



Ancients used the fixed stars more than the wandering planets used by modern astrologers. With improved technical abilities due to software enhancements, the fixed stars are beginning to make a return in present day astrology. The information contained in these pages is just a sampling of the stars and their meanings. It is designed to encourage you to look at the subject in a deeper level. When you blend the meaning of the fixed stars with the natal planets in your chart, it adds a great deal of texture to the understanding of your planet/star combination. I normally use a three degree orb of influence between stars and planets, but the commonly accepted orb is only one degree. A research project I did several years ago indicated that people felt the effects of the stars from this wider distance (which can amount to millions of miles).



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

**REFERENCE:** The interpretations come from Bernadette Brady's "Book of Fixed Stars", the Solar Maps software program <http://www.bernadettebrady.com/>; , Ebertin-Hoffman's book Fixed Stars," Vivian Robson's "The Fixed Stars & Constellations in Astrology" and miscellaneous sources. Also look at mythology for meaning of the stars. "Book of Fixed Stars" is the best starting point if you want to do your own research. Diana Rosenberg is also coming out with a book on the Fixed Stars in astrology, called Secrets of the Ancient Skies <http://ye-stars.com/>

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



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

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

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

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

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

**G: Betelgeuse** -in the upper right hand, armpit, or shoulder of Orion at 29° Gemini. **Success which is not blocked.** As such a bright star, look to the angle of the chart it is on to see when it will be effective in life: on the IC, in old age or after

death as was the case with Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King. When rising, early in life as in the case of James Dean and Marilyn Monroe. When culminating on the Midheaven (Mc), effective during middle life as was the case with writer Charles Dickens. When setting (Ds), success comes in later life. Although Betelgeuse does not promise fame, it does show potential. This can show as charisma or con man. Ptolemy suggests that stars located in the shoulders of constellations (also Bellatrix) have a nature of Mars and Mercury.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**S: Regulus** - It is in the constellation Leo (29° Leo 08), WATCHER OF THE NORTH and one of the four royal stars of Persia. Between 6000 and 3000 BCE, Leo was the summer solstice point. When it gave way to the sign Cancer, the Egyptian civilization fell from power. **The challenge of Regulus is to avoid revenge**. There seems to be a lot of warrior energy to Regulus. You must act like Osiris did to the Egyptians: create peace and civilization, giving laws to his people. **Great success if revenge is avoided**. (The story of King Feridun of Persia who ruled the entire world. He divided it between his three sons, but the older two killed the younger brother for his share. The father took revenge and they all lost) Aim high with Regulus but maintain awareness of your actions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

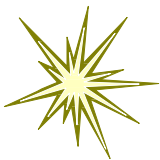
**Z: Vega** - Also called Wega at 15° Capricorn in the constellation Lyra, the harp. It was the pole star around 12,000- 10,000 BCE. It may have been the Egyptian goddess Maat. She helped souls move from one life to another by checking to see that their soul weight was no more than that of a feather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

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

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

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

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