An Astrological Profile for Miley

Childhood is a time filled with promise. A new life, fresh beginnings, and for parents and teachers -- it’s the ultimate challenge. How many times have parents wondered why kids did not come with instruction manuals?! There’s a secret: they do!

Each person is born at a special time, on a certain day and place. Astrologers use this information to chart the positions of the planets relative to the date, time and place of birth. This chart, or horoscope, provides an invaluable and exceptional view of the potentials, drives and needs for Miley. This is the "cosmic guidebook" for each individual! The patterns of the planets, Sun and Moon are unique and notable for a developing child, since in childhood these pictures are seen in a different light. Children are changing rapidly, and, in the process of becoming themselves, need special love and guidance. Developmental Astrology incorporates the basic concepts of astrology within the framework of the early years of life.

This astrological report can be used as a guidepost, and provides a few hints and insights into the unique qualities of this child. Please remember that everyone -- including a child -- has free will. So while an astrological report can give you some valuable information, it does not indicate a fixed set of limited options. Of course environment also has its influence, but by understanding the significant drives and needs represented by Miley's chart, you can better appreciate her uniqueness, and, hopefully, guide her to fulfill her potentials in the healthiest possible way!

I. Basic Underlying Personality Traits

There are several layers to an astrological chart, just as there are layers to the personality. In astrology, the building blocks of the chart are the planets, signs and houses of the chart. You’ll see these terms scattered throughout this report. In a nutshell, the planets (plus the Sun and Moon) represent specific energies and
drives. These drives each have a different purpose in the developing personality. The twelve signs of the zodiac represent qualities, characteristics and traits. The houses (the twelve divisions of the chart wheel or circle) symbolize the facets of a person’s life. In the drama of life, the planets represent the actors, the signs show the roles the actors play, their costumes and props, and the houses illustrate the setting and scene of the play.

Using the building blocks of the zodiac signs, there’s yet another layer. Each sign falls into categories called elements and modes. There are four elements -- fire, earth, air and water; and there are three modes (or action models) -- cardinal, fixed and mutable. There’s a way to distill the chart into its dominant element and mode of expression, and this leading denominator gives a powerful clue to the strongest underlying personality traits.

In Miley’s chart, there is an outstanding quality of Water. Outstanding strength in the Water element means that Miley is definitely sensitive. At times, especially in very early years, you may see evidence that Miley is uncomfortable around new people or in different environments, and the underlying cause is sensitivity to the "vibrations." Everything alive has a kind of vibratory rate, and as a "water child", Miley is acutely aware of these vibrations. There’s also an ability to sense the underlying quality of emotionally charged situations is also evident. Watch out! Since there can also be a high impressionability and even deceptiveness associated with strong water, since it can easily conform to whatever (or whomever) is around. However, the most notable personality trait may be a strong tendency to nurture others and a keen sensitivity to the feelings of others. Encouraging artistic or creative expression is helpful, particularly if this can be experienced as pure fun and not a "judged" activity. Also, encouraging Miley to trust her intuitive sense of things will strengthen confidence and enhance creativity.

With lacking or little Earth, Miley can seem to be disinterested in practical matters or may seem to be ungrounded. Encourage Miley to get in touch with Earth by inviting her to play with clay, plant
flowers or garden, and build things. By developing an understanding of structure, she can compensate for a feeling that she is out of touch with a sense of foundation! You may also have to be especially careful about teaching Miley how to be more in touch with her body and aware of physical needs.

There are three modes in astrology. These determine how a particular sign manifests its energy. These qualities -- known as cardinal, fixed and mutable -- have special meanings in astrology. Each sign or the zodiac correlates with one of three modes of action.

Miley's chart shows a strong emphasis of Fixed signs. She can feel very stabilizing, but can also be extremely stubborn! At its best, the fixed quality indicates a need to preserve and to maintain the status quo. She can be consistent and patient, and will appreciate and respect consistency from parents and teachers. There can also be inflexibility, resistance and obsessiveness that can be rather difficult to manage or accept. Miley really needs to finish things, and can become upset if too many things are left undone.

In summary, if an element or mode is low or lacking, there's no reason to be highly concerned, but you can find creative ways to help Miley compensate. Focusing on what the lack of any mode or element might mean for the child can prove beneficial, although this should not be interpreted as an actual "personality deficiency." Rather, understand that this could indicate either a tendency to overcompensate or to seek what is lacking in some way. As your child matures, you might discover that she is drawn to others who seem to possess the expressions of a quality that seems to be lacking in her own chart.

**Moon Sign and Early Personality Development**

Although most people are familiar with the concept of the Sun sign, a child expresses the qualities of the Moon sign more than the Sun sign during the earliest years. That's because the Moon tells the story of feelings and pure emotion. So, you might see more
qualities that relate to this factor in Miley’s chart during early childhood. Expressing the Sun requires more self-awareness, and that develops later!

Keep in mind that Miley is NOT a blank slate! These drives and expressions can be nourished and supported by understanding family and teachers, helping Miley make the most of these "ingredients" in her developing personality!

Miley can be difficult to figure out sometimes. With the Moon in Scorpio, she loves to be in the presence of others, but does not like excessive attention. There can be a deep-rooted affection for Mother, and a powerful emotional sensitivity toward others. However, Miley can have trouble distinguishing whose emotions are most important and may respond quite strongly when there are high levels of emotional tension.

