



Glossary of Astrological Terms

Accidental Dignity: A planet or celestial body's strength in an astrological chart, augmented because of its angles, e.g., it's on the ascendant, descendant, midheaven, or imum coeli, is direct and swift in motion, or is positively aspected, e.g., a trine, to a beneficent planet. An accidental dignity gives that planet more leverage to the native, and will have a greater impact on the native's life path. *Compare:* Essential Dignity.

Active Element: Active elements correspond with an extroverted nature, are creators, pioneers, and demonstrate more will and force. They correspond with yang energy. Fire and Air are active elements. *See* Fire (Element) and Air (Element).

Aesculapia (Asteroid): Aesculapia 1027 relates to health, healing, and is often associated with healers, physicians, or those in the health and medical professions. Thus, Aesculapia rising in a birth chart can indicate one with a destiny to become a healer, medical doctor, or to serve in the health, nursing, and healing professions.

Affliction: If a planet is afflicted by or in affliction with another planet, there is an unfavorable aspect between the two, e.g., opposition or square. *See also* Aspect; Opposition; Square.



Air (Element): An active element that corresponds with intellectualism, analysis, logic, philosophy, objectivity, and a desire to make social change. Air relates to politics, government, the external sphere of the self, communication, public relations, thought, and rational skepticism. Air can also be indecisive, capricious, unreliable, aloof, detached, or frenetic. The Air signs are Libra, Aquarius, and Gemini. Air signs are intelligent, more likely to pursue higher education, humane, and exhibit refined taste.

Almuten: The most influential planet in your natal or birth chart, as assessed from the essential and accidental dignities, the planet's intrinsic character, zodiac sign governance, the sign in which that planet is in exaltation, and any harmonious aspects. The term is used in traditional astrology, though appears less frequently in modern astrology.

Anaretic Degree: The 29° dignity. When a planet or luminary is on the anaretic degree, it can be a debilitating position where a native lacks clarity or self-awareness, due in large part to the cusp that the planet or luminary is on—positioned in between two different signs. It shows one not yet fully aware of or in control of his or her capability. That said, the anaretic degree portends exceptional position. It prognosticates a visionary, one who does not have any boundaries, only horizons. They

typically find themselves in careers or undertakings that push beyond convention. The anaretic degree denotes how that planet or luminary will act and influence the native's life.

Angle: The zenith (or south vertical), the nadir (or north vertical); the eastern horizon, the western horizon; the cusp of the tenth, fourth, first, and seventh houses; the *medium coeli*, the *immum coeli*, the ascendant sign, or descendant sign are all considered to be the significant angles of a chart. These angles are the most powerful arcs in astrological interpretation. Traditional astrology stemming from the school of Ptolemy focused primarily on the midheaven sign (or *medium coeli*), or zenith. Today, modern astrology tends to focus on the ascendant sign.

Angular Aspect: *See Aspect.*

Angular House (House): A cardinal house; one of the main, influential houses over your life path; one of the houses with most impact; Houses 1, 4, 7, and 10 are angular houses and are the most relevant houses to the formation of your personality and destiny.

Aphesis: *See Zodiacal Releasing.*

Apollo (Asteroid): Apollo 1862 shows where a native is most creative. A strongly positioned Apollo indicates creative talent. Weakened Apollo indicates one who does not actively exercise his or her creative and intuitive abilities.



Aquarius (Zodiac Sign): Social involvement, extroversion, humanitarianism, a need to be progressive and change the status quo. Seeks the alternatives. Seeks unconventionalism. Eccentricity. Can be emotionally superficial, aloof, detached, lack focus, or be capricious. Friendly, popular, handsome, and charming. Group-conscious. Hopeful. Optimistic about the future of humanity. Seeks to create change and improvement. Sun in Aquarius from January 20 to February 18.

Arachne (Asteroid): Arachne 407 relates to one's social network. This shows how well-connected you are. The house placement of Arachne shows the area of life where you may have the most social connections, and can hint at how to tap into that network to achieve your goals. Arachne in one of the masculine signs—Aries, Gemini, Leo, Libra, Sagittarius, or Aquarius—can amplify an extroverted nature and bring social popularity, and who is more open and revealing of personal experiences. Arachne in one of the feminine signs—Taurus, Cancer, Virgo, Scorpio, Capricorn, or Pisces—can amplify an introverted nature and one who likes to maintain a staunchly private life, and who is more resistant to revealing personal details.

Arabic Parts: Arabic Parts (or Hermetic Lots) is a form of astrological analysis dating back to Babylonian, Persian, Hermetic, or Magian astrology before the first century B.C. They are constructed through mathematical calculations using certain planets or angles in an astrological chart. The Lot of Fortune (or Arabic Part of Fortune) is perhaps the most commonly discussed Arabic Part, which denotes the key or path to success. The Part of Spirit, Part of Commerce, Part of Love, Part of Fatality, and about two dozen other Parts are considered in an Arabic Part analysis.

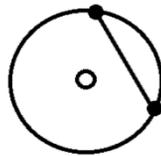


Aries (Zodiac Sign): Related to leadership, achievement, a competitive, bold, and impulsive nature, enterprise, ego, and ambition. Can be impatient. Related to a need to dominate, to be better than

others, to stand out, to be recognized. Need for glory and accomplishment. Sun in Aries from March 21 to April 19.

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Ascendant Sign: The ascendant sign is the zodiac or astrological sign that was ascending on the eastern horizon at the time of your birth. It corresponds to House 1 of the natal chart. The ascendant signifies a person's awakening consciousness, in the same way that the Sun's appearance on the eastern horizon signifies the dawn of a new day. It was the sign at the eastern horizon where the sun rises at the exact moment of your birth. It is the most influential sign over the formation of your personality, your life path, your soul purpose, and who you are. The ascendant sign is also referred to as the rising sign. *Note:* The glyph to the right above, "Omega Rho," was the traditional symbol for the ascendant angle, used in Hellenistic astrology. It is the Greek letters omega (Ω) and rho (Ρ) superimposed over each other.



Aspect: Angular aspects or aspects are the lines you see connecting two celestial bodies in an astrological or natal chart, which represent the angle that these two celestial bodies form. In traditional astrology, the degree of that angle is believed to be significant. It is indicative of the precise semiotic relationship between the two celestial bodies. The primary aspects, or angular relationships, I look at are conjunctions, trines, sextiles, squares, and oppositions. *See* Conjunction, Opposition, Sextile, Square, or Trine to understand these angular relationships. The below table provides a listing of all the aspects commonly referenced by astrologers. *See Table 1. Angular Aspects.*

Asteroids: Asteroids are astronomical objects that orbit our sun that are like planets, but too small to be categorized as a planet. The standard listing of asteroids that modern astrologers consider are as follows:

Aesculapia 1027	Hebe 6	Panacea 2878
Amor 1221	Hera 103	Pandora 55
Apollo 1862	Hidalgo 944	Persephone 339
Arachne 407	Hopi 2938	Phaethon 3200
Astraea 5	Hygeia 10	Proserpina 26
Atlantis 1198	Icarus 1566	Psyche 16
Bacchus 2063	Isis 42	Sappho 80
Ceres 1	Juno 3	Sisyphus 1866
Chiron 2060	Kassandra 114	Siva 1170
Circe 34	Lilith 1181	Siwa 140
Cupido 763	Minerva 93	Terpsichore 81
Demeter 1108	Nemesis 128	Tisiphone 466
Diana 78	Niobe 71	Toro 1685
Eros 433	Orpheus 3361	Urania 30
Eurydike 75	Pallas 2	Vesta 4

Table 1. Angular Aspects

Aspect	Angle	General relationship
Conjunction	0°-5°	Love-hate; they are related and one will affect the other
Opposition	180°	A hard aspect; face-off; choice must be made between one or the other
Trine	120°	A soft aspect; harmonious; represents a blessing or gift in the native's life; source of innate talent
Square	90°	A hard aspect; reveals minor tensions; two areas of life that can be in tension
Sextile	60°	A soft aspect; reveals secondary blessings or gifts in the native's life; two areas of life that are compatible
Semisquare	45°	A hard aspect, but minor; reveals areas of potential conflict or tension
Sesquisquare	135°	A hard aspect, and although minor in natal astrology, is significant in past life astrology: areas of previous soul fragmentation or karmic dissonance
Quincunx (or Inconjunct)	150°	Whether a quincunx is a hard or soft aspect depends on the astrologer you're talking to; generally, it indicates where willpower and native's free will must be channeled so that the higher purpose can be actualized. Although not commonly observed in natal astrology, becomes significant when looking for a Yod, or Hand of God in a chart.

Table 2. Beneficent and Maleficent Planets

Planet	Category	Diurnal Sect	Nocturnal Sect	Energy
Moon	Beneficent	Neutral	Great Windfall, Gift	Yin
Venus	Beneficent	Neutral	Great Windfall, Gift	Yin
Mars	Maleficent	Problematic	Benign	Yang
Jupiter	Beneficent	Great Windfall, Gift	Neutral	Yang
Saturn	Maleficent	Benign	Problematic	Yang

Astraea (Asteroid): Astraea 5 is a point of consideration for shadow work or personal psychological self-improvement. Astraea shows where we feel most materially detached, where we are unable to let go of pain, and where toxins can seep into our life paths and poison our experiences. Astraea's house placement shows a weaker area of our lives and sign placement shows weakened character traits. Astraea points to an area of soul fragmentation that requires active, conscious efforts toward healing.

Astrological Sign: *See* Zodiac Sign.

Bacchus (Asteroid): Bacchus can indicate areas of excess or abuse. Bacchus relates to intoxication and addictions. House and sign placement of Bacchus alerts us to where we must actively and conscientiously choose the middle path, and be ever cognizant of our behavior in that area of life or those character traits to ensure that they remain balanced.

Besiege: If a planet is besieged, then it is positioned in between or flanked by two other planets. The besieged planet is the center planet of the three celestial bodies in conjunction. Some astrologers will consider a planet besieged only if it is in between two malefic planets, such as being flanked by Mars and Saturn. Being besieged by Mars and Saturn means the efficacy and influence of that besieged planet is severely limited. However, I will consider any planet besieged so long as it is in conjunction with two other planets, and thereby becomes the middle planet sandwiched in between two others all in the same house. Constrictions and limitations in life are created as a result.

Benefic Planet: Benefic or beneficent planets can create positive character attributes in a native or auspicious circumstances and opportunities in a native's life path. Jupiter and Venus are considered benefic planets. The moon is a benefic luminary. The subsequent table profiles the beneficent and maleficent planets by their sect positioning. *See Table2* **Beneficent and Malefic Planets.**

Birth Chart: *See* Natal Chart.



Black Moon Lilith: *See* Lilith (Black Moon). *See also, for comparison,* Lilith (Dark Moon) and Lilith (Asteroid). *Cf.* White moon Selena.

Bounds: *See* "Term Ruler."

Cadent House (House): Last house in each quadrant of an astrological chart; less impact at birth, but grows in relevance as you mature; areas of learning in our lives; areas of growth and development; Houses 3, 6, 9, and 12 are cadent houses that reveal areas for nurture, where you will grow and develop through your life path. House 3 shows mental and intellectual development, how you develop your communication style; House 6 shows the progression of your health and everyday life and work; House 9 shows your spiritual development, higher learning, and the significant travels or voyages you take in life; and House 12 shows how you learn from suffering, from your mistakes, and from the challenges and curveballs thrown your way.



Cancer (Zodiac Sign): Related to home and family, need for security, and a nurturing energy. Can be emotionally vulnerable here. Can also be incredibly intuitive and sensitive. Moodiness. Pessimism. Tough outer shell, but vulnerable interior. Things are always complicated when Cancer is involved. Sun in Cancer from June 21 to July 22.



Capricorn (Zodiac Sign): Related to stability, a strong work ethic, a go-getter personality, conservatism, utilitarianism, and introversion. Prefers to stay in shallow, familiar waters. Risk averse. Can be arrogant, idealistic, and philosophical. Seeks higher ground in all endeavors but wants to do so without jeopardizing stability. Sun in Capricorn from December 22 to January 19.

Cardinal Modality: There are three modes of zodiac signs and each of the four elements is subdivided into the three modes. Modality corresponds with the four seasons. The start of a new season is the Cardinal modality. Cardinal modality refers to initiation, and will represent the leaders of the zodiac. Cardinal energy is what pushes you to rise up to a challenge. They take charge and implement order. They like to set the rules. The cardinal signs are Aries (in Fire, for spring), Cancer (in Water, for summer), Libra (in Air, for autumn), and Capricorn (in Earth, for winter). Cardinal signs pursue change, are restless in mind and body, active, enterprising, willful, independent, and dislike restraint or limitations.

Cazimi: A planet that is cazimi is one in conjunction with the sun and therefore said to be “under the sunbeam.” For example, if in a natal chart, the sun at 3° conjuncts with Mercury at 4°, then Mercury is in cazimi. In such a chart, Mercury would be under the sunbeam. When a planet is in cazimi, it will become inextricably fused with the spirit of that individual. Going back to the example, a natal Mercury in cazimi reveals a writer or orator at heart, someone whose spirit is inextricably fused with a cerebral quest for knowledge, learning, communication, and the literary arts. Noting cazimi planets is essential to a natal chart reading because they are going to be a critical, pivotal, perhaps even wholly embodying part of who you are and the core of your spirit. Astrologers may differ on the degree difference considered for determining that a planet is in cazimi. Some assert that it must be within 0° and 1°. Others observe the same degree difference they would for any conjunction. Traditional texts have noted that it is within 17° of the sun.

Cetus (Fourteenth Zodiac Sign): Cetus is considered by some modern sidereal astrologers as a fourteenth zodiac sign associated with the whale or a sea monster. It is a Water sign, though solar dates associated with Cetus are not clear, though it has been noted that the sun is in Cetus for only one day of the year, March 27, which given traditional zodiac associations, might endow such a native born on this day with both Aries and Pisces. Medieval Chinese astrologers knew about Cetus and associated it as a go-between connecting Bei Di, the God of the North, associated with Water, and Xi Wang Mu, the Empress Mother of the West, associated with the Chinese Wu Xing Metal. Interestingly, the energies associated with these deities parallel the Western astrological interpretations of Cetus, which is associated with Water yet with the war god essence of Aries. Bei Di corresponds with Water and Xi Wang Mu is a dark warrior goddess. Cetus personalities are also associated with a serpentine nature (Among Bei Di’s animal guardians is a serpent-snake.) The Chinese refer to Cetus as “the whale constellation.”

Chakras: While not formally a concept in astrology, in spiritual astrology, chakras and the seven sacred planets are often integrated. The weakness of a sacred planet's position in a natal chart is said to correspond with weakness of a particular chakra within the human metaphysical plane. *See Table 3 Chakra and Planetary Correspondences.*

Chart Ruler: The planetary ruler of the ascendant sign in a chart. The chart ruler will be the most important baseline indicator of the native's life path or the trajectory of events for an astrological divination.



Ceres (Dwarf Planet): Ceres (or Ceres 1) is a dwarf planet, like Pluto, Chiron, and Juno, situated between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter. The dwarf planet's orbital period is about 4.60 years, which means it changes signs every 2 to 3 months, though it can vary outside that scope as well, since its orbit is eccentric. Ceres embodies the caretaker or nurturer archetype. It can indicate a source of plenitude we have access to. Ceres is most empowered in Water and Earth signs.

