

# An Astrological Report for John Kerry



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## Introduction

The study of astrology has survived for centuries and in all cultures across the planet. Archaeologists have found 12,000 year old antler bones marked with the phases of the Moon on them. Humankind has studied planetary cycles to insure fertility, (all early cultures East and West) to provide useful military information to early kings (Chaldea/Babylonia), to describe long and short term cycles of society (Mayan, Egyptian, East Indian), to describe personality and future events (Greek, Roman, Western European, East Indian, Chinese), to describe our psychological orientation and to help us pursue are spirituality (modern Western and Eastern).

Besides the astrology that interprets the birth chart and individual cycles, there is an astrology that answers questions (horary), describes political and societal events (mundane), sets up the best time for a particular event--weddings, start of a business etc. (electional), delineates health problems and their cure (medical), rates the compatibility of two or more people (synastry), interprets the vocational aptitude of the individual in question (vocational) and delineates economic cycles for financial gain(business or economic). A chart can be constructed for any thing or person, and there is no way of telling what a chart is describing, whether it's a marriage, a business, an earthquake, or a person.

Although there are many different approaches to astrology, all astrologers appear united in the idea that there is a connection between the heavens and the Earth. While some astrologers/astronomers believe that planets do have a physical effect on us, other professional astrologers don't accept physical theories of celestial influence. Instead, they conceive of the heavens and Earth as united, interpenetrating, and sharing a common space and time. The great cosmic or celestial events happening around and beyond the Earth are not seen as CAUSING events to occur on Earth, but as great signatures of events ALSO happening here on Earth. Both planetary and earthly events happen simultaneously and are mutually reflective. Neither is the cause of the other; both are the product of the moment, one acted out in the heavens above, the other here on the Earth below. The great drama enacted in the sky is also acted out (in exact detail) here on Earth in the same instant. Another way to say this is that the Earth is part of the cosmos and shares in that cosmic moment.

It seems more than likely that both perceptions about the interaction of cosmic events with earthly ones are correct. Scientists have been discovering, for example, that sunspots, solar flares, and solar activity have a very definite and almost immediate effect here on Earth. Psychologists have known for quite some time that phases of the moon have a definite effect on their patients, while an engineer for RCA discovered that there was a direct link between

stressful planetary aspects (squares and oppositions) and the increase in radio static. Michel Gauquelin, a French scientist, used statistics to correlate planetary positions with vocation, while Eysenk, a psychologist, found a link between personality traits and the planets.

Astrology is a study of heavenly cycles and cosmic events as they are reflected in our earthly environment and vice-versa -- a vast cosmic clock. Astrologers find the cosmic patterns revealed in the rhythmic motions of the planets a great help in shedding light on the seeming helter-skelter of everyday life. It is a wonderful tool for self-knowledge, for discovering who we are, and what path we need to take to find material happiness and spiritual satisfaction. Blindly going through life is a recipe for disaster. How much better to have a reliable map to guide us, maps that were given to us by higher spiritual powers to assist us on our way. According to the Heisenberg Principle, we can alter something by observing it. We can, therefore, change our negative patterns by putting the light of consciousness on them. Since character is destiny, we alter our destiny by observing our character and personality patterns.

Lina Psaltis in her introduction to the book, *Dynamics of the Psychic World* by H.P. Blavatsky said, "Real awareness of what we are, what our capabilities are, and this thing we call "I" can do to change the world or not to change it, as the case may be, can only come through knowledge of self." Astrology gives us a deep knowledge of ourselves.

We hope you enjoy your astrological profile. It has been calculated using sophisticated astronomical formulae to ensure high accuracy. On the next page you will find a list of the zodiac positions of your natal planets along with the house cusps for your birth moment.

### **Your Rising Sign**

First let's take a quick look at your ascendant, or rising sign. Astrologers want to know what zodiac sign is rising on the Eastern horizon at the time of your birth, because this gives a picture of the way you appear to others. In Spiritual Astrology, the rising sign indicates the path and needs of the soul.

With Sagittarius rising, you appear to be frank, candid, and scrupulously honest. You are open minded, tolerant and love to travel in the mind (philosophy, religion) and perhaps across the planet as well. Your soul is satisfied when it approaches all problems in life with an optimistic enlightenment, when you use your spiritual understanding to educate others in their quest for truth.

## Your Chart Data

John Kerry  
Dec 11, 1943  
07:10:00 AM MWT +06:00  
Denver, CO  
104W59'00" 39N44'00"  
Placidus House System

<b>Planet</b>	<b>Sign</b>	<b>Positio</b>	<b>Hous</b>	<b>House</b>
Sun	Sagittariu	18°Sq37'	01st	01
Moon	Gemini	17°Ge02	07th	02
Mercury	Capricorn	05°Cp10	01st	03
Venus	Scorpio	03°Sc38'	11th	04
Mars	Gemini	10°Ge36	07th	05
Jupiter	Leo	27°Le03'	09th	06
Saturn	Gemini	23°Ge31	07th	07
Uranus	Gemini	06°Ge20	07th	08
Neptune	Libra	04°Li03'	10th	09
Pluto	Leo	08°Le32'	08th	10
Midheave	Virgo	21°Vi10'	10th	11
Ascendant	Sagittariu	05°Sq04'	01st	12

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## Planets in Signs, Houses and Aspects

The planets (through their configurations and relationships) tell us something about how we express our desires or urges. Each planet plus Sun and Moon represents a different desire or urge, which is described in this report. Planets are in **Signs** of the Zodiac, which describe how the desires are expressed. They are in **Houses** (Departments of Life) that tell us what area of life they are operating in. Planets also relate to each other by degree relationships termed **Aspects**. Sometimes our desires are compatible with other desires and indicate talents and ease of expression. Other times, planetary desires are not harmonious and indicate challenges to work on. For example, if a person has Venus square (90 degree challenging relationship) Moon it means that the way they express affection or the kind of relationship they feel most comfortable with (Venus) is at odds with how they express their feelings, or how they want to be supported emotionally (Moon).

### The Sun: Your Self and Future

The Sun represents our identity, or self, and our vitality. It symbolizes the Power Urge. The sign that the Sun is in at our birth represents the kind of energy we need to feel satisfied with ourselves. It also represents our relationships with authority, with the Father and with men in general. The Sun represents teachers, gurus, and older (more experienced) people.

You are always up front and frank. On the move, you are a worldly traveler. You are very adaptable to any foreign environment. You like to study philosophy and religion. You can be outgoing, friendly, and likeable and you may enjoy sports and physical activity. Not petty, you like grand themes and big gestures. You don't like to be hemmed in.

#### *Sun in Sagittarius*

You tend to be out front and personable. Your personal appearance is important to you and you put a lot of thought and effort into how you appear. Others notice you, and a position of leadership (prominence) is likely. You enjoy getting attention, being in charge.

