

FIXED STARS

A Solar Writer Report for John Lennon



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The heavens declare the glory of god; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. -- Psalms, 19: 1-2

Fixed stars, constellations and lunar mansions are the most ancient astrological heritages of humankind. Long before there were horoscopes, aspects, houses or signs (or even systems of writing!) the dedicated priest-astrologers of Sumer, Akkad, Babylon, Greece, Phoenicia, Egypt, China, India, Central America, indeed, of virtually every ancient civilization of which we have record, carefully observed and analyzed sky-patterns, and attempted to relate their observations to the experiences of humankind, under the universally-held doctrine, "as above, so below."

The Tropical And Sidereal Zodiacs

Because of a phenomenon called "precession of the equinoxes," over more than two thousand years the zodiac of signs, that is, of our familiar tropical degrees, has gradually shifted backward, largely moving away from the ancient sky figures that gave them their original names and identities; *each sign of this tropical zodiac now largely overlays the star-figure that once preceded it.* Our tropical sign of Aries now overlays most of the original sky-figure of the Pisces fishes, the sign of Taurus overlays the stars of the sky-Ram, tropical Gemini has backed onto the mighty Bull of Heaven, tropical Cancer now overlays the original Gemini Twins, most of tropical Leo covers the Cancer Crab (however, because of the uneven length of the ancient figures, the Lion's head and forepaws are still Leo in both the tropical and sidereal, i.e. constellational, zodiac), tropical Virgo occupies the stars of the body and tail of the Lion, tropical Libra now lies in the midst of the ancient Virgin-goddess, most of tropical Scorpio overlays the Scales of Justice, tropical Sagittarius rides the back of the menacing Scorpion, tropical Capricorn has taken over the original stars of the half-human, half-equine Archer, tropical Aquarius overlays the Sea-Goat's stars, and tropical Pisces largely overlays the figure of the original Water-Pourer.

These overlays are confusing at first, but they actually become enlightening when we search for the deeper layers of astrology's very ancient sources. For while I believe that the tropical zodiac is the most useful for day to day interpretation of horoscopes, it is the ancient sky-pattern figures that reveal the "fated," totemic level of our lives. Fate is a harsh word, conjuring images of helplessness, passivity, "what's-the-use-of-trying" emotions; but the actuality is that the soul, in each lifetime, has chosen a body, sexual polarity, set of parents, locale, schooling, economic situation, and formative matrix that will best nurture the spirit and carry it forward in the direction it has chosen to explore. It was astonishing to discover, after years of research, that *there is nothing casual or coincidental in the constellational sky*; the constellations are in no way arbitrary, casual, or even just seasonal markers - each one is an intensely sophisticated icon, designed to express the energies of its sky-space. And it is not only the ecliptic figures that play a part in our lives, but also the outlying, non-zodiacal aggregations that seem to fly above or swim below the Sun's eternal path; these areas were once called the "Sphaera Barbarica" and are as vital and important as the twelve familiar ecliptic-dwellers; indeed, each posture, position, length and breadth of every figure, has its reason and message.

About this Report

The stars represented on each horoscope mark, I believe, the points where a soul will be most intensely and constantly tested. The tests are acute, the failures (sometimes public) devastating, but while the victories are uplifting, they are usually hidden away from others. There is rarely publicity when a thief quietly decides to turn his or her life around; a person prone to anger and violence who has learned to contain his/her rage will get no medal for it; an accountant who has resisted the impulse to embezzle funds gets no pat on the back - and can't even tell anyone about it! These are victories nonetheless; quiet victories of the soul struggling against darkness, anguish and temptation.

Cirlot's Dictionary of Symbols has, under "star":

"As a light shining in the darkness,
a star is a symbol of the spirit.
It stands for the forces of the spirit
struggling against the forces of darkness"

Abbreviations

WWI, WWII for World War I and II; Gen, Capt, Adm, Brig, Lt, Col, Maj instead of General, Captain, Admiral, Brigadier, Lieutenant, Colonel and Major, Pres for President, Sen. for Senator, Gov for Governor, PM for Prime Minister, Prof for professor, CEO for Chief Executive Officer, N for North or Northern, S for South or Southern, W for West or Western, E for East or Eastern.

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Your Starsets

Starset DHENEb - 8°Ar40' to 11°Ar45'

The South Node represents “fated” karmic connections and habits, negative traits that are hard to shed, a “quicksand” area that holds back and weakens the soul. On the positive side, it represents that which the soul has thoroughly learned and practiced (but which now must be set aside and left behind, so that spiritual advancement can occur). In your horoscope, the South Node is the channel through which you receive, experience and express the energies of these stars.

Dheneb (which means "tail") is Eta Ceti in the flank of Cetus the Sea-Monster, a star that is accompanied in these celestial longitudes by **Mu Cephei**, "The Garnet Star" in the head of Cepheus the King, **Psi Pegasi** in the body of Pegasus the Winged Horse, **14 Andromedae** in the chained right wrist of Andromeda the Chained Woman, dim stars of **Pisces**, the Fishes and stars of the modern figure of Fornax the Furnace.

The energy here is intense, adventurous, original, innovative, restless, daring and rebellious. You delight in large tasks, need excitement and challenge, and constantly test the edges of danger and experience, even to the extent of putting yourself or others in harm's way. You have the potential to make original contributions in whatever field you enter. Mu Cephei is a star in the head of Cepheus, the King, and many here are absolutists, drawn to freedom and power, believing in machismo and the use of force - some may even enjoy violence. You tend to be obsessive, single-minded, visually-oriented, fascinated by how things work, and you are capable of bringing order and regulation to chaotic situations or fields of knowledge. Within you there is a breadth of talents, a wide-ranging mind, and a potential for genius and great inspiration (especially in mathematics, astronomy, art, engineering, inventions), along with interest in the occult. With the added influence of tropical Aries, you love to travel to exotic places and are drawn to occupations involving excitement and danger. Among the issues you will deal with under these stars are power, its uses and/or abuses, and whether to fight to the end in conflicts or to agree to back off or compromise (both with others and within yourself). A few here, brooding over wrongs, go to the extremes of terrorism or murder (the Sea-Monster's influence). Under King Cepheus and his daughter Princess Andromeda, the Chained Woman, there may be father-daughter issues, including (but not necessarily) possible physical and/or sexual abuse. Here King Cepheus and high-flying Pegasus inspire extraordinary achievements that carry humankind into new knowledge and realizations. *Possible physical and/or psychological manifestations: eye and ear problems, head injuries, head wounds, emotional instability, possible danger from burns (very high score of fires here), explosions, eruptions, gas events, asphyxiation, assassination attempts, meteorite falls*

Examples of the SouthNode here include **Yitzhak Rabin**, military leader and PM of Israel (assassinated by a shot to the head), **James Brady**, White House Press Secretary, later a gun control activist (shot in head at Reagan assassination attempt-severely disabled), General **Hideki Tojo**, WWII Japanese Premier (fiercely devoted to his emperor and the samurai ethos; attempted suicide, hanged as a war criminal), **James Watt**, 18th-century instrument maker and inventor (improved, but did not invent, steam engine), **Charles Babbage**, 19th-century "Father of Computing," mathematician, inventor, creator of the modern automatic computer (fascinated by fire), **Bram Stoker**, ("Dracula"), **Irving Stone**, **Jack Kerouac**, **Helen Gurley Brown**, **Kingsley Amis**, authors, **John Lennon**, singer and songwriter (murdered), **Nancy Gilbert**, healer (hands), **Annie**

Besant, theosophist, **Mother Ann Lee**, Shaker religious leader, **Stephen Toulmin**, philosopher, **George Stanhope**, Earl of Carnarvon, Egyptologist, co-discoverer of Tut's tomb) (died of pneumonia), **Sybil Leek**, witch, **Carl Reiner**, actor, comedian, comedy writer and producer, **Elmer Bernstein**, composer, **Dick Martin**, singer, **Bruce Lee**, martial arts actor, **Joey Maxim** (Giuseppe Berardinelli), light heavyweight boxing champion, **Jesse James**, 19th-century outlaw (shot in the back and killed by a gang member for the reward)

Starset BATEN KAITOS - 19°Ar38' to 21°Ar21'

The Ascendant is the degree that is rising at the moment of birth; it is a place of emergence, initiatives, and new beginnings; it can also describe the immediate environment and is the face you present to the world. In your horoscope, the Ascendant is the channel through which you receive, experience and express the energies of these stars.

Baten Kaitos is Zeta Ceti in the belly of Cetus, the Sea-Monster, a star that is accompanied in these celestial longitudes by **Delta**, Delta Andromedae in the breast of Andromeda, the Chained Woman, **Zeta Andromedae** in her chained left arm, **20 Cephei** in the head of Cepheus, the King and dim stars of **Pisces**, the Fishes. In the lunar mansions of ancient China, **Delta** was a determinant star of the lunar mansion *Koui*, The Sandal, Legs Astride, or The Pig (also called The Great General or General with the Long Muzzle because a wild boar or pig uprooted the earth like a fierce warrior); *Koui* ruled shoes, planting, harvesting, streams, marshes, harmful insects; and Imperial Arsenal, as well as metal, weapons, war, and defense against brigands. In Arabia it was part of the lunar mansion *Batn al-Hut*, Fish's Belly (also called *Risha*, rope)

Cepheus, a solitary, scholarly, cultured monarch, brings forth Renaissance types with a great range of interests and abilities. You are intensely original, insatiably curious, fascinated by science, technology, inventions, and particularly interested in practical applications of your skills. Depth, hard work, renunciation, a natural predilection for solitude and study and an inner sense of form and structure combine with powerful emotional expression, producing in you the possibility for excellence in literature and the arts. These stars often bring forth outstanding teachers, inventors, artists, musicians and poets (some combine science and/or religion with art). You have the potential to be brilliant, inventive, creative, with the ability to inspire others, yet the Sea-Monster's brooding influence may bring in a deep insecurity and alienation, even a paranoid, hypersensitive, self-limiting introspection, which in some is expressed as blunt, abrasive selfishness, dishonesty and subterfuge to "keep the world at bay." Marked by chained Andromeda, prone to day-dreaming and sexual fantasizing, you may feel trapped and humiliated by your situation in life, yet you are aware that you have put yourself in that position, and you have the ability to work beyond any limitations - (under these stars, even those born in poverty usually manage to educate themselves). The fire of tropical Aries bestows an instinct to test the edges - there is a danger that you may overreach yourself, possibly undergoing enforced emigration, compulsory change, entrapment, even imprisonment. A few suffer disfigurement and/or physical or mental afflictions. Melancholy, death-fearing, some of these even become obsessed with the monstrous (Cetus!). At the same time you have a strong impulse to devotion, especially of a religious nature, and you relate strongly to folklore, myths, and the occult. Baten Kaitos is one of the most frequently found star involved in shipwrecks, and you may at some time find yourself left "high and dry" broken on the rocks of life, yet this is an area of great breakthroughs and transformations, and after you pull through you have much to offer from the

depths of your experiences, ending up with a strong sense of personal destiny and the God within. There are issues here of whether to wage war or make peace, selfishness versus selflessness, as well as Andromeda's themes of imprisonment versus liberty, and father-daughter issues (King Cepheus was Andromeda's father). Here the dangerous, brooding Sea-Monster is overcome by King Cepheus' intelligence and Andromeda's devotion and patience under pressure. *Possible physical and/or psychological manifestations: hearing problems, wounds, birth defects, possible depression and/or chronic ill-health, danger of storms, shipwreck, drowning, assassination*

Examples of the Ascendant here include **Harold Moore**, Major General, **Robert Huebner**, virologist, **Julian Goodman**, broadcasting executive ("charming, witty, precise, decisive, made pioneering contributions to radio and television"), **Johannes Brahms**, 19th-century composer, **John Lennon**, singer, songwriter and author (murdered), **Helen Reddy**, singer whose recording of "I Am Woman" became the anthem of the women's movement (Zeta Andromedae is a star of "The Chained Woman"), **Joni Mitchell**, singer and songwriter, **Don Murray**, actor ("religious, a pacifist, arrested for refusing to bear arms, involved in humanitarian work, helping refugees"), "**Corky**," autistic child

Starset ALMACH - 12°Ta39' to 15°Ta40'

Jupiter, a knowledge-and-experience-seeking planet, has an influence that is expansive, enlarging, increasing, confident, cheerful, optimistic, generous, out-going, free-wheeling, freedom-loving, ethical, philosophical and humane, but can also be disdainful, careless, over-confident and irresponsible. In your horoscope, Jupiter is the channel through which you receive, experience and express the energies of these stars.

