

Understanding the Twelve Astrological Houses

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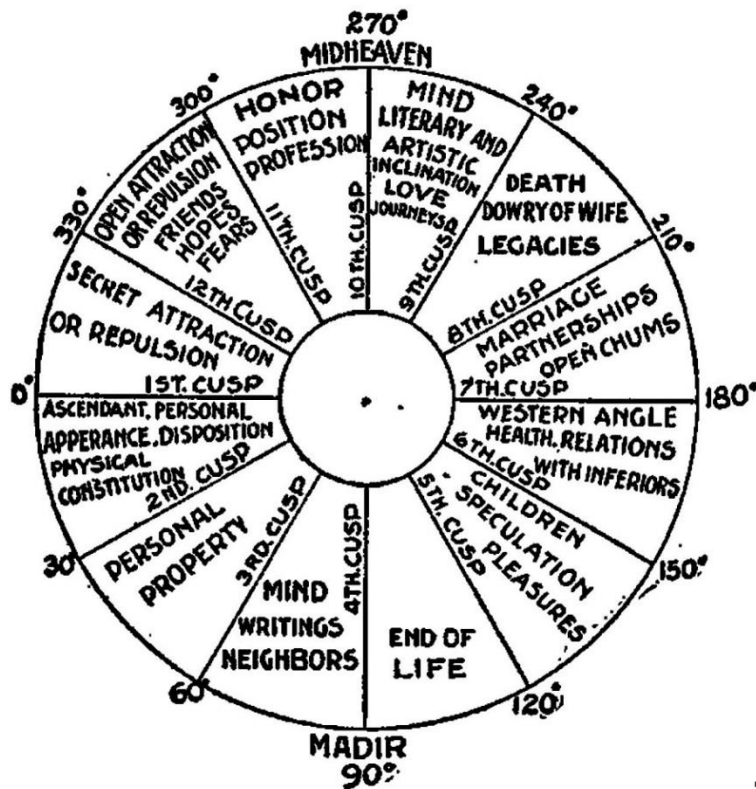
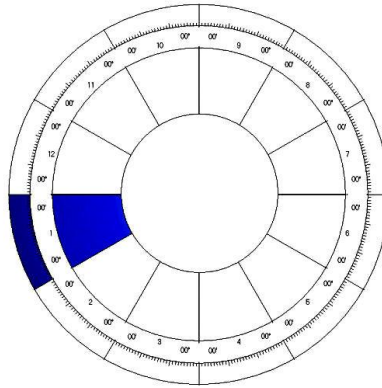


Image from A. Alpheus's *Were You Born Under a Lucky Star* (1901).

Through the ages, integrating science and intuition, we noted that mathematically a circle is a line, and likewise Time and Space (or the movement of planets and celestial bodies through the heavens) are both cyclical and linear. They are both and scientifically, we're learning, they're also neither. Time as we know it is an artificial construct, not singly forward-moving as we had thought. Yet Time is very real and intimate to human life. Likewise, we have astrology. The twelve houses are artificial constructs born from mathematics. The expanse of the heavens can be represented by the unit circle, which is 360°. For the twelve signs we have the twelve houses, and so each house is 30°.

According to the Hermetic principle that what transpires above governs and will transpire below, that the microcosm mirrors the macrocosm, what transpires in the heavens within certain compartments, or the 30° delineated houses, will manifest in the human world below it. Over time, astrologers and occultists have correlated certain compartments of the heavens with certain areas of human life. We thus get the astrological interpretations of the twelve houses. The twelve houses represent different areas of human life.



The First House





House 1 is the house of the awakening consciousness. It is the first point of the Eastern angle and horizon, from where the sun rises. This house will express the core of who you are, your spirit, your body (i.e., physique, complexion, appearance), and who you really are. In traditional Hellenistic astrology, the first house is the helm. It leads in all areas of your life. It is the characterization of your free will, your attitudes, and how you tend to approach your life.

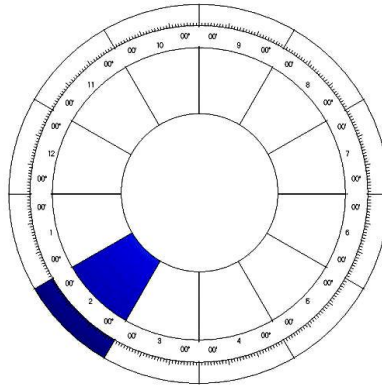
House 1 is a Fire house, which means Fire signs—Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius—are empowered here, as are Air signs—Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius. These ascendant signs tend to have stronger, more distinct personalities. They tend to be more self-aware.

