

Simplified Astrology

Astrology 101 Workbook

Exploring the basic building blocks of astrology

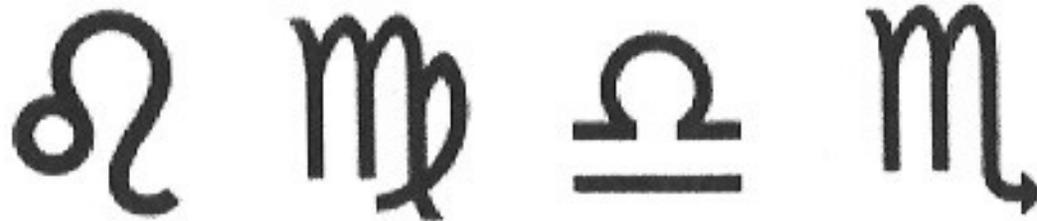


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SUN SIGNS

Elements + Triplicities



fire

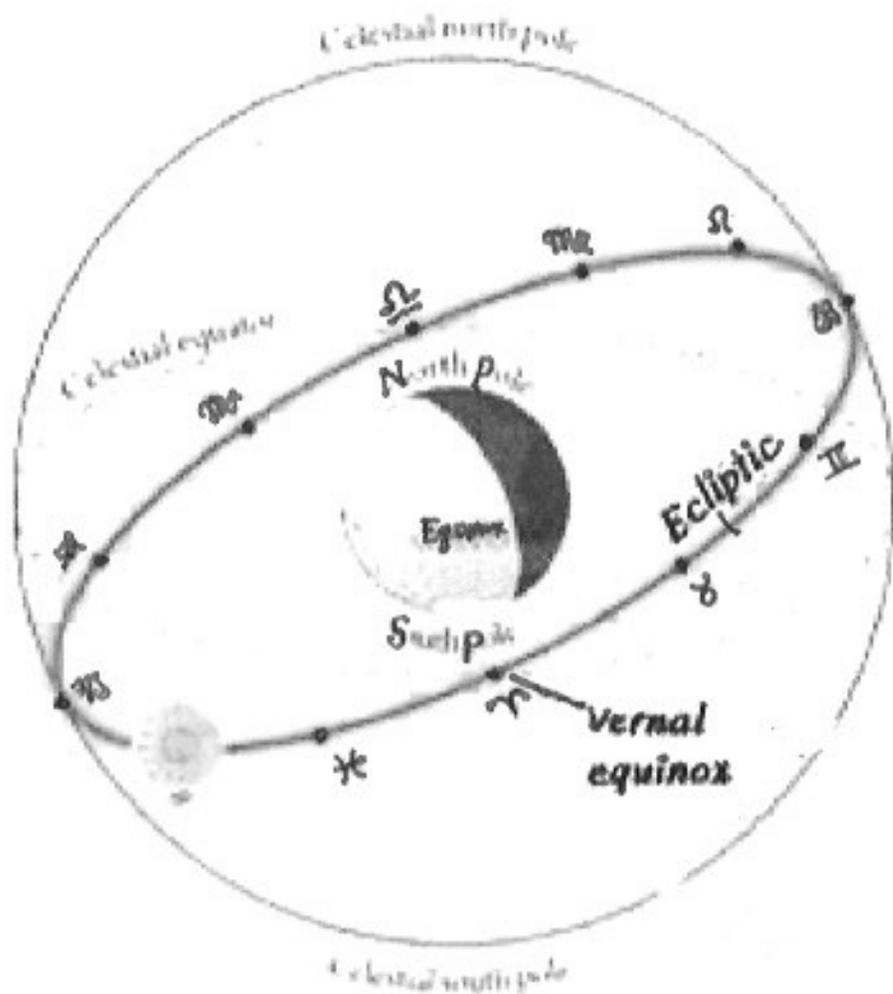
Earth

Air

Water

PLANETS & LUMINARES

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