Chart Pattern (or Chart Shape): Chart pattern or chart shape analysis is a methodology from modern astrology, attributed to Dr. Marc Edmund Jones (October 1, 1888 – March 5, 1980). Dr. Jones categorized all charts into seven types: the Splay, Splash, Bundle, Bowl, Locomotive, Bucket, and Seesaw. There is also an eighth, the Unclassified chart. The chart pattern formed by the planets in your chart can shed insight into your general personality pattern. *See Table 4 Chart Patterns.*



Chiron (Dwarf Planet): Although Chiron is not unanimously considered a planet in astronomy (some say it is an asteroid, others a centaur), in astrology, for the purposes of analyzing an astrological chart, it is referred to as a planetary body. Chiron, known in astronomy as 2060 Chiron, is a minor planet in our outer solar system that orbits between Saturn and Uranus. In astrology, Chiron denotes our deepest wounds, and the efforts we exert to heal those wounds. It shows the areas we try to over-compensate as a result of past hurt. However, it also shows how extraordinary the human will is: what once hurt us becomes our greatest strength. Chiron reveals where our greatest healing power lies. It points the way to our soul purpose—how it is we will best contribute to the world at large, how we influence others, and the type of impact we will have, the legacy we can leave behind after we're gone. Chiron's orbit is eccentric, and so can experience a sign change anywhere from 2 to 8 years.

Circe (Asteroid): Circe relates to magic, witchcraft, and supernatural or paranormal controls. On a mundane level, it also shows where we are strongest in our personal power, so where we are most adept at defeating our adversaries.

Classical Critical Degree: When a luminary or planet is in a particular sign and based on that sign's modality, is also in a particular degree, then it will be considered a classical critical degree. This positioning enables that luminary or planet to be highly potent, amplified, and more powerful than usual. It then trumps any other weakening influence over that celestial body. Squares, oppositions, or detriments will be subdued in these degree positions. Any luminary or planet in a classical critical degree is going to be stronger, more relevant, and have a far greater impact on a native than usual. The subsequent reference table shows the different classical degrees by sign and modality. *See Table 5 Classical Critical Degrees.*

Table 3. Chakra and Planetary Correspondences

<i>Chakra</i>	<i>Chakra Correspondence</i>	<i>Planetary Correspondence</i>
Crown	Connection to the Divine	Moon
Third Eye	Perception, Discernment	Sun
Throat	Communication, Knowledge	Mercury
Heart	Emotions, Compassion	Venus
Solar Plexus	Gratification, Ambition	Mars
Sacral	Confidence, Desires	Jupiter
Root	Security, Material Concerns	Saturn

Table 4. Chart Patterns

<i>Chart Type</i>	<i>Chart Formation</i>	<i>Indication</i>
Splay	Planets dominate along one side of zodiac, with exception of one single planet on the opposite, and forming a grand trine	Single planet reveals the unique gift or blessing that the native is born with.
Splash	Rare configuration when planets seem arbitrarily and yet evenly distributed across the zodiac wheel.	A chameleon; a jack of all trades; one with many specialties, and so defining a singular set purpose becomes a challenge.
Bundle	All planets are gathered within a range of 120° while the rest of the chart is empty	Someone with a highly specialized skill set. Reveals one clear mission in life.
Bowl	All planets gather along one half of the zodiac wheel	Reveals one clear mission in life. In-depth analysis of the bowl pattern reveals that mission.
Locomotive	Two thirds of the zodiac wheel is occupied by planets but one third remains empty	One clear mission, but a forking path that is unsteady, uneven, and swerving.
Bucket (or Sling)	Planets form a 180° semicircle, much like the Bowl shape, except one single planet is positioned on the opposite end of the chart, the handle planet of the bucket	Single planet reveals the unique gift or blessing that the native is born with.
Seesaw	Features two stelliums that are completely separated from one another	A more challenging life path; two possible fates; part of the path is to choose a path.
Unclassified	No discernible chart shape or pattern emerging from the planetary distribution	One with an undetermined path; the “wild card” fate

Table 5. Classical Critical Degrees

<i>Modality</i>	<i>Signs</i>	<i>Classical Critical Degrees</i>
Cardinal	Aries, Cancer, Libra, Capricorn	0 °
		13 °
		26 °
Fixed	Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, Aquarius	8 °
		9 °
		21 °
		22 °
Mutable	Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, Pisces	4 °
		17 °

Co ascendant: The co ascendant (CAS) is the rising sign at the colatitude of the same longitude, oftentimes found in the same sign as the ascendant, the twelfth house, or the second house. The co ascendant reveals how we interact socially with others in one-on-one situations. It is a social-related angle, offering personality information for navigating our interpersonal relations so that we can optimize success and happiness. It tells us what the people in close proximity to us think of us and how our interactions are being perceived by friends, classmates, colleagues, and those within arm's length. *Compare:* Polar ascendant.

Colatitude: The complementary angle of the latitude, i.e. the difference between 90° and the latitude, per a given angle of reference. For example, the co ascendant sign is the rising sign at the colatitude of the same longitude as the ascendant sign.

Commanding Signs: In traditional astrology, the northern signs were deemed the commanding signs, i.e., Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo and Virgo, in addition to Libra and Pisces. These signs as ascendants, sun signs, or moon signs show someone who is more self-oriented, in the sense that such an individual needs to acquire assets, achieve high status, or accomplish great things to feel a sense of validation and self-satisfaction.



Conjunction (Aspect): A conjunction is an aspect line formed when two planets are in close proximity to one another, though whether “close proximity” is defined as 3° or 5° or 10°, etc. will differ from astrologer to astrologer. I look at conjunctions at 5° or less, with exceptions made on a case by case basis, per an intuitive call. When there is a conjunction between two planets, the energies represented by the two planets are in alliance. There is harmony. That harmony manifests as areas of ease in your life, your strengths, skills, talents, innate assets, and where you're likely to find success.

Critical Degree: *See* Classical Critical Degree.

Cusp: The borderline between two zodiac signs. When a celestial body or angle is said to be “at the cusp,” it means it is positioned either at the 1-2^o dignity within a sign and thus at the cusp of the preceding sign or at the 28-29^o dignity at the cusp of the subsequent sign. Cusp positioning will draw in correspondences from both signs. The influence of the bordering sign will modify the typical correspondences of the occupying sign.

Dark Moon Lilith: *See* Lilith (Dark Moon). *See also, for comparison,* Lilith (Black Moon) and Lilith (Asteroid).

Decanates (or Decans): In traditional astrology, each zodiac sign is ruled by a triplicity of decanates, or decans. The decanate within the zodiac sign that a planet falls under in an astrological chart can offer greater insights into how that planet might behave or affect that specific area of your life (corresponding to the house). There are 36 triplicities in total (3 decanates per house, 12 houses). The first decan for each house is between 1°-10°, the second between 11°-20°, and the third decan between 21°-30°. *See Table 6 The Decanate Rulerships (Traditional) and Table 7 The Decanate Rulerships (Modern).* *See also Table 8 Decan Rulership Correspondences.*

Table 6. The Decanate Rulerships (Traditional)

ZODIAC SIGN	DECANATES		
	1°-10°	11°-20°	21°-30°
Aries	Mars	Sun	Venus
Taurus	Mercury	Moon	Saturn
Gemini	Jupiter	Mars	Sun
Cancer	Venus	Mercury	Moon
Leo	Saturn	Jupiter	Mars
Virgo	Sun	Venus	Mercury
Libra	Moon	Saturn	Jupiter
Scorpio	Mars	Sun	Venus
Sagittarius	Mercury	Moon	Saturn
Capricorn	Jupiter	Mars	Sun
Aquarius	Venus	Mercury	Moon
Pisces	Saturn	Jupiter	Mars

Table 7. The Decanate Rulerships (Modern)

ZODIAC SIGN	DECANATES		
	1°-10°	11°-20°	21°-30°
Aries	Mars	Sun	Jupiter
Taurus	Venus	Mercury	Saturn
Gemini	Mercury	Venus	Uranus
Cancer	Moon	Pluto	Neptune
Leo	Sun	Jupiter	Mars
Virgo	Mercury	Saturn	Venus
Libra	Venus	Uranus	Mercury
Scorpio	Pluto	Neptune	Moon
Sagittarius	Jupiter	Mars	Sun
Capricorn	Saturn	Moon	Mercury
Aquarius	Uranus	Mercury	Venus
Pisces	Neptune	Moon	Pluto

Decisive Age: The Decisive Age is a year when a great flux of energies collects around you in a way that opens a significant fork in your life path. It is when you will be presented with two distinctly different destinies and the decisions you make at that time governs which destiny you will manifest. The Decisive Age is a period of epiphanies, awakening, transformation, reckoning, and a commitment to a particular life path. Events will seem to amplify or converge that year, all to decide which fork in your life path of possibilities you will walk. Decisive Age calculation is a form of numerology that takes into account the digits of your date of birth.

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Descendant Angle: The descendant angle (or descendant sign) is the point of the ecliptic that meets the western horizon at a given moment, such as your birth, and is the opposite point or 180° angle from the ascendant sign. In the whole signs system of astrology, the descendant is the sign in your seventh house. The descendant sign for each of the ascendant signs are provided in the subsequent chart. *See Table 9 Ascendant and Descendant Angles.*

Dignity: A term from Hellenistic astrology that simply describes the positioning of a planet. An essential dignity refers to the essence of that positioning, the basic interpretation to be had from that specific positioning. An accidental dignity refers to the strength of that positioning based on other inter-planetary relationships in a chart. Any time you want to talk about the positioning of a

planet in your chart, you are talking about that planet's dignity. Typically, to say a planet is dignified is to say that the positioning is strong, auspicious, or empowered; to say that a planet is ill-dignified is to say that the chemistry of elements, such as a Fire-Water or Air-Earth tension, causes the positioning to be weakened or in detriment.

Table 8. Decan Rulership Correspondences

Decan Ruler	Sub-Influence on Natal Planet as Characterized by House and Sign
	A more yang approach. Promising of personal success. Directs personal energy outward. Significant experiences in adulthood as pertaining to this area of life. Areas of significant self-actualization and maturity.
	A more yin approach. Nurturing, intuitive, and feeling. Directs personal energy inward. Significant experiences in childhood as pertaining to this area of life. Ties to past lives or accrued karma.
	More cerebral and expressive when it comes to this area of life. Seeking expression, communication, and having your voice heard. Intellectualized experience. Seeks to express, speak out about, or mentor/teach others with regard to that area of life.
	Attracts others toward you for support. Applies a more feeling and sensing approach. Significant experiences in prepubescent, adolescence, or young adult years as pertaining to this area of life.
	More willful. Embodying the warrior archetype. Assertive. Seeking achievement here. Significant experiences between ages 40 and 60 as pertaining to this area of life.
	Luckier. Born with better luck. Divine blessings here. Fate leans toward success in this area. Significant experiences between ages 60 and 70 as pertaining to this area of life.
	Endowed with pragmatism and common sense. May experience a glass ceiling with regard to this area of life. Strong sense of moral duty and obligations here.
	Taking the unconventional path. Eccentricity in this area. Standing apart from the rest. An outlier. Matters revisited that come back into focus in your twilight years of life.
	More creative and intuitive in personal approach to this area of life.
	Adversity brings opportunity. Curveballs or crises experienced in this area of life prompted by destiny lines that compel learning important karmic lessons so that you may evolve and transcend.

Diurnal Sect: Diurnal means day and relates to the southern hemisphere of an astrological chart, or the top half of the two-dimensional rendering you see. The yang principle rules here. A Diurnal Sect is a term used in traditional astrology denoting concord, compatibility, or harmony with the

southern hemisphere or area above the horizon line in a chart. Diurnal planets are said to be more powerful when they appear in the diurnal sect, or above the horizon line (the southern hemisphere) in an astrological chart. The sun, Jupiter, and Saturn are the diurnal planets. *Note:* Mercury is considered neutral, and thus is neither diurnal nor nocturnal. An astrological chart is considered Diurnal when the sun appears in the southern hemisphere.

Table 9. Ascendant and Descendant Angles.

<i>Ascendant Sign</i>	<i>Descendant Sign</i>	<i>Ascendant Sign</i>	<i>Descendant Sign</i>
Aries	Libra	Libra	Aries
Taurus	Scorpio	Scorpio	Taurus
Gemini	Sagittarius	Sagittarius	Gemini
Cancer	Capricorn	Capricorn	Cancer
Leo	Aquarius	Aquarius	Leo
Virgo	Pisces	Pisces	Virgo

Dwarf Planet: The term “dwarf planet” was coined by astronomers in 2006 to categorize certain planetary bodies that weren’t really planets but weren’t asteroids either. Today, dwarf planets include Pluto, Chiron, and Ceres.



Earth (Element): A passive element that corresponds with stability, pragmatism, the prudent use of resources, and financial security. Earth personalities are loyal, methodical, utilitarian, goal-oriented, get things done, and complete their tasks. Earth personalities can be short-sighted, rigid, dogmatic, or stubborn. Earth is related to wealth management, fashion, design, construction, building, property, and real estate. The Earth signs are Capricorn, Taurus, and Virgo. Earth signs are more cautious and economical than the other signs. They are resourceful builders.

Ecliptic: When viewing the heavens from the earth’s perspective, the sun appears to orbit the earth in a distinct path, through the twelve zodiac signs. That path is referred to as the ecliptic. The ecliptic is the apparent annual geocentric path of the sun through the twelve zodiac signs, traversing through the degrees of Aries, then Taurus, all the way to Pisces.

Electional Astrology: Using astrological concepts to select an auspicious date and time for an event. Generally, electional astrology will consist of assessing the moon’s phase and dignity, the ascendant, positioning of the ascendant’s rulership, the dignities of critical planets relevant to the subject matter of the event, and the consideration of strong angular aspects.

Elements: In Western astrology, there are four essential elements: Fire, Earth, Air, and Water. Each House, Sign, and Planet is ruled by one of these essential elements. An astrologer will interpret the metaphysical chemistry of the elements of interacting Houses, Signs, and Planets to provide a native’s personality profile. Fire relates to spirit, creativity, and ambition. Earth is about material gains, stability, and personal security. Air is communication and expression of thoughts, interpersonal relations, and community. Water is home and hearth, emotions, the subconscious, artistry, humanity, and personal trials.

Elevated Planet: The elevated planet is closest to the cusp of the tenth house or the planet in an astrological chart that is closest to the midheaven. The elevated or most elevated planet is what will most affect the midheaven sign. If it is in a dignified position, strengthening the midheaven sign, then it is auspicious. Ill-dignified and weakening the midheaven sign creates career and social limitations on the native's life path.

Emotional Nature: Those born with a sun in Cancer, Scorpio, or Pisces are considered to have an innate emotional nature. They are more considerate of how others are feeling, tend to be empathetic and empathic, deeply resonating with the emotions of those around them, especially their loved ones. They often feel most themselves when they are in a relationship, because they like taking care of others, and feel more fulfilled when they are "needed." (The concept of certain sun signs having an emotional nature comes from modern astrological approaches.) *See also* Emotional Nature, Inspirational Nature, Intellectual Nature, and Practical Nature.