Water signs—Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces—are weakened here, and so these individuals may take longer to find themselves. Self-discovery is in itself a significant journey for such individuals. They are born seekers, compelled onto that journey of self-discovery because when they are born, in their young lives, they do not yet possess a strong, defined sense of who they are.

House 1 is an angular (or cardinal) house, rendering it a house of action. It denotes aspects of who we are that lead in our life paths. Here is where we establish our goals. Angular houses show what drives us and has the most impact on our chosen life path. The other angular or cardinal houses are House 4, 7, and 10.

As a Fire house, the first house is part of the Trinity of Life, which governs our sense of personal identity, how we perceive life experiences, and how we form our own concept of Self. The other Fire houses are Houses 5 and 9.

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The Second House

House 2 is the house of your material foundation. This is the house to read for wealth, prosperity, assets, liabilities, and personal resources. We see into the native's livelihood and possession here in House 2 and also the native's approach, outlook, and attitude toward money or commerce. The second house tells of how money is earned, of financial matters, and how we secure ourselves here on the earthly plane so that who we are—the ascendant sign—can manifest.





House 2 is an Earth house, which means Earth signs—Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn—are empowered here, as are Water signs—Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces. When Earth or Water signs are ruling House 2 in a chart, we see less financial insecurity. These natives tend to be born with better luck when it comes to having the needed resources for survival and livelihood.

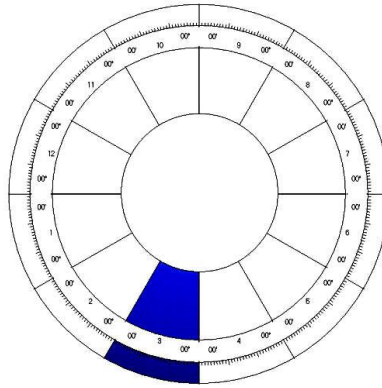
Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn in the second house tend to indicate volatility when it comes to personal finances or financial hardships. Planets occupying the second house can show a life path quite focused on matters relating to money, property, and wealth. An empty House 2 is often a good sign of tempered, consistent fortunes.

Air signs—Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius—are weakened in an Earth house, so if an Air sign is in House 2, you may find greater fluctuations when it comes to personal financial security.

House 2 is a succedent (or fixed) house, rendering it a house of security. It denotes the order established in our life paths, the ways we seek or maintain order, and reactive forces within us. Succedent or fixed houses denote what we build for ourselves. The other succedent or fixed houses are 5, 8, and 11.

As an Earth house, the second house is part of the Trinity of Wealth, which governs our achievements, glory, and helps us to define our sense of purpose. The other Earth houses are 6 and 10.

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The Third House





The third house relates to our immediate setting and how that affects our mental development. The third house notes early childhood education, the social environment we grow up in, how we learn to communicate with the world, and matters relating to our early childhood. It can denote siblings, our relationships with our brothers and sisters, relationships with neighbors, and our places of residence. This is the house of our mental intellect, Courage, the ability to achieve our aspirations, complete tasks, and how we use our voice or speech are noted here in the third house.

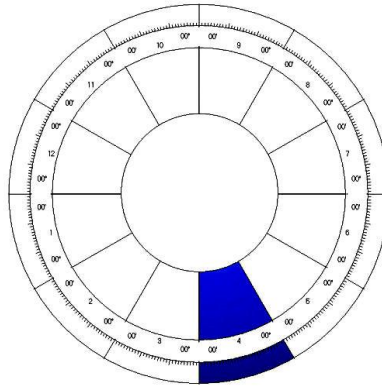
House 3 is an Air house, which means Air signs—Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius—are empowered here, as are Fire signs—Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius. Natives with Air or Fire signs in the third house will have a more active mind. They seek constant, different, and challenging mental stimulation. They tend to be more capricious, changing their minds often. That is only because they are constantly learning new facts, stumbling upon new discoveries or new ways of thought that change their old ways. They also tend to be more opinionated.

Earth signs—Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn—are weakened in House 3, and so these individuals are more stubborn. Once they've made up their minds, they won't change it, even if secretly they start to see the merits of the other side. These are the individuals who are less likely to admit they are wrong, and less likely to say they're sorry.

