

The Basics of Astrology

An Educational Manual

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Introduction:

Astrology is an ancient study and has appeared in many forms and applications through out the course of human history. Our interpretations of Astrology are based primarily in Jungian psychology and Dane Rudhyar's Humanistic School of Western Astrology. We treat astrology as if it were a window from the material world into the spiritual plane, and it is our belief that anyone can gain greater self-knowledge from astrological study. In this document you will find a wealth of information that are the basic building blocks of Western Astrology.

A few key things keep in mind when working with astrology:

- **Nothing is written in stone.** When reading your own chart or a chart for someone else, it's helpful to look at it as a palette of paint- one may be given a certain number of colors of various hues and tones in their lifetime, but each person still gets to paint their own picture. We are the ultimate creators of our own realities, yet astrology can help us to understand what archetypes and tendencies we are working with. We do not view astrology as causal- as in "Neptune made me do it!!"- but rather in terms of what C.G. Jung coined as "synchronicity." Synchronicity is defined as 'the experience of two or more events as meaningfully related, though they are unlikely to be causally related.' In other words there is a symbolic relationship between the movement of the planets and our personal and collective human experiences here on earth.
- **Do no harm.** Words and ideas are powerful. There are a multitude of ways that astrological configurations can show up- it is important to look for and communicate a balanced view of any given planet placement, aspect, etc. If there is a configuration that at the first glance seems like it could be quite challenging or painful, also look for a way that it could be empowering and up-lifting. Aim to be in support of well-being.
- **You are in a Position of Power.** Any time another human comes to you looking for answers or information about themselves, it puts them in a vulnerable position, and puts you in a position of power. Recognizing and always being aware of this power dynamic is very important. What you say to the person you are giving a reading to has the potential to re-shape their awareness and knowledge of themselves, the world, and their future. Use your words wisely. Always have the highest good of the recipient (and everyone) in your mind and heart.

The Astrological Signs

Sign Glyph	Sign Name	Date Range	Ruling Planet(s)	Planet Glyph	Element	Mode	Key Word
	Aries	March 21 - April 19	Mars		Fire	Cardinal	Asserting
	Taurus	April 20 - May 20	Venus		Earth	Fixed	Possessing
	Gemini	May 21 - June 20	Mercury		Air	Mutable	Communicating
	Cancer	June 21 - July 21	The Moon		Water	Cardinal	Feeling
	Leo	July 23 - August 22	The Sun		Fire	Fixed	Creating
	Virgo	August 23 - September 22	Mercury		Earth	Mutable	Analyzing
	Libra	Sept 23 - October 22	Venus		Air	Cardinal	Relating
	Scorpio	October 23 - November 21	Mars & Pluto		Water	Fixed	Transforming
	Sagittarius	November 22 - December 21	Jupiter		Fire	Mutable	Idealizing
	Capricorn	December 22 - January 19	Saturn		Earth	Cardinal	Achieving
	Aquarius	January 20 - February 18	Uranus & Saturn		Air	Fixed	Networking
	Pisces	February 19 - March 20	Neptune & Jupiter		Water	Mutable	Intuiting

Sign Overviews:

♈ Aries:

Aries people tend to be energetic, forceful and outgoing. They are good at getting things done, although they prefer starting to finishing. Like the energy of the first rush of spring, they move into the world in a headstrong, pioneering way. Aries people are likely to rush into things before reflecting, and may also be impatient or unwilling to sit back and allow events to mature. They have great vitality and a tremendous need to be physically active. Aries people have a strong will, and are self-centered about pursuing it, so that they may try to dominate other people until they learn to be more subtle about getting their way. They also have an acute need for love and affection. Aries people benefit from self-discipline, so that they can channel their abundant energy more constructively.

♉ Taurus:

Taureans revel in the pleasures of life. They crave the security and comfort of relaxing in the warmth of their home environment. They value the senses and the enjoyment of material things. Taureans are likely to work hard to make their home an attractive one. They also have the makings of a healer and have a large capacity for kindness. Although they are quiet on the surface, almost passive, Taureans possess a powerful will and can be quite stubborn at times, and perhaps somewhat rigid in their thinking. Taureans also tend to be loving, obedient and loyal. Material rewards seem to come easily to them, and they are able to lead the good life without being excessively concerned about it. Taureans are practical, and provide a purposeful, productive and stabilizing influence for themselves and all those around them.

♊ Gemini:

Gemini is the sign associated with communication, logical thought processes (based on duality) and the conscious mind. Gemini people tend to be airy and intellectual, glib of tongue and curious about life and other people. They can experience two sides of things at the same time, and may tend to be flighty. Geminis move through life like a butterflies, engaging in many varied experiences to gain knowledge. They are witty and have a good sense of humor, and are likely to be excellent conversationalists. Geminis make good teachers. They can be nervous and high-strung, and may be mischievous. Unlike possessive Taurus, they tend toward liberty in relationship. And although Geminis can be easily bored, under the control of self-discipline they have tremendous intellectual and artistic possibilities.

