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

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

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

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

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

Your Heliacal Rising Star is:



Alphard - The Heart of the Serpent

To lead a life close to the edge, or to seek intense emotional encounters

This is the star that has been walking the path of the underworld and has now emerged to be visible in the world of humans. This star, the Heliacal Rising Star, is the star that you were born under and it will bear gifts to you from the land of your past, your family and your genetics. It is your gift, the jewel or the treasure, which your ancestors handed you at your birth. This star is a theme in your life; helps to build your philosophies, and can at times take on a vocational pulse.

With Alphard in such an important position on the day of your birth, claiming the Sun on the day you are born, you would need to be aware that your life is connected to the great serpent. Intense, transforming, and really only now becoming conscious in the human mind, this star can be vicious. This is the Heart of the Serpent and she holds great wisdom, but only if you hold back from her impulse to strike. Your life path therefore needs to be filled with conscious creative passion in order to reap the benefits of such a powerful star. You will need to have intense emotional encounters in order to feel alive, but be sure that these encounters are full of creative passion.

Your Heliacal Setting Star is:



Sadalmelek - Lucky One of the King

An confident person with a good network

This is the star that has been living amongst the immortals of the pole, and has now, at the time of your birth, returned to earth. This star is known as the Heliacal Setting Star and is a gift or treasure given to you from your spirit, from your immortal soul, from your daemon. This star represents goals that you reach for; vocations that motivate you, and the spiritual pathways that you seek. This star represents your doorway to the immortals, or your journey towards a fulfilled life. That which gives you the greatest happiness.

Sadalmelek is one of a pair of stars in the constellation of Aquarius. Both stars meant "lucky" to their Arabian namers. Indeed their names mean a form of luck, Sadalmelek being translated as Lucky One of the King, and Sadalsud, its twin, meaning Luckiest of the Lucky. Link this with the symbolism of the Water Carrier being a bringer of life-giving water and/or rain, and you can think of this star as the luck that you create for yourself, the fortunate events that result from your planning and work. You will find that life-giving water will be poured onto any thirsty situation on which you are working. With Sadalmelek in such an important position on the day of your birth, you will have an optimistic approach to life, and you will have learned by experience that if you work at a project, or a dream, then you will find the lucky chance which helps you to fulfill it.

Stars that are linked to your planets...

Stars form links or parans to your planets, via the angles of your chart. If a planet is at a key point of its daily movement, either Rising, Setting, Culminating or At the Bottom of the Sky, and at the same time a star is also at one of these key points in its daily movement, then the star is in paran to that planet. The angle that the star occupies also tells us the period of your life when the mythology of the star will be

expressed. If the star is rising then it affects your youth, if culminating then the prime of your life, if setting the latter years, and if lower the star is a foundation, or summary statement concerning your life.

Only the visible planets are used in this report, as the outer planets are generational and do not have meaning at a personal level.

Some Stars are at a Phase of Curtailed Passage

Some of the stars that are in paran to your natal planets are in a stage of their cycle known as Curtailed Passage. These stars were visible in the night sky at sunset, and were still visible in the night sky at sunrise. These stars have therefore lost contact with the earth, as they are not seen to touch the horizon during the course of the night and are thought to be walking with the immortals, and are not open to the prayers of humans. In this situation the stars seem to express themselves in a more fated manner, and you will find it more difficult to deal with, or embrace, the themes of these stars in your life. Therefore, in this report, any star that is of Curtailed Passage should be read with these emphases in mind.

Stars of Your Youth

All of these stars are rising as they form a paran to a planet. Therefore, all of these stars will express themselves in your childhood and young adulthood. Simply put, these stars influence the first third of your life. With these stars shaping your childhood, they will have an impact on your parents, schooling and social skills, and in that manner can have a large impact on your whole life. These stars are:



Antares - The Heart of the Scorpion, with Mercury ♀ in Youth

Mental obsession with a subject or a person

This star is the Heart of the Scorpion and is one of the great stars of the sky. It is a Royal Star of Persia and was known as the Watcher of the West. To the Persians this star was the god of the dead, Yima. Being a Royal Star, Antares offers great success, worldly or otherwise. However, it also indicates that you may well cause your own undoing. The natural desire of this star is to generate success by going through a cleansing life-and-death experience. It can cause you to seek this intensity even when it is not required. A powerful star, this will imply that you will go to extremes, intentionally or unintentionally. Success will come, as this is one of the Royal Stars, but only through continually putting your efforts to the test and honing them through the fires of experience. The planet in contact with Antares will indicate how this energy will be expressed in your life. The danger is one of seeking drama simply for the thrill, and if this happens, it can lead to the loss of all that has been gained. When Antares is in paran to your Mercury, you are a mentally focused, thinking person whose decision-making skills can become embroiled with conflicts and difficulties, which in turn can lead to unwise actions. Your mind is a sharply focused, investigating, probing, problem-solving instrument, and the mental concentration that characterises your thinking can lead to brilliant ideas, inventions and insights, but is also vulnerable to becoming shadowed with obsession, worry and paranoia. This subjective and fearful thinking is your nemesis and can be a vortex that, if allowed, will pull you down and eventually consume you. Antares is one of the great royal stars of Persia and so promises success as long as its lessons are learnt. For Antares these lessons are about paranoia and obsession.