Empath: An empath describes an individual who is in effect like a hypersensitive receiver. Empaths are highly attuned to all of the vibrational energies and forces around them, and all vibrations seem to permeate through their natural shield (or personal space). They tend to suffer from anxiety or depression more so than others. All people are born with a natural metaphysical shield that blocks out energies and forces that could potentially be harmful. Highly individualist or egocentric people, for instance, often have naturally strong shields. Empaths, in contrast, have vulnerable personal shields. On the positive side, they are conscientious, thoughtful, compassionate, generous, and very caring of others, because they can feel another's pain like their own. They are highly attuned to the feelings of others, changes in their environment, such as changes in temperature or the weather, and the natural vibrations that all living things give off. Many who are born with psychic abilities are also empaths. The particular influence of Cancer, Aquarius, and Pisces or positioning of the moon, Neptune, or Chiron are the astrological indicators or marks of an empath.

Ephemeris: An ephemeris, or ephemeris files (plural form: ephemerides), are tables that give the location of various planets at various times. Traditionally, to cast a birth chart, an astrologer would need to look up each planet one by one in the ephemeris for a native and locate that planet geometrically in a tropical zodiac. That was how birth charts were manually drawn. Today, few astrologers will use ephemerides. Rather, birth charts are automatically generated with software programs. The ephemeris does still come into play for metaphysical practitioners where planets in their signs and important transits or chart patterns are noted in an almanac or log that the practitioner consults for determining dates of craft.

Esoteric Astrology: Esoteric astrology is a form of modern astrology attributed to renowned astrologer Alice Bailey (1880–1949) who wrote on the relationship between spirituality and the solar system. Her branch of modern astrology, called esoteric astrology, is said to have been taught to her telepathically or through channeled knowledge from her spirit guide, an ascended Tibetan master. The foundational principle in Bailey's esoteric astrology is the seven rays, which she espouses to be the seven fundamental intangible energies behind all physical manifestation. These seven rays represent the seven basic creative forces upon which the universe and all beings within the universe are founded, and internally within the human body, are sourced from the seven chakras. Altogether, in sum, the seven rays make up the one Divinity. *See Table 10 Ten Rays of Esoteric Astrology.*

Essential Dignity: The innate or core strength (dignified position) or weakness (ill-dignified position) of a planet or celestial body based on the zodiac sign it is positioned in and the degree. To determine essential dignities, consider whether the planet is exalted in that position due to rulerships, decans, and elemental correspondences. *See Table 11 Planets and Their Exalted Signs.*

Table 10. Ten Rays of Esoteric Astrology.

<i>Ray</i>	<i>Form</i>	<i>Chakra</i>	<i>Keywords</i>
1	Willpower	Solar Plexus	Fearlessness; pride; self-control; discipline; ambition; leadership
2	Wisdom	Heart	Serenity; endurance; non-action; compassion; poise; composure; placidity
3	Intelligence	Throat	Discernment; prudence; judiciousness; reasoning
4	Harmony	Sacral	Mediation; diplomacy; savoir-faire; conciliation
5	Knowledge	Third Eye	Awareness; insight; vision; perspicacity; sophistication; pansophy
6	Devotion	Crown	Faith; reverence; piety; spirituality; communion
7	Ritual	Root	Social customs; traditions; values; observances; rites

Table 11. Planets and Their Exalted Signs

<i>Planet</i>	<i>Exalted Signs (Dignified Position)</i>
Sun	Aries, Leo
Moon	Taurus, Cancer, Pisces
Mercury	Gemini, Virgo, Libra
Venus	Taurus, Cancer, Virgo, Libra
Mars	Aries, Cancer, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn
Jupiter	Gemini, Cancer, Libra, Sagittarius, Pisces
Saturn	Taurus, Capricorn, Aquarius
Uranus	Aries, Gemini, Virgo, Aquarius
Neptune	Aries, Libra, Pisces
Pluto	Scorpio



Eris (Dwarf Planet): Eris, or 136199 Eris, is categorized as a minor planet or dwarf planet that is slightly more massive than Pluto. Eris was discovered in 2005 and was initially categorized as the tenth planet in the solar system. It is a slow moving celestial body with an orbital period of about 558 years, so it stays within the same zodiac sign for about 46 to 47 years. The dwarf planet is named after Eris, the Greek goddess of discord. Modern astrologers read Eris as indicating the ego, entitlement, the inner chaos that leads us to manifest the inner divinity, and chaos magic.



Fire (Element): An active element that corresponds with inspiration, creation, confidence, willfulness, taking control, enthusiasm, verve, vitality, exploration, and trailblazing. Fire also burns, and so just as it can be creative, it can be destructive. Fire can bring anger, a bad temper, and possibly a need to dominate over others. Fire is the energy of creators and leaders. They may go through life with a strong, confident sense of self-importance. The Fire signs are Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius. Fire signs possess a great deal of vitality and physical energy. They are enthusiastic, emotional, passionate, ambitious, and enterprising.

Fixed Modality: There are three modes of zodiac signs and each of the four elements is subdivided into the three modes. Modality corresponds with the four seasons. Mid-season is the Fixed modality. Fixed modality is what sees projects through to the finish line. Fixed modality is a slower energy, but is highly productive, persistent, and has great stamina. Fixed modality is focused. They are builders and seek to maintain order. With it, goals are more likely to be accomplished. They like to follow the rules. The fixed signs are Taurus (in Earth, for spring), Leo (in Fire, for summer), Scorpio (in Water, for autumn), and Aquarius (in Air, for winter). Fixed signs persevere. They tend to dislike change. They are determined, obstinate, stubborn, and will have more intense personas.

Fortuna: *See* Lot of Fortune.



Gemini (Zodiac Sign): Multi-faceted nature, multi-talented, many skills, diversity. Exudes charm. Related to intellect, persuasiveness, communications, and high proficiency. However, also related to unpredictability, unreliability, and capriciousness. Many ideas, but lacking execution. Gemini imparts expanding energy into a house or planet in a chart. Brings intelligence and communicative energy. Sun in Gemini from May 21 to June 20.

Geocentric: A geocentric astrological chart refers to a model in which the planetary and celestial bodies, including the sun, are pictured to revolve around the earth as the center frame of reference. Ancient astrology (and astronomy) were modeled after a geocentric system before heliocentrism was discovered. Astrologers today still use a geocentric model for natal charts under the metaphysical rationale “as above, so below,” focusing on how the planetary and celestial bodies influence you as an individual, specifically, and thus you on earth from the geographic location of your birth become the central frame of reference. *Compare with* Heliocentric.

Glyph: Glyphs refer to the symbols that represent the planets, zodiac signs, and other celestial bodies in an astrological chart. Glyphs are an astrologer’s shorthand. There are planetary glyphs, zodiac glyphs, and aspect glyphs, which are provided in the below reference, *Table 12 Key of Zodiac Glyphs*, *Table 13 Key of Planetary Glyphs*, *Table 14 Aspect Glyphs*.

Note that in the subsequent planetary glyphs table, not all symbols are actual planets per astronomy. In astrology, the sun and moon are typically referred to as luminaries. The chart covers the glyphs that you’ll find in an astrological chart.

Table 12. Key of Zodiac Glyphs

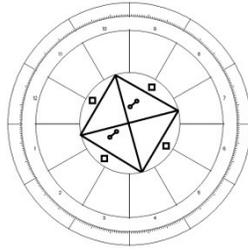
Glyph	Sign	Glyph	Sign	Glyph	Sign
♈	Aries	♌	Leo	♐	Sagittarius
♉	Taurus	♍	Virgo	♑	Capricorn
♊	Gemini	♎	Libra	♒	Aquarius
♋	Cancer	♏	Scorpio	♓	Pisces

Table 13. Key of Planetary Glyphs

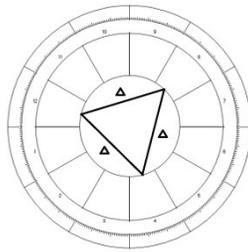
Glyph	Celestial Body or Point	Glyph	Celestial Body or Point
☉	Sun	☾	Moon
☿	Mercury	♄	Saturn
♀	Venus	♅	Uranus
♂	Mars	♆	Neptune
♃	Jupiter	♇	Pluto
♊	N. Node	⊗	Fortuna
♎	Lilith	♁	Selena
♁	Chiron	♁	Pallas

Table 14. Aspect Glyphs

Glyph	Aspect	Glyph	Aspect	Glyph	Aspect
♋	Conjunction	△	Trine	✳	Sextile
♌	Opposition	□	Square	⋈	Quincunx



Grand Cross: A grand cross is formed by six major angular aspects—four squares and two oppositions. As both squares and oppositions are considered hard aspects, a grand cross amplifies the challenging qualities of the signs and celestial bodies they link. However, it is a sign of the hero's journey. If a native can overcome the challenges presented to him or her, then a grand cross prognosticates high echelons of success and achievement. The two oppositions forming the cross will point into one of the three modalities. That modality defines the implications of the grand cross.



Grand Trine: A grand trine is when there are three trines, or three aspects of 120° angles between planets or celestial bodies in a chart that form a grand trine connecting all the signs of a single element. Grand trines are indicators of certain professional talents. The grand trines are characterized by their element.

Great Conjunction: Jupiter in conjunct with Saturn forms a Great Conjunction, i.e., Jupiter and Saturn are within 10° of one another. Great Conjunctions attracted the interest of ancient Arabic, Babylonian, and medieval European astrologers as divine omens. When Jupiter is in conjunct with Saturn in a natal chart, then in effect the native's Saturn Returns will coincide with Jupiter Returns. While Saturn Returns are typically expressed by astrologers as trying, challenging times in a native's life path, Jupiter Returns are generally considered beneficent, fortuitous times. Thus, when the two coincide, there's some dissonance. Oftentimes the result is a very dramatic and dynamic period of the native's life path, one with very high ups and very low down periods.

Hand of God: *See Yod.*

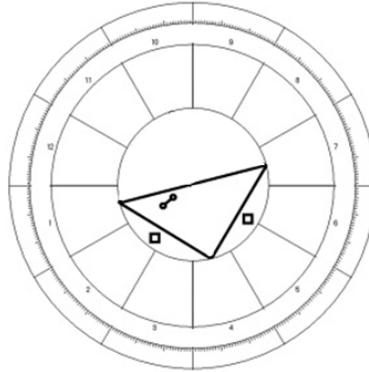
Health Degree: The 29° dignity. In medical astrology, the 29° mark is known as the "health degree," and a planet or luminary at 29° can indicate past emotional wounds that have psychosomatically become chronic physical conditions that correspond with that planet or luminary's physical body correspondences. *See Medical Astrology* for a reference table on the various physical health correspondences.

Heliocentric: A heliocentric astrological chart is more in line with modern day astronomical understandings, and places the earth and other planetary and celestial bodies as revolving around the sun. *See Geocentric.*

Hellenistic Astrology: Hellenistic astrology is a term used to cover the early traditions of western astrology that appeared in Egypt, the Mediterranean, and Alexandria, and is considered the primary

or originating source of all subsequent Western astrological traditions to follow. Philosophically, Hellenistic astrology is said to be rooted philosophically on the works of the Neopythagoreans, Platonists and Stoics. Vettius Valens and Claudius Ptolemy are some of the early astrologers attributed with Hellenistic astrology.

Hera (Asteroid): Hera brings great personal power and strength of will and character. House correspondence shows the area of life in which we possess innate power, great ability and competency, and better fortunes. Zodiac sign placement of Hera shows the personal traits, persona, and character that is most prominent in us, that others see, that others adjudicate us by, and that are strongest in us.



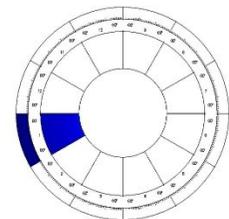
Herculean Ternary: Two square and an opposition forming a triangle or ternary of astrological forces is called a Herculean Ternary. The Herculean Ternary is a set of three forces in your life that can create challenges, difficulties, that spearhead your hero's journey. These are three forces that are often presented in your life as obstacles that you must overcome in order to manifest your higher purpose. They represent the necessary pain, suffering, and difficulties you must endure if you are to become the hero of your own narrative.

Hermetic Lots: Progression of the principle of Arabic Parts. See "Arabic Parts" and "Seven Hermetic Lots."

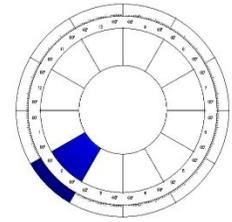
Horary Astrology: A form of divination using astrological charts. A horoscopic chart is constructed for the date, time, and location that a specific question is formulated by a querent. A significator planet is selected for either the querent or the question, and then the astrological chart is interpreted around the significator to answer the question presented.

House: A house is a subdivision of the ecliptic plane within an astrological chart with its position dependent on your time and location of birth and on the rotational movement of the Earth's axis. Per my whole signs approach to astrology, the 12 houses in an astrological chart are subdivided by space, in equal arcs of 30° each. The Babylonians were said to set the first system of twelve houses, a system dating back to 1 B.C. *See Table 15 The Twelve Astrological Houses.*

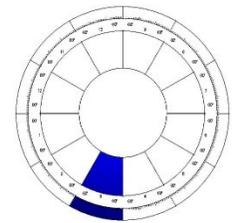
House 1: The House of Self, Identity, Physical Appearance, Personality. In the Tropical chart, planets here were in the northeast at the time of your birth. House related to your personal identity. Also, the House of Aries. It relates to who we are, your physical appearance, how others see us, and what is most prevalent about ourselves. It relates to general character and fortune. It is the most important of the twelve houses. House 1 is Angular House. Along with House 10, House 1 relates to our Life Path.



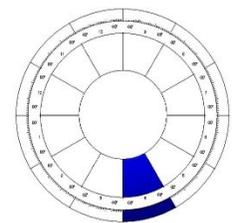
House 2: The House of Wealth and Material Foundations; Resources and Assets. Planets here were in the northeast at the time of your birth. House related to your personal identity, self-awareness of your physical body and self-esteem thereof, and merit-based success in life. Also, the House of Taurus. It relates to our resources, finances, money, possessions, and attitude toward resources and finances. It relates to what we have and our attitude toward what we have (or what we want). House 2 is Succedent House.



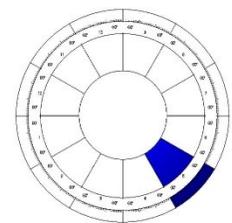
House 3: The House of Communications, Mental Development; Intellect and Reason. Planets here were in the northeast at the time of your birth. House related to your personal identity and how you express or convey that personal identity to others. The third house can also relate to siblings, brothers and sisters, or cousins. It relates to early childhood education as well. Also, the House of Gemini. It relates to how we dialogue, how we engage, and how we think. House 3 is a Cadent House.



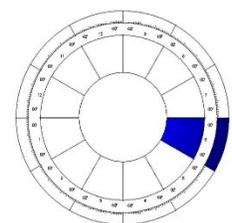
House 4: The House of Home, Hearth, and Family. This is the seat of your soul. Planets here were in the northwest at the time of your birth. House related to your domestic life, home and family, your parents, the type of parenting you received, and the home environment you grew up in. House 4 relates to your subconscious and unconscious, the aspects of identity you may not be as aware of; cellular or genetic memory. Also, the House of Cancer. It relates to our home and the domestic sphere. House 4 is Angular House.



