



Ancients used the fixed stars more than the wandering planets used by modern astrologers. With improved technical abilities due to software enhancements, the fixed stars are beginning to make a return in present day astrology.

The information contained in these pages is just a sampling of the stars and their meanings. It is designed to encourage you to look at the subject in a deeper level.

When you blend the meaning of the fixed stars with the natal planets in your chart, it adds a great deal of texture to the understanding of your planet/star combination. I normally use a three degree orb of influence between stars and planets, but the commonly accepted orb is only one degree. A research project I did several years ago indicated that people felt the effects of the stars from this wider distance (which can amount to millions of miles).

For example, if the planet Mercury in your natal chart is at 17° Gemini, then you will find on page four that item T is the star Rigel in the Orion constellation. Stars that are in the feet of a constellation are considered to be teacher stars in that they bring higher information down to earth to be used. Mercury represents communications, education, writing, and short trips. Combined, this could be a teacher of higher information, possibly a person who travels or writes as part of the teaching process.

Again, this is a partial list of stars. Listed below are some of the books and references I have used.



REFERENCE: The interpretations come from Bernadette Brady's "Book of Fixed Stars", the Solar Maps software program <http://www.bernadettebrady.com/>; , Ebertin-Hoffman's book Fixed Stars," Vivian Robson's "The Fixed Stars & Constellations in Astrology" and miscellaneous sources. Also look at mythology for meaning of the stars. "Book of Fixed Stars" is the best starting point if you want to do your own research. Diana Rosenberg Secret of the Ancient Stars is very extensive but a bit hard to find what you are looking for.

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A: Alcyone - In constellation Pleiades at 30° Taurus; Nature: Moon/Jupiter. One of the 7 Sisters of the Pleiades. Esoterically "The Star of the Individual" governing humanity, connected with the sign Aquarius. Keywords include **being non-judgmental and open to higher vision**. Star clusters have traditionally been associated with eyesight problems; however, they have also been associated with keen eyesight when testing the ability to be an archer. Alcyone suggests that there is work with vision, be it mystical or worldly. It has been associated with judgment of the dead.

B: Aldebaran - In constellation Taurus at 10° Gemini. It is one fist distance to the left of the Pleiades (which has Alcyone as its brightest star). One of the four royal stars of Persia: WATCHER OF THE EAST, a cornerstone marking the Spring equinox, associated with Mithras of Greco-Roman times (and the age of the Bull- also played a role in the selection of Dec. 25th as Jesus' birthday) and Ahura Mazda, the Persian god of Light, or star worshipper- also called Zarathustra by Zoroaster religion), **Challenge of Aldebaran is INTEGRITY AND PURITY**, Success comes but you are faced with moral dilemmas to challenge your integrity. Galileo spoke against the church and was put under house arrest because he said the earth orbited around the Sun. Edward VIII abdicated the right to the throne of England rather than deny his love for a divorced woman.



C: Alhena - In constellation Gemini at 10° Cancer; nature Mercury/Venus (stars located in the feet of constellations are thought to bring celestial ideals down to earth). It is known as The Proudly Marching One, or the Brand. **You march for a cause which may bring some pain, but the lofty goals are worth the effort**. Nelson Mandela had Alhena associated with Mars the warrior in his birth chart. Many cultures have myths about a wounded heel when the Sun god touched the earth at the equinoxes. His immortality touched the impure earth which marked him physically. His goal was to move on earth with determination. Bring spirit down to earth.

D: Antares -In the heart of the constellation Scorpius (Scorpio, at 9° Sag), WATCHER OF THE WEST, This is one of the four royal stars of Persia. This was thought to be the god of the dead in Persia and Egypt. China called Antares the fire star. **The challenge of Antares is to AVOID SELF UNDOING. The reward is to create yourself anew**. The star represents going through a cleansing like life and death, but a person can go to unnecessary extremes to do self harm. It is the story of the Scorpion that needed a ride across the river on the Frog's back, but ended up stinging the frog such that both died - because that is the nature of a Scorpion. Joan of Arc had Antares strong in her chart-and did not know when it was time to let go when her Divine mission was over. Avoid ruthlessness towards self and others. Represents the need to avoid obsession. You transform yourself.

E: Arcturus - In the constellation Bootes at 24° Libra. Arcturus is the hunter-gatherer-nomad and herder-cultivator-plowman villager. It is the guarding, learning, teaching, and leading talents that help people lead a new lifestyle. **Arcturus is the energy of the pathfinder, helping to bridge the gap between pioneering and cultivating**. Ptolemy suggests it has the nature of Mars and Jupiter, while Ebertin says that it gives an enterprising, but sometimes quarrelsome spirit. Mao-Tse-Tung had Arcturus aligned with Mars in his chart. He changed China from feudalism to communism. You help people move from a lower to higher level of understanding.

F: Bellatrix - Located at 21° Gemini in the left shoulder of Orion. It represents **success by facing the shadow**. Personal weakness can show itself here on the way to success. Marilyn Monroe and Vincent Van Gogh had Bellatrix strong in their chart; both had a tragic nature to their success. You must work on spiritual growth for success, but it comes with a price. It was also seen as an Amazon female warrior; coming quickly and swiftly destroying. Personal weakness is exposed in order that you can strengthen it.

