

# **ZODIAC CHILD**

## **A Solar Writer Report for Nicole Jones**



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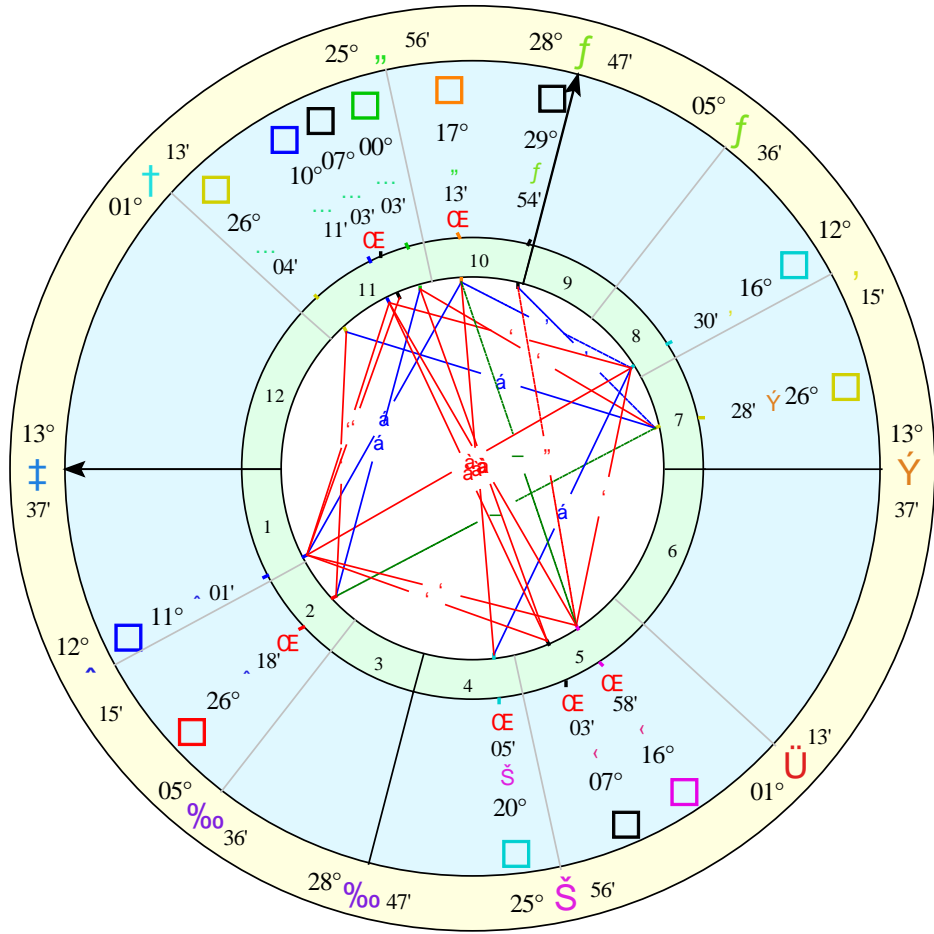




chart may seem difficult to reconcile. However, this may still be an accurate reflection of a child's chart, as it is likely that any child will experience conflicting desires, events and circumstances in their life. Usually it is the responsibility of an astrologer to synthesise these apparent contradictions in order to present a cohesive and meaningful interpretation of the dilemmas of the chart. Any advice given is meant to be an aid and the author and publisher accept no liability for any adverse effects of this report.

## Family and Friends



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

### *The Moon*

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

### *The Moon is in Taurus*

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

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

### *The Moon is in the 7th House*

From the moment of birth Nicole forms a close bond with her mother. Perhaps Nicole has special needs that require her mother's considerable attention, or perhaps she holds a special charm for her mother. Either way this bond with her mother is likely to have an important influence on her life and relationships. A nourishing, loving union with mother results in a confident and charming

child. For this reason it is important that Nicole's mother has a balanced approach to parenting, showing as much love and affection as possible, but also setting realistic limits. Otherwise there is a possibility that young Nicole can become spoilt and overly dependent on her mother if over protected. Alternatively, Nicole could become fiercely independent if mother is too emotionally distant. The sign of Nicole's Moon influences the likelihood of dependence or independence. A child with a Moon in the sign of Aries, Leo, Sagittarius, Gemini, or Aquarius is more likely to develop independence. However, a child with a Moon in the signs of Libra, Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces, Taurus, Virgo or Capricorn may want to hold on much longer and need some encouragement to explore the world. Of course there is no need for mother to worry. She needs simply to take note of the fact that it is her role to teach young Nicole how to relate to other people in a healthy manner. As a result Nicole's natural charm and love of people is allowed to develop, as well as her independence. This is a child who delights in the company of others and knows how to relate to people of all ages.