House 3 is a cadent (or mutable) house, rendering it a house of learning and development. It denotes our journey, the ways we evolve or progress in life, and the chances we incur. Cadent or mutable houses relate to how we develop, change, and the ways we exercise our free will when confronted with extenuating circumstances. The other cadent or mutable houses are 6, 9, and 12. Together these are the houses that denote how we apply human ingenuity.

As an Air house, the third house is part of the Trinity of Relational Concepts, which governs the ways we communicate with others, the way we conceptualize relations, our verbal and social expressions, and how we interact with others. Air houses, along with 3, are 7 and 11.

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The Fourth House

The fourth house is the seat of your soul. Here we see cellular or genetic memory. This is the house you read to better understand what is in your subconscious and in the unconscious parts of your mind. This house links to your family lineage, heritage, and beyond that, your past lives. This is the house that tells of where you come from.

The fourth house is also the house of home and family. It can denote how you were raised, the domestic environment you grew up in and, most likely, the domestic environment you are going to keep in your own adulthood, and also, your relationship with your biological mother. Here we can see the impact and influences of the biological mother on the native.





I read the fourth house in conjunction with your moon sign to determine the past life that most influences the karma of your present life. The fourth house will offer insights into social status and matters of lineage. It is also an ancestral house, where we can reach far back through multiple generations to see where you come from.

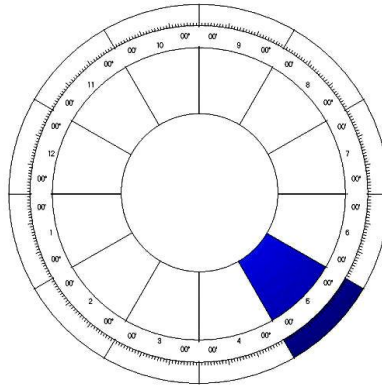
House 4 is a Water house, which means Water signs—Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces—are empowered here, as are Earth signs—Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn. Natives with Water or Earth signs in House 4 tend to be more family-oriented. They seek to settle down, establish their own homes earlier on in life, and are deeply connected to their heritage or family lineage. All that being said, there may be deeper insecurities that are latent in the subconscious that may arise later on in their lives that challenge what they thought they knew.

Air signs—Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius—are weakened in House 4, and so these individuals tend to direct more of their personal energies outward, toward matters involving their social plane, social achievements, professional aspirations, or ambitions than inward toward home or family. These individuals tend to be less interested in “domestic bliss” and more interested in following their passions, public reputation, or life goals. They may even find themselves establish a family later in life.

House 4 is an angular (or cardinal) house, rendering it a house of action. It denotes aspects of who we are that lead in our life paths. Here is where we establish our goals. Angular houses show what drives us and has the most impact on our chosen life path. The other angular or cardinal houses are House 1, 7, and 10.

As a Water house, the fourth house is part of the Psychic Trinity, which governs our emotional plane and our soul. Water houses relate to the subconscious, the unconscious parts of the mind, the memory we do not remember, and the karmic accounting of our soul. The other Water houses are 8 and 12.

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The Fifth House

The fifth house is the house of happiness. Often the fifth house is seen as confusing, because it represents many different areas of life. It can indicate procreation and your children. It can represent your recreation, your hobbies, and what you love to do with your time.

When we say procreation, we mean both fertility in terms of children and child-bearing, but also creativity and innovation. The fifth house can tell of what you produce. It is what you pass on in terms of a legacy, what you contribute to the world. The fifth house reveals what you enjoy, what brings you happiness, and so as a parent, would conceivably pass on that sense of happiness to your children. Thus, the fifth house also represents how you raise your children and the way you approach family life. Here we can also see what kind of parent you will be and how you might raise your children, based on your own childhood experiences and the past denoted by your fourth house.

Traditionally, this is the house of pregnancy, love affairs, children, romance, pleasure, leisure, and the house of your heart. This is where we find the source of your inspiration and your motivations. What motivates you to lead the lifestyle that you lead? We will find that in House 5.

Here, we can see what interests you, where your passions are, and the hobbies or interests you are inclined to spend your time and energies on. This is the house of happiness and leisure. This is the house of individual desires.





House 5 is a Fire house, which means Fire signs—Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius—are empowered here, as are Air signs—Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius. Natives with Fire or Air signs in the fifth house tend to be optimistic. They devote a great deal of time to their creations. They tend to love children, seek procreation, and may have multiple “great love affairs” in their lives.

