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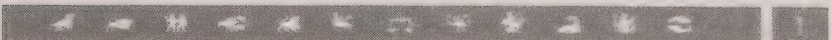
Introduction

The purpose of this book is to provide you with the basic knowledge to understand Astrology. We have endeavoured to keep our descriptions and explanations as simple as possible. Our aim is to impart a working knowledge of this magical, ancient science which will indeed open a Gateway to the Stars.

Astrology is one of the oldest of the surviving occult sciences, which is known to have existed in Egypt and Babylon in ancient times. It was practised by the Greeks and Romans, before falling into disfavour in Europe during the early centuries of Christianity. For the next thousand years it flourished in Persia, before finally returning to Europe when the Moors occupied Spain.

The fourteenth century saw astrologers in all the major courts of Europe. However, by the late sixteenth century scientific thought and the Christian Inquisition had again driven astrology underground, where it remained until the Theosophical and Spiritualist movements swept the Western world in the second half of the nineteenth century. Although the spiritual side of astrology has only recently emerged in the West, Eastern civilisations have continuously followed its ancient teachings and wisdom. Ancient astrologers noted that there was correlation between planetary movement and the way in which humans behaved.

To interpret and to document this connection a structured plan or drawing (now known as a horoscope or natal chart) was devised. The natal chart is an exact illustration of the sky, taken from the place of birth at the exact moment of birth.



On the facing page is a sample natal chart which shows the placement of the Sun, Moon and Planets as well as the sensitive angles of the chart i.e. the Ascendant, Descendant, MC and IC. A brief explanation of the important components is also given.

You will note as you read these explanations that we have not delved into the mathematics needed to erect a natal chart. As our aim is to limit this book's content to a simple introduction we felt that the subject of mathematics was beyond its scope. However, there are many excellent references* available to you if you wish to investigate this subject further.

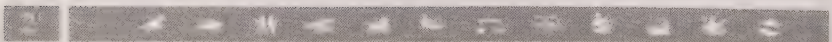
As you read through each sign of the Zodiac you will notice a paragraph headed Karmic Lesson. Astrologers believe that the natal chart is also a picture of the soul's journey in this lifetime, and that we have a higher purpose than living from day-to-day.

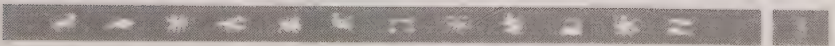
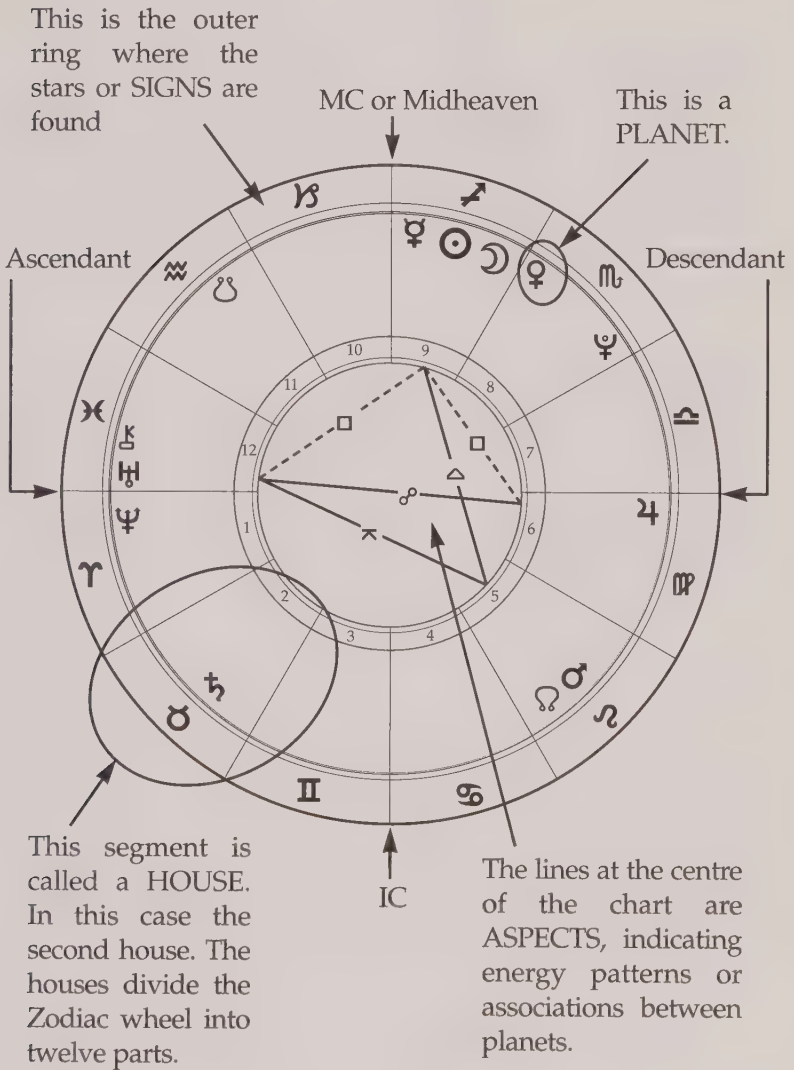
If you take a moment to ponder and meditate on this paragraph you may be given the light to guide you on this higher path.

As you can see from the diagram following, all the signs of the Zodiac are represented in every chart. Signs which contain planets are more active, but every chart possesses the energy of every sign.

Although all signs do not empathise equally, contrary to some popularly held beliefs, there are none which are in direct conflict.

* See suggested reading





The main components of a horoscope are:

THE SKY:

Imagine that the Earth is at the centre of the chart, and that the upper half is the visible sky, from the East or Ascendant on the left, to the West or Descendant on the right. The lower half is the sky on the other side of the earth, not visible from where we stand, but existing none the less.

THE SIGNS:

These are the twelve constellations which are found on the ecliptic.* They are drawn on the outermost band of the horoscope in the same order that they are seen in the sky, from Aries to Pisces. These constellations are the Signs and describe **how** the planets behave.

THE PLANETS:

Between the stars and the earth we find the planets and luminaries (the sun and moon.) This is also the position that they take up on a natal chart. Their symbol or glyph and their location in relation to the stars is written inside the star band. Here we also find the moon's nodes, the Arabian parts and the asteroids. The Planets are our subpersonalities, they are **what** we think and they interact to produce our behaviour.

* See glossary



THE HOUSES:

You will notice that the chart is divided into twelve segments. These are called the houses and are numbered consecutively from the Ascendant anticlockwise. The degrees of the house cusp*, including the Ascendant (first house cusp) and Midheaven (tenth house cusp), are noted on the band occupied by the stars. The houses are the environment, the stage **where** the planets will act out their parts.

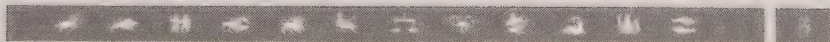
THE ASPECTS:

The lines joining the planets together are called aspects and indicate certain energy patterns. These tell us whether the planets are relating to each other positively or negatively, and if they will be able to work together.

The signs, planets, houses and aspects are all described in the following sections of this book. There is a worksheet on page 121 to help you in the interpretation of your own natal chart.

An order form is provided at the back of the book for you to purchase your personal natal chart.

* See glossary



The Signs

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







Aries: I am

The first sign of the Zodiac is Aries. Its symbol represents the horns of the Ram and signifies the leader of the flock, ready to accept any challenge.

Aries is also the first of the three Fire signs, all of which are involved with energy. The vibrational influence of Aries is assertiveness.

Each sign of the Zodiac has a planet which rules (or exerts its influence) on that sign. The planet ruling the sign of Aries is Mars. This is the force governing energy and survival. On a higher level this force can initiate growth and inspire individual development.

A natal chart with several planets in the sign of Aries may indicate a person who is innovative, independent and impulsive. However, all this energy and self-motivation can lead to a self-opinionated attitude which might appear to others as insensitivity.

If you were born between March 20th and April 20th (approximately),* your Sun is in the sign of Aries. Enthusiastic and ambitious, this sign produces courageous and competitive individuals who inspire others. You are a natural leader, brave

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and willing to confront any challenge without compromise. You should do well in positions of authority. You are the pioneer and initiator, always willing to take the lead, breaking new ground in your chosen field.

Sincere and truthful in your dealings, you expect the same behaviour from others and you do not like to involve yourself in idle gossip. However, your direct approach can benefit from diplomacy and tact. If your trust is broken you will be greatly disillusioned. Always the first person to offer help and encouragement to your friends and associates, you are a champion of the underdog.

Once a decision is made, Arien people like to attack their goals without deviation, and hate to be sidetracked from the main aim. Like a battering ram they aggressively clear all obstacles from their path. This uncomplicated single mindedness can lead to a naive or self-opinionated attitude which may disguise a deep seated lack of self-esteem.

If you use this lifetime to dominate others you may find that your actions will cause disruption and the alienation of those who could help you. However, if you decide to share your enthusiasm with others, encouraging them to express their individuality, you can be an inspirational leader.

Mentally you are a dynamic thinker with an extensive array of original ideas. You make decisions quickly and like to be involved in everything. Because you need to do things your own way and have an active mind you can become impatient with others who react in a slow and deliberate manner. Naturally optimistic, you have a tendency to see the big picture, but in doing so may overlook essentials. You are good at initiating projects, however, may lack the perseverance to follow them through to completion.

Romantically you are warm-hearted, expressing yourself openly in a childlike and spontaneous manner, however you resent being restricted. You inspire others with your dreams of tomorrow and partners will be attracted by your disarming naivete.

An abundance of Aries in the chart indicates the potential to lead mankind to higher levels by using courage. This is achieved by placing the good of all before the sake of self.

If you have a lot of Arien activity in your chart, you may find that some of the less endearing qualities mentioned above show up in your personality. It is important to keep in mind that you have Aries in your chart because these are the lessons that you are here to learn in this lifetime. Consider all of your positive attributes and then take a moment to ponder the Karmic Lesson and Sign Suggestion below.

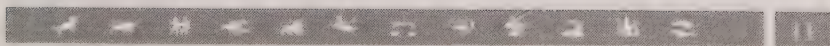
THE KARMIC LESSON OF THE SUN IN ARIES:

Is sharing and cooperation. By sharing your optimism and inspiration with others your life and relationships will achieve a sense of worth and harmony.

THE SIGN SUGGESTION FOR ARIES:

"O Great Spirit, help me never judge another until I have walked two weeks in his moccasins."

Edwin Laughing Fox



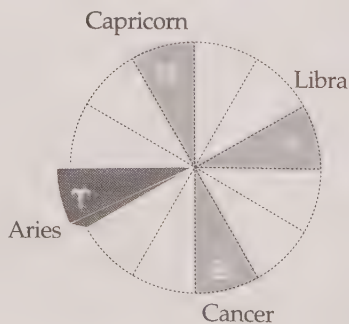
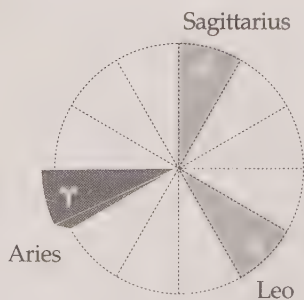
KEYWORDS - ARIES

Active	Enthusiastic	Naive
Aggressive	Generous	Optimistic
Ambitious	Impatient	Original
Assertive	Impulsive	Pioneering
Competitive	Independent	Quick-tempered
Courageous	Initiating	Self-motivated
Domineering	Insensitive	Self-opinionated
Dynamic	Inspirational	Selfish
Energetic	Intolerant	Spontaneous

PLANETARY RULER: Mars ♂

ELEMENT: Fire

QUALITY: Cardinal



ANATOMY:

Aries rules the head and face.

STONES OF THE ZODIAC FOR ARIES:

Jasper, Ruby, Carnelian.

SUN IN ARIES PERSONALITIES:

Warren Beatty, Diana Ross, President Thomas Jefferson, Marlon Brando, Nikita Krushchev, Bette Davis, Houdini, Vincent Van Gogh.

POLARITY: ARIES/LIBRA

This polarity is an expression of the conflict between the masculine individuality of Mars and the feminine, relationship-oriented Venus.

Aries can learn about balance and harmonious cooperation from Libra. Meanwhile Libra can learn about independence and individualism from Aries.







Taurus: I have

The second sign of the Zodiac is Taurus. Its symbol represents the horned head of a bull and signifies steadiness, strength and dogged perseverance.

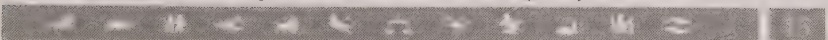
Taurus is the first of the three Earth signs, all of which are involved with stability and perseverance. The vibrational influence of Taurus is practicality.

Each sign of the Zodiac has a planet which rules (or exerts its influence) on that sign. Taurus is ruled by the planet Venus. This is the force governing beauty, love and sensuality. It rules our social skills and our sense of values. On a higher level this energy illustrates dependability and an appreciation of beauty.

A natal chart with several planets in the sign of Taurus may indicate a person who is steadfast and determined. However, this fixed energy can also lead to obstinacy and a materialistic approach to life.

If you were born between April 20th and May 21st (approximately)*, your Sun is in the sign of Taurus. This endows you with the qualities of steadfastness, dependability and common sense. You are a persistent, reliable worker who is practical and objective.

* If you were born between the 18th and the 24th of any month you may have been born 'on the cusp'. Please check an ephemeris to determine the Sun sign on your birth date.



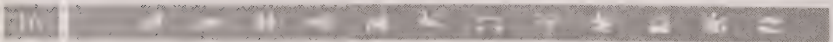
Security and a strong financial position is your aim in life and you realise the importance of a firm foundation. You like to see results for your efforts. Being good at goal setting, you are willing to work diligently in order to have a comfortable home and valuable possessions. You are artistic, musical and a lover of beauty, thus your home is likely to be a treasure trove of fine art and other collectibles. You are sensual, luxuriating in pleasant tastes, textures, sights and sounds, but must beware of overindulgence.

You display an excellent business acumen. Considered the builders of the Zodiac, industrious and productive, you do not like taking risks and use your natural caution when making decisions.

Mentally you are careful and deliberate, although sometimes unoriginal. You say what you think and do not like to change your mind once a decision is made. Wanting to be recognised as important and worthwhile, you may refuse the advice of others through sheer obstinacy.