### *Venus*

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

### *Venus is in Leo*

Nicole is a little ray of sunshine. Her warm and generous spirit has a way of brightening the lives of her family members and friends. Nicole has a knack for helping those close to her feel special. Of course, she also needs to feel important. Nicole likes to have the attention of those closest to her. She has quite a few creative tricks guaranteed to capture loved ones' interest. While parents need to encourage Nicole's natural flair for being on centre stage, they also need to discourage any bossiness or excessive attention-getting shenanigans. Better yet, parents could direct her high jinks into more creative activities. As a young child, Nicole enjoys playing with her friends. She is easily enticed into playing games and enjoying fun-filled activities with friends and family.

The extent to which Nicole is extroverted depends on other aspects of her birth chart. Perhaps Nicole is kind hearted and full of fun around only around family members and a few loyal friends. On the other hand she may be much more extroverted, showering many people with affection and love. Humour and flair also play a strong role in Nicole's life. She is likely to display a special talent at some stage during her childhood. Parents need only to remain open to the many possibilities. A lot depends on the other planets and signs in Nicole's birth chart. However, talents could include acting, dancing, creative design, interior design, art, graphic design, and writing. Whatever Nicole pursues, she pursues it ardently.

### *Venus is in the 10th House*

The relationships that young Nicole forms, particularly any associations with women, influence the course of her life. This starts with Nicole's connection with her mother or grandmother and continues with friendships with girls and relationships with adult women. Female teachers are also

important. In some cases Nicole's mother may take on the role of both mother and father. Whatever the life circumstances, Nicole's mother plays a major role in determining her choices in life. Therefore it is vital that she plans to have as positive an influence as possible. If Nicole's mother is warm and nurturing then young Nicole learns that the world is a safe and loving place and thrives at school and in choices later in life. However, the opposite is also true. Hence the importance of her mother's role. It is also vital that Nicole is not influenced by a controlling woman, but rather is shown by example how to shine in her own life choices. Positive female role models go a long way to helping Nicole lead a happy and successful life. Of course this is true for most youngsters, but Nicole is particularly sensitive to these influences. She may also respond better to the influences of a female caregiver more than a male. This does, of course, depend on other aspects of her birth chart. Nevertheless Nicole is likely to do well in life through her friendships with girls and women.

## Talents and Schooling



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

### *The Sun*

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

### *The Sun is in Virgo*

Young Nicole is a serious and friendly child, not prone to extroverted outbursts. Rather she enjoys an ordered world with family, friends and activities all taking their right place. The sign of Virgo is an Earth sign, and all earth children enjoy a routine. Baby Nicole is no exception, preferring a regular and predictable rhythm to each day's schedule and food plan. Upheavals in the daily schedule may result in restless and fretful moments for young Nicole. This continues to be true throughout Nicole's life. As she grows older, parents will be pleasantly surprised by Nicole's ability to tidy her own room and organise chores and schoolwork. This, of course, does depend on other aspects of Nicole's birth chart. However, it is likely that Nicole enjoys a clean and hygienic home environment, and is willing to take part in practical daily chores from a young age. Her talents are in organisation, and she excels at any practical task that requires concentration and attention to detail. She is also likely to be highly intelligent, having both the ability to concentrate and research ideas. For this reason she shines at school, where structure, schedules and intelligence are such a vital ingredient of success.

### *The Sun is in the 11th House*

Nicole enjoys people and activity. She is a social being, shining in the company of friends and family. As a baby she is keen for parents and mentors to invite visitors to the family home. She also benefits from social outings. Nicole enjoys being taken to social events of all sorts. Young Nicole has many playmates, enjoying the interaction of other children at pre-school and school. she is likely to be the mediator in many childhood spats. Nicole also enjoys joining community clubs and

events. For this reason Nicole's talents are likely to be best supported through joining a group, rather than through individual pursuits.

A child with the Sun in the signs of Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn, Cancer, Scorpio or Pisces is more likely to be introverted, enjoying a quiet group of friends and smaller social events. However, a child with the Sun in the signs of Aries, Leo, Sagittarius, Gemini, Libra or Aquarius enjoy more extroverted activities, and may shine in the public arena by taking part in a group event. Either way, Nicole needs the stimulation of other people. Parents and mentors, in particular her father or a male mentor, need to support this side of Nicole's personality so that she can discover and develop her talents early.

