

Want to learn astrology?

Here's some basics for you on interpreting your birthchart, and on making predictions based on your birthchart.

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START BY THINKING OF ASTROLOGY AS A SHORTHAND – you need to combine 12 SIGNS with 12 HOUSES with 10 PLANETS.

SIGNS - There are twelve "signs" used in astrology (Aries, Taurus, etc.), and they're defined by the earth's yearly revolution around the sun. You're already familiar with the signs, but do you know that you have all twelve signs in **YOUR CHART???**

This is what makes "real astrology" different from "newspaper astrology," because all that newspaper astrology looks at is the Sun Sign! You need to look at the sign your Moon is in, Venus, Mercury, etc, and you need to look at which of the 12 signs is on which of the twelve houses! Real astrology is based on your time, date, and place of birth, not just your Sun Sign!

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First, let's review the signs:

ARIES - Assertive, aggressive, act quickly, needs adventure

TAURUS - Stubborn, build slowly, expensive tastes, needs security

GEMINI - Flexible, social, needs information & options

CANCER - Indirect, emotional, needs a family

LEO - Flamboyant, creative, egotistical, needs appreciation & self-expression

VIRGO - Picky, careful, critical, needs things to make sense

LIBRA - Social, wishy-washy, needs a relationship

SCORPIO - Jealous, fight to the death, needs control

SAGITTARIUS - Restless, philosophical, needs new horizons

CAPRICORN - Executive, leader, needs to be boss

AQUARIUS - Innovative, exciting, unconventional, needs to be independent

PISCES - Sensitive, retreating, needs peace & quiet

PLANETS: Astrology is a combination of three things -- signs, planets, and houses. Let's start by combining signs and "planets." Although the Sun & Moon aren't technically planets, we'll start with them, because they're the most important.

What sign is your **SUN** in at the time of birth? Let's suppose it's in the sign of **CAPRICORN**. Our keywords above for Capricorn are "executive," "leader" "needs to be boss."

The **SUN** in a sign tells you what you're **BECOMING** in this lifetime, not what you **ARE!!** So the Sun in the sign of Capricorn means that in this lifetime, you're learning to be a manager, learning to take responsibility for others, learning to delegate to others, learning to take your place in the community.

If you've got the Sun in Capricorn, you should take every chance you get to be a leader. Get out there in front of the world, and show us what you're capable of!!

The MOON in a chart tells us what you need to be happy, what makes you comfortable, and what kind of home and emotional life you like. Some say that's because the MOON sign represents a past life, so of course you're very comfy with that kind of behavior! If you have the MOON in the sign of Taurus, you believe in buying very expensive furniture and stereo systems, whether or not you can afford it! You NEED an expensive stereo system in order to be comfy & happy. (Taurus=Stubborn, build slowly, expensive tastes)

If you have the Moon in Gemini, you need to make 10 trips a day to neighbors, you need to talk on the phone all the time. You LOVE to interact, to be social, to communicate with others. (Gemini=Flexible, social, needs information & options)

If you have the Moon in Capricorn, you need to be in charge. You just naturally assume that you'll be elected President of the club. You LOOK like a leader. You're most comfy when you're telling other people what to do. (Capricorn=Executive, leader)

The MOON is your PAST - not your FUTURE!! It's what you were encouraged to do in your childhood, it's what you probably mastered in your past lives, it's NOT what you're supposed to be focusing on!

Let's go back to our Capricorn Sun person, who is supposed to be learning how to be a leader, a business person, a community leader. Which Moon sign would be easiest for him/her?

Moon in Aries - very comfy with taking action (Aries=Assertive, aggressive, act quickly)

OR

Moon in Pisces - very comfy staying out of the limelight & retreating (Pisces=Sensitive, retreating)

Hmmmmmm.... who has the bigger challenge???

This method of combining "planets" and "signs" is very important - learn your keywords, and use your head, not some recipe book of astrology!!!

Let's take another example - a person with the Sun in the sign of Cancer. His life-long lesson is to find some roots for himself, start a family, build a home. (Cancer=indirect, emotional, needs a family) The SUN shows the "real you" in a chart, what you're becoming, what you should be striving for.

He has the MOON in the opposite sign of Capricorn. That's a built-in conflict in astrology, two things opposite one another. So what does he need in order to be happy? (Capricorn=Executive, leader) It's a good guess that he's going to spend all his time at the office, and probably doesn't make much time for his family! Will he resolve this conflict?? Let's look at other planets in his chart:

For starters, let's check the sign of VENUS, planet of relationships. Again, use your keywords when you look at the different planets. His VENUS is in the sign of LEO. (Leo=Flamboyant, creative, egotistical). So he likes partners that he can show off to others, a partner who "looks good" to others, and he needs lots of ego-strokes from his relationship partner.

