

How to Interpret Your Birth Chart: The Three Pillars Method



Introduction:

Many people live their lives without examining the “why” of what makes them act the way that they do, and oh how I envy this group of people! Imagine going about your daily business, being perfectly content, not constantly examining yourself, worrying about work and relationships, and being able to completely focus on the task at hand.

Well sorry to burst your bubble, but this group of people doesn’t exist. Everyone has their share of worries to some degree, even those who are great at pretending like they don’t. For every trip abroad or party you see people at, there’s jet lag or a hangover after, and the cycle just repeats itself. Nothing you see in this world is perfect no matter how it may look. The bottom line is no one truly knows what we’re doing on this rock floating through space, and most people go through their daily ins and outs without thinking about this question.

I started looking up astrology about a year ago. At first I read daily horoscopes for just my sun sign (Capricorn), and found some of them to be shockingly accurate. For example, one day my horoscope was along the lines of “you will be put off by an obstacle early on, but the adventure awaits”. What happened that day was my roommate’s alarm went off at 10 AM, and he had left and locked the door so I couldn’t turn it off, but then I got myself together, walked into a random party by myself, and had a blast. At that point, I felt as if there was something true about astrology, and continued to go further down the research rabbit hole.

After a year of being in the rabbit hole, I will say that most astrology articles online are BS and give it a bad reputation. To get accurate results from astrology, you not only have to know your sun sign, but which signs and houses all of your celestial bodies lie in. You also have to know what all of the signs, bodies, and houses represent. **The astrological signs, celestial bodies, and 12 houses are the three pillars of knowledge you need to learn to correctly interpret your birth chart.**

In the zodiac wheel, there exists 12 signs, and wherever your birthday is reveals your sun sign. This is a table of each sign and their corresponding birth dates.

Zodiac Sign	Dates of Birth	Symbol
Aries	March 21 st – April 19 th	The Ram
Taurus	April 20 th – May 20 th	The Bull
Gemini	May 21 st – June 20 th	The Twins
Cancer	June 21 st – July 22 nd	The Crab
Leo	July 23 rd – August 22 nd	The Lion
Virgo	August 23 rd – September 22 nd	The Virgin
Libra	September 23 rd – October 22 nd	The Scales
Scorpio	October 23 rd – November 21 st	The Scorpion
Sagittarius	November 22 nd – December 21 st	The Archer
Capricorn	December 22 nd – January 19 th	The Goat
Aquarius	January 20 th – February 18 th	The Water Bearer
Pisces	February 19 th – March 20 th	The Fishes

I was born on December 25th, so I am a Capricorn. My symbol is “the goat” (LeBron James is also a Capricorn. Coincidence? I think not), and I am an earth sign. Since I was born on the 25th, that means I am an early Capricorn and may exhibit some qualities of my neighboring sign, Sagittarius. If you are born on the 21st, 22nd, or 23rd of a month, you are “on the cusp” which means that you may exhibit qualities of two signs. One of my first memories dealing with astrology was when a couple of conceited girls asked me when my birthday was, and they told me Capricorn was a “bad” sign, which probably delayed me from getting more into it at the time. **Throughout this reading, please keep in mind that each sign has both pros and cons, and no signs are inherently “bad” or “good”.**

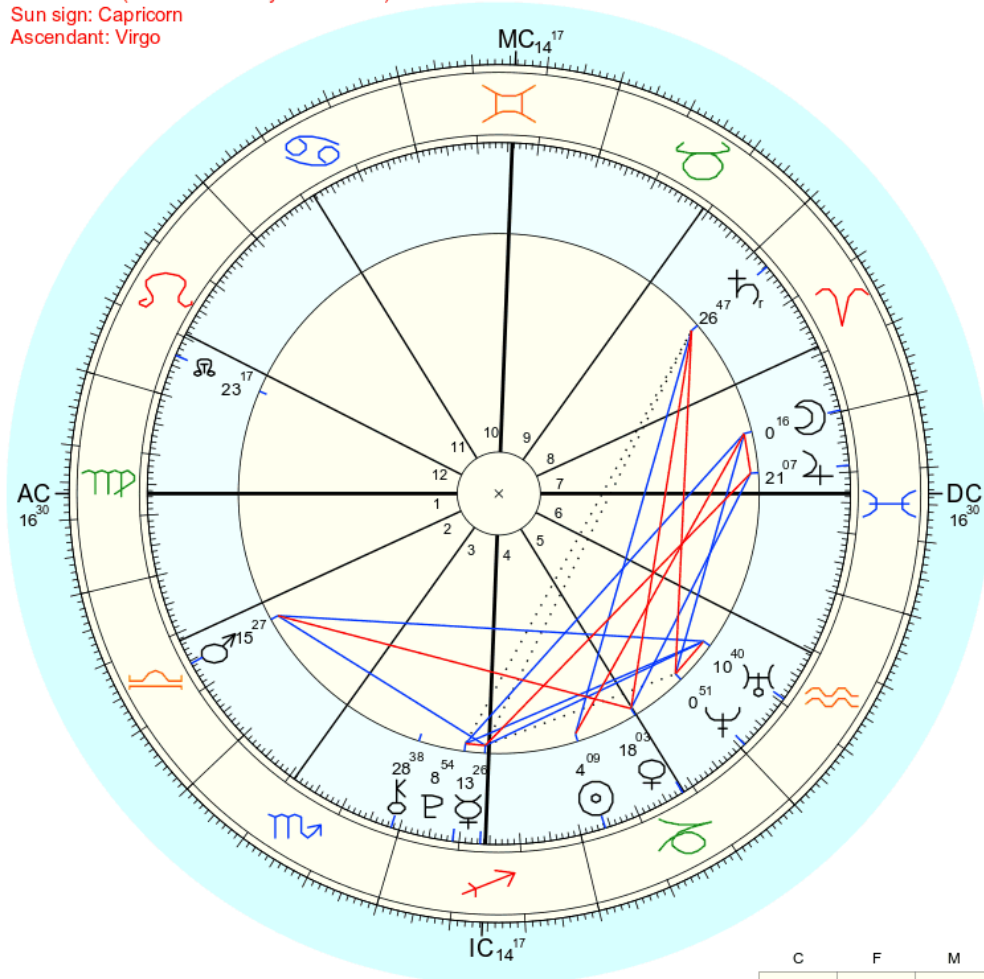
The qualities that influence each sign include their elements (fire, earth, air, and water) and their modalities (cardinal, fixed, and mutable). Fire signs (Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius) are passionate and enthusiastic, but can be reckless. Earth signs (Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn) are matter-of-fact and productive, but can be dull and stuck in reality. Air signs (Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius) are curious and can come up with great ideas, but have the tendency to escape reality. Water signs (Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces) are great on picking up others’ emotions and compassionate, but can get caught up in their own feels.

Cardinal signs mark the beginning of each solstice. They are Aries (beginning of Spring), Cancer (beginning of Summer), Libra (beginning of Fall), and Capricorn (beginning of Winter). Cardinal signs’ best qualities are leadership and being energetic, but they are much better at initiating plans and projects than seeing them through. Fixed signs mark the middle of each solstice. They are Taurus (middle of Spring), Leo (middle of Summer), Scorpio (middle of Fall), and Aquarius (middle of Winter). Fixed signs’ best qualities are their focus and determination to see projects through, but they have trouble being adaptable once they have an idea. Mutable signs mark the end of each solstice. They are Gemini (end of Spring), Virgo (end of Summer), Sagittarius (end of Fall), and Pisces (end of Winter). Mutable signs’ best qualities are their ability to adapt to new situations and to be diplomatic, but they can be unreliable and flaky.

After reading about the elements and modalities, you might think “Oh no! I’m an earth sign so I must be boring!”, or “Oh no! I’m a cardinal sign so I’m not able to finish any projects!”. **This is why the most common misconception in astrology must be weeded out, which is your sun sign isn’t the only thing that influences you. Each person has separate signs in their birth chart that correspond to each planet, so you are not only your sun sign. Not every trait of your sun sign may apply to you because of other celestial influences.** To fully understand your birth chart, you will have to read this whole guide, but I will provide an example of a birth chart at the beginning to show how there are many other influences than just your sun sign.

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Natal Chart (Method: Web Style / Placidus)
Sun sign: Capricorn
Ascendant: Virgo



☉ Sun	4 Cap 8°34"		
☾ Moon	0 Ari 16°24"		
☿ Mercury	13 Sag 25°44"		
♀ Venus	18 Cap 2°35"		
♂ Mars	15 Lib 26°32"		
♃ Jupiter	21 Pis 7°28"		
♄ Saturn	26 Ari 46°45"		
♅ Uranus	10 Aqu 39°35"		
♆ Neptune	0 Aqu 51° 7"		
♇ Pluto	8 Sag 54°23"		
♁ True Node	23 Leo 17°28"		
♁ Chiron	28 Sco 37°49"		
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The image above is my birth chart. As you can see, I am more than just a Capricorn although that's my sun sign. I have two planets each in Aries, Sagittarius, and Aquarius, so I have a lot of influences from those signs as well. This is why it is a horrible thing to judge someone only based off of their sun sign- because the complete birth chart is necessary in order to tell the whole story.

Aries: The Ram (First Zodiac Sign)

Dates: March 21st-April 19th

Element: Fire

Modality: Cardinal

Ruling Planet: Mars (♂)

Eminent Personalities: Lady GaGa, Hugh Hefner, Jackie Chan, Robert Downey Jr., Akon, Elton John, Vincent Van Gogh, Reese Witherspoon, Sarah Jessica Parker, Eddie Murphy, James Franco, Alec Baldwin, Quentin Tarantino, Kristen Stewart, Emma Watson, Bill Belichick, Peyton Manning, Baker Mayfield

Strong personality traits:

- Natural born leaders
- Willing to go out and make things happen
- Self-confidence
- Brave risk-takers
- Finding creative solutions

Weak personality traits:

- Selfish
- Demands attention
- Outbursts of anger
- Impatient and impulsive
- Don't see their plans through to the end

Being a fire sign and having cardinal modality, think of an Aries like a spark plug that gets things ignited. They are ruled by Mars, the planet of war and aggression. Their exuberance makes them popular as friends and in social situations, as they are the embodiment of "Let's Get It Started" by the Black Eyed Peas. However, when they feel as if no one is listening to them, they can get upset and withdraw. They are definitely not a boring sign and when they are absent, things can seem dull. Aries high-energy personality may not work as well in some situations, such as completing longer tasks or dealing with routines, as they can become restless. If they are not seeing immediate results from their work or a project, they might abandon it easily. Most Aries love competitions, and playing a sport or game can be a great way for them to blow off steam. However, if you upset them, they are not afraid to tell you how they really feel. An Aires' fun-loving, fiery presence is truly irreplaceable and can inspire others.

Taurus: The Bull (Second Zodiac Sign)♉

Dates: April 20th- May 20th

Element: Earth

Modality: Fixed

Ruling Planet: Venus (♀)

Eminent Personalities: Dwayne Johnson, George Clooney, Megan Fox, Mark Zuckerberg, Adele, William Shakespeare, Tina Fey, Billy Joel, Channing Tatum, Michael Moore, Jack Nicholson, Jay Leno, Karl Marx, Sigmund Freud, Malcolm X, Cher, Audrey Hepburn, David Beckham, Dennis Rodman, Ray Lewis

Strong personality traits:

- Great common sense
- Generous
- Honest
- Calm and soothing presence with great patience
- Loyal to those who deserve it

Weak personality traits:

- Stubborn
- Can be lazy
- Dependent on physical pleasures
- Lack of independence
- Possessive and materialistic

Being an earth sign and having a fixed modality, think of a Taurus like a loyal Golden Retriever. They are ruled by Venus, the planet of love and beauty. Everyone loves being around a Taurus when they are at their best because of their calming and graceful presence. This sign is tied to agriculture and banks and they have a great natural ability of how to manage resources, as well as a love for nature. They are very good at going with the flow, have great manners, and won't cause many disruptions. That is, of course, if you make them upset, especially if it involves one of their possessions. Tauruses covet their possessions and are very sensitive to their environments, and they seem to have a heightened use of their five senses. They may spend more time relaxing and sleeping than other signs. Around friends, a Taurus will always be upfront yet generous, but they often have trouble coming up with ways to find their own sense of independence and finding original ideas. However, their patience allows them to be able to finish their projects to the end once they set their mind on something. The soothing presence of a Taurus can make others feel relaxed as well, and they have the fascinating quality of being honest in a nice way.