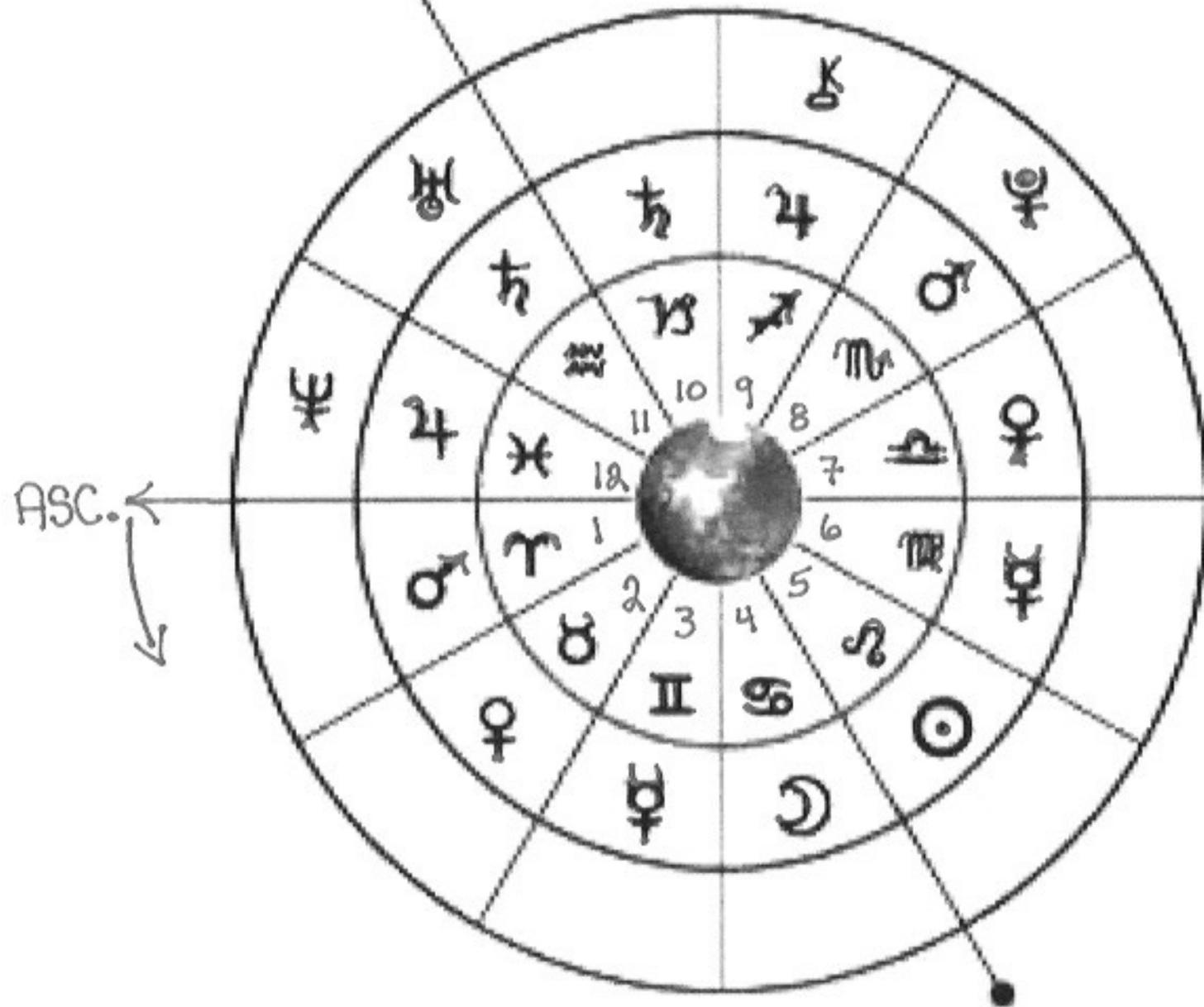


Planets	Orbit
Mercury	0,24 Earth years
Venus	0.62 Earth years
Earth	1 Earth year
Mars	1.9 Earth years
Jupiter	11.9 Earth years
Saturn	29.5 Earth years
Uranus	84 Earth years
Neptune	165 Earth years
Pluto	248 Earth years

Rulerships...
"HOUSES & SIGNS"



Rulerships...
"HOUSES, SIGNS & PLANETS"



① Name Rulerships
for each house:
Sign + Planet

② Then draw
the Glyphs.