The way Miley might like to be perceived, what she needs to feel motivated toward achievement and what makes her feel significant and special in the world shines through her Sun. While the full expression of Miley’s ego takes quite some time to develop, certain qualities will definitely be apparent, even early on. However, this aspect of the personality will be more apparent after the earliest years.

"Let’s go!" may be Miley’s consistent request. That’s the drive from a Sagittarian Sun. This is the baby whose fussiness can likely be calmed by a walk around the block or a ride in the car. Motion feels natural, and a change of scenery can prove to be fascinating. Trips to the zoo or wild animal park may be among favorite pastimes, but amusement parks are also likely to rank high on the priority list as Miley grows. The Sun in Sagittarius stimulates a desire to experience life in the broadest sense. Ideas can be just as adventurous as actually going somewhere. While Miley might enjoy school if the teacher makes things interesting, she can just as easily become quickly bored if the subject material is too repetitious or lacking in interest. Distractability can be a problem.
Preteen, Miley loves to be around friends, and may have a keen desire to get a driver’s license as soon as possible.

Another prevailing quality that’s likely to emerge in Miley’s early years in shown by the sign on her Ascendant, or Rising Sign. In childhood, the Ascendant and the 1st House signify Miley’s physical appearance and how other people view her. After all, most of us have our self-image shaped by what other people tell us about ourselves. Most important, the Ascendant (ASC) represents Miley’s basic attitudes and herself, and how she presents herself to the world. The significance of environmental conditioning in Miley’s developing personality is shown by the Ascendant.

With Aquarius rising, Miley may always feel different. Whether it’s an unusual appearance or displays of eccentric behavior, she can be uncomfortable with conformity. However, feeling out of place is another thing, so healthy differences need to be positively nurtured. Give Miley a chance to include her special self-expression while encouraging a balance of responsibility as she matures.

II. Nurturing Intellectual and Physical Health and Development

Every parent watches for the signals that indicate a child’s intellectual and physical progress. From baby’s first words to performance in school, development is noted and records are kept. Providing the stimulus that will strengthen mental and physical development is up to parents, teachers and society. Of course, ultimately, a child will master the experience of learning!

There are many factors involved in intellect -- the ability to conceptualize, the communication of concepts and thoughts, memory, creative ideas, the application of rational thought, judicial thinking, decision-making, speculative thought and more. In order to be whole, the child must achieve a balance between the mental, emotional, physical and spiritual parts of the Self; only then can the power of the intellect be used to its utmost. Otherwise, the mental
capacities are likely to be overemphasized or misdirected in order to compensate for under development in some other area.

One important factor in a developing intellect is the nature of the thought patterns themselves. Here, the Moon plays yet another role beyond that of emotional storage house. Through the Moon, a child’s unique experiences are stored in the vaults of the subconscious mind. However, the Moon also shows the basic manner in which a child absorbs information. Miley’s Moon is in a water sign, indicating a strongly impressionable consciousness and a tendency to have a "photographic" mind. Imaginative and creative concepts are most enjoyable, and artistic expression may be easier than pure verbal expression (except for acting!).

In addition, since the Moon represents the basic thought patterns, the Moon’s speed (or rate of travel) fundamentally affects a child’s approach to learning. The Moon moves at variable speeds in her rotation around the Earth.

At the time of her birth, the Moon was moving at faster than average speed. Psychologically, this indicates a tendency for Miley to have an eagerness about confronting life experiences. New situations can seem more like a fun-oriented challenge, and are likely to be preferred over the status quo. Miley may also exhibit a tendency to jump into unfamiliar surroundings, often spontaneously or with little preparation. This can also indicate a tendency to feel frustrated with the necessity for lengthy study or research, especially if the material is not interesting! In such circumstances, forgetfulness can be a problem unless Miley learns to use associations which help her retain information.

As a small baby Miley began to explore and learn about her personal environment through the five senses, and these are represented by the energy of Mercury. Over time, the senses are used in a more refined manner, and as the mind gains the ability to integrate more and more information, learning increases. Mercury
shows how Miley communicates those thought patterns -- how concepts are framed and also how they are expressed through communication. The years of Mercury's heightened developmental cycle are from age seven to thirteen, when the connections between a child and her world are powerfully shaped. Language is mastered; communication skills are refined. It is during these years, that Miley will project the qualities of Mercurial energy more strongly.

With Mercury in Scorpio, Miley will usually probe deeply into subjects and will communicate only when necessary. Getting down to the core of something and looking at what lies beneath is all part of Miley's approach to learning. Her mind is fascinated by the mysterious, and research can be fun. Mercury in Scorpio is wary before allowing the senses to become involved, and rarely forgets any impression. Science can be a favorite subject.

Miley has a connection between Mercury and Venus, indicating that she will be drawn to an artistic expression of ideas. She may enjoy listening to or reading poetry or prose. Creative writing should be encouraged at an early age by playing story telling games with Miley. Once in school, she may be especially interested in studying literature. This connection can be a plus for public speaking skills, and when relating to friends, Miley may be the one who is the peacemaker -- a natural diplomat!

