

## Introduction to Esoteric Astrology

- What is Esoteric Astrology?
- E.A. looks towards **causes** rather than **effects**, to the life of the human soul that lies behind the outer form, the body.
  - Still limited by the tools with which we work
- Regular, Orthodox and Exoteric astrology – ‘personality’ astrology from the mundane, psychological astrology, fortune telling astrology deals with one’s everyday life and situations.
- E.A. deals with the consciousness aspect, the soul, the part of us that is evolving, that is aware.
  - The purpose is to truly integrate soul into the personality so that one can carry out one’s purpose.

- Many advanced souls do not respond well to traditional (exoteric) astrology readings.
  - we are not fated victims of our horoscope even though we have elected to work off karma or learn certain lessons
  - we always have a choice; so we can be conscious co-creators of our destiny.
- Esoteric Astrology gives a larger perspective of life; that we are not just inhabiting a little planet on its own in the solar system, but participating as an energy centre within a greater solar life.

The solar system is a living being, as are all the individual lives which inhabit it – planets, asteroids, comets, human beings or any kingdom in nature.

- Why are we here?
  - To grow, to evolve, to learn our lessons and become the best we can be.
  - When you die, you take nothing with you except your expanded consciousness, so that the next time around you pick up the threads of where you left off.
  - Life is a continuum.
  - You are born with innate qualities through past experiences.
  - Astrology impacts you from the outside in. The combination of the rays and astrology make up who you are and how you move in life.
  - Zodiac (Gr.) – a circle of animals
  - Zodiac circumscribes our solar system
  - Constellation consists of 2 or more stars/suns.

## The Natal Chart - Horoscope

- horo – of the hour and scope – to view
- Horoscope – the view of picture of the heavens at the **time, place** and **date** of our birth
- Natal chart – blueprint, a snapshot in time
- Footprint of the soul incarnating
- Soul decides what we need to learn in this lifetime (before incarnation)
- Each of us chooses the family to be born into, time and place, characteristics and circumstances, challenges, all the abilities and powers.
- Via free will, we choose how to react to previously chosen circumstances. This is how we grow and learn.
- Soul chose to incarnate at the exact time that it did.
- Soul decided:
  - a. what treasure or abilities you need to employ most
  - b. what qualities you need to cultivate

## Signs, Rulers, and Glyphs

Signs	Exoteric	Esoteric
♈ Aries	Mars	Mercury ☿
♉ Taurus	Venus	Vulcan ↓
♊ Gemini	Mercury	Venus ♀
♋ Cancer	Moon ☾	Neptune ♆
♌ Leo	Sun ☉	Sun (veiling Neptune)
♍ Virgo	Mercury	Moon (veiling Vulcan)
♎ Libra	Venus	Uranus ♅
♏ Scorpio	Mars + Pluto	Mars ♂
♐ Sagittarius	Jupiter	Earth ⊕
♑ Capricorn	Saturn	Saturn ♄
♒ Aquarius	Saturn + Uranus	Jupiter ♃
♓ Pisces	Jupiter + Neptune	Pluto ♇ ↑



## The Planets –



## The Actors in Our Personal Play



## Exoteric vs Esoteric Keynotes

Exoteric Keynote (from the angle of form)	Sign	Esoteric Keynote (from the angle of the soul)
Let form again be sought	♈ Aries	I come forth, and from the plane of mind I rule
Let struggle be undismayed	♉ Taurus	I see, and when the Eye is opened all is illumined
Let instability do its work	♊ Gemini	I recognize my other self and in the waning of that self I grow and glow
Let isolation be the rule, and yet the crowd exists	♋ Cancer	I build a lighted house and therein dwell
Let other forms exist; I rule because I am	♌ Leo	I am That and That I am.
Let matter reign	♍ Virgo	I am the Mother and the Child, I, God, I Matter am

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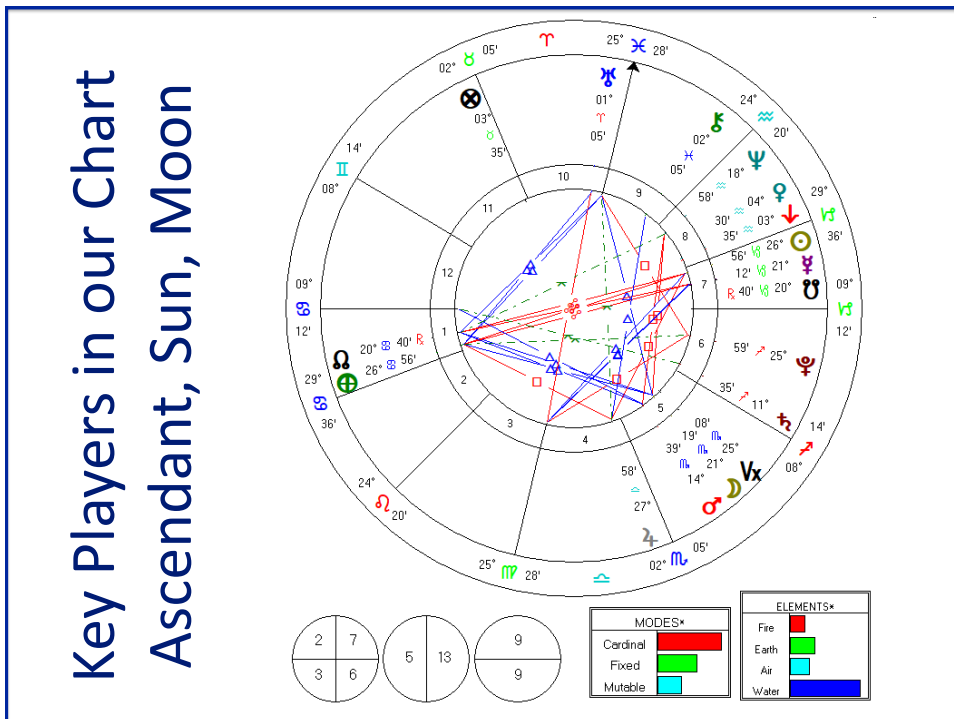
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Let choice be made	♎ Libra	I choose the way which leads between the two great lines of force
Let maya flourish and let deception rule	♏ Scorpio	Warrior I am and from the battle I emerge triumphant
Let food be sought	♐ Sagittarius	I see the goal; I reach that goal and then I see another
Let ambition rule and let the door stand wide	♑ Capricorn	Lost am I in light supernal, yet on that light I turn my back
Let desire in form be the ruler	♒ Aquarius	Water of life am I, poured forth for thirsty men
Go forth into matter	♓ Pisces	I leave the Father's house and turning back, I save.

## Summary of the Signs

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Jealous, Secretive, Resentful, Controlling, Moody.	♏ <b>Scorpio</b>	Determined, Fearless, Loyal, Ambitious, Intuitive.
Careless, Tactless, Superficial, Inconsistent, Overconfident.	♐ <b>Sagittarius</b>	Optimistic, Intellectual, Philosophical, Generous, Adventurous.
Cautious, Pessimistic, Stubborn, Self-centred, Detached.	♑ <b>Capricorn</b>	Practical, Ambitious, Prudent, Disciplined, Patient.
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## The Ascendant or Rising Sign (R.S.)

- Determined by the exact time of birth (first breath) representing the incarnation of the soul.
- The eternal soul comes **before** the personality, therefore rising sign comes first. (hence its importance)
- Represents the clue to the life and life **achievement**.
- The highest express of the R.S. is highest quality that the soul can potentially unfold in any lifetime, hence its importance.
- R.S. is the method by which soul will work out its purpose in a given life. It is not the soul.
- This is where the stretch is in the life.
- R.S. will express personality characteristics as well.

### Sun - The personality



The face we wear in the world;  
 What is overall important, and easy to do.  
 We are recognized by our sun sign.



How we center ourselves.  
 What brings solidity and stability in our lives.  
 How we engage, how we avoid.  
 The potential to be used by the soul.  
 Need to step into the personality self.  
 Eventually we need to shine like the sun in the sky – to be the best that we can be.

# Moon



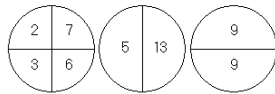
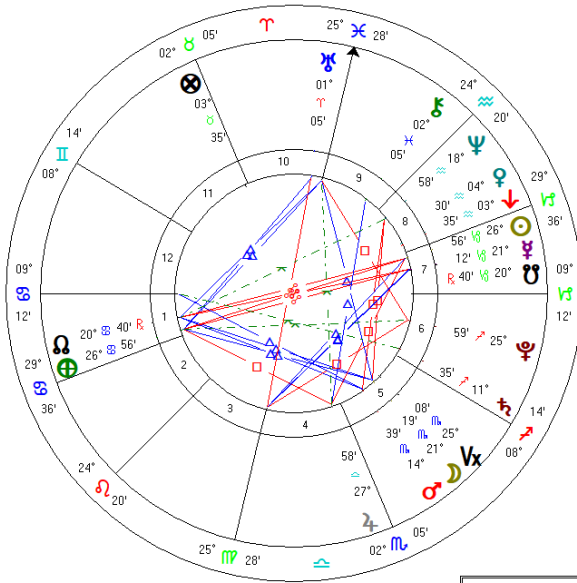
Represents traits that we need to understand fully. Unconscious tendency; of the past; things/habits that we know well; lines of least resistance.



We *live* our lunar qualities. They are not hidden. Need to outgrow lunar tendencies through awareness. They don't need to be energized. They don't move us forward.

The moon in the heavens is dead, not a living entity anymore. Now it only reflects the light of the sun.

# Elements and Modes

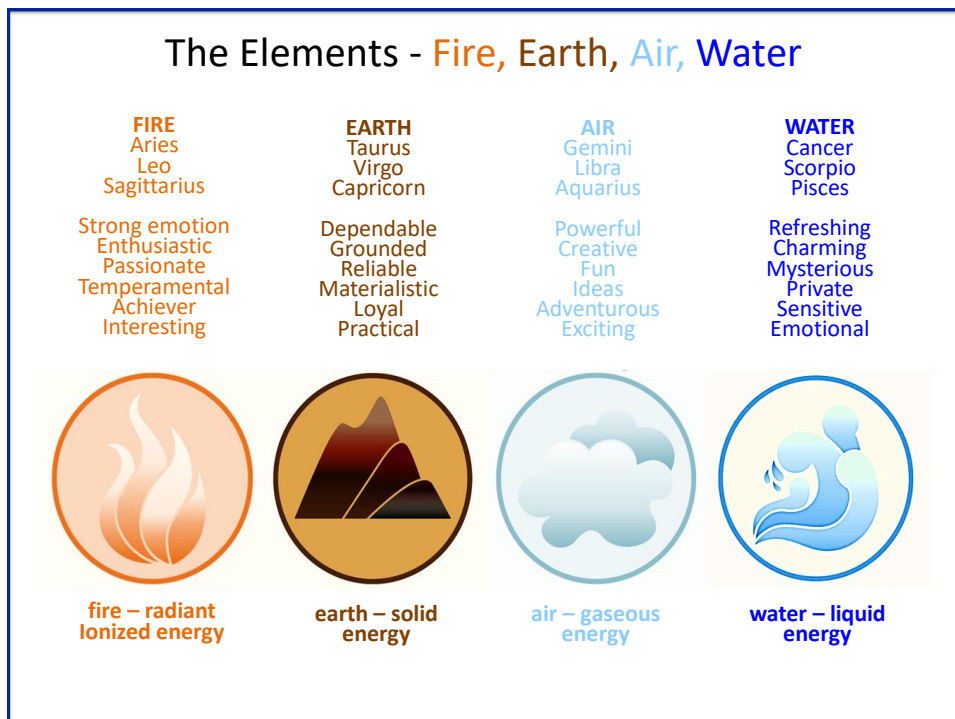


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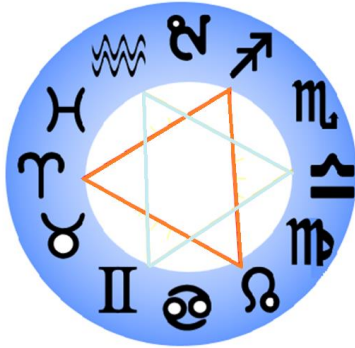
## Elements