♋ Cancer:

Cancerians are nurturing and protective of others. Their ruling planet is the Moon, and they tend to be moody, with constantly changing emotions. Cancerians are also likely to be security-conscious and highly value their home life. They may appear passive, and tend to rely on their feelings to make decisions. They are subtle, rather than direct, and are likely to reflect the moods of those around them. Cancerians may be involved with the past in some way, because the sign of Cancer, the sign of nurturing, protecting and sustaining, is strongly tied to the past, and the principle of Karma. They tend to collect the residue of past experience and hold onto

it, allowing it to color present activities and lead them to instinctual action. Rather than allowing themselves to be driven by their changing moods, they benefit from shedding the light of conscious reason on their habitual patterns and focusing on their true goals.

♌ **Leo:**

Leos are likely to express themselves in dramatic, creative and assertive ways. They are also likely to enjoy the warmth of the physical Sun. Leos have great energy, courage and honesty. They are likely to be self-confident and maybe even a bit self-indulgent as they expect to be the center of attention, and often are. Leos can be quite determined and usually get their way when they really want to. They also possess great integrity, and are a natural leader. Leo people are very proud. Their challenge is to temper any tendency for arrogant or egotistical behavior and to instead develop humility and compassion; to learn detachment in the gift of their affections, so that they radiate their abundant energy freely and enhance the life experience of others around them.

♍ **Virgo:**

Virgo people tend to be very conscious of details. They may appear nervous or obsess over health issues. They are likely to be neat and orderly, at least in some area of their life, although they may exhibit the opposite tendency in cases where they have not yet found their guiding principle of organization. Virgos love work, service to others and the gathering of the fruits of the material world, as symbolized by the harvest. They are also likely to be a good conversationalist, with wide-ranging knowledge and interesting ideas. They can be analytical and perhaps overly fond of detail, with perfectionist tendencies, and they may miss out on the big picture by concentrating on the micro. It also benefits them to learn the fine line between discrimination and criticism. Virgos' mission in life is the purification of their activity in pursuit of their goals, manifesting their inherent love of excellence in all strivings.

♎ **Libra:**

Libra is the sign of harmony and relationship. The Sun in Libra is at the time of the Equinox, when day equals night, and similarly Libra strives for balance between polarities. Librans are known for their good taste, elegance and charm. They are seekers of harmony and beauty. Their natural mode of living is in partnership with others. Intimate relationships are quite important to them, as are issues of social justice. Libras forever hope that all parties in a conflict will be satisfied, and they have a tendency to understand and support both sides of a dispute, which can drive their friends crazy unless they are smart enough to value the mediation that Libras naturally provide. Libras will go out of their way to avoid a quarrel, and they may have a hard time making a decision. Artistic pursuits of all kinds provide an outlet for Libras' love of beauty. They benefit from strengthening their will to act in favor of their higher purpose, which ultimately lies in dedicating themselves to humanity at large.

♏ **Scorpio:**

Scorpio is the most intense sign of the Zodiac, and is associated with sexual activity and with the symbolism of death and rebirth. Their emotions run deep. Scorpions have great personal

magnetism and great powers of persuasion or even the ability to coerce others. Their will is strong, and they let nothing stand in their way of achieving their goals. They may suffer in life, but their pain leads to important personal transformation. They are very good at group dynamics, and working with the public. Scorpios are a shrewd judge of other people's motives, and may be willing to use their special knowledge to their own advantage. Although they can be manipulative at times, when they work out their issues to be more in line with their own higher nature, they can take on the charismatic power of a natural healer, transforming themselves and society around them.

♐ **Sagittarius:**

Sagittarius is an optimistic, positive-thinking sign associated with the quest for freedom from all restriction as well as idealism, religion and philosophy. Sagittarians are direct and forthright, good-natured and affirmative in their outlook. They tend to speak with a blunt tongue, which can get them into trouble at times, although they are usually able to laugh themselves out of it. Sagittarians display honesty and a strong moral nature. They also like to have fun and enjoy a good chuckle, even at their own expense. They gravitate toward adventure, sports and travel, as well as gambling and other forms of risk-taking. They are likely to be very curious about the world around them, with a love for nature and a contagious enthusiasm for exploration of all kinds. At the highest level, Sagittarians are concerned with understanding, perception, and mental activity in the service of their high ideals for the benefit of mankind.

♑ **Capricorn:**

Capricorn people are ambitious and practical, and are likely to have an excellent sense of social responsibility. They also tend to be conscious of social mores, perhaps to the point of over-concern. Their natural caution allows them to advance slowly and steadily to the top. Capricorn represents the accomplishments of the material and the quest for prestige, honor and success in public achievement. It is also possible that the driving force behind their ambition partially lies in deep-rooted feelings of insecurity. Capricorns put themselves under enormous pressure to perform, and can feel personally responsible for those around them. They may have suffered from a restrictive early environment, and their aloofness may serve to protect them from dealing with a fear of intimacy, or low self-esteem. Capricorns exemplify the values of hard work and accomplishment, and service to the goals of humanity. Their redemption comes when they allow the spiritual joy that they feel inside to fully express itself in graceful acts of loving-kindness.