Developing a genteel manner of speech may be an important priority. In fact, coarse speech may be offensive! She may also give special attention to her handwriting, which could turn out to be quite beautiful. An interest in drawing or calligraphy may also be present. Miley may have a quick intellect, since Mercury in trine aspect to Mars adds sharp mentality. A quick learner eager to explore new ideas and concepts, Miley may need to be encouraged to push herself, since she may not have to work too hard to achieve in school. Miley can, however, show excellent efforts when she is honestly interested in a subject and may excel in school and sports.

Mercury in the 9th House can stimulate an early interest in self-expression and communication skills. Exploring and learning foreign
languages can be a boost to Miley’s intellectual growth. Writing, public speaking, debate and philosophy can be of special interest. Travel may also be fascinating, as can the study foreign language and history. In fact, travel may increase her learning capacity, and cultural interests can be an especially important way to increase Miley’s intellectual diversity.

Jupiter and Learning

Another factor involved in Miley’s learning styles and needs is symbolized by Jupiter. These qualities are initially experienced through the encouragement of teachers and guides, but ultimately, Jupiter shows how Miley will express confidence and what types of stimulation will build her learning skills. With Jupiter in Libra, Miley loves the social aspect of school, and later on may be drawn to subjects like law, the arts and literature. Her sense of justice can be strongly developed. Debate, public speaking, and journalism can be enjoyable.

Encouragement and testing are two different things. Small children do not like to be tested -- life is enough of a test for them! They do enjoy learning, but need to be encouraged to learn at their own pace. Finding that pace is one of the primary tasks of parents and teachers. Watch for signs that tell you when Miley is comfortable with a situation, and ready to push beyond it. Then, offer stimulation of that expression by setting fresh goals and opportunities to learn and develop the mind.

Finding Fun and Encouraging Physical Development

There are many factors that indicate particular needs in regard to physical health. However, I feel that specific strengths and weaknesses and their care are best dealt with in greater depth using refined astrological techniques beyond the scope of this reports. But one feature of childhood we can explore is where to find play and recreational activities that might be most comfortable and enjoyable for Miley. The planet Mars represents physical energy -- it’s the fuel that is needed to keep the physical engine running!
Mars’ sign and house placement gives good clues about a child’s preferences for play and activity, including sports and approach to fitness.

Miley’s favorite forms of recreation and sports can include swimming, surfing, water skiing, scuba diving, tai kwan do, karate, golf, fly-fishing, boating, snorkeling, folk dancing, and belly dancing!

Miley’s Mars in the 6th House indicates a potential for clumsiness, since she can feel uncomfortable when placed in situations that call on physical prowess or skill because there’s a tendency to under or overcompensate. Creative visualization can be helpful -- teaching Miley to visualize the action of the sport in the mind before doing it. However, Miley may enjoy learning the skills necessary to be good at individual sports. It’s also worth noting that when Miley is ill, she is more likely to run higher fevers.

Since Miley has a connection from Mars to Jupiter, she tends to press limits, and can be more accident prone. While this connection increases self-confidence and a willingness to try new things, there can be a tendency to ignore limitations or even to consistently push far past them! Miley can also seem like a speed demon -- even on trikes and bikes. There’s also a tendency to be overly confident and under prepared, since this connection tends to prompt a laziness about working hard to develop excellence. However, if the reward is important enough and this child is taught to respect limitations and rules, there’s tremendous potential for developing physical prowess. The connection from Mars to Saturn indicates a potential for a low level of physical energy. Because of this, Miley needs to be encouraged to devote some time to physical activity in order to raise energy levels. If there is a defeatist attitude, help her learn the importance of overcoming or meeting challenges. Be sure to celebrate accomplishments with her. Miley may also go the other way and decide to overcompensate and train until she drops! There can be increased self-discipline and an ability to set limits and work or train carefully toward goals.
III. Embracing Emotional Drives and Needs

At different stages and ages Miley is developing different parts of herself. One reason childhood astrology is different from adult astrology is that a child is in the process of "becoming". Anyone who’s been around children knows that at some stages of development a child is more susceptible or emotionally vulnerable, and that these needs and sensibilities change as a child matures. After all, a baby struggles each day to deal with a difficult-to-control body, but an elementary school age child is struggling with early social relationships. Each of the planets represents a different emotional need and expression, but some planetary symbols are more emotionally charged than others.

There are myriad possibilities, but Miley’s chart illustrates the potential emotional strengths and weaknesses, and the areas in her life where there can be greater vulnerability. It is important to explore these concepts through a lens of objectivity, since when dealing with psychological and emotional issues with our children we’re likely to run into our own issues as part of the process!

Miley’s most powerful emotional needs are symbolized by the Moon, which is the primary indicator of early psychological development. These needs remain with Miley throughout life, continually growing and evolving. The Moon symbolizes the reflective nature of humanity. It is the absorbing, subconscious mind and reflects the needs of the soul. This is the matrix from which habit patterns emerge. Moon is Mother -- who provides nurturing, comfort and security. Mother is the model for a child’s developing sense of how she will nurture and care for others, and, most importantly, how Miley will nurture herself. Even as a baby, Miley has had a strong inner awareness of what is happening. As she grows, more information is absorbed and stored in Miley’s subconscious mind, and deeper awareness of her feelings also grows. The Moon also indicates basic patterns of conditioning drawn from life experiences and filtered through the qualities of the Moon.