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HOUSES

1. SELF, PHYSICAL REALITY
2. VALUES, POSSESSIONS
3. THE MIND, BELIEFS
4. HOME & FAMILY
5. CREATIVITY, ROMANCE, KIDS
6. HEALTH, WORK, ROUTINE

7. SIGNIFICANT RELATIONS
8. DEBT, TAXES, INHERITANCE
9. PHILOSOPHY, HIGHER MIND
10. CAREER & REPUTATION
11. FRIENDS, GROUPS, DREAMS
12. SUBCONSCIOUS, SABOTEUR

Complete step ① → ④, ① ↓ ⑩

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Draw Glyph

② PLANET

③ RULER OF...

④ Draw Glyph

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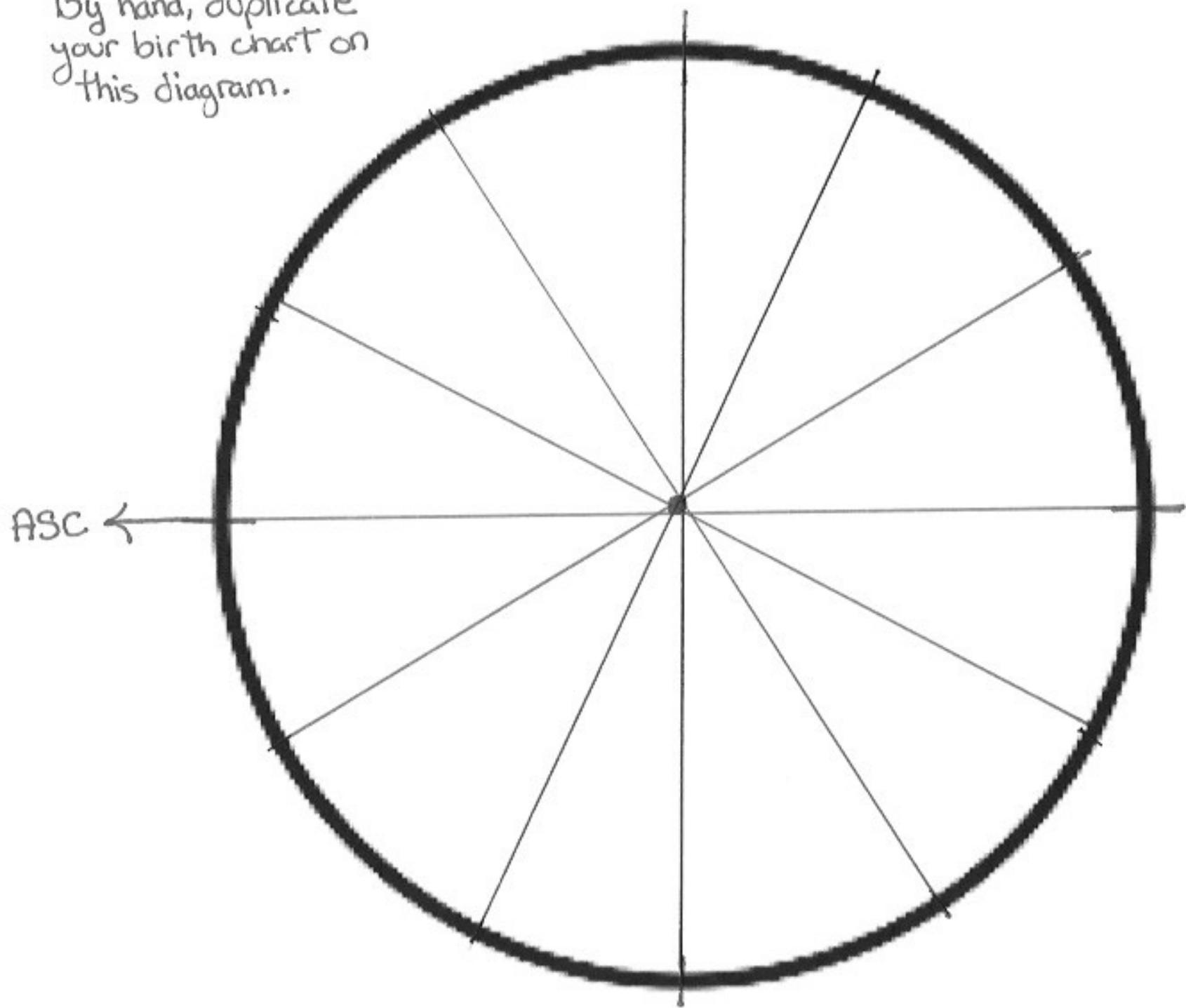
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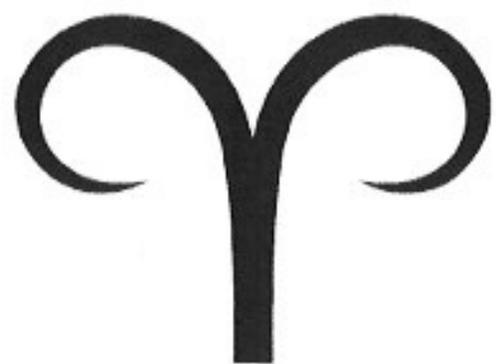
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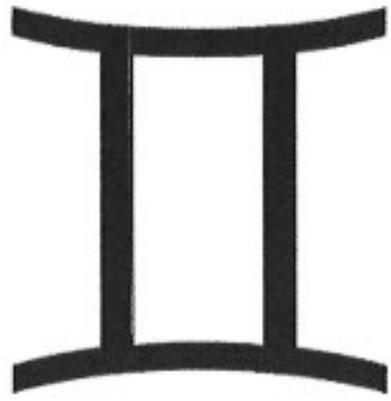
SUN
MOON
MERCURY
VENUS
MARS
JUPITER
SATURN
URANUS
NEPTUNE
PLUTO