♒ **Aquarius:**















Aquarians have a rebellious nature, and are eccentric, spontaneous and original. They are forward thinking and detached, and can seem conservative though they really are not very much so. They are scientifically minded and logical, and confident in manner. Aquarians are likely to be years ahead of their time in the way they think. They can also appear to be more involved with work than with other people, although they truly value social contact. Aquarians are intuitive, imaginative and inventive, and inclined to take chances, especially in the service

of their goals. They can be quite noble in their deepest nature, but also may come across as critical and demanding. Their highest purpose is found in aligning themselves with the advancement of social and humanitarian ideals.

✠ **Pisces:**

Pisceans are friendly and likable, and yet can be very moody and introspective as well. Pisces is a watery sign, concerned with subtle emotions and secret mystical depths. Pisceans are not entirely at home in this world. They may at times prefer their inner life to this one. Pisceans are dreamy and full of imagination, and are easily influenced by everything around them, being quite sensitive to the emotions of others. They also have an artistic temperament that allows them to express these feelings in creative and innovative ways. Pisceans can be strong when necessary, but may have a hard time making a decision. They also may experience upsets periodically, stemming from their extreme sensitivity as they react to situations and events that seem harsh. At their best Pisceans are truly compassionate, offering service, love and understanding to all of life.

The Astrological Planetary Bodies and Points

Symbol	Name	Rulership	Keyword
	The Sun	Leo	Self
	The Moon	Cancer	Feelings
	Mercury	Gemini/Virgo	Thoughts
	Venus	Taurus/Libra	Attraction
	Mars	Aries/Scorpio	Desire
	Jupiter	Sagittarius/Pisces	Faith
	Saturn	Capricorn/Aquarius	Boundaries
	Uranus	Aquarius	Break-through
	Neptune	Pisces	Inspiration
	Pluto	Scorpio	Transformation
	Chiron		Healing
	Eris		Soul Purpose
	North Node		Life Goals
	South Node		Karmic Past

☉ **The Sun:**

The Sun represents the Self, one's way of being in the world. It can represent, on different levels, both the ego and the higher Self or soul purpose. It rules Leo and is exalted in Aries. The Sun is the most important 'planet' in the chart and symbolizes one's will and sense of vitality. When the Sun is afflicted (poorly placed or poorly aspected) it could indicate problems with the father, or male role model.

The symbol for the Sun comes from ancient times, and is very similar to the Jungian symbol for individuation. This is because the Sun represents the hero archetype, which can be read as the story of transcending the little self, or ego, in favor of greater integration and the true Self. In myth, the hero typically must meet and overcome obstacles on his or her quest, which in natal charts can be indicated by the planets that make close aspects to the Sun, especially the stressful ones.

The Sun energizes your entire chart, and planets in close relationship to the Sun (by planetary aspect) are emphasized in your personality. If your Sun is prominent in your chart, you will exhibit great power to do and to be.

☾ **The Moon:**

The Moon represents the personal self, the feelings and the unconscious. It is a reflection of the true self, represented by the Sun. The Moon also stands for security and instinctual or habitual patterns, as well as the ability to relate to others, and to be nurturing to others. The Moon rules Cancer and is exalted in Taurus. It is often contrasted with the Sun as the female receptive principle versus the masculine or positive principle. The Moon represents the feminine and nurturing part of oneself. In a male chart, the Moon represents the feminine within, or the anima and also indicates the type of partner you will attract. The Moon also represents an attunement from the past, which operates at an instinctive or habitual level in your present life.

☿ **Mercury:**

Mercury represents the mind and intellect, and rules Gemini, (the sign of duality), and also Virgo. It has its exaltation in Aquarius. Mercury is an airy planet, associated with all forms of communication and the in-flow and out-flow of intelligence and communication. Its position indicates how your mental function will be expressed, and where techniques and skills are available to you. Mercury retrograde, which occurs three times a year for about three weeks each time, is interpreted particularly strongly. Mental pursuits and connections break down. The Mercury retrograde period is best used as a time for inner reflection. It is not a good time for making new decisions or new business plans, but it is ideal for reflecting on your current situation. It is best to quietly observe your inner process during Mercury retrograde, and to carry forward with your preexisting plans. Ask yourself: Where am I heading in my life at this particular juncture? Then try to move forward with new directions only after Mercury has gone direct, and perhaps even a fortnight beyond, when Mercury has left its retrograde shadow.

♀ Venus:

Venus is the only planet in the Solar System named after a female figure, since Ceres and Eris are dwarf planets. Venus, or the Greek Aphrodite, is the Goddess of love, beauty, and relationship. The planet probably gets her name because she is so very bright and beautiful! Venus is in-taking, rather than out-going (as represented by Mars), and rules the signs Libra and Taurus. Venus has its exaltation in Pisces, and is associated with aesthetics, beauty, refinement and romance. Its position in the chart indicates the area in which the give and take of love, affection, and sensual pleasure will be expressed. The position of Venus also shows a person's perception of relationship and affection. Or, the qualities and expressions of affection that someone may be most receptive to, or comfortable with. A person with Venus in Leo may have a much different perception of love and romance than a person with Venus in Cancer! Wherever she lies in your chart, or that chart of your lovers and friends, she is sure to play a big role in your romantic endeavors, quest for beauty, and potential for love!