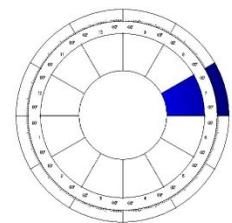
House 5: The House of Pleasure, of Procreation, Progeny, Fertility, Creativity, and Affairs. Planets here were in the northwest at the time of your birth. House related to pleasure, your pursuit of happiness, minor love affairs, and the way you navigate society. It is the house of our children, progeny, and that which we create or bring to life. Also, the House of Leo. It relates to our pastimes and what we enjoy. It relates to the progeny or legacy we leave behind, our future. House 5 is Succedent House.



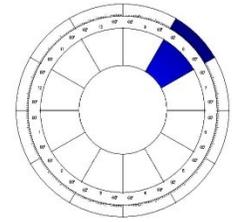
House 6: The House of Work, Service, Servitude, Obligations, and Duties; Health and Wellness. Planets here were in the northwest at the time of your birth. House related to your personal expression. This is the house of everyday life, your daily tasks, the routine you find yourself falling into, employment or job-related concerns, and your health as a result of your environment. Also, the House of Virgo. It relates to our work product, what we do for a living, and the ways in which we serve our society. House 6 is a Cadent House.



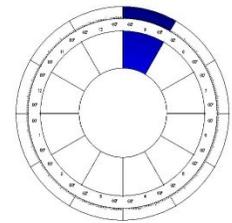
House 7: The House of Marriage, Unions, Alliances, and Partnerships; Relationships. Planets here were in the southwest at the time of your birth. House related to your social identity. House 7 is about the social institutions that will have the most impact on you, such as marriage or law and legal matters. Also, the House of Libra. It relates to partners and relationships and the external self or persona we project out into the world. House 7 is Angular House.



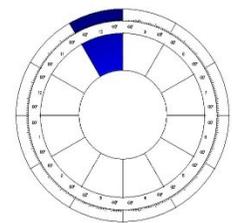
House 8: The House of Transformations, Sex, Sexuality, Crisis, the Occult, and Psychic Connections. The occulted side of you, that which is concealed yet influential. House 8 also relates to death, taxes, inheritances, and trusts and estates. Planets here were in the southwest at the time of your birth. House related to your social identity. Also, the House of Scorpio. It relates to the unknown, variables in our lives that create uncertainty, and our sexuality, our base desire for survival, our survival instincts. House 8 is Succedent House.



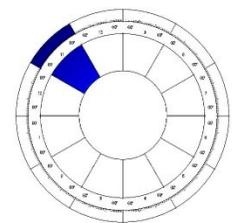
House 9: The House of Spirituality, Higher Learning, Education, Higher Pursuits, and Voyages. Planets here were in the southwest at the time of your birth. Reveals your spiritual journey and path to wisdom; reveals how you connect to the Akashic Records. This is the house of expansion. Also, the House of Sagittarius. It relates to long travels, spiritual journeys, how religious we are, how connected we are to the concept of a Divine, and higher aspirations. Your perspective on science and religion. House 9 is a Cadent House.



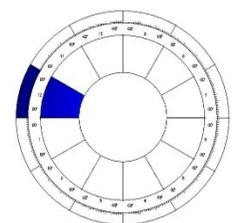
House 10: The House of Career, Social Status, Profession, Success, Fame, and Glory. Planets here were in the southeast at the time of your birth. House related to your social expression. Also, the House of Capricorn. It relates to our professional trajectory and highest professional capabilities or the social status we achieve. House 10 is an Angular House. Along with House 1, House 10 relates to our Life Path. This portends the potential you can achieve and what endeavors will most fulfill your sense of life purpose.



House 11: The House of Friendships, Community, Hopes, Society, Our Support Network, and Humanitarianism. This is your sense of social responsibility. House 11 relates to your ideals and the impact you make on your society or community. Planets here were in the southeast at the time of your birth. House related to your social expression. Also, the House of Aquarius. House 11 is a Succedent House. Divine purpose designated for you so that your life contributes a significant benefit to the world around you.



House 12: The House of Self-Knowledge, Self-Actualization, Epiphanies, Awakenings, Hidden Talents, Enemies, Dangers, Suffering, Personal Trials, Waste, and Areas of Great Challenge or Obstacles. Planets here were in the southeast at the time of your birth. Also, the House of Pisces. This is the house of shadow work. It relates to our shortcomings or areas we sacrifice ourselves for the good of others. Can portend what plagues you or what holds you back; forms of imprisonment, duress, bondage, and the ways in which we feel socially isolated. House 12 is a Cadent House.



Humanist Signs: Gemini, Virgo, Aquarius, and 1-15° in Sagittarius convey humanist qualities to the native. Such a person will have a strong interest in or concern for human welfare, social concerns, social justice, world affairs, or an interest in the humanities. A natal chart with a strongly influential Gemini, Virgo, Aquarius, or significant angle between 1 and 15° in Sagittarius will reveal an individual who is also strongly humanist.

The Twelve Astrological Houses

HOUSE	AREA OF LIFE	MODE OF EXPRESSION	ELEMENT
1	Self	Angular	Fire
2	Possessions	Succedent	Earth
3	Intellections	Cadent	Air
4	Home	Angular	Water
5	Happiness	Succedent	Fire
6	Daily Work	Cadent	Earth
7	Partnerships	Angular	Air
8	Power Plays	Succedent	Water
9	Knowledge	Cadent	Fire
10	Advancement	Angular	Earth
11	Community	Succedent	Air
12	Suffering	Cadent	Water

Hygeia (Asteroid): Hygeia can indicate one's physical health and vigor. Sign placement of Hygeia can point to where there may be greater medical concerns. For example, Hygeia in Cancer can indicate health concerns relating to the chest area; Hygeia in Libra can indicate the kidneys or skin conditions; Hygeia in Scorpio can indicate the reproductive organs. Hygeia is about wellness, health, and the body. It is an asteroid that astrologers interpret as relating to health, fitness, nutrition, personal wellness, and in its essence, areas of life that merge mind, body, and spirit. Sign placement of Hygeia can point to areas of the physical body that may be of primary concern for you.

Hyleg: In Hellenistic astrology, a hyleg is a point in a natal chart that is a stronger indicator of personality and persona. Some astrologers consider a native's hyleg to be the ascendant sign's ruling planet. Others consider three hylegs: ascendant sign degree, sun sign degree, and moon sign degree. The Lot of Fortune is another hyleg that is often considered.

Iatromathematics: See Medical Astrology.

Icarus (Asteroid): Icarus relates to our impulses. The house and sign placement of Icarus can indicate dangers, risks, or areas of life where a native tends to run away from his or her problems. Icarus shows avoidance. Its placement shows what you avoid, where you tend to run away rather than confront difficult issues or obstacles.

Imum Coeli (IC): The *imum coeli* is the point in space where the ecliptic crosses the meridian in the north, exactly opposite the *medium coeli*, or 180° from the *medium coeli*. It refers to our roots and also to the least conscious part of ourselves. It is what drives us toward the *medium coeli*; it

represents what drives us toward the ambitions we define for ourselves per the *medium coeli*. The IC tells the *why* of the Mc, which represents the *what* of our successes. The IC also shows how our parents have influenced our pursuits and aspirations, and the social status we end up achieving in life.

Inconjunct (Aspect): See Quincunx.

Inspirational Nature: Those who are born with a sun in Aries, Leo, or Sagittarius are considered to possess inspirational natures. Your chief motivation comes from a “super-consciousness of the Ego” and seek to inspire or motivate others, seek to be a teacher, mentor, guide, and torch-bearer. The Aries sun possesses initiative power; the Leo sun possesses executive power; and the Sagittarius sun possesses the power of deductive reasoning, and these sun signs use their respective powers to inspire those around them. (The concept of certain sun signs having an inspirational nature comes from modern astrological approaches.) See also Emotional Nature, Inspirational Nature, Intellectual Nature, and Practical Nature.

Intellectual Nature: Those who are born with a sun in Libra, Aquarius, or Gemini are considered to possess intellectual natures. Now, before your head inflates, that does not mean you’re more intellectual than other signs, though it does mean you rely on your intellect more than others might. You are primarily interested in thought processes, mental exercises and excursions, philosophy, the sciences, and scholarship. You are the lifelong student of academia. The Libra sun is innovative when it comes to ideas; the Aquarius sun wants to implement ideas into social settings for a greater good; the Gemini sun enjoys delving into conceptual or abstract ideas for the “fun” of the intellectual challenge. (The concept of certain sun signs having an intellectual nature comes from modern astrological approaches.) See also Emotional Nature, Inspirational Nature, Intellectual Nature, and Practical Nature.



Juno (Dwarf Planet): Juno 3 is a minor planet and the 11th largest asteroid in the asteroid belt of our solar system. It was discovered in 1804 and was so large that initially, astronomers categorized Juno as a planet, and only later in the 1850s reclassified as a minor planet. Juno 3 is atypically reflective, with high albedo. In other words, it’s very shiny, rendering it brighter than even Neptune. Minerals such as pyroxene (an olive green stone) and olivine (a lighter translucent green stone) are believed to be abundant on Juno. Its orbital period is about 4.36 years, which means it occupies each zodiac sign for about 132 days before moving on to the next. In astrology, Juno symbolizes that one Great Love, transcending time and space. It is the planet of lasting, eternal love, marriage, and fruitful romantic unions. In modern astrology, Juno is read alongside the Venus sign for love and romance determinations.



Jupiter (Planet): Jupiter relates to luck, abundance, prosperity, and happiness. It is what we hunt for. It is what we pursue and what we usually get. It is our ambitions and acquisitions, but not at the level of drive, impulse, aggression, or with the same fighting spirit as Mars. Jupiter can indicate that period of our lives from age 60 to 70. Jupiter changes zodiac signs approximately every 361 days, about every year. Jupiter is considered a benefic or beneficent planet, along with Venus.

Jupiter Return: The Jupiter Return is an astrological event when a given transiting Jupiter (where Jupiter is headed to at this time) returns to the same point in the heavens as your natal Jupiter (where the planet was at the moment of your birth). Generally, Jupiter Returns are happy and

positive periods of growth. They can be a time of welcomed changes or transitions. They are auspicious times when personal welfare flourishes. However, since Jupiter is in detriment under the sign Capricorn, when the natal Jupiter is in Capricorn or when the native's sun or ascendant sign is Capricorn, Jupiter Returns are, in effect, insignificant.

Kassandra (Asteroid): Kassandra relates to advice and counsel. It is an indication of wisdom and knowledge. The house placement of Kassandra can indicate an area of life where you can best serve as an advisor, counselor, or consultant. Kassandra points to where you are most knowledgeable.

Leading Planet: Generally, the leading planet is the first planet to appear in the astrological chart after the ascendant degree. However, there are exceptions, especially where specific chart patterns are involved, such as the Locomotive. The leading planet is considered to be significant, and is the force that drives the influences of the rest of the planets in the chart. A leading planet will denote the influences most determining of a native's personality and life path. It is second in importance to the chart ruler.



Leo (Zodiac Sign): Related to glory, leadership, and need to achieve. Need for attention; need for validation. Magnanimous personality. Confident. Can be vain. Straightforward. Pleasant demeanor. Charming and charismatic. Seeks to be noticed, recognized, and would like fame. Sun in Leo from July 23 to August 22.



Libra (Zodiac Sign): Balanced, diplomatic, harmonious, beautiful, classy, romantic, and charming. Can be indecisive and unreliable. Self-indulgent. Tries too hard to appease others. Artistic, idealistic, a visionary. Seeks harmony, peace, and balance in all things. Strives for equilibrium. Sun in Libra from September 23 to October 22.

Life Path: Life Path numbers are based on Pythagorean numerology, not astrology, but I have found the life path to intersect in remarkably synchronous ways with a natal chart. Your Life Path number relates to House 1 and House 10, or who you are, your identity, and what you are most likely to achieve. It expresses your purpose, and how you best contribute to the world at large.

Life Path 1: Born Leader. Tend to be more cerebral. You are a visionary. Innate administration and leadership qualities. Tendency to be egocentric or arrogant. Defeat is particularly difficult to accept.

Life Path 2: Born Minister. Tend to focus on maintaining order, building structure, ensuring security and stability. You seek peace, prosperity, and cooperation for all. Spiritual, enlightened, diplomatic. A powerful mediator. Tendency to be indecisive or hesitant. Can inspire others toward a higher life path.

Life Path 3: Born Communicator, Negotiator; an Influencer. Tend to be more creative and intuitive. You seek expansion. Strong writing, oration, or verbal skills. Possesses the power of rhetoric and persuasion. Warm, friendly, charismatic, and sociable. Motivated by happiness. Tendency to take criticism too personally.

Life Path 4: Born Architect; Builder; Planner. Tend to focus on maintaining order, building structure, ensuring security and stability. You seek reason, pragmatism, and objectivity. Pragmatic, great at planning and building. Does not deal well with changes. Motivated by values and stability.

Life Path 5: Born Pioneer, Progressive, or Peripatetic. Tend to be more cerebral. You seek changes, progress, and crisis management. A natural-born non-conformist. Seeks reform. Seeks improvement. Seeks a better way of doing things than the status quo. Natural business and entrepreneurial skills, but can be too brash or impatient to execute or implement those commercial ideas. Often has a restless spirit.

Life Path 6: Born Nurturer; Traditionalist. Tend to be more creative and intuitive. You seek harmony, balance, and peace among all. You seek temperance. Strong moral compass. Strong faith and convictions. Tendency to be codependent, needing others to need you. A very attractive, harmonious person, both physically and in character. Can be overly protective of loved ones. Emotionally vulnerable.

Life Path 7: Born Philosopher; Thinker. Tend to be more cerebral. You seek success by wisdom and knowledge. Analytical. Looks past the who or what, and asks how and why. Observant of surroundings and human nature. A perfectionist. Holds everyone, including yourself, to high, exacting standards. Possesses spiritual wisdom and intuition. Tendency to be argumentative. Suited for academia, arts and letters. Likely to be respected among society. Tendency to be reclusive.

Life Path 8: Born Manager, Boss, Advisor. Tend to focus on maintaining order, building structure, ensuring security and stability. You seek success by hard work and merit. Can be bossy or pushy. Gatsby tragicomic life. Life often riddled with power struggles, rebellion, feeling like a rebel without a cause, and being a risk taker, doing what others might not venture to do. Transformative abilities. Often sensual with a great deal of sexual energy. Great fortunes, great losses. Visionary and risk-taker. Most difficult to make generalizations about Life Path 8s. Often end up in quantum entanglement situations. Unconventional relationships with power, sex, or money.

Life Path 9: Born Artist or Healer. Tend to be more creative and intuitive. You are the giver. Those with Life Path 9 are subdivided into two different prongs: the Artist and the Healer. Such an individual is deeply understanding of humanity and what ails humanity. You're generous, selfless, and have a talent for social expression. Suited for careers in the arts, medicine, or social justice. Acute ability to express or restore beauty in the world around you.