Cautious, serious, conservative Saturn has an influence that is structuring, controlling and disciplinary; it represents authority, rules, organizing and teaching, but can also repress, limit, frustrate and delay, in order, in the long run, to bring about patience, dedication and discipline; it is the "great teacher" of the planets. In your horoscope, Saturn is the channel through which you receive, experience and express the energies of these stars.

Almach is Gamma Andromedae in the left foot of Andromeda, the Chained Woman, a star that is accompanied in these celestial longitudes by **Ts'e** (or **Cih**), Gamma Cassiopeiae in the arm of Cassiopeia, the Queen, **Menkar**, Alpha Ceti, in the jaw of Cetus, the Sea-Monster, **Zibal**, Zeta Eridani in the upper western bend of Eridanus, the River, **Pi Arietis** in the loin of Aries, the Ram and **2 Persei** between the head and sword of Perseus, the Rescuer. In ancient Sumer-Akkad and Babylonia, **Almach**, with stars of Triangulum, formed a Plow.

In ancient China, Almach was a star of *T'ien-Ta-Tsiang-Kiun*, the Great Celestial General or Commander of the Horses who, beside his military duties, held high responsibility for the welfare of the state, protected the weak against tyranny, put down revolts and enforced law, order, and justice. Patient, cheerful, industrious, with a great multiplicity of talents, including strategic ability, you are popular, courageous and resourceful, with the potential to become a leader and figurehead, but this is the place of the crushing jaws of Cetus, the Sea-Monster - you may experience difficult family conditions, lack of domestic harmony, or even loss of identity and home in early life, loss of fortune, or there may be an inheritance that brings misfortune with it. You are restless and passionate and may suffer from anxiety, anguish, false accusations, even

disgrace and ruin (for farmers, there may be loss of crops), and/or severe health problems. Through all you remain dogged, persistent and courageous; your heart, will, and endurance are challenged to the utmost; refusing to admit defeat, you are willing to take huge risks, forging within yourself strength, perseverance, determination, commitment and devotion. Your life often runs on several rails at once, displaying your dazzling array of abilities, such as the military, politics (often these two are combined), medicine, healing (including psychic and hypnotic ability), philosophy, sports, art, theatre, literature, music and farming. With the overlay of tropical Taurus, these stars usually offer considerable creativity along with writing and performing ability, but these potentials may remain undeveloped if your will remains unfocused, or if domineering, dictatorial attitudes are indulged (Ts'e means "whip"), and if you are unwilling to listen to others, or you blame them for your personal troubles. Under such conditions you may draw or commit violence, abuse, or there may be an exile of some sort, by force, necessity, or self-imposed. The tests of these stars have positive outcomes only if you maintain your personal honor and avoid selfishness, greed, jealousy, dishonesty and any kind of immorality with great determination. Traditional star lists promise "luck" for Almach, but it is likely that this will occur only after much hard work. Challenges include developing and maintaining communications; religious faith versus skepticism or atheism, and steady cultivation of hope versus giving way to despair. Here Eridanus, the great River of Time, fertilizes and nourishes dreams, washing away all cares. *Possible physical and/or psychological manifestations: disabilities, chronic illness (especially head and throat ailments and accidents: Cetus' head is here), blindness, hearing difficulties, paralysis, suffocation, drowning, alcoholism, sado-masochism, possible danger from explosions, blockages, animal attacks, assassination; may become involved in religious events.*

Examples of Jupiter here include General **Ulysses S Grant**, US President (died of throat cancer), Graf **Felix von Luckner**, legendary WWI German sea raider and skilled amateur magician, Major General **John S Lekson**, WWII airborne infantry commander, **H W (Henry Watson) Fowler**, lexicographer and philologist, "a man of moral and intellectual strength whose wit and grace were evident throughout his writings," **Margaret Fuller**, 19th-century feminist critic, editor, author, teacher and social reformer (died at 40 with her husband and child in a shipwreck), **André Gide**, author, **Emma Goldman**, anarchist poet, **E A Wallis Budge**, orientalist, philologist and archeologist, **Jam<BOLDON>es Brady**, White House Press Secretary (gun control activist - shot in head at Reagan assassination attempt-severely disabled), **Alfred Adler**, psychiatrist, **John Lennon**, singer, songwriter and author (murdered), **Michael Love**, musician (Beach Boys), **Frederick Law Olmstead**, landscape architect, **Anne Josephe Theroigne de Mericourt**, courtesan, singer, violent, fiery revolutionary rabble-rouser, military commander during French revolution (once stripped naked, flogged in public, became insane following year), **Martin Sheen**, **Nigel Hawthorne**, actors, **Lance D Alworth**, football wide receiver, **Roman Gabriel**, football quarterback, **Jack Lambert**, (aggressive, "possibly the meanest linebacker to ever play the game"), **John Pennel**, champion pole vaulter, **Nancy Gilbert**, healer (hands), **Troy Perry**, gay minister, **Pina Bausch**, dancer-choreographer, **Jessica Dubroff**, 7-yr-old pilot, killed in take-off crash in a storm

Examples of Saturn here include Sir **Hugh Dowding**, WWII Air Marshall, Director of Fighter Command, Battle of Britain ("difficult, self opinionated, determined, knew more than anybody about all aspects of aerial warfare"), Admiral **Jean Darlan**, WWII French naval officer who joined the Nazi-controlled Vichi government, was later persuaded to help the Allies (assassinated), **Daniel Boone**, 18th-19th-century US frontiersman, pioneer and trailblazer, Sen. **Hubert Humphrey** of Minnesota, US Vice President, **Aly Khan**, wealthy playboy, horsebreeder, Pakistani

UN representative (killed in car crash), **James Brady**, White House Press Secretary, gun control activist (shot in head at Reagan assassination attempt-severely disabled), Sir **Alexander Fleming**, bacteriologist (discoverer of penicillin), **Luis Alvarez**, physicist, **Barnett Barnato**, 19th-century "diamond king," promoter, speculator and amateur actor (suicide-jumped from a ship), **John Lennon**, singer, composer and author (murdered), **Ringo Starr**, drummer, singer and actor, **Peter Hurkos**, psychic, **Jean Riesener**, celebrated 18th-century cabinetmaker, **Cecil B DeMille**, film director, **Vincent Price** (art collector), **Patrick Stewart**, **Lee J Cobb**, **Julie Christie**, **Martin Sheen**, **Ann Sothorn**, actors, **George Brasno**, performer (midget), **Charles Addams**, cartoonist, **Jackson Pollock**, artist, "the quintessential tortured genius" ("a lifelong struggle with alcoholism, a fight he lost when he died in a car crash at the age of 44"), **Leopold Stokowski**, conductor, **Troy Perry**, gay minister, **Nancy Gilbert**, healer (hands), **Pina Bausch**, dancer-choreographer, **Edgar Guest**, poet, **Kenneth Patchen**, author and poet, **Chet Huntley**, television news anchor, **Lance "Bambi" Alworth**, football wide receiver, **Roman Gabriel**, football quarterback

Starset ALGOL - 24°Ta25' to 28°Ta02'

High-strung Uranus' influence is unconventional, eccentric, inventive, original, self-willed, erratic, extreme, restless, rebellious, psychic and utopian; it correlates to everything new – especially new technologies, electronics, innovations and inventions. In your horoscope, Uranus is the channel through which you receive, experience and express the energies of these stars.

Algol is Beta Persei, a star in the severed head of Medusa carried in the left hand of Perseus, the Hero or Rescuer; it is accompanied in these celestial longitudes by **Misam**, Kappa Persei in the left arm of Perseus, **Miram** (Eta Persei) in his upper sword (right) arm and **Tau Persei** in his head, **13 Tauri** in Taurus, the Bull's shoulder, **43 Cassiopeiae** under the throne of Cassiopeia, the Queen, and **Galaxy IC1502** in the belly of Cepheus, the King. This is where the stars of **Aries**, the Ram end and those of Taurus, the Bull begin.

Algol, Beta Persei, an eclipsing binary called *Sibi*, "Double-eye" in the ancient Euphratean star lists, was said by the Greeks to be the eye in the severed head of the Gorgon Medusa; every 68 hours, 48 minutes, 55.368 seconds (average) the eye "blinks" for about 2 hours. Manly Palmer Hall called Algol "the most evil, violent, and dangerous star in the heavens;" it is associated with some of the most horrible events in human history; nonetheless, in a personal horoscope, it is not necessarily malevolent and may, in fact, bestow considerable benefits. It is often prominent in the charts of military, political, financial, and religious-philosophic leaders, brilliant scientists and scholars, musicians, artists (with a taste for the outré and macabre), magicians, astronomers, astrologers, physicians (especially surgeons and trauma specialists), as well as bigots and violent criminals. Though it is often found in the charts of felons, having Algol prominent on a nativity does not necessarily mean one will commit or experience violence; it is, rather, that one will not be able to remain aloof from the awareness of that level of human experience, and will be led to come to terms with it in some manner. A journalist might be assigned to cover violent tragedies, a clergyman called upon to comfort the victims or their families; a black child might hear of the horrors of slavery, or a Jewish child grow up with the awareness that his grandparents perished in the holocaust; a police officer might assist victims of a disaster; a medical student be assigned to a trauma center (in medicine, the study of pain is called Algology!), a soldier witness terrible slaughter, a war veteran suffer flashbacks. Your Algol placement will compel you to confront and assimilate these harsh aspects of human experience. Earnest, serious, patient and strongly

ambitious, you are extremely, perhaps even extraordinarily intelligent, driven to succeed and excel; you need to be in the spotlight, and you have a sense of how to be a "figurehead" leader (some born under these stars even reach the very pinnacle of their professions, becoming "immortals"). You are usually amiable, spiritual, peace-loving, tolerant, have a strong artistic side and are an excellent conversationalist and counselor. Under the influence of Perseus, whose head and arm are here, you want to "make a difference," with the idea of "rescuing" people, social groups or nations from their ills. The overlay of tropical Taurus with the original stubborn Bull makes you dogged, determined, patient, win-at-all-costs and unyielding, and when in a position of power you tend to believe in tough, dictatorial, absolutist leadership. Beware lest an inability or unwillingness to see any humanity in your opponents leads to wanton aggressiveness, extreme, criminal intolerance and murder (some born under this influence have used religion or intense patriotism to justify violence against others). There are sharply polarized issues of cold, brutal religious, racial or ethnic bigotry versus loving tolerance, of harsh, willful cruelty versus kindness, helping, healing; and, simply, of war or peace. In mundane astrology, Algol often marks great tragedies, the sort of events in which many die or are killed brutally, and there seems to be a connection to animals. It is remarkable that the Chinese found this area extremely hateful as well; to them Algol was "The Heaped-Up Corpses," the central star of their "Great Trench," a mass grave of piled up, deliberately dishonored and dismembered remains. However the strong sword arm of Perseus, the Hero or Rescuer is here, protecting the innocent from evil-doers. *Possible physical and/or psychological manifestations: eye problems (the Pleiades' reputation for blindness starts here), facial surgery, head, neck, shoulder and upper arm injuries and ailments, choking, suffocation, asphyxiation (Algol has always been associated with injuries to the head, neck and throat), thyroid problems, narcolepsy, birth anomalies, post-traumatic stress disorder, danger from natural disasters, poisoning, fire, attacks, terrorism, beheading, mutilation, assassination, earth upheavals, meteorite falls, animal attacks, but also the possibility of encountering Virgin Mary apparitions!*

