent and enjoys the stimulation of childcare, kindergarten and school. His parents may also notice a strong humanitarian streak. "That's not fair", may be a familiar catch cry of young Michael. This is because he is able to see things from other people's point of view from a young age and wants everyone to be equal. Michael will want to protect others less fortunate than himself and to include everyone in his games. This is part of his charm.

### *Mars*

*Ambition and drive, like many traits, can be powerful positive forces in your children's lives, helping them achieve their dreams. Too much ambition can hinder your child's ability to collaborate. On the other hand, without motivation your child may not be able to establish a healthy sense of self and successfully leave home and family. Studying Mars, the planet of drive and energy, assists parents and mentors. Mars describes vitality in your child's birth chart. If our children are free to pursue their own dreams and ambitions, their joie de vivre is a wonderful thing to see. By understanding the placement of Mars in your child's chart, you can help support their goals. You gain insight into whether or not your child lacks motivation in certain areas and why. You can also see if your child has an excess of passion. As a result you can either patiently try to motivate your child, or you can provide plenty of stimulation and direction.*

### *Mars is in Leo*

Young Michael knows how to achieve his goals with charm. He is a self-confident and assertive little individual, perhaps even bossy at times. He likes to do things his own way, not necessarily listening to parental advice. He is healthy and enthusiastic and enjoys playing in the sunshine, thriving in an active or outdoors environment. Young Michael is a leader in the playground, often being the mastermind behind some of his playmates' more daring escapades. Parents and mentors do not need to take an active role in encouraging young Michael's talents, but need to allow him the freedom to follow his own interests. It is important that Michael is given this freedom to pursue his goals, within safe limits. Parents may be tempted to direct this child's talents, but this is likely to result in clashes of will and tantrums.

Michael has plenty of initiative, but he needs some lessons in considering other people's ideas and schemes. Teamwork is not one of Michael's strengths. He is too busy concentrating on his own talents, to really consider other people's. Of course, this does depend on other aspects of young Michael's birth chart. Parents and mentors may also be able to persuade young Michael to show his peers how to do things and to share his ideas. This way Michael learns to consider the ideas of others, while still asserting his own. Michael is likely to enjoy any activity that requires creative input, such as the arts and design. He is likely to enjoy individual sports such as gymnastics and the martial arts, rather than team sports.

### *Mars is in the 7th House*

Michael has a strong desire to be close to his loved ones and is almost fiery in pursuit of this urge to do things with other people. On a positive note young Michael is an enthusiastic companion, able to inspire his family members and friends to tackle new projects. Daily life can become quite an adventure in his company. On the other hand Michael is likely to have some difficulty learning to co-operate. He has a tendency to insist on others becoming involved in his pastimes, rather than show an interest in other people's well being. He insists on doing things his way. Parents and mentors need to teach Michael the benefits of collaboration. Michael also seems to enjoy doing the opposite of expectations. Parents and mentors can be quite frustrated when trying to get young Michael to co-operate with instructions. The problem is that young Michael loves to argue. Believe it or not it is an enjoyable pastime for him to challenge other people's opinions. He has fun watching loved ones become infuriated with his actions and is likely to consider it a game. Of course it helps if parents and mentors can also treat matters lightly, but this is not always possible. Therefore Michael needs to know his loved ones' limitations. In other words, friends and family members need to be very clear in communicating exactly what they are and are not willing to do in Michael's company. As Michael matures and learns these lessons he may use his gifts in helping others to resolve conflict.

## Childhood Journey



*"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." -- Ralph Waldo Emerson*

*Wouldn't it be ideal if we could isolate one trait in our personalities, capture it in a glass for observation and dissection? Of course this is not possible. Neither is it possible for us to isolate one part of a birth chart. The different aspects of our children's birth charts intermingle in a complex manner to make the little person that we know and love. However, it is possible for us to influence the development of our children, to support them in their journey. The aim of this section is to give vital clues for parents and mentors on how to guide, but not coerce, the development of your child.*