By hand, duplicate
your birth chart on
this diagram.

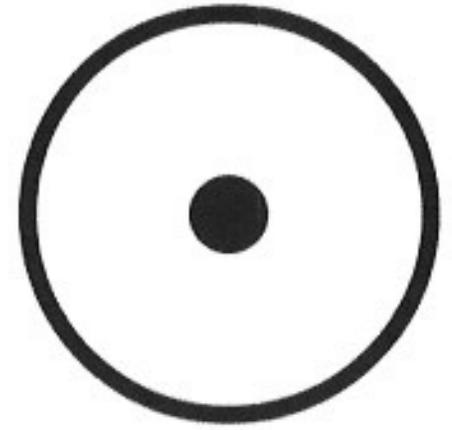




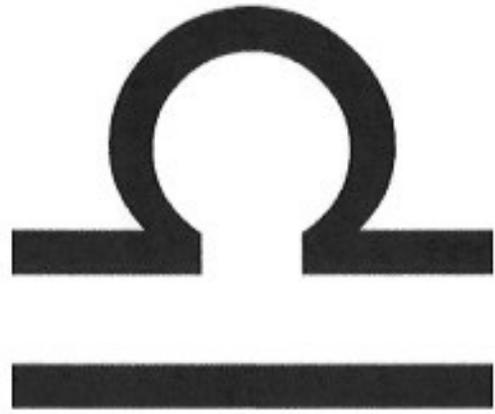












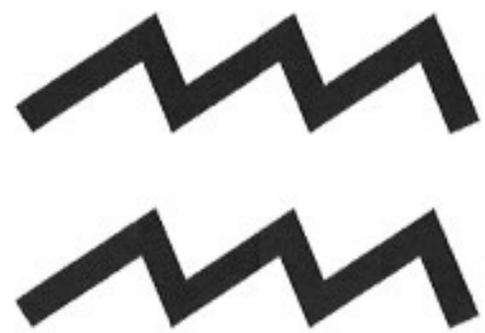


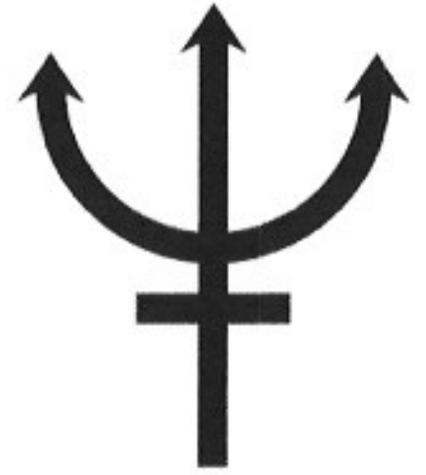


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Sun



Take a closer look at the Sun's *glyph*, or symbol. It shows the circle of Spirit, indicating potentiality, brought to focus in the central point or dot.

The Sun, the giver of life, represents our conscious mind in Astrology. It represents our will to live and our creative life force.

Just as the planets revolve around the Sun in our solar system, we derive our life purpose from the Sun in our natal charts. The Sun is our ego. It is also our “adult”– the part of us that censors our “inner child”, that reasons things out, and makes final decisions. The Sun is our basic identity, and represents self-realization. When you are asked, “Who are you?”, and you’ve passed your basic statistics and occupation, your answers will be a description of your Sun. The Sun also represents our overall vitality. The Sun directs us, and can be considered “the boss” of our chart.

The Sun (☉) is so important in the chart, that the happiest people on this earth are those who identify (without over-identifying) with the Sun’s expression. Though one might think that the traits of their Sun would come easy to them, the truth is, where and what we are to learn intros life.

With respect to the other luminary (the Moon), the Sun reflects the present or the “here and now”, while the Moon infuses the past into our lives through the feelings.

Your Sun



28-d Moon



Take a closer look at the Moon's *glyph*, or symbol. The Moon's glyph resembles the Moon itself when it is a crescent shape. The crescent shows reception, and the Moon is a lens that focuses the light of the Sun.