With Moon in Scorpio, Miley is deeply sensitive, and has powerful, intense emotions. Because of this, it is often difficult for Miley to
openly express her feelings. Parents must learn to observe subtle changes in order to understand what is troubling her. Miley needs to have some secrets, and should be allowed plenty of privacy -- a "secret treasure box" would be perfect. In infancy, Miley will be tremendously sensitive, even to subtle stimulation. Parents and caretakers need to offer frequent soothing, comforting caresses. As she grows, Miley need to learn that deep feelings are okay. If not, Miley may project an emotional coldness in order to hide or repress a keen natural sensitivity.

Miley needs to be on a quest. That also means that Miley may ask lots of questions! The Moon in the 9th House can stimulate a special enjoyment of travel, reading, and the parts of school that are inspirational. Her spiritual life is a high priority, and that can be nourished in simple ways by making a connection to Truths of life.

Moon conjunct Mercury strengthens Miley's ability to talk about feelings. However, emotions can get in the way of objectivity some of the time. Learning to separate "how I feel" from "what I think" will require patient guidance. Encourage Miley to write, tell stories and develop communication skills -- like public speaking or dramatic acting. Since the Moon and Mars are in trine to one another, Miley's inner feelings, emotional sensitivity and self-assertiveness seem easy and natural. She can be comfortable in most situations since there's a sense that she is strong. While personal courage can be easily mustered, she may not be especially interested in pushing it. Why rock the boat? You may also observe that Miley rises to most occasions in the nick of time, but for the impatient parent or teacher, questions may arise about exactly when she will take action. Outside motivation is sometimes necessary for this child to forge ahead toward challenging goals. The Moon in semisquare to Jupiter presents a strange puzzle for a child. Miley can feel especially confident and optimistic, but may jump into situations too soon or want things that are inappropriate. As a result, she may become a procrastinator, deciding that it's safer to make a promise and not follow through, thereby frustrating herself and everyone else, too! This is a toddler who needs to be carefully watched since
she can wander off in search of adventure at a moment's notice. That tendency does continue, and learning to judge whether or not a choice is good (or safe) will take patience and consistency.

The energy of the Sun is tied to the development of individuality and the sense of identity. The individuality of the Sun begins to emerge once a child has developed enough mastery over basic bodily functions so that she can start paying more attention to the outside world. The Sun is a major factor in determining, "Who am I?" This radiance of Self really becomes focused once Miley is relating to others on a more frequent basis, especially during the school years.

Miley is a Sagittarius, basically described in the Underlying Personality section of this report. However, there are factors which alter Miley's expression and development of her Sun.

Miley's Moon-Sun conjunction indicates a union of the conscious and subconscious aspects of the self. She may perceive the parents as a powerful unit. Usually, this aspect suggests an easy integration of the emotional needs and the ego-self. The masculine and feminine aspects of the personality can develop in a balanced manner. In general, the subconscious and conscious sense of self are in sync with one another and operate well together. That means Miley may be better able to blend "what I want," with "what I need." The Sun in trine aspect to Mars indicates that Miley has a strong need to stay active and busy. Boredom can lead to restlessness. Fortunately, she may be willing to find things to occupy her time and energy, and being provided ample opportunities to excel will be appreciated. This connection can indicate talent in physical abilities and athleticism, although motivation may have to come from the outside if that talent is to become excellence.

Mercury is not traditionally considered an emotional expression. However, Mercury's role in the expression of feelings is highly important. Mercury represents the function of articulation of ideas and feelings and influences how we communicate them. After all, most of us are more comfortable if we can talk about our emotional
most of us are more comfortable if we can talk about our emotional experiences to someone special. A child needs to feel that she can talk about anything with her parents, and that it is okay to share feelings and ideas. When a child is not given opportunities to communicate her emotional needs, she can develop problems communicating almost anything else! Mercury’s function in our lives is to link internal processes to the external world, and one of the most important inner links is the experience of sharing emotion.

Since Miley has Mercury and Venus connected, she needs to communicate her sense of values and expressions of love in a clear way. At an early age, Miley may enjoy listening to prose and poetry, and may be especially drawn to singing about feelings! She simply feels better when emotions can be expressed verbally or artistically. With Mercury and Mars in contact, Miley can be quite assertive expressing ideas. Words can be spoken before their consequences are considered. The tendency to blurt-out ideas can be useful when it’s time to speak publicly, since this connection adds courage to the need and desire to communicate. However, if Miley is angered, words are likely to be used as a weapon! During teen years, Miley might enjoy lessons in debate. Prior to that, parents and teachers will be likely to see ample evidence that this is a natural tendency. Arguments can be a form of entertainment. Encourage healthy banter.

Self-esteem is another part of Miley’s psychological make-up. Venus describes the needs for love and value systems, along with self-worth. Artistic expression can be part of this emotional outlet, and this is Venus in action. Selfish behavior can be Venusian, too, and most small children show Venus through their particular expression of selfishness and their ultimate struggle to allow Venus to evolve as they develop the capacity to learn to share. You’ll see Venus expressing in a more outgoing manner after about age four, when Miley may finally want to give something to another person. But the full involvement of Venusian development is during the teen years, when "falling in love" becomes a reality. But, regardless of Miley’s
age, she needs to feel love from others to encourage growth on every level, including the growth of self-esteem.