G: Betelgeuse -in the upper right hand, armpit, or shoulder of Orion at 29° Gemini. **Success which is not blocked**. As such a bright star, look to the angle of the chart it is on to see when it will be effective in life: on the IC, in old age or after death as was the case with Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King. When rising, early in life as in the case of James Dean and Marilyn Monroe. When culminating on the Midheaven (Mc), effective during middle life as was the case with writer Charles Dickens. When setting (Ds), success comes in later life. Although Betelgeuse does not promise fame, it does show potential. This can show as charisma or con man. Ptolemy suggests that stars located in the shoulders of constellations (also Bellatrix) have a nature of Mars and Mercury.

Mark Dodich has a page on his website to provide information on the stars. It is a work in progress, (probably for the rest of my life, actually!). Check it out at

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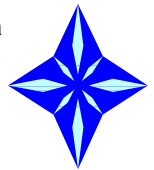
H- Castor - One of the twins of the constellation Gemini at 20° Cancer. (also see Pollux). Castor and Pollux are the **balance and/or struggle of light and darkness**. It represents the storyteller of bridging the gap of opposites like good and evil. Castor (Apollo) is associated with Mercury, and considered to be of **keen intellect** in law and publishing according to Ptolemy. **Intellectual writer**.

I: Denebola - Located in the tail of the constellation Leo at 21° Virgo, Ptolemy suggests this star has characteristics of Saturn and Venus. EARTHLINES™ Map areas under the influence of this star may show areas where you are out of step with mainstream society. **You see the world through a different lens; on the edge of the establishment**. When aligned with planets in your astrology chart, it may show that the planets involved carry a nonconformist energy.

J: Diadem - Located in the tuft of hair at the end of Leo the lion's tail at 9° Libra. This star is associated with **feminine strength, especially where a sacrifice of great value is made for love and selfless service**. Strength and dignity is achieved when something of great personal value is sacrificed for another. In the old stories, a woman would cut off her hair for the man she loved (usually offered to a god or goddess to protect them in life or death). It symbolizes royalty, but from a humble, selfless service to the poor, perspective.

K: Facies - Located in the face of the archer, Sagittarius, at 8° Capricorn. All stars located in cluster nebula are given characteristics having to do with vision and/or blindness. Since an archer needs keen vision, it may be associated with focused vision on the target. The bow is the most violent object in the constellations, so it is no surprise that John Lennon and Adolph Hitler has Facies strong in their natal charts. **Focused vision and ruthlessness** are two characteristics associated with this star. If it is associated with a planet in your chart, you may want to consider if you have used that planet's energies in a ruthless way, or it has been used against you in a ruthless way. Set your vision on using that planet in a way that will bring out your leadership skills. It has been associated with spirituality, sudden death, blindness, leadership, and focused attention of warrior skills. Facies can be a difficult star as it has been experienced as combative energy.

L: Formalhaut (Fomalaut, Fum al Hut) - It is in Piscis Australis, the Southern Fish (3° Pisces); **WATCHER OF THE SOUTH**, It is one of the four royal stars of Persia. This is the story of the person who is out of step with mainstream society, but seeks its greatest reward (in the old stories it is the beautiful woman where there is an otherworldly love, but someone or something stands in the way). **The Challenge of Formalhaut is to clash with mainstream thought in order to achieve the highest ideals**. Formalhaut brings magic and mysticism; it inspires high ideals and lofty vision. Abraham Lincoln, Galileo, John Lennon, and Adolph Hitler all had Formalhaut active in their charts.



M: Hamal - Located in the constellation Aries at 7° Taurus; associated with the need to follow your own path. Because the age of the ram was just before Christianity, it was inappropriately given a negative, or evil, connotation (when one age ends, the rulers of the new age tend to make the previous one bad -just as the worshippers of the ram (Aries) had done to the age of the bull (Taurus)). **Hamal is a star representing action and independence**. Aligned with a planet in your chart, this star adds an independent streak to the nature of that planet. On your EARTHLINES™ maps, Hamal may indicate an area of striving for independence. You will enhance your self-identity. Madam Helena Blavatsky was co-founder of the Theosophical Society and a spiritualist who promoted independent ideas about metaphysics.

N: Menkar - Located in the constellation Cetus, The Whale (near Aquarius), this star is located at 14° Taurus in the jawbone of the whale. **Menkar represents the human unconscious or the collective unconscious**. The old myths see this whale as a monster; whereas, our current day association of a whale representing the record keeper of history and gentleness. The Greeks saw it as a sea monster who was turned to stone when Perseus showed it the severed head of Medusa. Christianity saw it as the story of Jonah and the whale. Perhaps this star in your chart represents the monster within that is attempting to transform itself to gain greater understanding of its place in the great collective of society.

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O: Mintaka - Located in the belt of Orion at 23° Gemini. It is thought to have the energy of expansive Jupiter and restrictive Saturn. It is the western most star in the belt. It means “the giant’s belt.” The three pyramids of Giza are aligned with the three stars of Orion’s belt; Mintaka is the pyramid Menkaure.

P: Polaris - Located at 28° Gemini in Ursa Minor (little bear, little dipper). It is the point of stillness at the North Celestial pole. This star is not visible for people born in the southern hemisphere. It is a guiding star related to **a mission of emotional nurturing, finding your way**. Find Polaris by drawing a line from the front of the two stars of the Big Dipper (Merak-lower, Dubhe-upper) to a bright star in the north in the little Dipper. Polaris guides you north.