### *Mercury*

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

### *Mercury is in Virgo*

The intellectual planet Mercury is strong in the analytical and practical sign of Virgo. Nicole is an alert baby and an active infant. She can analyse events and people from a young age. She also develops a sharp tongue and a sharp mind early in life, as well as an ability to shine as a little scholar. Nicole excels at any school subject that requires research and analysis. For this reason, she may be more inclined to mathematical, scientific and medical topics, rather than the arts. However, she has the ability to achieve high standards in any activity or subject that she sets her mind to. Little Nicole's mental dexterity becomes apparent early in life, from the moment that she can handle toys such as puzzles, models and building blocks. Once she enters school, parents and mentors quickly note her academic prowess. If anything, parents and mentors need to encourage Nicole to relax and enjoy the fruits of her achievements.

Nicole may be a little too self-critical and perhaps a bit harsh towards children less capable than herself. This may lead to some social problems at school, but this depends on other aspects of Nicole's birth chart. If she is encouraged to appreciate other children's talents and strengths, even if they are not scholarly ones, then she is likely to find early childhood and school most rewarding. Telescopes, microscopes, science sets, modelling kits and other activities that challenge the mind are likely to be of benefit to young Nicole.

### *Mercury is in the 11th House*

Little Nicole loves to socialise, mixing easily with family and friends. Her social diary is always full. Parents and mentors have difficulty keeping up with the invitations to parties and events. As if this wasn't enough young Nicole also wants to join clubs, classes and interest groups.

Basically, Nicole is an ideas person. This becomes more obvious as she matures. However, as a youngster, she never runs out of ideas for activities, arts and crafts and other interests, involving as many friends as possible. Nicole does not need to be entertained, but she does need some early

help in organising her daily life. Otherwise Nicole is likely to have difficulty settling into a routine at school. She enjoys the social stimulation and any inspiring lessons at school, but rails against the restrictions of sitting still and regular hours. Nicole works much better in a school environment that encourages open learning, rather than one that maintains a strict schedule. She also enjoys working on joint projects with everyone contributing ideas.

Nicole may also show an interest in humanitarian causes at a young age.

This is the child who rallies all of her friends, relatives and neighbours to support a good cause or fight to save the local playground.

## Goals



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

### *The Ascendant*

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

### *The Ascendant is in Scorpio*

Nicole is likely to wait until she feels comfortable before pursuing her goals in life. She is also likely to depend on other people to take the initiative. Scorpio is a fixed sign denoting fixity of purpose, resolution, self-reliance and independence. However, it is also a Water sign indicating that feelings play a strong role in Nicole's ability to achieve her goals. Nicole has strong feelings. Even as a baby Nicole wants lots of comfort and close contact with her parents, particularly her mother. Nicole particularly benefits from the close contact of breastfeeding as a baby.

Nicole is a child with hidden depths. She is shrewd, resourceful, perceptive, secretive, proud, and reserved. In her own quiet way Nicole is determined to have her own way, and may resort to underhanded methods of achieving her goals. Parents need to encourage Nicole to express her feelings, while also setting clear and fair rules of behaviour. Nicole needs to be taught that integrity is important in life, that her strong will is best applied to achieving positive results.

### *Mars*

*Ambition and drive, like many traits, can be powerful positive forces in your children's lives, helping them achieve their dreams. Too much ambition can hinder your child's ability to collaborate. On the other hand, without motivation your child may not be able to establish a*

*healthy sense of self and successfully leave home and family. Studying Mars, the planet of drive and energy, assists parents and mentors. Mars describes vitality in your child's birth chart. If our children are free to pursue their own dreams and ambitions, their joie de vivre is a wonderful thing to see. By understanding the placement of Mars in your child's chart, you can help support their goals. You gain insight into whether or not your child lacks motivation in certain areas and why. You can also see if your child has an excess of passion. As a result you can either patiently try to motivate your child, or you can provide plenty of stimulation and direction.*

### ***Mars is in Gemini***

Nicole is curious and needs much stimulation to satisfy her natural inquisitiveness. A restless baby and toddler, Nicole is keen to discover the world around her. She is intelligent and loves to talk. This is a child who asks constant questions, often talking before taking the time to reflect on what she is saying. She thoroughly enjoys discussions, and has a great sense of humour, but she is likely to continue in an argument long after others have reached their limit. Her intellectual enthusiasm could be positively directed into activities such as debating or the dramatic arts.