Gemini: The Twins (Third Zodiac Sign) ♊

Dates: May 21st-June 20th

Element: Air

Modality: Mutable

Ruling Planet: Mercury (☿)

Eminent Personalities: Kanye West, Angelina Jolie, Marilyn Monroe, John F. Kennedy, Morgan Freeman, Donald Trump, Clint Eastwood, Shia LaBeouf, Anderson Cooper, Tupac Shakur, Mark Wahlberg, Lana Del Rey, Mary Kate Olsen, Amy Schumer, Emily Ratajkowski, Abby Wambach, Kate Upton, Paula Abdul, Allen Iverson, DeAndre Hopkins

Strong personality traits:

- Easygoing and flexible
- Willing to try new things
- Outgoing and great at making conversation
- Quick-witted and have a great sense of humor
- Great multitaskers

Weak personality traits:

- Hard to focus on one thing at a time
- Can be manipulative and say things to please people
- Difficulty in making decisions and sticking to them
- Can have a tough time being serious
- Difficult to perform under pressure

Being an air sign and having a mutable modality, think of a Gemini like a constant thought machine. Their ruling planet is Mercury, which represents thought and communication. Geminis simply cannot shut their minds off. This leads to them being a very talkative sign, and when they are not talking they are busy analyzing others' words. Whenever anyone else voices an opinion, they will listen with open ears because they love learning and hearing about new information of all kinds. They will consider all sides of an argument before picking their side, but their issue is that they often have difficulty picking and sticking to one side. This goes for all aspects of their life, as they can have a difficult time focusing on projects and have the tendency to talk behind people's backs. They are social butterflies and can strike up a conversation with anyone, but often get bored of hanging out with the same people and doing the same things all the time. Geminis can feel a lot of pressure in situations where they can't goof off and have to buckle down, such as job interviews or exams. When the room has come to a communicative standstill, you can always count on a Gemini to get the intellectual ball rolling and stimulate conversation.

Cancer: The Crab (Fourth Zodiac Sign)

Dates: June 21st- July 22nd

Element: Water

Modality: Cardinal

Ruling Planet: Moon (☾)

Eminent Personalities: Elon Musk, George Bush, Post Malone, Sylvester Stallone, Tom Cruise, Mike Tyson, Robin Williams, Nick Offerman, Kevin Hart, Will Ferrell, Ashley Tisdale, Jessica Simpson, Ariana Grande, Margot Robbie, Priyanka Chopra, Elizabeth Warren, Meryl Streep, Mindy Kaling, Helen Keller, Derek Jeter, Kawhi Leonard, Connor McGregor

Strong personality traits:

- Creative and intuitive
- Care deeply about loved ones and their homes
- Great nurturing ability
- Difficult to manipulate them
- Possess a natural charm

Weak personality traits:

- Can be moody
- Cling and obsess over certain situations
- Periods of extreme introversion
- Builds up resentment
- Overly suspicious

Being a water and cardinal sign, Cancers have borderline psychic intuition. Cancer is the sign of the home and nurturing, so at their best these signs make everyone around them feel “at home” and they prefer familiar environments themselves. They will be deeply loyal to family and old friends. However, since Cancer is ruled by the moon which rules emotions, they go through periods of intense moodiness and have the tendency to resort to extreme introversion when they are going through a bad mood. Cancers are definitely one of the more introverted signs and love chilling in a comfortable home environment, but they possess an alluring charm in social situations. It may be hard to let old feelings go for Cancers and they can become clingy or jealous when situations aren’t going their way. They are very difficult to manipulate which makes them great in business and a penny-pinching sign, but they may also be overly suspicious of people they don’t trust. When Cancers have a reliable home environment, they possess great creative potential because of their high intuition. Cancers seem to have a nose for sniffing out others’ lies, but they only use this when necessary and have a bubbly charm when they are around others who appreciate them.

Leo: The Lion (Fifth Zodiac Sign) ♌

Dates: July 23rd- August 22nd

Element: Fire

Modality: Fixed

Ruling Planet: Sun (☉)

Eminent Personalities: Barack Obama, Bill Clinton, Robert De Niro, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Terry Crews, Ben Affleck, Steve Carrell, Andy Samberg, Charlize Theron, Kylie Jenner, Jennifer Lopez, Mila Kunis, Whitney Houston, Jennifer Lawrence, J.K. Rowling, Demi Lovato, Martha Stewart, Halle Berry, Tom Brady, Deion Sanders, Magic Johnson

Strong personality traits:

- Caring and loyal to friends
- Optimistic and playful
- Straightforward
- Warm presence
- Self-confident

Weak personality traits:

- Can be domineering and arrogant
- Inflexible to new ideas
- Lazy
- Too prideful
- Can get insecure

Being a fire and fixed sign ruled by the sun, Leos are a warm ray of sunshine at their best. The sun represents the ego and identity, so these folks have big, well-developed personalities. They love getting people together and are often in leadership roles. When situations are going well, they are bright and cheerful as well as generous towards their friends and loved ones. People often rely on them to be the ones to assert themselves because of their straightforward and honest nature and their self-confidence. They love engaging in any type of games or competitions. However, a Leo's bad side can come out when they are met with opposition. They can be unwilling to compromise and let others take the lead. If others are partaking in an activity that does not suit their interests, they may get upset or become reclusive. While Leos love playing games and being active, they can be lazy and when they are set on resting or being alone they will stick to their decision. When feeling under attack, a Leo can resort to child-like defenses and insecurity. This is not a sign that is prone to holding grudges, though, so when they are upset you can always count on them to go back to their warm, playful selves sooner than later.

Virgo: The Virgin (Sixth Zodiac Sign)

Dates: August 23rd- September 22nd

Element: Earth

Modality: Mutable

Ruling Planet: Mercury (☿)

Eminent Personalities: Freddie Mercury, Keanu Reeves, Macaulay Culkin, Michael Jackson, Adam Sandler, Bernie Sanders, Charlie Sheen, Bill Murray, Cameron Diaz, Shania Twain, Lea Michele, Emmy Rossum, Amy Poehler, Brittany Furlan, Sofia Richie, Leann Rimes, Padma Lakshmi, Patrick Mahomes, Kobe Bryant, DeShaun Watson

Strong personality traits:

- Great critical thinkers and logicians
- Pays attention to details and highly organized
- Straightforward
- Reliable workers
- Won't settle for anything less than the best

Weak personality traits:

- Overly critical and judgemental
- Prefer things done in a traditional manner
- Hard for them to get to know people
- Strong likes and dislikes
- Tendency to overanalyze things

Being an earth and mutable sign, Virgos are the perfectionists of the zodiac. They are ruled by Mercury, the planet of thought and communication. Rather than being more talkative like the other Mercury-ruled sign, Gemini, they tend to be thinkers and logicians. They will catch on to every little detail which can be a curse and a blessing. They make great organizers and have an affinity for design, but hounding on small details is not an aspect that appeals to everyone. Virgos have an astounding sense of logic and are great at finding tangible solutions to real-life issues. Their perfectionist nature can take them to great heights in whatever they choose to do, but they can also be frustrated when things don't end up exactly as they planned. They often choose to have a strict routine which can be helpful but at the same time render them inflexible. Socially, it may take a while for Virgos to be comfortable making new friends, but when they find their group their presence is almost addicting and people really miss them when they're not there. It takes a while for Virgos to get into a comfortable situation, but when they do they can reach great potential with their analytical minds.

Libra: The Scales (Seventh Zodiac Sign)

Dates: September 23rd- October 22nd

Element: Air

Modality: Cardinal

Ruling Planet: Venus (♀)

Eminent Personalities: Mahatma Gandhi, Will Smith, John Lennon, Simon Cowell, Eminem, John Krasinski, Snoop Dogg, Vladimir Putin, Lil Wayne, Matt Damon, Kim Kardashian, Bella Thorne, Gwen Stefani, Carrie Fisher, Margaret Thatcher, Ihlán Omar, Hillary Duff, Avril Lavigne, Kevin Durant, Bruce Jenner, Brett Favre

Strong personality traits:

- Possess natural charm
- Romantic and flirty
- Make fair judgements
- Empathetic
- Always able to see the bright side of things

Weak personality traits:

- Often don't want to complete tasks
- Don't have solid opinions and people-please
- Unable to stand on their own feet
- Indecisive
- Can be manipulative

Being an air and cardinal sign, Libras are the justice-seekers of the zodiac. They are ruled by Venus, the planet of love and beauty. While the other Venus-ruled sign, Taurus, values physical beauty, Libra values ideological and emotional beauty. When an issue comes up, they always analyze both sides of the argument before making a decision because they want it to be fair. The problem is that they are indecisive and often do not come to a solid conclusion. Libras love social gatherings and thrive off of the presence of others- they are definitely a more extroverted sign. However, they can value people-pleasing over loyalty towards their friends in social situations, which draws the ire of those who are more loyal. They often have trouble completing mundane tasks and making big life decisions. While they may have difficulty making their own decisions, their fair-mindedness and empathy makes them great at helping others come to conclusions. Sometimes Libras use their sweet-talking charm purely for recreation, but they can also use it for manipulation if they choose to. Although Libras can struggle when it comes to making decisions on their own, they will always help others make a fair assessment and provide a cheery spark in social situations.

Scorpio: The Scorpion (Eighth Zodiac Sign)

Dates: October 23rd-November 21st

Element: Water

Modality: Fixed

Ruling Planets: Mars and Pluto (♂ and ♇)

Eminent Personalities: Drake, Leonardo Di Caprio, Joe Biden, Bill Gates, Danny DeVito, Gordon Ramsey, Bob Ross, Matthew McConaghuey, Adam Driver, Hillary Clinton, Gabrielle Union, Kris Jenner, Kendall Jenner, Hailey Baldwin, Emma Stone, Katy Perry, Ivanka Trump, Whoopi Goldberg, Odell Beckham Jr., Wayne Rooney, Russell Westbrook

Strong personality traits:

- Focused and competitive
- Trustworthy and honest
- Big ambitions
- Follow their own intuition
- Deals with adversity well

Weak personality traits:

- Jealous and vengeful
- Mysterious and secretive
- Controlling
- Holds onto grudges
- Can be pessimistic

Being a water and fixed sign, Scorpions are mysterious and captivating. They are the only sign that is ruled by Pluto, the planet of death and rebirth. If you win the trust of a Scorpio, they will be some of the most loyal and honest friends you can find. However, if you break their trust you could very well be as good as dead to them. Scorpions are a sign that does not shy away from competition and when they want something, they usually find a way to get it. They have big and bold ambitions and are not afraid to go after their dreams. However, if they see someone else getting what they desire, they are prone to jealousy and vengeful actions. They can be stubborn and unwilling to relinquish control of certain things, and they are a sign that is prone to pessimistic moods. The downside to following their own intuition is that when they don't achieve their goals, they feel as if it is all their fault. They also are a tough sign to get to open up about their personal qualms and secrets. Being the sign of the Scorpion, their rogue and mysterious nature may catch some off guard but their loyalty, honesty, and pure drive makes this sign well worth getting to know.