Q: Pollux - Along with Castor in the constellation Gemini (located at 20° Cancer), represents the **balance of your civilized side and your shadow side**. Ptolemy states that it has the nature of Mars, and is crafty, spirited, and rash. It is the emotional writer.

R: Procyon - Located at 26° Cancer in Canis Minor, the little dog (Orion’s second dog). Its claim to fame is that it leads the way for Sirius. It has been associated with **opportunities which do not last long**. An example is James Dean who rose quickly to fame, then died in a car crash. Capitalize on gains quickly as they may not last.

S: Regulus - It is in the constellation Leo (1° Virgo 01– It was in Leo until 2012), WATCHER OF THE NORTH and one of the four royal stars of Persia. Between 6000 and 3000 BCE, Leo was the summer solstice point. When it gave way to the sign Cancer, the Egyptian civilization fell from power. **The challenge of Regulus is to avoid revenge**. There seems to be a lot of warrior energy to Regulus. You must act like Osiris did to the Egyptians: create peace and civilization, giving laws to his people. **Great success if revenge is avoided**. (The story of King Feridun of Persia who ruled the entire world. He divided it between his three sons, but the older two killed the younger brother for his share. The father took revenge and they all lost) Aim high with Regulus but maintain awareness of your actions.

T: Rigel - is located in Orion at 17° Gemini (Orion’s left toe). Rigel brings the need to teach and educate society to a larger world view. It is the concept of bringing forward development not just for the self, but for the many. Ptolemy suggests that the brightest star in Orion has a Jupiter/Saturn nature. **Rigel is the educator**.

U: Sirius - Nature: Jup/Mar, Esoterically "The Brilliant Star of Sensitivity", governing Hierarchy. Related to the sign Scorpio. Influences our system psychically via Uranus, Neptune and Saturn. **SIRIUS** is in the constellation Canis Major at 14° Cancer. It is near Orion since it is one of Orion's hunting dogs (trace a line through Orion's Belt towards the southeast to find Sirius in the sky). It is one of the great stars of the sky and has been called The Shining One and The Scorcher by the Egyptians. They also associated the star with Isis in its role of bringing fertility to the Nile River area. The stories and mythology of Sirius is extensive, especially in areas of burning away the mundane in order to make something sacred. Under Sirius, there is a desire to achieve a dream that goes beyond mundane experience. **Sirius challenges you to transform the mundane into the sacred**. It can bring great success, but can also burn you in the process. In esoteric astrology, Sirius is associated with the 2nd ray. This is the energy of Unconditional Love and Wisdom. It is the ray that is associated with getting off the wheel of incarnation, because you love yourself and everything because you see the spark of God in all that is. The ancient Dogon tribe of Africa have held ancient initiation rites related to the star Sirius since the beginning of time. In the Alice Bailey channeled material of The Tibetan, the Third Initiation was closely associated with this star. The Third Initiation is where the personality and soul become so completely integrated that the personality becomes simply a tool of soul expression. You become a true and total servant of Creation. Note: There is a good book “Sirius” by M. Temple Richmond based upon Alice A Bailey’s work with the Seven Rays.

V: Spica - Located in the constellation Virgo, the virgin, at 24° Libra. This star has been associated with the gifts to mankind of a **bountiful harvest**. It can be found in the charts of scientists, writers, musicians, and painters. It is the **potential for brilliance** in relation to whatever it touches in your chart. Mozart and Sir Isaac Newton both had a prominent Spica in their charts. However, the talent may be hidden or out of the ordinary. **Gifts and being gifted**.

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W: Sualocin -Located at 17° Aquarius in the head of Delphinus, the dolphin. Although information on the meaning of this star is sketchy, it suggests **natural talents and mastery** of what you have to offer (especially in relation to any natal planets associated with this star. Carl Jung was born with this star setting (descending partnership line). When he broke with Freud, his natural talents surfaced.

X: Thuban -Located at 7° Virgo in the constellation Draco the dragon, Thuban used to be the pole star (current pole star is Polaris). **It is seen as a guardian or protector, especially of the feminine.** This can be a guardian of the sacred, or it can relate to a more negative connotation of possessiveness. Nazi Hermann Goering raided art treasures during WWII for his own collection. Pablo Picasso also had Thuban strong in his chart, creating over 20,000 works which accumulated value before his death. There are issues of giving and sharing.

Y: Toliman - Located in the constellation Centaurus, the Centaur, at 24° Scorpio. Brady suggests using this star only in births below 29° South latitude (San Antonio, TX; Orlando, FL), although research needs to be done to better understand issues of if stars are effective when not visible. In general, the centaurs Chiron and Pholos were thought to be gentle and on their way to an altar to make a sacrifice. It follows the line of thinking about Chiron of the wounded healer. **It is the desire to expand others.**

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Z: Vega - Also called Wega at 15° Capricorn in the constellation Lyra, the harp. It was the pole star around 12,000-10,000 BCE. It may have been the Egyptian goddess Maat. She helped souls move from one life to another by checking to see that their soul weight was no more than that of a feather before they could move on. It has been linked to **magic, divine spells, and charisma.** The Chinese see it as being artistic with fabrics (a goddess married a poor but noble youth in order to help him out of slavery, then spinning beautiful silk. Bring heaven to earth.

a: Zosma -Located in the constellation Leo at 11° Virgo, Zosma has a reputation as being a difficult star energy. **It is victim, savior, and perpetrator all at the same time.** It is the point on the Lion where Hercules broke its back. It represents beliefs that are not of the establishment, where the establishment makes them powerless in either a direct or indirect fashion. Although it should not be seen as an evil star, there can be some potential for abuse. In John F. Kennedy's example of Zosma on the midheaven with his moon (midheaven represents middle life and the moon represents the public), JFK spoke up for the victims of society, yet became a victim of assassination himself. Mother Teresa had Zosma in her natal chart. She helped victims of society. With this planet, you may need to speak up for yourself to avoid being abused. You may need to avoid abusing other people.