♂ Mars:

Mars is the planet of outward activity and animal passion including our sexual drive, aggression, and anger. Mars rules Aries and is exalted in Capricorn. This fiery planet is masculine in action, versus the softer more receptive and romantic Venus. When strong in the chart it can indicate a volatile temper, and also great courage. Its position indicates how your personality will assert itself, and what modes of activity will stimulate your physical energies, or your anger. By house, Mars represents where you will assert yourself, and where you will take action in the most positive sense.

♃ Jupiter:

In astrology, Jupiter is the planet of faith, positivism, hope, and morality. It rules Sagittarius and is exalted in Cancer. Jupiter represents the principle of expansion, versus contraction (as represented by Saturn), and the aspirations of the higher self. This could include a sense of humor, good will, or mercy. On the flip side, Jupiter can also be associated with irresponsibility in the form of blind optimism and overindulgence. Its position in the chart indicates how one's faith, generosity, and tolerance will be expressed, as well as what modes of activity will stimulate self-confidence and wisdom.

♄ Saturn:

Saturn is the ruler of Capricorn, and is the planet of limitation and restriction. This can include themes of responsibility such as self-discipline, punctuality, and the conservation of material resources. While Jupiter represents the notion of broadening and expansion, Saturn suggests setting parameters and restriction. It brings structure and meaning to the world around us, and reminds us of our responsibilities and commitments. Because of this, Saturn is frequently associated with our Fathers, or other authority figures. While discipline isn't always easy or pleasant, it can sometimes help us grow. Embracing and understanding the challenges of the responsibilities in our lives helps us to expand ourselves out of the foundation of structure!

♅ **Uranus:**

The astrological Uranus rules Aquarius and is exalted in Scorpio. It is known as the planet of freedom and revolutionary vision, the urge for change, and the ability to visualize new possibilities. Jeff Green has referred to this energy quite appropriately as "freedom from the known." In its astrological symbolism Uranus typically defies tradition and embraces change and originality. It is also associated with the coming Age of Aquarius and rules the Internet, mental studies, technology, electricity, and Astrology! Its position in your chart indicates the arena of originality and freedom from conventional thinking in your life.

♆ **Neptune:**

The planet is named after the Greek God of the Sea Poseidon, and its astrological symbol is a stylized version of Poseidon's mighty three pronged trident. Both God of the sea and the ruler of Pisces, Neptune finds exaltation in Cancer. Neptune, associated with universal love, is said to be the higher octave of Venus, which rules individual love. Neptune represents the universal ocean of oneness with all beings. Therefore, Neptune is highly compassionate, idealistic, and imaginative. It is considered a planet of inspiration, dreams, and psychic receptivity. Neptune rules spirituality, and all things subtle. The more negative manifestations of Neptune include deception, trickery, deceit, guilt, and addiction associated with drugs, alcohol, or even media and fantasy. Its position in a person's chart would indicate where there may be confusion or illusion, and also great creativity in the poetic and musical fields.

♇ **Pluto:**

Named for the God of the Underworld (in Greek mythology the corresponding God is Hades), Pluto is a force for change that can be destructive in its power. Pluto rules Scorpio, and is exalted in Leo. Pluto is related to will, and intense passion, and has a reputation for ruthlessness. As God of the Underworld, Pluto can help to bring our deepest and most buried compulsions into the light. Its position indicates areas of life that must ultimately become transformed as part of the soul's evolution. On the lighter side, Pluto is associated with renewal and rebirth. It represents endings and new beginnings, as well as spiritual growth and rebirth. Negative expression of Pluto is an obsessive desire for power and control and general destructiveness. A positive expression is the ability and desire to transform. In a chart, the position of Pluto by sign will be shared with other people in the same generation due to the comparatively slow movement of Pluto, the outermost planet, in the heavens. By house, the position of Pluto shows where individuals search for truths and deeper meaning. This area of life may be associated with change, upheaval, power struggles, and issues of control. Pluto in aspect to other planets in the chart colors those energies with obsessive qualities, power struggles, the need to find deeper meanings, and willingness to explore and examine. Where we find Pluto in the chart is where we either seek change and transformation, or have it thrust upon us if we refuse to accept our deepest needs. If we fear Pluto's energy, or our "dark" side, destructiveness (both directed at ourselves or others) can be a byproduct.

♄ Chiron:

Chiron is a small planet or 'planetoid,' and is classified as a Centaur in astrology. The centaur Chiron was held as superlative among his wild brethren. Centaurs were notorious for being overly indulgent drinkers and carousers, given to violence when intoxicated, and generally uncultured. Chiron, by contrast, was intelligent, civilized and kind. He was also known for his knowledge and skill with medicine, and recognized as a physician who taught ancient wisdom to mankind. Ultimately dying of a poisoned arrow which he had made, Chiron represents the archetype of the "Wounded Healer." Being an immortal, he could not die immediately, and was forced to suffer the pain his wounds. Ultimately, he was freed through an act of compassion, where he gave his life for another suffering being. He is also associated with shamanism and the art of looking deeply within oneself in order to heal. The discovery of the planet Chiron is synchronous with the rise of the holistic health movement of the late 1970's. Chiron's position in the chart reveals where one has been wounded, and where there is also the opportunity for discovering healing from within and sharing this discovery with other people. Although one has been wounded, it is possible to look within, invoke the healer Chiron, and have more compassion for others. The position of Chiron, by house and sign, can also show where we have talent and access to ancient wisdom, as well as where we may depart from the mainstream in service to a higher practicality. Those with prominent Chiron in their charts are likely to be educators and spiritual healers, much like the civilized centaur-healer.