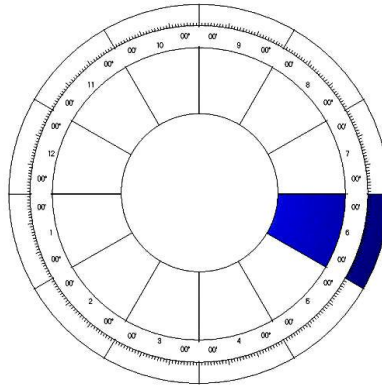
Water signs—Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces—are weakened here, and so these individuals may not be as focused on child-rearing, tend to seek that “one true love,” and are more single-minded and loyal when it comes to romance.

The fifth house is the house of your progeny, following the fourth house, which was the house of your past and your heritage. This is the house that designates what we create, what we produce, and how we manifest our passions.

House 5 is a succedent (or fixed) house, rendering it a house of security. It denotes the order established in our life paths, the ways we seek or maintain order, and reactive forces within us. Succedent or fixed houses denote what we build for ourselves. The other succedent or fixed houses are 2, 8, and 11.

As a Fire house, the fifth house is part of the Trinity of Life, which governs our sense of personal identity, how we perceive life experiences, and how we form our own concept of Self. The other Fire houses are Houses 1 and 9.

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The Sixth House

The sixth house is the house of everyday life. Here is where we see what you might do for a living, your job, and the necessary duties you've taken on in life. This is your daily work. Here we can read about your social or work environment, the mundane, and your professional lifestyle. The sixth house is also the house of health and body. Here we can find information about physical health conditions and what impacts your physical body.

In traditional Hellenistic astrology, the sixth house was the house of servitude. Here we see how you serve your society or community. This is the role you play toward a greater social good. This is your social contribution. The sixth house tells us what you do, your livelihood. (Note that what motivates you toward that livelihood was found in the fifth house, the house of your motivations and inner desires.)

This house can also indicate sickness and accidents. Heavy planetary activity here can create quite the drama on everyday life. An empty sixth house is generally a good sign, showing that day to day life is even and well-tempered.





House 6 is an Earth house, which means Earth signs—Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn—are empowered here, as are Water signs—Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces. When Earth or Water signs are ruling House 6 in a chart, we see more stability and consistency when it comes to your job situation. There will also be more stability when it comes to your physical health. Everyday life is more tranquil and secure when House 6 is under the governance of an Earth or Water sign.

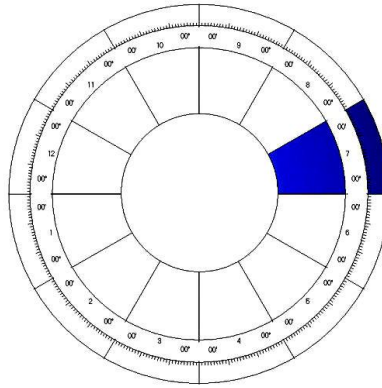
Fire signs in the sixth house may steer toward leadership or management roles at work, creative fields, entrepreneurship, innovation, or the sciences. Earth signs in the sixth succeed in the corporate sector. They can do well in steady employment, even when it isn't the most thrilling of work. Water signs in the sixth will need to feel spiritual or creative significance from their work. Water signs in the sixth house are natives who work well with people, are more social, and thrive when they are in an occupation that has them interacting with people day to day, empowered to make a direct impact and improvement to other people's lives.

Air signs—Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius—are weakened in an Earth house, so if an Air sign is in House 6, you may find greater fluctuations when to job security, more movement between different jobs or occupations, unpredictable health concerns, and more stress or anxiety incurred in everyday life. Health concerns and physical ailments when an Air sign is in the sixth house may also cause strains on day to day life. Also, Air signs in the sixth house can indicate a native who wouldn't be happy with a 9 to 5 cubicle desk job. They want to find a career path that is dynamic, intellectual stimulating, and purposeful.

House 6 is a cadent (or mutable) house, rendering it a house of learning and development. It denotes our journey, the ways we evolve or progress in life, and the chances we incur. Cadent or mutable houses relate to how we develop, change, and the ways we exercise our free will when confronted with extenuating circumstances. The other cadent or mutable houses are 3, 9, and 12. Together these are the houses that denote how we apply human ingenuity.