Sagittarius: The Archer (Ninth Zodiac Sign)

Dates: November 22nd- December 21st

Element: Fire

Modality: Mutable

Ruling Planet: Jupiter (♃)

Eminent Personalities: Brad Pitt, Frank Sinatra, Jamie Foxx, Ozzy Osbourne, DJ Khaled, Jay-Z, Dan Bilzerian, Steven Spielberg, Samuel L. Jackson, Jim Morrison, Billie Eilish, Taylor Swift, Miley Cyrus, Nicki Minaj, Vanessa Hudgens, Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, Scarlet Johansson, Aaron Rodgers, Russell Wilson, Giannis Antetokounmpo

Strong personality traits:

- Level-headed
- Deeply caring
- Tells it like it is
- Curious and adventurous
- Deep and philosophical thinkers

Weak personality traits:

- Restless and impatient
- Exaggerates a lot
- Attention seekers
- Prone to explosive rants
- Can be tactless in communication

Being a fire and mutable sign, Sagittarius are the daredevils of the zodiac. They are ruled by Jupiter, the planet of optimism and long journeys. Sagittarius themselves love going on adventures and are down to do anything, but sometimes they can risk their own health for the sake of thrills. In communication, they are always sure to tell it like it is, but they are prone to exaggerating things and being tactless. Sometimes they will drop truth bombs at inopportune times. However, Sagittarius deeply cares about those close to them- they might have a brash exterior but they have a gentle heart. They love debating for the sake of debate, and are always open to learning about ideas they had never sought out. Sagittarius has a natural inclination towards learning about morals, philosophy, and the occult, and they tend to focus on the big picture rather than small details. They have little fear but this can also make them prone to doing stunts for attention. When they are caught in a boring routine, Sagittarius can be restless and if enough restlessness builds up they can let it all out in a scathing rant. While it needs to be reigned in at times, the boundless optimism that a Sagittarius presents can inspire others to transcend the mundane and lead to great adventures.

Capricorn: The Goat (Tenth Zodiac Sign) ♑

Dates: December 22nd-January 19th

Element: Earth

Modality: Cardinal

Ruling Planet: Saturn (♄)

Eminent Personalities: Jeff Bezos, Elvis Presley, Stephen Hawking, Bradley Cooper, John Legend, Martin Luther King Jr., Justin Trudeau, Nicolas Cage, Betty White, Greta Thurnberg, Ellie Goulding, Michelle Obama, Katie Couric, Betsy DeVos, Nina Dobrev, Dolly Parton, Irina Shayk, LeBron James, Muhammad Ali, Tiger Woods

Strong personality traits:

- Genuine and loyal
- Hard workers and great team players
- Acts classy
- Strong natural drive to succeed
- Doesn't tolerate BS

Weak personality traits:

- Can have a sobering, melancholy presence
- Overly critical
- Thinks everyone is out to get them
- Unforgiving and ruthless
- Quiet and poor communicators

Being an earth and cardinal sign, Capricorns are the uphill-climbing goats of the zodiac. Ruled by Saturn, the planet of social structure and contraction, they have a strong natural drive to be the best at whatever they do. Sometimes Capricorns get so obsessive about working that they lose sight of the fun in life. They may not get along well with others because they are not the best at communication and they are critical when they see that others do not have the same drive and ambition that they do. However, they are extremely loyal and genuine to people who make them feel worth something, and love goofing around and coming out of their shell for those who deserve it. In public, Capricorns act in a mysterious but classy manner and don't give a lot away about themselves because they are suspicious of others. They are great in a workplace setting and will do what it takes to make their bosses happy because they want to be the CEO. However, when placed in any unfavorable situation, Capricorns can be brooding and dampen the fun for everyone else. If they are upset they are not afraid to let people know how they feel and will drop people who they think are not genuine. When Capricorns feel appreciated and are around genuine company, they show their hearts of gold and are timeless, reliable companions.

Aquarius: The Water-Bearer (Eleventh Zodiac Sign)

Dates: January 20th-February 18th

Element: Air

Modality: Fixed

Ruling Planets: Saturn and Uranus (♄ and ♅)

Eminent Personalities: Harry Styles, Michael Bloomberg, Ronald Reagan, Ed Sheeran, John Travolta, Bob Marley, Dr. Dre, John Belushi, J. Cole, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Oprah Winfrey, Jennifer Aniston, Emma Roberts, Shakira, Alicia Keys, Ellen DeGeneres, Kerry Washington, Cristiano Ronaldo, Michael Jordan, Saquon Barkley

Strong personality traits:

- Open-minded
- Cares about humanity
- Will not follow the crowd
- Comes up with original ideas
- Will be themselves

Weak personality traits:

- Unpredictable
- Extremist
- Emotionally detached and insensitive
- Hard to change their minds once they have a decision
- Erratic

Being an air and fixed sign, Aquarians are the mad professors of the Zodiac. They are the only sign ruled by Uranus, the planet of rebellion and invention. They love learning about topics that involve the future and humanity. Their open-mindedness allows them to come to astounding revelations, but once these revelations are met they can be rather stubborn about them. Aquarians love hanging out with groups of friends and generally find it easy to make acquaintances with a large number of people. However, it is difficult to become close friends with an Aquarius but once it happens, they will show great loyalty and trust. With their ideas, they can definitely be radical and take them to the extreme while defending their ideology at the cost of hurting others emotionally. In arguments, they tend to look at the factual side of things rather than the emotional side which can rub people the wrong way. They are generally easy-going and happy in groups where their open-mindedness is appreciated, but if you try to restrict their thinking they will call you out and can have a temper. You can always count on Aquarians to shake things up and offer a new, bold perspective on things that make others go “what?” but in a good-hearted, fun-loving way.

Pisces: The Fishes (Twelfth Zodiac Sign)

Dates: February 19th- March 20th

Element: Water

Modality: Mutable

Ruling Planets: Jupiter and Neptune (♃ and ♆)

Eminent Personalities: Steve Jobs, Justin Beiber, Bryan Cranston, George Washington, Steve Irwin, Chuck Norris, Aziz Ansari, Adam Lavine, Mitt Romney, Drew Barrymore, Rashida Jones, Jenna Fischer, Rihanna, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Dakota Fanning, Carrie Underwood, Kesha, Queen Latifah, Steph Curry, Floyd Mayweather, Paul Pogba

Strong personality traits:

- Shows unconditional love
- Great artistic talent
- Empathetic and friendly
- Selfless
- Natural healers

Weak personality traits:

- Moody
- Hard for them to get over negative events
- Daydreamers and zone out a lot
- Overly trusting and clingy
- Escapists

Being a water and mutable sign, Pisces are extremely receptive to the vibrations around them. They are the only sign ruled by Neptune, the planet of mysticism and spirituality. Pisces are like emotional sponges which causes them to be one of the most moody signs. They dislike arguments and prefer relaxed, mellow environments where everyone is getting along. Their many moods are not random, but they are rather just exaggerated by their environmental influences. When placed in a good situation where they feel loved, Pisces will show unconditional love back and have a selfless nature. They are a friendly and easy-going sign and will always listen to those who are in need of a helping hand. Art, music, and movies are generally some of these signs' favorite activities, and many have great artistic talent themselves. However, in mundane situations, they tend to zone out and daydream. When someone befriends a Pisces, they can be clingy and overly rely on them. And when something bad happens to a Pisces, they can have a hard time getting over it and withdraw themselves until the pain is healed. At their best, Pisces can bring everyone in a room together with their unconditional, selfless love.

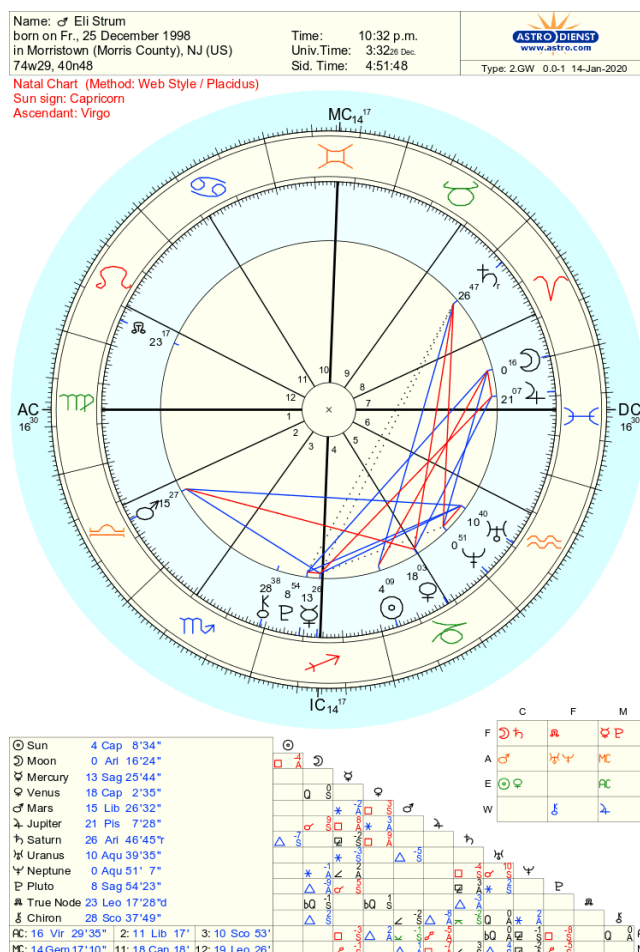
Congratulations, you got through all the signs!

Having knowledge of each signs' traits is one of the three pillars of what it takes to truly know astrology. The next pillar is figuring out the meaning of each celestial body!

In my birth chart below, each symbol represents a celestial body. Many of them are the planets we know and love (and yes, Pluto is a planet for astrological purposes), but other important celestial bodies include your ascendant, moon, chiron, true node, and midheaven. Your sun, ascendant, and moon signs are the most significant celestial bodies in your birth chart.

Depending on what signs your planets are in, they can either be in domicile, exaltation, detriment, or fall. Domicile means that the planet is ruled by the sign that it is in, so its influence in your birth chart will be strengthened. Exaltation means that the planet is “at home” in the sign that it resides, so its influence in your birth chart will also be strengthened. The opposite of domicile is detriment, and the opposite of exaltation is fall, so if a planet is in detriment or fall it may function in an atypical way.

Before reading about the placements of celestial bodies, go to www.astro.com and enter your date, time, and location of birth to calculate your natal chart like the one I have below. It will tell you which signs each celestial body of yours is in so when reading about the placements, you know which ones apply to you!



Sun:

Symbol: ☉

Sign that it rules: Leo ♌

Time it takes to go through all of the signs: 1 year

Keywords:

- Ego
- Identity
- Personality
- Actions
- Flair

In astronomy, the sun is a giant star that is at the center of the solar system that all of the other planets orbit around. It takes one year to go through all 12 signs, and stays in each sign for about a month. Think of your sun sign as the leader of your birth chart, so it has the most influence your identity. It represents your sense of self, and is the mode in which all of your other celestial bodies operate. For example, let's say your sun is in Capricorn and your Mercury is in Sagittarius. Mercury (the planet of communication, learning, and thought) being in Sagittarius (the sign of philosophy and looks at the bigger picture) means that you will have an interest in learning and thinking about philosophy-based topics. With your sun being in Capricorn, being an earth sign and the sign of professionalism and hard work, you may be interested in philosophy-based topics that have a practical use (earth sign) and use this knowledge in a professional realm while working hard at it. Basically, your celestial bodies will all function in a "Capricorn" way if your sun is in Capricorn.