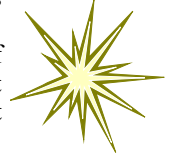
b: Zueben Elgenubi -Located in the constellation Libra at 15° Scorpio. It has been suggested that this star represents **positive social reform for no personal gain.** Some sort of sacrifice for the good of all may be called for.

c: Zueben Elschemali -Located in the constellation Libra at 19° Scorpio. It has been suggested that this star represents **positive social reform where some form of personal gain is desired.** This star may have a bit more of a shadow side than its companion Zueben Elgenubi.



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d: Canopus - located at 15° Cancer in the constellation Argo (in the keel of this great ship), Canopus is an important star if it lands in your chart and you were born south of 37° North latitude (San Francisco, Richmond, VA- note that the ancients only used stars that they could see; research is needed to tell if visibility is needed for a star to be effective in a person's life). It is used in Navigation, so it is the great pathfinder of the south. **It represents a place of stillness**, often associated with the death of the world. It represents the need to explore before the end of time.



Discernment reminder: Although the stars have been studied since the beginning of humankind, the research on their actual influence is sketchy at best. Look at the stars associated with the planets in your chart to see how their suggested meanings may have influenced the nature of that planet in your life. On the EARTHLINES™ maps, look to see if the meanings of the stars and planets are in line with your experiences. Whether you are exploring astrology, viewing advertisements on television, or listening to a person with credentials recognized by society, you must tune in to your balanced heart and mind to know your own Truth. The tools and services offered by Mark Dodich and ASTROMARK are offered to help you access your own inner knowing. Namaste‘

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How to use the next two pages - a handout from our Egypt trip.

Plug your own natal chart planets into the chart and see what lines up with fixed stars. You can take any of the stars in this brochure and insert their sign and degree into your chart to see what is most significant for you. A few examples are already inserted on the next page. The following two pages are the handout from the 2008 group trip to Egypt for Pluto entering Capricorn.

For example, item Q from the previous pages is the star Pollux. Although this star is part of the constellation Gemini, its actual physical location is at 20 degrees of the sign Cancer. You could write in "Pollux" in the Cancer section of the chart on the next page, then look to see if you have any planets in the sign Cancer in your natal chart. Consider any planets that are within three degrees of exact. In this case, any natal planet ranging from 17-23 degrees of Cancer in your natal chart would be conjunct (aligned) with Pollux.

Combine the meaning of the planet with the meaning of the star. If your natal moon was at 19° of Cancer, it would be conjunct Pollux. The moon rules emotions, mother, food, etc. Pollux is about balancing the civilized side with the shadow side. With this combination, you would need to balance the nice side of your relationship with your mother with the shadow side of dealing with your mother—*just joking!*

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This is a mail order product that is in its secondary stages of development. It is a cutting edge product, but still in its infancy. It does not include personal consultation time with Mark Dodich. I think you will find it to be pretty interesting, but parts two and three are going to require some work on your part to gain understanding. The written report is comprehensive and easy for anyone to read. However, you should not expect this material to improve your love life or help you make a pile of money. Stars help you go beyond our solar system. Because it is cutting edge, it can be rough around the edges, so please do not have undue expectations.