Lilith (Black Moon): Per modern astrology, black moon Lilith is a sensitive point in a birth chart that represents the second foci of the elliptic formed from the orbit of the moon around the earth. The second foci is also the farthest point away from the moon, in what is referred to as the apogee of the moon's orbit. It is an abstract geometrical point. Black moon Lilith changes signs approximately once every nine months (and houses every one to two hours), taking nine years to complete a full zodiac cycle. Astrologer Tom Lescher calls black moon Lilith "the sister of Gaia." Black moon Lilith addresses aspects of a native's shadow self that bring on the negative karma, life challenges, and personal trials we experience. These aspects could be transgressions from a past life or dark aspects of our childhood that have a detrimental effect in our adulthood, often on a subconscious level. In a sense, black moon Lilith is about exploring the darkest nether regions of our personal psychology, the skeletons in your closet. Black moon Lilith is covered in detail under the Personal Sensitive Points section of your birth chart, alongside white moon Selena. *Compare:* Dark Moon Lilith and the asteroid Lilith. Both black moon Lilith and 1181 Lilith the asteroid relate to aspects of an individual's character that is likely to be left undeveloped, underdeveloped, neglected, or un-manifested in life, or that the individual isn't even consciously aware of.

Lilith (Dark Moon): A hypothetical second moon of the Earth that has been theorized by modern astrologers since the 1960s, before any scientific proof could verify such an existence. In 2016, astronomers discovered a small asteroid that has been in Earth's orbit, designated 2016 HO3. Astronomers refer to 2016 HO3 as a "quasi-satellite." According to calculations, 2016 HO3 has been orbiting Earth as its "second moon" for almost a century and will continue to orbit the Earth for several more centuries.

Lilith (Asteroid): The asteroid Lilith, or 1181 Lilith, bears many interpretations that are similar to the interpretation of black moon Lilith. 1181 Lilith represents aspects of the shadow self and repressed energy that can help explain challenges a native is going through in life. It can also be integrated into shadow work to help a native understand what that native's conscious mind is rejecting from the subconscious, or what within the subconscious needs to be addressed. However, beyond black moon Lilith, 1181 Lilith the asteroid is also about rebellion, and can tell how rebellious of a nature a native might have. 1181 Lilith represents counter-culture, the subversive nature of a native, and the vices a native is more susceptible to. Black moon Lilith is about dark karma, the portfolio of one's past life sins. 1181 Lilith the asteroid is about present day vices, temptations, and proclivity for transgressions. *Compare:* Black moon Lilith. Both black moon Lilith and 1181 Lilith the asteroid relate to aspects of an individual's character that is likely to be left undeveloped, underdeveloped, neglected, or un-manifested in life, or that the individual isn't even consciously aware of.



Lot of Fortune: The Lot of Fortune (also called the Part of Fortune) is one of the Parts in an Arabic Parts analysis for an astrological chart. It is associated with matter and the body, and to calculate it, the first step of the determination is to identify whether the astrological chart is diurnal or nocturnal. A geometric calculation is then rendered by counting the degrees between the sun and the moon, and then up from the ascendant for diurnal charts and from the moon to the sun, then from the ascendant for nocturnal charts. The Lot of Fortune in a chart offers insight into how to succeed or prevail, where the greatest opportunities lie, and how to tap those opportunities for fruition. It is an indicator of a native's primary or optimal source of material and financial prosperity. It denotes the way to highest financial success.

Lot of Spirit: The Lot of Spirit (also called the Part of Spirit) is one of the Parts in an Arabic Parts analysis for an astrological chart. It is associated with your essence. Think about the Lot of Fortune as what you do, what you accomplish, while the Lot of Spirit is who you are. While the Lot of Fortune energetic expresses influences on your material and physical planes, the Lot of Spirit expresses energetic influences on your intellectual and spiritual planes. The Lot of Fortune is what happens to you, while the Lot of Spirit is the complete pattern of temperament, character traits, and personality that make up your identity, that causes you to decide on what your actions and decisions will be. The Lot of Spirit is an indicator of your motivations for success. Are you motivated to follow your Lot of Fortune to great material riches? Or are you more motivated to achieve self-actualization? The Lot of Spirit shows what's within us that often emerges outward. It should be read closely in conjunction with the Lot of Fortune because the Lot of Spirit will explain the how and why for the Lot of Fortune. Some also say the Lot of Spirit helps point us to our spirit guides and the character and essence of our spirit guides. We can get a better sense of who our spirit guides are by examining our Lot of Spirit.

Luminaries: The sun and moon are distinguished from the planets as the luminaries, or the lights. They are the two lights in an astrological chart. The notion comes from ancient astrology where the moon, like the sun, was seen as a source of light or energy. Astrologically, the luminaries, i.e., the

sun and moon, in a natal chart relate to the native's spiritual consciousness, whereas the planets are interpreted as governing everyday life. The sun is the "light by day," or relating to the external self and consciousness, while the moon is the "light by night," or relating to the internal self and subconscious or connection to the unconscious mind. The essential and accidental dignities of the luminaries in a chart are critical in determining life path, destiny, and personality.

Lunar Node: Where the invisible path of the moon's orbit around the earth intersects with the ecliptic. The northbound intersection of these two orbits is referred to as the northern node. The southbound intersection of these two orbits is referred to as the southern node. See Northern Node. See also Southern Node.

Lunar Phase: Phases of the moon categorized by how much of the moon is illuminated. In natal astrology, eight phases of the moon are considered for determining natal personality. The subsequent reference chart provides an overview of the eight phases. The moon phase you were born under will provide important karmic indications of your life path. *See Table 16 Lunar Phase and Karmic Correspondences.*

Malefic Planet: Malefic or maleficent planets can create negative character attributes in a native or circumstantial limitations in a native's life path. Saturn is a major malefic planet and Mars is a minor malefic planet. *See also* Benefic Planet and the reference table in that entry, "*Beneficent and Maleficent Planets.*"

Mark of an Empath: See "Empath."



Mars (Planet): Mars relates to our ambitions, the areas we are most determined to succeed in, the areas we are most competitive about, and our aggressions. Mars indicates our drive, our impulses, our conquests, and what we fight for. It can indicate the period of our lives from age 40 to 60. Mars changes zodiac signs every 57-58 days.

Medical Astrology: Western Hellenistic medical astrology dates back to the first century AD that espouses human body correspondences to the seven sacred planets and the twelve zodiac signs. Interpreting the planetary placements in a natal chart is said to shed light on the most prevailing health concerns of a native. Medical astrology is also used to time medical treatments, under the assumption that certain treatments for parts of the body performed during auspicious alignments of planets and signs will most optimally yield success for that treatment. *See Table 17 Sacred Seven Planets, Table 18 Twelve Zodiac Signs and Physical Body Correspondences, and Table 19 Lunar Cycle and the Timing of Medical Treatments.*

Medium Coeli (M^c): *See* Midheaven Sign.



Mercury (Planet): In astrology, Mercury indicates how we think. It influences our mind and the mental plane of our selves. It is often called the writer's or orator's planet, because strongly positioned Mercury in a natal chart will indicate a writer, lecturer, motivational speaker, or one whose life purpose is to communicate and create dialogue. Mercury relates to curiosity, how we think, our mental activities, how we communicate, and our intelligence. It relates to money, commerce, business deals, and our thought process. Mercury changes zodiac signs every 7-8 days.

Lunar Phase and Karmic Correspondences

Lunar Phase	Karmic Indications
New Moon	Those born under a new moon are said to be more living for the moment. They're always seeking out new opportunities and new adventures. They tend to be individuals who believe very strongly in free will and see their own life path as being one of limitless possibilities. They can be a bit self-involved, however, and do have a tendency toward arrogance.
Waxing Crescent	Those born under a waxing crescent moon are assertive, self-confident, and always have their eyes on the future. They do not let their past hold them back. They rise to challenges when presented, believe very strongly in free will, and have a strong need to forge their own independence.
First Quarter	Those born under a first quarter moon are action-oriented with strong management capabilities. They are society's managers and planners. They know how to make sound split-second decisions under the heat of pressure. They're results-oriented trailblazers.
Waxing Gibbous	Those born under a waxing gibbous moon are action-oriented with strong management capabilities. They quest for knowledge and understanding, and possess a sharp, analytical mind. They're inquisitive, but are also skeptics. They seek proof and evidence, and do not rely much on faith. Children born under a waxing gibbous moon are curious, energetic, and ask a lot of questions.
Full Moon	Those born under a full moon are chameleons. They're intuitive, spiritual, and are interested in the esoteric. They seek self-discovery, and yet out of everyone, they make take the longest to attain it. You tend to feel aimless, and for a long time, struggle to understand your own life or soul purpose. You're highly attuned and sensitive to the metaphysical energies of the universe.
Waning Gibbous	Also referred to as a disseminating moon. Those born under a waning gibbous moon, or a disseminating moon, are natural born communicators. They like to express and share their knowledge and experiences. They are thinkers first and foremost, and then teachers, writers, journalists, reporters, publicists, scholars, or philosophers.
Last Quarter	Those born in the last quarter of the moon phase hold strong beliefs and convictions. They are the wisest of them all, though they are also often the most inflexible in their ways. Those born in the last quarter know who they are and know what they stand for, and yet they often wear a mask, and don't reveal themselves entirely to the world at large. They tend to stand apart from your peers.
Waning Crescent	Also referred to as a balsamic moon. These individuals are future-oriented. They feel like they are part of something much bigger than themselves. They feel that destiny and fate play a significant role in shaping their lives. You may possess innate gifts of prophecy or leadership. You're a visionary. You live a karmic life, and much of what you experience today is very much linked karmically to your past. Those born under a waning crescent moon are "old souls."

Seven Sacred Planets

<i>Seven Sacred Planets</i>	<i>Physical Body Correspondences</i>
Sun	heart, circulatory system; cardiovascular system; spine, and respiratory system; male organs; face, eyes, and head area
Moon	digestive system, lymphatic system; sixth sense and pineal gland; female organs; crown, top of head
Mercury	brain, central nervous system, thyroids, the five physical senses, hands; lymphatic system; neck area
Venus	throat, kidneys, pancreas; urinary system; metabolism; also, ovaries and reproductive system; immune system; upper center of body
Mars	adrenal glands; muscular system; immune system; gut and center of body
Jupiter	pituitary gland; liver; thighs; lower center of body
Saturn	Integumentary system (skin, hair, nails; exocrine glands); teeth; skeletal system; lower part of body

Twelve Zodiac Signs

<i>Physical Body Correspondences</i>			
Aries	Head, brain, face, eyes; vision	Libra	Lumbar, kidneys, skin; skin conditions
Taurus	Throat, neck, thyroid	Scorpio	Reproductive organs, bowels
Gemini	Nervous system, lungs, arms, shoulders	Sagittarius	Liver, sciatic nerve, lower back, spine, thighs, hips
Cancer	Chest, heart, hands	Capricorn	Calves, legs, knees, joints, bones, skeleton
Leo	Upper back, heart, spine	Aquarius	Circulatory system, blood, ankles, calves
Virgo	Stomach, digestive system	Pisces	Feet, toes, lymphatic system; immune system

Lunar Cycle and the Timing of Medical Treatments

<i>Moon Phase</i>	<i>Optimal Medical Treatments</i>
New Moon	Growth, nutrition; procedures to augment, amplify, add to, expand upon, or seeking regeneration
Waxing Moon	
Full Moon	Major medical procedures are not advisable at this time due to the instability and attenuations of yin and yang energies when the sun and moon are in opposition
Waning Moon	Bloodletting, elimination, cleansings, removals; excisions; abscission; cutting out

MC

Midheaven Sign: The midheaven or “middle of the sky” is a point of definition in an astrological chart, per an ecliptic coordinate system, that represents the highest point in the visible sky at the time and location of your birth. It is considered one of the most important angles in an astrological chart because it points to your highest potential for professional and personal development, what you are destined to accomplish, and the greatest social status you can achieve. Typically, you will feel like you can identify with and admire the qualities of the zodiac sign governing your midheaven, or your Midheaven Sign. Under Placidus, the midheaven sign is always the tenth house cusp. Under Whole Signs, the midheaven isn’t necessarily in the tenth house. When interpreting the midheaven sign, observe the optimized traits associated with that zodiac sign. In the previous section on the twelve zodiac signs, career tracks corresponding to each of the twelve signs were provided. Those career tracks associated with the midheaven sign will be the ideal professional paths for the native, and the paths that are most likely to lead the native to the highest potential of success and gains in social status.

Midpoint: The equidistant midpoint between two key luminaries or planets, with the most prominent midpoint being the one between the sun and moon. To calculate the midpoint, locate the sun and then locate the moon. Count the degrees between them and locate the midpoint degree between the two luminaries. The sun moon midpoint is often used in synastry analysis, as it indicates potential soul mates, twin flames, or spiritual marriages. Key aspects between one native’s sun moon midpoint and another’s Venus or Juno will be revealing of spiritual romances. Midpoint analysis is traced back to medieval Western astrology, circa 1200 AD with Italian mathematician, astronomer, and astrologer Guido Bonatti (1296—1300). One natal planet situated at the midpoint degree between two other natal planets in the same chart is also significant. These three planets are going to form a critical relationship among each other.

Minerva (Asteroid): Minerva relates to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. It is the sign of calculations, economics, and public relations. House and sign placement of Minerva can indicate aptitude in science or mathematics.

Modes or Modality: In astrology, modes or modality denote a native’s core nature or *modus operandi* based on the season that the native was born in. There are three modes: Cardinal, Fixed, and Mutable. *See Table 20 The Three Modalities.*

The Three Modalities

<i>Modality</i>	Fire	Earth	Air	Water
<i>Cardinal</i>	Aries	Capricorn	Libra	Cancer
<i>Fixed</i>	Leo	Taurus	Aquarius	Scorpio
<i>Mutable</i>	Sagittarius	Virgo	Gemini	Pisces

Modern Rulerships (Rulerships): *See Rulerships.* Modern rulerships observe nine planets and consider the following as rulerships: Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. These planets each rule one of the twelve signs. *See Table 21 Modern Rulerships.*

Modern Rulerships

ZODIAC SIGN	RULING PLANET
Aries	Mars
Taurus	Venus
Gemini	Mercury
Cancer	Moon
Leo	Sun
Virgo	Mercury
Libra	Venus
Scorpio	Pluto
Sagittarius	Jupiter
Capricorn	Saturn
Aquarius	Uranus
Pisces	Neptune



Moon (Planet): Although the moon may not be considered a planet in astronomy, in astrology, for the purposes of analyzing an astrological chart, it is referred to as a planetary body. The moon relates to longing, the subconscious, the shadow self. The moon is also related to your biological mother. *See Moon Sign.*

Moon Sign: Your moon sign relates to the zodiac sign that the moon was in at the moment of your birth. It is the sign that governs the moon in an astrological chart. The moon sign offers insight into your subconscious and your unconscious. It can be indicative of past lives, your karmic accounting at the time of your birth, and what is latent within you.

Mutable Modality: There are three modes of zodiac signs and each of the four elements is subdivided into the three modes. Modality corresponds with the four seasons. Toward the end of a season is the Mutable modality. Mutable modality is adaptable and embracing of change. The energy here is carefree, free-spirited, and more concerned with the journey than the destination. Mutable signs seek out change and progress. They have a pioneering spirit. They like to change the rules. The mutable signs are Pisces (in Water, for spring), Gemini (in Air, for summer), Virgo (in Earth, for autumn), and Sagittarius (in Fire, for winter). Mutable signs are adaptable, versatile, impressionable, and often indecisive. They vacillate between different possibilities. They're resourceful and crafty, are critical thinkers, but typically lack grounding or stability.