### *Pluto is Trine The Moon*

Michael is a sensitive and reflective child with a strong emotional nature. As a baby Michael is likely to form a strong bond with his mother or another important female caregiver. The matriarch of the family features strongly in young Michael's life. This strong bond plays a crucial role in his upbringing. The advantages of this are that Michael enjoys an intensely rewarding relationship with an important woman, which helps him blossom as a young adult. He learns how to express his feelings in a positive manner within a safe and rewarding relationship. In some cases another female caregiver may play a prominent role in young Michael's life. It is also possible that Michael can demand a little too much from the women in his young life, and therefore feel disappointed when someone important fails to live up to his expectations. There may be times when Michael's mother is undergoing her own emotional ups and downs and is unable to concentrate on Michael's needs. This is the likely time when Michael's intense feelings erupt in the form of tantrums. Therefore it is important that Michael is allowed to express his feelings in a safe manner, but that any manipulative behaviour is not rewarded. Hobbies and pastimes that either demand concentrated effort or that encourage emotional self-expression are important. These could include the dramatic arts, energetic sports, or building models. A pet could also be an ideal way for Michael to learn about the emotional side of relationships.

### *Jupiter is Square The Moon*

On the whole Michael is an amiable baby and a co-operative child. He finds pleasure in his relationship with his parents, in particular his mother or other important women in his young life. In return Michael receives much affection and many favours from mother and other people.

Michael is a favoured child. However, there is also a tendency for this combination of the planet Jupiter and the Moon to indicate a spoilt child, one who has been overindulged by his parents, in particular by his mother or another important woman. It is important for Michael's parents to apply a firm and loving hand. This is particularly true for Michael's

mother and influential adult women. Otherwise Michael can become greedy for both attention and gifts, and perhaps even a little lazy, lacking in self-motivation.

Fortunately astrologers consider the planet Jupiter to have a beneficial affect in birth charts. Therefore, with a little discipline it is likely that Michael finds life rewarding, passing with ease through each new stage of childhood with very little effort on the part of his parents.

### *Saturn is Square The Moon*

Michael needs lots of love and affection. He is a sensitive child, seemingly fated to struggle with at least one adversity in his young life. This could start when Michael is a baby. Perhaps he is born during a difficult time for either his mother or father, resulting in a lack of parental support. While this is understandable it is also emotionally painful for young Michael. On the other hand it is possible that Michael is a fretful baby, failing to thrive for a short period of time. Another possibility is that Michael sails through babyhood, but as a young child the family suffers a setback that has a serious effect on young Michael. While this may be of some concern to parents, most challenges in life have a positive outcome. Whatever the challenging circumstances, young Michael initially may feel insecure in his little world, despite the best parental intentions. Much of this depends on other influences in Michael's birth chart.

With other positive influences, Michael may be quietly confident and somewhat serious. Either way a firm and loving hand and a warm environment can help Michael overcome adversity and consequently feel secure and gain confidence. Criticism is to be avoided at all costs, because Michael is more sensitive to harsh words than other children. Instead, parents need to do all that they can to boost Michael's self-esteem so that he can mature into a confident adult. As Michael matures, he overcomes adversity. He learns the advantages of hard work and self-discipline. The positive side to early-life difficulties is that Michael has the wisdom of experience, and outstrips other children in his achievements. This combination of the planet Saturn and the Moon is an important one in astrology. In some cases, it simply acts to tone down other influences in a child's birth chart. For instance, a fiery child may seem more introverted under this influence. For a full explanation of the likely outcome of this combination it is best to visit a qualified astrologer.

### *Neptune is Opposite The Moon*

Michael is a soft, imaginative and sensitive child. He needs gentle handling and a calm environment in order to thrive. Baby Michael benefits from a peaceful and quiet home. If Michael has noisy siblings, then he benefits from his own quiet room somewhere, to escape the hustle and bustle of daily life. This child is prone to moodiness and is sensitive to the emotional undercurrents of his household. As a result Michael may enjoy pursuing an absorbing hobby, a creative pursuit, visiting nature, or escaping into the realm of books or movies.