- earth – solid,
- water – liquid,
- air – gaseous,
- fire – radiant ionized energy
- **Elements** are classified into two groups:
- **masculine - fire & air,**
  - odd numbered signs
  - active, self expressive
  - yang energy
- **feminine – water & earth,**
  - even numbered signs
  - passive, receptive
  - yin energy



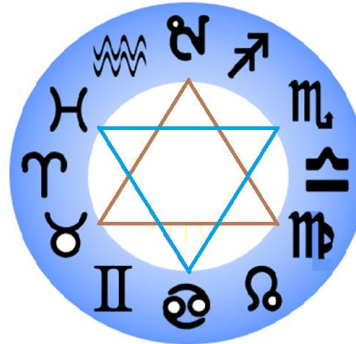
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### The **Fire** and **Air** Tripleties



- **Masculine**
- odd numbered signs
- active, self expressive
- yang energy

### The **Earth** and **Water** Tripleties



- **Feminine**
- even numbered signs
- Passive, receptive
- yin energy



## Earth

- relies on senses and practical reason
- innate understanding as to how the material world functions
- patient, self disciplined, resourceful
- strength of endurance and persistence
- matter-of-fact, conventional, cautious, dependable
- can be rigid, adhere to routines and a linear approach to the world

## Water



- in touch with their feelings, - sensitive
- in tune with nuances and subtleties
- intuitive
- empathic response to others as well as in tune with the deeper dimensions of life
- vulnerable, can be reactive, fearful
- seeks closeness and merging

## Fire



- excitable, enthusiastic - possible lack self-control
- self-centered and impersonal- impatient, may rush into things, insensitive
- can come across as willful and insensitivity to others



## Air

- focus energy on ideas that have not yet materialized
- can be impractical dreamers
- ability to detach, thus are often objective and have perspective
- most social of all elements
- can over value intellectual abilities
- needs distance and objectivity in order to find itself

## Fire Signs Aries, Leo, Sagittarius

- Fire is animated, enthusiastic energy
  - Confident, fiery, excitable, spontaneous
  - But may be too forceful, impatient, and seem insensitive
- They are masculine, like the air signs
  - Yang energy; outgoing, expressive, and giving
  - They represent the day
- They are compatible with Air signs

## Traits for the Fire Signs

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## Earth Signs Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn

- Earth is practical, stable, dependable
  - Sensual, patient, resourceful, persistent, matter-of-fact
  - But may be too cautious, rigid, or adhere too much to routine
- They are feminine, like the Water signs
  - Yin energy; passive, receptive, containing
  - They represent the night
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Stubborn, Self-indulgent, Lazy, Materialistic, Possessive.	♉ <b>Taurus</b>	Dependable, Down to earth, Patient, Independent, Persistent.
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## Air Signs Gemini, Libra, Aquarius

- Air is intellectual, a good communicator
  - Logical, broadminded, objective, most social of all the elements
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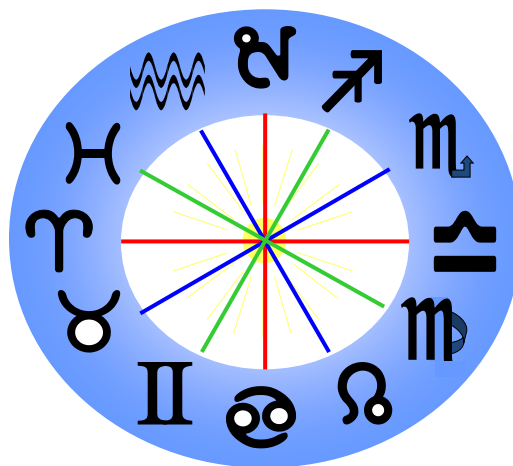
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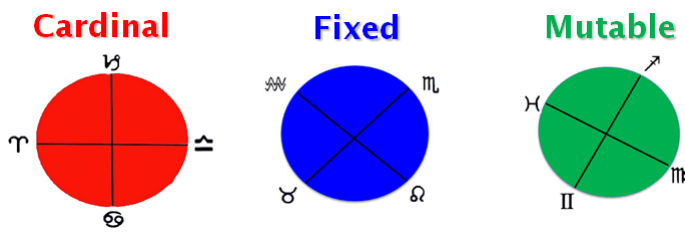
- Water is emotional, nurturing, conforming
  - Sensitive, moody, intuitive, imaginative, empathic
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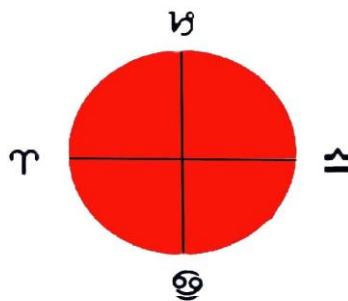
## The Modes - **Cardinal**, **Fixed**, **Mutable**





- These are modes of operating
  - We all have, to some degree or other, all signs and modes
  - But one mode will usually be stronger than the others
  - And show our overarching method of how we accomplish things
  - Are we go-getters, a bit stubborn, or always changing our mind?
- They form crosses in our chart that present challenges
  - These are the hard aspects, oppositions and squares
  - They make us work hard for what we achieve – but it's worth the effort
- Should not be confused with the 3 Crosses of evolution
  - The Mutable Cross is the evolutionary stage for ordinary man
  - The Fixed Cross is the evolutionary stage for advanced humanity
  - The Cardinal Cross is the evolutionary stage for Initiates and upward

## Cardinal Cross



Drive  
 Action  
 Birthing, beginning  
 Outgoing  
 Independent  
 Seek control over their environment  
 Driven by a sense of purpose  
 “Movers and shakers”

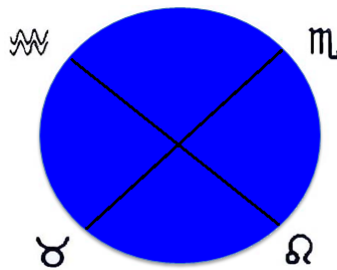


## Cardinal Signs

### Aries, Cancer, Libra, Capricorn

- Exoterically, they are forceful, initiating, important
  - Other key words are will, drive, action, ambition
  - But while they are initiating, they may lack follow-through
- Esoterically, develops directed, soul controlled activity
  - Aries is the will to do/create, establishing mental control
  - Cancer is developing intuition and soul sensitivity
  - Libra is developing balance through mental control
  - Capricorn is developing spiritual awareness, leading to initiation

## Fixed Cross



**Want, Desire**  
**Stability**  
**Maintenance**  
**Enduring, Steadfast**  
**Having, holding**  
**Giving**  
**Growing**

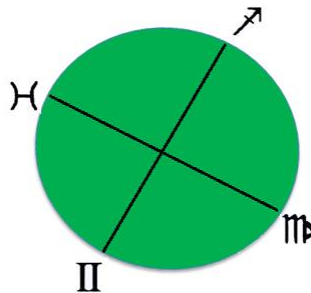
**Tends toward caution or conservative approach**  
**Predictability is important**

## Fixed Signs

### Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, Aquarius

- Exoterically, they are steadfast, stubborn, determined
  - Other keywords are want, desire, stability, endurance
  - But these tend to make them too inflexible
- Esoterically, activity involves soul development/control
  - Taurus is developing the soul light
  - Leo is developing self mastery
  - Scorpio is resolving conflict/duality, overcoming desire/illusion
  - Aquarius is developing group awareness and world service

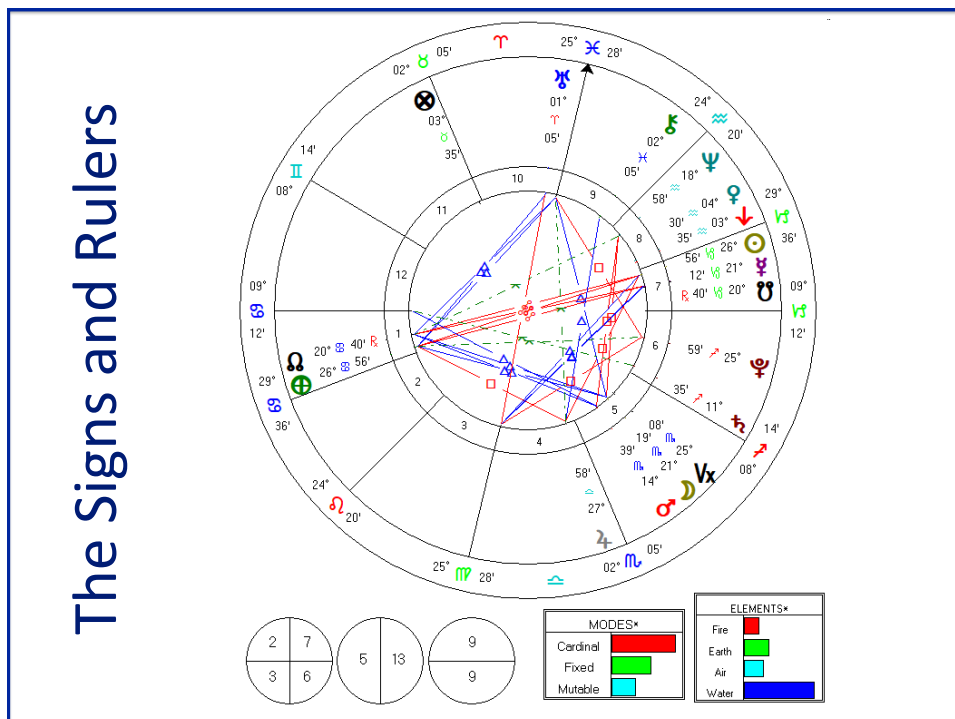
## Mutable or Common Cross



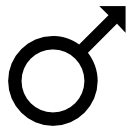
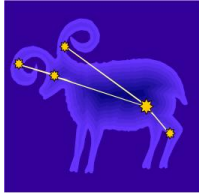
**Adaptability, Flexibility, Changeability**  
**Activity, Doing**  
**Busy, keeps life interesting**  
**Adapts to the environment readily**  
**Also adjust their environment to them**  
**Versatile attitude to life**  
**Spontaneous**

## Mutable Signs Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, Pisces

- Exoterically, they are adaptable, versatile, serving
  - Other keywords are active, flexible, changeable
  - A drawback is that they may be too inconsistent
- Esoterically, the form life is developed thru incarnation
  - Gemini is developing control of the opposites
  - Virgo is nurturing the soul in the heart
  - Sagittarius is developing one-pointed aspiration
  - Pisces is developing soul consciousness



# ♈ Aries



## Mars

- energy, exertion, effort, drive
- strength, vitality, stamina
- physical health
- power of self assertion
- response to challenges
- courage to overcome obstacles
- fearlessness, conviction, ability to stand
- violence, blood
- aggression, anger
- passion

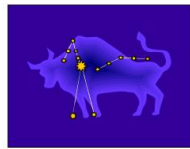


## Mercury

- The mind, the thinking principle
- Communication
- Cognitive processes
- Nervous system
- Commerce, business acumen or not
- Energy



## Taurus



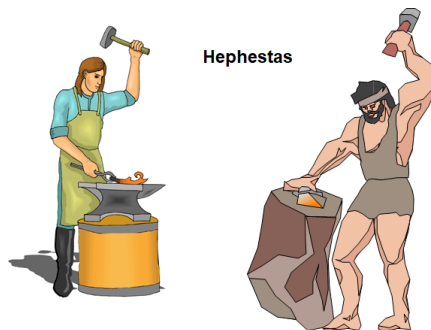


## Venus

- Value, appreciation
- Attraction, love, desire, pleasure
- Refinement, how things are refined, what things are refined
- Soul
- What is meaningful in life

## ↓ Vulcan

- Hammer of the Gods
- the forger, the blacksmith

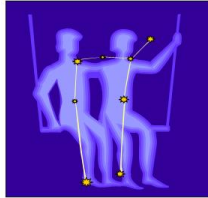


- Uses pressure, heat, intensity, endurance
- destroys attachment to matter and form
- it shapes and molds the personality to reveal the soul
- When transited can become one's burning ground



Gemini

# Gemini



# Mercury



Mercury

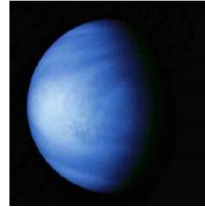


• healer – caduceus - medicine

• quickest system in our body - nervous system.