Examples of Uranus here include **William H Taft**, US President, **Ehud Barak**, Israeli military leader and PM, **James Brady**, White House Press Secretary (became a gun control activist after being shot in the head at the Reagan assassination attempt left him severely disabled), **Charlie Rose**, newsman and interviewer, **H W (Henry Watson) Fowler**, lexicographer and philologist, "a man of moral and intellectual strength whose wit and grace were evident throughout his writings," **Nikola Tesla**, "master of lightning," physicist, inventor and engineer (rotating magnetic field, radio, tesla coil, teleautomatic remote control; discovered terrestrial stationary waves, created man-made lightning) (he died impoverished; after his death, the US Supreme Court handed down their decision that it was Tesla who invented radio, not Marconi), **Rudolph Diesel**, engineer and inventor (drowned), **Stephen Hawking**, mathematician-cosmologist (severely disabled by amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), **Regiomontanus** (Johann Muller), 15th-century astrologer and mathematician who constructed an observatory, founded a printing office and published ephemerides, **Louis Sullivan**, architect, **Maxine Yourman**, astrologer, clairvoyant and teacher of visually impaired children, **H Rider Haggard**, **Joseph Conrad**, authors, **Samuel Taylor Coleridge**, 18th-19th-century poet (opium addict), **George Bernard Shaw**, author, critic and playwright, **Williamina Fleming**, 19th-early 20th-century astronomer (worked as a maid in the home of the Director of Harvard Observatory, who discovered her ability and put her to work at the Observatory - she created a system of cataloguing stars by spectra (her assessments of more than 10,000 stars was published in 1890 as the Draper Catalogue of Stellar Spectra) - she was also the discoverer of "white dwarfs" and was named curator of astronomical photographs at Harvard, at that time an unheard-of honor for a woman, **Ludwig Geiger**, 19th-century orientalist and

linguist (Sanskrit, Indo-European and Iranian), **John Lennon** (murdered), **Bob Dylan**, singer-songwriters, **Aretha Franklin**, **Wayne Newton**, **Richie Valens** (killed in plane crash at 17), singers, **Ringo Starr**, drummer, **Patrick Stewart**, **Ryan O'Neal**, actors, **Pina Bausch**, dancer-choreographer, **Troy Perry**, gay minister, **Nancy Gilbert**, healer (hands), **Muhammed Ali** (Cassius Clay), world heavyweight champion boxer (Parkinson's disease), **Mary Jo Kopechne**, government secretary (accident victim - drowned in the Chappaquiddick scandal), **Antonio**, haircut stylist, **Rita Faulkner**, con artist, **John Wayne Gacy**, serial sexual murderer of 32 youths, **Richard Speck**, rapist-strangler-stabber

Starset AL TARF - 2°Le45' to 5°Le32'

Pluto represents deep insight, revelation, profound transformation, and bringing-to-consciousness that which has been hidden, buried or forgotten; its effect is deep, intense and obsessive (some deal with Pluto's obsessive tendencies by reaching for the opposite polarity, i.e. rejection or repudiation); In your horoscope, Pluto is the channel through which you receive, experience and express the energies of these stars.

Al Tarf is Beta Cancri in the south rear leg of Cancer, the Crab (there is another star named "Al Tarf"- Lambda Leonis). Beta Cancri is accompanied in these celestial longitudes by **Theta Cancri** in the Crab's shell, **Talitha Australis**, Kappa Ursae Majoris in the right front paw of Ursa Major, the Greater Bear, and **Xi Puppis** in the Stern of **Argo Navis**, the Great Ship. In ancient China **Theta Cancri** was a determinant star of the lunar mansion *Kuei*, The Spirits or Carriage of Ghosts, also called *T'ien-Soung*, Celestial Punisher, presiding over sickness, death, extermination, battlefields, horses, soldiers, war materiel, and buried treasures hoarded in wartime, thus accumulated wealth. In *Kuei*, each star had a "job:" **Theta Cancri** ruled soldiers. Another name was *Fou-Tchi*, The Cutlass, used for slaughtering sacrificial animals. In ancient India it was a determinant star of lunar mansion *Pusya*, "Nourishment," or "Nourishing," also called *Sidhya*, "Lucky," "Successful," it was symbolized by a cow's udder and ruled by Brhaspati, priest of the Gods, God of planet Jupiter, with his qualities of nourishment, plumpness, blossoming, good fortune, as well as prayer, speech and wisdom. Ancient Orphic and Platonic doctrine held that the stars of Cancer, the Crab formed the "**Gate of Mankind**" where souls entered Earth's dimension as they took on human form at birth.

The Crab's Gate of Incarnation gives you a remarkable, profoundly focused mind, with the sense that you have entered into the Earth's plane with a mission. With the overlay of tropical Leo you are proud, somewhat aloof, and carried on the wavelength of a cultural, spiritual, scientific or folk ideal; once you have found your life's purpose, you will pursue it at all costs, persistent, unwavering, absolutely convinced that you are right and anyone opposing you is not only wrong, but a potential enemy! Quixotic, antiquarian and utopian, you have a deep feeling for your roots; if not born with knowledge of them, you will search until you find a foundation to give your life meaning. You are a bold leader with a sense of destiny for your followers; your single-mindedness and intense commitment to a personal vision sets you apart, making you a "lightning rod," drawing down controversy upon your head. An iconic, mystic vision takes hold of your soul, drawing a "fire from heaven" inspiration that carries all before it. You are courageous and adventurous, but elitism, arrogance, intolerance and prejudice are the negative possibilities here; it may not occur to you that you might be riding roughshod over those around you, or if it does, you may not care, for your sense of mission carries all before it. Capable of deep

rage and resentments, often believing in violent solutions, there is a danger that you may be among those who deliberately persecute opposing factions, or you may suffer persecution yourself (or both!); however, some born under these stars who rise above these passions become great icons for humanity. You may take up the arts, for you have an unusual ability to visually conceptualize your ideas, along with musical imagery, artistic and prosodic sensitivity, and a strong sense of drama; among potential areas of success are film, photography, food preparation and dance. You may also have remarkable intellectual ability, even brilliance, especially in science, mathematics and philosophy, and an interest in ancient knowledge, artifacts, myths, the supernatural and the occult. The primary issues of your life are faith and hope versus morbid cynicism, dishonesty and paranoia (the soft-shelled Crab is intensely self-protective). You need to learn to see yourself in others, rather than projecting your negative "shadow" upon them. Other issues include aggression (including murder), intolerance and persecution versus tolerance, compassion and working for peaceful solutions to problems, as well as exclusivity and elitism versus open-mindedness, trust, and a breadth of fellow-feeling. Here Ursa Major, the great Mother Bear, protects her cubs, while Cancer, the Crab, guarding her Gate of Mankind, oversees the fate of each soul as it enters incarnation. *Possible physical and/or psychological manifestations: persecutions, toxic atmospheric conditions, drowning; possible danger from storms, shipwrecks, drowning, environmental disasters, earth upheavals, meteorite falls, epidemics, murder*

Examples of Pluto here include **Ehud Barak**, Israeli military leader and PM, **Slobodan Milosevic**, Serb leader (charged with war crimes), **James Brady**, White House Press Secretary, later a gun control activist (shot in head at Reagan assassination attempt-severely disabled), **Charlie Rose**, television newsman and interviewer, **Stephen Hawking**, mathematician and cosmologist (severely disabled by amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), **Rupert Sheldrake**, plant physiologist, biochemist and author ("A New Science of Life" introduced concept of "morphogenetic fields"), **Stephen Jay Gould**, paleontologist, geologist and author, **Michael Erlewine**, astrologer and programmer, **Placido Domingo**, tenor and conductor, **Joan Baez**, folk singer and activist, **Paul McCartney**, **George Harrison**, **Paul Simon**, **John Lennon**, **Paul Anka**, singer-songwriters, **Barbara Streisand**, **Wayne Newton**, **Grace Slick**, **Helen Reddy**, **Aretha Franklin**, singers, **Vangelis** (Evangelos O Papathanassiou), composer ("Chariots of Fire"), **Patricia McBride**, ballerina, **Twyla Tharpe**, dancer and choreographer, **Michael Bennett**, dancer, choreographer and director (drug addiction, died of AIDS), **Martha Stewart**, homemaking entrepreneur (convicted of insider trading), **Gloria Allred**, lawyer, feminist activist, **Laney Record**, emergency medical technician and massage therapist, **Nancy Gilbert**, hands-on healer, **Mohamed Amin**, cameraman known for Ethiopian famine photographs (lost left arm in ammunition explosion, killed in crash of hijacked plane), **Dale Chihuly**, glass artist and craftsman (lost an eye in auto accident), **Ursula Von Rydingsvard** (Karoliszyn), sculptor in wood (raised in WWII labor and refugee camps), **William Soeffler**, jeweler and goldsmith, **David Steinberg**, **Lynn Redgrave**, **Harrison Ford**, actors, **Bruce Lee**, martial arts actor, **Bobby Fischer**, rude, reclusive chessmaster, **Lee Trevino**, champion golfer, **Joe Namath**, football quarterback, **Muhammed Ali** (Cassius Clay), world heavyweight boxing champion (Parkinson's Disease), **Antonio**, haircut stylist, **Xaviera Hollander**, prostitute and author ("The Happy Hooker") (cultured, educated, speaks seven languages), **Dennis Whitney**, thief and murderer (life imprisonment), **Richard Speck**, rapist and murderer, **John Wayne Gacy**, homosexual serial murderer, **Theodore Kaczynski**, mathematician, recluse, anti-technology, back-to-nature "Unabomber" murderer, **Lee Harvey Oswald**, assassin of John F Kennedy, whose Neptune is here (murdered), **Charles Whitman**, mass murderer

Starset AL KAFZAH - 2°Vi21' to 5°Vi13'

Venus is the planet of love, desire, social impulses, beauty and art; it is affectionate, adaptive, receptive, calming, charming, sensual and seductive. In your horoscope, Venus is the channel through which you receive, experience and express the energies of these stars.