Music could be soothing at moments when Michael seems like a troubled child. In fact lullabies are likely to be the best method of getting baby Michael off to sleep and continue to sooth Michael throughout his life. Michael is particularly sensitive to the influence of one woman. This could be mother or grandmother, or a favourite aunt, teacher, nanny or caregiver. This woman is likely to be idealised by Michael and may have difficulty living up to his expectations. To offset this tendency any significant female caretaker is advised to spend as much time as possible taking part in artistic, creative or imaginative pursuits with young Michael. This woman could also positively influence young Michael, teaching him in a gentle and loving manner, helping him reach his true potential. In babyhood and childhood Michael needs tender care, particularly by the women in his life.

### *Mars is Sextile The Sun*

Now here is an active youngster! Michael loves to be stimulated and is keen to have a go at most things. In fact he is likely to experience all sorts of adventures at a young age. Although Michael won't thank anyone who stops him

exploring, he does need some guidance, particularly from his father.

Young Michael benefits from taking part in activities that are challenging. He may be the sort of child who is making regular visits to the doctor for bumps on the head and other such minor accidents. Michael just loves to take risks. His abundant energy can be channelled into safe activities such as football, baseball, basketball, cycling, fencing, or any sport that requires energetic application. Michael's father plays an important part in his life, although at times there may be arguments and clashes of will. Nevertheless Michael enjoys a firm and kind male influence. The lesson for the important man in young Michael's life is patience and assertion, definitely not aggression! Michael has quite a temper when roused, and so it is vital that parents make every effort to distract his attention, provide plenty of demanding activities, and remain calm. If all else fails, time out in a safe environment could give everyone some much-needed peace.

### *Neptune is Trine Mercury*

The combination of the planets Neptune and Mercury can be a challenging one. The extent of the challenge depends on the exact nature of the association and other influences in Michael's birth chart. However, the planet Mercury represents communication, which is overshadowed by the planet Neptune. Therefore Michael finds it difficult to express himself in conventional ways. It is important that parents and mentors help Michael find more unorthodox ways in which to express himself such as through the creative arts. Art, poetry, theatre, dance and music can prove highly beneficial forms of expression. Michael may be particularly talented in the creative arts, a child prodigy who needs nurturing.

Michael is sensitive and needs encouragement to trust his own intuition. This child needs permission to be different. Michael is imaginative and enjoys stories such as fairy tales, myths and legends. He may also have a talent for making up his own stories. Parents and mentors need to ensure that young Michael understands the difference between fantasy and reality. Michael may prefer to live in a fantasy world rather than face the demands of daily responsibilities. He is highly impressionable. Positive influences are important in order for Michael to develop his self-esteem. Michael is a caring child with a unique understanding of his friend's problems. Parents and mentors need to take special care in choosing a school for young Michael. He needs a school environment that encourages creativity, rather than purely academic achievement. Friendships also play an important role in helping or hindering Michael's sensitive nature. Therefore, it is important for parents to encourage friendships that have only a positive influence. With the right encouragement Michael grows in self-confidence and finds the means to express his unique gifts.

### *Jupiter is Square Venus*

Michael is charming and fun loving, popular with family members and friends. He is showered with love, affection and gifts from the moment he is born. The combination of the planets Jupiter and Venus is very fortunate. Michael is a little ray of sunshine, adored by friends and family. However, there are some challenges for young Michael. Family members, in particular an important mother figure, can overindulge him instead of teaching Michael the benefits of independence. As a result Michael is charming as a young child, but can become lazy as he matures. He unwittingly learns how to use his appeal to manipulate loved ones into running errands or taking over his tasks. Little Michael can also become a bit greedy, wanting more and more of the good things to which he has become accustomed. Parents and mentors need to discourage such selfish behaviour as early as possible, teaching instead the importance of gratitude, goodwill and self-discipline. Once these lessons have been learnt, Michael's natural enthusiasm and generosity surfaces and good fortune flows.

### *Saturn is Square Venus*

Michael needs plenty of love and approval to successfully develop in childhood. He is naturally shy and hesitant to form close bonds with friends and family. This may be the result of friction in the family home, or a separation from a parent at

an early age or it could simply be part of his personality. Whatever the cause, Michael finds it difficult to trust loved ones. He finds it difficult to accept affection. He withdraws into a world of his own rather than asserting himself. Patience and love reap rewards. Michael may never be an outwardly warm and spontaneous child, but with constant tenderness and affection from his parents, he can develop in the knowledge that he is worthy of love. Slowly and surely parents can teach Michael to trust loving contact rather than fear it.