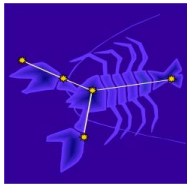
## ♀ Venus



- what we love or are attracted to
- romance
- refinement of taste
- beauty, aesthetic values
- value and appreciation
- harmonizes, blends, stylizes
- talent, grace, elegance, charm
- truth, beauty, and goodness
- turns knowledge into wisdom
- intelligence wisely and lovingly applied



## ♋ Cancer



- Crab moves sideways – slippery
- strategy
- Sign of birth – Mother- nurturer of new born infant
- gathering of basic resources such as food, shelter (womb/house)







## The Moon

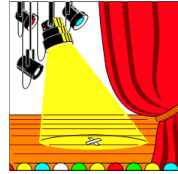
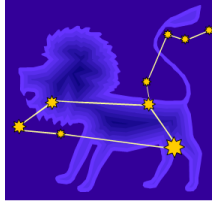
Automatic, natural  
 Feelings and emotions  
 Comforts, what is comfortable  
 What we want or need  
 Security  
 Line of least resistance  
 Mother principle, how we nurture or were nurtured



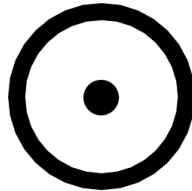
## Neptune

- confusion, lack clarity, uncertainty
- illusion, distortion of reality, delusion
- escapism, addictions, dependence or co-dependence
- denial, deceit
- dissolution, devitalisation
- ideal, pure, transcendent
- the mystery, the mystical, the undefined
- visionary, prophetic
- contemplative, meditative
- universal love, compassion, salvation
- mercy, trust, faith, grace
- wide intuitive understanding
- creative imagination, inspiration
- artistic ability and expression

## ♌ Leo



**Individuality**  
**Personality**  
**Self-expression**  
**Creativity**



### The Sun

- life force
- creative energy
- dynamism, warmth, and vitality.
- The Sun highlights the sense of individuality and the creative drive to grow and develop.
- It stands for the personal self, and the sign in which it is found signifies how that can be expressed.

# ♍ Virgo



• In history Virgo has been represented as Lilith, Eve, Isis and Mary. – the feminine principle that allows for the gestation (growth) of the Christ principle within the cave of the heart.



• Virgo is about purity of the form so that the form is ready for the Christ principle to be nurtured and grown.



## Mercury



• In Virgo the mind is turned toward the matters of life and hence Virgo can look at the particular, the small, the detail with precision.

• Works with things (matter).

• This leads to seeing that which is not pure, not perfect, does not fit the ideal and hence cannot measure up to the ideal, the purity – results in criticism, fault finding, pickiness



• Leads to professions that deal with the health, of the body (bringing the form to perfection).





## Moon



### **Moon is the Mother of Form**

Virgo hides the soul in form – gestating until the baby is ready to be birthed. The form needs to be attended to.

*Esoterically, considered as the soul ruler, the Moon veils Vulcan and/or Neptune.*

## ♎ Libra



- right human relations, not compromise for the sake of peace.



### **Justice**

- Blind woman
- Blind to class
- Impartiality
- No judgment
- Objectivity

## Venus



In Libra Venus is about love in relationships.

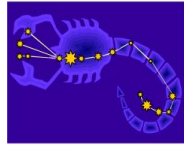
Love and another.



## Uranus

- original, ingenious, inventive
- rebellious, radical, revolutionary, different
- destroys old concepts and structures
- ability to organize and re-pattern
- ability to synthesize
- visionary, utopian ideas and models
- insightful, intuitive
- electrical, dynamic, kinetic
- unconventional, unpredictable, eccentric

# ♏ Scorpio



- Can go into the depths and see what lurks beneath the surface and bring it up into the light of day.
- Makes for excellent therapist.
- Can see into the heart of another and know what makes you tick.

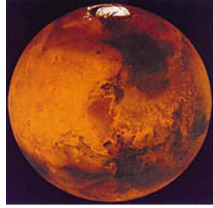


Pluto

## Pluto

- personal power, and control issues
- transmutation, transformation, resurrection
- the experience of death and rebirth
- the eliminator
- destruction and annihilation
- that which is unseen, unknown, and hidden; the realm of the shadow
- secrets, the mysterious
- power over others through fear and manipulation
- uncovers and reveals that which is hidden
- the redeemer
- spiritual will

# Mars

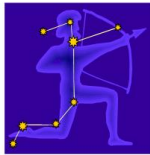


- conviction
- discipline
- forthrightness
- power and fearlessness
- being able to stand up for others even in the face of harm to oneself
- Scorpio can go into the depths, the un- and sub-conscious.
- Mars has strength and courage to move into those depths so that it can emerge and be triumphant.

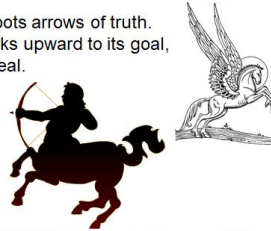
*“Warrior (Mars) am I, and from the battle I emerge triumphant.”*



# Sagittarius



- Shoots arrows of truth.
- Looks upward to its goal, its ideal.



# 4

## **Jupiter**

- Too much
- Philosophy, spirituality
- Wisdom
- Play and playfulness
- Heart, expansion, inclusive
- Soul



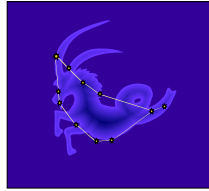
Earth

## **Earth**

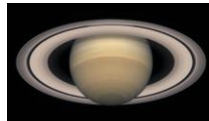
- where practical lessons must be learned
- groundedness
- ability to adapt to changing conditions
- selectivity, efficiency
- resourcefulness
- great resilience



# ♄ Capricorn



# Saturn

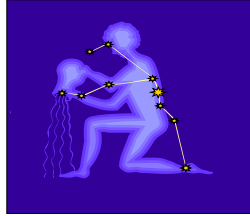


Rings constrain,  
confine, limit

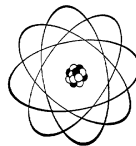
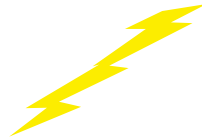


The Law

# ♈ Aquarius



# Uranus

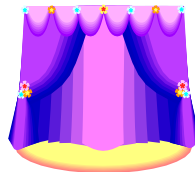
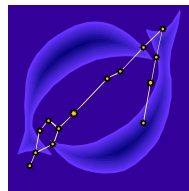
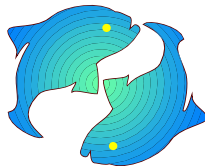


# Jupiter



Huge magnetic field that attracts  
Inclusive  
Group conscious

# ♋ Pisces



# Neptune ♆

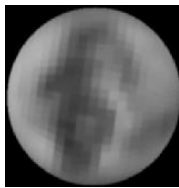


confusion,  
illusion,  
escapism,  
denial, deceit  
the formless,



addictions, dependence  
dissolution, devitalisation,  
the ideal, the transcendent  
creative imagination, artistry  
the mystical, the undefined  
visionary, prophetic  
universal love, compassion,  
mercy, trust, faith, grace  
intuition, understanding

# Pluto ☿



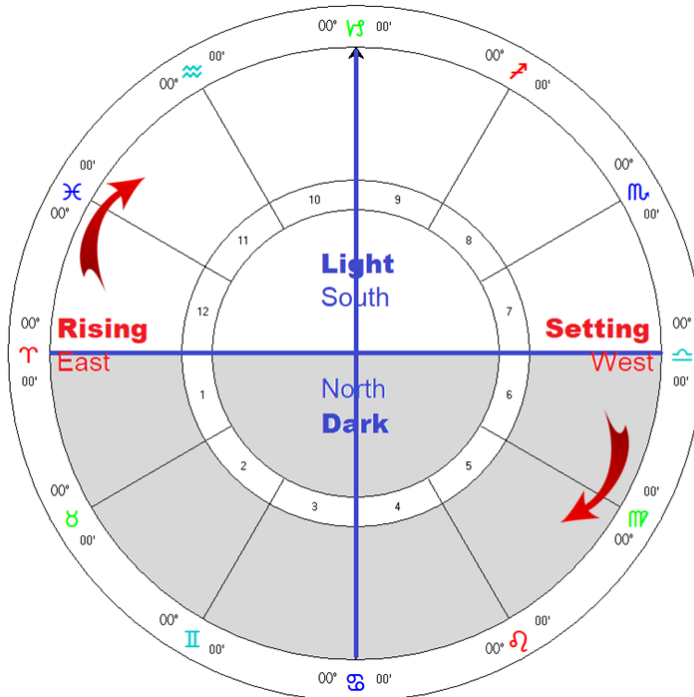
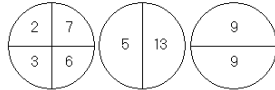
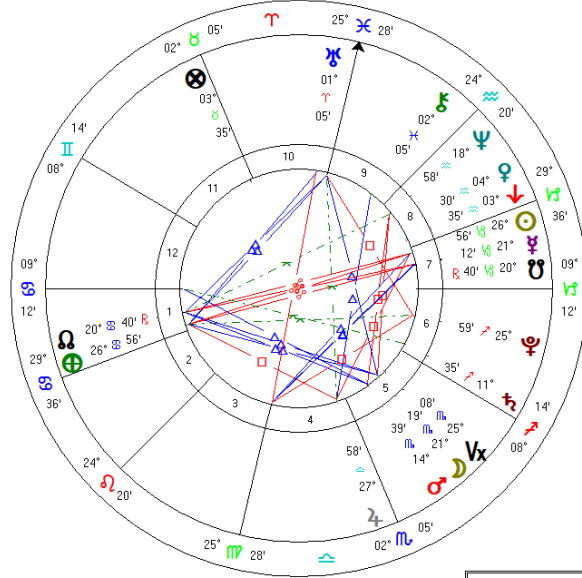
Anubis/Lord Pluto

- Courage



- Pluto brings the process of resurrection, lifting the dead within us to life.
- Eventually Pluto brings symbolically death to the personality.