While the sun signs' traits were all described earlier, the sun is in domicile in Leo, exaltation in Aries, detriment in Aquarius, and fall in Libra. Therefore, your celestial bodies will operate in more of a "Leo" or "Aries" way if your sun is in either of those signs, which takes some of the emphasis off of the sign of each celestial body. For example, if you are a Leo or Aries sun with your Mercury in Scorpio, there might be a little more Leo or Aries influence on your Mercury than if you were a different sun sign. If your sun is in Aquarius or Libra, they will have less influence on your celestial bodies. For example, if your Mercury is in Scorpio and you are an Aquarius or Libra sun, there would be less Aquarius or Libra influence on your Mercury and it would operate in more of a "Scorpio" way.

Ascendant:

Symbol: ↑

Time it takes to go through each sign: 1 day

Keywords:

- Mask
- First impression on strangers
- The energy you give off
- How you respond to new environments
- Influences physical characteristics

In terms of astronomy, your ascendant is what the sign was on the Eastern horizon when you were born. It changes signs every two hours, the quickest out of any celestial body, so knowing your exact birth time and place is key to calculating a correct ascendant sign. Your ascendant sign controls how others perceive you and the type of energy you give off. When you are in a situation that involves meeting others for the first time, you may exhibit more traits of your ascendant sign than your sun sign. In addition, it can control your physical features and the type of look you want to portray. As people get to know you, your rising sign may become less and less of an influence and the rest of your chart will show more. Because the ascendant does not rule any signs, it is not considered to be in domicile, exaltation, detriment, or fall in any sign.

Aries Ascendant:

People with an Aries ascendant come off as energetic, independent, direct, and hasty. They will speak and walk quickly and go through things at an accelerated pace. They tend to be fans of exercise, have masculine-looking bodily features, and their skin has a tendency to become red.

Taurus Ascendant:

People with a Taurus ascendant come off as relaxed, responsible, cautious, and take things at a slower pace. They value material possessions and enjoy sensual pleasures. Some physical features of Taurus ascendants include a full and strong figure like an oak tree, deeper voice, and large eyes. Unlike an Aries ascendant, Taurus ascendants are content with staying in one place for a while and do not need much movement.

Gemini Ascendant:

People with a Gemini ascendant come off as curious, analytical, impatient, and they ask lots of questions. They may speak quickly, use a lot of gestures, and speak in a higher pitched voice. Physically, Gemini ascendants may have a narrow face and can be prone to nervousness

and twitching. Unlike a Taurus ascendant, they are more focused on intellectual than material pleasures and as a result may be slimmer and weaker than your average person.

Cancer Ascendant:

People with a Cancer ascendant come off as sympathetic, nurturing, gentle, and can be shy. They may be more feminine in appearance with rounded cheeks, pale skin, tender bodies, and they are prone to indigestion. Since they are ruled by the moon, they can be moody and have a tendency for cozy home-like environments. Unlike a Gemini ascendant, they prioritize food which can lead to being talented chefs.

Leo Ascendant:

People with a Leo ascendant come off as loyal, theatrical, generous, and can yearn to be the center of attention. They tend to have robust, masculine-looking bodies with broad shoulders and strong foreheads. Since they are ruled by the sun, they enjoy showing off and socializing, have natural confidence, and do not mind looking in the mirror. Unlike Cancer ascendants who tend to be pale, Leo ascendants tend to have wheat or tan colored skin.

Virgo Ascendant:

People with a Virgo ascendant come off as analytical, pensive, perfectionist, and can be cynical. Being ruled by Mercury, they are very thoughtful like Gemini ascendants, but do not speak as much because they are busy filtering and analyzing the details that come their way. They tend to dress on the plain side, have smaller faces, average height and weight, and they like to stick to a certain routine regarding eating and exercising. Unlike Leo ascendants, they prefer to go incognito instead of being the center of attention.

Libra Ascendant:

People with a Libra ascendant come off as agreeable, peace-loving, idealistic, and see the world through a filter of romanticism. Being ruled by Venus, they enjoy sensual pleasures and beauty much like Taurus ascendants. Appearance-wise, they tend to be very attractive, have good quality skin and teeth, and are slim in their earlier years but can gain weight later in life. Unlike Virgo ascendants, they use their analytical ability to compromise rather than pointing out details.

Scorpio Ascendant:

People with a Scorpio ascendant come off as mysterious, intense, sexual, and can be suspicious and reserved. Scorpio ascendants are the most seductive rising sign, and their mere presence can frighten or stimulate other people. Until they are provoked they might stay quiet. They tend to have Mediterranean profiles, dark hair, and dress in dark colors. Unlike Libra ascendants who are peace-seekers, Scorpio ascendants will seek truth and won't tolerate BS.

Sagittarius Ascendant:

People with a Sagittarius ascendant come off as cheerful, optimistic, high strung, and independent. They enjoy talking about broader subjects and opinions rather than trivial matters, and they like to travel and change things up as opposed to having a routine. They tend to be on the taller side, walk very upright, and have oval-shaped faces. Unlike Scorpio ascendants who may not react until they are inclined to do so, Sagittarius ascendants will freely express themselves regardless of the situation.

Capricorn Ascendant:

People with a Capricorn ascendant come off as serious, quiet, professional, and have a long-term view on life. They can have a cold disposition at first, but during projects, professional events, or games, they are who you want to have on your side. Being ruled by Saturn, the planet of contraction, they will be on the shorter and skinnier side with darker skin and hair, and they tend to live to an old age. Unlike Sagittarius ascendants who place an emphasis on optimism and shared activities, Capricorn ascendants can be pessimistic and prefer alone time.

Aquarius Ascendant:

People with an Aquarius ascendant come off as thoughtful, unconventional, rebellious, and they will be fond of joining groups. Ruled by Uranus, the planet of innovation and rebellion, Aquarius ascendants may struggle in traditionalist environments while enjoying more unconventional ones. Physically, they may have an interesting walk, clear complexion, be tall and strong, and dress unconventionally. Unlike Capricorn ascendants who focus on material gain through hard work, social and emotional satisfaction may be at the forefront of an Aquarius ascendant's needs.

Pisces Ascendant:

People with a Pisces ascendant come off as empathetic, hypnotizing, dreamy, and are heavily affected by external stimuli and the emotions of those nearby. Ruled by Neptune, the planet of mysticism and transcendence, Pisces ascendants can be disconnected from reality and big fans of all art forms. Physically, they tend to have fragile bodies, be on the pale side, and have smaller hands and feet. Unlike Aquarius ascendants who can be detached and form original thoughts and ideas, Pisces ascendants are like psychic sponges and draw inspiration from their surrounding environments.

Moon:

Symbol: ☾

Time that it takes to go through each sign: About 28 days

Sign that it rules: Cancer 🐚

Keywords:

- Emotion
- Subconscious desires
- Instincts
- Intuition
- How we find comfort

In terms of astronomy, Earth's moon is the easiest celestial body for us to see and goes through different phases. It changes signs every 2 to 2.5 days, and takes about 28 days to go through each sign, so it moves rather quickly. The moon rules our feelings and subconscious desires, and the quick movement of the moon helps explain why our emotions change so often. It governs our intuitive responses, how we find a sense of comfort, and feelings we get that we cannot explain. It may take a while for others to see your moon sign, as it comes out in situations that involve letting your inhibitions and emotional walls down. If your moon sign has different qualities than your sun or rising sign, you may act one way normally but a completely different side of you comes out when emotionally stimulated.

Aries Moon:

Ruled by Mars, Aries moons have fiery emotions. They react impulsively to both good and bad events which can lead to reckless behavior. When they are happy, they feel rushes of exuberance. This can translate to doing some sort of movement or dance or telling everyone they see about their happiness. However, when they are upset, they definitely turn more angry than somber. Their upset behaviors can be cursing, pacing, or physical violence- they need to take some kind of action to express their emotions, whether they are happy or sad. Aries moons feel strong emotions but do not hold grudges and are able to move on rather quickly. Being a competitive sign, they often get emotional over sports and competitions.

Taurus Moon (exaltation):

The moon is exalted in Taurus, so its qualities can be hyper-present in one's birth chart. Fortunately, having a Taurus moon brings calm, steady emotions. They are able to balance reason with emotion very well and do not overreact at things that aren't that important. Unlike the fiery Aries moon whomst it does not take much to provoke, it takes a lot to make a Taurus moon feel emotion, but when they do, they feel it very deeply. Therefore, they like stability and value

people that they can trust. However, when a stable situation that had previously brought them happiness falls apart, they can become reclusive, somber, and hold a grudge.

Gemini Moon:

Ruled by Mercury, communication is an essential part of Gemini moons' emotions. Gemini moons feel the happiest when surrounded by chatter and information. Similarly to how Geminis can be indecisive, their moods can fluctuate based on their recent communications and they can become easily irritable. They are more attracted to others' words than physical beauty, and prefer to be in the company of others who are talkative. Although they can become irritable over trivial matters, it only takes a small positive burst of communication to have them feeling like themselves again.

Cancer Moon (domicile):

Since Cancer is ruled by the moon, expect Cancer moons to be strongly in touch with their emotions. They feel strong nostalgia, and are at their happiest with people who make them feel safe. In relationships, they feel deep affection and since they are so in touch with their emotions, they tend to base most of their decisions on intuition rather than facts. However, they can feel deeply melancholy as well, especially when triggered by family or romantic struggles. Cancer moons possess almost psychic emotions that cause them to feel very deeply in both times of happiness and sadness.

Leo Moon:

Being a fixed fire sign, Leo moons feel passionately and intensely. In relationships, they may try to wow their partners and make it feel like a movie. They love recreational activities and rely on them to express their emotions. Leo is the sign of royalty, so they have an innate sense of nobleness that they choose to radiate to others who they feel deserve it. However, if they feel that someone else does not like them, they can become salty and let it get in their heads. If they are able to disregard their naysayers rather than offer them real estate in their heads, they can create circumstances that bring them perpetual happiness.

Virgo Moon:

Virgo moons are emotionally tied to work, routine, and find security in the smaller details of life. When they are in situations that do not require their mind being put to use, they can lack self-confidence. On the flipside, being in complicated situations can cause them to worry a lot. Having a balanced routine and stable job that they enjoy is key for a Virgo moon's emotional health, and although they may be reserved at first, they can become quite communicative around those who they trust. Their best qualities are their reliability and trustworthiness, and they are the types to show their affection in practical ways rather than deep love letters.

Libra Moon:

Libra is the sign that rules relationships, so Libra moons are emotional when it comes to their friendships and romantic interests. Like Taurus moons, the other sign ruled by Venus, they enjoy sensual pleasures but do not place an emphasis on possessions like Taurus. Codependency to others can be an issue for Libra moons, as they rarely do things by themselves and need others to tag along with them. They like to be the ones that start new bonds between their friends, and often make great partners. Libra moons are not the most straightforward people, and prefer to win others over with charm and diplomacy.

Scorpio Moon (fall):

The moon is in fall in Scorpio as it is the sign opposite Taurus where the moon is exalted. Therefore, the moon's qualities will be diminished if it is in Scorpio. Scorpio moons will try to be secretive regarding their emotions, but they possess great intuition and can see right through people. They do not get scared easily and are definitely the truth-seeking type, but they may be too blunt and hurt others in their pursuit of the truth. Although they are suspicious, once they trust someone they are very loyal and protective and have a fear of being betrayed. Scorpio moons' psychic intensity may be too much for some to handle, as they possess an alluring power.

Sagittarius Moon:

Sagittarius moons crave freedom and the ongoing pursuit of new experiences. They can be wild with the expression of their emotions and hurt others, but they often have a cheerful and optimistic nature which draws others back to them even after a wild display of emotion. It is tough to tie them down to a repetitive routine, and this can manifest by having trouble keeping the same friendships or relationships. They are free-spirited and adaptable, and tend to dive head first into things without ironing out the details first. Their fondest memories would be of things like trips and concerts rather than their grandparent's house.