Romantically you are warm, affectionate and faithful and can display a strong sexual need. Loyalty and morality are extremely important to you. Instinctively liking to keep what is yours, whether it be a mate, home or career, can sometimes lead to feelings of jealousy or possessiveness.

An abundance of Taurus in the chart indicates a person who has incarnated with a strong sense of moral, financial and spiritual values, and who is able to teach by their good example. Their lives can illustrate prosperity consciousness and the natural ability to recognise value, including the beauty of the Earth and the worth of the human spirit.



If you have a lot of Taurean activity in your chart, you may find that some of the less endearing qualities mentioned above show up in your personality. It is important to keep in mind that you have Taurus in your chart because these are the lessons that you are here to learn in this lifetime. Consider all of your positive attributes, and then take a moment to ponder the Karmic Lesson and Sign Suggestion below.

THE KARMIC LESSON OF THE SUN IN TAURUS:

To establish personal worth and value through encouraging others. Intuitively you understand the human need to achieve, and by teaching the principles of value you will attain your own rewards and security.

SIGN SUGGESTION FOR TAURUS:

The Earth is an abundant place, the more you give, the more you will receive.

KEYWORDS - TAURUS

Affectionate	Faithful	Possessive
Argumentative	Industrious	Practical
Artistic	Jealous	Productive
Careful	Loyal	Reliable
Conservative	Materialistic	Self-indulgent
Deliberate	Moral	Sensual
Dependable	Objective	Stable
Determined	Obstinate	Steadfast
Diligent	Patient	Trustworthy
Domestic	Persistent	

PLANETARY RULER: Venus ♀

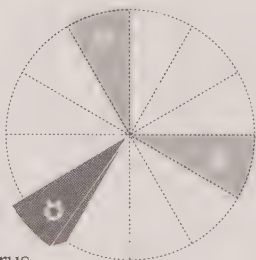
ELEMENT: Earth

QUALITY: Fixed

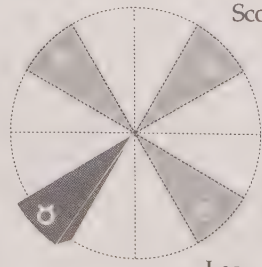
Capricorn

Aquarius

Scorpio



Virgo



Leo

ANATOMY:

Taurus rules the throat, neck, ears and mouth.

STONES OF THE ZODIAC FOR TAURUS:

Blue Sapphire, Rose Quartz, Lapis Lazuli.

SUN IN TAURUS PERSONALITIES:

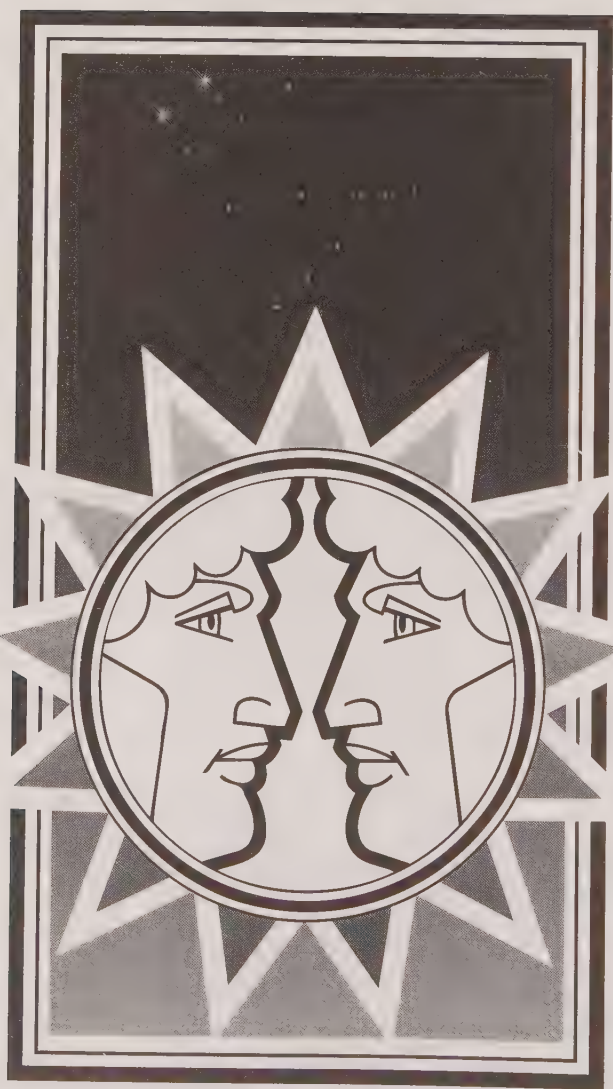
Barbra Streisand, William Randolph Hearst, Fred Astaire, Johannes Brahms, Gary Cooper, Queen Elizabeth II, Henry Fonda, Adolf Hitler, Shirley Temple.

POLARITY: TAURUS/SCORPIO

In this polarity possessions and desire are examined from both the masculine and feminine perspective. Venus rules Taurus as practical, earthy simplicity, while Pluto rules the intense experience of Scorpio.

Taurus can learn about passion and power from Scorpio. Meanwhile Scorpio can learn patience and reliability from Taurus.







Gemini: I think

The third sign of the Zodiac is Gemini. Its symbol signifies the Roman numeral for two, just as the constellation of Gemini represents the mythological twins Castor and Pollux.

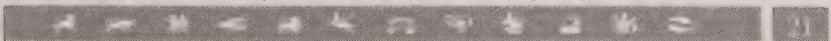
Gemini is the first of the three Air signs, all of which are involved with communication. The vibrational influence of Gemini is versatility.

Each sign of the Zodiac has a planet which rules (or exerts its influence) on that sign. Gemini is ruled by the planet Mercury. This is the force which affects our ability to communicate, exerting its influence over our powers of reason and intellect. On a higher level this energy embodies a talent for expression, inspiring open communication.

A natal chart with several planets in the sign of Gemini can indicate a person who is a communicator, clever and quick thinking. However, this mutable energy can also lead to superficiality and restlessness.

If you were born between 21st May and 21st June (approximately),^{*} your Sun is in the sign of Gemini. You can be an eloquent and charismatic companion who loves to socialise. You are amusing, inventive, sympathetic and a good

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conversationalist, however, you must be careful that this talent does not degenerate into superficial gossip and idle chatter.

You are always on the go and likely to be doing more than one thing at a time. Loving change and variety in your life, you thrive on an atmosphere of spontaneity. Your challenge is to stay aware of the larger picture while exploring all the options.

Mentally, you are adaptable, versatile, logical and witty. Your insatiable need for information leads you to gather facts about anything new and innovative. A natural teacher and networker, you facilitate the development of intellectual abilities in your students, and embody the value of the spoken word. You have a flair for languages and learning is an unbounded pleasure for Geminians. Your enthusiasm and abundant nervous energy may lead you to promise more than you can deliver.

Youthful and energetic in outlook, you may remain childlike throughout your life, often showing an ability to communicate with the young whilst developing an easy rapport with them.

Romantically you are flirtatious and light-hearted and may have more than one meaningful romance. You are likely to want quick, logical answers to your problems and your incurable restlessness can result in others finding it difficult to relax near you. You are more comfortable expressing yourself by letter writing or poetry than through physical display or in-depth discussion.

An abundance of Gemini in the chart indicates the potential to introduce innovative ideas and broaden the consciousness of others, inspiring them to value variety in experience and thought.

If you have a lot of Geminian activity in your chart, you may find that some of the less endearing qualities mentioned above



show up in your personality. It is important to keep in mind that you have Gemini in your chart because these are the lessons that you are here to learn in this lifetime. Consider all of your positive attributes and then take a moment to ponder the Karmic Lesson and the Sign Suggestion below.

THE KARMIC LESSON OF THE SUN IN GEMINI:

Is learning to listen. By listening you can expand your own viewpoint and become aware of the ideas of others.

THE SIGN SUGGESTION FOR GEMINI IS:

Slow down, take time to smell the roses.



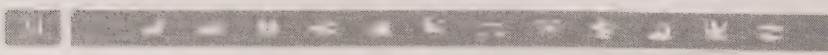
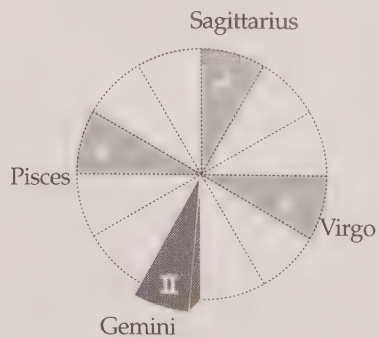
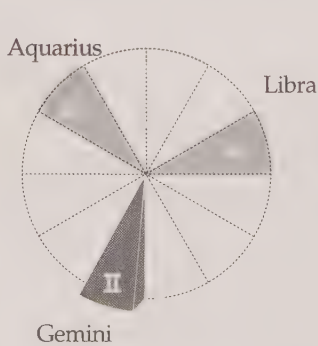
KEYWORDS - GEMINI

Adaptable	Enthusiastic	Quick-witted
Amusing	Flirtatious	Restless
Changeable	Insensitive	Spontaneous
Charismatic	Inventive	Superficial
Communicative	Investigative	Sympathetic
Congenial	Irresponsible	Versatile
Curious	Light-hearted	Witty
Dexterous	Logical	
Eloquent	Nervous	

PLANETARY RULER: Mercury ♿

ELEMENT: Air

QUALITY: Mutable



ANATOMY:

Gemini rules the lungs, shoulders, collarbones, hands, arms and nervous system.

STONES OF THE ZODIAC FOR GEMINI:

Citrine, Tiger's Eye.

SUN IN GEMINI PERSONALITIES:

Marilyn Monroe, Errol Flynn, Tony Curtis, Erroll Garner, President John F. Kennedy, Bob Dylan, Ian Fleming, Judy Garland, Bob Hope, Valentino, Walt Whitman.

POLARITY: GEMINI/SAGITTARIUS

These are both aspects of the accumulation and assimilation of knowledge and wisdom.

Sagittarius can learn to make its ideals practical from Gemini. Meanwhile Sagittarius can teach Gemini the ability to look at the wider picture rather than myriad individual facts.







Cancer: I feel

Cancer is the fourth sign of the Zodiac. The traditional symbol for this sign represents the human breasts, depicting the need to nourish and nurture. The sign is also symbolic of the claws of a crab. Like the crab, people with strength in this sign tend to ebb and flow with the tide and often have a hard shell protecting a soft interior.

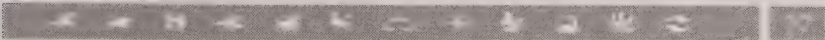
Cancer is the first of the three Water signs, all of which are involved with emotion. The vibrational influence of Cancer is intuition.

Each sign of the Zodiac has a planet which rules (or exerts its influence) on that sign. Cancer is ruled by the Moon. The Moon is the force governing intuition, receptivity and fluctuation. On a higher level this allows instincts to become conscious, thereby putting us in touch with the non-physical realm.

A natal chart with several planets in the sign of Cancer can indicate a person who is feeling and sympathetic, who supports and nurtures, and who is always sensitive to the needs of others. However, this emotional energy can also lead to dependency and insecurity.

If you were born between June 21st and July 23rd (approximately),* your Sun is in the sign of Cancer. You need

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emotional security in your life, and are loyal and protective towards your family and friends. This characteristic makes you very patriotic and traditional.

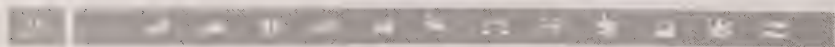
You are natural healers who can empathise with others on an emotional level. Attracting people who are cut off from their feelings, you can establish close bonds with them as they learn to access and express their emotions through contact with you. Quiet and receptive, you have a genuine empathy for humanity.

You find worth through being needed by others and are often happiest fulfilling their requests. Beware of giving in the hope of recognition or reward then feeling unappreciated if none is forthcoming. An important lesson of this sign is to gain a perception of self-worth. Deeply concerned about how other people see you, you are highly sensitive and easily hurt. Your hard exterior belies a deep sensitivity. Constant reassurance is needed to overcome your natural shyness and timidity.

You like to entertain your friends and are a gracious host. You can be an avid collector and hoarder, and your home may have many treasures and family photos. You need a quiet place to go to when you feel down, as you can easily absorb any negative environmental influences.

Mentally you are meditative and slow to act on your ideas. You have an excellent memory and you will be shrewd and tenacious in business dealings. You may manipulate others by using emotional tactics, and being temperamental, you can have mood swings which confuse those close to you. Prudent and thrifty, security is very important and you are willing to work hard to provide for your family. Your intuitive ability often helps you to make the right decision.

Romantically you are imaginative and sentimental and love to be pampered. You are thoughtful and sensitive to the needs



of others, but your own needs come first. You may have a tendency to mother and if rejected can become clingy and dependent.

An abundance of Cancer in the chart indicates the potential to be deeply sensitive to emotional pain in others. This is achieved through a genuine caring nature and a sympathetic approach.

If you have a lot of Cancerian activity in your chart, you may find that some of the less endearing qualities mentioned above show up in your personality. It is important to keep in mind that you have Cancer in your chart because these are the lessons that you are here to learn in this lifetime. Consider all of your positive attributes and then take a moment to ponder the Karmic Lesson and the Sign Suggestion below.

THE KARMIC LESSON OF THE SUN IN CANCER:

Use your natural sensitivity to recognise the emotional needs of others. When you encourage others to express their deepest feelings, you will be appreciated for your giving nature and intuitive insight.

THE SIGN SUGGESTION FOR CANCER:

“Love gives naught but itself and takes naught but from itself.
Love possesses not nor would it be possessed.
For love is sufficient unto love.”

Kahlil Gibran (The Prophet)

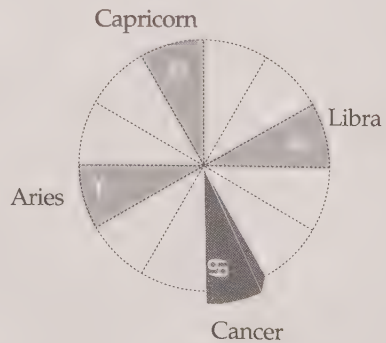
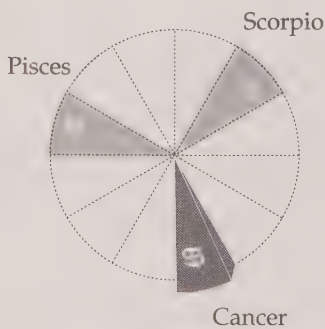
KEYWORDS - CANCER

Clingy	Meditative	Shrewd
Dependent	Nurturing	Shy
Emotional	Patriotic	Supportive
Empathic	Protective	Sympathetic
Insecure	Receptive	Temperamental
Intuitive	Retentive	Tenacious
Loyal	Sensitive	Timid
Maternal	Sentimental	Traditional

PLANETARY RULER: Moon ☾

ELEMENT: Water

QUALITY: Cardinal



ANATOMY:

Cancer rules the stomach, breasts, uterus and gall bladder.