Natal Chart: In astrology, a natal chart, also called a birth chart, is a map or diagram of certain planets and celestial bodies in the heavens at the exact moment of your birth over the location of your birth, from a geocentric perspective. Practitioners of divinatory arts believe that the natal chart can offer insights into your personality, your life path, and your life or soul purpose.

Native: When astrologers construct and interpret a natal chart, the individual whose natal chart it is will be often referred to as the native.

Nemesis (Asteroid): Nemesis relates to our inner weaknesses. The house and sign placement of Nemesis shows the area of life that can be your undoing. Nemesis relates to *bête noire*. Nemesis is that inner sensitive point of weakness where, when triggered, can bring out the darkest side of who you are. When using natal astrology in shadow working, Nemesis 128 is one of the main considerations.



Neptune (Planet): Neptune is related to psychic dreams, lucid dreaming, clairvoyance, intuition, fantasy, imagination, and creativity. Neptune is about visions and being a visionary. Neptune can bring musical talent, poetry, sensitivity, compassion, and where we are most imaginative. It is what we are most creative about. Where Neptune is shows where we can be the most visionary or intuitive. It often represents the influence over an entire generation. Neptune changes zodiac signs every 14 years, and so the sign it is in is not as directly relevant to you personally, but more about the overarching energetic influences on your generation.

Nocturnal Sect: Nocturnal means night and relates to the northern hemisphere of an astrological chart, or the bottom half of the two-dimensional rendering you see. The yin principle rules here. A Nocturnal Sect is a term used in traditional astrology denoting concord, compatibility, or harmony with the northern hemisphere or area below the horizon line in a chart. Nocturnal planets are said to be more powerful when they appear in the nocturnal sect, or below the horizon line (the northern hemisphere) in an astrological chart. The moon, Venus, and Mars are the nocturnal planets. *Note:* Mercury is considered neutral, and thus is neither diurnal nor nocturnal. An astrological chart is considered Nocturnal when the sun appears in the northern hemisphere.



Northern Node (Lunar Node): The lunar nodes refer to the magnetic poles on the north and south ends of an astrological chart. They represent your destiny and karma, respectively. The North Node is like Polaris, guiding you toward your highest purpose. The northern node is your Light, the attributes that serve as a beacon leading you toward your greatest or highest life path and when fully manifested in you, will take you toward a strong sense of personal fulfillment, achievement, and success. Follow the Light, and so pay attention to your northern node. In Chinese astrology, the lunar nodes are expressed as a celestial dragon. The northern node is the dragon's head, and the southern node is the dragon's tail. The dragon's head points toward your destiny, where you are headed, what will fulfill you, the purpose you are to manifest. Thus, the northern node is an important feature in a natal chart to examine when considering life purpose, destiny, and the trajectory of your karma into the future.

Ophiuchus (Thirteenth Zodiac Sign): Ophiuchus is considered the thirteenth zodiac sign observed in some systems of sidereal astrology. Yet discovery of Ophiuchus is not new. Western astrologers from 10 A.D. and Far Eastern astronomers were familiar with the fixed stars of this constellation. Early systems did not include the thirteenth zodiac sign into astrological chart considerations because it did not align with the Time-Space paradigm where constellations had to align with the path of the sun under the equinox-solstice quadrant framework. Modern sidereal astrologers, based on commentary published in the 1970s, note that the sun is in Ophiuchus, the thirteenth zodiac sign, between November 29 and December 17. Under a thirteen-sign zodiac

paradigm, Ophiuchus denotes swashbuckling, energetic individuals who are intrepid, spirited, and somewhat consumerist. The sign is associated with the snake.



Opposition (Aspect): An opposition is an aspect line formed when there is a 180° angle between two planets in an astrological chart. When there is an opposition, the two planets represent a choice being offered in your life, a crossroads or fork that will open in your life. The two planets represent two different energies for you to choose from. They present to you two different futures, two different possibilities, and you will at some point have to choose one over the other, attach to one and detach from the other. Thus, oppositions do create tensions in our lives. They can be stressful and feel like two opposing forces coming at us. Yet they are not necessarily negative, and should not be construed that way. Rather, oppositions are choices, and choices are always opportunities. Think carefully about the oppositions in your chart, and which path in the fork you will be choosing.

Part of Fortune: See “Lot of Fortune.”

Part of Spirit: See “Lot of Spirit.”

Passive Element: Passive elements correspond with an introverted nature, are nurturers, developers, and demonstrate intuition, compassion, and pensiveness. They correspond with yin energy. Water and Earth are passive elements. *See* Water (Element) and Earth (Element).

Peregrine Planet: A peregrine planet is a planet in a horoscopic chart that has no major aspects to it, i.e., no conjunctions, trines, oppositions, squares, or sextiles, etc. When a natal planet is peregrine, it’s in effect a loose cannon, like a wild card in the natal chart. It becomes energy and forces within your personality that you don’t seem to have any strong control over. However, take care not to construe the peregrine planet as “positive” or “negative,” “good” or “bad.” It is neither. It is simply a wild card that will affect your life path in unpredictable ways.

Personal Planet: In astrology, the personal planets are the sun, moon, Mercury, Venus, and Mars. Personal planets represent the basic components of your natal personality. They symbolize your psychological urges. The various combinations of these planetary energies are what produce your individuality. The sun, changing signs every 22-23 days, reveals the personal traits passed down to you from your biological father and helps to form your identity. The moon, changing signs every 2 days, reveals the personal traits passed down to you from your biological mother and helps to form your emotional core. Mercury, which changes signs every 7-8 days, offers insight into your mind. It reveals what influences you in your childhood. Venus, changing signs every 18-19 days, offers insight into your social and interpersonal influences, and how love and attraction forms your personality. Venus reveals what influences you in your adolescence. Mars, which changes signs every 40-60 days, shows what moves and motivates you, your willpower, your impulses, and your drive. It also reveals what influences you in your adulthood.

Personal Sensitive Points: Personal sensitive points, also referred to as PSP in astrologer’s shorthand, are certain angles in a chart that astrologers have deduced to be significant in assessing a natal personality. It is more prominently used by astrologers working with traditional house systems like whole signs. Personal sensitive points are based on timing and in an astrological chart, based on the timing of your birth. *See* Table 22 **Primary and Complementary Angles.**

Primary and Complementary Angles

<i>Primary Angle</i>	<i>Complementary Angle</i>
<i>Ascendant (Rising Sign)</i>	Descendant
<i>Midheaven (Medium Coeli)</i>	Lower Heaven (Imum Coeli)
<i>Co Ascendant</i>	Polar Ascendant
<i>Northern Node</i>	Southern Node
<i>Equatorial Ascendant</i>	Equatorial Descendant
<i>The Aries Point</i>	The Libra Point



Pisces (Zodiac Sign): Self-sacrificial, benevolent, compassionate. Pisces is the chameleon in the zodiac. Takes on the colors and stripes of your environment. Imaginative, creative, knows how to think outside the box. Intuitive. Great at abstract thinking or conceptual art. Can be overly sensitive. Connected to the divine, supernal, and clairvoyant. Sun in Pisces from February 19 to March 20.

Placidus Quadrant Houses: In the 17th century, the astrologer Placidus de Tito devised a quadrant house system that has become the most popular interpretive system in modern astrology today. Under the Placidus system, the midheaven is always in the tenth house and the other houses are trisected on a time arc basis (as opposed to space arc, which is how the Whole Signs chart is constructed) to determine the cusps for Houses 2, 3, 11, and 12. The Placidus astrological system was popularized by the Catholic Church as support for a geocentric theory of the solar system and has since remained in favor as the house system of choice among contemporary astrologers. Note that I do not use the Placidus system and that an astrological chart is constructed under the Whole Sign Houses system. *Compare with Whole Sign Houses.*

Planet: A planet is an astronomical body orbiting a star or stellar remnant that can be rounded in orbit by the mass of its own body but not massive enough that it causes thermonuclear fusion. In most ancient civilizations, the planets that could be seen by the naked eye were regarded as deities or celestials. *See Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune.* Note that Pluto had once been regarded as a planet, but is now considered dwarf planet, like Chiron and Ceres.



Pluto (Planet): Although Pluto is no longer considered a planet by astronomers, in astrology, for the purposes of analyzing an astrological chart, it is still referred to as a planetary body. Pluto is the planet of catharsis. Pluto indicates areas of waste, areas we are often undermined or feel challenged, areas of chaos or disruption in our lives, and where there is often disquiet. Pluto brings curve balls to the House that it resides in. It brings drama and uncertainty to that House, for better or for worse. Pluto changes zodiac signs every 15 to 26 years, and so the sign it is in is not as

directly relevant to you personally. Of greater pertinence to an astrological chart is the House that Pluto rests in.

Polar ascendant: The polar ascendant (PAS) is at a 180° angle from the co ascendant (CAS) where the plane of the ecliptic intersects the co polar axis on the western side of a horoscopic chart. The polar ascendant reveals how people see you from afar and what strangers' first impression of you would be. The polar ascendant sign expresses the traits and qualities of you that is most visible, most prominent, and most memorable to others.

Practical Nature: Those born with a sun in Capricorn, Taurus, and Virgo are considered to have practical natures. They are highly adept at striking a balance between ideas, passions, or emotions with reality and pragmatism. They understand with incredible perspicacity what it takes to get things done. They know how to make sacrifices. They know how to work hard. These sun signs tend to be achieve a more financially stable and prosperous lifestyle because of their ability to balance what they want with what they need, and to be realistic with their goals and desires. (The concept of certain sun signs having a practical nature comes from modern astrological approaches.) *See also* Emotional Nature, Inspirational Nature, Intellectual Nature, and Practical Nature.

Progression (Progressed Chart): A progression reading in astrology is a form of predictive or projective astrology performed as early as the times of Ptolemy in the first century A.D. While there are many methodologies for constructing progressed charts, generally a chart constructed for each day after a native's date of birth corresponds with one year in the native's life (i.e., "a day for a year" analysis). Thus, three days after the date of birth corresponds to age three; sixteen days after the date of birth corresponds to age sixteen; forty days corresponds with age forty, etc. A progressed chart is constructed for divinatory purposes to project into a native's future by year and age.

Profecion: A form of predictive astrology, similar to progression, used in medieval astrology that is based around the planetary ruler of a sign. If, for example, profecion is applied to a birth chart with a sun sign in Libra in the ninth house to predict sun sign implications or forecasts for a future date, then a profecion of that sun placement would move that sun in Libra to the next sign over, or sun in Scorpio in the ninth. The chart, shifted over by that same proportion and maintaining the same pattern, now one sign shifted over, is read to forecast the second year of life. The traditional planetary ruler for Scorpio is Mars, so the shifted Mars is also read as part of the forecast. For the third year of life, the chart is shifted once again from sun in Scorpio in the ninth to sun in Sagittarius in the ninth. That chart with sun in Sagittarius in the ninth and all other planetary arrangements following the pattern of the birth chart, is read to forecast the third year of life, adding interpretation of Jupiter, the planetary ruler for Sagittarius, to the interpretation. Presumably the twelfth year of life means the sun will return to Libra in the ninth. Assessment of Libra's planetary ruler, Venus, is integrated into the forecast for the twelfth year of life. Profecion is used primarily in manual calculations for zodiacal releasing or aphesis dates for a native's Lot of Fortune and Lot of Spirit.

Quincunx (Aspect): A quincunx (also referred to as an inconjunct) is formed when two planets are at a 150° angle from one another. Whether a quincunx is considered a hard or soft aspect will depend on the astrologer. I would note that it varies on a case by case basis, determined by the planets that the quincunx is formed between and their house placements. Generally, the quincunx indicates where willpower and a native's free will must be channeled so that the higher purpose, as portended by the midheaven sign, can be actualized. There can be an undertone of destiny portended when we talk about quincunxes. Although not commonly observed in natal astrology, the quincunx becomes significant when looking for a Yod, or Hand of God in a chart. It is also significant in past life astrology, as it can indicate karma or ongoing areas of weakness the native has not corrected or adjusted over the lifetimes.

Retrograde Planet Interpretations

<i>PLANET</i>	GENERAL INTERPRETATION
<i>Mercury</i>	Think and communicate differently from the norm
<i>Venus</i>	Intuitive-feeling; introverted; personality like an iceberg: only the very tip is visible to most
<i>Mars</i>	Lacks assertiveness; may suffer from lethargy or fatigue
<i>Jupiter</i>	Unusual perspectives; planners; do not rely on fate or fortune; instead, are go-getters
<i>Saturn</i>	Unusual life experiences; lacks discipline; bohemian
<i>Uranus</i>	More conservative; fear of change; hidden eccentricities
<i>Neptune</i>	Private individual; deep fear of failure; hidden creative or psychic talent, but fear of exploring these gifts further

Retrograde Planet: A planet is said to be in retrograde (denoted in an astrological chart as “Rx”) when it appears to be in backward motion in the zodiac sign. The planet is decreasing in longitude as viewed from the earth. Think of it as being in a motor vehicle that is moving faster than an adjacent motor vehicle—when you look over at the adjacent motor vehicle, because you are moving faster, it appears to be in backward motion compared to your positioning (though in reality, both are moving forward). When three or more planets are in retrograde, events and outcomes manifest slower, and so in a natal chart with three or more retrograde planets, the native may have a far more significant latter half of life. *See Table 23 Retrograde Planet Interpretations.*

Rising Sign: *See Ascendant Sign.*

Rulership: In astrology, rulership refers to the planet that is said to govern a particular house or sign. When interpreting the activities of a particular house of an astrological chart, note the sign and the planetary rulership correspondence for that sign. Then locate the positioning of that ruling planet in the chart. There will be interconnections between the activities in that house and the positioning of the ruling planet in the chart. Traditional rulerships observe only the seven sacred planets and are also referred to as lords. Modern rulerships observe nine planets. *See Modern Rulerships and Traditional Rulerships.*



Sagittarius (Zodiac Sign): Cosmopolitan, a peripatetic, jovial, an adventurer. Related to idealism, a witty nature, a bright outlook, positivity, good luck, and a free spirit. There can be superficiality and arrogance. Non-committal, not always reliable, and can be reckless. Always looking for something better; never satisfied with present or status quo. Broad visionary, goal-seeking, explorer, open-minded, progressive, and ever changing. Seeks higher ground in all endeavors. Sun in Sagittarius from November 22 to December 21.

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Saturn (Planet): Saturn relates to our duties and obligations, a serious nature, and areas we often feel limited in. It is workaholic energy, and relates to where we work the hardest. Saturn is where we are most disciplined, often where we are also most knowledgeable. It can relate to melancholy, depression, apathy, or ennui. It's the sign of traditions, of timelessness, of convention, an area where we dislike change. It can indicate the twilight or ending years of our life. Saturn changes zodiac signs approximately every 2.5 years.

Saturn Return: The Saturn Return is a significant astrological event when a given transiting Saturn (where the Saturn is headed to at this time) returns to the same point in the heavens as your natal Saturn (where Saturn was at the moment of your birth). Generally, Saturn Returns are about confronting the sum of choices and errors one has made. It is a time of obstacles and trials, of running the gauntlet to see what your identity is really made of. People cross a major threshold in their lives during a Saturn Return. Saturn Returns are said to be riddled with growing pains. However, Saturn Returns for those with an ascendant sign or natal moon in Capricorn (ruled by Saturn nocturnal), Aquarius (ruled by Saturn diurnal), or Libra (where Saturn is exalted) will experience a personal renaissance during these periods.