Stars of Your Prime

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



Aculeus - One of the Stings of the Scorpion, with Saturn  in Prime

The researcher, to seek practical solutions to problems

This is one of a pair of nebulae, its twin being Acumen. Aculeus and Acumen are the tail of Scorpio, the sting, and are linked to attacks, physical, mental, verbal or spiritual. Aculeus brings the less damaging attack, the kind you can endure, and use to harden or strengthen yourself. With Aculeus in paran to your Saturn, you will want to make a physical statement in the world. Saturn wishes to consolidate any star that it touches, and when it meets Aculeus it wishes to come to grips with earthy issues, to work in the everyday world, to deal in the material world in a manner that solves or alleviates problems. This will be expressed by your love of action, or your love of physically building things or your keen observation skills and a love of research. The understanding and use of light and speed will also take your interest. Whatever its expression, you are a person who needs to touch, smell, taste and understand in order to feel alive.



Acumen - One of the Stings of the Scorpion, with Sun  in Prime

Personal attacks on one's credibility

This is one of a pair of nebulae its twin being Aculeus. Both of these stars, Aculeus and Acumen, are the tail of Scorpio, the sting, and tend to be linked to attacks, not only physical, but also mental, verbal or spiritual. Acumen carries the negative or shadow side, so there are attacks that weaken, attacks that can slowly but surely erode you. With Acumen in paran with your Sun, you will find that life and life's problems can start to wear you down. These small attacks can, slowly over your life, weaken you and, because Acumen is linked to your Sun, it will also weaken your vitality and love of life. If the star is active in your youth, then it may effect your father or other authority-figures; they may being harsh on you, or weakened by life's struggles. However, if active in your adult years then the best approach to Acumen is to realise that you need to live your life with a philosophical frame of mind, allow time to sort out issues, and learn to bend and flow with the times.



Denebola - The Tail of the Lion, with Moon  in Prime

The anthropologist, an interest in different lifestyles

Denebola is linked to the mythology of the Nemean Lion, for just as the Nemean Lion was symbolic of the goddess worship still practiced in rural areas, this star indicates in some degree 'being out of step' or being out of the main-stream of thought. Not conforming; living on the fringe. Denebola, therefore, adds an element of difference, seeing the world differently in some way. When the Moon is in paran to a star,

its expression will manifest, not in the solar world of commerce, trade, profit and power, but will be concerned with the less tangible, less focused lunar world. The Moon's involvement with Denebola gives an interest in the variety of alternative life styles in which people can live. This interest could range from anthropological activities to a love of fiction concerning other worlds, other possible lifestyles. In addition, the influence of the Moon with Denebola can lead to a desire to help others who are living a difficult lifestyle, via aid, medicine or humanitarian activities. In summary, Denebola with the Moon gives an acute awareness and even fascination with different, romantic, or struggling lifestyles of others.



Phact - The Bow of the Argo, with Mars in Prime

Bold, daring and original, needing a challenge

This influence of this star comes from your foundations, the roots of the tree of your life, your family history. In this period of your life you start to experience its energy in your social and professional world, but it grows stronger as you grow older until it eventually adds to the overall meaning of your life.

With Phact in paran with your Venus your social attitudes and conventions are linked to a star which used to be part of the Argo. Situated on the top of the bow, Phact was the point on the craft which cut through the waves in uncharted waters. Phact, therefore, adds an element of exploration, of seeking the unknown, and of being prepared to move into uncharted waters. It can be a bold risk-taking statement or, alternatively, it could be the exploration of intellectual pursuits. In paran with your Mars, you will need new and exciting situations just to help you feel alive. These may be sexual encounters, or the thrill of speed, or any other form of adventure. You have been given a braveness of heart, use it wisely rather than seeking cheap thrills.



Schedar - The Queen, with Jupiter in Prime

A person who values the past, the historian, or the fundamentalist

Circumpolar

At this latitude this star is circumpolar and therefore never touches the earth. Thus you should delineate the meaning in a more forceful, or black and white manner. Refer to the beginning of this report to refresh yourself with the meaning of such a star.