Capricorn Moon (detriment):

Being the sign opposite Cancer, Capricorn moons are in detriment. This manifests as them being emotionally detached. This can be a blessing, as they make decisions with their heads and not their hearts. However, it can also be a curse as they lack empathy in situations that require it and are prone to hurting others' feelings. Their emotions are tied to whether others respect them and if they are achieving their goals or not, and when these two aspects are not going well for them, they can be prone to low moods. While being emotionally detached is not necessarily a bad thing, some emotions will still come out whether they like it or not, so it is best for Capricorn moons to have a safe emotional outlet to confide in.

Aquarius Moon:

Aquarius moons have independent and detached emotions. They dislike messy emotional displays and can try to be “above” basic emotions. Humanitarianism and compassion are good traits of an Aquarius moon, but they apply these values on a broad scale and can be insensitive when dealing with others’ personal issues. Groups and social organizations are emphasized, and if they are to become hot-headed it will be over them and not over personal issues. Sometimes, because Aquarius moons’ feelings are based on groups and humanitarian ideals rather than what happens to themselves, they can lack self-care and let themselves waste away. They may fight for the rights of unfairly treated groups of people even if their struggles do not apply to them personally.

Pisces Moon:

Pisces moons can be out of touch with reality, but have great intuition and ability for compassion- they can easily put themselves in others’ shoes. Therefore, if something doesn’t feel right to them, they won’t do it regardless of what conventional wisdom suggests. Being a rather vulnerable sign, Pisces moons can be affected heavily by others’ emotions, so in order to be happy, it is best for them to keep a tight circle of positive people. Their vulnerable emotions can make them feel deep love or have great inspiration for artwork, but it can make them bored with practical affairs. Boundless compassion makes Pisces moons suckers for movies like “The Notebook”

Mercury:

Symbol: ☿

Time that it takes to go through each sign: About 1 year

Signs that it rules: Gemini ♊ and Virgo ♍

Keywords:

- Thought
- Communication
- Learning
- Reasoning
- Journalism

In ancient folklore, Mercury represented a winged messenger that passed information from the gods to mortals. The top of the Mercury symbol represents wings. The sign that your natal Mercury is in determines how you pass on your thoughts into written or spoken word. It also relates to how you learn and what subjects you may be interested in. Mercury takes about a

year to go through each sign and can spend 14 to 30 days in a sign dependent on its motion. Usually, planets move forwards through the signs, for example, going from the sign of Aries to Taurus. However, retrograde periods indicate that a planet is moving backwards, and when this occurs, delays and complications in what that planet controls are expected. When Mercury is in retrograde motion, expect delays and misunderstandings in communication.

Aries Mercury:

When Mercury is ruled by fiery Aries, expect honest, quick communication and an alert mind. They make decisions quickly and have the tendency to start new projects before finishing old ones. People with Aries Mercury enjoy learning to be active and hands-on, and will be interested in subjects like engineering and exercise science.

Taurus Mercury:

When Mercury is ruled by steady Taurus, expect quieter people who think before they speak. Innovation will not be one of their best qualities, but when they set their mind to a project they will see it through to the end. People with Taurus Mercury are adept at business and management, and prefer subjects connected with economics as well as an appreciation of fine foods, beauty products, and art.

Gemini Mercury (domicile):

When Mercury is ruled by chatty Gemini, expect people who speak a lot and always have something to say for every situation. Being in domicile, their minds love to be stimulated and store a lot of information, but being a walking encyclopedia can make the quieter types feel restless and bothered. People with Gemini Mercury enjoy learning for the sake of learning and make great data scientists and marketers.

Cancer Mercury:

When Mercury is ruled by intuitive Cancer, expect people who learn more by intuition than logic and are more shy when speaking in public. They are conservative in their opinions, hold strongly to their past, and can feel threatened by others who have wildly different points of view. With their sentimental ways of communication and interest in the past, people with Mercury Cancers make great artists and historians.

Leo Mercury:

When Mercury is ruled by theatrical Leo, expect people who speak dramatically and are never shy to speak in front of a group. People love to hear them talk for entertainment purposes as they make good storytellers, but in a serious argument they will fiercely defend their opinion and can hurt others by doing so. They make great public speakers and actors.

Virgo Mercury (domicile and exaltation):

When Mercury is ruled by analytical Virgo, the mind functions as an information processor, and they always point out the details which can make them speak cynically but also give them a sarcastic sense of humor. While Gemini Mercurys gather information about a wide range of subjects, Virgo Mercurys prefer to dive deep into one or a few subjects. Their organisational and analytical abilities make them great mathematicians and researchers.

Libra Mercury:

When Mercury is ruled by pleasing Libra, the mind is focused on fairness and balance and they like to give a lot of compliments. They will be open to new ideas so they can better balance their previous viewpoints, but if the truth itself is not balanced they can have a difficult time accepting that. People with Libra Mercury make great promoters and they work well in groups.

Scorpio Mercury:

When Mercury is ruled by intense Scorpio, they can be like human lie detectors and they speak in a cutthroat, sharp manner. When presented with new ideas, they will be suspicious about them until they see evidence that proves otherwise, and they strongly search for this evidence. This makes people with Scorpio Mercury great as investigators and strategists, and they will also be interested in the occult.

Sagittarius Mercury (detriment):

When Mercury is ruled by expansive Sagittarius, their minds will focus on the big picture rather than small details and they speak for recreational purposes. Since Mercury is in detriment in Sagittarius, they are not great at filtering information for research purposes, but their curiosity keeps them afloat. People with Sagittarius Mercury make great freelance artists, writers and philosophers.

Capricorn Mercury:

When Mercury is ruled by hard-working Capricorn, their minds will be very rational and when they speak, there is a reason. They need solid facts to build their opinions as they do not let emotions seep into their way of knowing the truth. This makes them blunt speakers and good at giving orders to get things done. Their cold, calculating nature makes Capricorn Mercurys make great businessmen and scientists.

Aquarius Mercury:

When Mercury is ruled by innovative Aquarius, their minds will be drawn to original ways of thinking and they catch on to all the newest phrases. Their affinity for trending subjects can make them pioneers, but they should watch out for latching on to new trends just for the sake of it. They also enjoy seeking knowledge for humanitarian causes. Aquarius Mercurys are great in careers that deal with social media and technology.

Pisces Mercury (detriment and fall):

When Mercury is ruled by dreamy Pisces, their minds will often get lost in fantasy and they tend to speak quietly and passively. While being in detriment and fall will hinder a Pisces Mercury's ability in hard sciences and critical thinking, they excel in thinking abstractly and compassionately which can lead to artistic talent. Pisces Mercurys make great artists and humanitarians.

Venus:

Symbol: ♀

Time that it takes to go through each sign: About 1.5 years

Signs that it rules: Taurus  and Libra 

Keywords:

- Love
- Money
- Pleasure
- Beauty
- What you are attracted to

In ancient folklore, Venus was the goddess of love. You may notice that its symbol is the same as the one that represents female, so Venus has to do with qualities that are perceived to be feminine. The sign that your natal Venus is in determines what you will be attracted to and how you love, as well as what you perceive to be beautiful. It controls how we view and spend money as well. Venus takes about 1.5 years to transit through all of the signs, but this is only an estimate due to the fact that it can go through periods of retrograde motion. When Venus is in retrograde, it can cause love and relationships to cool off and hidden issues to arise.

Aries Venus (detriment):

People with Aries Venus will be straightforward with affairs and look for partners who are as dominant as they are. Being in detriment, instead of looking for romantic, sensual lovers, Aries Venus causes those with this placement to look for aggressive, fiery lovers. They will be passionate, but jump ship when a relationship gets boring. In terms of how they spend money, Aries Venuses have a tendency to buy things on a whim and then stop using them.

Taurus Venus (domicile):

People with Taurus Venus will be passive with affairs and look for partners who are physically beautiful and secure. Being in domicile, Taurus Venus causes those with this placement to really enjoy cuddling, love wearing nice clothing, and having luxurious possessions. They will take their time to enter a relationship and are very faithful but can be heartbroken over cheating. In terms of how they spend money, Taurus Venuses will take a while in deciding to buy something, but when they do, they covet and guard their possessions.

Gemini Venus:

People with Gemini Venus will be more attracted to the mind than the body and are not possessive in relationships. They will give their partners free space to roam, but can be uncommitted in relationships themselves. Gemini Venuses are hard to pin down so they are the type to have multiple partners at once, and they can speak a lot about their affairs to others. In terms of how they spend money, they prefer to buy things connected with media and information rather than material objects and can have erratic spending patterns.

Cancer Venus:

People with Cancer Venus will be attracted to tender, affectionate, and sweet partners but will rarely be the first ones to make a move. They are the type to enjoy staying in for the night with their partners, but they can sense when something is off with their partners and get upset when this happens. Cancer Venuses make great mothers or fathers and nurture their partners when they are down. In terms of their spending habits, Cancer Venuses would rather spend money on home decorations and food than trips and concerts, and they are frugal.

Leo Venus:

People with Leo Venus will be attracted to partners that make them feel special, and they are theatrical flirts. If you are with someone who has Leo in Venus, you will need to pay a lot of attention to them and in turn they will let everyone else know how much they appreciate you. Having a secret relationship is not something that these people would enjoy, as they love showing off their partners and don't mind making others jealous about it. When Leo Venuses spend money, they prefer to buy things they can show to others and love buying gifts.

Virgo Venus (fall):

People with Virgo Venus are not very flirty and show their love with little things rather than big gestures. Since Venus is in fall here, they may not have romance amongst their top priorities but can function well being single. It takes time and effort to get them to fall in love but when they do, they are helpful and loyal towards their partners in subtle ways. In terms of their spending habits, Virgo Venuses can be stingy and they prefer to buy items that have a practical use.

Libra Venus (domicile):

People with Libra Venus idealize being in relationships and flirt in a sweet and charming manner. Unlike Taurus Venuses where physical beauty plays a big role in choosing a partner, Libra Venuses are more attracted to people who act gracefully. When they are in relationships, they fully give themselves to their partners and if the favor is not returned, they will be frustrated. In terms of their spending habits, Libra Venuses can have trouble deciding what to buy and they prefer to split checks evenly.

Scorpio Venus (detriment):

People with Scorpio Venus have deep and intense feelings, and when they have their sights on a potential partner they will do anything to get them. While being in detriment does not affect those who have Scorpio Venus' passion and sexuality, it makes them less fond of the idea of being prince charming. They can be blunt and even hurtful in how they treat their partners, but deep down if they feel a strong connection, they will trust them until the very end. In terms of their spending habits, Scorpio Venuses are frugal and secretive in how they spend money because they want to accumulate as much as they can.

Sagittarius Venus:

People with Sagittarius Venus choose partners whomst they are inspired by and they can adventure with. They take relationships full throttle and love doing new things, so they dislike when issues occur and instead of talking them over, they could just move on. To win their heart, their partners need to be as zealous and adventurous as they are, so they are not a good fit for signs that can fall into a routine. In terms of their spending habits, Sagittarius Venuses can be prone to overspending but prefer to spend on things such as travel and entertainment.

Capricorn Venus:

People with Venus in Capricorn are not be the best at spontaneously flirting, and take a while to choose their partners. They will not be very warm-hearted at first, but if their partners show them affection, they will let their guard down and treat them like a king or queen. Partners of high social status attract them, and they enjoy long-term relationships and stability. In terms of their spending habits, Capricorn Venuses are all about saving money to raise their bank accounts, but should learn to let go and spend sometimes.

Aquarius Venus:

People with Venus in Aquarius are attracted to unique partners and prefer when relationships are not defined. They are not the jealous type and will never be toxic to their partners, but it takes a lot for them to feel deep love and have a stable relationship. Intellectual stimulation rather than physical features is what attracts them, and they are fans of going on group dates as opposed to being one-on-one with their partners all the time. In terms of their spending habits, Aquarius Venuses can be erratic and would rather buy random knick-knacks than necessities.