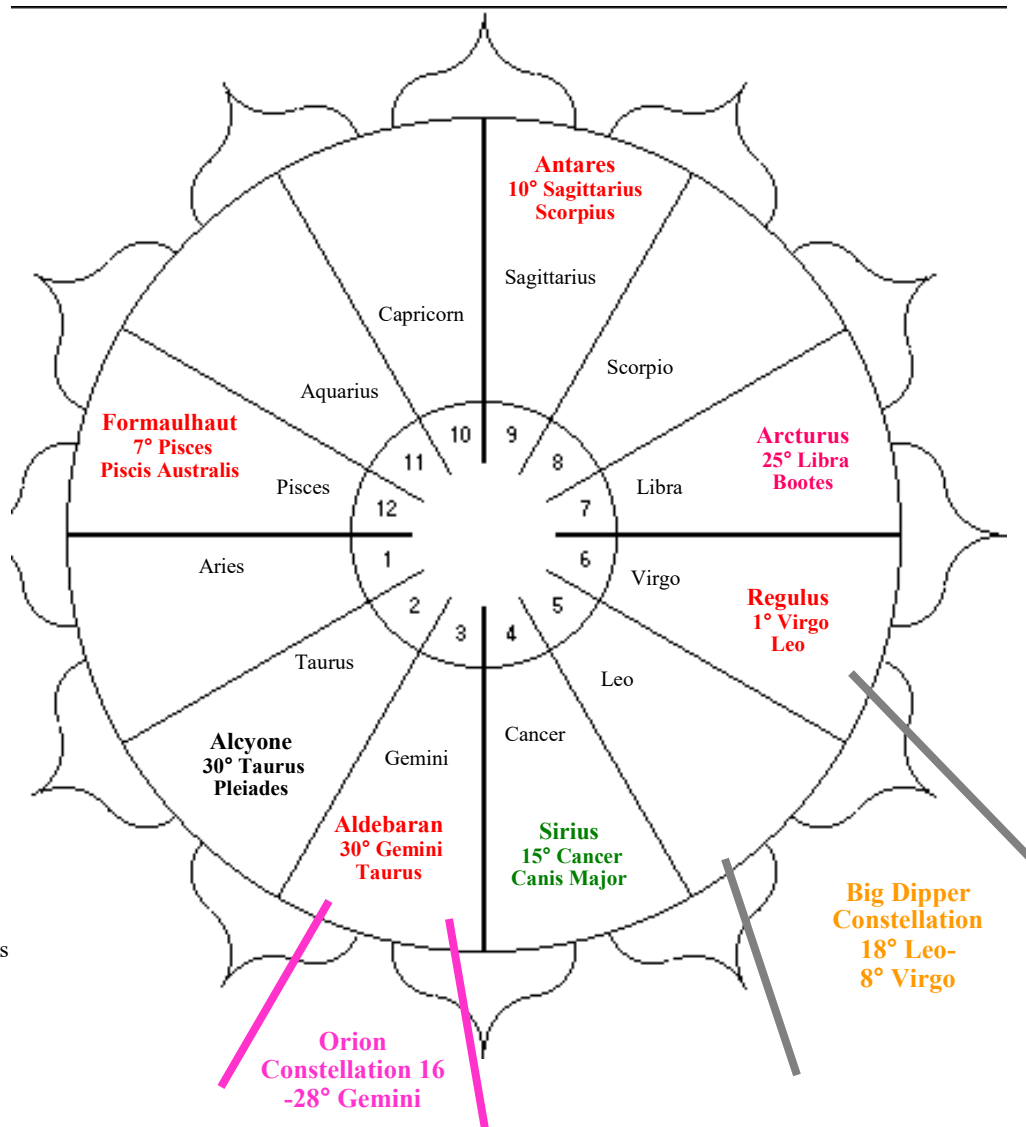
**The purpose of working with the stars is to expand your understanding
of you and your soul service**

This chart shows the placement of several stars and constellations under discussion.

The name of the star is on the first line. The location degree of the star is in the second line. The constellation is on the third line. Antares is located in the area of the sky associated with Sagittarius, but it is actually part of the constellation of Scorpio.

Royal stars of ancient Persia are Formaulhaut, Aldebaran, Regulus, and Antares. (Note that Regulus moved out of the sign Leo and into Virgo in 2012, but is still in the constellation Leo)

The general are of the sky containing the constellations **Orion** and **Big Dipper** (part of Ursa Major) are bracketed.



House meanings:

- 1) Self-identity, appearance
- 2) Values, money, resources
- 3) Communications, quick trips
- 4) Home, family, security
- 5) Risk, fun, romance, kids
- 6) Work, service, health, pets
- 7) Love, marriage, partnership
- 8) Other's resources, death
- 9) Long trips, philosophy
- 10) Career, public image
- 11) Friends, organizations, goals
- 12) Spiritual practice, dreams

Zodiac Signs:

Aries ♈: pioneering, spontaneous

Taurus ♉: stable, builder

Gemini ♊: communications, versatility

Cancer ♋: receptive, nurturing

Leo ♌: pride, leadership

Virgo ♍: analytical, service

Libra ♎: balance, relating

Scorpio ♏: intimate, intense

Sagittarius ♐: adventure, philosophy

Capricorn ♑: responsibility, striving

Aquarius ♒: independent, humanitarian

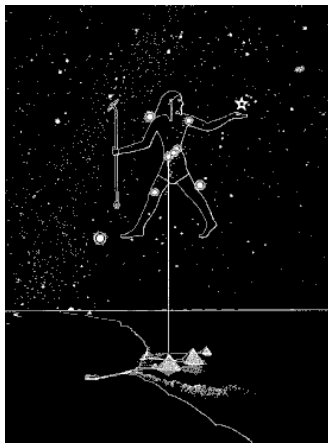
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~JP Morgan

Planets:

- ☉ Sun: identity, life force, will, individuality
- ☾ Moon: instincts, emotions, nurturing, mother
- ☿ Mercury: thinking, talk, ideas, short trips
- ♀ Venus: romance, values, finances, women
- ♂ Mars: ambition, drive, male, sexuality
- ♃ Jupiter: philosophy, higher mind, adventure
- ♄ Saturn: discipline, patience, responsibility
- ♅ Chiron: stretch boundaries, heal, maverick
- ♁ Uranus: freedom, revolution, invention
- ♆ Neptune: spirituality, illusion, enlightenment, escapism
- ♇ Pluto: power, transformation
- ♊♋ North & South Nodes: soul destiny and

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Orion Constellation

Alternative Science suggests that the three pyramids in Giza are associated with Orion's belt.

"The Orion Mystery" by R. Bauval and A. Gilbert is a good book on the subject.