STONES OF THE ZODIAC FOR CANCER:

Emerald, Moonstone.

SUN IN CANCER PERSONALITIES:

Julius Caesar, Louis Armstrong, James Cagney, John Glenn, Ernest Hemingway, Gina Lollobrigida, Rembrandt, Henry D. Thoreau, Nelson Rockefeller.

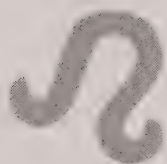
POLARITY: CANCER/CAPRICORN

These signs are both aspects of how we attain security.

Capricorn can teach Cancer about ambition, success in the material world and discipline. Meanwhile Cancer can teach Capricorn the value of family, tradition, caring and kindness.







Leo: I create

The fifth sign of the Zodiac is Leo. Its symbol signifies the first letter of the Greek word for Lion and represents the lion's tail.

Leo is the second of the three Fire signs, all of which are involved with energy. The vibrational influence of Leo is power.

Each sign of the Zodiac has a planet which rules (or exerts its influence) on that sign. The ruler of the sign of Leo is the Sun. This is the force governing ego, vitality and individuality. On a higher level Leos need to radiate their talents and abilities for the benefit of humankind without thought for recognition.

A natal chart with several planets in the sign of Leo can indicate a magnetic and forceful personality. However, this fixed energy can also lead to an overbearing and haughty attitude.

If you were born between July 23rd and August 23rd (approximately),* your Sun is in the sign of Leo. There is nothing underhand about you. You are proud, generous, affectionate and loyal and you make friends easily.

Enthusiastic and with good organisational ability, you approach life boldly. Creative self-expression is very important to you, producing an outgoing, flamboyant and theatrical

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nature. When upset, or slighted, you may indulge in dramatic tactics. Your egocentric approach to life may surface as arrogance or vanity and you must be careful not to take yourself too seriously. Self-assured, you cannot be manipulated, however, flattery will go a long way!

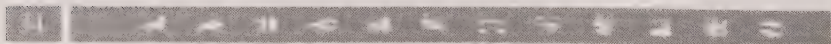
Artistic expression should come easily to you, and while you may not be a master, you achieve a great sense of satisfaction from your creativity. However, you may be self-deprecating about your talents, always feeling that you could have done better.

You easily attract followers with your affectionate, generous and optimistic personality, but in spite of your outward self-assurance you do not like to be ridiculed. While democratic in theory, you can easily become autocratic in method

Extroverted and playful, you are easily noticed in a crowd by your regal presence and the dignified way you carry yourself. You love receiving compliments about your looks and intelligence and you surround yourself with all the good things in life. Leisure pursuits such as hobbies, sport, trips to theatres, art galleries or casinos are important to you.

Mentally you are intellectual and express yourself in a forthright manner, however, you need to be aware of becoming too forceful in your opinions. Because of your fixed nature it is difficult for you to alter your views, although you are easily able to convince others to change theirs. Your natural optimism will always get you through the most daunting situations. Circumstances that may cause others to falter do not deter the Lion.

Romantically you are passionate and loyal. Your feelings run deep and you give yourself whole-heartedly to your lover. Your manner is childlike and spontaneous and you will protect the



people you love heroically. You have a tendency to see relationships as conquests, and may be a fickle partner. You are fond of children and they respond openly to your playful and creative manner.

An abundance of Leo in the chart indicates the potential to be a great leader of mankind, stimulating others through natural optimism and ambition.

If you have a lot of Leonine activity in your chart, you may find that some of the less endearing qualities mentioned above show up in your personality. It is important to keep in mind that you have Leo in your chart because these are the lessons that you are here to learn in this lifetime. Consider all of your positive attributes and then take a moment to ponder the Karmic Lesson and the Sign Suggestion below.

THE KARMIC LESSON OF THE SUN IN LEO:

Learn humility. Your ability to radiate the joy of life without thought for recognition can inspire others to express themselves in a dramatic and creative way. You need to relinquish centre stage, and by encouraging team-work you will enrich your own life as well as the lives of others.

THE SIGN SUGGESTION FOR LEO:

Learn to balance pride with humility. "Pride goeth before destruction and an haughty spirit before a fall."

Proverbs 16:18

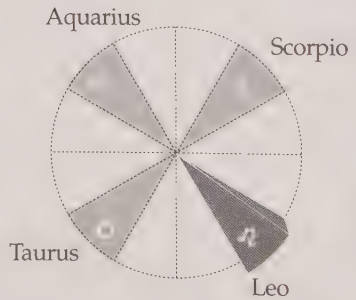
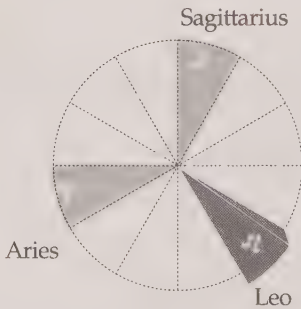
KEYWORDS - LEO

Affectionate	Fickle	Overbearing
Ambitious	Flamboyant	Passionate
Arrogant	Forceful	Playful
Bold	Generous	Powerful
Confident	Haughty	Proud
Creative	Heroic	Romantic
Cruel	Loyal	Self-assured
Dignified	Magnetic	Spontaneous
Egotistical	Optimistic	Theatrical
Enthusiastic	Outgoing	Vain

PLANETARY RULER: Sun ☉

ELEMENT: Fire

QUALITY: Fixed



ANATOMY:

Leo rules the spine, heart and circulatory system.

STONES OF THE ZODIAC FOR LEO:

Gold, Diamond.

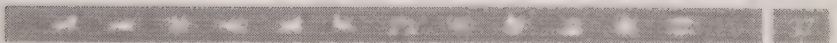
SUN IN LEO PERSONALITIES:

Fidel Castro, Lucille Ball, Napoleon Bonaparte, Cecil B. DeMille, Alfred Hitchcock, Carl Jung, Jacqueline Kennedy, Mae West, Mussolini.

POLARITY: LEO/AQUARIUS

The balance here is between the individual and the group.

Aquarius needs to learn about personal identity from Leo. Meanwhile Leo learns the value of group dynamics and being part of a larger whole from Aquarius.







Virgo: I serve

The sixth sign of the Zodiac is Virgo, signifying virginal purity. This is the only feminine figure of the Zodiac. Its symbol, a sheaf of grain, represents productivity.

Virgo is the second of the three Earth signs, all of which are involved with stability and perseverance. The vibrational influence of Virgo is discrimination.

Each sign of the Zodiac has a planet which rules (or exerts its influence) on that sign. Virgo is ruled by the planet Mercury. This is the force governing information, dexterity and reason, leading to an agile mind, comfortable with the comprehension of facts, attention to detail and a strong sense of logic. The planetoid Chiron also rules Virgo, imparting healing ability.

A natal chart with several planets in the sign of Virgo can indicate a person who is analytical and painstaking. However, this drive for perfection may lead to an overly critical attitude.

If you were born between August 23rd and September 23rd (approximately),* your Sun is in the sign of Virgo. Thoughtful and discriminating, you like to do well at anything that you attempt. You are practical and methodical, always willing to work hard to attain a goal and good at focusing on fine detail. A

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perfectionist, you can appear righteous and pedantic as you always aspire towards the ideal.

Quiet and gentle, you often achieve a sense of purpose through being of service to others, particularly through your interests of health and hygiene. You may be comfortable in the role of a health practitioner, especially in the alternative sciences such as homoeopathy and herbalism. You like a hygienic environment and your health awareness can lead either to a strong focus on diet and bodily well-being, or to hypochondria.

Mentally you are precise and studious. You have no trouble absorbing great detail and love to research, even if it is just to prove that you are right. Be careful that small issues do not obscure the big picture. You have a logical and analytical mind and would make a wonderful organiser. with unlimited patience to make sure that everything is in its proper place. You are inclined to do it all yourself and need to learn to delegate responsibility. At times you can feel melancholy or depressed, believing that others do not understand your motives. Because you find it difficult to relax you may like to work in the garden to dissipate your nervous energy.

Romantically you are a reserved and faithful partner, however, you do not fall in love quickly as you are always trying to find the perfect mate. You show a deep sensitivity and integrity towards your lover and like the swan you will mate for life. You require your partner to be refined and intelligent, needing a companion who can combine the physical with the intellectual.

You are fond of animals and you are a champion of the underdog.

An abundance of Virgo in the chart indicates the potential to be a healer. This is achieved by using analytical talent as well as innate kindness.



If you have a lot of Virgoan activity in your chart, you may find that some of the less endearing qualities mentioned above show up in your personality. It is important to keep in mind that you have Virgo in your chart because these are the lessons that you are here to learn in this lifetime. Consider all of your positive attributes and then take a moment to ponder the Karmic Lesson and Sign Suggestion below.

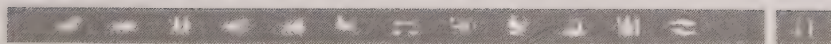
THE KARMIC LESSON OF THE SUN IN VIRGO:

Learning to delegate without criticism and to serve and uplift the spirits of your fellow man. Visualising the worth in others allows you to develop trust.

SIGN SUGGESTION FOR VIRGO:

"The better you know mankind, the more you are able to overlook the little shortcomings in your friends."

Stendhal.



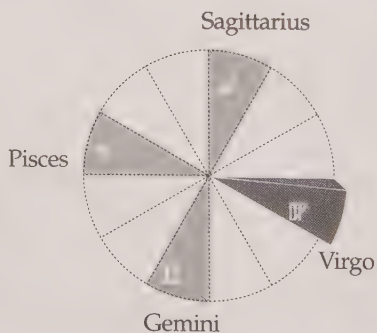
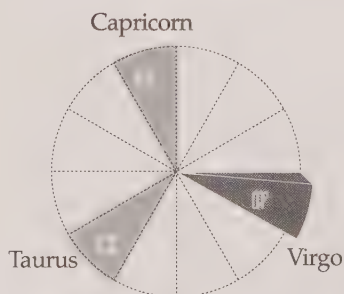
KEYWORDS - VIRGO

Analytical	Industrious	Precise
Critical	Logical	Quiet
Discrete	Methodical	Righteous
Discriminating	Moral	Sceptical
Efficient	Nervous	Sensitive
Faithful	Painstaking	Stable
Gentle	Pedantic	Studious
Helpful	Perfectionist	Thoughtful
Humane	Persevering	Workaholic
Hygienic	Practical	

PLANETARY RULER: Mercury ♿ and Chiron ☿

ELEMENT: Earth

QUALITY: Mutable



ANATOMY:

Virgo rules the intestines and the liver.

STONE OF THE ZODIAC FOR VIRGO:

Agate.

SUN IN VIRGO PERSONALITIES:

Queen Elizabeth I, Sophia Loren, Lyndon Johnson, Lauren Bacall, Ingrid Bergman, D. H. Lawrence, Greta Garbo.

POLARITY: VIRGO/PISCES

These signs are both aspects of service to humanity.

Pisces needs to learn about efficiency and analysis from Virgo. Meanwhile Pisces teaches benevolence, compassion and spiritual inspiration to its very practical and down-to-earth polar opposite.







Libra: I relate

The seventh sign of the Zodiac is Libra. Its symbol represents a pair of scales as depicted by the well-known Scales of Justice and is indicative of equilibrium and harmony.

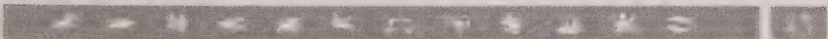
Libra is the second of the three Air signs, all of which are involved with communication. The vibrational influence of Libra is harmony.

Each sign of the Zodiac has a planet which rules (or exerts its influence) on that sign. Libra is ruled by the planet Venus. This is the force governing beauty, affection and harmony. On a higher level this energy can illustrate cooperation and interdependence in any human endeavour, and allows us to develop relationships through feelings rather than by intellect.

A natal chart with several planets in the sign of Libra can indicate a person who is objective, has the ability to understand both sides of any situation, and likes to see justice done. However, this need to unite at all costs can lead to dependency and indecision.

If you were born between September 23rd and October 23rd (approximately),* your Sun is in the sign of Libra. Charming, kind and refined, you love beauty and have an appreciation of

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the arts, music or design. At heart you dislike mess and confusion and you are constantly searching for the ideal. You avoid occupations which might require dirty hands or an unkempt appearance.

Harmony and peace are your greatest desires. You have an intuitive sense of what is fair, and you have the talent to teach sharing, cooperation and interdependence. Restless and inconsistent, you alternate from being confused and stubborn to charming and helpful. Your moods appear beguiling as you will always present an outward expression of calmness and serenity.

You have a deep need to be liked and therefore cultivate diplomacy and courtesy in an effort to win approval. You can be indecisive, wishing to abide with popular opinion, rather than relying on your personal view. It is easy for you to defer to a partner or group, rather than taking a stand or asserting yourself.

Mentally you are logical, however, your beliefs are easily influenced by others. Cheerful and optimistic, you are capable of balanced thinking and you weigh the value of information before taking a point of view. Understanding the value of negotiation allows you to be an excellent mediator, counsellor or diplomat.

Romantically your ideal is to merge with another, as partnership and marriage meet your deepest emotional needs. You often marry young and may marry more than once. You are in love with love, and are inclined to overlook the faults of your partner in order to maintain the relationship for the sake of appearances. Social and gregarious, you love new and interesting people, entertaining and having a good time. You love children and will be their friend and protector.



An abundance of Libra in the chart indicates the potential to bring about a higher level of cooperation, and to impart ideas of fair play and justice.

If you have a lot of Libran activity in your chart, you may find that some of the less endearing qualities mentioned above show up in your personality. It is important to keep in mind that you have Libra in your chart because these are the lessons that you are here to learn in this lifetime. Think of all your positive attributes, and then take a moment to ponder the Karmic Lesson and Sign Suggestion below.