♂ Eris:

The astrology of Eris seems to be related to the no-holds-barred fight for continued existence that is fundamental in all natural process, and for making a stand for what one believes, even if violence is involved. As the sister of Mars, the God of War, Eris willingly sought the battle. There is a side of nature that is quite harsh, a struggle for survival, and this struggle is a fundamental part of the human condition as well, for we are still half animal. Nature can be viewed in a rosy light, as it was in the hippie movement of the sixties, Bambi drinking from a little stream, but underlying this beauty is the possibility of sudden death at any moment since all of nature's children need to eat. Eris is related to this principle, and to the concept of the female warrior that embodies it, and especially to the feminist struggle for rights in a patriarchal society.

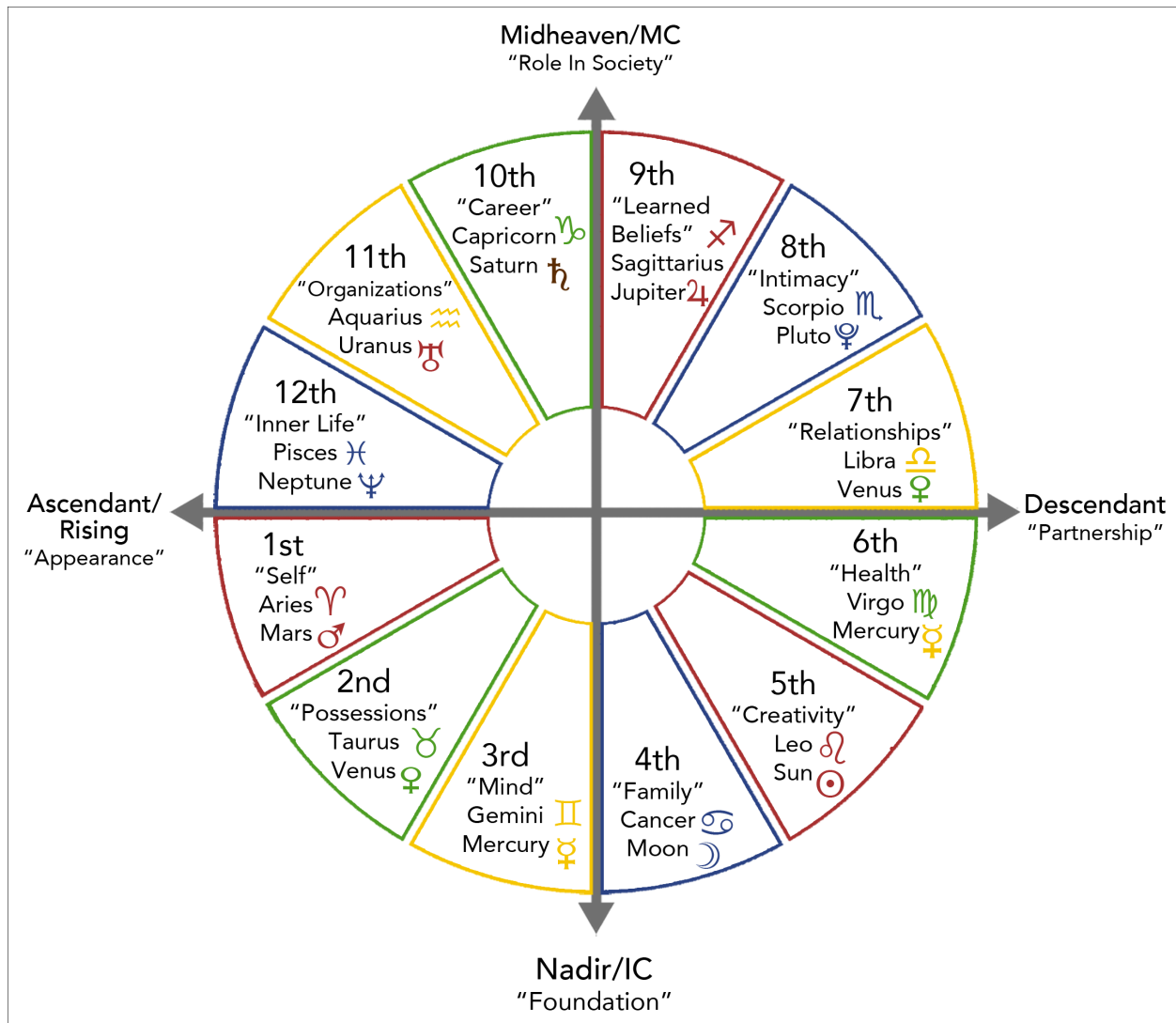
♏ North Node:

The Nodes of the Moon indicate areas of life that are of special concern to you. Also referred to as the dragon's head, The North Node indicates your goals. The placement of the North Node indicates work that needs to be done in your life, or new faculties that need to be developed in the present lifetime.