Michael is particularly sensitive to antagonism by his mother. Therefore it is important that Michael is able to experience warmth and understanding from his mother, or an important female member of his family.

Parents and mentors also need to encourage Michael to interact with friends. He may relate better to older children, but it is important that he also learns to play with children of his own age. Michael is likely to feel more comfortable with a small circle of true friends, rather than with many acquaintances. In rare cases this combination of the planets Saturn and Venus can simply act to slow down a very gregarious child, giving him the ability to form close ties with many friends.

### *Neptune is Opposite Venus*

Michael is imaginative and creative but has difficulty expressing himself. His parents need to be a source of comfort and support as young Michael develops, as well as inspiring him to find his passion. He is a sensitive soul in a harsh world, and needs help in practical matters. Michael is happiest when spending time with loved ones or when absorbed in a creative project. He adores passing time with family and friends, but is particularly drawn to his mother or grandmother. He yearns to spend as much time as possible with his mother. At times he is able to enjoy such quality time, but the demands of a daily schedule and mother's responsibilities means that Michael is sometimes disappointed. He needs to be taught about realistic expectations. Otherwise he grows up with unrealistic expectations of loved ones. Michael can be encouraged to help with household chores, while being given plenty of time to develop his imagination with books to read and outings.

Michael delights in escaping outdoors on nature trips such as visits to the park and the beach. He also enjoys reading stories about fairies, goblins, dragons and other such mythical beings. In fact Michael is delighted by any activity that enables him to visit imaginary realms. Parents and mentors also need to find some positive outlets for Michael's imagination and talents. Art, music, dance, and the theatre may prove to be highly beneficial. History, religion, metaphysics, photography and philanthropy may also appeal to the maturing Michael. At times young Michael may appear to be a little lost soul, but parents need not worry. As Michael matures and discovers his true passion, he shines.

### *Pluto is Trine Venus*

Michael forms strong emotional connections with friends and family. He is more likely to single out one friend or family member, rather than relate to many. This starts when Michael is a baby and he forms a close attachment to his mother or a mother figure. Michael demands this woman's full attention, refusing to share his mother with siblings or anyone else. On the one hand this can be a positive trait. Michael is able to fully depend on a caring adult and therefore develop good self-esteem in the knowledge that he is deeply loved. He is able to deeply love in return.

A passionate child, Michael throws himself wholeheartedly into his own life and relationships. Loved ones respond, aiding his development through the different stages of childhood. On the other hand Michael's intensity can cause some problems. Michael may closely guard his relationship with his mother. Siblings may be jealous. Mother may inadvertently break the bond with little Michael thus sparking feelings of abandonment and rejection. Normal childhood development is then marred by ill feeling. Parents can best help Michael by teaching him to understand and express his feelings in appropriate ways. With strong parental support Michael becomes self-confident, able to form and maintain close ties with friends and family members. Commitment to associations and projects then becomes a major

strength in young Michael's life.

*Uranus is Conjunct Mars*

What a little live wire! Michael is a restless baby, quite a handful for his parents. He is eager to crawl and walk and takes off as soon as he can. Michael revolts against any constraints, wriggling, kicking and possibly even biting. Parents need to give this independent child plenty of freedom while also teaching him appropriate behaviour. Michael also needs to be taught about safety. He is impulsive and fearless, rarely thinking before he acts. On the positive side Michael is quick to adapt to new circumstances. He does not fret, like some children, if unexpected events crop up or family life takes a sudden turnaround. If anything Michael enjoys the excitement of change. Michael also has plenty of initiative and enjoys challenges. On the other hand left to his devices Michael quickly becomes bored and looks for thrills.

Without proper supervision Michael can get into all sorts of strife. He is accident-prone. Parents need to ensure that Michael's stamina is directed into safe and positive activities. This could include an unusual and demanding sport. Young Michael responds well to spending time in active, or unusual, pursuits with his father. However, he does not like an authoritarian approach and is likely to rebel against strict rules and regulations.