Pisces Venus (exaltation):

People with Venus in Pisces truly love people for who they are and flirt in an aloof but charming way. With Venus being exalted in Pisces, they fall in love easily, but the downside of this is it can cause them to choose partners who aren't a good fit for them. In relationships, they are very forgiving, do not let social status or physical beauty influence their love, but sometimes they can let their partners get away with too much. In terms of their spending habits, Pisces Venuses can be too unselfish with their money but do not rely on material possessions.

Mars:

Symbol: ♂

Signs that it rules: Aries  and Scorpio  (partially)

Time that it takes to go through each sign: 2 years

Keywords:

- Action
- Aggression
- Vitality
- Motivation

- Competition

In ancient folklore, Mars was the god of war and aggression. Its symbol is the same as the one that represents male, so it represents qualities that are perceived to be masculine. The sign that your natal Mars is in determines how you take action, what motivates you, and how you go about activities of competitive nature. Mars takes about 2 years to go through all of the signs and spends about 2 months in each sign, but can get stuck in a sign for a while if it is in retrograde motion. When Mars is in retrograde, it can be more difficult to take action and aggression can yield unwarranted results.

Mars in Aries (domicile):

People with Mars in Aries are competitive warriors. Being in domicile, they will likely be the first to try new things and have little fear. However, they can be impulsive and not think about how their actions affect others. They have a high temper that fades quickly and can be impatient. When Aries Mars' take action, they are like a karate fighter.

Mars in Taurus (detriment):

People with Mars in Taurus are stable bulls. Being in detriment, they will be hesitant when trying new things and act slowly and cautiously. However, when they are set on doing something, they will complete it and keep a stable energy throughout the whole task. They do not like to be rushed and go at their own pace. "Slow and steady wins the race" describes how Taurus Mars' take action.

Mars in Gemini:

People with Mars in Gemini are chatty parrots. In order to keep their energy up, they need a constant feed of communication from their surroundings and can become tired when nothing is going on. They prefer to attack with words rather than actions and make great debaters. Multitasking is not an issue for them as they prefer to have multiple projects going on as opposed to just one.

Mars in Cancer (fall):

People with Mars in Cancer are crabs with a hard shell. Being in fall, outward aggression is something rarely seen from these people. This can cause them to be passive-aggressive, and when they build up too much internal resentment they can explode. However, they are protective of the people they care about and when they do act you know it's for a good reason. Cancer Mars' natural tendency is to hold emotion in, so venting is beneficial for them.

Mars in Leo:

People with Mars in Leo have a strong will to let the world know who they are. They act with their hearts rather than their heads, and react strongly when personally insulted. Ambition is high in this sign as they feel as if they have a destiny in life. In public competitions, they are heavily driven to win and showcase a good public image. They take action in dramatic ways and often in front of other people, and enjoy blowing off steam by participating in recreational activities.

Mars in Virgo:

People with Mars in Virgo focus their actions in ways that will provide realistic benefits for them, and are not prone to emotional outbursts. They thrive in taking action in a familiar system, and are not the best at stepping foot into uncharted territory. When they take action, they strive to be perfect, and they are often very active because they are easily bored. Conquering new tasks is viewed as a blessing for Mars Virgos, but they can take a while because they try to perfect every detail.

Mars in Libra (detriment):

People with Mars in Libra are not the types to put their foot in the door. Being in detriment, this placement can make it tough for them to take action on their own accord and make them indecisive. However, because they reflect so much before taking action, this makes them great peacemakers when conflicts do arise and they will never be brash. When they do take action, it can be in passive-aggressive, but the end goal is to attain a peaceful solution that pleases all parties involved rather than for personal pride.

Mars in Scorpio (domicile):

People with Mars in Scorpio are like cunning detectives. While Aries exudes the aggressive characteristics of Mars in a straightforward, physical manner, Scorpio exudes this energy on a hidden psychological level so they may come off as calm and collected. When they set a goal, they are not afraid to break the rules to achieve it. They display the typical Scorpio traits such as high sex drive, intensity, and interest in the occult. "Life isn't fair" is a Scorpio Mars' motto, so they do what they have to do to get things done.

Mars in Sagittarius:

People with Mars in Sagittarius are risky business. They have an optimistic view when they fail and do not let their shortcomings stop them from trying again, but sometimes it takes too many failed attempts before they realize it's not going to happen. Sagittarius qualities such as playfulness and warm-heartedness apply to these folks, but they can also be impatient and insensitive to others' feelings. Debating is something they enjoy, and they have a constant need for freedom.

Mars in Capricorn (exaltation):

People with Mars in Capricorn put in work. Being in exaltation, people with this placement set realistic goals and have the vitality to see them through, and they don't let their emotions get the best of them. However, they feel uneasy when not in control and look down on those who are emotional or lazy. They are not afraid to walk all over others to get where they want to be and the feeling of a long day of work gives them satisfaction.

Mars in Aquarius:

People with Mars in Aquarius are like a mystery box. What makes them want to take action and their ambitions are often highly personalized and unpredictable. They are not the most aggressive in the typical sense but hate the feeling of being boxed in. With intrapersonal relations, they can be emotionally detached and have a superiority complex and are more comfortable fighting for groups than individuals.

Mars in Pisces:

People with Mars in Pisces are like fish swimming through an ocean. They do not have clear-cut desires and tend to "go with the flow". They are not fans of conflict and can even fight for love and compassion. Setting goals on their own accord is not this placement's strength, yet their intuition and willingness to "let it happen" can lead them to favorable results. Rather than sports and public competitions, they prefer to express their energy through creative outlets.

Personal vs. Social vs. Outer Planets:

The sun, moon, Mercury, Venus, and Mars are known as personal planets. Their sign placements in your birth chart will have a direct impact on your personality since they transit so quickly.

Jupiter and Saturn are known as social planets. Their sign placements in your birth chart will have less impact on your personality and more impact on generational values since they spend 1-3 years in a sign. Therefore, the blurbs for social planets are shorter than those for personal planets.

Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto are known as outer planets. Their sign placements in your birth chart have little impact on your personality and a large impact on generational values since they spend 6-20 years in a sign. Therefore, there are no blurbs for outer planets in signs.

However, the house placements, which constitute the third pillar of reading your birth chart, are very important for all planets.

Jupiter:

Symbol: ♃

Signs that it rules: Sagittarius ♐ and Pisces ♓ (partially)

Time that it takes to go through each sign: 12 years

Keywords:

- Beliefs
- Growth
- Optimism
- Wisdom
- Overindulgence

In ancient folklore, Jupiter is known as the king of the Gods. Therefore, it is associated with many positive aspects such as growth and finding a higher sense of purpose. The sign that your Jupiter is in represents how you grow as a person and find spiritual truths. However, when Jupiter's growth is not given a reality check from time to time, it can lead to issues that arise from taking things to excess. It takes about 12 years to pass through each sign, and spends about 1 year in each sign. When Jupiter is in retrograde, spiritual growth tends to happen inwards rather than outwards.

Jupiter in Aries:

With Jupiter in Aries, personal growth comes by putting yourself out there and engaging in self-motivated tasks. Possible downsides to this placement include a need for instant results and breaking rules.

Jupiter in Taurus:

With Jupiter in Taurus, personal growth comes by patience and material gain. Possible downsides to this placement include overindulgence and lack of spirituality.

Jupiter in Gemini (detriment):

With Jupiter in Gemini, personal growth comes by curiosity and intellectual opportunities. Possible downsides to this placement include overemphasizing superficial knowledge and difficulty finding deep truths.

Jupiter in Cancer (exaltation):

With Jupiter in Cancer, personal growth comes by being empathetic, hospitable, and respecting traditions and family. Possible downsides to this placement include over-relying on your gut and being afraid to break traditions.

Jupiter in Leo:

With Jupiter in Leo, personal growth comes by inspiring others and being creative. Possible downsides to this placement include excessive pride and caring too much of what others think of them.

Jupiter in Virgo (detriment):

With Jupiter in Virgo, personal growth comes by analyzing details and finding practical skills. Possible downsides to this placement include lack of spirituality and hyperfocusing on work.

Jupiter in Libra:

With Jupiter in Libra, personal growth comes by fairness and maintaining relationships. Possible downsides to this placement include lack of independence and caring too much of what others think of them.

Jupiter in Scorpio:

With Jupiter in Scorpio, personal growth comes by intense pursuit of knowledge and solving problems. Possible downsides of this placement include stubbornness and “putting all your eggs in one basket”

Jupiter in Sagittarius (domicile):

With Jupiter in Sagittarius, personal growth comes by understanding philosophy, spirituality, and experiencing foreign cultures. Possible downsides of this placement include feeling trapped by routine and being a rule breaker.

Jupiter in Capricorn (fall):

With Jupiter in Capricorn, personal growth comes by being resourceful and achieving goals. Possible downsides to this placement include trying too hard to reach high status at the expense of your spiritual well-being.

Jupiter in Aquarius:

With Jupiter in Aquarius, personal growth comes by finding innovative, unique ways to express yourself and humanitarian efforts. Possible downsides to this placement include emotional detachment and rebelliousness.

Jupiter in Pisces (exaltation):

With Jupiter in Pisces, personal growth comes by universal compassion, faith, and the arts. Possible downsides to this placement include a tendency to escape reality and difficulty being serious.

Saturn:

Symbol: ♄

Signs that it rules: Capricorn ♄ and Aquarius ♒ (partially)

Time that it takes to go through each sign: About 29.5 years

Keywords:

- Limitations
- Lessons
- Discipline
- Authority
- Refining

In ancient folklore, Saturn was a father planet and ate his five sons! Being the planet of limitations, Saturn represents repaying debts and where to place restrictions. It is the opposite of the planet of growth, Jupiter, but both are necessary in order to prosper and refine skills. Saturn

is known for teaching lessons that provide long-term growth rather than instant gratification, like a strict father or authority figure. Your natal Saturn placement represents how you face fears and learn lessons. Saturn spends about 2.5 years in each sign and takes 29.5 years to go through all of the signs. When Saturn is in retrograde, procrastination and assessment of progress occurs.

Saturn in Aries (fall):

The biggest life lesson for those with Saturn in Aries is to be self-confident and assertive. Aries Saturns are patient and risk-averse, but they can have difficulty standing up for themselves as well.

Saturn in Taurus:

The biggest life lesson for those with Saturn in Taurus is to be less possessive. Taurus Saturns are loyal and can focus a lot of time on certain projects, but can also feel guilty about overindulging.

Saturn in Gemini:

The biggest life lesson for those with Saturn in Gemini is to communicate better. Gemini Saturns dislike superficial chatter, yet have an ability to obtain the truth by filtering the BS out of people's words.

Saturn in Cancer (detriment):

The biggest life lesson for those with Saturn in Cancer is to learn how to deal with emotions in a healthy way. Cancer Saturns have a tendency to bottle their emotions up and become defensive, but can heal others if they find emotional security themselves.

Saturn in Leo (detriment):

The biggest life lesson for those with Saturn in Leo is that it's okay to show off and be playful. Leo Saturns have a tendency to get mad when others seek attention, but they are good at setting long-term goals rather than seeking instant gratification.

Saturn in Virgo:

The biggest life lesson for those with Saturn in Virgo is that they can't always be perfect. Virgo Saturns have a fear of criticism that can inhibit them from taking risks, but they have great abilities in their self-control.

Saturn in Libra (exaltation):

The biggest life lesson for those with Saturn in Libra is that they have to take decisive action. Libra Saturns may take too long to make decisions and form new partnerships, but once they do they are fair and trustworthy to their connections.