♍ South Node:

The Nodes of the Moon indicate areas of life that are of special concern to you. Also known as the dragon's tail, the South Node indicates areas of mastery, often from a previous lifetime.

The 12 Houses of the Zodiac



The Houses are divisions in space (or in time) of the energy field of the earth, such that there is a twelve-fold division, paralleling the twelve-fold division of the Zodiac (the signs). Just like the signs, the houses also reveal an unfolding pattern of growth and development, from the First House to the Twelfth House. The symbolism of the twelve houses reflects that of the twelve signs, although the houses are considered to be more closely connected to mundane earthly affairs. Thus the first, fifth and ninth houses are "fire" houses involved with identity, the second, sixth and tenth houses are "earth" houses concerned with the material plane, the third, seventh and eleventh houses are "air" houses involved with communication and relationship, and the fourth, eighth, and twelfth houses are "water" houses concerned with the depths of the soul or psyche. It is said that the planets are specific energies, modulated by the energy of their sign,

which play themselves out in the department of your life represented by their particular house position.

Ascendant/Rising:

Indicates the Cusp of the First House. The Ascendant, or Rising Sign, is the mask shown to others, the way we present ourselves. This sign, along with the sign of the Sun and the sign of the Moon, is an important component of your personality. The sign on the Ascendant often describes one's physical appearance. Those with Leo Rising, for example, are likely to possess a mane of flowing hair. Planets in conjunction with the Ascendant also affect personality and appearance, in accordance with the qualities of the particular planet. The Ascendant represents your persona, or how you appear to others, how others sense you, in your true interaction with the world. In esoteric tradition, the Ascendant represents your true or soul-level personality.

First House:

The First House symbolizes the acting self, the personality as it appears to others, and the unfolding of one's individual destiny. Its beginning point is the %Rising sign%/degree, one of the most significant points in the birthchart. Planets in the First House affect your personality strongly. Their characteristics are a keynote of your personality as you express yourself to others.

Second House:

The Second House symbolizes what the self has to work with materially: possessions, money, and physical resources. This house also represents your desires and values. Planets in the Second House operate in the field of material needs and also indicate what you value most highly.

Third House:

The Third House symbolizes thinking and communication, also traditionally brothers and sisters, writings, and short journeys. Your early environment is also represented by this house, as well as your powers of analysis and discrimination. Planets in this house indicate how you communicate and operate mentally.

Nadir or IC:

Indicates the cusp of the Fourth House. As the base of operations of the personality this house is quite important, because without a place to stand emotionally, the personality cannot function.

Fourth House:

The Fourth House represents the home environment, family life, and the father, or perhaps the same sex parent. Planets in the Fourth House reflect your family orientation, an ability to dig into the past in order to discover the roots of your being, and how your father (or perhaps your mother) was experienced by you.

Fifth House:

The Fifth House represents creativity and self-expression, also offspring, and is also associated with romance and affection. Following the base of operations represented by the fourth, the fifth house represents the arena in which your personal energies can be released into the world. Any area which is stamped by your personality, including the display of affection or any creative endeavors such as your artistic expression, is therefore represented by planets in the Fifth House or the sign on the Fifth House cusp.

Sixth House:

The Sixth House represents issues of sickness and health, and service to others, including conditions of daily life, or work. This house also relates to discipleship and mastery, and the overcoming of obstacles in producing the fruit of one's achievements. Planets in this house can manifest as challenges to your well-being, or as indications of a profession of service to others.

Descendant:

Indicates the cusp of the Seventh House. The sign on the Descendant often indicates the type of marriage partner you will seek.

Seventh House:

The Seventh House represents marriage and partnerships of all kinds, and issues with relating to other people. As the opposite to the First House of personality, the Seventh House describes how you fit into the world of others. Planets in this house often indicate the type of marriage partner you will seek.

Eighth House:

The Eighth House symbolizes issues of death and rebirth, sexuality, and transformation. As this house follows the house of relationship, it refers to the fruits of relationship, and these include the power to change based on new understanding made possible when one is no longer acting solely as an individual. Planets in this house are difficult to interpret, but may refer to how sexuality is manifested or to lessons you need to learn in order to grow and change.

Ninth House:

The Ninth House represents intuition and the study of religion philosophy, and higher learning. In addition, it represents travel to other countries, and legal matters. This house is interpreted similarly to the ninth sign of Sagittarius, and represents the expansion of horizons, mental, physical and spiritual. Planets in this house may symbolize your philosophical pursuits, or possibilities for travel.

Midheaven or MC:

The Midheaven or MC (Medium Coeli) usually, but not always, indicates the tenth house cusp. Symbolically, the Midheaven represents your individuality, the outward expression of your

energies. It can also be referred to as ego identity, and has a strong connection with public life and career, as symbolized by the tenth house. The Midheaven also represents your aspirations and ideals. Together with the ascendant, it represents personality in interaction with the world. Natal planets in conjunction with the Midheaven are considered "elevated" and are emphasized in the chart.