THE KARMIC LESSON OF THE SUN IN LIBRA:

Establish relationships honestly and objectively. By standing up as an individual and relating your own independent ideas and feelings, you are able to show others the importance of justice and harmony.

THE SIGN SUGGESTION FOR LIBRA:

Learn to say no to others. "The greatest thing in the world is to know how to be sufficient unto one's self."

Montaigne



KEYWORDS - LIBRA

Artistic	Extravagant	Peace-loving
Attractive	Graceful	Persuasive
Charming	Gregarious	Refined
Cheerful	Harmonious	Sociable
Compromising	Indecisive	Uncommitted
Cooperative	Just	Vain
Dependent	Kind	
Diplomatic	Logical	

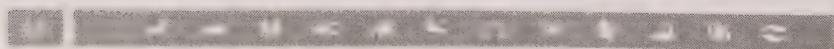
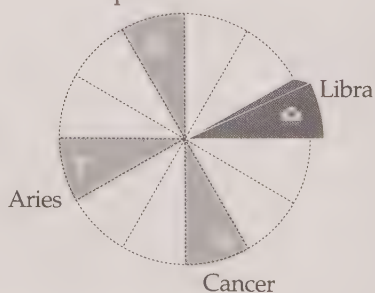
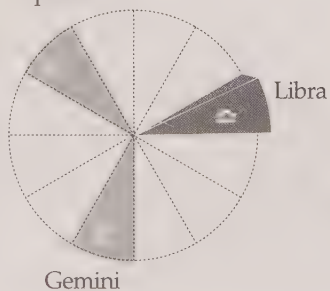
PLANETARY RULER: Venus ♀

ELEMENT: Air

QUALITY: Cardinal

Aquarius

Capricorn



ANATOMY:

Libra rules the kidneys, adrenal glands, appendix and lower back.

STONES OF THE ZODIAC FOR LIBRA:

Jade, Adventurine.

SUN IN LIBRA PERSONALITIES:

Eleanor Roosevelt, Ed Sullivan, Brigitte Bardot, Mahatma Ghandi, John Lennon, Oscar Wilde, George Gershwin, Julie Andrews.

POLARITY: LIBRA/ARIES

This polarity is an expression of the conflict between the masculine individuality of Mars and the feminine, relationship-oriented Venus.

Aries can learn about balance and harmonious co-operation from Libra. Meanwhile Libra can learn about independence and individualism from Aries.







Scorpio: I desire

The eighth sign of the Zodiac is Scorpio. Its symbol represents the tail and sting of the scorpion, penetrating to the heart of the matter. It can also signify the eagle who has the power to rise above its lower nature.

Scorpio is the second of the three Water signs, all of which are involved with emotions. The vibrational influence of Scorpio is desire.

Each sign of the Zodiac has a planet which rules (or exerts its influence) on that sign. The planet ruling the sign of Scorpio is Pluto. This is the force which governs transformation and regeneration through elimination. Affecting the subconscious self, its actions are slow but inevitable.

A natal chart with several planets in the sign of Scorpio can indicate a person who is intense and secretive. This need to protect one's inner identity may lead to the use of manipulative tactics.

If you were born between October 23rd and November 21st (approximately),* your Sun is in the sign of Scorpio. Determined, motivated and with a sense of purpose, your pursuit of life is resourceful. You are masterful, complex and private, and veil

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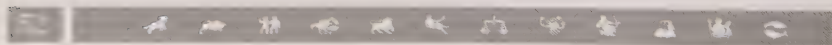
your vulnerability by resorting to the control of both people and situations. This behaviour hides your ability to be truly sensitive.

Persistence and willpower are your strong points, and you are very adept financially. Taking responsibility for manifesting your desires in the material realm is easy, as you have the skill to use your business acumen to its best advantage. Woe to the person who takes advantage of you, as you do not forgive or forget an offence.

Secretive and often mysterious, you may have an interest in the occult. You seek the truth and intuitively know a person's motives. Although you have an austere outlook on life, you have the ability to be very sensitive. Your emotional energy emanates from deep within you and others are aware of your sense of purpose. Everything you do, you do with intensity.

Mentally you are a deep and penetrating thinker capable of analysing and researching until you find a solution. You may find a rewarding career as a counsellor because of your innate and sometimes psychic ability to see into the essence of the matter. You have an alert mind and need to believe totally in a philosophy or an idea before committing yourself. If you are too rigid in your outlook, you will find it difficult to accept the leadership of others.

Romantically you are the seducers of the Zodiac, and often confuse sex with intimacy. Your intense emotions can lead to possessiveness, jealousy and spite, and you may dominate those you love. Difficult to know intimately, you fear losing control of the situation by exposing your innermost feelings. You will need to be aware that although you enjoy your freedom, so do others! You emanate sexual magnetism and passion, and have the ability to be a zealous lover.



An abundance of Scorpio in the chart indicates the potential in this lifetime to create transformational change through intense emotional and psychic experience.

If you have a lot of Scorpionic activity in your chart, you may find that some of the less endearing qualities mentioned above show up in your personality. It is important to keep in mind that you have Scorpio in your chart because these are the lessons that you are here to learn in this lifetime. Consider all your positive attributes, and then take a moment to ponder the Karmic Lesson and the Sign Suggestion below.

THE KARMIC LESSON OF THE SUN IN SCORPIO:

Learn accountability and the true nature of power, and to know that you are ultimately responsible for everything that you manifest in this life.

THE SIGN SUGGESTION FOR SCORPIO:

"It is not that we love to be alone, but that we love to soar, and when we soar, the company grows thinner."

Thoreau

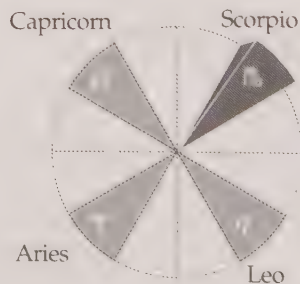
KEYWORDS - SCORPIO

Complex	Masterful	Resourceful
Compulsive	Motivated	Rigid
Deep	Mysterious	Sarcastic
Destructive	Passionate	Secretive
Determined	Penetrating	Seductive
Dominating	Perceptive	Sensitive
Intense	Persistent	Spiteful
Investigative	Possessive	Suspicious
Jealous	Powerful	Zealous
Magnetic	Private	
Manipulative	Psychic	

PLANETARY RULER: Pluto ♇

ELEMENT: Water

QUALITY: Fixed



ANATOMY:

Scorpio rules the genitals, bladder and reproductive organs.

STONES OF THE ZODIAC FOR SCORPIO:

Bloodstone, Garnet, Beryl.

SUN IN SCORPIO PERSONALITIES:

Picasso, Marie Antoinette, Charles Manson, Richard Burton, Prince Charles, Madame Curie, Grace Kelly, Katherine Hepburn, Vivien Leigh, Martin Luther.

POLARITY: SCORPIO/TAURUS

In this polarity possessions and desire are examined from both the masculine and feminine perspective. Venus rules Taurus as practical, earthy simplicity, while Pluto rules the intense experience of Scorpio.

Taurus can learn about passion and power from Scorpio. Meanwhile Scorpio can learn patience and reliability from Taurus.







Sagittarius: I seek

The ninth sign of the Zodiac is Sagittarius. Its symbol, the Centaur/Archer aiming an arrow towards the stars, represents a creature of duality, a synthesis of the power and speed of a horse together with the brain and wisdom of a man.

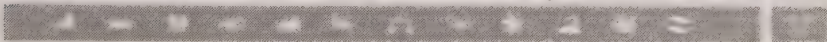
Sagittarius is the last Fire sign, all of which are involved with energy. The vibrational influence of Sagittarius is optimism.

Each sign of the Zodiac has a planet which rules (or exerts its influence) on that sign. The planet ruling the sign of Sagittarius is Jupiter. This is the force which governs opportunity, good luck and wisdom. On a higher level this can initiate the quest for knowledge and can impart universal inspiration.

A natal chart with several planets in the sign of Sagittarius can indicate a person who is optimistic and enthusiastic. However, if this energy is not used constructively it can lead to overindulgence.

If you were born between November 22nd and December 22nd (approximately),* your Sun is in the sign of Sagittarius. Extroverted, enthusiastic and energetic, you inspire others to follow their dreams. Wanting to make the world a better place, you may optimistically promise more than you can deliver,

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however, the burden of fulfilling these obligations may lead to procrastination. You are a natural philanthropist, generous with your possessions and knowledge.

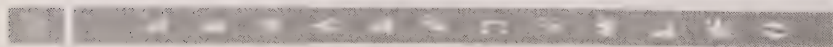
Philosophical and broad-minded, you work well with others, and are usually well accepted because of your cheerful and happy-go-lucky personality. Both a natural teacher and student, at times your frank and outspoken style can be taken as insensitivity rather than honesty.

Restless Sagittarians love to travel, particularly to foreign destinations. This experience of other cultures allows you to improve your outer consciousness, thereby expanding your inner spiritual growth.

You need independence and freedom in all aspects of your life. Sports and outdoor activities are necessary pursuits for your active body. You possess a good physical constitution but need to watch that you do not overindulge.

Mentally you enjoy learning and study in your quest for the meaning of life. You may feel unfulfilled until you discover a purpose for your existence. An excellent teacher in your chosen field, you will probably have a reputation for wisdom, ethics and a philosophical outlook. You pick up foreign languages easily and enjoy both writing and communicating. Once you have reached your true path you are bound to want to spread the word – be careful that your zeal does not develop into a dogmatic attitude.

It is easy for you to see the overall view. A natural diplomat, justice and equality are important concepts in your philosophy, and you are always ready to heroically champion the underdog. As a result you may find yourself attracted to the legal professions.



Romantically you are old-fashioned and sentimental. You are fun to be around, generous, gregarious and extravagant. Needing freedom in your relationships, you will try to escape if you feel trapped emotionally. However, if you are given your independence you can be faithful and sincere. You remain young at heart and while your body may age, your attitude remains youthful.

An abundance of Sagittarius in the chart indicates the potential to teach the concept of unity, that no matter what our religious and cultural backgrounds are, we are all on the same path.

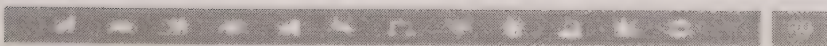
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THE KARMIC LESSON OF THE SUN IN SAGITTARIUS:

Learn that everyone has the right to their own beliefs. Using your innate wisdom you can become an inspiration to others, giving them faith and hope.

THE SIGN SUGGESTION FOR SAGITTARIUS:

All roads lead to Rome. Learn to respect the beliefs of others and realise that, in the end, all paths lead to the same destination.



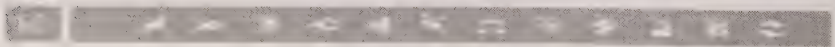
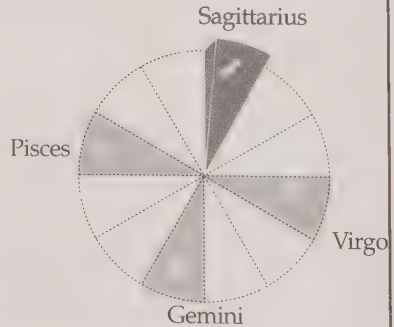
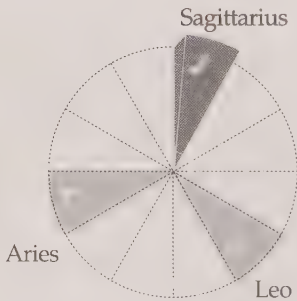
KEYWORDS - SAGITTARIUS

Athletic	Generous	Procrastinating
Broad-minded	Gregarious	Religious
Cheerful	Heroic	Restless
Dogmatic	Insensitive	Scholarly
Easy-going	Just	Sentimental
Energetic	Optimistic	Sincere
Enthusiastic	Overindulgent	Talkative
Ethical	Philanthropic	Wise
Extravagant	Philosophical	
Extroverted	Pontifical	

PLANETARY RULER: Jupiter ♃

ELEMENT: Fire

QUALITY: Mutable



ANATOMY:

Sagittarius rules the hips, thighs and upper legs.

**THE STONES OF THE ZODIAC FOR
SAGITTARIUS ARE:**

Topaz, Turquoise.

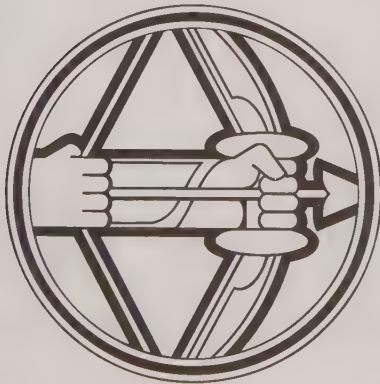
SUN IN SAGITTARIUS PERSONALITIES:

Winston Churchill, Mark Twain, Louisa May Alcott, Beethoven, Sammy Davis, Jr., Walt Disney, Frank Sinatra, Betty Grable, Joe DiMaggio.

POLARITY: SAGITTARIUS/GEMINI

These are both aspects of the accumulation and assimilation of knowledge and wisdom.

Sagittarius can learn to make its ideals practical from Gemini. Meanwhile Sagittarius can teach Gemini the ability to look at the wider picture rather than a myriad of individual facts.







Capricorn: I use

The tenth sign of the Zodiac is Capricorn. Its symbol signifies a goat with a fish's tail. The sea-goat's challenge is to climb out of the sea and up to the mountain top.

Capricorn is the last of the three Earth signs, all of which are involved with stability and perseverance. The vibrational influence of Capricorn is ambition.

Each sign has a planet which rules (or exerts its influence) on that sign. The planet ruling the sign of Capricorn is Saturn. This is the force governing structure and limitation. On a higher level this can initiate growth through ambition and discipline, and impart integrity, lasting reward and honour.

A natal chart with several planets in the sign of Capricorn can indicate a person who is organised and conscientious. However, this energy can also lead to an authoritarian and rigid attitude.

If you were born between December 22nd and January 20th (approximately),* your Sun is in the sign of Capricorn. Ambitious and practical, you approach your duties in a conservative manner. You are strongly aware of karmic repercussions, that whatever you sow, you will eventually reap. This develops caution and an ethical and conscientious perspective in all your dealings. Often you do what you feel you

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should or have to rather than what you would like to. Reliable and conventional, you accept that hard work is a necessary part of the path to success, and, with the passing of time, you have a great ability to achieve.