First Saturn Return (Age 28-31)

Typically, the First Saturn Return is around ages 28-31, when you are shedding any remnants of youth and entering adulthood. Growing pains compounded by ennui, circumstances seemingly beyond one's control or understanding, and a feeling of inertia are common during the First Saturn Return, unless a native's chart bears a dignified Saturn. A dignified Saturn could provide a cushion to such spiritual and emotional blows. The First Saturn Return is a time to focus on cultivating one's knowledge.

Second Saturn Return (Age 56-60)

The Second Saturn Return, around ages 56-60, and is about making sense of the choices you made during the First Return. The Second Saturn Return is about revisiting the past to audit your present and determine how you will proceed from here, whether to stay the route or diverge from the route and change direction. The Second Saturn Return is often centered on personal spirituality and coming to terms with faith, to reconcile knowledge and intuition. The Second Saturn Return is a time to focus on cultivating one's wisdom.

Third Saturn Return (Age 84-90)

The Third Saturn Return, around ages 84-90, is about love and mortality, holding on to a sense of meaning to life, changing your perspectives on the meaning of life, and defining your personal place, your home. The Third Saturn Return is a time to focus on cultivating one's legacy and what one is to bequeath not just to loved ones, but to the world at large.

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Scorpio (Zodiac Sign): Forceful, willful, dramatic, and intense. Related to strong intuition, the occult, the esoteric, spirituality, perception, and determination. Very passionate, intense, can be demanding. Can be destructive. Strong abilities for accomplishment. Powerful. Ability to accrue a great deal of power over others. Sun in Scorpio from October 23 to November 21.

Selena (White Moon): See White Moon Selena.

Semisquare (Aspect): A semisquare is formed when two planets are at a 45° angle from one another. Semisquares are considered hard aspects, albeit minor ones. They can reveal potential sources of conflict or tension in a native's life path.

Sesquisquare (Aspect): A sesquisquare is formed when two planets are at a 135° angle from one another. Sesquisquares are hard aspects, but like the semisquare, are minor hard aspects. They can indicate areas of minor soul fragmentation or karmic dissonance, though areas that have been somewhat healed and thus scarred over. In past life astrology, sesquisquares show areas that were deeply troublesome in a past life, but are no longer troublesome in this lifetime, though very minor concerns may still be present. In divination, sesquisquares can reveal scars and shed light on past influences, which have scarred over, that may affect the matter at hand. A sesquisquare is like a visible scar, denoting soul fragmentation. The planets will shed light on how that scar was formed.

Seven Hermetic Lots: Arabic Parts, or constructed personal sensitive points on a horoscopic chart calculated from planets and angles, sourced back to Babylonian, ancient Egyptian, and Persian astrology, around the first century A.D. Later, Hermetic astrologers in medieval Europe espoused seven Arabic Parts as the most significant, which became the Seven Hermetic Lots. These Seven Hermetic Lots were in addition to the Lot of Fortune and Lot of Spirit (therefore, a total of Nine). After the Lot of Fortune and Lot of Spirit were calculated, points for the Seven Lots were calculated per Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, the Exalted Degree, and the Basis between the Lot of Fortune and Lot of Spirit.

Lot of Fortune – Sun and Moon

The extenuating circumstances beyond personal control that affect opportunities, financial security, vitality, reputation, status, and privilege. *See also* Lot of Fortune.

In a diurnal chart, calculate shortest distance around wheel from sun to moon. This is X°. Starting at ascendant, count X° in same direction (if shortest distance was clockwise, now go clockwise; if shortest distance between sun and moon was counter-clockwise, now go counter-clockwise). If a nocturnal chart, count degrees from moon to sun, via shortest route around chart from moon to sun. This is X°. Starting at ascendant, in same direction, count X° to pinpoint the nocturnal chart's Lot of Fortune.

Lot of Spirit – Sun and Moon

The personal willpower and character of divine inspiration within that has the capacity to override extenuating circumstances. This is how much fight you have inside you when the going gets tough; this is how optimistic or pessimistic you are when faced with challenges and tribulations. The Lot of Spirit portends how likely you are to rise above your circumstances. *See also* Lot of Spirit.

In a diurnal chart, count from moon to sun along the shortest route around the chart. This is X°. Start at ascendant, go in same direction and count X°. In a nocturnal chart, count from sun to moon along the shortest route around the chart for X°. Starting at ascendant in same direction as count, go up X° for the Lot of Spirit.

Lot of Necessity – Mercury

The conflicts, obstacles, and struggles a native will face to test the character and brand of spirit. Reveals the necessary growing pains that the native must endure and overcome in order to rise to achieving the native's full potential. These are the trials that test whether this native will find success or failure in life.

Count from Mercury to Lot of Fortune along shortest route around the chart for X°. In same direction, count X° from ascendant sign. This is the Lot of Necessity for both the diurnal and nocturnal charts.

Lot of Eros – Venus

The Lot of Eros can reveal the native's innermost desires. This is what the native has an appetite for, and what the native is passionate about; sources of passionate love. Can also reveal the type of persons the native is most likely to feel erotic desire for. This can reveal one of the native's greatest personal weak points or vices, i.e., what can cause the native *theia mania*, madness from the gods.

Count from Venus to Lot of Spirit along shortest route around the chart for X°. In same direction, count X° from ascendant sign. This is the Lot of Eros for both the diurnal and nocturnal charts.

Lot of Courage – Mars

If the Lot of Courage is dignified, the native demonstrates great fortitude—this is someone who knows how to be persistent; if the Lot of Courage is ill-dignified, can indicate a lack of fortitude and persistence. Reveals how willing a native is to face his or her fears and overcome them; this is how much audacity the native is capable of.

Count from Mars to Lot of Fortune along shortest route around the chart for X°. In same direction, count X° from ascendant sign. This is the Lot of Courage for both the diurnal and nocturnal charts.

Lot of Victory – Jupiter

A dignified Lot of Victory suggests one who is more likely to succeed than fail in life; someone with a lot of luck and will be given a lot of opportunities to thrive. An ill-dignified Lot of Victory suggests one who struggles a great deal and who won't be handed many opportunities—must be more audacious and create his or her own opportunities.

Count from Jupiter to Lot of Spirit along shortest route around the chart for X°. In same direction, count X° from ascendant sign. This is the Lot of Victory for both the diurnal and nocturnal charts.

Lot of Nemesis – Saturn

Nemesis is the dark goddess counterpart to Justice. This is divine retribution. The Lot of Nemesis reveals karmic punishments that will be sustained in this lifetime due to past acts. This is the greatest personal nemesis a native faces. The Lot of Nemesis reveals what is most challenging for the native to conquer; reveals the native's most formidable opponent.

Count from Saturn to Lot of Fortune along shortest route around the chart for X°. In same direction, count X° from ascendant sign. This is the Lot of Nemesis for both the diurnal and nocturnal charts.

Lot of Exaltation – 19° Aries / 3° Taurus

What the native will be most happy or satisfied doing in life. This is what brings eminence, what exalts the native—how a native can rise in status.

For diurnal chart, count from sun to 19° Aries (the exalted degree in the sign Aries) for X°. In same direction, count X° from ascendant sign. For nocturnal chart, count from moon to 3° Taurus (the exalted degree in the sign Taurus) for X°. In same direction, count X° from ascendant sign for the Lot of Exaltation.

Lot of Basis

For diurnal chart, count from Lot of Spirit to Lot of Fortune along shortest route for X° . In same direction, count X° from ascendant sign. For nocturnal chart, count from Lot of Fortune to Lot of Spirit along shortest route for X° . In same direction, count X° from ascendant line for the Lot of Basis.



Sextile (Aspect): A sextile is an aspect line formed when there is a 60° angle between two planets in an astrological chart. A sextile indicates harmony and cooperation between two planetary energies. Thus, what these two planets represent support and strengthen one another. When they are present together, there will be synergy, and each one's independent energy is amplified by the presence of the other. What you need to know about this is to "pair" these two energies together throughout your life to optimize success and accomplishment. "Pairing" these energies in your life can create opportunities for you.

Sidereal (Zodiac): A sidereal zodiac is an astrological model that positions the sun with the constellations and measures time according to the movement of the sun across the heavens, or celestial sphere. Several astrological traditions in East Asia use a sidereal zodiac. *Compare with Tropical (Zodiac).* See Zodiac.

Sign of Voice: When a natal chart shows an ascendant sign Gemini, Virgo, Libra, Aquarius, or 1° - 15° Sagittarius and Mercury is strongly positioned in the chart, the native is said to exhibit the sign of voice. The concept comes from traditional Hellenistic astrology where the sign of voice indicated expressive or communicative talents. It means such an individual possesses a great capacity to become an influential public orator or published writer who makes a significant impact in the community at large through rhetoric or wordsmithing. Positively aspected Mercury in the first, tenth, or seventh house; Mercury in the third or sixth house; Mercury in Gemini or Virgo, or a chart with a leading Mercury are considered a strongly positioned Mercury.

Social Planets: Jupiter and Saturn are the social planets. They represent how you interact with others around you, your relationship with fated circumstances, destiny, opportunities, your social and natural environment, your friends, your work, the company you keep, and the company that keeps you. Jupiter and Saturn signify the way we connect our subjective selves to the collective whole, through the development of objectivity, which is a social process. Objectivity means that we can be aware of the way others perceive us, or think about the effects that our actions may have on others. These two planets together embody the social experience you will have and your level of connectedness to the world around you, both physically and spiritually. Jupiter is about growth and expansion. Saturn is about knowledge, boundaries, and limitations.

Solar Chart: See Sun Chart.

Solar Return: A solar return is, essentially, your birthday, though some astrologers observe degrees only, in which case the solar return is not your birthday per se, but rather, would be the date in the year that the sun returns to the same exact degree in the sign that it was in when you were born. Solar return charts can be cast and compared to the birth chart for divinatory readings that forecast what will transpire that year of life.



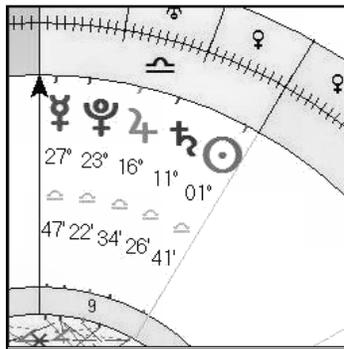
Southern Node (Lunar Node): The lunar nodes refer to the magnetic poles on the north and south ends of an astrological chart. They represent your destiny and karma, respectively. The South Node

reveals past life issues you'll need to work through. The southern node is your Shadow, perhaps karmic remnants from a past life that must now be accounted for in the present life. The southern node can represent repressions in our subconscious that need to be addressed for you to move in a progressive direction toward your Light, the northern node. The southern node often shows us what we perceive to be missing in our lives, what we are insecure about, where we feel the most vulnerable emotionally. In Chinese astrology, the lunar nodes are expressed as a celestial dragon. The northern node is the dragon's head and the southern node is the dragon's tail. The southern node, or the dragon's tail, reveals the past. It's a critical point of analysis in past life astrology. It reveals what is latent in the subconscious, especially what has been embedded there from our childhood. For most astrology software programs, the southern node is not shown in default settings, but that's okay. Look for the northern node, and the southern node will be at a 180° angle from the northern node.



Square (Aspect): A square is an aspect line formed when there is a 90° angle between two planets in an astrological chart. Squares represent obstacles, challenges, areas of tension. The effects are trials and tribulations related to those two planets. The energies represented by the two planets can often manifest in conflict with each other. Thus they can create hardships in your life. Knowing your squares is to know what pitfalls to avoid and knowing to exert even greater effort to overcome the obstacles and challenges created by those squares.

Star of Bethlehem. A natal chart is said to have a "Star of Bethlehem" when Saturn, Jupiter, and Mars are in conjunction under the same sign. It is based on the belief that around 2 B.C., there was a conjunction of Saturn, Jupiter, and Mars and three sage astrologers, or the "three wise men," predicted the birth of a child to be a savior to the people, located at the point where the terrestrial latitude and longitude of the triple conjunction is the same as the celestial latitude and longitude (and in the midheaven) of that geographic location. Such a child would become the initiator of a new epoch in world history.



Stellium in the Ninth House

Stellium: A congregation or cluster of four or more planets all in one house. This cluster of celestial bodies in a single house drums up a great deal of potent, obsessive energy in the area of life that the astrological house governs. A stellium by its presence creates an opposition. An opposition represents a choice being offered. What the stellium represents is an obsessive, potent, self-creative but also possibly self-destructive path while the other, the house and the planets in that house at 180° to the stellium represent the other path, the more stable, secure, path, the path that represents moderation. One choice isn't better than the other, and it will be up to the native to choose which path, the self-creative possibly self-destructive path that will take the native to the brink of obsession (but also greatness, and the highest echelons of success and achievement, though at the expense of many other parts of that individual's life, in particular the area of life and planetary

correspondences of the house, sign, and planets opposite the stellium, at 180 °), or the opposite to it, the path of moderation.

Succedent House (House): “Following” or “subsequent to” the leading angular house; this is a house that provides support; Houses 2, 5, 8, and 11 are Succedent houses that support the preceding angular house, e.g., House 2, the house of wealth, possessions, and resources, will support the angular House 1, your life’s journey and the cultivation of your personal identity; House 5, the house of progeny and happiness, will support the angular House 4, home and hearth; House 8, the house of sex, sexuality, death and taxes, and inheritances, will support the angular House 7, marriage, union, and relationships; and House 11 the house of friends and community, will support the angular House 10, your career path, social status, and professional development.



Sun (Planet): Although the sun may not be considered a planet in astronomy, in astrology, for the purposes of analyzing an astrological chart, it is referred to as a planetary body. The sun is our basic drive, how we identify. The sun is also related to your biological father. *See Sun Sign.*

Sun Chart: A sun chart is an astrological chart for a given date set by default to 12:00 p.m. Sun charts are drawn up for individuals who do not know their time of birth. The sun chart can still be read for information about the planets in their signs, though house information won’t be accurate.

Sun Moon Midpoint: A key midpoint calculated in synastry analysis to identify possible spiritual marriages or karmic relationships between lovers. *See Midpoint.*

Sun Sign: Your sun sign relates to the zodiac sign that the sun was in at the moment of your birth. It is the sign that governs the sun in an astrological chart. The sun sign offers insight into the external self, your ego, and your general aspirations, but it is not truly who you are. It may represent strong outside influences on the life trajectory you take, the character of your will, but the ascendant sign is what will truly tell us about you. The sun sign changes every 22-23 days, and so we often say that the month of your birth is the primary indicator of the personality you develop and the formation of your sense of self. The sun is your willpower, and so the aspects to the sun in an astrological chart show us where you distribute your willpower to and how you might execute that will. It shows your potential, your aspirations, and what you are capable of.

Synastry Astrology: A form of interpersonal compatibility analysis by comparing two natal charts. Historically in certain cultures, synastry astrology was used to determine the compatibility of two individuals for an arranged marriage. Today it can be used to consider the strengths and weaknesses of a relationship. A bi-wheel, or two charts superimposed over one another, is constructed, and the angular aspects between the same planets in both charts are compared. From the comparative analysis, an astrologer can then assess the compatibility of the two individuals.