As an Earth house, the sixth house is part of the Trinity of Wealth, which governs our achievements, glory, and helps us to define our sense of purpose. The other Earth houses are 2 and 10.

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The Seventh House

The seventh house is positioned at the descending horizon, where the sun sets. It is the house of who loves us. It is the house of love, domestic happiness, civil unions and marriage, and the alliances we forge. While the seventh house is most commonly read for love and romance, broadly speaking it is the house of our social relationships, the ones that are most meaningful and have the most impact on who we are and who we become. Thus, it also includes business partnerships that affect our livelihood and life path.

Saturn or Mars in the seventh house, without Jupiter also in the seventh or having a trine or sextile to Jupiter, can portend difficulties on the domestic front. Jupiter, the moon, and Venus bring blessings to love, marriage, unions, and partnerships when they are domiciled in the seventh.

The seventh house reveals who our most compatible spouse is and expresses the most compatible relationships, business and personal, meant for us. This is the house of our earthly ties, unions, legal bonds, social contracts, and conjugal life. The seventh house also reveals your own psyche as projected onto your chosen partner. Reading the seventh house, we can read the qualities of a prospective partner you find most attractive that you project onto your partner.

Aries here reveals a native who seeks an ambitious partner, one who leads, who is commanding, confident, and independent. Taurus here shows one who seeks a reliable, grounded partner, and practical partnerships that will bring mutual material gain. Gemini in the seventh seeks the charming, intellectual, witty types. Cancer here seeks one who will be nurturing, who will put home and family first because that's what you value. Leo in the seventh shows one who likes to be the center of attention, may be emotionally high-maintenance, and seeks generosity and benevolence in love. Virgo here tends to bring high expectations when it comes to love and perhaps an inability to come to terms with any faults you find in your partners. You seek the *perfect* relationship.

Libra in the seventh house shows a hopeless romantic, yet one who seeks an equal partner, who wants balance and harmony in relationships. Scorpio seeks intense magnetic attraction in love, one who is passionate, and may be attracted to power. Sagittarius in the seventh shows one who seeks adventure, one who wants a partner that will help you expand your horizons. You're attracted to the free spirit. Capricorn in the seventh will show one who is attracted to the ambitious, even opportunistic types. Yet ultimately, family is the most important to you, so you seek a partner who will bring the greatest security and stability to your family life. Aquarius in the seventh shows one who seeks unconventional love, who can be eccentric when it comes to romance. Those with Aquarius in the seventh house also tend to need a lot of personal space, and won't want to be suffocated by a relationship. Pisces in the seventh shows someone who seeks deep spiritual connections, who may fall in love through shared religious or spiritual beliefs, who is attracted to creative or artistic types, and may indicate one who has a tendency to be codependent in relationships.





Knowing the sign that governs an individual's seventh house will tell you what type of personalities that individual is attracted to because of the psyche that he or she projects onto the partner. It reveals the type you are most likely to fall in love with, but also who you're most likely to be compatible with, and therefore who will, in turn, fall in love with you.

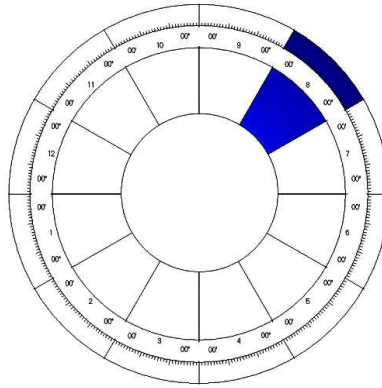
House 7 is an Air house, which means Air signs—Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius—are empowered here, as are Fire signs—Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius. Natives with Air or Fire signs in the seventh house are active seekers of Love with that capital L. These individuals tend to attract more romantic interest, get a lot of social attention, and need partnership or relationships in their lives to feel fulfilled.

Earth signs—Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn—are weakened in House 7, and so these individuals are more self-reliant. They seek practical and compatible partnerships. They have a lot more common sense when it comes to love and romance. They're pragmatic, and see marriage as a form of strategic alliance.

House 7 is an angular (or cardinal) house, rendering it a house of action. It denotes aspects of who we are that lead in our life paths. Here is where we establish our goals. Angular houses show what drives us and has the most impact on our chosen life path. The other angular or cardinal houses are House 1, 4, and 10.