Al Kafzah (also called Al Kophra and El Kophra) is Chi Ursae Majoris, a star in the hindquarters of Ursa Major, the Greater Bear; it is accompanied in these celestial longitudes by **Upsilon 1 Hydrae** in the back of Hydra, the Water-Snake, **Lambda Pyxidis**, a star of the modern figure of Pyxis, the Compass (a mariner's 2-pronged drawing compass) that was originally (and still should be!) a star of Malus, the Mast of Argo Navis, the Great Ship, **Alpha Sextantis** in the modern figure of Sextans, the Sextant (another navigational tool), the **Leo Galaxy Cluster** that lies on the ecliptic in the belly of Leo, the Lion, and **Vela X-1** in Vela, the Sail of Argo Navis, a supernova remnant and gamma-ray emitter containing the Vela pulsar, (a superdense, rapidly spinning neutron star). In the lunar mansions of ancient China, **Al Kafzah** was a determinant star of *Tschang*, Drawn Bow, or Spread Net (used to catch game or birds who fed on crops); it presided over the imperial kitchens, food preparations, feasts, utensils, and gifts; if the stars of this mansion could not be seen, it was a sign that the Emperor would fall ill.

Born under these stars are cooks and kings, saints and charlatans in a glorious pageant of humanity in all its splendor and squalor. Versatile, imaginative, shrewd and extremely resourceful, you are an adventurer and navigator, a person who pushes the limits of experience, exploration and quest, working your way around and through obstacles and overcoming limitations. Fascinated by, and at home with, technology, you are able to solve problems, create magic, and "pull rabbits out of hats." You also have a sense of drama, of style, wit, and humor: art (especially pop art), media and the preparation of fine food draw you. Some here bring an intense commitment to their chosen path; others, not content to focus on just one occupation, become "dabblers" - trying out a variety of disciplines, but whatever field you choose you will experiment within it, widen its range, explore new possibilities and try others as well, often with an edge of restless brilliance. Although Sextans is a modern, "created" constellation, it represents the energies of this area most suitably, for observation of the sky, sky lore, navigation, discovery, developing and working with technology are major elements here, turning Argo Navis into Spaceship Earth, navigating the cosmos. You are a booster of the "common man," moved by the day-to-day lives and problems of ordinary people, and with your strong social conscience, you may remind people of their obligations to their fellows, but the opposite polarity sometimes holds as well, for you are capable of a callous disregard for the suffering of others: these are issues you must grapple with in this lifetime, along with the task of channeling your anguish, rage, bitterness and frustrations into positive actions. Drawn to the far side of religion and philosophy, you may become reclusive, and, using the Lion's charisma, the connection-between-heaven-and-earth of Argo's Mast, and tropical Virgo's longing for purity and perfection, you may organize and lead a cult, thinking to save yourself from the darker side of these stars' energies, for this area can sometimes produce charlatans and bigots, along with violence, lying, depravity, murderers (and victims). Here the upright Mast and swelling Sail of Argo stand ready to carry souls safely through life's storms, while the Sextant brings a sense of order to the chaos and turbulence of the world. *Possible physical and/or psychological manifestations: hearing problems, mental instability, paranoia, obsessions; sexual issues, including sadism, pedophilia and orgies; polio, birth anomalies, birth defects; possible danger from fires, explosions, eruptions, storms, fog,*

shipwrecks, epidemics (especially smallpox); engulfing, overwhelming; air contamination, pollution, hanging, beheading, animal attacks

Examples of Venus here include **Julius Caesar**, 1st-century BCE Roman conqueror (assassinated), **John Quincy Adams**, "Old Man Eloquent," 18th-19th-century US President (also lawyer, diplomat, US Senator, US Representative, linguist) (in 1841, at the age of 74, he defended the Amistad slave mutineers before the Supreme Court; largely through his efforts, the captives were freed and permitted to return to Africa; Adams's legal brief, "extraordinary for its power" was widely circulated in print and became a milestone in the abolitionist cause), **Eleanor Roosevelt**, US first lady, author, teacher diplomat, humanitarian, a prime mover behind the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Adlai Stevenson said of her, "she would rather light a candle than curse the darkness"), **T E Lawrence** ("Lawrence of Arabia"), adventurer and author (died at 46 in a motorcycle accident), **Ibn Khallikan**, 13th-century judge and author of an Islamic biographical dictionary, **Jean Jaurès**, socialist, journalist, orator, pacifist (tried to prevent WWI -assassinated), **Rufus Isaacs**, 1st Marquess of Reading, businessman, **Henry J Heinz**, 19th-century founder of pickling and condiment manufacturing company and religious philanthropist, Dr **Felix Jay**, scholar, astrologer and author, **Samuel Noah Kramer**, Sumerologist, **James Clavell**, author (a prisoner of the Japanese in WWII, he turned his horrific experiences into a deep study of Japanese traditions in an attempt to understand the culture), **Dr James Lind**, 18th-century naval surgeon who discovered that citrus fruit cured scurvy, **Jerome Lalande**, 17th-18th-century astronomer, **Nevil Maskelyne**, 18th-century Astronomer Royal and navigation expert ("pompous, a bit of a prig"), **Julia Child**, television chef (Upsilon1 Hydrae was part of China's lunar mansion *Tschang*, presiding over the imperial kitchens, food preparations and feasts), **Edgar Rice Burroughs** ("Tarzan"), **Marcel Proust**, authors, **Clifford Odets**, author and playwright, **Helen Hayes**, actress, **Bill Baird**, puppeteer, **Michael Powell**, **Stanley Kramer**, film producer-directors, **Ottorino Respighi**, composer, **John Lennon**, singer, songwriter and author (murdered), **Heather Watts**, ballerina (overcame childhood polio), **Mohammed A Salameh**, terrorist (1993 World Trade Center bomb)

Starset ZAVIJAVA - 23°Vi13' to 27°Vi07'

Neptune's influence is imaginative and boundary-dissolving; it is the power of the mind to create its own reality, thus it can be either a source of inspiration or an area of illusion and/or escapism. In your horoscope, Neptune is the channel through which you receive, experience and express the energies of these stars.

Zavijava is Beta Virginis, a star at the top of the left wing of Virgo, the Virgin (in China, Zavijava was *Yeou-Tchi-Fa*, The Judge on the Right, or The Right-Hand Maintainer of the Law, an interesting correspondence with Virgo, whom the Greeks called "Justicia"). Zavijava is accompanied in these celestial longitudes by **Nu Virginis** in the Virgin's head (her hair or forehead), **Upsilon Leonis** in or under the hind paws of Leo, the Lion, **Minkar**, Epsilon Crateris in the bowl of Crater, the Cup, **Labrum**, Delta Crateris at the bottom of Crater's bowl and **Kappa Crateris** in the bowl itself, **11 Comae Berenices** in the figure called Berenice's Hair (Berenice was a queen who cut off her hair and laid it upon an altar as a sacrifice, that the gods might bring her soldier-husband safely home), **Benetnash** (also called Alkaid, from *al-qa'id*, "The Leader"), Eta Ursae Majoris at the end of the Greater Bear's tail, the outermost "handle" star of the Big Dipper asterism), **Cor Caroli** ("Charles' Heart"), Alpha Canum Venaticorum in the modern constellation

of Canes Venatici, the Hunting Dogs, and **Copula**, the "Whirlpool Galaxy" (M51) in Canes Venatici, a great spiral nebula (actually two galaxies colliding) with a black hole at its core. **Minkar, Labrum** and **Kappa Crateris** were determinant stars of ancient China's lunar mansion *Yi*, The Wing (of the ancient Great Red Bird), associated with the end-of-summer Feast of Pleasure and Great Concert of Music, a gathering of feudal princes bringing tributes of rare regional treasures. The pattern of stars resembled a long flag, so it was also called *T'ien-Ki*, The Celestial Banner. Astrologers held that if these stars could be seen clearly it meant good fortune to the state and its leaders. *Yi* was surrounded by 26 parnatellons, each representing participating dignitaries. In Arabia's lunar mansions, **Zavijava** was a determinant star of *al-Awwa*, the Barker or Howler (dogs barking behind the lion)

You are a person who likes to "get down," that is, down to basics, to studies of existence and natural effects, fundamentals of nature, (including human nature), of language, the law, the deep underlying elements of the earth itself and the creatures who live upon it. Mentally (and sometimes physically) adventurous, you can be arrogant and hard-nosed with an underlying streak of anger and aggression, but at the same time you are an idealistic romantic, a fighter for rights, freedom and justice. Many born under these stars are fascinated by the primal and primitive; the artists among them study form and musculature, writers explore elemental human drives and emotions, scientists seek immediate useful applications for their work - especially in military and medical fields. Forceful, ambitious, hard-working, passionately committed, practical and strongly motivated to attain professional and financial success, you are the archetype of the uncommon common man, clever and pragmatic, with a wry wit and a finger on the pulse of popular culture. You will do whatever is necessary to achieve your ends, sometimes even edging into dishonesty, with the danger that you may, at times, be tempted to abandon your ideals, believing them impediments to worldly success; on the other hand, your ideals may become the very core of your existence. Your early life may have been hard, with sorrow, suffering, and a struggle to survive; you may try to compensate by reaching for elegance and aristocratic isolation; on the other hand, you may choose to keep both feet firmly on the ground (and in the market!). Because there is an overlap of sidereal and tropical Virgo here, this is an area of "pure" Virgo energy; your intense intellectual curiosity and a willingness to try anything at least once ("just do it!"), leads you to enjoy experimentation, technology and interdisciplinary interactions, and seeing to it that reports of new developments are disseminated. You are particularly drawn to the sky and light, for represented here are aviators, aircraft designers, astronomers, astrologers, occultists, and environmentalists; this is also an area of physicians, physicists, inventors (especially of core developments for others to build on), researchers, linguists, librarians, teachers, artists, cartoonists, caricaturists, musicians, animal trainers, financiers and entrepreneurs, lawyers, military officers, athletes, dancers, sports champions, and sadly, assassins. Most born under these stars are peace-loving and actively beneficent, but the frequent volcanic eruptions that occur with planets here (a very high score) stand like metaphors, for when troubled, you can be like a sullen, seething crater spilling from the dark interior of the earth; self-righteous (sometimes with intense religious passions), dictatorial, controlling, capable of cruelty, unprovoked attacks, indifference to the sufferings of others (sometimes even causing it). At war within yourself; you can be quick to criticize others but less willing to examine or acknowledge your own inner darkness. Zavijava is in the wing of the Virgin, the only goddess who lived among mortals; but when (according to the Greeks) she no longer could bear their abandonment of ideals and incessant quarreling, she spread her wings and flew to the heavens. Like her, when you are caught up in life's turmoil, you long to "fly away home," to escape and

return to innocence, clarity and peace (not only the Virgin's wing is here, but the wing of China's Great Red Bird as well). Coma Berenices brings in the theme of dedication; there are also issues in your life of fidelity, of ivory tower isolation versus active participation in public affairs; of high levels of artistic expression versus popular culture, financial gain or corruption versus social responsibility; kindness and sympathy versus coldness; indifference and cruelty, of bigotry versus active striving for tolerance, of light and beneficence versus darkness and evil, and, especially, making war or preserving peace. If you channel your passions and frustrations into positive actions and you keep to the light and the law, impediments fall away and joy returns. Zavijava was a determinant star of the ancient Arab Manzil *al-Awwa*, the Barker or Howler (dogs barking behind the lion); Copula means "thong" or "leash," and the modern "Hunting Dogs" were placed here - there does seem to be some connection here to dogs. Emerging from the Whirlpool Galaxy's black hole into the light of the Virgin's dedication to justice, purity and principle, those who reach for it are granted Crater's miraculous holy grail cup of spiritual nourishment. *Possible physical and/or psychological manifestations: physical afflictions, eye problems, blindness, (two minor stars in these longitudes, Pi and Omicron Virginis, are the eyes of the Virgin), deafness, head ailments or injuries, including those that can cause insanity; imprisonment; possible danger from shipwrecks, air crashes, explosions, wartime cruelty, brutality, eruptions (the highest number of any set of stars), earthquakes, fog, smog, weather catastrophes, collapses, cave-ins, invasions, massacres, execution, assassination*