Saturn in Scorpio:

The biggest life lesson for those with Saturn in Scorpio is to come to terms with their deeper emotions. Scorpio Saturns can read others' hidden emotions, yet need to learn how to confide in others for their hidden emotions rather than bottling them up.

Saturn in Sagittarius:

The biggest life lesson for those with Saturn in Sagittarius is to let go and have faith. Sagittarius Saturns will dig for information on a topic until they find concrete truth, but they may have trouble doing things just for the sake of pleasure.

Saturn in Capricorn (domicile):

The biggest life lesson for those with Saturn in Capricorn is to not be their own harshest critics. Capricorn Saturns have great ambition inside them, but do not feel comfortable putting themselves out there if it is not in the right system.

Saturn in Aquarius (domicile):

The biggest life lesson for those with Saturn in Aquarius is to be comfortable in groups. Aquarius Saturns are capable of coming up with great ideas that are considered before their time, yet have trouble working with and listening to others.

Saturn in Pisces:

The biggest life lesson for those with Saturn in Pisces is to accept others' compassion. Pisces Saturns are great supporters of others, yet they need to know when to let their guard down and feel universal compassion.

Uranus:

Symbol: ♅

Sign that it rules: Aquarius ♒

Time that it takes to go through each sign: 84 years

Keywords:

- Awakening
- Freedom
- Invention

- Rebellion
- Sudden Change

Uranus was not discovered until 1781, so there are no ancient tales on it. Picture Uranus like the light bulb that pops up in cartoon characters' heads when they have a bright idea. It represents new ideas that suddenly come to us. With these new ideas come awakenings that push us to rebel against outdated ways of thinking. Uranus's influence causes change to come rapidly rather than gradually. Since it takes 84 years to go through all of the signs, it stays in each sign for 6 or 7 years. The sign that Uranus is in represents which areas in society will undergo innovation and change. For example, as of 2020, Uranus is in Taurus, so new ideas about areas such as banking and agriculture could emerge.

Neptune:

Symbol: ♆

Sign that it rules: Pisces ♓

Time that it takes to go through all the signs: 165 years

Keywords:

- Mystery
- Abstract Ideas
- Spirituality
- Escapism
- Dissolution of ego

Neptune's name and symbol, a trident, both have to do with the sea. Think of Neptune's meaning like the deep ocean- what lies beneath the surface is mysterious and even modern day scientists have limited information on the contents of the deep sea. It is also associated with forms of escapism such as the arts and drug use, which can lead to dissolution of ego but also dependence and burnout. Neptune is all about the unseen and life's mysteries. It takes quite a while to go through each sign, and spends about 14 years in a single sign so it influences a wide generation. The sign that Neptune is in determines the collective values of society at a given time period. As of 2020, Neptune is currently in Pisces, so the collective values of society are spirituality and finding hidden truth, but drug abuse and other forms of escapism are on the rise.

Pluto:

Symbol: ♇

Sign that it rules: Scorpio ♏

Time that it takes to go through each sign: 248 years

Keywords:

- Transformation
- Letting go
- Power
- Destruction
- Intensity

Pluto was discovered in 1930, and named after the Roman god of the underworld (also known as Hades). Being named after the god of the underworld, Pluto represents things we must let go of to start a new beginning. In order to have a fresh start, death is needed, which will be rather intense and destructive. However, it is also said to be the most powerful planet, as its influence can be like an atomic bomb. It takes a very long time to transit around the sun, and spends 14-20 years in each sign. Its sign represents areas of society that need to be destroyed and reinvented. As of 2020, Pluto is in Capricorn, so areas of society associated with Capricorn such as government and social hierarchy could be destroyed and reinvented.

Nodes of the moon:

Symbols: ♋ (north or true node) and ♊ (south node)

Time that they take to go through each sign: 18 years

Keywords:

- Destiny
- Life's purpose

Ever wondered what your path in life is supposed to be like? Well the north and south nodes of the moon can represent that. The south node represents what skills come naturally to you, and the north node represents what skills you should hone in on in order to be fulfilled. You may have a tendency to fall back on your south node instincts and be afraid of the behaviors that compromise the north node, yet a balance between the two is necessary to be fulfilled. Although only the north or true node is shown in www.astro.com birth charts, the south node will be placed in the sign and house opposite to it. For example, if your north node is in Leo, your south node will be in Aquarius.

North Node in Aries, South Node in Libra:

If you have these placements, it means that you have natural skill in how to conduct relationships and people pleasing, but need to work on assertiveness and doing things for yourself.

North Node in Taurus, South Node in Scorpio:

If you have these placements, it means that you have natural skill in understanding complex situations, but need to work on correcting these situations so you can live without any burdens and enjoy a simple life.

North Node in Gemini, South Node in Sagittarius:

If you have these placements, it means that you have natural skill in deep conversations and philosophy, but need to work on being less deep and more lighthearted and trivial in your communication.

North Node in Cancer, South Node in Capricorn:

If you have these placements, it means that you have natural skill in maintaining a public image and working, but need to work on spending more time with family and being emotional and sensitive.

North Node in Leo, South Node in Aquarius:

If you have these placements, it means that you have natural skill in how to conduct technology and being part of a collective group, but need to work on being the star of the show and fully expressing yourself.

North Node in Virgo, South Node in Pisces:

If you have these placements, it means that you have natural compassion, sensitivity, and can see the big picture well but need to work on analyzing the details, taking responsibility and developing a routine.

North Node in Libra, South Node in Aries:

If you have these placements, it means that you have natural skill in assertiveness and putting yourself out there, but need to work on cooperation and making sacrifices for others.

North Node in Scorpio, South Node in Taurus:

If you have these placements, it means that you have natural skill in accumulating resources and may find it easy to bring luxuries into your life, but need to work on sharing your wealth and focusing on life's mysteries.

North Node in Sagittarius, South Node in Gemini:

If you have these placements, it means that you will find value in superficial communication and accumulating facts, but need to work on putting your bits of knowledge together to think more deeply and leaving your comfort zone.

North Node in Capricorn, South Node in Cancer:

If you have these placements, it means that you have strengths in taking care of your family and nurturing others, but need to work on being a strong leader and empowering others through public displays.

North Node in Aquarius, South Node in Leo:

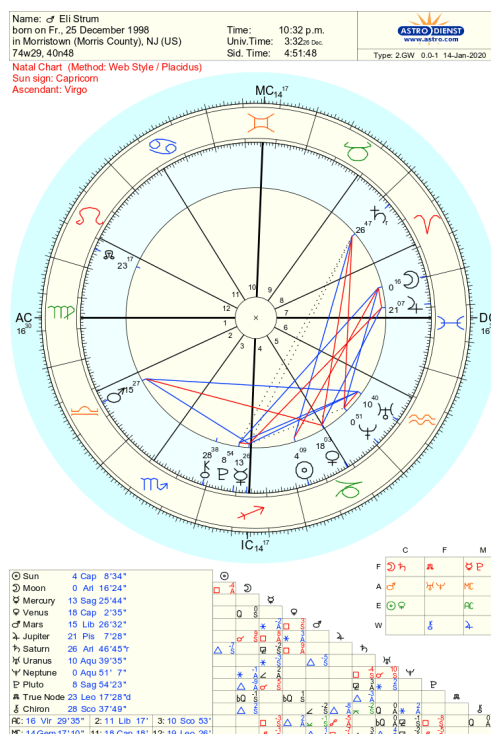
If you have these placements, it means that you have no problem expressing yourself and having fun, but need to work on developing a sense of security so you can do what's best for the group.

North Node in Pisces, South Node in Virgo:

If you have these placements, it means that you have a keen eye for details and a great sense of responsibility and routine, but need to work on developing a sense of spirituality and piecing together details to see the big picture.

Congrats, you now know all of the signs and celestial bodies!

The next pillar of astrological knowledge is the house system. Each person's birth chart is cut into sections numbered 1-12.



1st House:

Keywords:

- Self
- Personality
- Actions
- Easy for others to see

The first house deals with your personal identity. Therefore, if you have a planet in your first house, others will easily be able to identify it. For example, someone with Uranus in their first house will have qualities such as rebelliousness, free thinking, and collectiveness very apparent in their personality. Planets that are in the first house may be of greater importance for a person than planets in other houses, because since they are hyper-present in your personality, they can affect any area of your life.

2nd House:

Keywords:

- Self-made resources
- Accumulation
- Craftsmanship
- Materialism

The second house deals with how you accumulate material resources on your own accord. This house does not deal with transactions, but rather how you maintain and grow your own inventory. If you have a planet in the second house, it will impact how you go about attaining and maintaining your inventory of food, shelter, or wealth. For example, someone with Mars in their second house would be active and aggressive in their pursuit of maintaining a good amount of resources for themselves.

3rd House:

Keywords:

- Thinking patterns
- Short communications
- Language
- Neighbors and siblings

The third house deals with how you think, communicate, and use language. How you talk to others out loud or send written messages are heavily influenced by planets in this house, as well as your neighborhood and siblings in early life. If you have a planet in your third house, it will affect how you communicate with others. For example, Venus in the third house indicates a tendency to think and talk a lot about relationships, love, beauty, and wealth.

4th House:

Keywords:

- Family
- Home environment
- Sense of security
- Hospitality

The fourth house deals with who you are in a domestic environment and how you find security. It also determines how you go about nurturing other people and providing for them. Planets in this house will affect your views towards your family, how you take care of others, and how you find comfort. Having a lot of planets here could make you more of an introverted person. For example, if your Jupiter is in the fourth house, you will grow and expand through being a more domestic person as well as providing comfort for others.

5th House:

Keywords:

- Recreation
- Self-expression
- Pleasure
- Theatre and the arts

The fifth house deals with how you spend time devoted to leisure as well as how you express yourself. It determines what you look for in order to raise your quality of life. Planets in this house will affect the way you go about enjoying and expressing yourself. For example, if Mercury is in your 5th house, then you look to aspects such as communicating with others as well as mentally stimulating activities in order to enjoy a high quality of life.

6th House:

Keywords:

- Routines
- Job
- Health and hygiene
- Systems and numbers

The sixth house deals with how you go about daily routines, take care of yourself, and also deals with mathematical and scientific processes. It can determine your self-cleanliness, diet, and how you go about your daily grind. A planet in the sixth house can affect how you go about these routines. For example, someone with Saturn in the 6th house would be extremely structured with their hygiene and work and perhaps not see daily routines as that much of a burden.

7th House:

Keywords:

- Relationships
- What others think of you
- What qualities you look for in friends

The seventh house deals with what you look for in all kinds of relationships, romantic ones and friendship-based ones. If you have planets in the seventh house, it can affect what types of friends you look for and how you react to other people's thoughts about you. For example, someone with their moon in the 7th house would be emotional about how their relationships are going- making new friends and strengthening old bonds would excite them, but difficulties in their relationships can really take a toll on them.

8th House:

Keywords:

- Borrowed resources
- Sex
- Taboos

The 8th house deals with how you use borrowed resources, and how you view sexual and taboo matters. If you have planets in the 8th house, it can affect how you view these matters. For example, someone with Mercury in the 8th house might think about how to be a "master

negotiator” and make the most of borrowed resources, and not be one to shy away from talking about sex or the occult.

9th House:

Keywords:

- Beliefs
- Long travels
- Higher education

The 9th house deals with your life beliefs and philosophies, how you approach longer trips, and higher education. Having planets in the 9th house will affect how you view these areas and can make you a deeper, philosophical based person. For example, someone with Uranus in the 9th house might have unexpected but humanitarian beliefs, and enjoy travels to unexpected places.