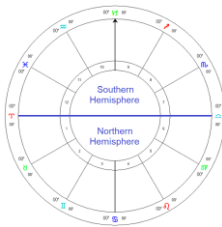
# The Environment



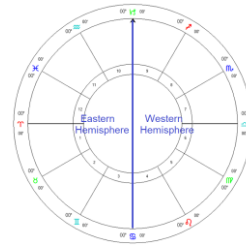
## The Environment

- Whether we're talking personality or soul expression
  - ✓ We'll feel the lower levels
  - ✓ Most of us still work with personality-level environments
  - ✓ Houses have both lower & higher purpose/characteristics
  - ✓ Even as we begin to feel the increasing influence of the soul
  - ✓ We still manifest our esoteric work in the outer world

- Planets in different hemispheres show tendencies

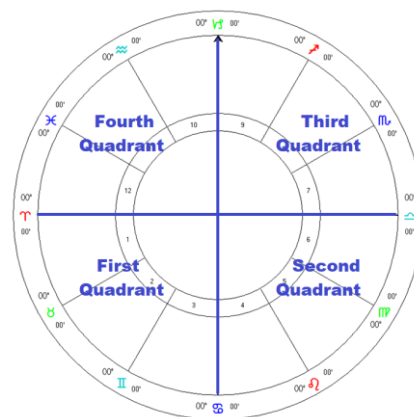


- ✓ Northern (introvert, recharging primarily via quiet interludes)
- ✓ Southern (extrovert, recharging primarily via contact with others)
- ✓ Eastern (self-initiated activities, either alone or in a group)
- ✓ Western (group affiliation, following group-initiated activities)

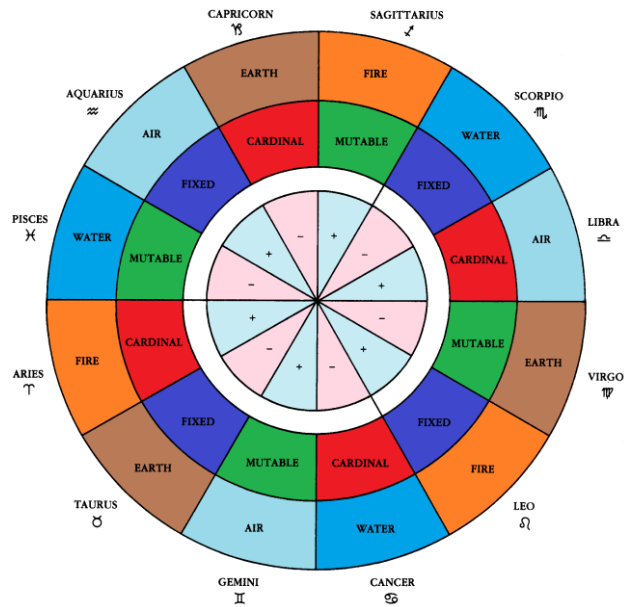


## Quadrants

- Different quadrants help pinpoint our focus
  - ✓ First Quadrant, Houses 1 to 3:
    - ✓ personal identity,
    - ✓ self development
  - ✓ Second Quadrant, Houses 4 to 6:
    - ✓ personal expression,
    - ✓ family relations,
    - ✓ inner security
  - ✓ Third Quadrant, Houses 7 to 9:
    - ✓ social identity,
    - ✓ worldly issues
  - ✓ Fourth Quadrant, Houses 10 to 12:
    - ✓ social expression,
    - ✓ contribution to public service



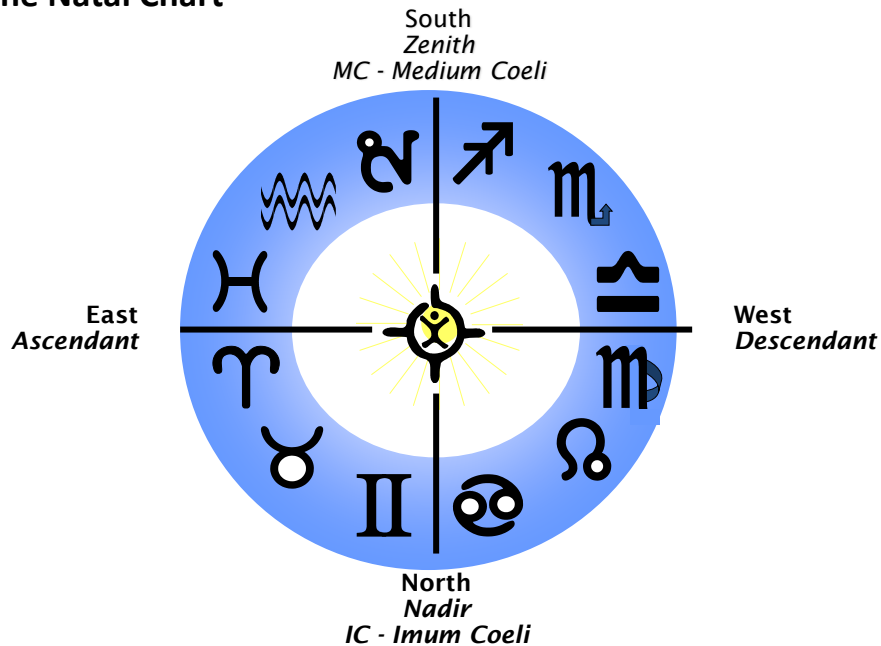
The pattern of the Zodiac repeats the triplicities of the elements and quaternaries of the modes, forming the distinctiveness of the 12 signs



## The Angles of the Chart

- Ascendant (1st cusp) is opposite Descendant (7<sup>th</sup> cusp)
  - Exoteric issue is balancing the self and significant other
  - Esoteric purpose is to integrate personality and soul
  - What signs are they in?
- Midheaven (10<sup>th</sup> cusp) is opposite Nadir (4<sup>th</sup> cusp)
  - Exoteric issue balancing the career and home life
  - Esoteric purpose is to use sacred foundations for spiritual responsibilities
  - What signs are they in?

## The Natal Chart



## Options Used in Creating the Charts

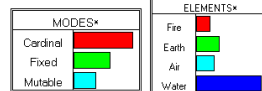
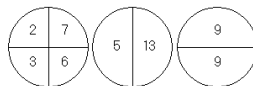
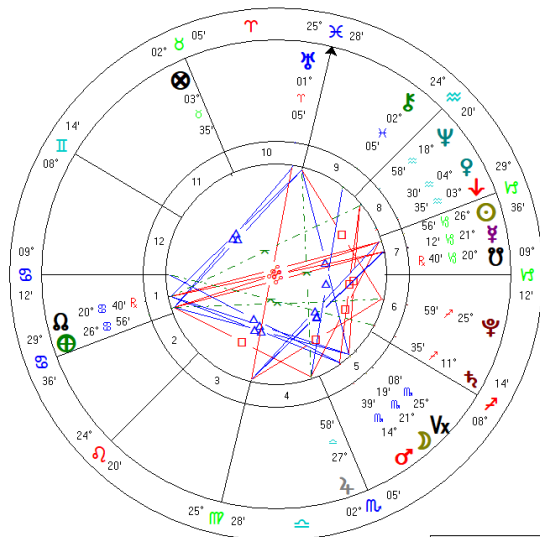
- Geocentric Orientation
  - Earth at center, Sun passes through the zodiac each month
  - In reality it is the opposite, and as esotericists we know it
    - So we look at the Sun-Earth axis in the chart
- Tropical Zodiac
  - 00 Aries is always the Spring Equinox (Northern hemisphere)
  - It's the archetype built up over millennium of use
    - Similar to the distinction between signs & constellations
- House System
  - House systems vary, but angles always remain the same
  - Consider planets on a cusp in both houses



## Quick Look at Overall Implications

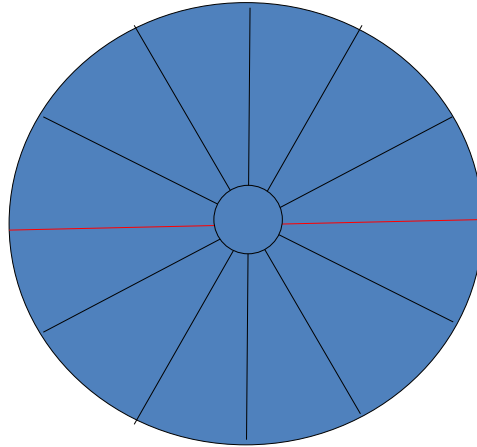
- What does the environment look like?
  - Houses, quadrants, and hemispheres
  - Where are the planets focused?
- What elements are there the most of?
  - Can you relate to expressing those characteristics?
  - What element(s) might be lacking?
- What is the primary mode of operation?
  - Changeable, initiatory, or stubborn?
- What do these things tell you about yourself?
  - Do you agree or disagree with the counts?
    - If not, why not?

### The 12 Houses



## Circle Divided into 12 Houses

- Each sign is 30 degrees
  - (12 x 30 = 360)
- Using Placidus house system, the number of degrees per house may vary.
  - They are not all equal.
- There are other house systems
  - but we generally use Placidus or **Regiomontanus**

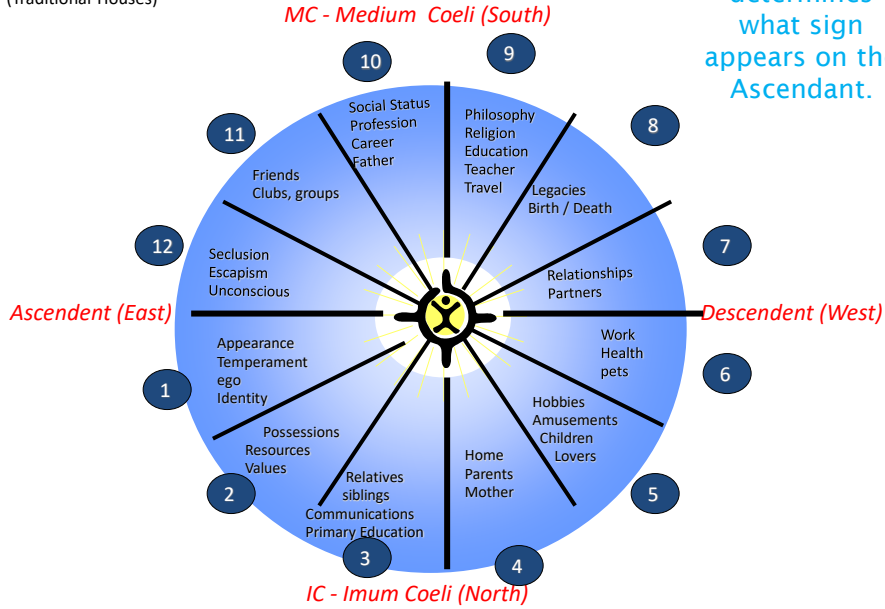


## Astrological Relationships become an Astrological Alphabet

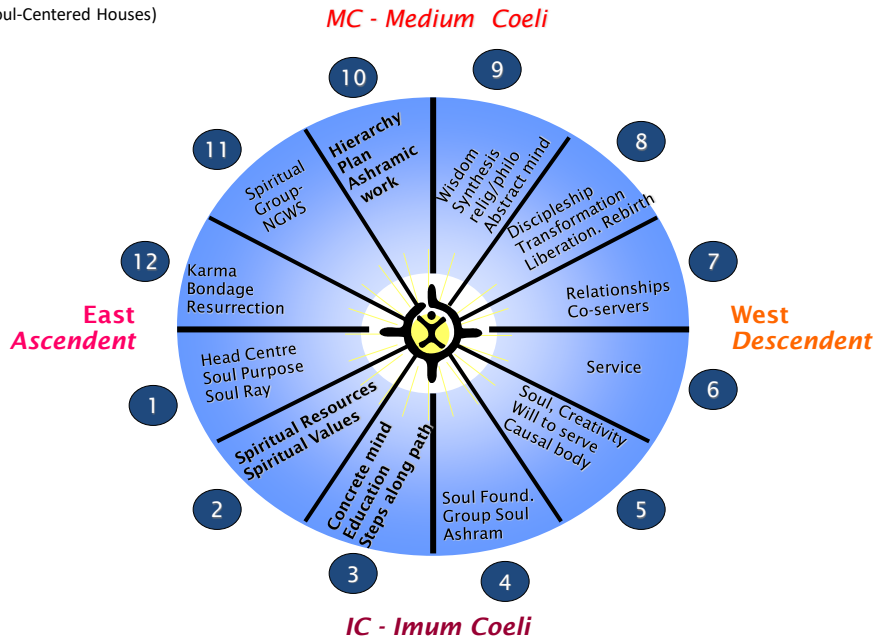
<b>Signs</b>	<b>Houses</b>	<b>Signs</b>	<b>Houses</b>
♈ Aries	First	♎ Libra	Seventh
♉ Taurus	Second	♏ Scorpio	Eighth
♊ Gemini	Third	♐ Sagittarius	Ninth
♋ Cancer	Fourth	♑ Capricorn	Tenth
♌ Leo	Fifth	♒ Aquarius	Eleventh
♍ Virgo	Sixth	♓ Pisces	Twelfth

**The Natal Chart**  
(Traditional Houses)

Time of birth determines what sign appears on the Ascendant.