Miley needs her outdoor time, but with Venus in Capricorn, will prefer being physically comfortable. She may also be fascinated with what’s happening in the real world and may seem interested in finances and things related. Games like monopoly, SimCity, or role playing games which allow her to be in control are quite appealing. Emotionally, Miley can be reserved and may have difficulty showing affection. However, sharing back rubs or mutually cuddling a favorite teddy bear are good excuses to allow Miley to feel good about getting close.

Through a connection between Venus and Jupiter, Miley may express an enhanced need to express generosity and a very strong desire to relate to others. The expectations of others may be a problem, and she will benefit by practicing the art of unconditional love. Miley may have great difficulty setting limits on what she wants, however, and a tendency to be disappointed when those wants are not fulfilled can lead to acting-out behaviors. Ultimately, parents need to teach Miley that it’s unlikely that anyone will have everything she wants all at once! The desire and ability to include a wide range of friends in Miley’s life arises from a connection between Venus and Uranus. Her show of love is definitely an expression of and need for unconditional acceptance. There can be a powerful urge for free emotional expression, since spontaneous emotion is a definite reality. Miley may be the champion for the underdog. So, if you’re wondering why Miley brings home the weirdest kids in the school -- it’s because she can relate to them!

Miley may enjoy group associations, team activities, and things that include others. However, there is also a need to stand out in the crowd. Miley may also be the one who begins a new fashion revolution or sets trends. The need is to be different, and to let others know that being different is fantastic! The amazing extent of Miley’s emotional sensitivity arises from a connection between Venus and Neptune. In many ways, her emotional expression is linked with divine love, and others can feel that she is a vehicle for divine
compassion. In addition, creative energies are extraordinarily responsive, with a strong attraction to music, dance and other flowing art forms. Because there is such a potent sensibility, Miley can easily be hurt by the insensitivity of others. Emotional expression may be difficult because this aspect, with its elusive feelings, sometimes makes it hard for Miley to know exactly how she feels. Plus, she may have trouble distinguishing between her sense of what another feels and her own feelings -- it's as though the emotional boundaries are very loose. As a result, Miley may be a cry baby -- weeping more easily than most kids.

Consequently, Miley may be too easily influenced by others, and choices of friends and other influences need to be made with care. However, most of all, help Miley trust her sense of boundless love, and encourage development of true forgiveness and compassion. Give this child an opportunity to help others, and encourage as many forms of creative expression as possible.

Miley's Mars shows when she expresses anger and personal strength. As Miley grows up, the way she shows personal assertiveness will be developed.

With Mars in Cancer, Miley is most comfortable in circumstances which are non-confrontational. Sports may not be enjoyable if injury is a possibility, since she really does not like getting hurt. If she gets into an argument or brawl with anyone, she can become exceptionally upset emotionally and will need time to cool down and get settled. However, Miley will enjoy learning ways to experience her strength. For that reason, encouraging physical activities which allow her to establish a sense of control over the physical plane can be quite valuable.

Miley may not demonstrate the energy of Uranus until teenage years, since this quality is part of the expression of uniqueness, ingenuity, and rebellion. It's usually outwardly expressed in teen years as part of a teen's uprising against the status quo. Uranus
spends about seven years in one sign, and is one of the planetary energies that identify qualities of a generation. Uranus in Capricorn children are the ones who will ultimately change the established order. Miley and her generation will become adults when there are more elderly people alive than have ever lived before! Integrating the exuberance of youth with the experience of age may become the hallmark of this generation. As a global economy emerges, Miley will feel challenged to create the structures of business and commerce which may become the new battle zones, but also the new arenas for growth and opportunity. Environmental concerns may also be especially important for Miley.

But the personal expression of Uranian energy is most likely to be seen in the arena of life most influenced by this planet. Uranus in the 11th House adds a strong desire to try different things. While goal-setting can be important, those goals are likely to change quickly, and learning to develop short-term goals will help assure that she feels a sense of completion. Friendships are highlighted, although childhood friends are not likely to be the friends of adulthood.

Another significant, but emotionally charged, generation-oriented quality is the energy of Pluto. Pluto represents the deepest reservoirs of emotional energy, and is not a quality openly expressed in childhood. However, when a personal planet or angular point in a chart is connected to Pluto, then this profound level of emotional and transformational energy is easier to see. Pluto also represents deep-seated anxieties or fears, which are, for lack of a better description, absorbed into the psyche.

For a child, it’s virtually impossible to direct an awareness of this energy, since the personal self must be well developed before knowledge of this esoteric plane of consciousness awakens. In fact, most adults have difficulty with this part of the self! Although the energy of Pluto may be felt during the childhood years, it is not usually a conscious expression at this time.