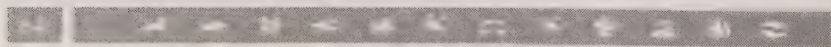
You understand the value of structure, organisation and economy and are willing to work in a disciplined manner towards your objective. You can be cautious of change and like to use proven systems and precedents rather than an innovative approach. The conservation of available resources, recycling and refurbishment appeals to your Capricornian nature.

A social climber, you enjoy mixing with influential people. Preferring to remain inconspicuous, you blend into the surroundings and do not like to indulge in gossip and idle chatter. You are noted for your serious manner and your ability to remain detached from trivial matters.

Capricornians have a survival instinct and a resilience that imparts a healthy respect for life and their own well-being. You benefit from fresh air and a good diet and may well live to a ripe old age.

Mentally you are conservative but conscientious, with strong reasoning ability. Honour and justice are important to you. You focus intently and have an ability for research or the occult. A lack of self-confidence can lead to a reserved and self-contained attitude, which may be mistaken for arrogance. Fear of failure is a Capricornian trait, a fear of being exposed as unworthy of your position of authority and trust. Your conscience can be a severe judge and taskmaster, forcing you to deal with a large range of duties and responsibilities.

Romantically you are cautious and can appear cool. Although faithful, you are reserved in expressing yourself emotionally. You can be demanding and like to be in control of



your loved ones. You enjoy a home life away from the public eye, and the driving force behind your ambition and success in the world may be a desire to provide adequately for your family.

An abundance of Capricorn in the chart indicates the potential to teach that we are accountable for our actions and their consequences. This ultimately means we are responsible for every event in our lives.

If you have a lot of Capricornian activity in your chart, you may find that some of the less endearing qualities mentioned above show up in your personality. It is important to keep in mind that you have Capricorn in your chart because these are the lessons that you are here to learn in this lifetime. Consider all your positive attributes and then take a moment to ponder the Karmic Lesson and the Sign Suggestion below.

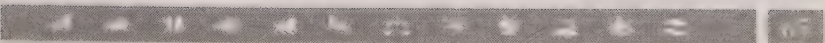
THE KARMIC LESSON OF THE SUN IN CAPRICORN:

Show sensitivity to others who are disorganised and less ambitious. By assisting them to become aware of their own special talents and abilities, you gain respect for yourself and your executive ability.

THE SIGN SUGGESTION FOR CAPRICORN:

"A day is wasted without laughter."

Nicholas Chamfort



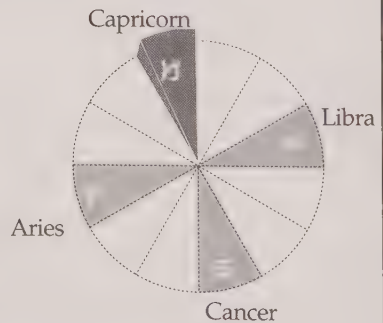
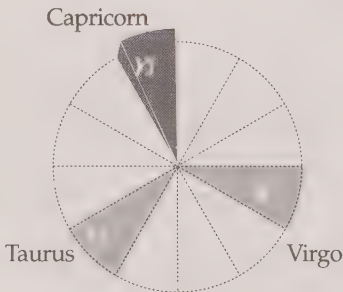
KEYWORDS - CAPRICORN

Aloof	Disciplined	Reliable
Ambitious	Economical	Respectful
Authoritative	Ethical	Responsible
Business-like	Fatalistic	Rigid
Cautious	Formal	Scrupulous
Conscientious	Honest	Self-contained
Constructive	Industrious	Serious
Conventional	Persevering	Stable
Demanding	Practical	Structured

PLANETARY RULER: Saturn ♄

ELEMENT: Earth

QUALITY: Cardinal



ANATOMY:

Capricorn rules the knees, skin, hair, teeth and bones.

STONES OF THE ZODIAC FOR CAPRICORN:

Onyx, Smoky Quartz.

SUN IN CAPRICORN PERSONALITIES:

Edgar Hoover, Richard Nixon, Faye Dunaway, Humphrey Bogart, Ava Gardner, Mao Tse Tung, Rudyard Kipling, Isaac Newton, Albert Schweitzer, Joan of Arc, Howard Hughes.

POLARITY: CAPRICORN/CANCER

These signs are both aspects of how we attain security.

Capricorn can teach Cancer about ambition, success in the material world and discipline. Meanwhile Cancer can teach Capricorn the value of family, tradition, caring and kindness.







Aquarius: I know

The eleventh sign of the Zodiac is Aquarius, the water bearer, pouring the waters of higher consciousness over the Earth. Its symbol represents the waves of electromagnetic energy which compose all matter.

Aquarius is the last of the three Air signs, all of which are involved with communication. The vibrational influence of Aquarius is innovation.

Each sign of the Zodiac has a planet which rules (or exerts its influence) on that sign. Aquarius is ruled by the planet Uranus. This is the force governing impulse and change, and on a higher level the initiation of original thought and humanitarian reform here on Earth.

A natal chart with several planets in the sign of Aquarius can indicate an independent and altruistic personality. However, this energy can also lead to restless and impulsive behaviour.

If you were born between January 20th and February 19th (approximately),* your Sun is in the sign of Aquarius. Unpredictable and zany, you are stimulated by change and like to shock and amaze. You alternate between being unreliable and selfish, and creating brilliant ideas and humanitarian concepts.

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Willing to champion any cause that you believe will improve the human condition, you have a talent for looking at alternatives and intuitively finding the best in the hope of creating an ideal world. Lacking in tact and sensitivity, you nonetheless believe firmly in equality and human rights, and try to deal fairly with your peers. Loyal and kind, you are always ready with a helping hand or a sympathetic ear.

Independent, rebellious and different, you love to shock your conventional associates with your eccentric ideas and behaviour. Interested in the metaphysical and physical sciences, your intuitive powers and imagination can enable you to see results and devise new inventions or ways of doing things.

Mentally you are incisive, quick-witted, creative and curious. However, because your thoughts are usually elsewhere, you can be impractical in your daily life. You have strong likes and dislikes and as a result may appear inflexible and contrary. Fascinated by the eccentric and unusual, you are likely to enjoy modern technology, computers and inventing.

Romantically you are stimulated by your mate's intellect as well as their physical attributes. Your electric personality attracts many friends, but you are frightened by intimacy and need your freedom. This sign teaches detachment and it is easy for you to become a rolling stone, loving many rather than just one.

An abundance of Aquarius in the chart indicates the potential to be creative and inspire change for the betterment of all.

If you have a lot of Aquarian activity in your chart, you may find that some of the less endearing qualities mentioned above show up in your personality. It is important to keep in mind that you have Aquarius in your chart because these are the lessons that you are here to learn in this lifetime. Consider all your



positive attributes and then take a moment to ponder the Karmic Lesson and Sign Suggestion below.

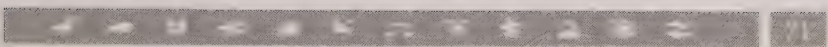
THE KARMIC LESSON OF THE SUN IN
AQUARIUS:

Share your inspiration and encourage others to express the child within them.

THE SIGN SUGGESTION FOR AQUARIUS:

"Help your brother's boat across, and your own will reach the shore."

Hindu proverb.



KEYWORDS - AQUARIUS

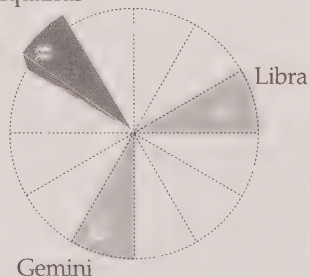
Altruistic	Independent	Selfish
Creative	Innovative	Shy
Curious	Insensitive	Temperamental
Detached	Intellectual	Theoretical
Eccentric	Intuitive	Unconventional
Futuristic	Inventive	Unpredictable
Humane	Quick-witted	Unreliable
Impulsive	Rebellious	Visionary
Incisive	Reforming	Zany

PLANETARY RULER: Uranus ♅

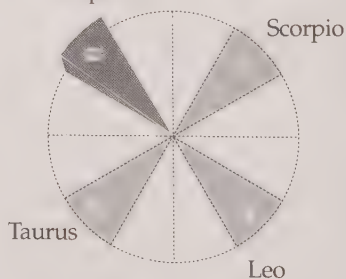
ELEMENT: Air

QUALITY: Fixed

Aquarius



Aquarius



ANATOMY:

Aquarius rules the lower leg, calves and ankles.

STONES OF THE ZODIAC FOR AQUARIUS:

Aquamarine, Garnet, Turquoise.

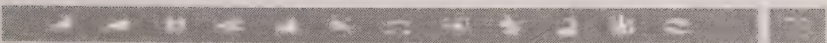
SUN IN AQUARIUS PERSONALITIES:

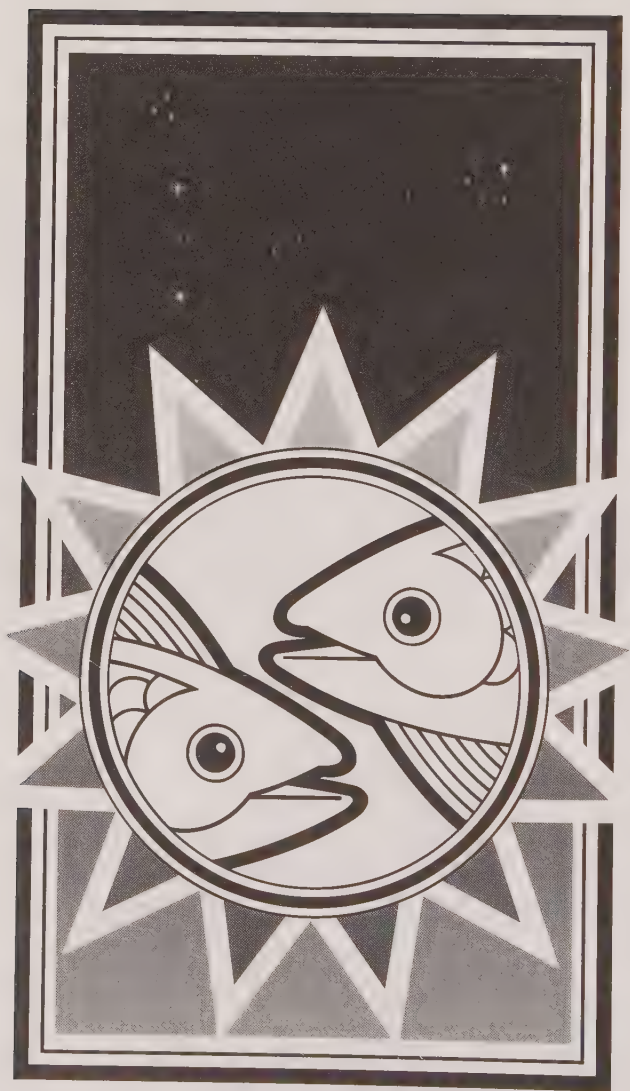
Charles Lindbergh, Charles Darwin, John Travolta, Jack Benny, Charles Dickens, Mia Farrow, Galileo, Abraham Lincoln, Vanessa Redgrave, Somerset Maugham.

POLARITY: AQUARIUS/LEO

The balance here is between the individual and the group.

Aquarius needs to learn about personal identity from Leo. Meanwhile Leo learns the value of group dynamics and being part of a larger whole from Aquarius.







Pisces: I believe

Pisces is the twelfth and last sign of the Zodiac. Its symbol signifies two fish tied together yet swimming in opposite directions. This represents the indecisive nature of the Piscean.

Pisces is the last of the three Water signs, all of which are involved with emotion. The vibrational influence of Pisces is spirituality.

Each sign of the Zodiac has a planet which rules (or exerts its influence) on that sign. Pisces is ruled by the planet Neptune. This is the force governing idealism, spirituality and illusion. On a higher level this energy can impart compassion, humility and sensitivity to others.

A natal chart with several planets in the sign of Pisces can indicate a person who is interested in spirituality and mysticism. However, the influence of Neptune can be deceptive, and as a result the Piscean can resort to distorting the truth or evasive tactics in order to hide their real emotions.

If you were born between February 19th and March 20th (approximately),* your Sun is in the sign of Pisces. You are the dreamers of the Zodiac, craving tranquillity and solitude. Imaginative and intuitive, you are very adaptable and prefer to

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merge with your surroundings rather than taking responsibility as an individual. However, your greatest strength is your psychic and intuitive power, and this should be trusted and acted upon.

Compassionate and sensitive, it is easy for you to become aware of the feelings of others. Being overly susceptible to external influences, it is very important for you to establish your own boundaries. Your ability to be a good listener makes you a natural counsellor, and you can relieve the suffering of others by your sensitive and caring approach. This will often lead you into the healing professions or religion.

You prefer a supporting role in the group, and do not like to draw attention to yourself as an individual. Likeable and serene, you are empathetic with those in distress and are very fond of animals.

Mentally you depend on your intuitive talents. These can inspire you either to great heights of artistic creativity, or to a make-believe world of fantasy. You do not cope very well with the practicalities of everyday life and may be attracted to drugs or alcohol. You love to dream and create, absorbing knowledge through the senses rather than the intellect. Consequently many Pisceans are found in the fields of acting and the arts.

Romantically you are sentimental and dreamy. You are attracted to victims, and may become a martyr to their needs, eventually resentful of them and their demands. Submissive in relationships, you need to be needed and you may leave important decisions to others as you hate to confront difficulties. Romance is very important to you. It is essential to your relationships and you respond readily to tender, loving affection.

An abundance of Pisces in the chart indicates the potential to attain creativity and spiritual growth based on idealism rather than materialism.

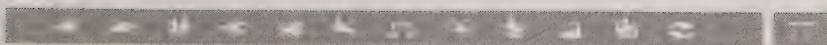
If you have a lot of Piscean activity in your chart, you may find that some of the less endearing qualities mentioned above show up in your personality. It is important to keep in mind that you have Pisces in your chart because these are the lessons that you are here to learn in this lifetime. Consider all your positive attributes and then take a moment to ponder the Karmic Lesson and the Sign Suggestion below.

THE KARMIC LESSON OF THE SUN IN PISCES:

Gain a sense of individuality and practical purpose by relying on your own ability.