With Schedar in paran with your Jupiter you are a person who values the knowledge and wisdom of the past. For this star is the archetypal symbol of the queen. A natural ability to command respect through wisdom. To take a leadership role based on the feminine model, which incorporates intuition and mysticism, just as the masculine model incorporates strength and focus. This star is a strong woman who exudes dignity, and rules by the power of her respectability and honour. In paran with Jupiter, Schedar will give you strength, but through the wisdom and scholarship of Jupiter. Your greatest dignity, strength and success comes from looking backwards into history, for ideas, inventions or lost wisdom. This could give you inspiration, or lead to fundamentalism in your thinking.



Thuban - The Dragon, with Mars in Prime

The need to defend one's property

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With Thuban in paran with your Mars you are a person who is strongly motivated to defend what you believe to be your property. For this star is the alpha star of Draco, whose predominant theme is one of guarding, as the dragon guards the great treasure of the Pole which was considered the source of all life. Thuban was therefore about sacred matters; in modern times, however, the dragon's treasure has degenerated into the concept of physical treasures. Thuban can either be in control of this treasure, or can turn into the jealously-guarding, hoarding creature of the Arthurian legends. You may have a great gift but fear it will be exhausted by use. Your journey is to realise that the treasure is unlimited, and to resist your nemesis of hoarding; to learn that by using the treasure even greater treasures are generated. With Thuban in paran to your Mars the guarding side of Thuban is emphasised, and you are motivated to guard and protect your property. This can be a worthwhile and important action, but you need to avoid allowing this motivation to turn you into a miser.

Stars of Your Latter Year:

All of these stars are setting as they form a paran to a planet. These stars will be influencing you in your later years or the last third of your life. They will be influential in the nature of your reputation, the manner in which you retire, and the autumn of your life, its joys or its sorrows. These stars are:



Murzim - The Announcer, with Saturn in Latter Years

Being able to influence others through one's words

You have Murzims in paran with your Saturn. This star is called The Announcer because it rises before Sirius and announces the imminent arrival of that great star. Murzims, therefore, seems to embody the symbolism of the dog, for its nature is to announce, to make a noise, to speak out, to carry a message, or to have something important to say. With Murzims in paran to your Saturn your words carry weight, your words have power, because you know how to use them to build a platform or foundation on which to place your ideas. You may be a writer building a body of work, or a collector of books, music or any other form of communication. Saturn with Murzims builds something tangible, with information and announcements. This could be expressed in the launching of web sites, or a political campaign, or anything in-between. Take yourself seriously, because others do, others want to respect what you say.



Procyon - The One that Comes Before, with Mars in Latter Years

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

With Procyon in paran to your Mars your actions and what motivates you are spontaneous and varied. For Procyon comes before The Shining One, Sirius, and thus can indicate a quick rise but with no real substance. Procyon is like fireworks - wonderful to watch, taking centre stage, but quickly fading, and

then needing more fireworks to sustain the thrill. However, this star can teach you the value of diversification. Intertwined with your Mars, this stellar energy can bring great variety to your life, but it can also lead you to act rashly and without thought. Its shadow side is a continual stream of hold-ups, delays and frustrations in trying to achieve your goals. Nevertheless, it can also be an advantageous energy, for the better use of this symbolism in your life is to have many different and varied activities or interests. Working with many things, some of these will reach fruition and success for you.



Ras Alhague - The Healer, with Jupiter ♃ in Latter Years

A person who uses knowledge and optimism to expand the lives of others

With Ras Alhague in paran with your Jupiter you are a person who finds that growth occurs for you if you are a disperser of knowledge and wisdom. Ras Alhague belongs to Ophiuchus, the great healer in the sky who holds a serpent in his hands. Ophiuchus therefore represents, not only healing, but the knowledge of healing. When in paran with Jupiter, the ancient teacher and priest, the combination creates an optimistic desire for growth and a desire to share that growth with many. This may lead you into a teaching/healing profession where you will love to share knowledge, share wisdom; or it may lead you to any lifestyle where you are a river of information for others. You will enjoy an optimistic approach to all life's problems, for you are confident in your belief that the right information, knowledge or opportunity will be there when you need it.



Scheat - The Intellect, with Mercury ☿ in Latter Years

The innovator, gifted with ideas, words or rhythm; far-sighted

Curtailed Passage

That the time of your birth, and for this latitude, this star is in the phase of Curtailed Passage and is therefore to be read more in the extremes of its meaning, rather than a more balanced expression. Refer to the beginning of this report to refresh yourself with the meaning of such a star phase.

With Scheat in paran with your Mercury you are seen as a person who has a sharp mind and the ability to think of original and creative ideas. For this star is linked to the concept of the Great Square of Pegasus. The square, in ancient cultures, represented the intellect and new thought, with its opposite, intuition, being symbolised as circular. Scheat appears to have captured the very essence of this concept, and implies a love of intellect and the challenge of logic. Thus Scheat in paran to your Mercury is at home, with this stellar combination strongly influencing your entire intellect. Interested in new technologies, new discoveries, and new thinking in social conventions, you are an innovator, a person who "thinks outside of the square". This is a gift and you should seek to use it wisely and productively.