#### *Sun in First House (Persona)*

You will find yourself torn between an environment that is very comfortable and supportive versus a desire to grow, progress, and make it on your own. You are always being caught in the middle, forced to choose between surroundings that are supportive (but not necessarily progressive) and new directions that bring advancement that may be at the expense of your comfort. Getting these two opposing directions to work together may require some real compromise on your part. There could have been a conflict between your mother and father that you felt very deeply.

#### *Sun Opposition Moon*

You may have trouble directing your energy toward real life goals. You sometimes lack the drive to get ahead, and waste valuable energy in nonproductive activities. You sometimes insist on opposing or vying with authority, going against your own best interests. Emotionally you can do and say things that are against your better judgment. Emotional stand-offs are not uncommon.

*Sun Opposition Mars*

Your innate sense of responsibility, or the actual duties that come your way, may prevent you from fulfilling your real ambitions. Those in authority, or those older and more experienced, may challenge or oppose you and thus hold you back. Whatever the reason, your goals probably lack the organization and careful planning they need. If you develop self-discipline you can be very successful.

*Sun Opposition Saturn*

Your preoccupation with your appearance, how you come across to others, and a social life in general may conflict with both your job and family life. You may find that you have difficulties with authority figures.

*Sun Square Midheaven*

## The Moon: The Support System

Not only does the Moon represent our past, the particular history and social background out of which we grew, it gives us information about the kind of environment we create around us, our support system. Aside from our social background, the Moon governs all of the old habits that we need to let go of. The Moon gives us information about the Mother, or what we wanted from a mother and what kind of mother we might be. Looking at the Moon and her relationship to other planets, tell us something about how we relate to women and how we express our feelings. The Moon is our Domestic urge.

You like lots of communication, investigation, and exploration. Fascinated by social interchange (and gossip too) you tend not to be overly emotional and are fairly analytical about your feelings. You enjoy variety and change. Thinking, writing, researching, and science are pleasurable.

### *Moon in Gemini*

Your friends, partners, and relationships are very important. They are a primary source of strength, and you always look to them for support and encouragement. You may find the quality and status of your relationships are based on your feelings and tend to fluctuate quite a bit, dependent on your moods.

### *Moon in Seventh House (Relationships)*

You may find yourself torn between two loves or passions, a love of the past versus the future, mother versus father, a younger crowd versus an older crowd. A basic antagonism of home and surroundings against the need to grow, progress, and push on.

### *Moon Opposition Sun*

You can be a real moving force in the lives of others. A natural group leader or trainer, your vitality and drive are communicated to all those you contact, especially younger people. Your enthusiasm is so strong that it can sometimes be a little too much, making others uncomfortable. You put a lot of effort into those around you, and into your surroundings and home environment.

### *Moon Conjunction Mars*

You are a natural architect when it comes to home and environment, always arranging and re-ordering your present surroundings. Others recognize in you an intuitive organizer, able to manage both feelings and situations. Many may find your determined approach useful but not a lot of laughs and thus tend to keep their distance. You have very definite feelings and like to exercise emotional control over yourself and a group. Your more serious approach, while perhaps not the life of the party, is dependable and trustworthy.

### *Moon Conjunction Saturn*

You could find that you neglect either your home and family or your career (or both) due to your social and personal life. Relationships, working with other people, and making a good presentation are all important. Sometimes home life is secondary.

*Moon Square Midheaven*

## **The Inner Planets: Mercury and Venus**

The planets Mercury and Venus have more to do with our inner lives than with life outside us. These inner planets are located between the orbit of the Earth and the Sun. Venus indicates how we appreciate and measure our experience, what we value and how we approach relationships, while Mercury tells us something about how our mind works, how we think and communicate.

### **Mercury: The Mind and Communication**

Mercury symbolizes our Intellectual Urge. It represents the kind of thoughts and ideas we have and our mental processes in general, our conscious mind. Mercury rules all communication.

You have a very clear and analytical mind and are able to grasp ideas and put them to work at once. You have good management and supervisory ability. You use cold reason, are not much moved by emotions, and are always pragmatic.

*Mercury in Capricorn*

You communicate easily and people immediately see you as intelligent and witty. You like to appear intellectual.

*Mercury in First House (Persona)*

You like to work with words and ideas and have a natural appreciation for anything that is literary or artistic. Your sense of discernment when it comes to literary matters and intellectual taste is very refined. You could write poetry or prose, and you put a very high value on the written word. You enjoy nothing more than a good conversation and may be very adept at speaking and communicating.

*Mercury Sextile Venus*

You may have difficulty concentrating because you are a daydreamer. Sometimes your thoughts are impractical and when you try to make them work in the real world, you become frustrated when they don't. You have an eye for music and art but you need to be disciplined in learning a technique to express your inspiration. You also have psychic talents, but these abilities can create confusion unless grounded in a practical study of the paranormal, metaphysical or spiritual.

*Mercury Square Neptune*

## **Venus: Values and Discrimination**

Venus rules our values as well as our relationships. Venus is the Social Urge and by analyzing its aspects we find out what kind of relationships we want and how we express our love. It also governs artistic expression and taste.

You are passionate never lukewarm in love. You enjoy mystery, secrets, and intrigue. You have great personal magnetism and a loyalty verging on possessiveness. Your sexual experiences must be intense and never superficial.

*Venus in Scorpio*

You love community projects and group work of any kind. Your sense of values finds you on the side of altruism and humanism. You appreciate goals and efforts at the global level. You may have more female friends than male. You may see your sexual partners as friends.

*Venus in Eleventh House (friendships, groups)*

You have a flair for description and an inner warmth and goodness, which you can easily express. You are kind and easy to be with and have good taste in literary and artistic matters.

*Mercury Sextile Venus*

You like things calm and impersonal because you're afraid of being controlled by those that know your vulnerable spots. You don't appreciate displays of emotion, and any attempts at analysis meet with a cold shoulder. However, you can also be controlling in your relationships, even though you don't like it when it's done to you. One of your life lessons is to learn how to transform your attitude toward love and intimate relationships so you can have a deep love that's based on mutual respect rather than manipulation.

*Venus Square Pluto*

## **The External Planets: Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn**

The major planets outside the Earth's orbit (external to us) are Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn. These are the planets of our outer world. Mars tells us something about the drive and energy we have, Jupiter shows us how to best channel that energy, and Saturn describes our limitations and lessons.

### **Mars: Drive and Emotions**

Mars is the planet of inner motivation, drive and how we assert ourselves. It is the Aggressive Urge. Mars symbolizes how we express our anger as well as our sexual energy.

You have an inner need for communication of all kinds and may have too many irons in the fire at times. You can be all over the place, always trying to make one more connection. Speaking and writing are naturals. You have a need for lots of variety, a change of pace. You have an abundance of mental energy and you're prone to arguments.

*Mars in Gemini*

You are highly motivated and aggressive when it comes to relationships (social or private). You like active partners and sometimes tend to be argumentative with them.