Examples of Neptune here include **Slobodan Milosevic**, Serb leader (indicted for war crimes), James Brady, presidential Press Secretary, gun control activist (shot in head at Reagan assassination attempt-severely disabled), **Gloria Allred**, lawyer, feminist activist, **Julian Bond**, Chairman, NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), **Martha Stewart**, homemaking entrepreneur (convicted in stock trading scandal), **Johannes Hevelius**, 17th-century astronomer and celestial cartographer (keen eyesight), **Michael Munkasey**, communication and transportation systems engineer and astrologer, **Michael Erlewine**, astrologer, publisher and programmer, **Anne Fryer**, astrologer (triple vision, records for the blind), **Rupert Sheldrake**, plant physiologist, biochemist and author (his "A New Science of Life" introduced the concept of "morphogenetic fields"), **Stephen Jay Gould**, paleontologist, geologist and author, **Karl Friedrich Gauss**, 18th-19th-century mathematician, **Jane Austen**, 18th-19th-century author, **Charles Lamb**, 18th-19th-century essayist and critic (worked as a clerk to support himself and his insane sister who had stabbed their mother to death), **Ryan O'Neal**, **Julie Christie**, **George Takei**, ("Sulu" of Star Trek), **Jon Voight**, actors, **Maxine Yourman**, clairvoyant, astrologer and teacher of visually impaired children, **Nancy Gilbert**, healer (hands), **Brenda Kerrigan** (mother of skater Nancy Kerrigan) (blind), John Lennon (murdered), **Paul McCartney**, **Paul Anka**, **Buffie Ste Marie**, singer-songwriters, **Richie Valens**, singer (killed in plane crash at 17), **Joni Mitchell**, **Bob Dylan**, singer-songwriters, **Michael Love** (Beach Boys), **Grace Slick**, singers, **Twyla Tharpe**, **Pina Bausch**, dancer-choreographers, **Sonny Bono**, entertainer, songwriter and politician (killed by blow to the head in a ski accident), **Murray Rose**, Olympic 3-gold-medal swimmer, **Lee Trevino**, **Jack Nicklaus**, golfers, **Aldo and Mario Andretti**, auto racers (twins) (severe accidents, Mario broke ribs, face scorched in a flame-out), **Rita Faulkner**, con artist, **Theodore Kaczynski**, reclusive, anti-technology, back-to-nature mathematician and "Unabomber" murderer, **Lee Harvey Oswald**, assassin of President Kennedy (murdered), **Charles J Whitman**, mass-sniper-killer (autopsy disclosed a malignant brain tumor)

Starset ZANIAH - 2°Li01' to 5°Li57'

Action-oriented Mars represents physical energy, vitality, strength, independence, ambition, impulsiveness, self-assertion, anger and aggression. In your horoscope, Mars is the channel through which you receive, experience and express the energies of these stars.

Zaniah is Eta Virginis, a star in the upper left arm of Virgo, the Virgin (in China, it was *Tso-Tchi-Fa*, The Judge on the Left, or Left-Hand Maintainer of the Law, an interesting correspondence with the Virgin, whom the Greeks called "Justicia"); it is accompanied in these celestial longitudes by **Al Dhi'bah**, Zeta Draconis in the curve under Draco, the Dragon's head, **Al Dhiba** (also called Ed Asich or Edashich, from Arabic *al-dikh*, the Male Hyena), Iota Draconis in the coil or knot of the Dragon's tail, **Beta Comae Berenices** in the figure called Berenice's Hair (Berenice was a queen who cut off her hair and laid it upon an altar as a sacrifice, that the gods might bring her soldier-husband safely home), **Zeta Crateris** in the lower curve of Crater, the Cup, and two stars of **Argo Navis**, the Great Ship of the southern skies: **Turais** (also called Aspidiske, from a Greek word meaning "little shield"), Iota Carinae in Carina, the Keel, and variable star **N Velorum** in Vela, the Sail. **Zeta Crateris** was a star of ancient China's lunar mansion *Yi*, The Wing (of the ancient Great Red Bird), associated with the end-of-summer Feast of Pleasure and Great Concert of Music, a gathering of feudal princes bringing tributes of rare regional treasures. The stars resembled a long flag, so it was also called The Celestial Banner. Astrologers held that if these stars could be seen clearly it meant good fortune to the state and its leaders. *Yi* was surrounded by 26 parnatellons, each representing participating dignitaries.

These stars offer the combined influences of the lofty, peace-loving Virgin, devoted Coma, Crater's cup of salvation and love of nature, and restless, wide-voyaging Argo Navis, all challenged by the primal, greedy treasure-guarding Dragon, spirit of dark chaos and divine powers of transformation, and abetted by the penetrating influence of three black holes. The extraordinarily gifted and versatile 11th-12th-century scholar-poet Omar Khayyam, whose NorthNode is here, typifies these energies: we know him for his poetry, but in his own time he was recognized as an accomplished mathematician, physicist, astronomer, physician, and philosopher, exemplifying the versatility and wide-ranging talents offered by these stars. Under the Virgin, (whom the Greeks called "Justicia"), laws, human and divine, of the earth and universe, are vitally important to you. With the overlay of tropical Libra, you have the prospect of being cultured and well-educated, and may become interested in religion, philosophy, mathematics, science (especially astronomy), law, medicine, psychology (especially hypnotism) or strategy; you are also strongly drawn to theatre, music and dance, and have an intense curiosity about the past, ancient knowledge, cultures, languages and learning. There are often military-religious connections here; you are generally a peaceful person, but once committed to a fight, you can become a strong-willed, militant "scorched earth" crusader, going to extraordinary lengths to achieve victory, while at the same time attempting to stand aloof, above the fray. Independent, innovative, stubborn, devoted to what you see as "rationality," the Virgin's drive for perfection may lead you to become irritable, imperious, superior and critical of others; in extreme situations, you can become intemperate, judgmental, coercive, cold and cruel. Dedication, devotion and remaining true to your ideals are keys to success here: it is of the utmost importance that you find a high principle or cause that you can dedicate their life to, for if you do not, there is a danger of a descent into money-grubbing dishonesty, pessimism, nihilistic despair, addiction, crime (*Zaniah* is from *Zanijah*, "harlot"), and even, in extreme cases, a black hole vortex of insanity. You are capable of deep hatred; your judgment is sometimes poor, and you are often caught up in events beyond your control; yet if you keep to a high road, listen to your conscience,

and consistently work for your chosen cause, these stars will work for you. Some people and events here take on the quality of legend (for good or ill). You love animals, and major issues in your life include honesty versus lawlessness, social conscience and dedication to the betterment of mankind versus selfishness and greed, commitment versus aimlessness. Here Coma's dedication and sacrifice and the joy and generosity of Crater's Cup of salvation bring freshening winds to Argo's billowing sail. *Possible physical and/or psychological manifestations: eye problems, accidents, amputations, birth defects or unusual births, addictions, sexual anomalies, including pedophilia; possible danger from natural disasters (especially storms, eruptions, quakes), atmospheric contaminations, epidemics, plane crashes, acts of hatred and intolerance, attacks, battles, murder (religious events also occur under these stars)*

Examples of Mars here include 16th-century King **Henry VIII** of England, **Jawaharlal Nehru**, statesman, 1st PM of independent India, **St Francis** of Assisi (12th-13th-century) known for his extraordinary love of, and way with, animals, **Nicolae Ceausescu**, corrupt Romanian communist dictator (executed), **James Brudenell**, Lord Cardigan who led the charge of the Light Brigade in the 19th-century Crimean War ("a quarrelsome martinet"), **Fridtjof Nansen**, Norwegian explorer, author, athlete, oceanographer, statesman and humanitarian, Admiral **Robert E Peary**, US naval officer and arctic explorer, 1st to reach the North Pole, Captain **William Bligh**, brutal but navigationally brilliant 19th-century English naval officer (HMS Bounty mutiny) (Argo Navis!), **Gregor Mendel**, 19th-century monk, founder of the science of genetics, **Marian McDowell**, pianist, founder of The McDowell Artists Colony (wife of composer Edward McDowell), **Julian Bream**, classical guitarist, **Gioacchino Rossini**, 19th-century composer, **John Cage**, avant-garde composer, music teacher, artist, author and amateur mycologist (mushrooms, fungi), **John Lennon**, singer, songwriter and author (murdered), **Cat Stevens** (Stephen Demetri Georgiou), singer and songwriter educated in Sweden, now Yusuf Islam, a devout Muslim active in cultural education causes in Britain (recluse), **John Kenneth Galbraith**, economist, **Karl Friedrich Gauss**, mathematician, **L Frank Baum** ("Oz" books), **John Galsworthy**, **Gore Vidal**, authors, **Luchino Visconti**, set designer and filmmaker, **Alfred Hitchcock**, director, **Peter Falk** (Merchant Marine cook, efficiency expert, artist and actor (lost right eye to cancer at 3), **Sarah Bernhardt** (knee injury-right leg amputated), **John Forsythe**, **Keenan Wynn**, **Ida Lupino**, actors, Dr **Walter Koch**, mathematician and astrological researcher (right leg injured, WWI), **George Stubbs**, 18th-century animal artist (especially horses) and anatomical draftsman, **Jean-Martin Charcot**, medical teacher, anatomist, clinician, a founder of modern neurology, **Sigmund Freud**, developer of psychoanalysis, Sir **William Rowan Hamilton**, mathematician, astronomer, linguist and author, **Ann Landers**, **Abigail Van Buren**, advice columnists (twins)

Starset VINDEMIATRIX - 8°Li25' to 12°Li14'

The North Node represents connections, associations and the need for courage to attempt new and untried experiences. In your horoscope, the North Node is the channel through which you receive, experience and express the energies of these stars.