THE SIGN SUGGESTION FOR PISCES:

Establish personal values whilst sharing your private dreams.



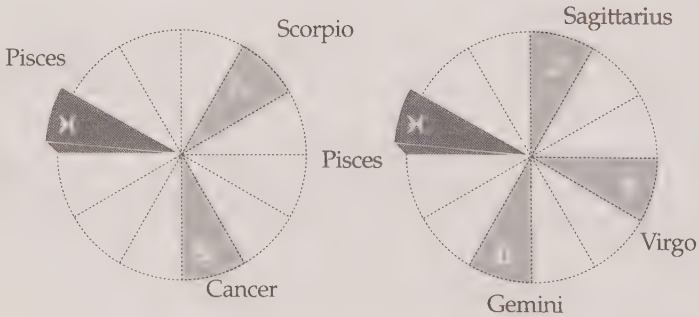
KEYWORDS - PISCES

Adaptable	Evasive	Mystical
Affectionate	Humble	Psychic
Compassionate	Idealistic	Sensitive
Confused	Imaginative	Sentimental
Creative	Indecisive	Serene
Deceptive	Indolent	Spiritual
Dreamy	Intuitive	Submissive
Emotional	Likeable	Sympathetic
Empathetic	Melancholy	Vague

PLANETARY RULER: Neptune ♆

ELEMENT: Water

QUALITY: Mutable



ANATOMY:

Pisces rules the feet and toes.

THE STONE OF THE ZODIAC FOR PISCES:

Amethyst, Opal.

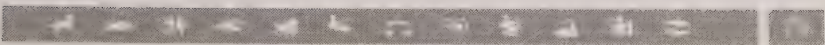
SUN IN PISCES PERSONALITIES:

Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Rudolf Nureyev, Sidney Poitier, Enrico Caruso, Albert Einstein, Handel, Renoir, Elizabeth Taylor, George Washington, Edward Kennedy, Chopin, Michelangelo.

POLARITY: PISCES/VIRGO

These signs are both aspects of service to humanity.

Pisces needs to learn about efficiency and analysis from Virgo. Meanwhile Pisces teaches benevolence, compassion and spiritual inspiration to its very practical and down-to-earth polar opposite.



The Planets

☉	Sun
☾	Moon
☿	Mercury
♀	Venus
♂	Mars
♃	Jupiter
♄	Saturn
♅	Chiron
♁	Uranus
♆	Neptune
♇	Pluto



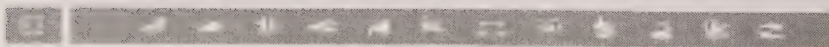
THE SUN – The Hero

The Sun is the centre of our solar system and our closest star. The Sun moves through the Zodiac at the rate of one sign per month, returning to the beginning of Aries at the equinox which is usually the 21st of March each year. Its symbol represents the individual within the circle of the infinite universe.

The Sun is the most powerful of all the heavenly bodies in a horoscope. It represents the individual personality and ego of an individual. Neither man nor any other species could sustain life on this planet Earth without its influence. It is an illuminator, and from its place in the chart it shines over its environment from a point of focus and power, radiating warmth and life.

The Sun is the planet of our destiny, it fills us with a sense of purpose and a will to live and to succeed. It energises us with creative power, affects our health, personality and identity. It is dynamic and optimistic and embodies the masculine principle of father or husband, the ruler and authority figure.

The Sun rules the sign of Leo, distributing energy and light and emphasising qualities of leadership, dignity and the need to be recognised.



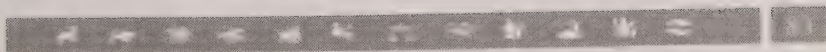
THE POSITIVE EFFECTS OF THE SUN ARE:

Creativity, dignity, generosity, vitality, independence,
pride, strength of purpose, loyalty.

THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF THE SUN ARE:

Pomposity, self-centredness, aggressiveness, timidity,
destructiveness.

THE SUN RULES LEO





THE MOON — The Mother

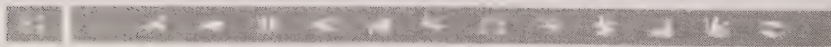
The Moon is the Earth's only natural satellite, and revolves around it once every 27.3 days. Its symbol represents a crescent moon. The Moon's light is a reflection of sunlight and is most obvious when the Sun has set.

The Moon is the closest celestial body to the Earth, and symbolises the tides of life, the ebb and flow of energy. Its primary functions are to focus and direct our feelings towards matters that require our attention, and to inspire us to provide emotional refuge to those in need.

The Moon in our chart shows how we experience our feelings and emotions. It embodies the feminine principle and represents mother, wife, and all caring or nurturing figures. Its influence is instinctive and sensitive, its action is always fluctuating and changing and is often involved with rhythmic cycles such as tides. Receptivity, reflection and the desire to protect are all attributes of the Moon.

The Moon can indicate what we have inherited from our ancestors and it encourages us to follow tradition. Astrologers believe that on a deeper level the Moon's position in our chart indicates the lifelong journey of the Soul.

The Moon rules the sign of Cancer, bestowing a reflective, passive and sensitive nature. Its influence is maternal love rather than romantic love.



THE POSITIVE EFFECTS OF THE MOON ARE:

Sensitivity, patience, tenacity, receptivity, a good memory, intuition.

THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF THE MOON ARE:

Moodiness, dependency, narrow-mindedness, changeability.

THE MOON RULES CANCER





MERCURY — The Messenger

The planet Mercury has the closest orbit to the Sun. It takes 88 days to make one circuit of the Sun, however, due to three periods of retrograde motion, it takes nearly a year to travel through all the signs. Its symbol is derived from the winged helmet of the Roman god Mercury who in mythology conveyed the god's directives from Heaven to the mortals below.

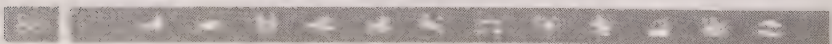
Mercury is the planet which rules our reason and intellect. It is the gateway to understanding and communication. The information that is intuited from the Moon is indexed and reasoned out by Mercury. It allows us to adapt and adjust to our surroundings, giving meaning to our experiences and then assigning them to our memory.

Where we find Mercury in our chart indicates our reaction to the physical senses of sight, sound, smell, taste and touch, and as a result our attitude to the physical world.

Mercury illustrates our need to socialise as well as to interact in the exchange of ideas. This urge to develop our intellect may lead us to study or teach. It is an important factor in our desire to make changes and to transport ourselves, either by travel or mental pursuits.

Mercury in our chart shows how we think and communicate. It has a childlike quality of curiosity, always interested in new

* See glossary



information. Logic, reason and versatility are indicated by Mercury.

Mercury rules the sign of Gemini as the communicator, and the sign of Virgo as the logical and critical thinker.

THE POSITIVE EFFECTS OF MERCURY ARE:

Adaptability, versatility, wit, curiosity, logic, inventiveness, eloquence.

THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF MERCURY ARE:

Changeability, restlessness, verbosity, nervous tension, insensitivity, superficiality.

MERCURY RULES GEMINI AND VIRGO





VENUS – The Lover

Venus is the second closest planet to the Sun. It takes 224.5 days to make one circuit and is always near to the Sun when observed from Earth. Venus is the morning or evening “star” seen at dawn or dusk. It spends approximately one month in each sign and has a retrograde* phase once every two years. Its symbol signifies the mirror of vanity associated with the goddess of love, harmony, fertility and beauty, known as Venus to the Romans and as Aphrodite to the Greeks.

Venus represents our social desires and our sense of values. It is through the influence of Venus that we are able to show affection and love. Whilst the Moon is concerned with maternal love, Venus portrays our ability to display tender and romantic love. Venus indicates how and where we take pleasure.

Venus shows how we attract – other people, experiences or objects – and is a subtle but very powerful force. It compels us to experience feelings through our attachment to others, and illustrates our sensuality and our attitude towards emotional encounters. It encourages us to interact harmoniously in civil society enabling us to learn the social skills of compromise, adjustment and the ability to convey a good impression.

Although Venus is considered a feminine principle it is by no means submissive. It is our ability to be artistically creative and

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also indicates appreciation of art and beauty, romance, diplomacy and impartiality.

Venus rules the sign of Taurus as the principle of mother nature, and the sign of Libra as perfect harmony or balance in nature.

THE POSITIVE EFFECTS OF VENUS ARE:

Harmony, sensuality, appreciation of the arts, beauty, love, sociability, attraction, refinement, impartiality.

THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF VENUS ARE:

Vanity, self-indulgence, carelessness, laziness, dependence, indecisiveness, impracticality.

VENUS RULES TAURUS AND LIBRA





MARS — The Warrior

Mars is the fourth planet from the Sun. It takes 687 days – approximately two years – to circle the Sun and has a retrograde phase only once in that time. It spends about two months in each sign. Its symbol represents the spear and shield of the god of war known to the Romans as Mars and to the Greeks as Ares.

Mars in our chart shows how we use energy and assertiveness. It is the planet through which the emotions of the Moon and the ego of the Sun are expressed as action. Constructively, Mars can be used to overcome obstacles and attain goals by direct confrontation. Mars leads by using initiative and independence but can also provoke resentment in others through egotism and aggression. Its placement in a horoscope shows us where we are most active, energetic and courageous.

Mars is predominantly masculine in behaviour, affecting both the sexes. This is the force which governs the survival of the strongest and it encourages us to be independent and resourceful. When we are threatened this Martian influence allows us to respond to the challenge.

Mars is our emotional and sexual drive. Its impact can either be coarse and vulgar or passionate and ardent.

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Mars rules the sign of Aries as the god of nature, conferring energy and courage.

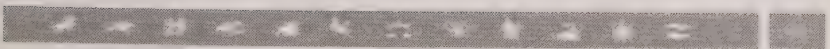
THE POSITIVE EFFECTS OF MARS ARE:

Drive, ambition, independence, enterprise, courage, sexuality, endurance.

THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF MARS ARE:

Brutality, recklessness, impulsiveness, selfishness, egotism, aggression.

MARS RULES ARIES



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JUPITER — The Seeker

Jupiter is the fifth planet from the Sun, revolving around it every 11 years and 315 days, thus spending approximately one year in each sign of the Zodiac. Jupiter is the largest planet, about one thousand times bigger than the Earth, has a very strong magnetic field, and radiates energy. Its symbol represents the first letter of the Greek word for Zeus, the god known as Jupiter to the Romans, ruling wisdom, learning and justice.

Jupiter represents our need for expansion and reward. It is through the influence of Jupiter that we are able to express hope and optimism. It is our personal antenna for opportunity and good fortune, although there may be problems to solve before that good fortune is revealed. Traditionally it was known as the Greater Benefic. The placement of Jupiter in our chart will indicate where we receive help or compensation for negative influences.

Jupiter illustrates our need to improve our lot in life. It allows us to seize upon opportunities and increase our material gain. Jupiter enriches our lives spiritually, and it will often guide us to religion or philosophy. Through study and travel it allows us to experience a broader understanding of life.

Jupiter is the judge and lawmaker and it encourages us to be responsible, just and conscientious in our dealings with others.



Jupiter rules the sign of Sagittarius with benevolence, honour, opportunity and prosperity.

THE POSITIVE EFFECTS OF JUPITER ARE:

Expansion, generosity, honesty, justice, optimism, health, compassion, hope.

THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF JUPITER ARE:

Conceit, impatience, gambling, over-indulgence, procrastination.

JUPITER RULES SAGITTARIUS





SATURN – The Teacher

Saturn is the sixth planet from the Sun and revolves around it once every 29 years and 167 days, spending about 2.5 years in each sign of the Zodiac. Its symbol represents the sickle of the Greek god of Time, Chronos.

Saturn's cycle relates to the maturing process in an individual's life and hence the association with the god of Time. It was traditionally known as the Greater Malefic, balancing Jupiter's optimism with restriction and structure. Saturn illuminates our frustrations, limitations and reservations and shows us how and where we need to apply ourselves diligently, truthfully and responsibly. It also depicts where we are vulnerable and exposed to stress. Saturn urges us to take control and set boundaries for ourselves and its actions are cautious and limiting.

Saturn in the chart represents where we feel threatened and insecure. It shows how and where in life we experience our tests, lessons and fears. Our greatest attributes come from understanding and integrating the lessons which Saturn brings to us.

Saturn will indicate how we attack or use self-defence mechanisms in order to gain a sense of security. Creating ambition and order within our lives, its energy is necessary in the evolution of our personal worth and self-development.



Saturn rules the sign of Capricorn imparting discipline, duty, responsibility and structure to our lives.

THE POSITIVE EFFECTS OF SATURN ARE:

Persistence, thrift, hard work, practicality, truth, restraint, self-control, conservatism.

THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF SATURN ARE:

Pessimism, shyness, scepticism, frigidity, depression, severity.

SATURN RULES CAPRICORN





CHIRON – The Wounded Healer

Chiron is a planetoid located primarily between Saturn and Uranus. It takes between 49 and 51 years to make one circuit of your chart and because of its eccentric orbit spends only months in some signs and years in others. Chiron was discovered in 1977 and is named after the Greek Centaur who taught the healing sciences. The symbol for Chiron represents a key which unlocks the door to our higher consciousness and destiny.

Chiron in the chart shows an issue dealing with rejection which we must consciously face and try to overcome at some point in our lifetime. It allows us to access the healing energy of the universe in order to transform our lives and clear our emotional or physical blockages. It also illustrates that even in adversity we have the ability to ease the pain of others.

As the centaur is half-man and half-horse, so Chiron can signify a split between the body and the spirit, a feeling of not belonging and being somehow an outsider from the family group. Allowing us to blend our right and left brain activity, it can also indicate mysticism and an affinity for astrology and Tarot.

Chiron can show us the path to our destiny and it requires us to give attention to our continual transformation and spirituality. It asks us to discover our karmic potential and teaches us to respect the earth and our connection with it. Natural medicine is

* See glossary



influenced by Chiron, and since this planetoid's discovery there has been a re-emergence and growth in many alternative sciences.

Chiron rules the sign of Virgo and its influence is to cleanse and heal the wounds of both the human spirit and the Earth. It gives us the strength to respect the death process as a natural part of life.

THE POSITIVE EFFECTS OF CHIRON ARE:

Spirituality, health, transformation, mysticism, a talent for the occult sciences or natural medicine.

THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF CHIRON ARE:

Escapism, death, sickness.

CHIRON RULES VIRGO





URANUS — The Genius

Uranus is the seventh planet from the Sun and revolves around it once every 84 years, spending about seven years in each sign of the Zodiac. It was discovered in 1781 by William Herschel. It is half the size of Saturn and its axis is almost horizontal, so that each pole faces the sun for about 42 years. Its symbol is a combination of the letter H, after its discoverer, with the sign for a planet. Uranus in Greek mythology was the starry sky.

Uranus is the progressive, visionary planet. The placement of Uranus in our chart indicates where we are seen as original, creative or unusual, and also where we like to be free of conventional restraints. Innovation and the ability to integrate new and unusual concepts into our lives are indicated by Uranus in our horoscope.

Uranus represents the need to fulfill our destiny as well as to be different and free from responsibility. It inspires us to join groups to promote the betterment of mankind. Our reactions to its energy will be impulsive and sudden and often there is a need to do away with out-moded ideas and structures that no longer appear useful. It can initiate rebellion and reformation and produce dictators and fanatics as well as intellectual prodigies. Uranus entices us to be bohemian and it operates best in amoral situations.



Uranus rules the sign of Aquarius, awakening inventiveness, originality and intuition.

THE POSITIVE EFFECTS OF URANUS ARE:

Versatility, kindness, independence, innovation, intuition.

THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF URANUS ARE:

Eccentricity, outspokenness, rebellion, irritability.

URANUS RULES AQUARIUS





NEPTUNE – The Mystic

Neptune is the eighth planet from the Sun and revolves around it once every 165 years, spending about 14 years in each sign of the Zodiac. It was discovered in 1846. Its symbol is a trident carried by the Roman god Neptune, known as Poseidon to the Greeks, who presided over the oceans. He ruled the world in cooperation with Zeus/Jupiter, the god of the heavens, and Hades/Pluto, the god of the underworld.

Neptune is involved with watery matters and anything elusive. The placement of Neptune in our chart indicates where we access our spiritual inspiration and also where we deceive ourselves. It indicates inherited knowledge such as past life memories, our subconscious thoughts, intuition and our ability to absorb higher vibrational influences.

Neptune embodies the receptive female principle and promises universal love. Its energy is subtle, almost intangible, connecting us with the mystical, spiritual, and psychic aspects of ourselves. Neptune is the dreamer and it inspires us to paint, to create poetry, music and dance. It allows us to experience creativity on an inspirational level.

Neptune influences the individual to become part of a larger group in order to learn allegiance and cooperation. When Neptune is well aspected it can motivate us to pursue a life of self-denial and service for the good of all. Neptune identifies our

anxieties, addictions and compulsions. This Neptunian influence may lead us into the insidious world of drugs, alcohol and escapism.

Neptune rules the sign of Pisces and indicates what we take deeply for granted in life. It is the depth of our dreams and depicts our spiritual essence.

THE POSITIVE EFFECTS OF NEPTUNE ARE:

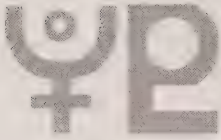
Humility, compassion, artistry, sensitivity, intuition.

THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF NEPTUNE ARE:

Escapism, carelessness, self-deception, delusion, incoherence.

NEPTUNE RULES PISCES





PLUTO — The Transformer

Pluto is the ninth planet from the Sun and revolves around it once every 248 years, spending between 12 and 32 years in each sign of the Zodiac. It was discovered in 1931 by Percival Lowell. Between 1979 and 1999 Pluto's orbit takes it inside that of Neptune, and it was at its closest to the Sun in 1989. It has two symbols, one is a monogram of P and L (after its discoverer), the other signifies the crescent of soul containing the circle of spirit above the cross of matter. Pluto or Hades is the god of the underworld, representing buried riches and mineral wealth. It also influences the growth of plants through its powerful subterranean energy.

Pluto is the transformational planet, adding intensity and complexity to everything it touches. The placement of Pluto in our chart indicates where we are most powerful and controlling, and also where we can be most destructive. It alludes to the hidden recesses of the subconscious mind. This planet stirs up conflict and disharmony, forcing us to change our attitudes and behaviour. It is the part of ourselves which understands regeneration and that from loss and crisis can come new opportunity.

Just as the god Pluto wears the helmet of invisibility, so much of Pluto's activity is hidden from view and signifies change within ourselves. The powerful energy of Pluto promotes change in our life in order to eliminate any attitudes that are no longer required for personal growth. This energy forces us to

deal with matters on our own, and in times of anxiety can either lead to seclusion and isolation, or conversely to obsessive and even fanatical behaviour.

Pluto causes us to be stubborn in our desire to impose our will upon others, and we can easily resort to manipulation of a situation to ensure the best outcome for ourselves.

Pluto rules the sign of Scorpio and as a result manifests as secrets, sexuality, big business, guilt and power play.

THE POSITIVE EFFECTS OF PLUTO ARE:

Transmutation, power, leadership, healing, magnetism, detective ability.

THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF PLUTO ARE:

Obsession, cruelty, subversion, degeneration.

PLUTO RULES SCORPIO



Bringing it

together

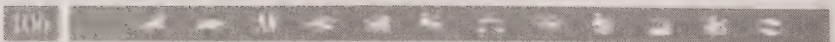
The Houses or Mansions

The horoscope has twelve houses, numbered consecutively in an anticlockwise direction from the Ascendant. When viewing the meaning of the different houses it is sometimes hard to see a connection between the diverse principles described. In early days traditional astrology devised that these houses would represent parts of everyday life, e.g., the fourth house would represent the home and house that we live in. However, as astrology progressed into the spiritual realms, a more esoteric meaning was allotted to each of the houses. As a result the fourth house also represents the soul and our early beginnings. When you look deeply into both the traditional as well as the esoteric meaning for the houses, you will soon see the correlation between them.

A planet situated within a house affects the outcome of the affairs of that house. The planets indicate what is happening, and the signs show how. The houses are the environment, where the action is taking place. Below is a brief description of each house's significance.

FIRST HOUSE

This is the house that represents our individual personality and the face that we show to others. It signifies our outlook on life as well as our personal appearance. It illuminates our attitude towards society and the world, as well as the impression that others have of us. The first house can depict our birth experience as well as our approach to the beginning of any new situation in life.



SECOND HOUSE

This is the house that represents our financial and moral values. It depicts our ability to earn a living and accumulate wealth. The second house shows us our ability to value ourselves and our emotions, and our attitude towards personal safety and security.

THIRD HOUSE

This is the house that represents our intellectual ability, the conscious mind and primary schooling. It depicts our need to communicate our ideas through thoughts and words. This house can represent our local environment, siblings and neighbours, as well as transport over short distances.

FOURTH HOUSE

This is the house of our soul. It represents our early childhood, the psychological conditioning and home life that we experienced and also reflects our ancestral heritage and original nationality. It deals with property matters and real estate. Some astrologers believe it describes the paternal influence in our life as well as the type of home that we desire for ourselves.

FIFTH HOUSE

This is the house that represents our creativity and procreativity, the house of children, their education and our relationship with them. This house can describe speculation, risks and gambling and the wealth of the father figure in our life. It is where we like to shine and entertain by following artistic, literary and dramatic pursuits. It illuminates our romantic attachments and love affairs, as well as leisure activities such as sport, hobbies and holidays.

SIXTH HOUSE

This is the house that represents our work or service to others and the type of relationship that we have with our co-workers, employees, dependants and pets. It is the house that describes our health and well-being and our attitude towards these matters. It can show our relationship with our aunts or uncles.

SEVENTH HOUSE

Opposite the first house of Self, this house represents our one-to-one partnerships, either business or personal. It shows our marriage prospects as well as our competitors and open enemies. This is the house which illuminates what we lack, and consequently what we look for in others to complement ourselves. Contracts, agreements and lawsuits, as well as our ability to be involved in public relations, are also the affairs of this house.

EIGHTH HOUSE

Opposite the second house of personal possessions, this house represents support from others at any level including legacies, investments, taxes and insurance. Intimacy, sex, and shared resources, both financial and emotional, are also the concerns of this house. Influencing matters of death and re-birth, it illuminates our psychic or occult tendencies, secrets, sleep and deep research. It may also describe the way we end matters.

NINTH HOUSE

Opposite the third house of routine, this house represents the abstract or higher mind, philosophy, law, science, religion, ethics, higher education and teaching. It describes our dealings with law courts, foreigners and in-laws. Dreams, visions, advertising, publicity and long-distance travel are also the affairs of this house.



TENTH HOUSE

Opposite the fourth house of home and family, this house represents status, ambition, reputation, career and worldly achievement. Our attitude to governments and authority figures is described by this house. Some astrologers believe that this is also the house of our mother and her influence over us.

ELEVENTH HOUSE

Opposite the fifth house of individual expression, this house represents group effort, friends and social connections. Our hopes, wishes, goals, ideals, and humanitarian endeavours are also indicated by this house.

TWELFTH HOUSE

Opposite the sixth house of service, this house represents our fears, limitations, subconscious, and hidden motivation. It is the house of our self-undoing and how we deal with problems unaided. It can represent hidden enemies, institutions and addictions. This house shows an inclination towards meditation, seclusion, and mysticism. It is here that we create an inner relationship with the divine and are given the inspiration to deal with our karmic lessons.

The Aspects

An aspect is an angular relationship made between two planets or one planet and another point in the horoscope. Aspects form an energy pattern linking the chart together.

The strength of the energy pattern depends upon its exactness. This is called the Orb of Influence*. For example, two planets separated by 90° create a stronger energy pattern than two planets 96° apart.

Aspects combine the energies of the planets involved. 0°, 60° or 120° aspects tend to operate with ease or harmony and these energy patterns often indicate talents and natural gifts. 90° and 180° are considered to be hard aspects presenting life challenges, areas where issues must be confronted and effort expended to gain results. These challenging aspects can create strength of character, imparting more pleasure and self-appreciation than any naturally bestowed talents.

The major aspects and their generally accepted orbs of influence follow.

* See glossary





Planets within 8° of each other are considered to be Conjunct.* This close proximity tends to force the planets to focus and emphasise their energy.



An Opposition occurs when two planets are 180° apart as this will place them in opposite signs of the chart. The main influence of this aspect is to balance the energies of the two planets involved. The orb is 8° .



The Trine occurs when two planets are 120° distant from each other. This is one of the most favourable aspects of the chart as the two planets use their energy harmoniously creating ease and flow in life. The orb is 8° .

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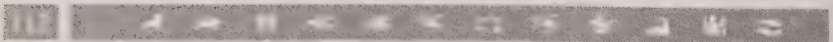
A Square occurs when two planets are separated by 90° . The essential quality of a Square is to challenge the planets to use their energy actively, promoting great opportunity for growth as the frustrations and tensions experienced are overcome. The orb is 8° .



A 60° separation between two planets is called a Sextile. The essential quality of a Sextile is to create compatible energy. This aspect is often more useful than the Trine, allowing constructive use of the planetary energies involved. The orb is 5° .



The Inconjunct occurs when two planets are located 150° from each other. This aspect forces the planets involved to adjust or reorganise their energies accordingly. The orb is 5° .



The Sensitive Points



The Part of Fortune - Pars Fortuna

Arabian astrologers formulated various receptive points in the chart aptly called the Arabian parts. These hypothetical points are calculated mathematically from the relationship between planets and other landmarks in a horoscope. There are more than fifty of these, but the best known is the Part of Fortune.

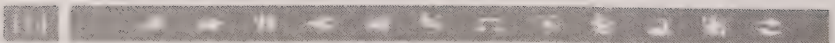
This Arabian Part is derived from the relationship between the Sun, Moon and Ascendant, and is a sensitive point in the chart signifying advantage or abundance. This is the place in the chart where opportunity will bring success and the fulfilment of ideals. Luck is found here, but to make the best of it you must be able to trust that the circumstances of your life are working towards your ultimate good.

AS *The Ascendant*

The Ascendant is a sensitive point in the chart and is located at the beginning of the first house. Because of its placement it depicts how you initiate your life experiences and can also illustrate the situation around your birth.

It represents your outer personality and the characteristics other people meet when they first make your acquaintance. It is your disposition, your appearance, your behaviour, and how you impulsively react to situations. Any planets near the Ascendant will affect the persona which you show the world.

To discover how you appear to others, read about the sign of your first house and any planets which are placed near to your Ascendant. To know your Ascendant you must have an exact time of birth.

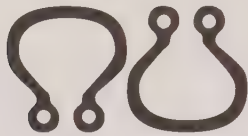


MC *The Midheaven*

The correct name for the MC is the Medium Coeli, which means the Midheaven. This is also a sensitive point in the chart and represents your career aspirations and the way you accept authority.

This is the most elevated point in the chart and can describe your highest ambition or goals and your standing in the community. It depicts your public persona and how you assert yourself. It may illustrate your propensity to be famous or infamous and whether your life will be private or public.

To discover your status in the world, read about the sign of your tenth house and any planets which are placed near to your Midheaven. As with the Ascendant, you must know your exact time of birth to find this point.



The Moon's Nodes

The Moon's Nodes are imaginary points in the sky where the orbits of the Earth and the Moon coincide. The North and South Nodes are always exactly opposite or 180° apart on a horoscope, and move backwards through the signs, taking approximately 18.5 years to complete a cycle.

The word karma* is a Sanskrit word meaning action or fate. The Moon's Nodes in our chart represent our karma in this lifetime, or a path of action for us to follow, moving from the familiar or remembered, towards lessons which we need to learn or understand in this lifetime.



The South Node - The Dragon's Tail

The South Node represents our past and where we feel familiar. It is an accumulation of all past ideas, events and attitudes that we carry over into this incarnation. It is where we must learn to let go if we are to reach our highest potential in this lifetime.

The South Node is our weak spot. It illuminates aspects of our character that need improvement, as well as skills and talents that have developed over previous lifetimes. If we live in the South Node we lose sight of the North Node and our reason for being born. Our memory will draw us back to the past but we are advised not to dwell there if we are to reach our higher goals.

* See glossary





The North Node - The Dragon's Head

The North Node is the point in the chart which represents our future and the experiences we have come to accomplish. It can manifest as our sense of direction or destiny and where we can expect to be given help. We gain confidence as we take action and move positively towards the North Node.