**The Natal Chart**  
(Soul-Centered Houses)



## Differences with Houses 1 to 4

EXOTERIC ENVIRONMENT	EXOTERIC RULER	HOUSE	ESOTERIC RULER	ESOTERIC ENVIRONMENT
The self, personality temperament, physical body and appearance.	Mars	<b>1</b>	Mercury	Emerging soul expression, control of the personality, soul purpose.
Substance, resources, values.	Venus	<b>2</b>	Vulcan	Spiritual values and spiritual use of resources.
Siblings, communication, self-expression, primary education.	Mercury	<b>3</b>	Venus	Concrete mind, steps on the Path, soul expression on the mental plane.
Home, domestic relationships, mother or nurturing parent.	Moon	<b>4</b>	Neptune	Reveals past karmic ties relating to the soul's purpose; the ashram (soul group).

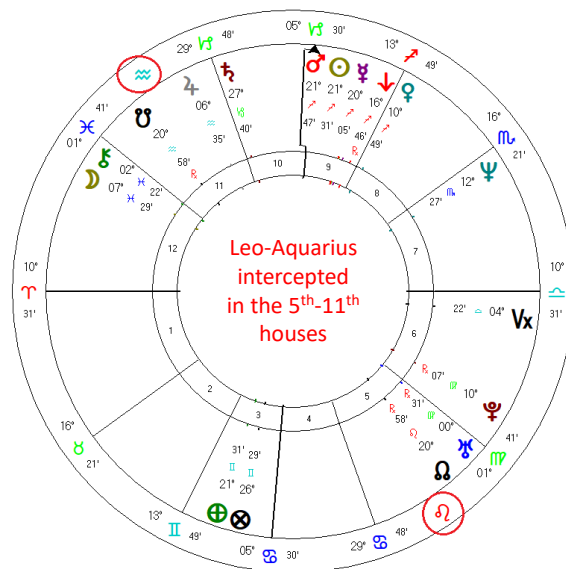
## Differences with Houses 5 to 8

EXOTERIC ENVIRONMENT	EXOTERIC RULER	HOUSE	ESOTERIC RULER	ESOTERIC ENVIRONMENT
Creativity and hobbies, pleasure and amusements, children.	Sun	<b>5</b>	Sun	Soul's creativity, developing spiritual will, the causal body.
Service, work, health, pets.	Mercury	<b>6</b>	Moon	Developing spiritual service.
Relationships, partners.	Venus	<b>7</b>	Uranus	Establishing viable spiritual relationships with soul and personality or co-servers.
Endings, regeneration, legacies (other people's money).	Pluto	<b>8</b>	Mars	Transformation, liberation, rebirth; physical desires transmuted into spiritual purpose.

## Differences with Houses 9 to 12

EXOTERIC ENVIRONMENT	EXOTERIC RULER	HOUSE	ESOTERIC RULER	ESOTERIC ENVIRONMENT
Higher learning, exploration, philosophy, religion.	Jupiter	9	Earth	Spiritual enlightenment, the Ageless Wisdom, the abstract mind.
Career, social status, goals, father or authoritative parent.	Saturn	10	Saturn	Spiritual responsibility, ashramic goals, Hierarchical Plan.
Friendships, groups, teamwork.	Uranus	11	Jupiter	Group service, humanitarian work, New Group of World Servers.
Fears, dreams, fantasies, unconscious, escapism.	Neptune	12	Pluto	Transmuting fears, dispelling illusion, karmic bondage, resurrection.

## INTERCEPTIONS



## Signs Locked in a House

- Intercepted signs are locked in a house as if they are in a closet.
  - ✓ One key to the closet can be the ruler of the intercepted sign
- With intercepted planets, it is important to release their energies
  - ✓ Because they rule the cusp of other houses
  - ✓ This takes time and work
- At first the early environment does not encourage the development of energies described by the intercepted planet(s)
  - ✓ At least not to the degree that you need them.
  - ✓ This is frustrating because it also affects the areas of your life that these intercepted planets may rule

## Intercepted Signs - Aries to Virgo

- **Aries** – environment discourages self expression, aggressiveness, initiation and independence. Be meek and mild – don't try new things.
- **Taurus** – Environment does not provide enough love, affection, warmth, validation, material needs or sense of self worth. Discouraged from being possessive and taken for granted and put down.
- **Gemini** – Inadequate learning facilities. Interrupted education – illness, learning disabled, care of siblings, etc.
- **Cancer** – Too much or not enough emotional/material security.
- **Leo** – Suppressed creativity. Discouraged from having romantic partners or children. Unsatisfactory romantic affairs and social life.
- **Virgo** – Critical environment says you can never do anything right. Don't ask questions, just do – not allowed to analyze.

## Intercepted Signs - Libra to Pisces

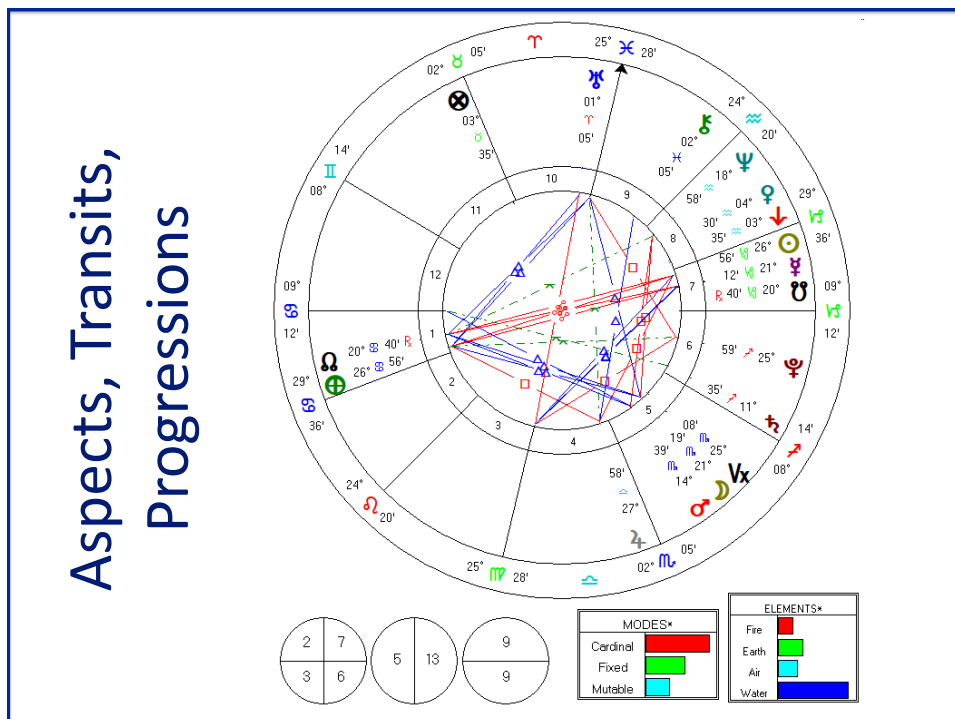
- **Libra** – not provided with opportunities for relating to people. Discouraged from socializing. Not being aggressive and independent, you stay at home.
- **Scorpio** – Repressed sexuality and strong emotions (rage, jealousy) The environment may not provide us with self understanding or other people's values. Have a deep need to get involved with occult or metaphysical studies. Blocked inheritance.
- **Sagittarius** – No provision for post secondary education. Discouraged from taking risks. Strict or different religious upbringing.
- **Capricorn** – Insufficient respect, recognition, status and help with goals. Lack of job opportunities. Discouraged from going for goals.
- **Aquarius** – Environment discourages individuality, having friends – its too rigid for you. Feel trapped and need to break free.
- **Pisces** – Environment discourages having faith in yourself or getting in touch with your intuition or going for your dreams.

## Unlocking Interceptions

- Transiting planets can help to unlock the closet
  - ✓ They create a temporary relationship with the intercepted planet
  - ✓ Triggering events that help:
    - Open the interception
    - Release the planet's energy
    - Promote a more fuller expression of intercepted planets/signs
- Also look at the ruling planets for the intercepted signs
  - ✓ Do they form aspects with any planets intercepted in the sign?
    - If so, is that relationship friendly or challenging?
- Experience and personal growth help as well
  - ✓ As we get older and learn to better express higher qualities
  - ✓ And in doing so more fully express Soul qualities of the intercepted signs, rulers of those signs, and the planets intercepted

## Signs Repeated on Two Cusps

- Not only are two signs intercepted
  - ✓ Inhibiting the expression of those 2 signs
  - ✓ And planets in those signs
- But it then forces two other signs on two cusps each
  - ✓ Giving double emphasis to the repeated axis
  - ✓ Highlighting the area that needs extra work
- When this happens, the first cusp is usually the primary focus
  - ✓ The second, repeated cusp follows the lead of the first
  - ✓ And can be considered dependent on the first house for its fulfillment, using the experience already being worked in the prior house







## Review of the Planets –



## The Actors in Our Personal Play



## Working with Planetary Energies

- Planets—and the energy they convey—help us work out both our mundane as well as our Spiritual lives
- Personal planets help define our basic modes of operation
  - Mercury – communications
  - Venus – human relationships
  - Mars – action
- Some work together in cycles (may complement or hinder) each other
  - Jupiter – expansion
  - Saturn – limitation
  - Together – breathing out, breathing in
- The 3 major ones within our chart, the Luminaries
  - The Ascendant, soul purpose
  - The Sun, our personality expression
  - The Moon, our past and path of least resistance

## The Soul

- Soul is consciousness, or awareness
  - Once consciousness is sparked
    - It sees, hears, and invites more all the time
- Awareness asks for more awareness
  - It wants to make things simple and clear
  - Consciousness brings wisdom, Soul lives it
- Soul is the source of:
  - Our true vocation, our greatest sense of meaningfulness
  - Selflessness and altruism, our most joyous activities
  - Sense of the sacred, our true conscience
- Soul needs the personality in order to express itself