*Mars in Seventh House (Relationships)*

Your drive and ambition may tend to be counterproductive or work against your own best interest at times. You may feel challenged and competitive with authority figures. Your feelings and emotions can get out of control.

*Sun Opposition Mars*

You have an unusual ability to motivate other people, especially in group work. Your enthusiasm and drive is catching, and this makes you ideal as a teacher or group leader, especially with young people. You sometimes push too hard and irritate others. You may get easily angered with women or your mother.

*Moon Conjunction Mars*

You are probably hard to control and very unpredictable. Your drive for independence is obvious, and it is clear that the common and the traditional are not for you. You pursue alternate or nonconformist solutions to life with great energy. Your temper is hot and sharp. You are aggressive in the pursuit of gaining insight into all that is new, different, and out of the ordinary. Electronics, computers, and communications or anything avante garde could interest you.

*Mars Conjunction Uranus*

You have an ability to work with your imagination, to envision something you want to do and then act accordingly. Your enthusiasm for mystical and religious experience makes you an excellent teacher in artistic and creative matters as well as in religion and spiritual subjects. You have a strong sense of the unity behind things. You do have a romantic side, at home in the world of dreams and images.

*Mars Trine Neptune*

You enjoy working with psychological issues -- the hidden, vulnerable, and sensitive areas of the mind and self. You can easily handle material that is considered taboo, and this talent makes you an excellent teacher in the psychological area. You have a natural grasp for the political, for handling the public, and you know how to get your way. Those around you may feel that you are often too intense. Power struggles and confrontations are somewhat routine for you.

*Mars Sextile Pluto*

You are very competitive -- even pushy -- when it comes to partners and other people. You have a great social drive and love to work in a group or with close friends.

*Mars Opposition Ascendant*

### **Jupiter: Career and Life Path**

Jupiter is the planet of success and luck. It is the Religious Urge, the desire to have faith in the future. Jupiter has to do with the way in which we can be successful, our vocation. The Hindu word for Jupiter is Guru. Jupiter is the guru and guide, the way we go through life, our life path or vocation. Jupiter is the method each of us has for dealing with the laws of life. Jupiter provides us with our sense of direction and the path we choose.

You would love a career that is creative and expressive. You are warm and gregarious. Proud, you have an inner need to express feelings and emotions to others. You can be self-centered and are driven to leadership positions by a sense of your own inner worth.

*Jupiter in Leo*

Your devotion and search for truth may carry you across the globe and certainly into the realms of philosophy and religion. You are enthusiastic about spiritual matters and have a natural faith. You have a talent for teaching, lecturing and publishing.

*Jupiter in Ninth House (Religion, Foreign Travel, Philosophy)*

You are a natural architect and builder, able to use your mind to make decisions in matters of form and function. For you, the goal and the way to get to it are the same thing. You like to build each step and have each decision be an end in itself. Things must be done right. You also have great skill with the law, whether man-made or those of nature, and you can put all of this into words. You could well teach others in these areas. You understand how to handle authorities and have a natural gift at solving problems.

*Jupiter Sextile Saturn*

## **Saturn: Responsibilities**

Saturn is the Safety Urge and rules the laws and limitations of the material world as well as our drive for security. Saturn energy gives us the discipline to materialize our goals and ambition. It is also the tester and in its tests, it makes us stronger.

You tend to avoid superficiality, hating small talk and communication in general. You may have difficulty making connections and linking up to others. You need to learn how to investigate, search out answers and explore possibilities. Basic communication skills are required.

### *Saturn in Gemini*

Relationships are very important to you but you tend to feel insecure about them. It may be difficult for you to be close, as you are very demanding of others. You are not satisfied with superficialities. You want a lasting marriage or partnership and tend to attract older people or people that limit you in some way, make you incur responsibilities or that you feel responsible for.

### *Saturn in Seventh House (Relationships)*

Your sense of order and discipline could, at times, prove to be counterproductive and work against your own better interests. You may feel that others (such as partners or friends) hold you back from organizing your life the way you want.

### *Sun Opposition Saturn*

You are a natural disciplinarian, always extracting the most from others, especially a group. Your no-nonsense approach, which does not always endear you to others, gets to the heart or meaning of any subject. Sometimes you have a tendency towards solitude. You may go through periods of depression when you're younger due to the relationship with your mother.

### *Moon Conjunction Saturn*

You possess an architect's vision for what needs to be done and how to do it right to make it last -- an expert or true builder. You know what tool to use and just how and when to use it. You have a sense of the right path to take. With you, the means and ends are identical.

### *Jupiter Sextile Saturn*

You are very painstaking and deliberate when it comes to partnerships, lovers -- relationships of all kinds. You tend toward long-lasting friendships and are very loyal. sometimes too staid. Sometimes your conservative perspective gets in the way of your career.

### *Saturn Square Midheaven*

## The Outer Planets

In the previous sections, we have dealt with planets that can be seen with the naked eye. In general, these planets refer to our material life and are the so-called historical or classic planets. Beyond these, are three planets that are not visible in the sky and have cycles longer than the average human life span. Since they are beyond Saturn or time, astrologers call them the trans-personal or transcendental planets -- the planets beyond the physical. One of the ways an astrologer learns something about our lives beyond time (eternal life), our spiritual life is through these three outer planets: Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto.

### Uranus: Break-Thrus & Insights

Uranus rules the Individualistic Urge. In the birth chart, Uranian aspects indicate how we express our uniqueness, our individualism. Tuning into Uranus, we get in touch with the cosmic mind, which sounds a bit flaky until we realize that most of our insight and understanding of spiritual truths come through the influence of this planet. Uranus rules inventions, everything that is unusual or not status quo. Individuals who have a strong Uranian influence in their charts, are likely to dislike authority, enjoy being unconventional and displaying their unique character, have brilliant insight, may be erratic, inventive, and ahead of their time.

You have brilliant insights into communications of all kinds -- computers, radio, T.V., the press, writing, and speaking. You are inventive and also have deep insights into research and investigations. You like to talk on the phone and enjoy making connections.

*Uranus in Gemini*

You seem to assert your independence in relationships and the social scene. Unconventional, to say the least, you may well enjoy a different kind of marriage or friendship or attract unusual people.

*Uranus in Seventh House*

You have a hot temper. A drive for independence and nonconformity takes you beyond the ordinary into the unusual and eccentric. You could pursue interests in electronics and computers. You have skill with machines but probably little patience to fix them.

*Mars Conjunction Uranus*

Your insight and vision into what unites people and into the dreams and mystical regions of our mind is profound. You have an enchanting way of working and communicating with others in these matters and with music and the arts. New paths to world or personal unity are a major interest, and you have a very practical sense of how to make your dreams real.

*Uranus Trine Neptune*

You have great insights into what motivates the public, crowds, and the mind in general. You can work with sensitive and vulnerable psychological areas without batting an eye, and would be good at instructing others in these areas. Your keen mind and great analytical powers always manage to get at whatever motivation is beyond apparent behavior. You can see what is behind touchy and very personal matters.