Vindemiatrix (also called Almuredin), known from ancient times as "the star of widowhood," is Epsilon Virginis in the right wing of Virgo, the Virgin; it is accompanied in these celestial longitudes by **Caphir** (also called Porrima), Gamma Virginis in the Virgin's left arm, **Auva** (also called Minelauva), Delta Virginis in the Virgin's 'girdle' or belt, **Gienah**, Gamma Corvi in the wing of Corvus, the Crow (there is another Gienah in the sky, in Cygnus, the Swan; the name is

derived from *Al Janah*, the wing), **Alchiba**, Alpha Corvi in the head of Corvus, the Crow, **Minkar**, Epsilon Corvi in the Crow's neck, and **Mu Velorum** in Vela, the Sail of the great ship **Argo Navis** (in China, **Mu Velorum** was a star of *K'i-Fou*, a Storehouse for musical instruments, food and utensils for an annual Great Feast). **Gienah**, **Alchiba** and **Minkar** were determinant stars of ancient India's lunar mansion *Hasta*, the Hand, associated with reaping, gathering and handcrafts, ruled by Savitr, the Impeller, giver of life who aided childbirth, now equated with Ravi (Surya), the Sun God who rules this mansion; his rays are often thought of as hands; *Hasta* is associated with activities of the hand and what can be held in it: quantity, mass, reaping, gathering, opening, gathering, handcrafts - and laughter, through a pun on *has-*, to laugh. In ancient China, the same stars were part of the lunar mansion *T'ien-Tche*, the Celestial Chariot or Running Board, (in the tail of their huge, very ancient Great Red Bird), associated with vehicles, high-speed travel, and by extension, wealth and wind. **Vindemiatrix**, **Caphir** and **Auva** were determinant stars of Arabia's lunar mansion *al-Awwa*, the Barker or Howler (dogs barking behind the lion). **Vindemiatrix**, "The Star of Widowhood" has a connection to India, which is not surprising, as widowhood has been, since ancient times, an issue there. An ancient association with the harvesting of grapes is shared by Epsilon Virginis and Alpha Boötes (Vindemiatrix and Arcturus).

Sails, sky and wings! Our Corvus, the Crow is part of the tail of China's Great Red Bird and, in the West, of the Virgin's wing: combining tropical Libra's element of air and the Virgin's realm of discerning intellect, gifted explorers of nature and the realms of language are born under these stars. Fascinated with words, images, idiom and folklore, with a curious, inquiring mind and a willingness to experiment, you are constantly learning, trying to go beyond what you already know, and can do. Coma's dedication is applied to the preservation of traditions and survival of ancient knowledge and artifacts. There is a strong theme here of royalty and military "figurehead" leadership. You tend to conservatism, and may attain high positions or be born into them. Nevertheless, although tremendously gifted, you may also be tremendously troubled, even becoming turbulent, bullying, domineering and manipulative. Longing for the Virgin's purity (a possible source of Almuredin is *Al Muredin*, "one sent forth in the faith"), there is a danger that you may become a self-righteous "holier-than-thou" zealot, fearing God's displeasure, persecuting those who (in your eyes) do not adhere to your ideas of morality and high standards. Searching for eternal truths, often torn between philosophical polarities, you may latch onto political, scientific or religious absolutes, or, at the other extreme, you may hide behind intellectual cynicism, demanding "proofs" of the existence of God, setting yourself up as a guardian of the (presumed) sureties of science and fact (deafness is common here, symbolizing a reluctance or refusal to listen). Although your use of words is elegant, there is a danger that you might misuse your verbal gifts, going for the jugular with sardonic sneering and sarcasm (the less sure you are of what you know, the more fiercely you will assert it!) Light, sight and clarity of mind are your true realm, and within it you flourish; but if you abandon it for lower ground, you might become like a blindfolded prisoner in a dark room, battling skepticism and existential despair. Few other skylines are so polarized between light and dark, clear air and suffocating darkness, with a tremendous conflict between the Virgin's honest, upright will-to-good and Hydra's dark lair of greed, sensuality and arrogant self-interest. Under pressure, you might be tempted to dishonesty, become implicated in scandals, and have trouble with the law, or become involved with oppressions and/or struggles against them (transits to these stars often bring about major changes in laws, mores, governments and ways of thinking, at times preceded, accompanied, or followed by "witch hunts" - explosions of fanatic, vicious intolerance, cruelty and brutality). Some with placements here are persecuted for their convictions, others believe that

cruel extremes justify the protection of their beliefs: there may be atrocities, even drastic exterminations, either dealt out or suffered. Vindemiatrix has, from early times, been called "The Star of Widowhood:" many (of both sexes) with placements here will experience the loss of a partner, or there may be a separation or alienation from the opposite sex due to fate, choice, or circumstances. It is well, in this regard, to recall that the role of a virgin (i.e. an unwed woman) was in ancient times a rare gift of freedom, an opportunity to function and develop independently, free of the burdens, responsibilities and limitations of partnership and parenting. Occupations here include religion, the military, medicine (especially medical pioneering), farming, cuisine, handcrafts (*Hasta!*), archaeology, philology, literature, law, science, mathematics, the occult, the theatre (especially comedy-*Hasta* was associated with laughter), and professions having to do with light, sight and the sky such as astronomy, astrology, meteorology, aviation and space, along with high positions of leadership and responsibility. If you attain a position of power, your task is to turn war and hatred into peace and cooperation. Other issues include human rights, law, and religious freedom versus oppression, suppression, entrapment; and whether to fight or to compromise, give in; cruelty versus benevolence and justice; adventure, exploration, freedom versus rigid adherence to tradition and dogma; the destruction versus the salvage of ancient knowledge, traditions, and artifacts. Here fresh winds fill Argo's Sail, sweeping her through dangerous straits into the clear, clean air of freedom. *Possible physical and/or psychological manifestations: hearing and sight problems, blindness, head, throat and arm injuries, lung ailments, including pneumonia, emphysema or tuberculosis, spinal deformities, insanity, self-immolation or deliberate burning of others; possible danger from fires, natural disasters, air crashes and ship disasters, rebellions, religious and political persecutions, "witch hunts," exterminations, air contamination, public health crises; meteorite falls and air and space events also occur under these stars*

Examples of the NorthNode here include 18th-century King **Louis XVI** of France (beheaded in the French Revolution), **Yitzhak Rabin**, military leader and PM of Israel (assassinated-shot in the head), General **Hideki Tojo**, WWII Japanese Premier (fiercely devoted to his emperor and the samurai ethos; attempted suicide, hanged as a war criminal), Gov **William Milliken** of Michigan, **James Brady**, White House Press Secretary, who became a gun control activist after being shot in the head and severely disabled at the Reagan assassination attempt), **Mother Ann Lee**, visionary 18th-century Shaker religious leader, **Stephen Toulmin**, philosopher, **Annie Besant**, theosophist, **James Watt**, 18th-century instrument maker and inventor (improved, but did not invent, the steam engine), **Charles Babbage**, 19th-century "Father of Computing," mathematician and inventor, creator of the modern automatic computer, **Phineas T Barnum**, 19th-century showman and circus entrepreneur, **Dr George Shambaugh**, authority on ear disorders and pioneer in use of operating microscope to prevent deafness due to congenital ear defects, **Nancy Gilbert**, healer (hands), **Paul Scofield**, actor, **Bruce Lee**, martial arts actor, **Betty White**, actress and animal lover, **Doris Day**, singer, actress and animal rights advocate, **Dick Martin**, singer and comedian, **Erik Satie**, composer, **John Lennon**, pacifist singer, songwriter and author (murdered), **George Stanhope**, Lord Carnarvon, Egyptologist (co-discoverer of Tut's tomb), **Carl Reiner**, comedian, comedy writer and producer, **Elmer Bernstein**, composer and conductor, **Irving Stone**, **Bram Stoker** ("Dracula"), **Helen Gurley Brown**, **Jack Kerouac**, authors, **Sybil Leek**, witch, **Joey Maxim** (Giuseppe Berardinelli), light heavyweight boxing champion, **Nicole Brown Simpson**, battered wife of O J Simpson (who was accused of murdering her), **Jesse James**, 19th-century outlaw (shot in back by gang member for reward)

Starset KRAZ - 15°Li16' to 18°Li14'

The Sun represents dignity, authority, courage, self-confidence, self-assertion, the essential life force and central core of being, as well as health and physical vitality. In your horoscope, the Sun is the channel through which you receive, experience and express the energies of these stars.

Kraz is Beta Corvi in the right wing of Corvus, the Crow; it is accompanied in these celestial longitudes by **Apami-Atsa**, Theta Virginis in the left hip of Virgo, the Virgin, **Seginus** (also called Haris and Ceginus), Gamma Boötis in the left shoulder of Boötes, the Herdsman, **Adib**, Theta Draconis in the curve under the tongue of Draco, the Dragon, a figure that coils near the north celestial pole, and **1 Carinae** in Carina, the Keel of **Argo Navis**, the Great Ship of the southern skies. **Kraz** was a determinant star of ancient India's lunar mansion *Hasta*, the Hand, associated with reaping, gathering and handcrafts, ruled by Savitr, the Impeller, giver of life who aided childbirth, now equated with Ravi (Surya), the Sun God who rules this mansion; his rays are often thought of as hands; *Hasta* is associated with activities of the hand and what can be held in it: quantity, mass, reaping, gathering, opening, gathering, handcrafts - and laughter, through a pun on *has-*, to laugh. In ancient China, it was part of the lunar mansion *T'ien-Tche*, the Celestial Chariot or Running Board, (in the tail of their huge, very ancient Great Red Bird), associated with vehicles, high-speed travel, and by extension, wealth and wind

There is electricity in these stars, an intensity and brilliance that illuminates the brooding landscape of mankind's travail on Earth. Paradoxically pioneering and conservative at the same time, you are a "stormy petrel," turbulent, dramatic, manifesting a strong feeling for your homeland and roots. A passionate conserver of ancient wisdom and knowledge, you may see yourself as a bastion of a way of life that is under attack and try to find new ways to preserve traditional values and culture. Whether royal or rebel, there is more than a bit of the renegade in your character; it is not easy for you to follow orders, and despite tropical Libra's adaptive influence you are fiercely independent with a tendency to act unilaterally, refusing advice from others and making your own, sometimes unwise, decisions. This is an area of physics and inventions, especially connected to electricity, power sources, light and lightning; *Hasta* brings in hand skills, resourcefulness and dexterity: you may be one of those who like to putter around in their homes or labs, building their own inventive contraptions. Drawn to the excitement of myth, fairy tales, music and theatre, you experience an inner dramatic intensity not easily subjugated to the needs of daily life. Some born under these stars find their place in government or the military, for the Herdsman's shoulder takes on the burdens of responsibility and leadership; others seek outlets in literary expression, religion, scholarship, the arts, and sports. You take your status very seriously, and are keenly sensitive to any injustices directed at you, but you are, nonetheless, quite capable of imposing them upon others. As always with the combination of Virgin and Herdsman, there are issues of violence, murder and mayhem versus peacemaking and peacekeeping, as well as travel and transportation concerns. The peace-seeking Virgin, combined with the overlay of tropical Libra, brings an influence of calm and balance to the passions and burdens of everyday life, while Shepherd-Herdsman Bootes, assisted by the message-bearing Crow, bring news of discoveries that teach and enlighten humankind. *Possible physical and/or psychological manifestations: eye problems, addiction, murder, and something to do with pain, its infliction and control; possible danger from storms, fogs, high winds, sea, air and train disasters, meteorite falls. collisions, epidemics, battles, sneak*

attacks, massacres, animal attacks, assassination (peace treaties are also signed under these stars)