## The Ascendant

- Ascendant is the method soul uses to express its purpose
- This is the most important point in the chart
  - Its rulers rule the entire chart
  - What are your Asc rulers?
- How are you able to harness the higher level of the Asc sign?
- Do you have examples of how you have started to:
  - Raise lower sign key phrase to the higher key phrase
- What do you find out about yourself when you:
  - Review sign weaknesses, strengths, and traits to develop
  - Look at aspects the sign rulers make to the Ascendant

## The Personality

- Personality is a synthesis of our lower vehicles
  - The physical nature and vital activity
  - Our emotional states and feelings
  - The mind
- It coordinates them and a viable, powerful person emerges
  - Expressing the evolutionary progression and conscious effort achieved in previous lifetimes
- It can be selfish and self-seeking at first
  - Until soul begins to filter in and influence it
- Eventually it integrates with the Soul
  - To express a higher calling in the world of form

## Personality Dynamics

- Positive Dynamics, the primary means of
  - Expressing the soul within the 3 worlds of human evolution
  - Establishing personal identity
  - Establishing genuine self-reliance, distinction from the masses
  - Establishing a preliminary vocation
- Negative Dynamics, the primary means of
  - Standing in the way of the soul
  - Evading/failing to respond to the higher calling of the soul
  - Limiting expansion and refusing to grow
  - Expressing selfishness and separateness
  - Self-centering and self-referencing

## The Sun

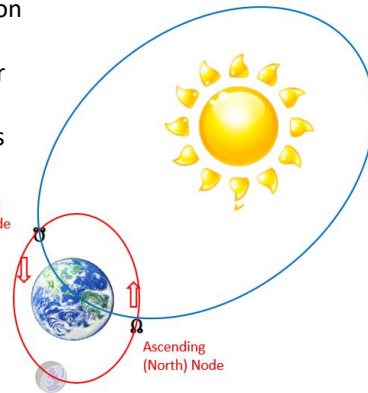
- Expresses the personality level
- How are you able to harness the higher level of the Sun sign?
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  - Look at what aspects the sign rulers make to the Sun
  - Look at what the Sun might be veiling
- Does the Sun make aspect to the Ascendant?
- Have you begun to balance the Sun-Earth axis?
  - What do the house and sign axes tell you about this interaction?

## The Moon

- Explore past influences and old habits
- What does Moon sign tell you about imprisoning patterns?
  - We overcome them with the sign's esoteric key phrase
  - Do you have examples of working with the soul key phrase?
- What are the weaknesses of the Moon's sign?
  - Countered by the sign's strengths and traits to develop
  - Countered by the traits of the esoteric ruler
- Look at what aspects the sign rulers make to the Moon
- Does the Moon make aspect to either the Sun or Ascendant?
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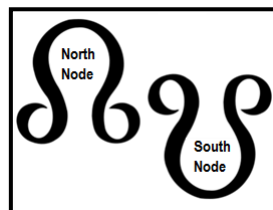
- The Moon is, among other things, karmic in nature
  - It represents a repository of our past actions and patterns
  - So the nodal axis carries influences of that energy with it
- The **North Node** represents potential new qualities
  - Faculties as well as spiritual goals to develop this lifetime
  - Using new experiences to help overcome personality issues
- The **South Node** is previously achieved integration
  - Past life qualities developed
    - Using past experiences to achieve greater personality integration
    - Like a bag of past achievements and tools
  - Or the path of least resistance
    - Negative baggage we bring to this incarnation
- By nature of it being an axis:
  - It can be quite dynamic
  - Highlighting the axes involved in a chart
  - By sign and house



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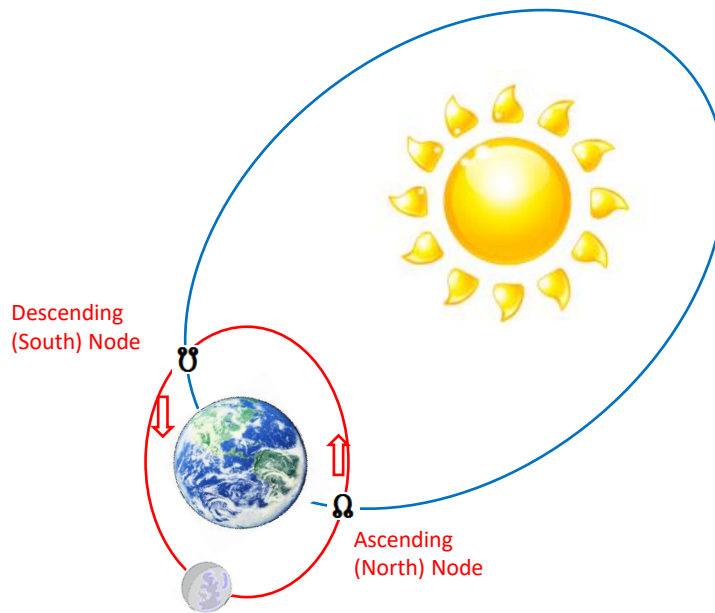


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## What are the Moon Nodes?

- The lunar nodes are points where the orbit of the Moon crosses the orbit of the Earth
  - The ascending node, or North Node is where the Moon crosses moving in a northerly fashion
  - While the descending node, or South Node is where it crosses moving southward
- They typically move backwards, or retrograde in a chart
  - Although occasionally seem to station and move direct
- They take 18 years to complete one cycle
  - So are in a sign about 1.5 years at a time



## Nodes in the Signs

- Aries-Libra: karmic opportunities to help establish mental control over the personality, and eventual soul control over the personality.
- Taurus-Scorpio: karmic opportunities to use the wisdom of the soul to overcome desire through right relationships.
- Gemini-Sagittarius: karmic opportunities to establish control of the opposites and resolve duality.
- Cancer-Capricorn: karmic opportunities to hone and nurture the sensitivity and intuition of the soul.
- Leo-Aquarius: karmic opportunities in self-mastery leading to group awareness and selfless world service.
- Virgo-Pisces: karmic opportunities to nurture the Christ within the heart and bring it into conscious manifestation.

## Nodes in the Houses

- First-Seventh: working on the balance between the self and the significant other; transforming your relationship between your personality and soul.
- Second-Eighth: learning to enjoy the world of the senses without being consumed by it; using higher spiritual values directed by the soul to transmute the lower desires of the personality.
- Third-Ninth: keeping curiosity about life alive, while having clear priorities about what is most important for you to learn; accessing and using the ancient wisdom via the higher mind.
- Fourth-Tenth: making room for both home and career; using your sacred foundations to build on spiritual responsibilities.
- Fifth-Eleventh: balancing the human need for friendship/affiliation with the need for self development/creativity; using the soul's creative expression to perform service to Humanity.
- Sixth-Twelfth: bringing your dreams to earth to make the world a better place; transmuting fears by providing selfless service to humanity.



## Questions on the Luminaries in our charts?



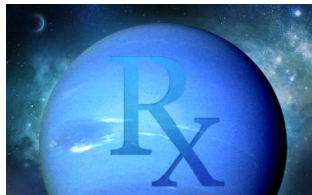




## Questions on the Planets in our charts?

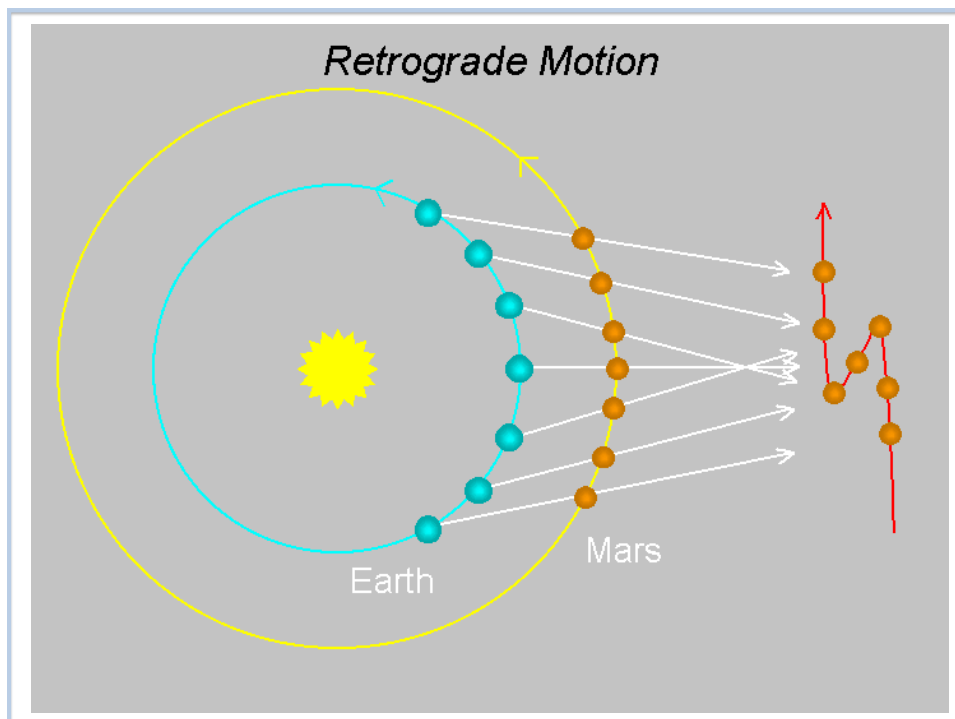


## Retrogrades



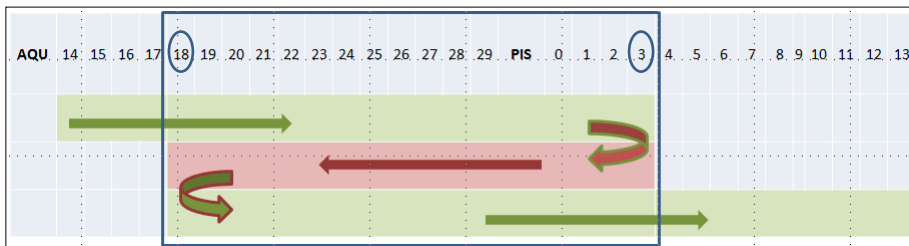
## Why a Planet Goes Retrograde

- They appear to move retrograde based on position of the planet in relation to the Earth and Sun
  - Always when the planet is opposite the Sun (conjunct the Earth)
  - The Earth catches up with an outer planet, then passes it
  - Or an inner planet catches up with the Earth
  - These motions are observed by us on Earth as the planet moving backwards
- Planets closest to the Earth (Mars & Venus) retrograde least often
  - Because they are nearest to our own orbit around the Sun



## 3rd Time is the Charm

- There are 3 distinct passes in a retrograde cycle
  - The 1<sup>st</sup> pass over a span of degrees as the planet moves forward
  - The 2<sup>nd</sup> pass over those degrees as it goes retrograde and moves backward
  - And finally the 3<sup>rd</sup> pass as it moves direct once more
- So the cycle includes all 3 passes, and spans the degrees hit 3 times
  - We need to look at the full cycle, what was happening when it began
  - Then what we had to revisit or redo as it came back for that 2<sup>nd</sup> look
  - Did we fix it, get it right so we can move on as it goes direct again?



## Retrograde Planets - the Natal Experience

- If we have a natal planet in retrograde it means we were born during the middle of the retrograde cycle
- Retrograde planets will be felt differently than a direct planet
  - They will be inhibited somehow
  - Maybe we experience it more internally, carefully, reflectively
  - Are we constantly looking back over what we've already done, making sure it's right?
  - Do we frequently get the opposite or unexpected impact from something we did?
- Are we learning from the experience of our retrograde planets?
  - Can we look at it from the perspective of the Soul, observing the inner causes of some outer effects?