As an Air house, the seventh house is part of the Trinity of Relational Concepts, which governs the ways we communicate with others, the way we conceptualize relations, our verbal and social expressions, and how we interact with others. Air houses, along with 7, are 3 and 11.

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The Eighth House

The eighth house is the house of sex, money, transformations, death, and rebirth. The eighth house can indicate issues relating to personal sexuality or sexual identity. It can also indicate money management, and our relationship with commodities, assets, and currency. It is the “death and taxes” house, as issues relating to financial relationships with the government or society can be found here, along with inheritances, estates, and legacies.

The eighth house is the house of acquired power. It can reveal how we achieve power and the nature of power we gain in our present lives. As the house of death, per traditional Hellenistic astrology, it was said to be able to denote one’s longevity and life span.





I read the eighth house in past life astrology as the nexus between the end of the previous life and the beginning of the present. Saturn or Mars in the eighth house indicate past life trauma or major difficulties in a previous incarnation, which still have an adverse impact on the native in the present life. Mars can be an indication of war or social conflicts experienced in the past life and embedded in the native’s unconscious memory.

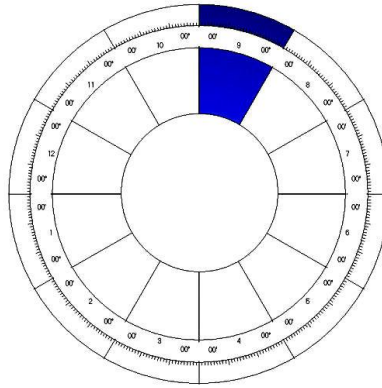
House 8 is a Water house, which means Water signs—Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces—are empowered here, as are Earth signs—Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn. Natives with Water or Earth signs in House 8 may live a longer life span, enjoy the benefits of inheritances, are themselves a legacy, or are more likely to gain a sense of self control over their lives and financial situations. Water or Earth in House 8 can bring strong innate abilities with money or asset management.

Air signs—Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius—are weakened in House 8, and so these individuals tend to experience greater fluctuations, insecurities, and major shifts when it comes to inheritances, estates, legacies, or even deaths. Matters relating to estates, inheritances, accidents, fortune and misfortune, losses, sexuality, and/or power struggles tend to change with the wind when an Air sign is in the eighth house.

House 8 is a succedent (or fixed) house, rendering it a house of security. It denotes the order established in our life paths, the ways we seek or maintain order, and reactive forces within us. Succedent or fixed houses denote what we build for ourselves. The other succedent or fixed houses are 2, 5, and 11.

As a Water house, the eighth house is part of the Psychic Trinity, which governs our emotional plane and our soul. Water houses relate to the subconscious, the unconscious parts of the mind, the memory we do not remember, and the karmic accounting of our soul. The other Water houses are 4 and 12.

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The Ninth House

The ninth house is the house of expansion. In traditional Hellenistic astrology, it was the house of God. As phrased in the 1828 *A Manual of Astrology (or the Book of the Stars)* by Raphael, the ninth house is the house of “religion, science, learning, books, writing, voyages, and distant travels.” That means we read the ninth house for your personal spirituality, how you connect to higher consciousness, Spirit, religion, faith, and matters relating to spirituality.

As the house of expansion, it is also the house we read to determine higher education. It denotes the ways we expand our minds, our ways of thinking, and our understandings. The ninth house is also the house of long voyages, and so here we see where natives have been displaced from their homelands, are immigrants, migrants, or have traveled afar. It is the house of pilgrimages and fortune. The ninth house will express our personal philosophy and our outlook or approach to life.

House 9 is a Fire house, which means Fire signs—Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius—are empowered here, as are Air signs—Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius. Natives with Fire or Air signs in the ninth house are more likely to find value in higher graduate or doctoral level education, more likely to travel to foreign countries or even live in foreign countries, and pioneer beyond the home they grew up in so that they might expand their visible horizons.





Water signs—Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces—are weakened here, and so these individuals tend to be homebodies, tend to look within for intellectual, philosophical, or religious insights, and are more likely to inherit their views and values directly from their parents.