The Moon, in Astrology, is the ruler of Cancer. The Moon represents our deepest personal needs, our basic habits and reactions, and our unconscious. Where the Sun acts, the Moon reacts. How do we instinctively react or respond to problems? What do we feel we need for a sense of security? Look to the Moon in your natal chart for answers. The Moon (☾) is associated with the mother and with feminine energy in general. The Moon is both our inner child and our inner mother. It is responsive, receptive, and reflective. The Moon is our spontaneous and instinctual reactions.

Just as the Moon circles the Sun, in a symbolically protective manner, and reflects the Sun's light, the Moon in our chart shows how we protect ourselves, as well as make ourselves feel secure, comfortable, and safe. We can also think of the Moon as that which gives us *animation*. It rules rhythmic ebb and flow of activity and energy. The Moon is a mediator between the inner world and the outer world. While the Sun is rational, the Moon is irrational.

Your Moon



88-d Mercury



Mercury's glyph, or symbol, resembles that of Venus, with the addition of a semi-circle (hat) at the top. Spirit (circle) over matter (cross), resulting in receptivity (crescent).

Mercury the messenger of the gods, is the ruler of Gemini and Virgo. Mercury is the messenger in Astrology as it is in Mythology. It is the planet of day-to-day expression and communication. Mercury's action is to take things apart and put them back together again. It is an opportunistic planet, decidedly unemotional and curious.

In modern times, we tend to "meet" people's Mercury first. Many people make a connection for the first time through e-mails, for example. Mercury rules whether we are flowery in our speech and/or written words, concise in our choice of words, or business-like even in our personal communication.

Mercury not only rules communication, it represents coordination. Thought processes, ideas, and sensory information from both conscious and unconscious sources all need to be coordinated and understood. Mercury analyzes, sorts, groups, and makes sense of things. How do we handle nervous energy? How do we express and convey our thoughts? How do we approach others and information in order to learn and exchange ideas?