How about his MERCURY, which describes how he thinks and communicates? His MERCURY is in the sign of Cancer, so he thinks and communicates very indirectly. He believes that his relationship partner should KNOW what he's thinking!

(Cancer=Indirect, emotional, needs a family)

What kind of action does he take? How does he go after what he wants, or thinks he wants? Let's look at MARS in his chart, the planet of action. His MARS is in the sign of Aquarius, so he's not afraid to try new

things, make new starts. (Aquarius=Innovative, exciting, unconventional)

Before we go any further with planets and signs, and combining them together to start interpreting, we need to look at HOUSES - 12 different areas of life experience, and see what signs are on them, and what planets are IN them!

The four most important houses are #1, #4, #7, and #10.

#1 is YOU, your appearance, how to present yourself to the world. The sign on this house is called the Rising Sign, or Ascendant.

#4 is YOUR HOME, your base of security

#7 is YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

#10 is YOUR CAREER

In terms of the chart answering questions for you, here's the setup:

1 WHO ARE YOU?

2 What resources do you have? What are you worth?

3 What kind of communicator are you?

4 WHAT IS YOUR HOME LIKE?

5 What do you do to be creative? Write books? Act? Have kids?

6 How do you make a living? What's your work and health like?

7 WHAT KINDS OF RELATIONSHIPS DO YOU HAVE?

8 How much do you depend on other people for money and self-worth? Are you a business person?

9 What do you believe in? What religion? Do you travel?

10 WHAT IS YOUR CAREER, YOUR POSITION IN SOCIETY?

11 What's your attitude toward groups, organizations, clubs? What friends do you have?

12 What's the general picture of your subconscious?

Each of the twelve houses has one of the twelve signs on it. Look at your tenth house of career. What sign is on it? If you have the sign of Cancer on the tenth house, you may be well-suited to work in a restaurant or hotel. If you have important planets in the tenth house in Cancer, you may manage that hotel!

A chart can be used as a personal mandala, indicating the best way for you to approach the various departments of life. The questions you have will be answered by the sign appearing on that house, and the planets located within the house.

1. What kind of approach should I take generally?

2. How can I make money?

3. What should I be learning?

4. What kind of a home life would be best?

5. What could I be really creative at?

6. What should I do for work?

7. Who should I live with as a partner?

8. Should I go into business?

9. Should I travel? Study law? go to college?

10. Should I have a career - not just a job?

11. What kind of friends or groups should I get into?

12. What hang-ups do I have to work out?

Combining signs, planets, and houses will help you answer the questions! As you're using keywords to interpret your chart, keep the relationship between planets in mind. For example, if you have JUPITER (planet of opportunity and where you should expand) in the second house of personal finances, you'll have lots of

opportunities to make money. If Jupiter is in the sign of Aquarius, you can make money with inventions, large groups of people, computers, etc.

Is JUPITER opposite any planet in the chart? If it's opposing SATURN, the planet of getting down to business, it may be hard for you to get down to business and actually make money, because you lack self-discipline and organization. And you may not get the bank loans you need. (SATURN in 8th house of other people's money)

Compare that with someone who has JUPITER in Aquarius 2nd trine (120 degrees - 4 signs) the SUN in the 10th house. There's no contest.

HOW TO FORECAST:

The key rule for prediction is that nothing will happen that isn't in your birth chart. If you want to successfully predict your chart (or someone else's) get to know the natal chart -- what does it promise?

If you have Jupiter (planet of opportunity) conjunct Venus (the second "good luck planet"), both in your tenth house of career at the time of birth, you've got a 90% chance of making money at your job hand over fist. (This would be especially true if your 10th house planets are trining (120 degrees or 4 signs) away from some planet in your 2nd house of making money! When transiting Uranus comes along to set off that natal potential, by moving into your 10th house, or by hitting a planet in your 10th house, you'll get an unexpected (Uranus keyword) chance for great success and big bucks. Uranus is the planet of upsets and sudden changes, but when your birth chart promises great career success, chances are excellent that the Uranus transit will be very "good."