Nicole is likely to adapt well to school, and any form of education. She is inspired by the resources of schools and other educational institutions. She also enjoys the social contact, but settling down to a structure is a challenge. This does depend somewhat on other aspects of her birth chart. Nicole excels at activities that involve hand-eye co-ordination such as ball games, juggling, fencing, and computing. Nicole is also eager to learn new things. Therefore she enjoys reading, talking, studying and travelling. Parents and mentors face the challenge of providing new stimulus. It is hard to keep up with young Nicole. Presented with many exciting options, Nicole tries them all. Perseverance does not come easily to Nicole. Therefore parents and mentors need to help Nicole focus on one thing at a time, to help her make choices. In other words Nicole has plenty of motivation and simply needs some help in finding the right direction.

### ***Mars is in the 8th House***

As a young child Nicole seems to attract gifts from many different sources. It seems as if young Nicole is blessed with abundance. This, of course, has many benefits. Nicole learns to use resources wisely from a young age, gaining confidence in her ability to be successful in the material world. Savings and investments feature early in Nicole's life. She has a strong drive to learn about monetary cycles, outstripping her peers in these valuable lessons. However, there are also some hazards associated with this placement of Mars. As she grows older, Nicole could become greedy, expecting more and more material gifts from loved ones. Her money making enterprises could become somewhat obsessive. She also has difficulty sharing her resources with other children. Peers can be jealous, recognising that Nicole's desire to accumulate money and goods can sometimes come at the expense of friendships. The ideal way to circumvent these potential pitfalls is to teach young Nicole about spiritual values. She needs to learn the value of sharing intimate moments with loved ones or enjoying the gifts of nature. As a result young Nicole can become a true advocate for wise use of the world's resources. Nevertheless she still possesses the uncanny ability to attract material blessings from other people.

## Childhood Journey



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

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

### *Saturn is Square The Moon*

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

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

For instance, a fiery child may seem more introverted under this influence. For a full explanation of the likely outcome of this combination it is best to visit a qualified astrologer.

### *Pluto is Quincunx The Moon*

Nicole is a sensitive and reflective child with a strong emotional nature. As a baby Nicole is likely to form a strong bond with her mother or another important female caregiver. This bond plays a crucial role in her upbringing. The advantages of this are that Nicole enjoys an intensely rewarding relationship with an important woman, which helps her blossom as a young adult. She learns how to express her feelings in a positive manner within a safe and rewarding relationship. However, it is also possible that Nicole can demand a little too much from the woman in her young life, and therefore feel disappointed when someone important fails to live up to her expectations. As a youngster this is the likely time when Nicole's intense feelings erupt in the form of tantrums. Therefore it is important that Nicole is allowed to express her feelings in a safe manner, but that any manipulative behaviour is not rewarded.

Hobbies and pastimes that either demand concentrated effort or that encourage emotional self-expression are important. These could include the dramatic arts, energetic sports, or building models. A pet could also be an ideal way for Nicole to learn about the emotional side of relationships.

### *Mars is Square The Sun*

Now here is an active youngster! Nicole loves to be stimulated and is keen to have a go at most things. In fact she is likely to experience all sorts of adventures at a young age. Although Nicole won't thank anyone who stops her exploring, she does need some guidance, particularly from her father.

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

### *Jupiter is Square The Sun*

Nicole is a sunny and optimistic child with an infectious smile and joie de vivre. Baby Nicole is welcomed into a warm and loving family. Nicole's father, or grandfather, is particularly excited by her birth and a warm and loving bond results. Nicole responds well to her father's praise, or to the positive comments of any male parental figure. She may share a close bond with her grandfather. These positive childhood relationships with adult males augur well for Nicole's relationships with men throughout her life. However, it is possible to spoil young Nicole. An overindulgent father figure could give Nicole the wrong message. It is particularly important that the adult males teach Nicole with a kind and loving approach, balancing affection with a firm hand. Indulgence, in

particular too many material gifts, could lead to a spoiled, lazy child who believes that the world owes her. In astrology the planet Jupiter is considered to have a positive affect, therefore balanced parenting is likely to result in Nicole being content and well loved.

### *Uranus is Opposite The Sun*

From the moment Nicole is born, family life takes a different direction. In fact even her birth may have taken her parents by surprise and challenged family members to make changes. Nicole is one of a kind. She is a restless baby, fed up with inactivity and eager to be on the move. It is true that Nicole is easily bored. She quickly outgrows activities, friends and even family members. She may not enjoy cuddles and the safety of a warm home, but rather takes pleasure in exploring new things. Nicole enjoys doing things on her own, as well as playing with others. However, she is more likely to be a leader than a follower. She is also likely to be impulsive and determined to have her own way. Young Nicole can be quite stubborn. This can cause friction with any adult in a position of responsibility, particularly men.