The book "Keys of Enoch" by JJ Hurtak discusses Orion extensively from the perspective of Orion being a gateway between the god realm and the human realm, and also much information on space brotherhood.

The chart on the previous page shows several significant stars and constellations. They are written in by hand on your natal chart. The meaning of the house the star falls in can be combined with the meaning of the star (see handout on meanings).

For example, Sirius in the Seventh House of committed relationships would combine to give you lessons in releasing relationships to spirit once they are complete. Sirius was associated with Isis, the job being to release the spirit from the physical body at the time of death.

The location of the ladle of the Big Dipper between 18° Leo and 8° Virgo highlighted in yellow brackets shows you the way to return to Source. In the 12th house, you would return through spirituality, forgiveness and compassion practices. In the 6th house, the return to Source could come through healing and/or humble service. Because the star Regulus is in this area, there is a brightness and success that can come from this work.

If you have a natal planet aligned with any of these points, you must also combine the meaning of the planet, as well as the house and star meanings.

Why didn't the Dog Star laugh at the joke?
It was too Sirius.

Why was the baby constellation sillier than the daddy constellation?
Because he was a little dippier.

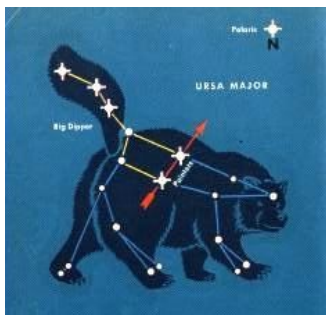
It is reported that Copernicus' parents said the following to him at the age of twelve: "Copernicus, young man, when are you going to come to terms with the fact that the world does not revolve around you."

(He became known for disproving the idea that the solar system revolves around the sun instead of around the earth— in case you didn't get the joke!)

A limerick about Edmund Halley:

From the public, his discovery brought cheers.
From his wife, it drew nothing but torrents of tears.
"For you see," said Ms. Halley,
"He used to come daily;
Now he comes once every 70 years!"

(In case you didn't get this slightly raunchy limerick, he discovered Halley's comet which only orbits through here every 70 years— actually about every 75 years. The most recent appearances have been in 1835, 1910, and 1986. Halley will next return in 2061. Some theologians suggest that the star's appearance in the year 12 BCE announced the coming of Jesus as the Star of Bethlehem, although astronomers think Jesus was born in either Leo or Virgo 7 BCE or Pisces 6 BCE. The Talmud suggested in the year 66 CE that its appearance made ships err. Comets normally get a ominous interpretation with leaders like Harold II dying under it— although that was lucky for William the Conqueror. Satirist Mark Twain was born at the perihelion (closest approach, Nov. 1835) of Halley's Comet and that he would go out with it. He died in April 1910 at the perihelion of Halley's Comet.)

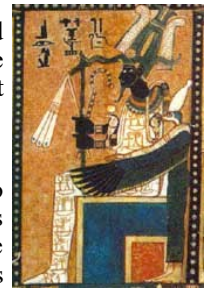


The Big Dipper is often associated with the First Ray of "will and power" in esoteric astrology. This is the energy of destroying duality and anything that separates you from Source. Aries, Leo, and Capricorn are the triad signs associated with this energy, meaning that they help this ray of unification to do it's work. If you have any of these three signs in your chart, you have at least some first ray energy. Almost everyone born between August 1938 and August 1937 have transforming Pluto in Leo in their birth chart. The ladle of the Big Dipper is in the later degrees of Leo and the early degrees of Virgo. The sun is passing through this area of the sky from Aug.10-31 every year.

"Esoteric Astrology" A book by Alice A. Bailey is a good reference on this subject

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Osiris

Came to be known as the god of the dead

http://www.astronomyclub.org/learn/Say_What.htm

Pronunciation Say What? By Aaron B. Clevenson, ALCor
This is the thorough list from A to Z of constellation names and star names, and how to pronounce them.

Stars	Constellation	Pronunciation
Acamar	Eridanus	AY-kuh-mar
Achernar	Eridanus	AY-ker-nar
Acrux	Crux	AY-kruhks
Adhara	Canis Major	ah-DAY-rah
Aldebaran	Taurus	al-DEB-ah-ran
Alioth	Ursa Major	AL-ee-oth
Alkaid	Ursa Major	al-KADE
Al Nair	Grus	al-NAYR
Alnilam	Orion	al-NIGH-lam
Alphard	Hydra	AL-fard
Alphecca	Corona Borealis	al-FECK-ah
Alpheratz	Andromeda	al-FEE-rahts
Altair	Aquila	al-TAYR
Ankaa	Phoenix	AN-kuh
Antares	Scorpius	an-TAIR-eez
Arcturus	Bootes	ark-TOO-rus
Atria	Traingulum Australe	AT-ri-ah
Avoir	Carina	AY-vee-or
Bellatrix	Orion	BEL-a-trix
Betelgeuse	Orion	BET-el-jooz
Canopus	Carina	kah-NO-pus
Capella	Auriga	kah-PEL-ah
Deneb	Cygnus	DEN-eb
Denebola	Leo	de-NEB-oh-la
Diphda	Cetus	DIF-dah
Deubhe	Ursa Major	DUB-ee
Elnath	Taurus	EL-nath
Eltanin	Draco	el-TAY-nin
Enif	Pegasus	EEN-if
Fomalhaut	Piscis Austrinus	FO-mal-ought
Gacrux	Crux	GAY-krux
Gienah	Corvus	JEE-nah
Hadar	Centauri	HAY-dar
Hamal	Aries	HAM-al
Kaus Austr	Sagittarius	KOSS aus-TRAY-lis
Kochab	Ursa Minor	KOE-kahb
Markab	Pegasus	MAR-kahb
Menkar	Cetus	MEN-kahr
Menkent	Centauri	MEN-kent
Miaplasidus	Carina	MY-a-PLAS-i-dus
Mirfak	Perseus	MEER-fak
Nunki	Sagittarius	NUN-kee