Comparatively, let's take someone with Neptune (the Pisces fuzzy planet) conjunct Mars (your actions) in the 10th house. He dreams (Neptune) about what he's going to do (Mars) but he seldom actually does it -- he just dreams about the success he might have someday. Since Neptune is the planet ruling illusion, drugs, and near-criminal schemes of all kinds, we have to consider the possibility that this guy might try short-cuts to career success. In his chart, Neptune & Mars in the 10th are square (90 degrees - 3 signs) away from Jupiter (goals and legal troubles if your goals aren't within the law). A square always indicates a potential conflict, a potential problem. I say potential because nobody is going to tell this guy to do something illegal - he doesn't HAVE to take shortcuts to success. He DOES have free will, like all of us! But his predisposition as indicated by his birth chart is to avoid setting concrete goals for success and working toward them (Jupiter square Mars) and his tendency is to dream about what he wants instead of working hard (Neptune conjunct Mars). So transiting Uranus (planet of upsets & sudden changes) comes along and hits his 10th house planets. What's going to happen???? Will it be "good" or will it be very "bad?" Chances are it's going to be "bad," because he's predisposed that way in his birth chart! There's a good chance of suddenly losing his job if he's been cutting corners (or stealing the office blind). He may even suddenly find himself in jail!

That's the first step, and a very, very important step. What problems are indicated in the birth chart? What successes are indicated? A transiting planet will SET OFF SOME POTENTIAL in the birth chart. To predict correctly, you HAVE to study each birth chart very carefully.

It takes Uranus 84 years to make a complete orbit around your chart - or in other words, it spends about seven years in each house. Since it's such a slow-moving planet, it has quite a big effect when it moves into a house, and especially when it crosses the angle of a chart - the 1st, 4th, 7th or 10th house.

Uranus is the planet of upsets -- its purpose is to shake you out of ruts and routines you're in and make you feel alive again.

If you've settled for less than you should, and life is pretty predictable and unexciting, when transiting Uranus comes along, it'll definitely shake you up.

Why is it some people go thru big crises when Transiting Uranus is activating their chart, and some people

barely flinch?

Life means choices. If you always choose the safe and easy paths, sooner or later the universe is going to force you out of your comfort zone and help you grow in experience and wisdom. Let's take a look at a person who stays in his boring & predictable job for 21 years because he's afraid of trying something new. All of a sudden transiting Uranus comes along and crosses his Ascendant, or goes into his 10th house of career, and he gets downsized and loses his job. Is this "bad" or is it "good," because bigger & better opportunities are just around the corner? Life usually gives us what we need, not what we want!!

Uranus is the planet of breakups, breakthroughs, and breakdowns. How Uranian are you natively? If you've got a strong Uranus in your birth chart (Uranus on an angle, or Uranus conjunct, square, oppose or trine the Sun or Moon, or Uranus at the midpoint of Sun/Moon, etc.) then you're going to be risk-taking on your own, and you won't be as shaken up by transiting Uranus.

For example, a woman had Uranus conjunct Moon in her 7th house of relationships in her natal chart. So to be happy in relationships (7th house), she needs an unconventional (Uranus) home life (Moon), and she needs a mate who is exciting, likes challenges, and takes risks. Let's suppose that 10 years ago she married a Capricorn, because at that point in her life she craved lots of security and money. Over the ten year period, life got more and more dull, she took him for granted, he took her for granted, marriage was one big rut and routine. All of a sudden transiting Uranus hits her Ascendant, and she finds hubby with another woman. This is "bad," because it's way upsetting for her, but maybe "good" because it's about time she found more happiness with relationships. So what do you think - if she had chosen a "more suitable" mate to start with, would transiting Uranus have brought her this upset???? Life is full of grays, not all blacks and whites... At any rate, for her it's a major life crisis, the marriage falls apart, over a two year period she divorces and ends up marrying an unconventional and exciting man who supports her efforts to be a businesswoman. She feels alive again, and totally happy (and not trapped) in her marriage.

When you start studying prediction, you'll be tempted to overuse the astrology "recipe books" that are everywhere. For example, it'll say Transiting Uranus conjunct or square or oppose Venus means a sudden (Uranus) relationship (Venus) that definitely won't last (Uranus). It'll be over as quickly as it started.

Is that true? Think about it -- what kind of shape is Venus in, in the natal chart? Does the chart promise happiness in relationships, or trouble with relationships? Does the chart show a need for a Uranian partner?

TRANSITING URANUS encourages you to take some risks. These are once -in-a-lifetime chances.... don't blow them!

TRANSITING JUPITER means some new possibility, a new opportunity. What kind of opportunity? Check your natal chart and see what is promised...

TRANSITING SATURN means face facts in some area of your life - be serious, face your responsibilities. It's time to pin things down! It doesn't have to mean PROBLEMS unless you're not facing reality!

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