Tenth House:

The Tenth House symbolizes the public life, authority, career issues, and also represents the mother, or perhaps the opposite-sex parent. As standing opposite the Fourth House, the Tenth House represents how the foundation of the personality is made manifest and concrete in the world. The birth chart is often divided into four seven-year periods, one per quadrant, cycling each twenty-eight years of life, and the Tenth House is reached at age 21, the age of legal adulthood. Planets in the Tenth House will indicate what the energies and challenges are for your career, and also how your mother (or perhaps father) was experienced.

















Eleventh House:

The Eleventh House symbolizes goals and objectives, also friendships and membership in groups or associations. The work in society represented by the tenth house is released through the individual in the activities associated with the eleventh house. Planets in this house indicate how visions for the future and also group associations and friendships will operate in your life.

Twelfth House:

The Twelfth House refers to the unconscious and to things beyond the physical plane. It is traditionally associated with confinement and self-undoing, and has been called the house of karma. Planets in this house indicate functions that are hidden from your conscious personality, and are expressed in terms of psychic faculty or self-sacrifice.

The Elements

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<p style="text-align: center;">AIR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mental • Communicative Curious • Connective</p> <div>  Gemini  Libra  Aquarius  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">WATER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sensitive • Feeling Flowing • Tuned In</p> <div>  Cancer  Scorpio  Pisces  </div>

Fire:

The Fire element is masculine or yang, and is active and outer expressive in its basic nature. It corresponds with the Jungian typology of Intuition. Fire is a radiant form of energy that brings light to the world around it, enthusiastic and excitable, self-oriented, impatient and essentially optimistic. It is represented in the signs of Aries, Leo and Sagittarius. Fire people are honest to a fault, freedom loving and often insist on their own point of view. They live in the idealism of great thoughts and deeds.

Earth:

The Earth element is feminine or yin, in-taking and receptive. It corresponds to the Jungian typology of Sensation. The Earth energy is grounded and heavy, responding to the gravity of physical circumstances and limitations. Earth people are in touch with their bodies and the pleasures of the physical world around them. They are givers of form and structure. They endure. They are self-sufficient in a way that the lighter Fire and Air elements are not.

Air:

The Air element is the masculine or yang energy representing the breath or prana - the realm of ideas and archetypal associations that link the physical and non-physical world together. It corresponds to the Jungian typology of Thinking. All forms of relationship and thought fall within its purview. Air people tend to live in their heads, being logical and scientific, as well as curious about what is around them and detached in their outlook. They dream the world into being with their future-oriented conceptions. They choose all parties to a dispute rather than taking sides, and thus provide the social linkage that can join disparate groups to each other.

Water:

The Water element is the feminine or yin energy of emotion. It corresponds to the Jungian typology of Feeling. Receptive and sensitive to subtle currents of interconnection, it flows through everything and connects at a deeper and more unconscious level than that provided by logical thought. Water people are tuned in to a deeper and subtler reality than other types around them. Their emotions range the gamut from fear and dislike to an unconditional acceptance and love of the world and the creatures they find within it. They can be security oriented and respond well to the solidity, direction and form provided by others. At their best they provide a powerful connection to the divine within themselves and each person in their surrounding milieu.

The Modes

Cardinal:

Cardinal signs are outgoing, creative rather than passive, representing self-starters who make their will power known. Signs associated are Aries, Cancer, Libra, and Capricorn.

Fixed:











Fixed signs are in-taking rather than outgoing, receptive rather than originating. People with many Fixed signs tend to be stubborn and difficult to sway from their intended course of action. Signs associated are Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, and Aquarius.

Mutable:

Mutable signs as the name implies are multivalent and flexible in their approach. These people are easy going, allowing, and accepting of others around them. Signs associated are Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, and Pisces.

Aspects

Aspects are connections formed between planets depending on the degree of the Zodiac that they occupy. When the planets occupy the same degree of different signs, they have a connection that is either harmonious or challenging, depending on the signs involved, or the number of degrees separating the planets. Separations of 0, 90 and 180 degrees are considered challenging, while separations of 60, 72 and 120 degrees are considered flowing or easy. The "Major" aspects are considered the conjunction (0°), the opposition (180°), the square (90°), the trine (120°), and the sextile (60°). Minor aspects include the inconjunct (150°), another form of inconjunct, the semi-sextile (30°), the quintile (72°), the semi-square (45°), and another form of semi-square, the sesquiquadrate (135°). Although these are the degrees of separation when an aspect is exact, the "orb" of an aspect is how far off from exact it can be and still operate. Most practitioners use an orb of 7 to 8 degrees for major aspects, 1 to 2 degrees for minor aspects, and up to 12 degrees for major aspects with the Sun or Moon involved.

Symbol	Name	Angle / Orb	Keyword
	<u>conjunction</u>	0° ± 8°	Blending
	<u>opposition</u>	180° ± 8°	Dynamic (Difficult)
	<u>trine</u>	120° ± 8°	Flowing (Easy)
	<u>square</u>	90° ± 8°	Dynamic (Difficult)
	<u>sextile</u>	60° ± 6°	Flowing (Easy)
	<u>inconjunct</u>	150° ± 4°	Dynamic (Difficult)
	<u>quintile</u>	72° ± 2°	Flowing (Easy)
	<u>semi-sextile</u>	30° ± 2°	Dynamic (Difficult)
	<u>semi-square</u>	45° ± 2°	Dynamic (Difficult)
	<u>sesquiquadrate</u>	135° ± 2°	Dynamic (Difficult)

Conjunction (Major aspect):

The strongest blend of energies represented by the two planets.