Nicole's father, or a father figure, plays an important role in her life. In some cases her father may have an unusual occupation or hobby that takes him away from his family responsibilities. Or perhaps Nicole's father is absent at a crucial stage of her development. As a result Nicole may become rebellious, even uncontrollable for a period. In other cases, it may simply be that her father is an independent person capable of encouraging Nicole's independent spirit in a positive manner. It is important that Nicole's father provide safe limits for little Nicole's explorations so that she can discover new activities without taking unnecessary risks. Nicole's father, or a father figure, needs to have an abundance of patience as she tests the limits.

### *Pluto is Square Mercury*

Nicole is an insightful child who likes to understand what motivates people. Rather than enjoying learning things for the sake of trying something new, Nicole likes to pull them apart and discover what makes them work. This can include anything such as dismantling a complex mechanical toy or simply pulling the head off a much beloved doll to see what is underneath. It can also include asking embarrassing questions of family members in order to understand a loved one's motives. Nicole is not trying to be difficult, although her methods of learning are a little unusual. She merely wants to understand all things hidden.

Nicole needs to be encouraged to explore her environment; even if she does have unusual methods at time. She is sensitive to criticism and easily feels rejected if her parents or mentors express disapproval. This can result in a lack of self-assurance. Nicole is scared to try new things for fear of being chastised. Therefore parents and mentors need to encourage Nicole's endeavours by teaching her in a direct and forthright manner. Nicole does not respond well to coercion or force. She also challenges any untruths. Nicole comprehends hidden meanings and responds best to the truth. Nicole may also appreciate toys and activities that can be researched, engineered and constructed. Parents and mentors need to ensure that Nicole's entry into school is as smooth as possible, perhaps even explaining to teachers in advance that Nicole is a serious and unique student. Nicole needs to be protected from harsh teachers because she is likely to clash. She needs tolerant teachers who can successfully avoid a clash of wills. With the right direction, Nicole is a potent force.

### *Jupiter is Trine Venus*

Good fortune smiles on Nicole. The two positive planets of Venus and Jupiter have combined to bring happiness, comfort and joy. Nicole has many friends and family members who shower her with gifts and money. Loved ones are also happy to shower her with affection and favours.

Nicole is surrounded with tenderness and kindness. Growing up in warm and loving surroundings is certainly an advantage for young Nicole. She is happy and secure and able to adjust well to the different stages of childhood development. She forms friendships easily and is eager to share her good fortune. School is a happy experience. Nicole is popular and creative. Academic success depends largely on other factors in Nicole's birth chart. However, parents are proud of Nicole's generous and fun-loving nature, and her ability to form positive associations. Mentors, particularly mother figures, need only beware of overindulging young Nicole. If Nicole is too comfortable then she may become lazy, waiting for others to provide inspiration rather than attaining her own goals. However, it is more likely that young Nicole's enthusiasm stands her in good stead for reaching her own objectives with plenty of co-operation from willing friends and family members.

### *Uranus is Quincunx Venus*

Nicole needs plenty of liberty to express her independence. Naturally inquisitive, she does not like to be tied down, but prefers to be free to explore her own interests. As such Nicole's parents need to be very flexible with routines and social engagements.

Nicole is easily bored and liable to get into trouble until she learns some self-control. She is a unique little individual with many and varied interests and friends. Nicole also has a tendency to act first and think later. This results in some exciting, if somewhat risky, adventures and activities. These may involve electricity, chemistry, fireworks or some sort of experiment with a difference. She can enjoy adventures on her own but usually she likes to involve her friends in her escapades. Parents need to direct Nicole's excess energy into lively, but safe, activities. Benefits can be gained from enrolling young Nicole in children's sports or social clubs.

One of the major challenges facing young Nicole is to learn to consider the needs of family and friends. Young Nicole tends to ride roughshod over loved ones in her efforts to satisfy her own desires. In fact, Nicole is wilful and rebellious. Parents need to walk a fine line between supporting Nicole's need for independence and teaching her to co-operate with others. As Nicole grows older, she needs to be free to choose her friends and some of them might be quite unusual. Any interference from her parents is likely to be met with mutiny. Parents would be well advised to give Nicole her freedom, only taking a firm line if her friendships are particularly unsavoury. She enjoys many different friends during the course of her childhood. It takes some time for her to learn the value of commitment. This depends, of course, on other aspects of her birth chart. In rare cases this combination of the planets Venus and Uranus can indicate a child who has a very unusual hobby or pastime that replaces her need for playmates.