*Uranus Sextile Pluto*

You have unusual relationships, perhaps a number of them, and not always of long duration. You are creative when it comes to partnerships or lovers.

*Uranus Opposition Ascendant*

### **Neptune: Ideals & Imagination**

Neptune rules the Utopian Urge. All of us are looking for some sort of perfection. Sometimes we search for the oceanic experience of oneness and the loss of our boundaries, breaking down the experience of our individual isolation. Under Neptune we want to blend with others. On a material level, however, this can bring disillusionment and frustration because there is no perfect oneness. This desire must be pointed in a spiritual direction where we can experience ecstasy and attunement. Neptune also rules the imagination and the creative urges, which is another positive way to channel this energy.

For your generation, relationships are the ideal. Non-discriminating and impersonal in scope, to you all are equal. Tradition or personal ties seldom bind you. You open up in response to others and accept others as yourself. You tend to be disappointed when relationships don't turn out to be as perfect as you'd like them to be.

*Neptune in Libra*

An ordinary, conventional profession is not for you. You would do best in professions that tend to the needy, provide spiritual sustenance, promote an ideal of community life, bring idealism into the political sphere, or express your creativity through writing, art, or film. You will be confused in your career search if you try to stick to the mundane.

*Neptune in Tenth House (Career)*

Sometimes you feel confused, particularly when life does not measure up to your ideal. Your dreams and ideals may be difficult for you to express or talk about, but are a source of much energy and tension. There are times that you'd like to develop your spiritual or mystical side but this conflicts with your conscious everyday thinking.

*Mercury Square Neptune*

You are interested in the communal, to what unifies us all. You always see what is universal, rather than our differences. You can be very idealistic and romantic. You feel comfortable with psychic or psychological interests. You can combine your drive with your ideals, pursue your dreams and make them real. You can integrate your worldly ambition with your desire for a spiritual life.

*Mars Trine Neptune*

You have the ability to create an innovative vision of unity. You can combine your desire for independence with your desire for oneness. You can come up with new forms of art and music that touch the masses.

*Uranus Trine Neptune*

You and others of your generation work with real imagination and understanding in areas of the mind that are the most personal or private. You can assist others in going through a spiritual or re-birth process. You would make a great teacher of depth psychology.

*Neptune Sextile Pluto*

You are charming and always manage to enchant others with your words and manner. You are idealistic and creative.

*Neptune Sextile Ascendant*

### **Pluto: Inner Change and Growth**

Pluto represents the Universal Welfare Urge. On a positive level it's the desire to contribute to the planet on a grand scale, while on a negative level it produces the opposite--criminal behavior that seeks selfish gain rather than contributing to the good of the whole. Many of us have anti-social urges that must be transformed in order for Earth and the people on it to evolve in consciousness. Aspects to Pluto can bring these anti-social desires up to the surface, and through Pluto's energy we can transform the darker side of ourselves into something lighter and be able to contribute to the progression of humanity. If Pluto aspects aren't used for positive transformation, we may slide into criminal behavior or attract it from others.

You are very sensitive (even vulnerable) when it comes to expressing yourself and being creative. Periods of intense creativity enable you to go through changes and inner growth. This creative intensity is good for music, poetry, and art.

Your generation will transform the expression of power. On the positive side, political power is used for humanitarian concerns and true egalitarianism. The negative use of Pluto in Leo indicates political power coupled with self-aggrandizement.

*Pluto in Leo*

You may find the occult, psychology, and mysticism, and what happens after death of great interest. Intense personal change and inner growth are lifelong habits. You may find inner transformation possible through sexual experiences, but be careful you don't get involved with sexual power struggles.

*Pluto in Eighth House*

You may not appreciate displays of emotion or psychological analyzing and probing. This could become kind of a thing with you, trying to avoid sensitive issues that keep coming up all around you. You are fascinated by this stuff, not to mention gossip.

*Venus Square Pluto*

You have an intensity of emotions and purpose that attracts the attention of others. You are fearless in action and not afraid to use power. You know how to get what you want. You are a magnetic and perhaps controversial personality.

*Mars Sextile Pluto*

You have spiritual or psychological insight of the first order. You enjoy looking into the inner workings of the psyche. You have new and fresh viewpoints into the social scene, politics, and mass psychology.

*Uranus Sextile Pluto*

You have a searing vision that cuts through conventional religion as well as the ability to combine the desire for oneness with the ability to transform the dark side of human nature.

*Neptune Sextile Pluto*

You always manage to come across as intense and personal when communicating and presenting yourself to others. Others can be fascinated by the way you present yourself.

*Pluto Trine Ascendant*

## The Elements, Modalities and Angularity

Elements, modalities, and house quadrants are techniques used by astrologers to gain a general description of the individual. Which elements and modalities do you have in abundance, and which do you lack, if any? Elements and modalities with high totals show our strongest qualities. However, most people are more interested in what they lack or want -- their lowest totals. They tend to study their lacks, imitate, and even pretend to have them. Or sometimes they are attracted to others that have those qualities prominent.

There is an emphasis on communication, expression of ideas, and the connections between people. What goes on in your mind is the all-important motivation in your life. You tend towards mental pursuits and admire intelligence.

*Have Air*

You may have trouble understanding those who seem emotional or sentimental, yet your own practicality and pragmatism may attract those types into your life. You may try to balance your lack of emotion with your intellect.

*Want Water*

Common sense and the ability to deal with practical matters may be lacking, and you may wonder at those who spend much time making money, doing life's chores, and attending to basic necessities. You depend on mental activity and enthusiasm.

*Want Earth*

You are very communicative, flexible, mental, and other-oriented. Perhaps you can be all things to all people, giving them what they require. You could be a smooth talker with a quick wit and tongue.

*Have Mutable*

Not a great starter, you may have trouble initiating things and getting them moving. You may need help from friends or others in learning how to be more aggressive and outgoing.

*Want Cardinal*

## Major Transits Happening Now

Astrologers use the term "transits" to mean the positions of the major planets that are overhead (in the sky) right now and their relationship to your birth chart. Transits are very important indicators of our current situation. They can provide insight into our current cycle. What follows are the dates when the next major transits for the planets-- Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto are exact in your chart. Some dates will have already passed and some are still to come. Remember, that the influences of these larger planets cover a wide span of days, weeks, months, and sometimes years, depending on which planet is involved.

In general, transits of Jupiter take from several days to a week or two to complete, while those of Saturn take from two weeks to a month to finish. With planets beyond Saturn, the period of activity lasts even longer. Transits of Uranus take about two months, Neptune three or four months, and Pluto takes about a year. Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto move so slowly that the entire transit experience may take a year or two to finish.

<b>Nov 30, 2003</b>	<b>1st Pass D&gt; (Age 59 11m)</b>
<b>Feb 07, 2004</b>	<b>2nd Pass R&lt; (Age 60 1m)</b>
<b>Jul 23, 2004</b>	<b>3rd Pass D&gt; (Age 60 7m)</b>

Your career and life direction are putting some real pressure on your home and emotional life. Obviously you can't live without both, so some kind of self-control on your part is indicated. You may have trouble with subordinates or younger people.