Your Mercury



225-d Venus



Take a closer look at Venus' glyph, or symbol. It shows spirit (circle) over matter (cross). It is similar to the glyph of Mercury, but it is minus the crescent at the top, which reflects the evaluation of sensations and experiences through the feelings, as opposed to rational thought. Venus is never more than 45 degrees away from the Sun. Venus rules Libra and Taurus, is in detriment in the opposite signs of those it rules (Aries and Scorpio), is exalted in Pisces, and in its fall in Virgo. When we are "acting out" our Venus, we compromise, make peace, are loving, and act with taste. On the negative side, we can be self-indulgent, self-centered, vain, and superficial.

Venus is the Goddess of Love. In Astrology, Venus has dual rulership over Libra and Taurus. As a result, Venus represents two main areas of our life: love and money.

“Love and money” is actually a simplistic interpretation of Venus. Venus rules our sentiments, what we value, and the pleasure we take in life. Grace, charm, and beauty are all ruled by Venus. Through Venus, we learn about our tastes, pleasures, artistic inclinations, and what makes us happy.

We look to Venus in the natal chart to see how we approach relationships of the heart, as well as what gives us pleasure. Do we enjoy the give and take of relationships, the security our relationships give us, or the thrill of the conquest? Its placement in the houses of the natal chart reveal which areas of life we seek to balance, refine, and derive pleasure from. Do we take particular pleasure in our day-to-day work and routines (Venus in the 6th house), in study and travel (Venus in the 9th house), or in taking care of our house and home (Venus in the 4th house)? We also turn to Venus to show how we spend our money, the types of gifts we buy, and how much we spend on leisure activities (not to mention the kinds of leisure activities we seek out).

Your Venus



2-yrs Mars



The symbol, or glyph, of Mars is widely used as a symbol of the male. It shows the circle of spirit, directed outwards and thrust onto the world, symbolizing direction and assertion.

Mars takes about 2 to 2-1/2 years to transit each sign. Mars is retrograde approximately every 2 years. Mars is *exalted* in the sign of Capricorn; the sign of its *fall* is Cancer (opposite the exalted sign); and Mars is in its *detriment* in Libra.

Mars, the God of War, is the ruler of Aries. In astrology, Mars is the planet of energy, action, and desire. It is the survival instinct, and can be thought of as the “leftover” animal nature of man. Mars rules our animal instincts for aggression, anger, and survival. Our sexual desires come under the rule of Mars. Whereas Venus rules romantic attraction, Mars is most associated with basic body attraction. This is the planet of action rather than

reaction. With Mars, there is no contemplation before action. The drive associated with Mars differs from that of the Sun in that it is self-assertion rather than assertion of the will; it is raw energy rather than creative energy.

Mars is the push that gets us out of bed in the morning, our drive and desire nature, and our active energy. When we are “acting out” our Mars, we are assertive, directed, forthright, and adventurous. On the negative side, we can be impulsive, rash, impatient, aggressive, and forceful. In the chart, the position of Mars by sign shows our basic sexual nature, how we express our anger (our temper), *what* makes us angry, and our first instinct to act. Our competitive nature is revealed in the nature of Mars’ sign.

Your Mars



12-yrs Jupiter



Jupiter's glyph, or symbol, shows the crescent of receptivity rising above the cross of matter. This symbolize Jupiter's role of raising our awareness beyond the physical world. Jupiter encourages us to reach, expand, and improve.

Jupiter takes approximately 12 years to travel through all of the signs. Jupiter is typically retrograde for 4 months at a time.

Jupiter is exalted in the sign of Cancer; is in its fall in the sign of Capricorn (opposite the sign of exaltation); and is in its signs of detriment in Gemini and Virgo (opposite the ruling signs of Sagittarius and Pisces).