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Peacock	Pavo	PEE-kok
Polaris	Ursa Minor	poe-LAHR-is
Pollux	Gemini	POL-lucks
Procyon	Canis Minor	PRO-see-on
Rasalhague	Ophiuchus	RAS-al-haig
Regulus	Leo	REG-you-lus
Rigel	Orion	RYE-jel
Rigel Kent	Centauri	RYE-jel KENT
Sabik	Ophiuchus	SAY-bik
Schedar	Cassiopeia	SHED-ahr
Shaula	Scorpius	SHAW-la
Sirius	Canis Major	SEER-ee-us
Spica	Virgo	SPY-kah
Suhail	Vela	soo-HALE
Vega	Lyra	VAY-gah
Zubenelgenube	Libra	zoo-BEN-al-je-NEW-bee

Constellation	Abbreviation	Pronunciation
Andromeda	And	an-DROM-eh-duh
Antlia	Ant	ANT-lih-uh
Apus	Aps	AY-pus
Aquarius	Aqr	ack-KWAIR-ee-us
Aquila	Aql	ACK-will-ah
Ara	Ara	AY-ruh
Aries	Ari	AIR-eez
Auriga	Aur	or-EYE-gah
Bootes	Boo	boe-Oh-teez
Caelum	Cae	SEE-lum
Camelopardis	Cam	ka-MEL-oh-PAR-da-lis
Cancer	Can	KAN-surr
Canes Venatici	CVn	Kay-nee-z ven-AT-iss-see
Canis Major	CMA	Kay-nis MAY-er
Canis Minor	CMi	Kay-nis MY-ner
Capricornus	Cap	kap-rih-KORN-nus
Carina	Car	ka-REEN-uh
Cassiopeia	Cen	sen-TAW-rus
Cepheus	Cep	SEE-fee-us
Cetus	Cet	SEE-tuss
Chamaeleon	Cha	ka-MEEL-eon
Circinus	Cir	SUR-sin-us
Columba	Col	ko-LUM bah
Coma Berenices	Com	KO-mah bear-en-EYE-sees
Corona Australis	CrA	kor-OH-nah oss-TRAY-liss
Corona Borealis	CrB	kor-OH-nah bo-ree-ALICE
Corvus	Cor	CORE-vuss
Crater	Crt	KRAY-turr
Crux	Cru	KRUX
Cygnus	Cyg	SIG-nuss
Delphinus	Del	del-FINE-uss
Dorado	Dor	dough-RAH-dough
Draco	Dra	DRAY-ko
Equuleus	Equ	ek-KWOO-lee-us
Eridanus	Eri	eh-RID-ah-nuss
Fornax	For	for-NAX
Gemini	Gem	JEM-in eye
Grus	Gru	GRUSS

Hercules	Her	HER-kyou-leez
Horologium	Hor	hor-o-LO-jee-um
Hydra	Hya	HIGH-druh
Hydrus	Hys	HIGH-drus
Indus	Ind	IN-duss
Lacerta	Lac	la-SIR-tah
Leo	Leo	LEE-oh
Leo Minor	Lmi	LEE-oh MY-ner
Lepus	Lep	LEE-puss
Libra	Lib	LEE-brah
Lupus	Lup	LEW-puss
Lynx	Lyn	LINKS
Lyra	Lyr	LYE-ruh
Mensa	Men	MEN-sah
Microscopium	Mic	my-kro-SKO-pee-um
Monoceros	Mon	mon-OSS-er-us
Musca	Mus	MUS-kah
Norma	Nor	NOR-mah
Octans	Oct	AHK-tahnz
Ophiuchus	Oph	off-ih-YOU-kuss
Orion	Ori	oh-RYE-un
Pavo	Pav	PAH-vo
Pegasus	Peg	PEG-uh-suss
Perseus	Per	PURR-see-us
Phoenix	Phe	FEE-nix
Pictor	Pic	PICK-torr
Pisces	Psc	PIE-sees
Piscis Austrinus	PsA	PIE-siss oss-TRY-nus
Puppis	Pup	PUPP-iss
Pyxis	Pyx	PICK-siss
Reticulum	Ret	ray-TIC-you-lum
Sagitta	Sag	sah-JIT-tah
Sagittarius	Sgr	saj-ih-TAY-rih-us
Scorpius	Sco	SKOR-pih-uss
Sculptor	Scl	SKULPT-tor
Scutum	Sct	SKYOU-tum
Serpens	Ser	SIR-pens
Sextans	Sex	SEX-tans
Taurus	Tau	TAW-russ
Telescopium	Tel	tell-ih-SKO-pee-um
Triangulum	Tri	try-ANGH-gu-lum
Triangulum Australe	TrA	try-ANGH-gu-lum oss-TRAY-lee
Tucana	Tuc	too-KAH-nah
Ursa Major	UMa	URR-sah MAY-jer
Ursa Minor	UMi	URR-sah MY-ner
Vela	Vel	VEE-lah
Virgo	Vir	VER-go
Volans	Vol	VO-lanz
Vulpecula	Vul	vul-PECK-you-lah

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Fixed Stars Applied to Relocation Astrology

It's a wonderful time to be an astrologer. The ancient and the cutting edge are coming together like never before. Consultations for clients who have never had a natal reading are increasing every year which suggests that the need for professional astrologers and new services is expanding.