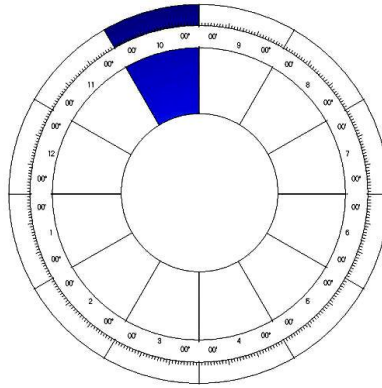
When the midheaven sign is in the ninth house, the native is an eternal student, always learning and always seeking to expand his or her horizons. A ninth house midheaven sign is also an indication of a higher calling that relates to faith, religion, metaphysics, the sciences, or spirituality. In astrology, science and religion are often treated as related. House 9 covers both and an active ninth house in a birth chart, with planets domiciled there, will show one

who has an innate curiosity for the sciences and religion. An empty House 9 can show a rational skeptic, one who doesn't feel any passionate connection to either science or religion.

House 9 is a cadent (or mutable) house, rendering it a house of learning and development. It denotes our journey, the ways we evolve or progress in life, and the changes we incur. Cadent or mutable houses relate to how we develop, change, and the ways we exercise our free will when confronted with extenuating circumstances. The other cadent or mutable houses are 3, 6, and 12. Together these are the houses that denote how we apply human ingenuity.

As a Fire house, the ninth house is part of the Trinity of Life, which governs our sense of personal identity, how we perceive life experiences, and how we form our own concept of Self. The other Fire houses are Houses 1 and 5.

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The Tenth House

The tenth house is the house of our social status. It is who we become. This is the house we read for our highest professional potential, highest personal gains and potential, our public reputation, life goals, and our aims in life. This is the house of ambition, destiny, and achievements. It is the expression of our own personal “hero’s journey,” and defines the life path we walk based on the destiny imprinted onto us per our birth charts.

Here we can also see the impact and influences of the biological father on the native. You may also find that you tend to admire people who exhibit traits aligned with the zodiac sign ruling your tenth house. The tenth house shows what you aspire to be, and so you will look up to, admire, and model yourself after those who manifest your tenth house aspirations. These attitudes are often related to our biological fathers, and so the tenth house can also reveal our relationship with our fathers.

When the sun sign is in the tenth house, we see a strong patrilineal heritage in the native’s past. A sun in the tenth is a sign of eminence. Jupiter and Venus in the tenth house also portend career success, public achievements, and advancements in social status. Saturn in the tenth house can bring challenges, indicating volatility when it comes to glory and aspirations. Napoleon, for instance, had Saturn in his tenth house and astrologers of his time predicted a rapid rise and a rapid fall to his reign as a result of that Saturn in the tenth.





House 10 is an Earth house, which means Earth signs—Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn—are empowered here, as are Water signs—Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces. When Earth or Water signs are ruling House 10 in a chart, we see more stability and consistency when it comes to your professional path, and a greater likelihood for external circumstances in your life to align fortuitously toward achieving your highest professional and personal potential.

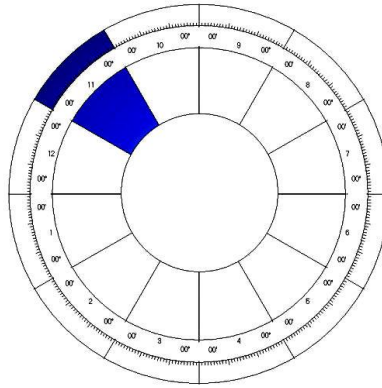
Air signs—Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius—are weakened in an Earth house, so if an Air sign is in House 10, you may find greater fluctuations when it comes to your professional path, perhaps coming to awareness of what your passions and aspirations even are a bit later in

your life, and feeling greater insecurities or pressures when it comes to seeking out personal glory and achievement.

House 10 is an angular (or cardinal) house, rendering it a house of action. It denotes aspects of who we are that lead in our life paths. Here is where we establish our goals. Angular houses show what drives us and has the most impact on our chosen life path. The other angular or cardinal houses are House 1, 4, and 7.

As an Earth house, the tenth house is part of the Trinity of Wealth, which governs our achievements, glory, and helps us to define our sense of purpose. The other Earth houses are 2 and 6.

House 10 has the below corresponding effects on the tarot Majors and Minors.			
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The Eleventh House

The eleventh house is the house of community, how we relate to the social groups that we are members of. This can indicate our friends, social networks, alliances, and other supportive influences in our lives. The eleventh house also shows the ways we are involved with the collective, our sense of humanitarianism, and what we seek to contribute to our world at large.

House 11 is a visionary house. It tells us how we implement our visions in a way that impacts the society that we are a member of. This house will express our sense of altruism. As part of that Divine Plan mapped out for us at the moment of our birth, House 11 reveals our social responsibility. It is what we are meant to contribute.