Taurus (Zodiac Sign): Related to use of resources, expenditure, money, finances, possessions, acquisitions, sensuality, and material comforts. Hard-working, practical, desires stability and security, and methodical. Need for financial security. Sun in Taurus from April 20 to May 20.

Term Ruler: In Ptolemy’s *Tetrabiblos*, the seminal work on traditional Hellenistic astrology, Babylonian Terms (also referred to as Bounds) are described as essential in horary and electional astrology. Term rulers or term rulerships (also referred to as Bounds) are a method of essential

dignities analysis where each house under each sign in a horoscopic chart is marked into segments, typically four or five per house and sign, which represent the planetary rulership over certain degrees in that house and sign at a given point in time. Term rulerships deepen the interpretation of degrees and angles. The metaphysical theory here is that the Term ruler denotes specific impulses and energies prevalent at a given point in the Universe. Term rulers are important in examining projective experiences and most likely spiritual, karmic, and personal paths of an individual. There are three main approaches to term rulerships: the Terms according to Ptolemy; the terms according to the Egyptians, and the Terms according to the Chaldeans.

Tisiphone (Asteroid): Tisiphone points to an area of life where you tend to outrank others. Sign placement of Tisiphone points to character traits that are most extraordinary in you, where you possess more of than others. Tisiphone relates to the power of execution and justice.

Traditional Rulerships: *See* Rulerships. Traditional rulerships observe the seven sacred planets, which are said to be as follows: Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn. However, within traditional rulership approaches, there are two traditions: the first assigns each of the seven sacred planets to rule over one of the twelve zodiac signs and the second assigns two planets to each zodiac sign, based on whether a chart is diurnal or nocturnal. The second system is called the day-night rulership approach. *See Table 24 Traditional Rulerships* and *Table 25 Traditional Day-Night Rulerships*.

Transits: A transit reading is essentially a bi-wheel astrological reading where two charts are compared, typically a natal chart and the chart for a future date and time. The two charts are superimposed over one another. Then the positioning of a planet in the natal chart, such as the natal Mercury, is compared to the positioning of that planet in the second chart, the transiting Mercury. House, sign, and angle analysis will help to determine events and occurrence in that native's life at the time designated by the second chart. Astrological transit readings are a form of predictive or projective astrology using an individual's natal chart.

Transpersonal Planets: The transpersonal planets in an astrological chart are Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. These are the "outer" planets of the solar system and represent your path or ascension to higher consciousness. They point the way to our connection to Spirit, to the universe, to the Divine, or to our own higher selves. Uranus is about our intuitive awareness. Neptune is about enlightenment. Pluto is about metamorphosis. These are the slowest moving planets, and so they symbolize our slow but steady spiritual growth and our ability to gain heightened awareness.



Trine (Aspect): A trine is an aspect line formed when there is a 120° angle between two planets in an astrological chart. A trine indicates an area of your life that will seem to come to you with ease, without much effort, and represent energies that are innate to your being, that are your natural born strengths. In one sense, trines are gifts or blessings from the Divine or universe, to you, to support you on your life path, and are the blessings that are to best help you attain your goals and achieve your life purpose.

Triplicity: A classification of three signs of the same element. The Fire Triplicity is made up of Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius. The Water Triplicity is made up of Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces. The Air Triplicity is made up of Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius. The Earth Triplicity is made up of Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn.

Tropical (Zodiac): A tropical zodiac is an astrological model that positions the sun with the earth's horizon based on your specific location of birth, and so time is measured according to the four

seasons, the two solstices, and the two equinoxes. The tropical zodiac is the primary system used in Western astrological traditions. *Compare with Sidereal (Zodiac). See Zodiac.*

Traditional Rulerships, Single Ruler

ZODIAC SIGN	RULING PLANET
<i>Aries</i>	Mars
<i>Taurus</i>	Venus
<i>Gemini</i>	Mercury
<i>Cancer</i>	Moon
<i>Leo</i>	Sun
<i>Virgo</i>	Mercury
<i>Libra</i>	Venus
<i>Scorpio</i>	Mars
<i>Sagittarius</i>	Jupiter
<i>Capricorn</i>	Saturn
<i>Aquarius</i>	Saturn
<i>Pisces</i>	Jupiter

Traditional Day-Night Rulerships

ZODIAC SIGNS		
<i>FIRE SIGNS</i>	Aries, Leo, Sagittarius	
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Uranus (Planet): Uranus is the planet of contemplation, and its energy seeks to overturn the status quo. Uranus is eccentric. It brings unconventionalism. Uranus is also related to arts and literature, creativity, dynamism, and individuality. It shows shifts and upheavals. It often represents the cultural pulse of an era. Uranus changes zodiac signs every 7 years, and so the sign it is in is not as directly relevant to you personally, but more about the overarching energetic influences on your generation.

Uranus Opposition: When a transiting Uranus is at 180° from your natal Uranus, or positioned at the polar opposite of your natal Uranus, then that period of life is called the Uranus Opposition. The Uranus opposition typically takes place around a native's 40s. The Uranus Opposition is when we fight with reality, when there is tension between mind and reality. It is often a reflective time in our lives when we are weighed down by questions of purpose and spiritual identity.

Uranus Return: When a transiting Uranus returns to the exact degree it was at when you were born, the degree of Uranus in your birth chart, that period is said to be your Uranus Return. The Uranus Return takes place around age 80 or early 80s. The Uranus Return is when we come to terms with reality and learn to find temperance between mind and reality. Uranus Returns are a time worth celebrating.

Vedic Astrology (Jyotisha): One of six key metaphysical disciplines in the Vedic tradition, Vedic astrology is based on twelve zodiac signs that correspond with the twelve Western zodiac signs. Then there are 27 to 28 lunar mansions, or houses, the number depending on the specific tradition of Vedic astrology observed. Traditionally Vedic astrology is based on the Sidereal zodiac.



Venus (Planet): Venus can indicate the period of our adolescence, young adulthood, or coming-of-age. Venus relates to our affections, charisma, popularity, how we love, who loves us, and how we relate interpersonally to others. Venus changes zodiac signs every 18-19 days. Venus is considered a benefic or beneficent planet, along with Jupiter.



Vesta (Asteroid): Vesta 4, an asteroid, determines our attitudes toward sex and sexuality at the visceral, subconscious level. Vesta's close proximity to Venus or Mars intensifies sexual attraction, whereas closeness to the natal Saturn indicates a cold, reserved nature and prudence.



Vertex: The vertex is a personal sensitive point in the western hemisphere of an astrological chart. It represents the intersection between the ecliptic, or path of the sun, and the prime vertical, or the circular orbit that passes east and west. The vertex can be used to shed light on karmic or fated relationships when two individuals have a conjunction or an opposition between their vertex points. Thus, generally the vertex is not read in your chart in isolation; it is interpreted in comparison or relationship with someone else's vertex.



Virgo (Zodiac Sign): Details-oriented, perfectionist energy. Disciplined, analytical. Health-conscious. Fussy, modest, sensitive, critical of others, finicky, can be petty. Virgo brings an exacting nature. Needs everything to meet high standards. Seeks perfection. Meticulous nature. Sun in Virgo from August 23 to September 22.

Void of Course: A planet or luminary (such as the moon) is said to be void of course if it does not form any aspects with other planets before leaving the zodiac sign in which it is originally positioned. A moon void of course in a house and sign at the moment of birth can indicate substantial challenges to success or fruition in the corresponding area of life or sense of listlessness or purposelessness in the correspondences for that sign. It can also indicate issues of abandonment or significant strains in relations with a biological mother or maternal figures.



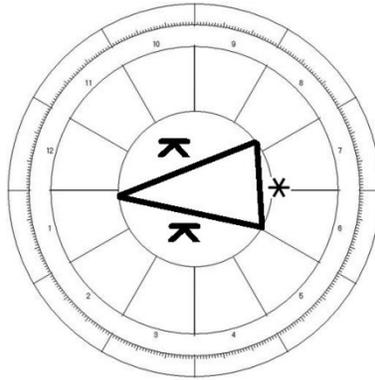
Water (Element): A passive element that corresponds with intuition, artistic talent, psychic abilities, clairvoyance, sensitivity, emotions, empathy, sympathy, and a self-protective nature. Water brings nurturing energy, emotional balance, compassion, and the desire to help others, be humanitarian, and to heal the world. Water can be too emotional and moody, however, or bring a tendency to be overly sensitive of criticism. Water is the energy of clergy, social workers, spiritual thinkers, humanitarians, and healers. Water personalities can be too intense and overwhelming for others to handle. The Water signs are Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces. Water signs are emotional, imaginative, intuitive, and impressionable. They demonstrate more empathy and compassion, are sociable, and enjoy the more refined aspects of lifestyles.



White Moon Selena: White moon Selena is a sensitive point in a birth chart based on a hypothetical orbit that forms a perfect circle around the earth. Although white moon Selena is described as an actual celestial body, since it is fictitious, it is a personal sensitive point. This sensitive point, as calculated, changes signs every six months with a complete cycle of seven years (seven being God's number for perfection). In terms of its nature, characteristics, and essence, white moon Selena is considered a polarity of black moon Lilith. The black moon and white moon considerations are more popular in Eastern European astrology, though in recent years has been trending among English speaking astrologers in the West. White moon Selena expresses pure light within you, that facet of the sentient you that is in part Divine. We are all connected to the Divine, to that God principle, and white moon Selena reveals the essence in you that is Divine, and how you specifically connect with the Divine. It is that part of you that is in resonance with the God principle.

Whole Sign Houses: Whole Sign Houses or Whole Signs is a branch or tradition of Western astrology that dates back to 1 B.C. and is considered the oldest of the Western astrological house systems. It is an astrological system used by both the Greeks and Hindus. Under Whole Signs, each house in an astrological chart is 30° and the ascendant designates your rising sign. The first house begins at 0° in the corresponding ascendant zodiac sign. 30° later the next zodiac sign in line after the ascendant zodiac sign becomes the second house, and so on. This is the primary and traditional system in medieval astrology and Hellenistic astrology. It is believed to descend from Hindu

astrological traditions brought to the west and integrated with medieval traditions in the west. *Compare with Placidus Quadrant Houses.*



Yod (Hand of God): When one of the seven sacred planets in a chart is in a sextile (60°) with a second sacred planet and that second is in a quincunx (150°) with a third, the three sacred planets form an astrological phenomenon called a Yod, or the Hand of God. A Yod is rare and therefore given special attention when it appears. The narrow angle of the isosceles triangle formed by the Yod is where the finger of God points to, indicating a sacred mission assigned to the native, by destiny. The other two planets are said to be supportive of that mission.

Zi Wei Dou Shu (Chinese Astrology): Referred to as Purple Star Astrology in English or the Royal Pole Star Destiny Calculator, Zi Wei Dou Shu is a form of Chinese Taoist astrology that dates back to the Tang Dynasty. The astrological chart system is based on twelve astrological palaces and fourteen constellations or signs that represent fourteen different social archetypes. The twelve palaces are drawn as twelve squares encircling a center square, similar to the Western astrological wheel except a quadrilateral rather than a circle. Commonly, the native's birth details and Chinese zodiac information is written in the center. The positioning of the fourteen constellations are then noted within the twelve palaces. It is often used in tandem with feng shui, i.e., malefic facets revealed by Purple Star Astrology is remedied through the provisioning of feng shui cures.

Zodiac: A zodiac is a pictorial diagram used in astrology that subdivides the heavens into twelve 30° sections of celestial longitude centered upon an ecliptic path of the sun across the celestial sphere over the course of a calendar year. The twelve subdivisions are called zodiac signs. The zodiac is a celestial ecliptic coordinate system with the sun at the vernal equinox as the starting point of longitude. There are two main types of zodiacs, the Sidereal and the Tropical.

Zodiac Sign: Also called the Astrological Sign. There are 12 zodiac signs. They are the twelve 30° sectors of the ecliptic, starting at the vernal equinox (starting at around March 20) and are the primary frame of reference in an astrological chart when examining the planetary and celestial bodies at the time and location of your birth. The prevailing chart system used in the West is the geocentric chart, assuming the earth is at the center. This perspective notes the way the planetary bodies and the heavens affected you specifically at your birth. *See Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, and Pisces. See Table 26 Zodiac Sign and Seasons.*

Zodiacal Metal: At the intersection of astrology and alchemy, certain zodiac signs correspond with particular metals given their planetary rulerships. Aries and Scorpio are both ruled by Mars per traditional day-night rulerships; Taurus and Libra by Venus; Gemini and Virgo by Mercury; Cancer and Leo by the luminaries (Cancer the moon and Leo the sun); Sagittarius and Pisces by Jupiter; and Capricorn and Aquarius by Saturn. *See Table 27 Zodiac Metal Correspondences.*

Zodiac Sign and Seasons

ZODIAC SIGN	CALENDAR CORRESPONDENCE	ELEMENT	MODALITY
<i>Aries</i>	Mar. 29 – Apr. 19	Fire	Cardinal
<i>Taurus</i>	Apr. 20 – May 20	Earth	Fixed
<i>Gemini</i>	May 21 – Jun. 20	Air	Mutable
<i>Cancer</i>	Jun. 21 – Jul. 22	Water	Cardinal
<i>Leo</i>	Jul. 23 – Aug. 22	Fire	Fixed
<i>Virgo</i>	Aug. 23 – Sep. 22	Earth	Mutable
<i>Libra</i>	Sep. 23 – Oct. 22	Air	Cardinal
<i>Scorpio</i>	Oct. 23 – Nov. 21	Water	Fixed
<i>Sagittarius</i>	Nov. 22 – Dec. 21	Fire	Mutable
<i>Capricorn</i>	Dec. 22 – Jan. 19	Earth	Cardinal
<i>Aquarius</i>	Jan. 20 – Feb. 18	Air	Fixed
<i>Pisces</i>	Feb. 19 – Mar. 20	Water	Mutable

Zodiacal Metal Correspondences

ZODIAC SIGNS	RULING METAL
<i>Aries</i>	Scorpio Iron
<i>Taurus</i>	Libra Copper
<i>Gemini</i>	Virgo Mercury
<i>Cancer</i>	Leo Gold
<i>Sagittarius</i>	Pisces Tin
<i>Capricorn</i>	Aquarius Lead

Zodiacal Releasing: Zodiacal releasing, also known as aphesis, is a form of predictive astrology in the Hellenistic traditions that uses an astrological chart, specifically the Lot of Fortune and Lot of Spirit, and profections from those Lots, to determine significant life events and critical points in an individual's life path related to that individual's karmic account.

Aphesis from the Lot of Fortune

Zodiacal releasing dates calculated from the Lot of Fortune prognosticate events relating to your material and physical plane, i.e., education, professional aspirations, important social or interpersonal initiations, rites of passage, and events, financial stability, career or business matters, assets and acquisitions, physical health, and vitality. Aphesis dates from your Lot of

Fortune are more likely to relate to force majeure, or external circumstances that happen to you.

Aphesis from the Lot of Spirit

Zodiacal releasing dates calculated from the Lot of Spirit prognosticate events relating to your emotional, intellectual, and spiritual planes, i.e., having to make conscious decisions about what you want out of life, what you value, and generally, making sense of all that which are fully within your faculties to control. They relate to critical milestones in your personal and inner cultivation or spiritual path. In contrast to the Lot of Fortune, the Lot of Spirit relates to free will, and points in your life when you face crossroads and critical decisions have to be made.

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