10th House:

Keywords:

- Public image
- Career
- Relationship with authority

The 10th house deals with how you are viewed in the eyes of the public, your potential career, and how you deal with authority. Having planets in the 10th house will affect how you view these areas and possibly your career. For example, someone with Venus in the 10th house would want to put on a public image of someone who is charming and beautiful, while possibly engaging in a career that involves art or fashion.

11th House:

Keywords:

- Social groups
- Blending into society
- Humanitarian efforts

The 11th house deals with how you view being part of a social group, how you blend into society, and your feelings on humanitarian efforts. Having planets in the 11th house will affect

how you view these areas and what social groups you might look for. For example, someone with Neptune in the 11th house may look for passive, dreamier, artistic social groups, while someone with Mars in the 11th house may look for active, competitive social groups that might involve sports.

12th House:

Keywords:

- Subconscious
- Secrets
- The unseen

The 12th house is often the most difficult to understand in astrology because of its inherently secretive nature. If someone has planets in the 12th house, they may try to hide that planet's influence, and it can come out at opportune times. Yet a lot of planets in the 12th house can indicate potential for psychic abilities.

For example, if someone has their moon in the 12th house, they may normally seem like an emotionally detached person, but when their emotions come out, they are strong. It takes a lot of inner work and perhaps being more introverted to make use of 12th house planets correctly.

Congrats, you now know how to read a birth chart!

There is a sample reading below of my good friend Robby.

Of course, this guide is not comprehensive, and here are some more things to look up not included in this guide!

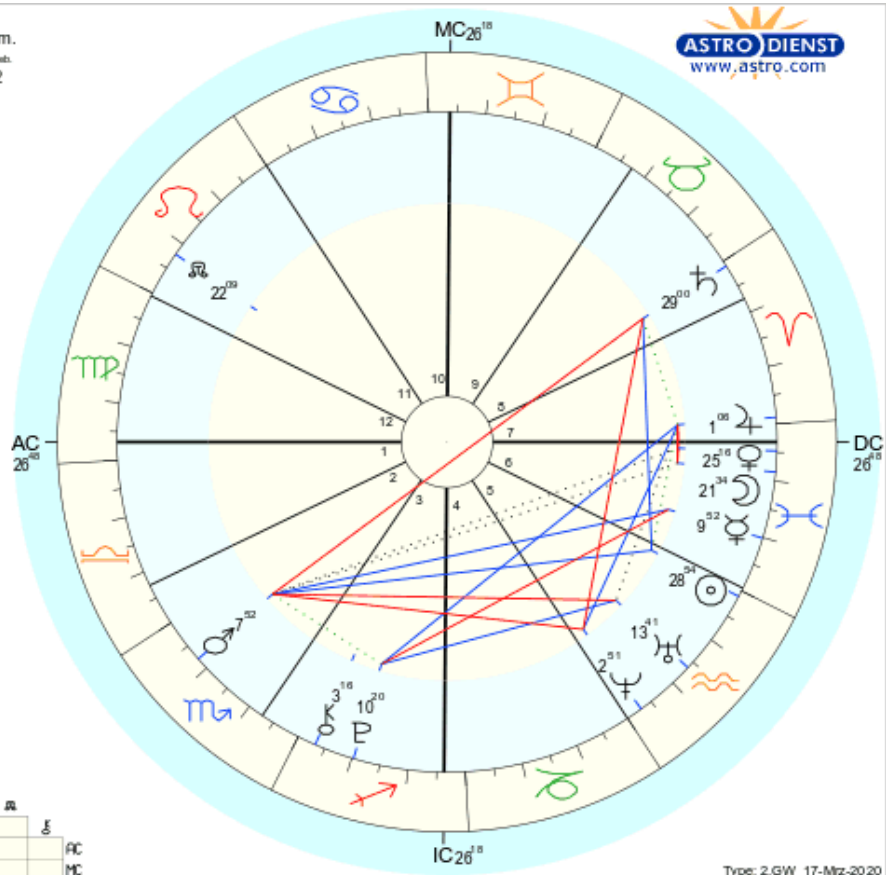
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Robby is a rising Virgo which means he can come off to others as a perfectionist and a detail oriented person.

Mars in Scorpio in Second House:

Mars determines how you take action and handle challenges. Robby's Mars is in Scorpio (exaltation) which means he will do what it takes to get the job done. When he sets a goal he relentlessly pursues it, but the extent of this pursuit can sometimes lead him towards danger. Robby's Mars is in the second house which deals with accumulating your own resources. When Robby takes action, his purpose is to gain resources for himself. This can come in the form of friends, wealth, academics, any resources he can use that can help him get by. With Mars being exalted, there is potential for a lot of resources to be accumulated throughout his life, as long as he doesn't go too far with dangerous methods of accumulating these resources.

Pluto in Sagittarius in the Third house:

Pluto is in Robby's Third house which deals with communication and communities. Pluto's placement in a chart indicates an area that may be difficult for you, but if harnessed properly can turn into an area of great power. Robby may have had difficulty with areas such as early education and short communications in his life, yet can also have somewhat of a hidden talent in this area as well. In order to harness this talent, a transformation must occur in the way he thinks, communicates as well as short travels.

Uranus and Neptune in the Fifth house:

Uranus and Neptune, two social planets in the 5th house indicate that Robby looks to Uranian qualities (rebellion, invention, sense of collectiveness) for pleasure. In terms of how he enjoys himself, he focuses on if the collective atmosphere is one where everyone is free-thinking, "hip", rather than whether his personal needs are met at the time. He takes a collective view on "fun", so if there is an issue with someone else that ruins the overall atmosphere, that will lead to issues with himself, as well as someone who were to not encourage free thinking and rebellion.

Neptune is in the Fifth house as well, so he also enjoys qualities such as escapism and dreams and views them as leisure. This can lead to problems with addiction as he enjoys using substances, yet since he views them as leisure, he can handle them quite well. This again leads there to be a collective atmosphere of no issues in order for him to experience pleasure rather than if his personal needs are met at the time. Yet with Neptune in the Fifth house, he isn't immune to personal needs and they often include things such as movies, music, and substances. Neptune in the Fifth house isn't a death sentence by any means though, as moderation of substances to a healthy level can actually raise his quality of life.

Sun in Aquarius in the Fifth house:

Robby is an Aquarius sun, which means that he is a collective-thinking, intelligent, and rebellious person. He has great qualities on a theoretical level as in that he loves to have fun and make sure others are too. However, when things don't go well, he can attack others from the standpoint of "why aren't you doing what's best for the collective good" rather than looking into the emotional and personal causes that underlie these issues. He would suit best to surround himself with people who are rebellious thinkers that do not attack others for bringing up game-changing ideas and can handle their emotions well, yet needs to learn that some issues do require empathy and a general emotional understanding rather than being standoffish and attacking from a higher plane. The best way for him to mix these approaches to life would be to take charge of situations that he is in, yet learn to concede and be humble himself in his leadership by acknowledging the presence of emotion and "attacking from a higher plane" not at others but by expressing his ideas about games and fun in a way that could not cause any harm to other people. With the sun, Uranus, and Neptune in the 5th house, Robby could be described as dreamy yet rebellious and a fun-loving person. His satisfaction includes others' satisfaction, and likes to keep in touch with a lot of people at an acquaintance level.

Mercury in Pisces in 6th house:

The 6th house of detail, organization, and daily service is what Robby thinks about. This makes him someone with strong daily routines and hygiene, and he can have great capabilities in the scientific and mathematical realms. However, with it being debilitated in Pisces, there is another aspect to his numerical and systematic knowledge, one where he thinks about compassion, art, music, and dreams. This placement gives him strong theoretical knowledge of numbers and systems, yet a strong urge to think about more artistic and abstract ideas and values. He needs to understand that in order to create the collective mosaic, each piece in it must be well-crafted. The best way for him to mix these aspects of what he thinks and communicates about would be to focus on the details and make everything look "perfect" so the message, or what he tries to get across as a whole is beautiful. The only hurdle is a tendency for his mind to get lost, but Pisces' quality of enjoying being with others makes it so that if others are at stake as well from his work, he will have to finish it to please the group.

Moon in Pisces in 6th house:

With his Moon in Pisces, Robby is empathetic and heavily affected by the environment around him. If an event occurs that makes him out of sync with someone, then that will surely take a toll on his emotions. He is a big fan of movies, music, and the arts and consumes these resources on a routine level. An issue for Robby is that he loves being around people, but the more people you get, the more of a chance that one of them causes the environment to be out of sync to Robby's taste. He has an inner tendency to want to escape through movies, games, and substance use. Partaking in these events at a routine level that is in accordance to how Robby wants to manage

his health is key for him. Music, art, and nature can be implemented into Robby's daily routine and also not damage his health. Philosophy and higher education is another aspect of Robby's moon sign, and the nature in which he decides to partake in these activities will play into his health and daily routines. While higher education may conflict with his inner urge to escape routine through parties and substance use, making the most of the experience, socially and academically will provide another outlet in which he can gain acquaintances and take up more of his time so escapism from daily routine doesn't completely dictate his experience.

Venus in Pisces in 6th house:

With his Venus in Pisces, Robby is attracted to people who are known for being compassionate but also have a dreamy aspect to them. Again this placement reinforces his love of escapism through movies, music, parties, games, substance abuse, and art. Yet placed in the 6th house, it is not through the expected routine escapist activities where Robby will find love but rather someone who will accompany him on daily routines. With Venus in the 6th house, daily routines such as exercise, schoolwork or a job are where Robby will find love and if he is in a relationship those factors will form the foundation of it. When in a relationship, daily health tasks, chores, and work must be balanced with escapism. Escapism in moderation is not a bad thing as it will not affect your health that much if done at a level less than compulsive.

Jupiter in Aries in 7th house:

When Jupiter is in the 7th house, you grow and expand through relationships. Robby's perspective on relationships with other people is that it can only cause his quality of life to expand, therefore he tends to be very social and keep many acquaintances. However, from hitting up too many people, there are bound to be some who teach Robby a lesson that when you have a lot of friends, not all of them are going to be sincere so some loss is expected in this area as well. The key for Robby is to be open with others and work to build trust in relationships so that when people are insincere, he doesn't get blindsided. Yet being an Aquarius, if he still is doing well enough with his relationships to attain a constant social life, he can rationalize others' insincerity towards him and take the agency off of himself, making him less prone to emotional suffering through loss of relationships. Jupiter in the house of relationships can give Robby some luck if he attempts to turn some of his acquaintances into better friends, but also some loss. His ability to detach himself from loss in relationships when others are insincere gives him confidence in trying to make new friends making him a social pioneer with many battle-tested relationships, but he may have to drop some people simply for the reason that they aren't vibing with them.

Saturn in Aries in the 8th house:

When Saturn is in the 8th house, issues may pop up with borrowed resources. When the line on how many resources to take from another person is blurry, there is a tendency to over-take.

Robby needs to be better with transactions, and make sure that he is providing fair enough deals that people continue doing business with him. If he can make sure that he always has something to bring to the table and has enough for himself as well, then the urge to over-take from others will disappear. This change may be difficult especially when Robby is such a social person and many people are willing to give him resources for free, but others will grow tired of his tendency to over-take. He can always stay socially afloat while using borrowed resources at a moderate rate, but in situations where there are no borrowed resources to use, he will need to learn how to provide for himself to quell the inner urge to get by using free stuff from other people.

North Node in Leo in the 11th House:

Robby's destiny in life coincides with his sociability, with the north node in the 11th house of social groups and associations. Sometimes he prefers to keep relationships Platonic even if it seems compatible, and can gain a lot of treading on the tires to establish great friendships rather than falling for every romantic impulse. With Robby valuing having a lot of acquaintances, he tends to prefer keeping things chill with people rather than falling into impulses which can actually lead to more overall affinity towards him. By gaining treading on his social tires while others take a more hot and cold approach, it leads to a very solid reputation and rich relationships that other people can even envy.