One such blending of the ancient and the cutting edge in astrology can be found in the current renaissance of fixed stars research. From the days of Ptolemy to the mid 20th century, the use of fixed stars in astrology was relegated for the most part to a musty closet accessible to only a limited number of dedicated and quirky practitioners.

However, this is no longer the case as the work of astrologers such as Diana Rosenberg and Bernadette Brady once again makes the fixed stars useful and user-friendly to the astrological community – and, in a word, mainstream! (Computer programs such as *Starlight* and *Stellarium* even allow one to display and animate a nativity against the backdrop of astronomically accurate constellations. Solar Fire and Janus 4 also feature detailed sky maps superimposed over the Celestial Sphere). After observing the benefits of applying fixed stars to a natal chart, it seemed like the next logical step was to explore the power of stars in relocation astrology.

A number of years ago, *The Mountain Astrologer* ran my article on fixed stars and helped me to recruit astrologers who were willing to test the use of fixed stars in astrolocality maps. The results of the project were highly subjective and would never stand up to strict research methodologies. However, the overwhelming response was that the stars do cast some influential light upon astrology of relocation. In fact, they often add important information where none exists using only the traditional planets in location mapping.

Consider the case of John Lennon. The nearest major planetary locality line to New York is Mercury on the Mid-heaven in the moderate to weak influence zone (300-700 miles). This would certainly step up the media attention at his assassination. The star Alhena in the Gemini constellation is within 200 miles of New York City for Lennon. It represents marching on behalf of a lofty and worthwhile cause in spite of the pain such efforts may bring. . Meanwhile, at 210 miles from NYC, the star line for Facies (in the constellation Sagittarius) meanders nearby. Facies is reputed to be one of the more difficult stars since it is associated with focused vision, ruthlessness and even sudden death.

Or, consider Al Gore's chart spread out across Washington DC. He does not have any major planetary lines within the strong zone (under 300 miles). Pluto is ascending in the moderate influence zone for Washington, which certainly applies to his lessons learned from stepping into power. Gore also has a benefic career Sun MC and visionary Neptune IC line in his home state of Tennessee, but these are weak influences at best in Washington DC. The power shows up when you add the fixed star locality lines to Al Gore's Washington, DC map.

In the strong zone, Gore has a star line for Spica in the constellation Virgo which represents the potential for brilliance. Procyon in Canis Minor, associated with opportunities that do not last long (such as Gore's win of the popular vote for the presidency), is also in the strong zone. At a distance of 240 miles from Washington, DC, Gore has Sirius in Canis Major which, like Isis, transforms the mundane into the sacred. Winning the Nobel Prize for his environmental work fits 'symbolically' well here, as it does for his Polaris line. Polaris is the "way-shower" line and unfurls at rather a long distance for star lines since it lies 340 miles from the nation's capitol.

A brief word should be said about orbs of influence using the fixed stars in relocation astrology (and perhaps natal astrology too). With apologies to all the fixed star experts, the standard one degree orb of influence of the stars is too small. Based upon the responses to the survey, an orb of up to three degrees works well.

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Almost 100 percent of the respondents could feel the influence of their personal star maps from 300 miles away, and slightly over 50 percent said that they felt the influence could be "somewhat felt" as much as 600 miles away. This subjective response was based upon the respondents reading a short interpretation of the stars that were within the region where they currently lived. Interpretations came from a variety of sources including Brady's *Book of Fixed Stars*, Robson's *Fixed Stars and Constellations*, Ebertin-Hoffman's *Fixed Stars* and others.

Most respondents felt that the star line interpretations on their maps gave added dimension and background texture to their understanding of planetary location lines in their region. Based upon additional research and insight into the nature of the stars since this survey was completed, I now believe that the fixed stars actually provide a literal meaning for our work as astrologers rather than the background texture that was suggested by respondents.

The change in perspective described above has *everything* to do with our ability to properly interpret and integrate the ancient stars into the context of modern astrology. When the symbolic meanings of these star locality lines were personally explained to participants (rather than having them read a few sentences) then they could far more easily apprehend a literal interpretation.

As astrologers become better at explaining and exploring how these ancient energies fit into modern day client consultations, fixed stars will once again be recognized as a valuable tool. These days more and more clients are seeking a deeper understanding of their charts as the world daily undergoes transformation and upheaval. Perhaps the wisdom of the ancients will guide us through the fixed stars to a better place! Isn't that the point of locality astrology?

John Lennon Oct. 9 1940, 6:30 pm Liverpool, UK data rated A by aunt present at birth.

Al Gore, March 31 1948, 12:53 pm Washington DC, data rated AA

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