Pluto moves very slowly through the zodiac, and its sign tells
more about the transformational influence Pluto will have on that particular generation than it will about the changes in the individual. Those with Pluto in Scorpio (1984 - 1995) have been born during the time when life’s ultimate issues have reached a boiling point. The occurrence of AIDS, open discussions about right to die, right to life, cloning -- all these processes have created a need to bring what was once in the closet to the surface. While sex education may have been part of the previous school curriculum, this time period saw the need to be more explicit, since there was now true life-threatening sexually transmitted disease! This era also saw the end of the cold war -- the time when the superpowers held the survival of the world as close as the touch of a button. However, outbreaks of terrorism have also become a fact of life for these kids, and they’re dealing with it not only on a global level, but in their neighborhoods. Miley and her generation are the healers, and may ultimately be the ones whose job is to transform our environment as well, healing the damage done by previous generations.

As with the other transpersonal planets, the House position of Pluto is the area of life where you help Miley get in touch with a need for healing and transformational change. Pluto in the 9th House stimulates a need to feel deeply connected to the truth. As a result, Miley may test the limits of truth. Early spiritual teaching will have a profound effect on her life. Dogmatic beliefs can be dangerously provocative. Exploring other cultures or different ways of life can be healthy and helpful, and should be encouraged.

You’ve discovered that the Ascendant is like the window-dressing or mask of the personality, but connections from planets to the Ascendant can also alter how Miley expresses her emotional self.

Since Miley’s Moon makes a frustrating connection to the Ascendant, she can be extra-sensitive to what others say and think about her. There can be an unusual feeling that she needs to protect herself -- a kind of emotional guarding. Since Mercury makes a ticklish connection to the Ascendant, Miley may have problems communicating precisely what she wants to say at the
right time and place. While she may be quite talkative, there may be a tendency to blurt things out in a way that draws negative attention. However, developing communication skills should be encouraged, but with an eye toward helping her be more aware of the impact of what she says.

Sometimes, planets appear to move backward in their orbital path from our viewpoint here on Earth. When that happens, we say a planet is retrograde.

Mercury retrogrades about three times each year. Since Mercury is retrograde in Miley’s natal chart, her reasoning and thinking processes are more sensitive. There may be more deliberation in decision making. Parents and teachers may feel that Miley takes too long to answer questions. Extra patience on their part will encourage Miley to communicate more openly. Miley may find that it is easier to write than talk. Rather than impeding the ability to communicate, this placement often enhances the ability to express ideas through the written word. Many notable writers have been born with Mercury retrograde, including Norman Mailer, Anne Frank, Isak Dinesen, and Henry Miller. Miley needs to learn to trust her ability to express thoughts and ideas, and should be given plenty of opportunities to communicate. This chart placement often leads to some ingenious ideas and concepts. Letter writing may be a favorite pastime, and diaries can be helpful in objectifying thoughts.

IV. Fostering Creativity and Spirituality

Children seem to be inherently connected to spiritual awareness and expression. Their joy in the daily discoveries of life can be infectious, and a child’s sense of wonder brings light into life. To help a child find Truth and embrace a sense of The Divine, very little encouragement is needed. But it is necessary to support this natural connection, and can make all the difference in Miley’s ability to trust herself.

One of the most significant ways to help Miley awaken and touch Spirit is to foster her creativity. It’s not necessary for every child
to be a consummate artist, but each child needs room to experiment with the creative self. There are several factors in the astrological chart that support the development and expression of personal creativity.

Beyond education and development of the intellect in a more formal sense, Mercury plays an important role in self-expression. After all, this is the energy of linking ideas and concepts from the inner self to the outside world -- and back again! One of the creative influences of Mercury in Scorpio can be developed in the early years by encouraging artistic play with in nature. Even an afternoon in the backyard can become an adventure of discovery. Digging may be fun, so provide adequate small gardening tools, a sandbox and, later on, microscopes and telescopes, and a chemistry set. In art, heavier media like oils might be preferred, but sculpting and pottery can also be enjoyable.

Venus, the expression of artistry, is, of course, an important part of creativity. This is the energy through which Miley experiences and expresses feelings. In many respects, while the Moon represents "feeling," Venus represents "emotion" -- which is the voice of feeling. Venus also represents beauty, a quality deep within which every child needs to feel, identify and express.

Encourage Miley to get in touch with expressions that feel good to her heart! Special talents and creative interests may stem from a love of the natural beauty of things. Early on, Miley may show an interest in building things, and toys like blocks or interlocking blocks can encourage an understanding of basic construction. Later on, this can extend to wood-working, cabinetry, or even architectural design. In art, there can be a love of sculpting that grows from work with clay, but there may also be drafting and drawing skills which reflect a natural sense of form and design. Later, she may show an interest in working with glass or ice to create different works of art. For holidays, suggest making candles, jewelry or other crafts, since she will love to give something personal to others. Classical music may be enjoyable, but expect a love of music in general and a possible talent in music composition. Miley may show a natural wit, too, and
cartooning or comedic talent may be noticeable. Ice-skating or ice-dancing can be interesting and since there may be a natural sense of self-discipline, there may be talents in this area.

Venus in the 11th house shows a love of getting into creative endeavors which can be shared with friends. Here, the idea of the neighborhood summer play in the backyard can take shape, or later, working with good friends to decorate a float for the homecoming parade or organizing a school dance could be great ways to express this energy.