*Jupiter Square Moon*

<b>Dec 21, 2003</b>	<b>1st Pass D&gt; (Age 60 0m)</b>
<b>Jan 16, 2004</b>	<b>2nd Pass R&lt; (Age 60 1m)</b>
<b>Aug 01, 2004</b>	<b>3rd Pass D&gt; (Age 60 7m)</b>

You may be experiencing a bit of a crunch as your career direction (and path to success) squares off against your more personal interests. This may be a real test for you. Be careful not to blow an opportunity for success.

*Jupiter Square Sun*

<b>Aug 14, 2004</b>	<b>3rd Pass D&gt; (Age 60 8m)</b>
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Your career will benefit immensely from this influence this year. You'll find new opportunities and make the right connections. You'll benefit from being in the public eye as well.

*Jupiter in Tenth House*

**Aug 25, 2004      3rd Pass D> (Age 60 8m)**

Your path or career may be at odds with your own sense of security and responsibilities. You can't win, so some negotiations are in order. Try to take a path that includes both.

*Jupiter Square Saturn*

**Oct 13, 2004 1st Pass D> (Age 60 10m)**

You will prosper by pursuing your ideals and dreams. Don't be afraid to project that image, make those dreams real. Ideas of group cooperation and communion could further your career. You may have an enlightening and joyous spiritual experience.

*Jupiter Conjunction Neptune*

**Oct 19, 2004 1st Pass D> (Age 60 10m)**

Your ideas may not agree with the direction your career is taking. The price of success could mean that ideas and methods of communication you are happy with get ignored or set back. You may feel that you cannot communicate your thoughts. Don't be overly enthusiastic or you may be disappointed.

*Jupiter Square Mercury*

**Oct 24, 2004 1st Pass D> (Age 60 10m)**

A time to take risks and dare to be a little unconventional. You will prosper through new insights, inventions, and an independent point of view. Your career could open up by taking the road less traveled by, daring to be different, and trying new approaches. A political career will benefit.

*Jupiter Trine Uranus*

**Nov 04, 2004      1st Pass D> (Age 60 10m)**

You may find that both your personal growth and your career may depend upon how you can handle the very sensitive psychological material that may be coming up now. You will benefit from analytical insights, getting to the heart of things. Penetrating.

*Jupiter Sextile Pluto*

**Nov 15, 2004      1st Pass D> (Age 60 11m)**

Things are happening, and your career, or path depends upon your own ambition and drive, which are strong now. Able to use good common horse sense, you can feel trends and make the right moves. A time to get ahead by taking action.

*Jupiter Trine Mars*

**Dec 29, 2004      1st Pass D> (Age 61 0m)**  
**Mar 08, 2005      2nd Pass R< (Age 61 2m)**

Your home environment, friends, and surroundings in general get facilitated and receive encouragement. Your work or career is in real harmony with the rest of your life. You could gain from subordinates or younger people during this time.

*Jupiter Trine Moon*

**Jan 20, 2005 1st Pass D> (Age 61 1m)**  
**Feb 13, 2005 2nd Pass R< (Age 61 2m)**

Everything may be pouring in at once, and it's all good news. Your career direction gets some encouragement, and life's problems should find easy solutions. You may benefit from an older person or one in authority.

*Jupiter Sextile Sun*

**Jan 25, 2005 1st Pass D> (Age 61 1m)**

Inner searching and a sense of being vulnerable and exposed could tempt you to drop your responsibilities and spend more time on personal growth. It may be difficult to concentrate on your duties during this time of psychological sensitivity. You may feel that someone is trying to push you around. Be careful.

*Pluto Opposition Saturn*

## House Activity and Emphasis

The twelve houses of the horoscope, particularly when a planet occupies them, provide a clue to areas of special activity and use. Here is an analysis of house activity based on planet emphasis:

### **First House: Appearance, Approach**

The first house has to do with how we appear to others, our physical appearance, and describes our personality. It also tells us about the health of the physical body.

Bored with the social niceties you appear direct, candid, and to the point. This energy is concerned with absolute truth. You appear fair, truthful and evenhanded.

*Sagittarius*

You appear to be in charge and you communicate easily with others. You are intelligent and witty and like to be thought of as an intellectual.

*Sun and Mercury in First House*

### **Second House: Possessions, Reactions**

The second house is concerned with our possessions and values. It will indicate how we handle money, how we spend it and how we earn it. It also concerns how we experience our own self-worth.

You like to be logical and practical with your money and you're not averse to working hard for it. You're not a spendthrift and can be rather fugal. With the ruler of this house (Saturn) in the house of relationships, you can make money from partnerships.

*Capricorn*

### **Third House: Inquiries, Communications**

The third house is concerned with explorations, investigations, and inquiry and research of all kinds. It also rules connections and communications. A very mental house, the third rules your private studies as well as short journeys, siblings, and neighbors.

Your thinking and communications are oriented to group work, humanitarian goals and altruism. You think more in global terms rather than concerning yourself as much with personal issues. With the ruler of this house in the house of partnerships, you spend a lot of your time thinking about others and communicating with your spouse.

*Aquarius*

### **Fourth House: Home, Family, and Security**

The fourth house is where we send down roots, find our limits, and generally secure ourselves. The fourth house describes the home and family and tells us something about the parent that affected our feelings of security and rootedness.

*Fourth House*

The parent who gave you your sense of security was understanding, patient and compassionate. He or she was also self-sacrificing and sometimes confused or disappointed. With the ruler of the fourth house in the 10<sup>th</sup>, this parent also took over the role of the other. Sometimes you have felt confused about where you belong. You didn't feel rooted when you were young. With the ruler of this house of roots in the 10<sup>th</sup> house of career you may feel that your rootedness and sense of security comes from your career.

*Pisces*

### **Fifth House: Expression, Creativity**

The fifth house rules love affairs, children, creativity, having fun and taking risks (gambling).

You have been impulsive in your love affairs and you've felt excited and stimulated by them. You also get a lot of enjoyment from your children.

*Aries*

### **Sixth House: Responsibility, Work, and Health**

The sixth house rules our working environment and our health.

You are steadfast and determined in your working environment, feeling comfortable dealing with concrete subjects. You like a secure working environment, one where you know what to expect. With the ruler of this house in Scorpio, you may have had health problems due to difficulties with sexual relationships.

*Taurus*

## **Seventh House: Relationships, Other People**

The seventh house is the house of partnerships, relationships, and social life.

You like partners that are stimulating, talkative, and intelligent. You also like them to be interested in a wide variety of subjects. You expend a lot of energy with partners and you enjoy communicating above all else.