The Hearthstone of Your Life

All of these stars are on the Nadir, the bottom of the sky, as they form a paran to a planet. These stars will express themselves, firstly, as the foundation of your life, the roots from which you grow, and secondly, as the summation of your life. These stars can be considered your hearthstone; they are there from the beginning, influencing you from behind the scenes, but only really become visible in your life as you grow old. Some of these stars would have first expressed themselves in the prime of your life and were discussed in that section. These hearthstone stars are:



Aculeus - One of the Stings of the Scorpion, with Mars in Foundation

Frequent hardships encountered in pursuing your dreams

This is one of a pair of nebulae, its twin being Acumen. Aculeus and Acumen are the tail of Scorpio, the sting, and are linked to attacks, physical, mental, verbal or spiritual. Aculeus brings the less damaging attack, the kind you can endure, and use to harden or strengthen yourself. Aculeus in paran to your Mars indicates that, as you work towards your dreams or passions, you will encounter frequent hardship and/or difficulties. If this star is active in your youth, then you would have found it difficult to achieve your goals, or perhaps were drawn to goals which were physically or mentally arduous. If the star is active in your adult years, then you may consciously choose to walk a difficult path, knowing that while the way will be hard you are willing to struggle for the outcomes. This stellar combination is not afraid of hard physical or mental toil in pursuit of success.



Deneb Algedi - The Ancient Law Giver, with Venus in Foundation

A sombre attitude to the conventions of art, or the social customs of relationships

Deneb Algedi in paran to your Venus will influence your appreciation of the arts and the form of your recreation. Deneb Algedi is the ancient law-giver and adds weight and seriousness to every planet it touches. In paran with your Venus it will draw you to the more serious side of the arts, that is to say the more classical, or more established, artistic expressions. This could show itself simply in the type of music you like, or in the type of novel, book or film to which you are drawn.



Hamal - The Head of the Ram, with Mars in Foundation

Addictive, or skilled in a physical or intellectual manner

Hamal is a forceful star of action and independence. A little like the meaning of the tropical zodiac sign Aries, it seems to enhance any planet it contacts with the strength of independence. With Hamal in paran to your Mars, there is a real emphasis on your natal Mars. Strongly focused, you are very reliant upon your own physical skills to resolve problems that you encounter. These skills may be athletic, artistic as in dance, or simply your physical energy, readily available to tackle hard problems. You will also admire others who are people of action, or hold the philosophical attitude which favours immediate intervention rather than allowing time to resolve issues. Haste can cause you difficulties and, in worst cases, you may have to struggle with a hot and aggressive temper. You are suited to physical action, so you will need to ensure that your lifestyle embraces this theme.



Murzim - The Announcer, with Moon in Foundation

A researcher of people, health or behaviour

When the Moon is involved with a star, it adds to the star the qualities of caring, compassion and empathy, and the star will colour your feelings and emotional well-being. You have Murzims in paran with your Moon, and this star is called The Announcer because it rises before Sirius and announces the imminent arrival of that great star. This star, therefore, seems to embody the symbolism of the dog, as its nature is to announce, to make a noise, to speak out, to carry a message, or to have something important to

say. If Murzims is active in your youth, then your mother-figure would have been a person who spoke out, had opinions and was keen that these be given voice. She taught you, for better or for worse, the results of speaking your mind. If this star is active in your adult years then you are interested in people, information about people, and their welfare. This could lead you into any number of different professions, but whatever its nature, you are a collector of people-information.

 **Phact - The Bow of the Argo, with Mars  in Foundation**

Bold, daring and original, needing a challenge

This star expresses itself in the prime of your life but continues to grow in strength as you age. Eventually it becomes one of the main defining features of your life. For more details on the meaning of this stellar combination, look again at the stars of your prime.

 **Ras Algethi - The Natural Order, with Sun  in Foundation**

Seeking the natural order of life; balance in diet and life habits

Ras Algethi in paran with your Sun brings to your life a strong component of seeking the correct or natural order of things. This star is part of Hercules, and is symbolic of the older meaning of this constellation, which was to give homage to the natural order of the world. Therefore, you will see yourself, or others will see you, as representing a point of view which is supportive of the environment, or supportive of a more simple or natural life. You may decide to be a vegetarian, or be devoted to the environment, or you may devote yourself to religious or spiritual practices. This star is about honouring in some way the natural world, the simple or fundamental things of life. If this star is active in your youth then your father-figure will be described by this star, and from him you have learned the importance of some philosophical or practical life principle.

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