Examples of the Sun here include **Khubilai Khan**, 13th-century Mongol Emperor of China, founder of the Yuan Dynasty, (Khubilai Khan's forbears were Mongol herdsmen-Boötes!), **Ibn Khallikan**, 13th-century judge and author of Islamic biographical dictionary, **Harold Pinter**, playwright, **Helen Hayes**, actress, John Lennon, singer and songwriter (murdered), **Camille Saint-Saens**, composer, organist and pianist, **Thelonius Monk**, pianist and composer, **James Clavell**, author ("Shogun") (a prisoner of the Japanese in WWII, he turned his horrific experiences into a deep study of Japanese traditions in an attempt to understand the culture), **Magnus Brostrup Landstad**, 19th-century pastor and poet who published the 1st collection of authentic traditional Norwegian ballads, **Charles Jayne**, astrologer (almost blind), **Jerome Cardan**, 16th-century physician, professor of medicine, mathematician and astrologer (illegitimate, caesarian birth, intellectually extremely brilliant, but vain, envious, vengeful, a compulsive gambler, unstable, erratic, self-tormenting, including physical torment - imprisoned for heresy, one son executed for poisoning his wife, another a was a wastrel), **Nevil Maskelyne**, 18th-century Astronomer Royal and navigation expert (Argo!) ("pompous, a bit of a prig"), **James Whitcombe Riley**, 19th-early-20th-century poet ("Adib" means poet), **Joe Rosenthal**, photographer ("Flag-raising on Mt Suribachi"), **Aimee Semple McPherson**, evangelist (discredited in sex scandal), **Savannah**, porn star with huge silicon-enhanced breasts (committed suicide after an accident severely damaged her face), **Jay Seabring**, Hollywood hairdresser (murdered in the Manson killings)

Starset NUSAKAN - 7°Sc36' to 9°Sc57'

Mental, versatile Mercury represents thinking, talking, writing, reasoning, analyzing, delineating and all forms of communication; it especially relates to mental functions and thinking habits. In your horoscope, Mercury is the channel through which you receive, experience and express the energies of these stars.

Nusakan is Beta Coronae Borealis in Corona Borealis, the Northern Crown, a star that is accompanied in these celestial longitudes by **Rijl al Awwa**, Mu Virginis in the right foot of Virgo, the Virgin, **Omega Centauri**, a globular cluster in the horse's back of Centaurus, the Centaur, "the biggest and brightest globular cluster in the sky," and **Mu1 Crucis**, just east of the top star in Crux, the Southern Cross. Early, dim stars of **Libra**, the Scales are here. In ancient Akkad, **Rijl al Awwa**, with one other star, was *Mulu-izi*, "Man of Fire."

Courage and "true grit" are keynotes here: once you have set your mind to do something, you allow nothing to stand in your way, even threats to your life. Danger seems to be your natural element - if there is not an element of risk in your undertakings you do not feel truly alive, or true to yourself. Born under Crown, Centaur, Virgin and Cross, it never seems to occur to you to back off from a challenge or position, and you may find yourself fighting against great odds, or, with an instinct to test your strength and endurance, you may deliberately put yourself in situations where you must pit yourself against severe hazards. Idealistic, your religion, philosophy or beliefs form the core of your being, and, with a strong need to be different and to go your own way, you may stand up for ideas that are considered unusual, outrageous, or even "heresy," in your chosen field. Domineering and controlling, "quick on the trigger," you often seem to be "spoiling for a fight" (centaur - *kentauros* - is derived from a Greek root meaning "to goad") and

some of the more extreme born under these stars are drawn to fascism or other radical beliefs). You have an inquiring mind, enjoy playing with inventions and ideas, have a great love of words, and an excellent sense of symbols, shapes and visual details: if you survive your adventures, you like to write about them. An authority and a connoisseur, you recognize quality and demand the best in everything, but in the area of personal character and morality you do not necessarily live up to high standards, and this may become an issue in your life. 1st-century astrologer Manilius held that Corona Borealis was the floral wedding crown of Ariadne, and indeed flowers, gardening, botany, scents and perfumes may become important elements in your life, as well as Bach flower remedies. Many born here are explorers, inventors, geologists, geographers, mapmakers, mathematicians, poets, translators, scholars of ancient languages, occultists (with a particular interest in portents), lawyers, soldiers and police, chefs, physicians and surgeons. Mythical centaur Cheiron, whom Centaurus may represent, was known as "old handy" (*cheiro* is the Greek prefix for "hand"): hand skills and handcrafts are important here, as well as a love of animals, especially horses (1st-century astrologer Manilius wrote that those born under Centaurus "know how heal animals, to relieve dumb creatures of disorders they cannot describe for his hearing"). With the overlay of tropical Scorpio, your keen curiosity makes you a good interviewer; with your tendency to fanaticism, obsession, dominance and an ability to use words like knives, you are an effective interrogator and propagandist. Religious persecution is a possibility (either imposed or suffered - or both!); under the influence of Crux, the Southern Cross, there may other religious issues, especially related to Christianity. Some here are nonconformists with a bit of the wild and freaky in their natures; you may be obsessed with sex, and/or may be drawn to sadism, fetishes, dominance, and the equation of pleasure and pain. As a warrior and/or peacemaker, you have the ability to turn suffering into exaltation, misery into beauty. Issues include personal character and integrity, morality versus deliberate amorality, courage versus fear and despair. A Cross is an archetype of a human at full stretch, affirming the primary relationship between the celestial (vertical, spiritual, intellectual, positive, active, masculine) and the earthly (horizontal, rational, innately wise, receptive, passive, feminine); here, above and beyond all conflicts, Crux, the Southern Cross stands as a beacon of hope for humanity. *Possible physical and/or psychological manifestations: lameness, head ailments, obsession, cruelty, insanity, addiction, murder, starvation; possible danger from fires, explosions, drought, blighted crops, famine, murder, assassination, execution*

Examples of Mercury here include **Chester Arthur**, 19th-century US President, **Hiram Bingham**, archaeologist, historian, mountaineer (later Connecticut Governor and Senator), discoverer of the ancient Inca capital and fortress city Vilcabamba at Machu Picchu, Peru ("steadfast, courageous, often risked his life"), **Stephen Crane**, author ("Red Badge of Courage") and adventurer (died of tuberculosis at 28), **Evan Hunter**, **Leroi Jones**, authors, **Alfred Nobel**, 19th-century chemist, inventor of dynamite (his deep sense of guilt led him to found the Nobel peace prizes), Sir **Georg Solti**, conductor, **Louis Daguerre**, 18th-19th-century stage designer, pioneering photography inventor and photographer, **William Hogarth**, 18th-century painter and engraver, **Emeril Lagasse**, chef, **James Whitcomb Riley**, 19th-early-20th-century poet, **Tom Paxton**, folksinger, **Bill Mauldin**, war and political cartoonist ("Up Front"), **Colley Cibber**, 17th-century actor and playwright, **Carole Lombard**, actress and comedian, **Buster Keaton**, comedian, **John Lennon**, singer, songwriter and author (murdered), **Jose Raul Capablanca**, world champion chessmaster, **Roy Campanella**, 1st black catcher in major league baseball, **Thief**, "Robin Hood" type, robbed the rich, helped the poor

Starset FACIES - 6° Cp56' to 10° Cp35'

The Midheaven is the degree that culminates at the moment of birth; it represents your highest values, fame, reputation, honor (or notoriety) and ability to shine in the world, as well as your soul's life path, or dharma. In your horoscope, the Midheaven is the channel through which you receive, experience and express the energies of these stars.

Facies (also called *Oculus Sagittarii*, a misnomer, for this is not the Archer's eye) is M22, a nebulous globular cluster in front of the face of Sagittarius, the Centaur-Archer, a warrior-guardian figure; it is accompanied in these celestial longitudes by **Phi Sagittarii** in the Archer's outstretched left arm, **Al Athfar**, Mu Lyrae, a star of Lyra, the Lyre, a figure which in ancient times was also seen as a Vulture (*al athfar* means "the talons"). Along with these are variable star **X Ophiuchi** between the head of Ophiuchus, the Serpent-Bearer (a shamanic figure whom the Greeks associated with Aesculapius, the great physician, son of Apollo) and the tail of Serpens, the Serpent that he carries, **Eta1 Coronae Australis** in the Southern Crown, a circle of stars that lies beneath the fore hooves of the Sagittarius Centaur, and **109 Herculis** in the Apple Branch (or, some say, Cerberus, the infernal many-headed dog) held in the left hand of Hercules, the Strong Man. **Phi Sagittarii** was a determinant star of ancient China's lunar mansion *Nan-Teou*, the Southern Bushel, Ladle or Dipper, which formed the head of their huge, very ancient Great Black Tortoise of Winter; it represented both allotments of grain and a wine cup, celebrations of thanksgiving, as well as equity, justice and fairness in allotments, thus a symbol of governmental justice. It also marked the time to guard borders against bandits who might steal winter supplies.

Using *Facies*, the cluster just in front of the Archer's face, as a lens of perception and imagination, you are an explorer of mind, dimensions and knowledge, seeking an overview, a totality of vision that brings past, present and future together into one, overarching reality. A unique, one-of-a-kind person, you have a remarkable, questing, possibly even brilliant mind. Extremely independent and impulsive ("don't argue with me, I know what I'm doing!"), you are convinced that you are superior to others, and may sometimes decide to "break the rules" and act unilaterally; unfortunately, your remarkable gifts may be marred by supercilious bigotry and intolerance. Born under the fierce Lyre/Vulture and the Archer-Centaur's bow-bracing left arm, you may live under great tension and pressure, carrying within you a sense of history, destiny and personal mission, of universal (international, transcultural, cosmic) concerns and perspectives. Idealistic, aggressive and militant, you pursue truth through mind or physical experience with a stubborn inner sense of the rightness of your convictions, and the certainty that your convictions are worth fighting for. Like the star-gazers who, as they study the heavens, are actually looking at distant images of the deep past (many astronomers, astrophysicists and astrologers have placements here), you take courage and guidance from the ancient traditions that fascinate you, and you will pursue their perceived truths in spite of any and every obstacle. Some born under these stars love to take risks and go all-out for guts-and-glory (Hercules' influence), but most here are simply day-to-day warriors, neither seeking nor expecting a life of simplicity or ease, perhaps living under stressful conditions that require bravery to endure and overcome. Courage, willpower and fanatic determination come naturally to you, and you may commit, suffer from, or fight against acts of intolerance (not only racial and religious intolerance but academic and philosophical as well); you may experience poverty, social ostracism, very bad working or living conditions, social or political pressures or chronic health problems, but the warrior within will not let you give up or give in. Earth's depths draw you; archaeology, mining, geology, agriculture, gardening are