*Gemini*

Your friends, partners, and relationships are very important. They are a primary source of strength, and you always look to them for support and encouragement, but sometimes you can feel a bit insecure about them. You want a lasting marriage or partnership and may attract older people or people that might limit you in some way, that make you incur responsibilities. Even though you want a stable marriage, at the same time you have a need to assert your independence from time to time, and sometimes you are attracted to unconventional people. You may find the quality and status of your relationships are based on your feelings and tend to fluctuate quite a bit, dependent on your moods. You are highly motivated and aggressive when it comes to relationships (social or private). You like active partners and sometimes tend to be argumentative with them.

*Moon, Mars, Saturn, Uranus in Seventh House*

## **Eighth House: Sex, Death, Inheritance, and Other People's Resources**

The eighth house is traditionally the house of death but it is also concerned with sexual experience, other people's emotions, possessions, and money.

*Eighth House*

You are quite sensitive and emotional with regards to sexual matters. It's not been easy to for you to deal with the death of friends or family, but you are very sympathetic and supportive when others have to face life and death issues.

*Cancer*

You may find the occult, psychology, and mysticism, and what happens after death of great interest. Intense personal change and inner growth are lifelong habits. You may find inner transformation possible through sexual experiences, but be careful you don't get involved with sexual power struggles. Your experiences with death of loved ones and death of fellow soldiers has deeply moved you and has brought about deep personal change.

*Pluto in Eighth House*

### **Ninth House: Religions, Philosophy, and Ideas**

The ninth house is concerned with long distance traveling, religion and higher education as well as publicly expressed thoughts.

*Ninth House*

Higher education was always important to you and you got a lot of ego-gratification out of it. You attracted attention in school and you always enjoyed it. You also like the attention you attract when you are in.

*Leo*

Your devotion and search for truth may carry you across the globe and certainly into the realms of philosophy and religion. You are enthusiastic about spiritual matters and have a natural faith. You have a talent for teaching, lecturing and publishing.

*Jupiter in Ninth House*

### **Tenth House: Practical Vision, Vocation**

Reputation and career are often connected to the 10th house, as well as those traits that are the most obvious to the public. The 10th House also describes the parent that most influenced your public persona or your choice of career.

*Tenth House*

One of your parents was quite analytical and very good with details. This parent was discriminating, compassionate, service-oriented and critical.

With Virgo on the 10<sup>th</sup> House it also indicates that you are drawn to service-oriented professions. With Neptune involved with the 10<sup>th</sup> house, an ordinary conventional profession is not for you, however. You do best in careers that tend to the needy, provide spiritual sustenance, promote an ideal of community life, bring idealism to the political sphere or express your creativity through writing, art, or film.

*Virgo, Neptune in 10<sup>th</sup> House*

### **Eleventh House: Dreams & Visions, Community**

The 11th house has to do with materializing our visions as well as being concerned with altruistic and humanitarian goals. It is the house of friends and community.

*Eleventh House*

The idea of the give and take of a community effort really appeals to you. You are a good ombudsmen, able to see many sides of a question. You are always concerned with balance, justice and harmony with friends and in a community setting. You appreciate goals and efforts at the global level. You may have more female friends than male ones. You've always considered your marriage partners as friends.

*Libra, Venus in Scorpio in 11<sup>th</sup> House*

### **Twelfth House: Secrets, Psychic energies, Behind the Scenes Activities, the Unconscious, Dreams, Vulnerabilities**

The 12th house involves the subconscious as well as behind the scenes activities. It indicates qualities that are hidden from view, but may create trouble for us if we try to repress them. It also involves prisons, institutions, as well as dreams, visions, psychic abilities and experiences and how we spend time by ourselves.

*Twelfth House*

Your vulnerabilities are sexual in nature and there is an indication that you may have had secret love affairs. Your dreams are intense and you may work out power struggles through them.

*Scorpio*

## Notes on Astrological Terms

### Creating the Natal Chart

The natal or birth chart is a method of mapping the space surrounding our Earth at a given time. A natal chart is simply a snapshot of the cosmos at the time of birth -- a cosmic portrait. We know that all things are in motion. Not only do the planets move slowly at different speeds in great-elongated orbits around the Sun, but the Earth itself turns on its axis once in 24 hours. As the Earth turns during a day, each one of us is exposed to the entire 360 degrees of the zodiac. The natal chart is a diagram or picture that stops the cosmic clock and captures the universe as it exists at a particular moment in time.

Your natal chart is your individual cosmic portrait or mandala. It is what the universe has to say about whom you are and what you may become. The seeds of the future are always sown in the present, but can we read them? This is what the study of astrology is all about: reading the planetary maps and analyzing what they have to say about ourselves, now and in the future.

The Sun sign interpretations that you may read in most newspapers are a far cry from the work of professional astrologers. The sign the Sun was in on the day of your birth (for example Aries, Taurus, or Gemini) is only one of many factors that are analyzed by professional astrologers. In addition to the day and year of birth, most astrologers use the time and place of birth as well. Birthdate, year, time and place are all needed to pinpoint your astrological identity. Given this information, an astrologer creates what is called a natal or birth chart

Each natal chart includes the exact position of the Sun, Moon, and the planets: Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. These planets are placed in a circular diagram called a chart wheel. This wheel is a miniature diagram of what the sky looked like at the moment of your birth as seen from the birthplace.

The very top of the chart, or MC (Medium Coeli -- short for midheaven) is that part of the zodiac directly overhead, while the bottom of the chart, or IC (Imum Coeli, or lower heaven) is the part beneath your feet and on the other side of the Earth from you. At the extreme left-hand side of the wheel is the ascendant, or rising sign -- the part of the zodiac that is on the horizon or rising at the time of birth. Conversely, the descendant is on the right-hand side of the chart. This is the part of the zodiac that is setting. These four points, the ascendant, descendant, midheaven (MC), and IC are very important to astrologers. They are sensitive points.

What follows is a brief introduction to some of the terms and concepts used in astrology. Reading through this material may make your report more useful and understandable.

## Elements and Modalities

The 12 zodiac signs have different qualities. Certain groups of signs share similar qualities. The two most popular methods for sign grouping are elements and modalities. Astrologers like to see which of the groups their client's natal planets fall in and add them up to produce counts, or totals. It's fun to tally up your Sun, Moon, and planets and check out your elemental and modality balance. The basic thing to keep in mind while doing this is that we become what we want (or lack) and we do what we can (or have to do). Our highest totals, which show what we can or have to do, are often not valued. Most people are obsessed by what they lack or want -- their lowest totals. They tend to study their wants, imitate, and even fake them. They become or turn towards what they want or lack.

### Elements

**Fire Signs:** *Aries, Leo, Sagittarius*. People with lots of fire in their chart are very active and involved and like variety. Those with little fire can't get started and may need someone to light a fire under them.

**Earth Signs:** *Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn*. People with lots of earth are very practical. They like to be productive. Those with little earth have trouble being grounded or practical.