It is the point of individual experience and it represents the area in our life where we manifest our highest expectations. Although we constantly try to achieve our goals we are encouraged to aspire to even greater heights. It depicts our soul's journey towards our spiritual or karmic development.

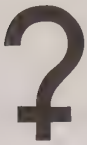
The Asteroids

The Asteroid Belt falls between Mars and Jupiter and was first charted in the early 1800's. It is widely supposed to have once been another planet, now broken into fragments. There are over two thousand Asteroids, but only the four largest are commonly used in horoscope delineation.

The primary function of the asteroids in a chart is to show cycles of transformation in our lives. They are the bridge between our own personal awareness and the awareness of the collective.

The four main asteroids, Ceres, Pallas Athene, Juno and Vesta, have strong attachment to the constellations of Virgo, Libra and Scorpio. The main astrological function of these Asteroids is the regeneration of the feminine principle.





CERES - The Universal Mother

This Asteroid was discovered in 1801. In Roman mythology Ceres was the goddess of agriculture and the harvest, representing fertility and the all-providing mother. The symbol for Ceres is a scythe for cutting grain.

Ceres represents the nurturing instinct within ourselves. It also signifies love given unconditionally and the principle of acceptance. If we hold on to our loved ones too strenuously we can experience transformation through loss or rejection. The lesson of Ceres is to share and to love without seeking to control.



PALLAS ATHENE - The Warrior Queen

This Asteroid was discovered in 1802. In Roman mythology Pallas is the sister of Mars. Its symbol represents the shield and spear of the protectress.

Pallas Athene represents creative intelligence and wisdom. It allows us to transform our mental thoughts and ideas into reality. The lesson of Pallas is to utilise our creative energy.



JUNO - The Divine Consort

This Asteroid was discovered in 1804. In Roman mythology Juno was the loyal and faithful wife of her brother, Jupiter. She and Venus were the only two legally married women on Mt. Olympus. Juno's symbol represents a royal sceptre.

Juno represents our personal relationships and our commitment to others. Intimacy and sharing are the positive principles of Juno. However, if we use these gifts negatively they can be expressed as manipulation and jealousy. The lesson of Juno is to be committed to our relationships whilst still retaining our own individuality.



VESTA - The Priestess

This Asteroid was discovered in 1807. In Roman mythology Vesta was goddess of the hearth and keeper of the sacred flame. The symbol for Vesta represents the hearth fire, the gathering point for a family or community.

Vesta represents our dedication to a particular goal and the sacrifices that we make in order to attain it. It is our focus, integrity, commitment, and our ability to work diligently. If we allow others to take on our own creative responsibility we will become a burden to them and may eventually alienate them. The lesson of Vesta is to utilise our own energy and commitment in order to attain our goals.

The Worksheet

In the previous pages we hope that you have gained some insight into the recognition of the various components of a birth chart and the meaning of the astrological symbols. With the aid of this worksheet you should now be able to synthesise all the pieces into a meaningful interpretation of your horoscope.

There are many approaches to the interpretation of a chart. Most importantly, remember to look for an overview rather than concentrating on any particular part. Always start with generalities and work towards specifics.

To use this worksheet you will need to:

1. Look for each planet on your natal chart and see which sign it is in, e.g., if your Sun is in the sign of Leo, the Sun is the planet and the sign is Leo.
2. We have provided sentences describing how each planet operates. All you need to do is look up the keywords for the appropriate sign. Then, using an honest approach, select the relevant words to describe your natural behavior, e.g., if the Sun is in Leo you could fill in the sentence like this: "My Sun is my ego, my personality and how I shine in the world. As my Sun is in the sign of Leo I approach life by being creative, proud and loyal to my friends."

Or you could also say... "I approach life by being arrogant, passionate and magnetic."

The words that you insert will depend upon your own level of self-awareness and personal growth. The important thing is to be honest.

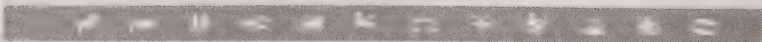
3. In looking at the personality described by a natal chart, we normally start with a count of element and quality.

Each sign belongs to one of the following elements: Fire, Earth, Air or Water. Fire signs (Aries, Leo and Sagittarius) represent energy and action. Earth signs (Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn) give us stability and values. Air signs (Gemini, Libra and Aquarius) show mental ability. Water signs (Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces) mean sensitivity and feeling. Look at each planet in your chart to discover its sign, then see how many planets you have in each of the four elements. The element with the most planets will show a strength in your personality, e.g., if three or more planets are in Fire signs, then you are bound to be energetic. Few planets in an element may indicate a weakness, e.g., no planets in Water signs could mean a lack of sensitivity.

Each sign also is attributed a quality: cardinal, fixed or mutable. Cardinal signs (Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn) are initiators. Fixed signs (Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius) give us persistence and determination. Mutable signs (Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius and Pisces) exhibit flexibility and adaptability. Again, counting how many planets you have in each quality will indicate strengths and weaknesses.

4. When you have completed all the sentences for all the planets, you will need to give them an order of significance. The Sun is undoubtedly the most important single factor in a natal chart. Next is usually the Ascendant, planets near to it, and planets in the same sign as the Sun. Then consider the other personal planets (Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars). After these look at the Lords of Karma, Jupiter and Saturn, and also the Moon's Nodes and Chiron. The outer planets (Uranus, Neptune, Pluto) move very slowly and their sign has more effect on your entire generation than on you specifically. The location of the outer planets by house is more significant than their location by sign.

* See glossary



5. It is important to remember that the aspects' also affect the chart and the way the planets react. This may be a little difficult for you to decipher and you might want to consult a professional astrologer for more detail.
6. The following information will help you in your assessment:

Aries: Any planet influenced by the sign of Aries will be an initiator. It likes to get things moving. Pioneering and innovative, its actions are usually energetic but may be impulsive.

Taurus: Any planet influenced by the sign of Taurus will be practical and steadfast. Persistent and determined, it will illustrate a value system based upon security and individuality.

Gemini Any planet influenced by the sign of Gemini will be a communicator, clever and quick thinking. Gathering facts, it loves anything new and innovative. Its insatiable need for information means that the horizons are constantly expanding. Stimulated by movement, planets in Gemini hate to be missing out on anything. They want to be in the midst of the action and need the stimulation of amusing activities and constant entertainment.

Cancer: Any planet influenced by the sign of Cancer will reflect its power in a feeling, sympathetic or nurturing way. They make good supporters and helpers, always sensitive to the needs of their fellows. All this caring and receptivity may easily show up as a lack of individuality.

Leo: Any planet influenced by the sign of Leo wants to be noticed. Their magnetism and forcefulness make them the centre of attention. With all this power, a lot of Leo in a chart can indicate an overbearing, arrogant attitude.

Virgo: Any planet influenced by the sign of Virgo wants to manifest the ideal. This drive for perfection involves precision and analysis, but can also be a tendency to watch for errors and become overly critical in its search for the very best. On a higher level this energy can be directed into service for the benefit of others.

Libra: Any planet influenced by the sign of Libra will be objective, wanting to understand both sides of any situation and to see justice done, blending people and the environment in an harmonious and gentle way. However, this need to unite at all costs can lead to dependency and indecision.

Scorpio: Any planet influenced by the sign of Scorpio will be regenerative, intense and powerful, using that power to maintain control over surroundings which it may experience as threatening. This influence may enlighten through change and can bring hidden aspects to the surface.

Sagittarius: Any planet influenced by the sign of Sagittarius wants to explore, seeking the ideal, happiest discovering and growing. Its actions are optimistic, enthusiastic, and indulgent.

Capricorn: Any planet influenced by the sign of Capricorn will be cautious and persistent, its actions are organised and restrictive and can have a fated quality.

Aquarius: Any planet influenced by the sign of Aquarius will be independent and restless. It likes to develop new ideas and then apply them to altruistic endeavours. It enjoys information and technology and is always looking for a better or more efficient way.

Pisces: Any planet influenced by the sign of Pisces will be associated with spirituality and mysticism. They make good supporters and helpers, but like to be part of the group and do not draw attention to themselves as individuals.



7. Take your pen and chart and have a go!



My Sun is my ego, my personality and how I **shine** in the world.

As my Sun is in the sign of _____
I approach life by being _____



How you display **emotion** and **feeling** will be shown by the position of the Moon.

My moon reflects the way I feel, how I intuitively behave in the world.

As my Moon is in the sign of _____
I display my emotions in a _____ manner
and I react to situations by being _____



How you **think**, **communicate** and **adapt** to your surroundings is shown by the position of Mercury.

My Mercury is my ability to communicate with others.

As my Mercury is in the sign of _____
I communicate in a _____ manner.
I adapt to my environment in a _____ way.



How you view **love** and **beauty** in the world is shown by the position of your Venus.

Venus is how I enjoy myself and how I relate to others. It symbolises my ability to love, be loved, be social and appreciate beauty.

As my Venus is in the sign of _____
I am able to enjoy life in a _____ manner.
I attract others by being _____



How you **act** in the world is shown by the position of your Mars.

Mars indicates my energy, independence and assertiveness.

As my Mars is in the sign of _____
I take the initiative by being _____
I express myself sexually by being _____



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How you find **good fortune** and **seek truth** in the world is shown by the position of your Jupiter.

Jupiter is how I look for opportunity in my life.

As my Jupiter is in the sign of _____
I attract opportunity by being _____

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How you develop your **personal worth** and **security** in the world is shown by the position of your Saturn.

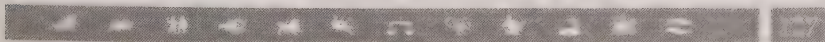
Saturn indicates my fears, restrictions and karmic* lessons.

As my Saturn is in the sign of _____
I work hardest when I am _____

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Where you feel vulnerable and must try to consciously overcome emotional or physical blocks is shown by the position of your Chiron. The house as well as the sign of Chiron is necessary to illustrate how this planetoid is working for you in this lifetime. You will need a properly erected natal chart to discover its influence.

* See glossary





How you express your **originality** in the world is shown by the position of your Uranus.

Uranus indicates my ability to accept change.

As my Uranus is in the sign of _____
I am most innovative when I am being _____



How you experience **spirituality** in the world is shown by the position of your Neptune.

Neptune indicates my faith and a spiritual purpose to life.

As my Neptune is in the sign of _____
I am most inspired when I am being _____



How you experience **transformation** and **power** is shown by the position of your Pluto.

Pluto is my ability to handle tension and conflict in my life.

As my Pluto is in the sign of _____
I do this by being _____



The Glossary

ANGLES: Four sensitive or important points on a birth chart: the Ascendant, I.C. (Imum Coeli), Descendant and M.C. (Medium Coeli or Midheaven).

ASCENDANT: The degree and sign of the Zodiac arising on the eastern horizon at the place and time of birth.

ASPECT: Energy patterns formed when lines are drawn to connect planets on a birth chart.

ASTROLOGY: From Greek, meaning "the study of the stars". Correlating the positions of the celestial bodies with events on Earth.

BENEFIC: Traditionally the planets of good fortune. Jupiter is the Greater Benefic and Venus is the Lesser Benefic.

BIRTH CHART: An astrological chart constructed for the exact time and place of an individual's birth.

BIRTH TIME: The moment when a child takes its first breath.

CELESTIAL EQUATOR: The Earth's equator projected on to the celestial sphere.

CELESTIAL SPHERE: An imaginary sphere with the Earth at its centre and the stars on its inner surface.

CONJUNCTION: A powerful planetary aspect which occurs when two or more planets are within 8° of each other.

CUSP: The beginning of each astrological sign and house.

DESCENDANT: Opposite the Ascendant, the cusp of the seventh house.



DECLINATION: The angular distance of a heavenly body north or south of the celestial equator.

ECLIPSE: The total or partial blocking of the light from one heavenly body by another.

ECLIPTIC: The apparent path of the Sun on the celestial sphere.

EQUINOX : The date when the Sun crosses the celestial equator, and there are exactly 12 hours each of daylight and darkness. This occurs on the 21st or 22nd of March and September.

GEOCENTRIC: From the viewpoint of an observer on the Earth.

GLYPH: Symbol.

HELIOCENTRIC: From the viewpoint of an observer on the Sun.

HOROSCOPE: From the Greek *hora* (hour) and *skopos* (observer). A diagram of the heavens drawn for a particular place and time.

HOUSES: A birth chart is divided into twelve divisions called houses, each corresponding to a department of human life.

IMMUM COELI or I.C.: "The undersky", opposite the M.C., the cusp of the fourth house.

KARMA/KARMIC: Derived from the Sanskrit root *kri* – the consequence of our actions. The principle that any action brings upon oneself inevitable results, either in this life or in a reincarnation.

MALEFIC: Traditionally the planets of unfortunate influence. Saturn is the Greater Malefic and Mars is the Lesser Malefic.

MIDHEAVEN: The most elevated degree of the Ecliptic, opposite the I.C., the cusp of the tenth house.

NATAL CHART: A birth chart or horoscope.

ORB OF INFLUENCE: An area of influence that planets in aspect exert on one another. This is usually between 5° and 8° for most aspects.

PLANET: From the Greek *planetes* meaning “wanderer”. Astrologers consider the Sun and Moon to be planets, also Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Chiron, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

POLARITY: All nature exhibits the principle of duality – hot and cold, dark and light, and this polarity is also evident within the Zodiac. The loftiest human traits as well as the basest are locked within our consciousness. The dysfunctional characteristics of a sign often attain a function status at its polar opposite, which is located 180° away on the chart.

RETROGRADE: A planet or sensitive point appearing to move backwards as seen from Earth.

RISING SIGN: The sign of the Zodiac found on the Ascendant.



SIDEREAL TIME: Time measured by the Earth's rotation with reference to the stars. A sidereal day is about four minutes shorter than a solar day.

SOLAR TIME: Time measured by the Earth's rotation with reference to the sun.

SOLSTICE: The date when the Sun reaches its maximum declination north or south of the equator, the longest day in one hemisphere and the shortest in the other. This occurs on the 21st or 22nd of June and December.

TROPICAL ASTROLOGY: Based upon the position of the Sun viewed against the celestial sphere at the equinox in March – the vernal equinox.

ZODIAC: From the Greek *zodion* meaning "image of a living being". A belt on the celestial sphere extending 8° each side of the ecliptic and divided into twelve 30° arcs. The constellations of the Zodiac are all found within this belt.



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