

Can Astrology Help with Parenting?



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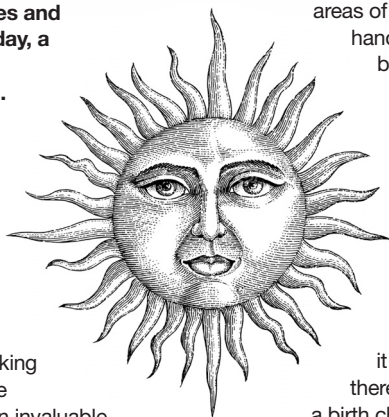
Being a parent is challenging. The demands of life can be a juggle, with work commitments jostling alongside family responsibilities. Love for

our children drives us to work hard, to provide the best opportunities and experiences, whether a holiday, a dance class, football on a Saturday, or a family night in. But can astrology help us here? Can it help us to understand why our children like certain things, behave in particular ways, and can it tell us how best we can guide them according to their strengths and interests?

The short answer is yes. Speaking personally as a mother of three daughters, I found astrology an invaluable tool. It helped me understand why my oldest was fiercely competitive (Aries Ascendant) yet sensitive (Scorpio Moon), my middle one could keep her emotions in check (Gemini Moon) and avidly pursued every collectable trend going (Taurus Sun), and why the youngest could talk for Britain (Gemini Sun), yet veered between perfectionism and total disregard for order (Virgo Ascendant). Understanding the different needs of each child

means that treating them exactly the same would never work! Each relationship between a parent and child is unique and understanding the interplay of feelings and logic become part of the dynamic too.

The birth chart is like a blueprint for life. It's based on the moment and place of birth, so the child effectively comes in with their own life plan. The chart can reveal potential, it can show aptitude, where skills lie and how we may make the most of a talent not immediately apparent. It will also show areas of vulnerability, where sensitive handling and encouragement may be needed to fulfil the potential shown.



There will always be the argument of nature versus nurture. Can a child with potential be totally held back through lack of opportunity or mistreatment? Or will that child be able to rise above their upbringing? Does the birth chart reflect this? Well yes it does, and not least because there will always be contradictions in a birth chart. As humans, we are full of contradictions! But by studying a birth chart, an astrologer can see where best to guide and help to bring out the best in a child; where patience, sensitivity and understanding can help nurture potential.

After all, our children are our future.

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