**Air Signs:** *Gemini, Libra, Aquarius*. People with lots of air are analytical; they are able to resolve and draw conclusions. Those with little air have trouble with abstractions and ideas -- getting the big picture. They have difficulty being objective about themselves.

**Water Signs:** *Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces*. People with lots of water are very emotional and sensitive. Those with little water don't understand their feelings very well and may have trouble expressing them.

### Modalities:

**Cardinal Signs:** *Aries, Cancer, Libra, Capricorn*. People with a heavy emphasis in cardinal signs are self-starters, doers. They initiate and get things moving. Folks with few planets in cardinal signs may have trouble getting the ball rolling.

**Fixed Signs:** *Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, Aquarius*. People with a heavy emphasis in fixed signs hang onto and preserve life. They are at the center of things and are hard to budge. Folks with few planets in fixed signs may have trouble persevering and lack stick-to-it-ive-ness.

**Mutable Signs:** *Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, Pisces*. People with a heavy emphasis in mutable signs are on the move and adapting to any environment. They communicate and assist things to change. Folks with few planets in mutable signs may have trouble adapting or being flexible.

## Four Factors of Astrology:

### 1.The Planets

The interplay and relationship of the planets with one another as they circle the Sun is carefully studied. Of particular interest to astrologers are the Sun, the Moon, and the planets Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. These are the celestial bodies used most often by modern astrologers for natal interpretation. Each of these planets represents a psychological drive or urge. Here are some of the concepts and key words associated with each planet:

**Sun:** The Power urge and the drive for significance. Our self-identity and source of our vitality. The father, guru, teacher or figure of authority. The masculine principle.

**Moon:** The Domestic Urge. Our immediate environment. Our past and childhood. How we express our emotions. Our relationship with Mother. The feminine principle. Our unconscious.

**Mercury:** The Intellectual Urge. Communication. How we think. Our conscious mind.

**Venus:** The Social Urge. How we respond, appreciate, cherish or value something. How love is given and received, Relationships. Artistic Expression and taste.

**Mars:** The Aggressive Urge. Self-assertion. What drives or moves us. Sex drive. How we express anger.

**Jupiter:** The Religious urge. Expansion and Growth, Luck, Joy.

**Saturn:** The Safety Urge. Laws or rules. Time, boundaries and limits, structure and discipline, fears, relationship with father.

**Uranus:** The Individualistic Urge, drive for independence, how you express your uniqueness, contact with the Universal Mind, innovation and invention.

**Neptune:** The Utopian Urge, desire for oneness and losing boundaries, creativity, illusion, psychic experience and skills.

**Pluto:** The Universal Welfare Urge, Transformation of the dark side into contribution to universal welfare, obsessions and compulsions, addictions, criminal behavior.

**Lunar north node:** Experiences we should pursue, qualities we should develop, direction for growth.

**Lunar south node:** Experiences and qualities that we no longer need to pursue, stagnation.

## 2.Aspects

As the planets move in their elongated orbits around the Sun, they form angular relationships with one another, using the Sun (or Earth) as the center. These angular relationships are called aspects. The strongest aspects result from dividing the circle by 1 2, 3, 4, resulting in the conjunction (0 degrees), opposition (180 degrees), trine (120 degrees), and square (90 degrees). When two planets form an aspect with one another, their energies combine and work in harmony or discord. For example, when two planets are exactly on opposite sides of the Sun (Earth), they are in opposition.

The most popular aspects can be divided into three main categories:

The "**emphatic**" aspects: The emphatic aspects are those that emphasize or align two planetary energies with one another.

**Conjunction** (0 degrees): Two planets at the same point in the zodiac are said to be in conjunction. Their natures are fused or blended into one.

**Opposition** (180 degrees): Two planets at opposite sides of the zodiac. The energies are in alignment with each other. They can pull together or apart, depending upon the nature of the planets involved.

The "**hard**" aspects: square (90 degrees) and semi-square (45 degrees). These represent challenge, obstacles, and substance. Too many can block or obstruct the life flow, yet with too few we may have little energy to accomplish anything.

The "**soft**" aspects: The trine (120 degrees) and sextile (60 degrees) bring ease, clarity, and vision to our lives. Too few of the soft aspects means that life is too difficult and we may become depressed or discouraged, while too many soft aspects reveals a life path that is too easy, lacking in substance and depth.

**Exact aspects and aspect's orbs:** Aspects between planets gradually form, become exact, and separate. When an aspect is exact, it has its greatest impact. Yet, the effect of most aspects can be felt for some time before and after the moment when it is exact. The range within which an aspect is in operation is called its "orb of influence," or simply its orb. An orb of one or two degrees of arc on either side of the exact aspect is considered a close or tight orb, while an orb of 10 degrees is loose.

Also worthy of consideration when looking at aspects are the planets involved. Aspects to the Sun and Moon (the lights) are most important, followed by the planetary aspects involving Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. If your natal chart has an accurate birth time, aspects to the chart angles (ascendant and midheaven) are also important. The particular combination can make a difference too. Aspects between planets such as Saturn and Mars (traditional malefics) are obviously more potentially explosive than the same aspect between Venus and Jupiter (traditional benefics).

### 3. The Signs of the Zodiac

**Aries:** I AM. The Ram. Spring. Fire, Cardinal, Male, Mars. The pioneer, adventurer. Courage, daring, boldness. The fountainhead or source. Energetic, beginning, manifestation. Energy is quick, combative and impulsive. Adolescent and searching for identity, Always beginning never finishing, leery of commitment which restricts freedom, expresses endless ideas and enthusiasms, insensitive to other's needs, doesn't understand how actions affect others.

**Taurus.** I HAVE. The Bull. Mid Spring, Growth, Earth, Fixed, Female, Venus, Energy is slow and sustained, needs tangible results, productive, desires material comfort and security, possessive, has trouble letting go, stubborn, has much endurance, hoards energy, trouble expressing emotions, sensuous.

**Gemini:**I THINK. The Twins. Late Spring, Collecting information, Air, Mutable, Male, Mercury. Energy is flighty and erratic. The endless search for experience, substance, and limits. Always in motion, communicating, inquiring, investigating, exploring. Nervous, versatile, inventive, curious, linking, reasoning, making connections, talks too much, needs variety, sometimes superficial, adaptable.

**Cancer:** I FEEL. The Crab. Summer Solstice. Nest building, Water, Cardinal, Female, Moon. Energy is sensitive, emotional and moody. Home and family are priorities. Security issues. Retentive memory. Dwells in past. The challenge is to break out of personal and into the universal. Protective, domestic, sympathetic, can be too self-absorbed.

**Leo:** I WILL. The Lion. Mid-Summer, Self-awareness and expression, Fire, Fixed, Male, Sun. Energy is dramatic and expressive. Honest and magnanimous, enjoys leadership but has difficulty taking direction. Socially insecure. Affectionate and honorable. May be exhibitionistic, have compulsive desire for attention. May be domineering. Acting, creative, children, sports.