## A Transiting Affair

- In normal, everyday life, most planets retrograde each year as they orbit the Sun
  - We call this normal movement of the planets transits
    - I'll get more into that a little later
  - What you need to know here is that this normal, cyclic motion produces retrogrades all the time, and that is going to impact us personally
    - Depending on where the transit happens in relation to our natal chart
  - How do the transits, direct or retrograde interact with our natal planets?
    - Do they form relationships, make aspect, or trigger events relating to the houses and planets they are transiting?
    - Is it a fleeting, elusive expression of a quick transit, here and then gone?
    - Or does the planet station retrograde and tap-dance over a planet in our chart, hovering for extended periods of time?
  - Transits may only last from a few hours in the case of the Moon, or a day or so for the inner planets - or upwards to a year for an outer planet that turns retrograde over a planet in our natal chart

Note: Sun, Earth, and Moon do not retrograde

## Retrograde Planets

- Inner planets in retrograde
  - Mercury retrogrades the most often, about 22 days every 4 months
  - Venus retrogrades for 42 days every 19 months
- Outer Planets usually retrograde longer and more often
  - Mars retrogrades for 72 days every 25.6 months
  - Jupiter retrogrades for 121 days every 13.1 months
  - Saturn retrogrades for 138 days every 12.4 months
  - Uranus retrogrades for 151 days every 12.15 months
  - Neptune retrogrades for 158 days every 12.1 months

## Energy of the more Personal Planets

- **Mercury:** Intellect, communication, lower mind
  - How we communicate with others
- **Venus:** Love, refinement, values, right relations
  - How we relate to others
- **Mars:** Desire, anger, activity, motivation, reaction
  - Our own personal action figure – how we act and react
- **Jupiter:** Expansion, opportunity, higher education/beliefs
  - Lifts us up, expands us, and teaches us to venture far
- **Saturn:** Responsibility, authority, structure, limitation
  - Reigns us in, provides structure and limitations, and teaches us responsibility

## Mercury

### Intellect, Communication, Lower Mind

- In a fire sign, he is usually bright, excitable, intuitive, expressive
  - Rx he may be more intuitive & creative, but it will probably be less obvious about how that is expressed.
- In an earth sign, he is apt to be logical, down-to-earth, practical
  - Rx he may be less logical and more intuitive and creative.
- In an air sign, he is likely cerebral, intellectual, and interactive
  - Rx he may be less of these things, quieter, intuitive instead of intellectual
- In a water sign, he is already intuitive, sensitive, or imaginative
  - So being Rx will enhance these things, yet may internalize them

## Venus

### Love, Refinement, Values, Relationships

- In a fire sign, she approaches relationships impulsively, generously, optimistically
  - Rx the passion may be restrained; it will still be felt, but won't be expressed as uninhibitedly
- In an earth sign, she approaches relationships sensually, critically, seriously
  - Rx she may be shy and unassuming about it
- In an air sign, she approaches relationships full on with a lively personality, a talent for putting people at ease, and unreserved friendliness
  - Rx these traits will be curbed somehow
- In a water sign, she approaches relationships with deep affections, seductively, or with emotional dependence
  - Rx these traits can have a darker side, bring insecurity or suspicions, or they could be internalized some other way

## Mars

### Desire, Anger, Activity, Reaction

- In a fire sign, he will react impulsively, enthusiastically, energetically
  - Rx will curb the enthusiasm/energy, and tame the impulsiveness.
- In an earth sign, he will react sensually, industriously, ambitiously
  - Rx will inhibit those traits somehow
- In an air sign, he will react curiously, sociably, inventively
  - Rx may obstruct his ability to adequately express that curiosity, to behave sociably, or to press forward with the inventiveness
- In a water sign, will react hyper-sensitively, jealously, or compassionately
  - Rx that could enhance inner feelings of frustration or anger and fuel negative emotional reactions

## Jupiter

### Expansion, Beliefs, Higher Education

- In a fire sign, he brings expansion/integration impulsively, enthusiastically, generously
  - Rx it will dim these traits somewhat
- In an earth sign, he brings expansion/integration through over-indulgence, discrimination, and ambitiousness
  - Rx it will inhibit the ambitiousness, impair the ability to effectively discriminate, and hopefully curb any over-indulgence
- In an air sign, he brings expansion/integration through versatility, sociability, and philanthropic pursuits
  - Rx it will inhibit the full expression of those qualities
- In a water sign, he brings expansion/integration through idealism, keen insight, and social consciousness
  - Rx it will internalize these traits, and expression might be difficult

## Saturn

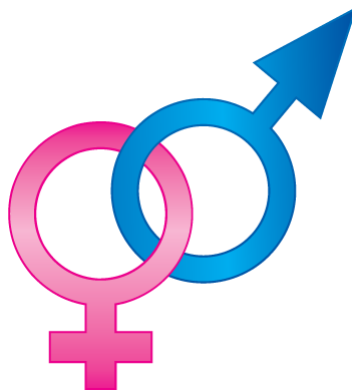
### Responsibility, Authority, Structure, Limits

- In a fire sign, he brings about opportunity and structure through determination, creative discipline, or orthodox religion
  - Rx will tighten the structure, making it more restrictive
- In an earth sign, he brings about opportunity and structure through perseverance, perfectionism, and organization
  - Rx may mitigate the perfectionism and curb both the perseverance and impulse to organize everything
- In an air sign, he brings about opportunity and structure through intellectual discipline, deliberation, and stubbornness
  - Rx those traits will probably be less disciplined, deliberate, stubborn
- In a water sign, he brings about opportunity and structure with sternness, a penetrating mind, and devotion to fellow humanity
  - Rx will blur the borders that provide this kind of structure, not able to effectively contain this elusive energy

## Questions on Retrogrades?



## Aspects – Relationships Between Planets





# Aspects

- Aspects are geometrical relationships in astrology
  - The energies of planet and sign are put in relation
  - That relation is particular and has a specific effect
  - Can be harmonious or discordant, depending on the aspect or the planets involved
- Major Aspects
  - Have a significant influence in our lives
  - Apply both to our natal charts as well as to transits
- Minor Aspects
  - Effect us less so, also natally or by transit



- **Conjunction:** united concentration of energies
  - Clustered together, usually same sign and house



- **Semi-Sextile:** friendliness
  - 30 degrees apart, one sign apart
  - Nothing in common, but neighborly anyway



- **Sextile:** opportunity, complementary energy
  - 60 degrees apart, two signs apart, compatible elements



- **Square:** tension, challenge, disharmony
  - 90 degrees apart, both part of the same cross



- **Trine:** an easy flow or harmony, innate ability
  - 120 degrees apart, both the same element

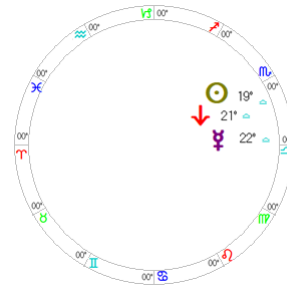


- **Inconjunct or quincunx:** adjustment or compromise
  - 150 degrees apart, five signs apart
  - Nothing in common between signs, no affinity until it is forged through awareness of the relationship and attitude adjustments



- **Opposition:** bringing the opposite quality into awareness
  - 180 degrees apart, on the same cross
  - Contrasts the two, can feel like a tug-of-war until the person can learn to balance the axis

- This aspect is found where there are two or more planets within 7° of each other.
- Generally they are found within the same sign and house.
- This is an aspect of emphasis as well as of unification of the energies combined.
- As such they should be considered as one.
- Also known as con-joined



### Stellium

- 3 or more planets, 4 or more planets or points within the same sign
- Similar to a conjunction, emphasizes the sign and house energies

## Aspect Relationships with the Elements

### The **Fire** and **Air** Triplicities



### The **Earth** and **Water** Triplicities



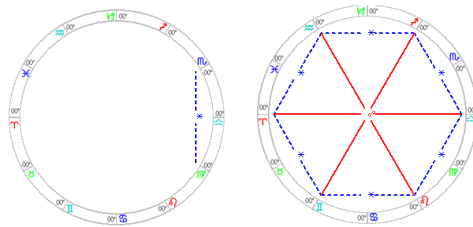
Compatible elements form trines and sextiles in a chart

- ✓ These are the soft aspects, bringing benefits and opportunities
- ✓ But we may tend to take them for granted

- An aspect of opportunity, found 2 signs apart.
- Use a 5° orb (plus or minus from the true aspect).
- With this aspect, either masculine elements such as fire and air are in aspect or feminine elements such as earth and water.
- This relationship offers ease and attraction between the planets.



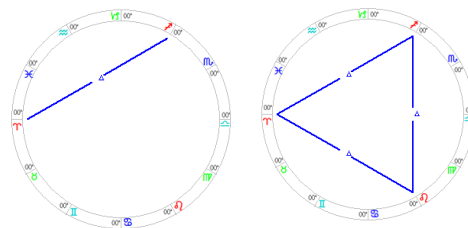
- For example: Mars at 01° Virgo sextiles Venus at 03° Scorpio.
- There are 6 sextiles within the chart.



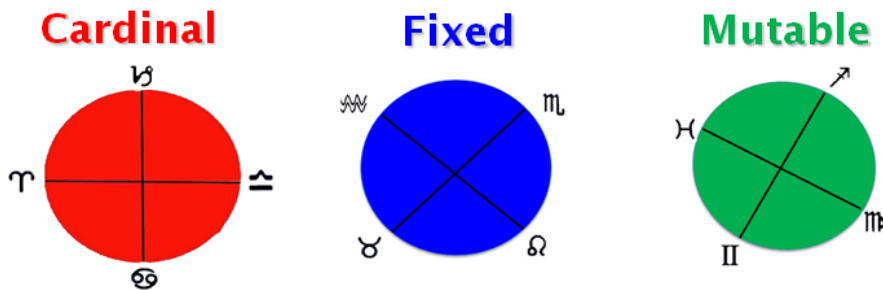
- 7° orb is used.
- They share the same element.
- This relationship lacks friction and is an easy flow or harmony.
- It may be too easy, creating complacency, and a line of least resistance, or automatic tendency.
- The tendency is not to use these qualities to the fullest.
- Yet this relationship is one of natural ability and one which can be expressed with ease.



- For example: Sun at 18° Sagittarius trines Mars at 17° Aries. They are both fire signs.
- One planet in each fire sign creates a Grand Fire Trine, just as one each in the other 3 elements will do the same.



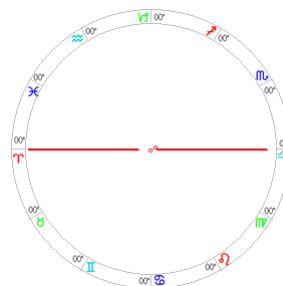
## Aspect Relationships with the Modes



Aspects between the same mode form the hard aspects

- ✓ Squares and oppositions challenge us to work hard
- ✓ To push ourselves so we expand and grow in our daily life as well as our spiritual life

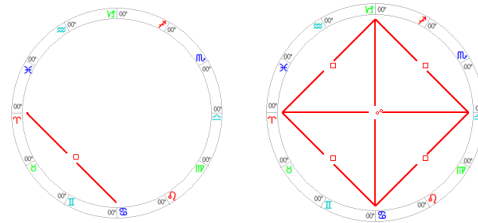
- Brings the opposite quality into one's awareness.
- An opposition is created by the points being in opposite signs to each other.
- This speaks of the need to balance the axis shared.
- Oppositions act as mirrors, a tug-of-war, or teeter-totters.



- An aspect of challenge, can create stress.
- A square is created when there are 2 or more planets within 7° of each other that are on the same cross.