### *Neptune is Opposite Venus*

Nicole is imaginative and creative but has difficulty expressing herself. Her parents need to be a source of comfort and support as young Nicole develops, as well as inspiring her to find her passion. She is a sensitive soul in a harsh world, and needs help in practical matters. Nicole is happiest when spending time with loved ones or when absorbed in a creative project. She adores

passing time with family and friends, but is particularly drawn to her mother or grandmother. She yearns to spend as much time as possible with her mother. At times she is able to enjoy such quality time, but the demands of a daily schedule and mother's responsibilities means that Nicole is sometimes disappointed. She needs to be taught about realistic expectations. Otherwise she grows up with unrealistic expectations of loved ones. Nicole can be encouraged to help with household chores, while being given plenty of time to develop her imagination with books to read and outings.

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

### *Jupiter is Opposite Mars*

Nicole is self-confident and active. She is eager to take part in most activities and has plenty of initiative and courage. A born leader, Nicole soon shows her playmates how to start and complete projects. Adults notice that Nicole is likely to excel in leadership roles and business later in her life.

However, problems arise because young Nicole doesn't know when to stop. She tends to go overboard in her quest to achieve her goals. Parents need to teach Nicole moderation and self-restraint. This is the child who stays outdoors long after her parents have called her in for dinner or who has just one more page of her book to read before responding to someone's request. Her natural optimism and sunny nature seems to attract positive attention wherever she goes. Young Nicole's health can suffer because she overtaxes her energy. She can also alienate her playmates. Perhaps she feels the need to constantly prove herself or to test her physical limits. On the other hand Nicole may feel that she is invincible. Whatever the cause Nicole's parents need to help her set realistic goals, making the most of her talents without overtaxing herself. With parental guidance this imbalance is likely to right itself as she matures.

### *Uranus is Square Mars*

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

Without proper supervision Nicole can get into all sorts of strife. She is accident-prone. Parents need to ensure that Nicole's stamina is directed into safe and positive activities. This could include an unusual and demanding sport. Young Nicole responds well to spending time in active, or unusual pursuits with her father. However, she does not like an authoritarian approach and is likely to rebel against strict rules and regulations. This is apparent in toddler tantrums in early childhood and in angry outbursts in teenage years. In fact Nicole is likely to leave home or school early rather than tolerate interference in her life.

### *Neptune is Trine Mars*

The combination of the planets Mars and Neptune is difficult for young children. It takes Nicole a little longer than other children to find her direction in life. Therefore she needs plenty of support, patience and as many opportunities to try different activities. This is one time when it is appropriate for a child to be given permission to end an activity that is not satisfying. Commitment comes later in life, once Nicole has found her true passion. Of course it is always possible that young Nicole is a child prodigy displaying a talent for music, art, dance, acting or even swimming, diving or skiing at a young age. However, it more likely that Nicole is a daydreamer and somewhat lacking in enthusiasm for the usual childhood activities.

It is possible that Nicole's father plays a role in directing her life, either through her absence or by inspiring her with his own talents. It is also possible that Nicole has a close relationship with a grandmother, who introduces her to new and different projects. Either way Nicole is not likely to follow a conventional path. She needs lots of reassurance and support for her unique talents. Otherwise she could become easily discouraged, trailing other children in the different stages of childhood development. Nicole is likely to benefit from taking part in water sports, gymnastics or being taught artistic crafts.

## Conclusion



*“When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years.” -- Mark Twain “Bringing Up Father”*

*This report has been written from a child’s point of view with the aim of helping parents and mentors better understand their youngsters. Of course, each person is ultimately responsible for their own actions, but the support that children get early in life goes a long way to helping them live rich and rewarding adult lives. Children need to be given the freedom to be their true selves rather than being forced to live up to parental expectations or to fulfill parents’ own personal journeys. They need their parents to live their own lives to the full, joyously and responsibly. Above all children need love and support. What great gifts and what a challenging role for parents! It is the author’s hope that this report may help in the process of childhood development, supporting both child and parent. My own father often quoted the above saying by Mark Twain. So I thought that I would share it in this report. My mother gave me many of the aforementioned gifts. I hope that these have shone through in the writing of this report.*

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