While Miley has some confidence in her abilities, there may also be a mistrust or feeling of doubt about whether or not she is "good enough." Knowing limits is difficult with harsh aspects between Venus and Jupiter. There can also be a pesky impatience with the process of developing creative refinement, and there may be a lack of focus or discipline. There's a unique flair to Miley's artistry. While her tastes may be a bit unusual, sometimes even strange, they're always interesting. Plus, there will be a powerful desire to experiment with creative ideas and self-expression. It's quite possible that there are special talents or abilities, since Venus and Uranus make a harmonious contact. Also, there may be an interest in art forms which are considered to be leading-edge. Give Miley plenty of room and opportunity to explore her artistry. There's a visionary and mystical quality to Miley's creative or artistic leanings. With an easy contact between Venus and Neptune, Miley may have a special affinity for music, acting, dance and the arts. There can be an outstanding ability to project a beautiful image. This lends itself to modeling or other situations in which a photogenic appearance is important. An appreciation for that which is beautiful and awe-inspiring is definitely present in the heart of this child. At the deepest level, Miley is a visionary artist. Encourage her to learn about creative visualization.

To get past purely self-centered awareness, the expansive energy of Jupiter encourages a child too reach out and expand her personal universe. Through Jupiter, Miley can begin to build a basic
philosophy of life, and exercise her sense of hope and vision. The need to reach out and give is Jupiter in action, but so is enthusiasm. Most important, when Miley is in touch with Jupiter, she is inspired! Here is the desire to grow, to reach into new horizons, to feel adventure and joy. While it may take a lifetime to develop a personal philosophy or explore religious teachings, during childhood, Miley does feel wonder about universal principles, a Higher Power, and endless questions called, "Why?"

Moral questions flow through the realm of Jupiter, and learning higher principles through inspiring teachers and mentors is another outpouring of this energy. It is generally not until a child has developed some measure of cognitive skill that the awareness of Jupiter can be taught. During elementary school and preteen years, this energy begins to flourish. Jupiter is a function of the higher mind, the part of our consciousness that can connect with the Divine. The early awareness of Jupiter deals primarily with the concepts of sharing, positive thinking, enthusiasm and hope for reward.

A healthy respect for the essential changes which accompany life is one of the primary spiritual lessons for Miley, indicated by Jupiter's placement in the 8th House. Transitions from one stage to another and celebrations of those changes can help her ultimately understand that even belief systems transform! Nature can also be a good teacher for Miley, since knowing that everything has its time of blossoming and strength will ring true to her ideals. Something as simple as watching the changing tides can be an excellent illustration of intangible values.

Then, there is the world of dreams and imagination. Neptune's placement in the chart indicates the areas where a child dreams most easily. The sensitivity Neptune adds to life allows Miley to connect with the spiritual, nonphysical realm. What child is not a master at make-believe? But this energy is also an expression of Divine Compassion, and it needs special support and nourishment during childhood. Encouraging Miley to trust her dreams, while
identifying the difference between the "real" and "imaginary" world can be quite a job. But it is a very important one, since walking between the inner world and the outside world requires special awareness. There is nothing inferior about imagination, nor is there anything wrong with beliefs, since there are many expressions of reality.

Another feature of this energy is the expression of charity. A child taught to give to others less fortunate is definitely a blessed child!

Because Neptune moves very slowly, it is another of the generation-focused planets. Other children Miley's age will likely have Neptune in the same sign. Neptune in Capricorn (1984 - 1998) ideals are focused on things that can be proven, felt or tangibly manifested. As a result, Miley and her peers are likely to display a kind of conservative quality, or a desire to recapture the past. Miley may innately understand the need to appreciate and care for the things of the Earth if she wants to keep them. Miley and her generation carry the torch for the new structure of modern society, but she can also fall victim to the tendency to use religious principles to create divisions among people. Political ideals have also been strongly intertwined with religious beliefs during this cycle, and it may be up to this generation to find the most effective ways for religion and government to exist harmoniously in the world.

Neptune's placement in the chart shows the areas where a child can easily dream. This also provides indicators of the facet's of life where Miley can feel a desire to let go or to exercise compassion toward others. Miley's Neptune in the 11th House will add energy to sharing dreams with friends and using imagination to make goals happen. Coupling applied energy to imagination will be necessary, though, since it's very easy for Miley to dream about what she hopes will happen, but the motivation may have to come from elsewhere.
V. Perceptions of the Parents

Guess what? You can tell how Miley is likely to see her parents by looking at her own chart! Understanding how Miley perceives Mom and Dad can be especially helpful, since what Miley hopes to see and needs to experience from parents forms the basis of her sense of Self.

When Miley feels happy and full of joy, the world looks bright, too. But if Miley is physically or emotionally low, her behavior and responsiveness suffer. In relationships with others, children and adults alike will project their feelings and perceptions onto other people. Miley needs to experience herself through projecting her needs onto the people in her personal environment. In fact, the undeveloped Aspects of the Self are usually projected onto others as a means of "seeing" these feelings or needs manifested in some way. Projection is a key factor in human psychology.

In many instances, the other people are reasonable targets for those projections, especially if their connections are bound by emotions or other commitments. A child looks to Mother as the person who will reflect the nurturing feminine needs. Mother represents the inner feminine self for boys and girls alike. Miley may even see things in Mother that Mother does not recognize as the way she is!