possible pursuits. "Facies" comes from the Latin *facere*, to make or do something, and the overlay of earthy tropical Capricorn adds a need for physical results. You may have to work hard for recognition and respect, and it is likely that you will have set before you some great challenge to overcome. You sense that you are here to struggle--and it is the struggle itself that is important, whatever its outcome (and if no great challenge appears, you may seek it out!). Those here that do reach the heights often come to epitomize the principle they represent, for good or ill. The down side to your courageous, resolute efforts is that you tend to live solely within your vision of truth, not paying attention to others, or refusing to listen (on the other hand, you may have trouble getting others to listen to you!); if you are wrong, you could be terribly, drastically damaging to yourself and others; if put down or thwarted, you don't go quietly, and a few here, at worst, may give in to despair, or turn violent or criminal. Your intelligence, innovative instincts and determination especially enhance a possible career in the military and aviation (and the development of military inventions and modernizations), medicine (and the pioneering of medical breakthroughs), healing, mysticism, shamanism, the occult, astronomy, astrophysics, astrology, meteorology, psychic research, dance, architecture, engineering, invention, art (including craftsmanship and jewelry-making), theater, filmmaking, sports, philosophy, religion (Eric Morse writes that those born under Facies go on missions, set up churches, engage in good works of famine and refugee relief). According to the ancient Liber Hermetis, these degrees relate to prophesy and augury, and there is, indeed, a psychic element here (which the more scientifically inclined might experience as intense intuition), the power to heal, and an attempt to see the whole picture, the possible and probable future. Some become philanthropists and good Samaritans, turning back to help those who are struggling. There is a polarity to the militarism here - some become dedicated to pacifism, and can become, in their own way, just as militant! Challenges in your life include cold indifference to suffering versus *caritas* and kindness, fanaticism and extremism versus temperance and compassionate understanding, the acceptance of war and violence versus active work for peace. The cultivation of patience is one key to success. Here strong man Hercules, the Archer's sturdy left arm and physician-shaman Ophiuchus strengthen, heal and uplift souls born under these stars. *Physical and/or psychological manifestations: head, throat, face, eye injuries (1st-century astrologer Manilius wrote that the Archer produced people with one eye), wounds, diseases or problems, paralysis, insanity, chronic illness, possible accidental or violent death; a powerful sex drive which if uncontained can lead to sex crimes; possible danger from environmental contamination, fires, explosions, air crashes, quakes, eruptions, epidemics, floods, battles, animal attacks*

Examples of the Midheaven here include **Gamal Abdel-Nasser**, President of Egypt, Sen. **Joseph R McCarthy** of Wisconsin, demagogue (alcoholic), **Adolph Eichmann**, Nazi SS Lieutenant Colonel in charge of hunting Jews (hanged), **John deLorean**, inventor, designer and business executive (caught trying to sell drugs to save his failing business), **Nostradamus**, 16th-century physician (Ophiuchus!), astrologer, poet and seer (and author of a dessert cookbook!), **D W Griffith**, filmmaker, Sir **Michael Caine**, actor, **Sammy Davis Jr**, entertainer (lost left eye in auto accident), **Julie Andrews**, singer and actress (lost her singing voice after vocal cord surgery, **Vera Zorina**, ballerina, **Isadora Duncan**, modern dance pioneer (killed in accident-neck broken), **John Lennon**, singer, songwriter, author and pacifist (murdered), **Harry Bertolia**, metal construction artisan, **Male** (no name given), blind, legs paralyzed at birth, **John Holmes**, porno actor, possible thief, murderer (died of AIDS)

Starset DABIH - 2°Aq12' to 5°Aq02'

The Moon is sensitive, emotional, nurturing, reactive and instinctual. It represents unconscious attitudes and how one deals with and expresses emotions. In your horoscope, the Moon is the channel through which you receive, experience and express the energies of these stars.

Dabih (also called Sadalzabih) is Beta Capricorni, a star in the horn of Capricornus, the Sea Goat (or Goat-Fish); in ancient Akkad it was *kakkab Sak-sa-di*, "Bright-horn-of-slaughter;" it is accompanied in these celestial longitudes by **Giedi Secunda** (also called Algiedi and Algedi), Alpha2 Capricorni, and **Al Shat**, Nu Capricorni, also in the horn, **Oculus**, Pi Capricorni near the Sea Goat's right eye and **Bos** (also called Rictus), Rho Capricorni in his head or neck. In ancient Orphic and Platonic doctrine, the constellation of **Capricornus** (now tropical Aquarius) was the Gate of the Gods "wherein the souls of men, when released from corporeity, ascended to heaven through its stars;" it has also turned out to be a Gate of Angels. Other stars here include **Theta Aquilae** under the head of Aquila, the Eagle, **Delta Sagittae** in Sagitta, the Arrow, and **Theta Indi** in the quiver of arrows carried by the modern figure of Indus, the (American) Indian. **Dabih**, **Giedi Secunda**, **Oculus**, **Al Shat** and **Bos** are among the determinant stars of China's ancient lunar mansion *Niu*, The Ox, a draft ox representing peasants' beasts of burden which were sacrificially slaughtered in winter when no longer needed for field work; oxen also pulled war chariots and army provision carts; this mansion was also called *T'ien-Tchi-Koan-Liang*, Celestial Barrier, a defense against marauders; **Oculus** and **Bos** specifically presided over the southern barbarians. **Giedi Secunda** and **Dabih** (Alpha2 and Beta Capricorni) were determinant stars of the Arabian lunar mansion *Sa'd al Dhabih*, the Lucky One of the Slaughterers, the Lucky Sacrificer or the Lucky Assassin (al Biruni said there is a nearby 3rd star; this is probably Al Shat, which Arabs called a sheep about to be sacrificed; **Giedi** is pronounced 'zhaydy' (from *Al Jadii*, 'goat'). Stars of Aquila were determinants of the India's ancient lunar mansion *Sravana*, the mansion of Vishnu, which has two groups of meanings: "hearing," "the ear," and "the lame" or "the one who limps"

Born under Capricornus (called "Father of Light" in ancient texts), high-flying Aquila and assertive Sagitta, preserving the past is important to you, and you tend to conservatism. With the influence of Indus, the Indian you have a love of wildness, both in nature and in people (many explorers have placements here) but whether your explorations are physical or intellectual and emotional, you may spend time "in the wilderness" somehow apart from your fellows, whether by choice or happenstance. Interested in the theory and practice of production and population patterns, fascinated by incongruities and unlikely juxtapositions, you have a wry, sometimes comedic appreciation of the foibles and follies of humankind, a rich feeling for drama, languages and language roots and a love of theatre, art, music, dance (these last stars of Lyra continue to surprise, providing just as many dancers as musicians - perhaps because the Eagle is a natural denizen of the air, and tropical Aquarius, an air sign, is the overlay). Intelligent, ambitious, innovative, commanding and clever, under the targeted energy of Sagitta you are capable of extraordinary efforts, but may nonetheless experience "the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune," for your early years may have been difficult and emotionally harsh, possibly causing great anguish, and you may have emerged from these experiences feeling like an outsider, forever searching for reasons, meanings, roots. Just as the Sea-Goat is not entirely at home on either land or water, you may struggle to find your niche, and when you reach a position of authority, even if successful and admired, you may still have a none-too-certain self-image. You seek achievements in order to establish a clear identity, setting high goals or even seeking out

harsh conditions to prove that you can overcome them. Statesmen, political leaders, industrialists, military men, explorers, philosophers, demographers, occultists, physicists, chemists, inventors, photographers, astronomers are found here, and there is a strong military-political-industrial connection - many go from the military to industrial, political or governmental careers. It may be that you are a natural wanderer, or perhaps you are required by your work to travel (there are explorers, globe-trotting journalists and diplomats, business and military travelers, campaigning politicians and touring performers, exiles, refugees and expatriates here). As a resourceful, ingenious problem-solver, you are valuable as both an entrepreneur and employee, and many skilled inventors (including some who revolutionize manufacturing and production) are born under these stars. It is important that you cultivate a loving heart, for along with intense commitment and dedication, a few here harbor intolerance and prejudice, expressing or acting upon hatred and bigotry; on the other hand there is the polarity, and you could be put down for your ethnicity or beliefs. First-century astrologer Manilius associated Capricornus with winter and ice, calling him "the shivering sea-goat." In a few, this cold can reach deep into the marrow of their bones, into their very souls, for they are capable of being cold, cruel and utterly indifferent to the suffering of others; they may go to the extreme of hyper-patriotic, nationalistic and racist fanaticism, or once again they may experience the polarity, and have, in some way, to deal with these. Terrorists, murderers, assassins, and both stalkers and victims of stalking, persecutors and victims of persecution are found here, along with those accused of "crimes against humanity;" in times of crisis, they tend to be reactionary, seeking to persecute those who disagree with their beliefs. On the other hand, there are many here who rise to beneficence and enlightened leadership, and although in some cases their efforts may go unappreciated, or their motives are questioned, misunderstood or undermined by jealous colleagues, they patiently and persistently work for the betterment of their fellow man. Thus, a major issue of your life is human suffering - you might embrace and embody it, study it, portray it in artistic expression, attempt to stand apart and avoid thinking about it, cause it, or devote your life to alleviating it. There may be a struggle between religious beliefs and sensuality, and a choice to be made (especially for women) of a career versus homemaking. Some go from crisis to crisis, struggling to keep their lives on an even keel and to overcome frustrations and sorrows. Eric Morse wrote that those here are "either overwhelmed or a tower of strength" - with your courage, sense of humor and persistence you can overcome despair, cynicism and brooding, growing into courage, joy, and a positive philosophy. Capricornus, the Sea-Goat, the ancient Gate of Return, promises guardianship and protection on your journey toward the light. *Possible physical and/or psychological manifestations: possible chronic health problems, injuries, wounds, disabilities (India's lunar mansion Sravana "the ear" and/or "the lame" continues here), mental or emotional instability (including paranoia, sadistic pedophilia, suicide, multiple births; possible danger from ice, cold, fogs, storms, shipwrecks, epidemics, eruptions, persecutions, expulsions, massacres, kidnapping, terrorist attacks*

Examples of the Moon here include **Leo XIII**, 19th-early-20th-century Pope, **Nicolai Lenin**, ruthless Russian revolutionary and communist dictator ("It is necessary secretly - and urgently - to prepare the terror"), Gov **Cecil D Andrus** of Ohio, US Secretary of the Interior, **Eleanor Smeal**, women's rights activist ("intense, dedicated, hard-working"), Major General **Kenneth J Hodson**, US Army Judge Advocate General, "the leading military justice system authority of his day," US Army Major General **William B Fulton**, **David S Lewis**, **John H Platts**, business executives, **Richard Le Blond**, banker, **Ernest Shackleton**, Antarctic explorer who led his men on an extraordinary trek of survival after their ship was wrecked in the ice (1st-century astrologer Manilius associated Capricornus with cold and ice), **Franz Hartmann**, occultist, **Bela Bartok**,

composer, **John Lennon** , pacifist, singer, songwriter and author (murdered), **Cat Stevens** (Stephen Demetri Georgiou), singer and songwriter educated in Sweden, now Yusuf Islam, a devout Muslim active in Islamic cultural education causes in Britain (recluse), **Roger Ward** , champion motor racer, **David Berkowitz**, "Son of Sam" murderer (he had been a sharpshooter in the army - Sagitta was associated with weapons), **Baker Quintuplets**, 1995, Pensacola, Florida, **Charles Manson**, cult leader and homicidal psychopath

Conclusion

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