Here in this house, what you are intended to contribute to the greater social collective is unveiled. The tenth house was about your glories and the midheaven directs you to your higher purpose. The eleventh house is about how you give back to your community through your glories and manifesting your higher purpose. House 11 is the house of the good karma you accrue in this lifetime, so that you might neutralize the bad karma accrued from previous lives and so you can ensure an optimal future, both in terms of the future for you in this lifetime as you progress and into the afterlife.

House 11 is an Air house, which means Air signs—Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius—are empowered here, as are Fire signs—Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius. Natives with Air or Fire signs in the eleventh house tend to establish a more visible public persona. They like to be seen and heard. They tend to be more social creatures, more proficient at social interactions and engagements. They also tend to be more optimistic. Natives with a Fire or Air sign in House 11 want to make a difference, *need* to make a social change in their community to feel personally fulfilled.





Earth signs—Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn—are weakened in House 11, and so these individuals tend to be more pragmatic with their outlook on life, dare I say even more

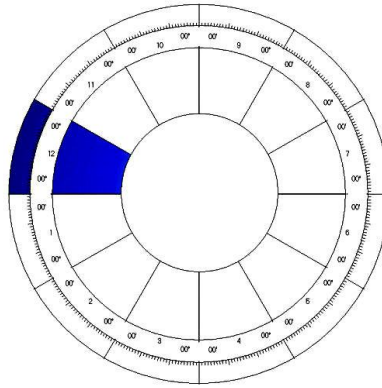
pessimistic. (You'd say you're just more realistic?) They're less focused on the greater community and more focused on the wellbeing of their own family.

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As an Air house, the eleventh house is part of the Trinity of Relational Concepts, which governs the ways we communicate with others, the way we conceptualize relations, our verbal and social expressions, and how we interact with others. Air houses, along with 11, are 3 and 7.

While House 9 indicated our spirituality and relationship to science and religion, House 11 indicates our actual, sometimes unconscious connection to the Divine and what our contributions will be to science or religion. House 11 is the portal that connects us to the world around us and to the greater Spirit, the collective unconscious. How we connect to the collective unconscious (Akashic Records, Gaia, God, the Odin Force, Spirit...) is revealed in the eleventh house.

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The Twelfth House

The twelfth house is the house of self-knowledge. We gain self-knowledge when we endure pain or conflict, and so the twelfth house denotes the pains and conflicts in our lives. It is the house that reveals enemies, adversaries, difficulties, obstacles, and that which limits or confines us.

It is also a karmic house, and so reveals the shadow self, what we are not proud of, what we try to conceal about ourselves, or what we are often afraid to confront. On the positive side, the twelfth house will reveal secret talents and gifts we have locked away inside of ourselves, which we may not fully develop in our chosen life paths. The twelfth house reveals to you secrets about yourself you may not be conscious or aware of, but intuitively you know you possess.





House 12 is a Water house, which means Water signs—Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces—are empowered here, as are Earth signs—Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn. Natives with Water or Earth signs in House 12 tend to have deep waters. They hide a lot about themselves. They conceal and put on masks. There can also be stronger personal interests or inclinations toward the esoteric and occult.

Air signs—Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius—are weakened in House 12, and so these individuals tend to put a lot of themselves out on the table, so to speak, and are more revealing of who they are. There is less of a “hidden self” than with the Water or Earth signs in House 12. Natives with Air signs in House 12 may experience more fluctuations and crisis-centered shifts in their present lives due to past lives of privilege where that privilege wasn’t appreciated by the native. As a result of karma, in this lifetime, that privilege is taken away.

House 12 is a cadent (or mutable) house, rendering it a house of learning and development. It denotes our journey, the ways we evolve or progress in life, and the chances we incur. Cadent or mutable houses relate to how we develop, change, and the ways we exercise our free will when confronted with extenuating circumstances. The other cadent or mutable

houses are 3, 6, and 9. Together these are the houses that denote how we apply human ingenuity.

As a Water house, the twelfth house is part of the Psychic Trinity, which governs our emotional plane and our soul. Water houses relate to the subconscious, the unconscious parts of the mind, the memory we do not remember, and the karmic accounting of our soul. The other Water houses are 4 and 8.

House 12 has the below corresponding effects on the tarot Majors and Minors.			
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