Miley’s Moon sign shows how she perceives Mother. It makes no difference whether Mother sees herself in this light or not -- the child holds these particular perceptions what Mother needs to be because she is projecting her own inner needs for security onto her. As Miley matures into adulthood, these perceptions determine how Miley will play the nurturing and mothering role toward others.

Through Miley’s eyes, Mother seems pretty intense, since the Moon in Scorpio projects qualities of quiet power, insight and sometimes overwhelming emotional intensity onto Mother. Mother is usually viewed as highly spiritual, the projection of the Divine Goddess.

The Moon in a supportive connection to Mercury will help foster open lines of communication between Mother and child. Miley will
perceive Mother as communicative. Mother may be the one person she finally talks to, although Mom may have to initiate the conversation. Since the Moon and Mars are harmoniously connected in Miley’s chart, she may see Mother as assertive, a woman ready to stand up for her own rights and beliefs. Mother can seem to be strong-willed. However, it’s important that Mother shows Miley how to stand up for her needs in a healthy way, since the model she shows can be especially significant.

The Sun, the primary masculine energy in the chart, is also described as a person’s sense of "self". A young child has a very limited true sense of self, and is not likely to "own" these qualities until the preteen years or later. This sense of individuality may be strongly tied to the initial relationship with Father and, later, to interactions with other significant male figures. In early childhood development, Miley’s Sun does not express fully as an individual ego. The Sun powerfully affects the child’s perceptions of Father; if the father is supportive and consistent, Miley may feel that his or her own individuality is reliable and strong. Miley’s perceptions of Father are strongly symbolized by the energy of the Sun in the astrological chart.

For Miley, Dad is the great teacher and knows everything. Through the Sun in Sagittarius, Miley may project the qualities of wisdom onto Father, whether or not Father thinks he’s wise! Learning from Dad can be special, and homework or school projects overseen or inspired by Dad will be presented with greater confidence.

With Sun in the 9th House, Miley sees Father as the ultimate spiritual teacher. Dad’s approach to spirituality and his basic philosophy will be strongly imprinted in the consciousness of this child.

Through the connections between the Sun and Uranus, Miley is likely to perceive that she has an exceptional father. Or, Miley may see the father as too aloof, leading to feelings that Dad is unreliable or undependable. Dad may be rather eccentric, but he
could also just be highly independent. Remember: this is the potential perception Miley has of Father! It’s possible that Miley sees the father as a model so unique that she could never fit into it. It’s also likely that she sees the father as living beyond the limitations and structures of society, offering a different viewpoint of life from the "norm." When given an opportunity to prove her own uniqueness to Father, Miley will require positive reinforcement for her talents and abilities if she is to feel confidence in her individuality. The contact between the Sun and Neptune can suggest problems in a child’s perception of Father, since Dad can be over-idealized; he may even have disappeared. Miley may see only an illusion of Father. This can produce problems in Miley’s own perception of Self later on, since the role model is viewed through rose-colored glasses. Miley may also expect the father to be rather saintly, and can be disappointed when Daddy turns out to be human!

For this reason, it’s crucial that Miley has a realistic and close contact with Father. While Father’s sharing of his spirituality and creativity with Miley can be especially positive reinforcement, he also needs to show his humanity. Ultimately, it may also be helpful if Miley has a male mentor who may be easier to identify than Dad. This does not mean that another male needs to come into Miley’s life to take over the role of the father, but that this could be a very positive compliment to the child’s development. Miley needs a reason to have a male to idealize. That’s quite a tall order for Father, but many men are definitely up to the task!

Then, there is a need for solidity, structure and safety -- and most children look to parents to establish this for them. A child is not capable of understanding the ways of the world, but will learn about them eventually. Nor does a child understand the need for limits. It’s up to parents and teachers to set these limits and expose a child to the rules of life. These rules, tests and structures are identified by the energy of Saturn.

There can be a downside, since Saturn energy feels judgmental and limiting much of the time, especially in childhood. Many children
are anything but delighted at the prospect of being "responsible" -- that's what adults are supposed to be, not kids!

The placement of Saturn not only symbolizes the parents, but also authority in society. Saturn does not necessarily represent one parent or another. Here is discipline, structure, and stability. This is also tradition. For the better part, what Saturn symbolizes is the story of how Miley needs to be stabilized and what she requires in terms of a sense of safety and security.

With Saturn in Aquarius, Miley may grow up in situations which defy traditional concepts, learning to accept and feel that this is normal and right. However, regardless of the family values Miley learns, she will be likely to feel most stable when she has plenty of room to explore individuality within a framework of personal responsibility. Miley needs parents who are comfortable standing up for humanitarian ideals.

Saturn in the 12th House indicates that Miley needs to feel comfortable with life’s intangible elements. She may have some trouble handing fears. Parents can show her how to determine when something is worth caution, or if it’s just a product of imagination. Then trust of the inner self will grow. Parents can also serve Miley’s needs by sanctioning the importance of dreams and imagination.

Ultimately, as Miley moves through the various ages and stages of childhood, she will be able to incorporate all these qualities and expressions once seen through others, into herself. However, some vestiges of our childhood remain throughout a lifetime. Think of the concepts in this report as the building blocks for the person who will become Miley through the course of these early years. And enjoy every moment of your journey together!

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