**Virgo:** I ANALYZE. The Virgin. Late Summer, Service, Earth, Mutable, Female, Mercury. Energy is fussy and analytical. Critical, discriminating, intellectual, eye for details, emphasizing work and health. The drive to conserve and maintain life. Salvation. Repair, craftsmanship. Busy, concerned, careful. Worrying. Desire for purity, stickler for facts.

**Libra:** I BALANCE. The Scale. Autumnal Equinox, Relationship, Air, Cardinal, Male, Venus. Diplomatic. Compassionate, Attentive, Just and Fair, Desire for Balance, seeing all sides,

indecisive, cooperative, has good taste, affected by beauty or ugliness. May be opportunistic to fit in. If socially negligent, feels guilty.

**Scorpio:** I DESIRE. The Scorpion or the Eagle, Mid-Autumn, Sex and Death, Water, Fixed, Female, Pluto. The phoenix. Energy is intense and focused. Emotional but secretive, probes beneath the surface, penetrating, elimination, metamorphosis, sensitive to the dark side, understanding of psychology, sexual, possessive.

**Sagittarius:** I SEE. The Archer, Late Autumn, Philosophy and Adventure, Fire, Mutable, Male, Jupiter. Energy is active, expansive, and enthusiastic. Interest in religion. Finds new meanings, good sense of humor, can be irresponsible with facts, afraid of commitment, despondent if confined to a narrow environment, generous, frank, loves to travel and the outdoors.

**Capricorn:** I USE. The Goat. Winter Solstice, law and responsibility, Earth, Cardinal, Female, Saturn. Energy is cool and controlled. Practical vision. Unemotional. Sober, orderly, disciplined, manipulating, taciturn, glum, rigid, patient, ambitious, diplomatic and loyal, utilitarian, controlling.

**Aquarius:** I KNOW. The Water Bearer, Freedom, Air, Fixed, Male, Uranus. Energy is high wire, erratic. Friendly but detached and impersonal, willing to work with anyone and any vehicle, thus, group or team work. Aspiring, unconventional, humane associations, inventive, far-seeing, difficulty with personal intimacy, intellectually brilliant but stubborn.

**Pisces.** I BELIEVE. The Fishes. Late Winter, Compassion and Faith, Water, Mutable, Female, Neptune. Energy is diffusive, emotional, and out of focus. Affectionate, fuzzy boundaries, can be deceptive and evasive, open and idealistic, accepting, understanding, willing to sacrifice.

### **The Chartwheel and the Zodiac**

The astrological wheel, or mandala, is a map of the space surrounding us at the time of our birth. The wheel is divided into twelve sections called houses -- six houses in the sky above, six beneath the Earth below. These houses are numbered counterclockwise, starting with the 1st house and the direction east, on the left-hand side of the wheel. Planets in the heavens are placed on the chart wheel in the houses that correspond to where they actually are in the sky. Of the 12 houses, astrologers find the four most important are the one directly above our heads (10th), the one under our feet (4th), the one on the left and to the east (1st), and the one on the right and to the west (7th). These four are called angular, because they mark the corners of the chart: south, north, east, and west.

Life continues after the birth moment. Astrologers watch the planets (as they continue on in the sky after a birth) move through the houses of the natal chart. Their movement is counterclockwise as they go from the upper hemisphere (houses 7-12), across the ascendant, (1st house cusp) into the lower hemisphere (houses 1-6), and on around.

In the chart wheel, the planets are placed in their zodiacal positions. The zodiac stretches in a circle through all 360 degrees of the surrounding sky, and this circle is divided into sections of 30 degrees -- the familiar 12 signs. Planet positions are measured within signs by degrees, minutes, and seconds of circular arc. Each degree contains 60 minutes of arc and each minute of arc contains 60 seconds of arc. For example, I might tell you that my Moon (Moon at birth) is in the sign Taurus (2nd sign). More exactly it is in the 23rd degree of Taurus. It is actually at 23 degrees and 28 minutes of the sign Taurus.

The chart wheel is usually divided into 12 sections called houses. The houses are numbered (counterclockwise) from 1 to 12. The pie-like lines that divide one house from the next are called house cusps. For example, the cusp of the 1st house is the horizontal line on the left-hand (east) side of the wheel.

Keep in mind that our Earth makes a complete turn on its axis once in 24 hours. The chart wheel represents the space surrounding where we were born. It is as if we were standing outside with the sky above us (upper part of chart) and the Earth beneath our feet (lower hemisphere). As the Earth turns, it brings each of the 360 degrees of the zodiac overhead (or to any part of the wheel) once in 24 hours -- a new degree of the zodiac every four minutes.

As you can see, the symbols for the planets have been placed in the part of the sky (the house) in which they were at the time of your birth. For example, if you were born in the daytime, then the symbol for the Sun will be somewhere in the upper half of the wheel. If you were born at noon, the sun would be almost right overhead or at the top of the chart, while if you were born at midnight it would be at the bottom (4th house) of the chart.

The wheel is also seen as two hemispheres -- a top and a bottom. The upper part of the chart (houses 7-12) represents that part of the sky that was overhead and above the horizon at the time of our birth. It has to do with relationships with the external world. The lower hemisphere (houses 1-6) marks that part of the heavens that we have under us -- and cannot see -- below the horizon and on the other side of the Earth from us. These houses involve our personal affairs that are generally out of the public eye.

#### 4. The Wheel of Houses

The chart wheel or mandala of 12 houses can be seen as a circle, or cycle, with each house leading to the next house, and so on, in a counterclockwise direction. Let's start at the very top of the wheel, the MC and the cusp of the 10th house.

**10th House.** The 10th house is directly overhead and to the south. At the peak of the chart, it represents our most public self. It is associated with career and vocation, as well as our reputation.

**11th House.** The 11th house is a movement away from the 10th and down towards the lower hemisphere of the chart. The 11th house has to do with plans for action, group goals, cooperation. It also describes our friendships.

**12th House.** Limits, hidden faults, unconscious, experiences before birth, prisons, dues, karma, dreams, sacrifice, hospitals, psychic and spiritual interests, losses.

**1st House.** The way you come across, your appearance, persona, identity, on a spiritual level--your soul

**2nd House.** Possessions, money. How you receive, or value, how you earn and spend money

**3rd House.** Searches, investigations, inquiries, explorations. Communications -- thinking, writing, letters, gossip, media. neighbors, siblings, short distant traveling, learning

**4th House.** Home and property, early childhood and end of life, roots, father, domestic concerns

**5th House.** Self-expression, children, creations, teaching, acting, entertainment, gambling, hobbies, love affairs.

**6th House:** Working environment, service, repair, analytical skills. Health and sickness. Detailed work, crafts.

**7th House.** Partnerships, marriage

**8th House.** Sex, death, inheritance, other people's money, psychic and occult energies, psychological interests, transformation

**9th House.** Religion, philosophy, law, foreign countries and long distance traveling, publicly expressed thoughts (radio, t.v., publishing)