Opposition (Major aspect):

The planetary energies are polarized; outer events stimulate their interaction; integration is the challenge.

Trine (Major aspect):

The planetary energies flow smoothly; the connection is easy and beneficial.

Square (Major aspect):

The planetary energies conflict; internal and creative tensions bring rich rewards through effort over time.

Sextile (Major aspect):

The planetary energies flow together, open into new possibilities, new connections.

Inconjunct (Minor aspect):

The planetary energies do not flow smoothly, one or the other predominates; discrimination must be employed.

Quintile (Minor aspect):

The planetary energies are positively linked, subtle, and spiritual in dimension.

Semi-Sextile (Minor aspect):

The planetary energies attract each other, require effort, allow entry of new information.

Semi-Square (Minor aspect):

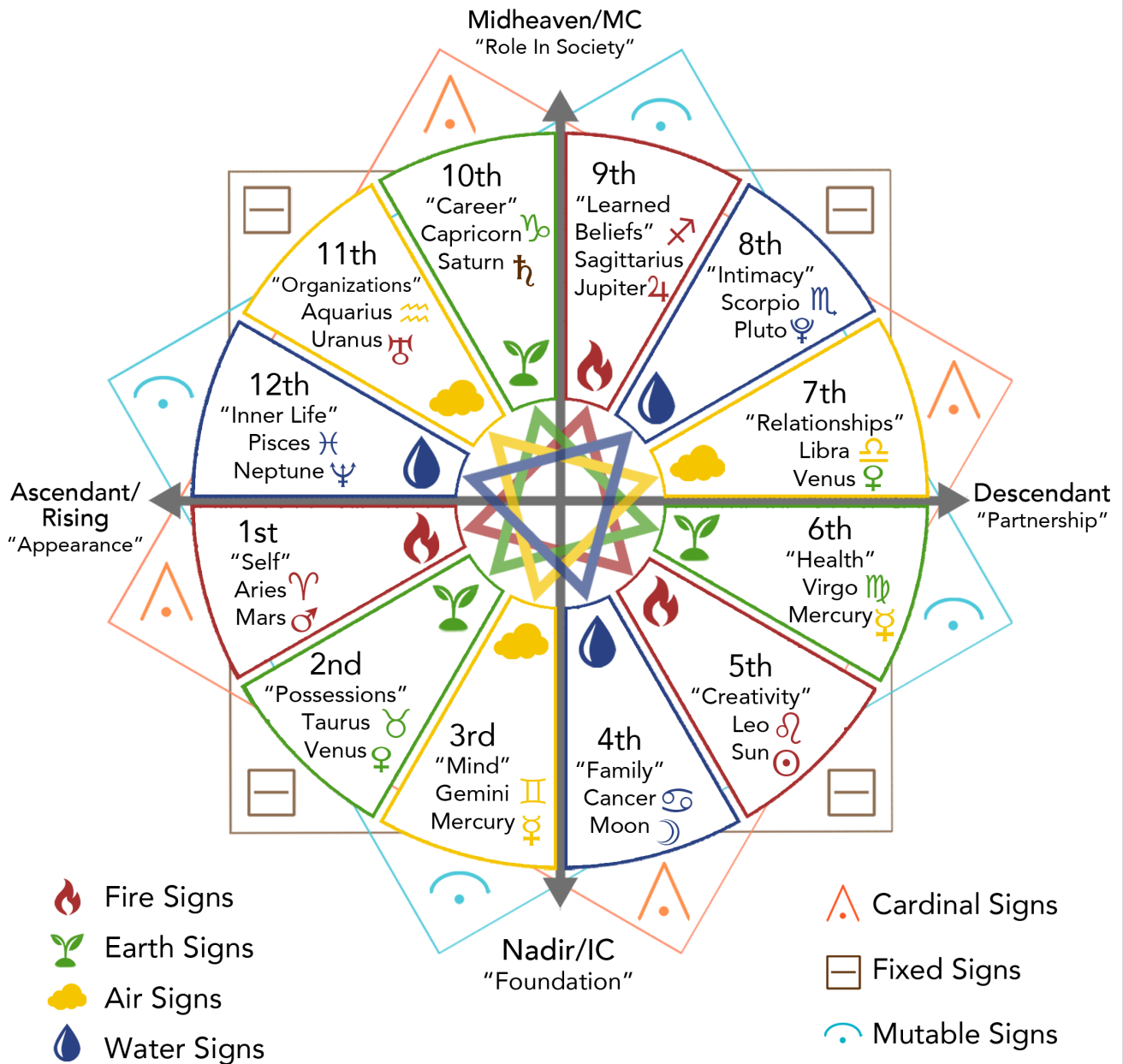
The planetary energies conflict in determined subtle tension; calmness is required.

Sesquiquadrate (Minor aspect):

The planetary energies conflict in determined subtle tension; control is required.

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