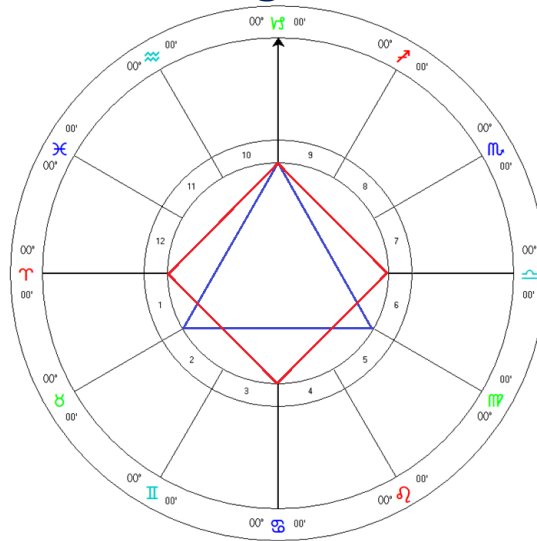
- For example: Moon at 29° Pisces squares Saturn at 28° Gemini.
- Both are on the Mutable cross.
- One planet within orb and in each sign of the mode will create a Grand Cross in that mode



- Aspect of adjustment or compromise.
- Unless a major planet or luminary is involved, a smaller orb of 3° is used.
- There is no mode or element in common, so the relationship is one of incongruity that requires an adjustment of attitude or widening of perspectives between the two very different energies involved.
- This has the potential to create a quirky harmony between these relationships once they learn to work together.
- A lack of adjustment with an inconjunct might force the compromise through unusual methods.
- Example of an Inconjunct: Ascendant at 02° Aries is inconjunct Sun at 05° Virgo.



## Configurations



## Putting it All Together

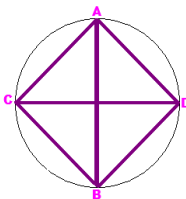
## Seeing the Big Picture

- We look at individual planets, but also configurations
  - Are aspects friendly in nature or adversarial?
  - What signs and houses are involved?
- How are we expressing that energy?
  - Are we working at the higher or lower expressions?
  - Can we see how both work together in our make up?
- How does it all fit together?

## No Planet Stands Alone

- A planet is like a child in a big, extended family
  - ✓ Yes, they are that person, and the child of those parents
  - ✓ But they are also an important part of a larger family
  - ✓ And family dynamics will always influence **the whole**
- So we explore relationships (aspects) between planets
  - ✓ Are the planets themselves compatible in nature?
  - ✓ Are the aspects friendly or aggravating in nature?
- We're looking to see how everything interacts as a whole

## A Grand Cross

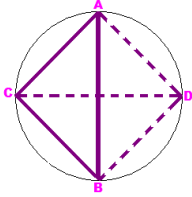


A Grand Cross (or Grand Square) is formed when one set of opposing planets (A to B) are at 90 degrees from another set of opposing planets (C to D). This forms a cross within the natal chart; also a square at the outer edges.

Exoterically, it tends to bring conflicting energies to awareness through the two oppositions, motivating action through the stress of the squares to resolve the issues presented by the planets, signs, and houses involved.

Esoterically, the goal is to balance both axes and find the way to the center of the Cross, wielding all 4 energies in synergy with the soul controlling the hub. Then the person no longer regards the energies as opposites or squares, but as integrated activity of their combined energies and mode of activity (Cardinal, Fixed, or Mutable).

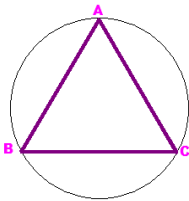
## A T-Square



A T-Square means there are 3 of the 4 points necessary for a Grand Cross. It indicates the missing leg of a Grand Cross needs attention. Instead of continuously having all 4 points represented and being able to work with them at all times, with the T-Square it will be in fits and starts.

The 3 points in the natal chart work together as best they can until a transiting planet wanders across the area of the missing point and activates the Grand Cross. Because the person isn't normally used to the impact of the full cross, it may prove to be challenging at the weak point until they can truly use the synergy of the integrated cross.

## A Grand Trine



A Grand Trine means a planet is represented in all 3 signs of an element, and all 3 are trine to each other (A to C, C to B, B to A). We can benefit from them depending on the house and planets involved.

The planets will normally work together with extraordinary compatibility, understanding and creativity. The problem is we may take them for granted; so may need to make the effort to consciously use the energy effectively so it won't lie dormant.



## Transits



## Transits - Life Moves On

- Life is cyclic – there are a myriad of cycles swirling around us
  - Some we notice outwardly, day and night, lunar cycles, seasons
  - Some are personal to our little microcosm, like birthdays
  - But all the planets continue to orbit the Sun
- All effect us in their own way
  - But to really impact us, a transiting planet needs to connect to something within our natal chart
- Many impacts are on the inner planes, subtly prompting us
  - These can be opportunities for growth or change
  - Or may seem at times like major crises thrown at us
- But it's all the natural rhythm of planetary movement
  - We have phases (child, teen, young adult, mid - life, old age)
  - And the planets in our natal chart aid the progress of each phase
  - Triggering events at different times in our lives

## How Does it Impact the Natal Chart

- Transits in themselves are global in nature
  - The Moon goes through all 12 signs every 28 days
  - Sun, Earth, and the inner planets all move relatively quickly
- But they only become personal in relation to hits within our natal chart
  - I have a Mutable T-Square
    - Asc at 22 Gemini, Mars at 25 Sagittarius; squared by Venus at 24 Virgo
    - So any transit to 22-25 Pisces completes the Cross
    - And any transit to 22-25 Mutable signs stimulates the T-square
  - I also have a Cardinal T-Square
    - Mercury/Uranus at 24 Cancer, Chiron at 24 Capricorn; Neptune at 23 Libra
    - Any transits to 23-24 Aries completes the Cross
    - And any transit to 23-24 Cardinal signs stimulates the T-square
- Something is always going on

## Transiting Cycles of the Outer Planets

- Some have relatively normal orbits with predictable transits
  - Saturn has a 29.5 - year orbit, with milestones abt every 7 years
  - Uranus has an 84 - year orbit, with milestones abt ages 21, 42, 63
  - Neptune has a 164.8 - year orbit, with milestones abt ages 42, 84
- Others have highly elliptical orbits, so their phases differ widely
  - Chiron has a 50 - year orbit, in Libra abt 1.5 years, in Aries abt 7
  - Pluto has a 248 - year orbit, in Taurus abt 31 years, in Scorpio only 12
- Several points in our lifetime some of these cycles converge
  - Creating multiple stress points at one time (about age 21, 42, 63, 84)
    - Or setting up in rapid succession for a series of one - two punches
- By observing their placement in our chart the patterns emerge
  - The patterns are similar for everyone – these are normal cycles
  - But the signs/houses are unique to both our inner and outer growth

## Consider the Spiritual Environment Involved

- What houses are impacted by both the natal and transiting planets?
  - 1<sup>st</sup> House: Head Center; Soul purpose
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> House: Spiritual resources and values
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> House: Concrete mind, education, steps along the path
  - 4<sup>th</sup> House: Soul group, ashramic roots
  - 5<sup>th</sup> House: Causal body, creative spiritual will
  - 6<sup>th</sup> House: Service work of the Soul
  - 7<sup>th</sup> House: Relationships with co-servers; between the Soul & personality
  - 8<sup>th</sup> House: Discipleship, transformation, liberation
  - 9<sup>th</sup> House: Wisdom, synthesis, abstract mind, religion and philosophy
  - 10<sup>th</sup> House: Ashramic work, hierarchical plan
  - 11<sup>th</sup> House: Spiritual groups, New Group of World Servers
  - 12<sup>th</sup> House: Karmic ends, resurrection

### Transits or Progressions to the Angles

Transits to →	Ascendant	Nadir	Descendant	Midheaven
Transits by ↓				
Jupiter expands	the sense of our soul purpose	understanding of our past heritage and ashramic roots	relationships between co-servers or between personality and soul	our sense of spiritual responsibility and ashramic goals
Saturn clarifies				
Chiron adjusts				
Uranus electrifies				
Neptune refocuses				
Pluto transforms				

## Progressions

- Two types of progressions we typically look at
  - Secondary Progressions
    - Ratio is based on the primary movement of the planet
    - So outer planets progress much slower than inner planets would
  - Solar Arc Directed
    - Moves every planet/point 1 degree for every year of life
    - So at age 30, all planets are 1 sign ahead; age 60 are 2 signs ahead
- With both, the assumption is that we learn and grow as we age
  - And so begin to work with the energy of the progressed signs
  - It doesn't negate the natal energy, but augments it

## We are a Living, Evolving Entity

- The Natal Chart shows our make-up at birth
  - What energies we needed for our work this lifetime
  - As we age and evolve we get hints through our progressions
  - And see how transits activate our charts at any given time
- Are we working from the personality or soul level?
- Ideally we are using this energy at the higher levels
  - The path of least resistance may kick in at stressful times
  - Yet ultimately those are our greatest lessons
    - Allowing us to transform lower traits into higher correspondences

## The Balancing Act - Opposites

- Recognizing and confronting the pairs of opposites
  - Personality views them as opposing choice: either/or
  - As a soul, we learn they are an inseparable pair
    - They have a definite purpose and work in tandem
- We begin the necessary work of balancing them
  - Working from neither extreme
  - But finding the happy medium between the 2



## Understanding the Sign Axes

- **Aries-Libra** is aggression versus harmony; self versus society. It is establishing mental control, the balance and soul control over the personality.
- **Taurus-Scorpio** axis is practical versus compulsive; possessive versus intensive. It is using wisdom of the soul to overcome desires and establish right relations.
- **Gemini-Sagittarius** axis is versatility versus overextending; knowledge versus wisdom. It is establishing control of the opposites and resolving duality through one-pointed spiritual action.
- **Cancer-Capricorn** nurturing versus authority; sensitivity versus responsibility. It is honing and nurturing the sensitivity and intuition of the soul in preparation for initiation.
- **Leo-Aquarius** axis is personal versus impersonal; creative versus unconventional. It is self-mastery leading to group awareness and selfless world service.
- **Virgo-Pisces** is analytical versus idealistic; discriminating versus fanatical. It is nurturing the Christ within the heart and bringing it into conscious manifestation.

## Understanding the House Axes

- **First-Seventh:** working on the balance between the self and the significant other; transforming your relationship between your personality and soul.
- **Second-Eighth:** learning to enjoy the world of the senses without being consumed by it; using higher spiritual values directed by the illumined soul to transmute the lower desires of the personality.
- **Third-Ninth:** keeping curiosity about life alive, while having clear priorities about what is most important for you to learn; accessing and using the ageless wisdom via the higher mind.
- **Fourth-Tenth:** making room for both home and career; using your sacred foundations to build on spiritual responsibilities and goals for this life.
- **Fifth-Eleventh:** balancing the human need for friendship/affiliation with the need for self development/creativity; using the soul's creative expression to perform service to Humanity.
- **Sixth-Twelfth:** bringing your dreams to earth to make the world a better place; transmuting fears and sorrows and dispelling illusion by providing selfless service to humanity.

## It's All a Learning Experience

- We are here to live, learn, and face tests and trials
- We experience life as a myriad of cycles going on
  - Multiple overlapping and interacting cycles influence us every day
  - Impacting our outer lives while stimulating our inner lives
- These are rhythmic, lifetime experiences
  - Designed to create crisis, shake things up, and provide opportunity
  - Designed to stimulate soul growth and expand our consciousness
- Look at the bigger picture
  - Understand the underlying energies of your natal chart
  - And how transits and progressions trigger events
  - Can you identify the astrological energies that need to be cultivated, balanced, or controlled?