Jupiter, the King of the Gods, is the ruler of Sagittarius. In Astrology, Jupiter is a planet of plenty. It is tolerant and expansive. The first of the social planets, Jupiter seeks insight through knowledge. Some of this planet's keywords include morality, gratitude, hope, honor, and the law. Jupiter is a planet of broader purpose, reach, and possibility.

Jupiter has generally been associated with good luck and bounty. Optimism and growth (including mental and spiritual growth) come under its rule. On the up side, Jupiter is associated with a sense of humor, good will, and mercy. The more negative manifestations of Jupiter include blind optimism, excess, and overindulgence. Irresponsibility that results from blind optimism, not ill will, can be displayed.

In the chart, the position of Jupiter by sign reveals how we express our generosity and tolerance. It shows how we go about trusting others and improving our lives. Where do we look for wisdom and understanding? Look to Jupiter's position by house and to the planets it contacts for answers.

Your Jupiter



29-yrs Saturn



Saturn's glyph, or symbol, shows the cross of matter (reality) over the soul, representing the material nature of man reigning. Note that the symbol of Saturn is the symbol of Jupiter inverted!

Saturn takes approximately 2 to 2-1/2 years to transit one sign, and approximately 27-28 years to travel through all twelve signs.

Saturn is in its *exaltation* in the sign of *Libra*; Saturn is in its *fall* in the sign of *Aries* (opposite the sign of its exaltation); and Saturn is in its *detriment* in the sign of *Cancer* (opposite the ruling sign of Capricorn).

Saturn, is the ruler of Capricorn. In Greek Mythology, Cronus was one of the Titans, and the father of Zeus. Cronus ate his children to prevent himself from being dethroned as the King of the Gods. That is, until his wife, Rhea, tricked him into swallowing a stone when Zeus was born.

In astrology, Saturn is associated with restriction and limitation. Where Jupiter expands, Saturn constricts. Although the themes of Saturn seem depressing, Saturn brings structure and meaning to our world. Saturn knows the limits of time and matter. Saturn reminds us of our boundaries, our responsibilities, and our commitments. It brings definition to our lives. Saturn makes us aware of the need for self-control and of boundaries and our limits.

Saturn is often associated with our fathers or father/authority figures. In childhood, the discipline, rules, and regulations imposed on us by our authority figures—from parents, teachers, and the like—were not always pleasant, but they actually helped us to understand the world around us. Similarly, Saturn’s lessons actually help us to grow. In the chart, the position of Saturn by sign and house reveals our own limitations, fears, and sense of responsibility. Saturn brings definition, and often limitation, to the planets it aspects.

Your Saturn



84-yrs Uranus



Uranus' glyph, or symbol, reveals the cross (matter) over the circle (spirit). The two semi-circles on the sides represent receptivity. Note that the glyph of Uranus includes an inverted Venus!

Uranus, God of the sky and the heavens, is the ruler of Aquarius. In Astrology, the energies of Uranus are electric and crammed with change. Uranus is forward-looking. It balks at tradition, and celebrates originality and individuality. Uranus is associated with technology, innovation, discovery, and all that is progressive.

On the up side, Uranus is associated with enlightenment, progressiveness, objectivity, novelty, and ingenuity. Negative expression of Uranus is rebelliousness without a cause and irresponsibility.

When Uranus is not developed, it reacts; but when natives are truly in tune with its energies, Uranus is highly intuitive. It represents the spark of intuition that spurs invention. We can see Uranus as the intuition that sparks further studies or investigation. In the chart, the position of Uranus by sign will be shared with other people in the same generation due to the comparatively slow movement of Uranus in the heavens. By house, the position of Uranus shows where individuals look to stir things up, put a new spin on situations, and go against established thought or order.

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Your Uranus



165-yrs Neptune



Neptune's glyph, or symbol, resembles the trident that the god Poseidon/ Neptune is often shown holding. The crescent, representing receptivity, is pointing upwards, indicating spiritual receptivity, and is placed above the cross of matter. This symbolizes the yearning of the soul to break free from the restrictions and limitations of matter/reality.

Neptune, God of the Sea, is the ruler of Pisces. In astrology, Neptune is considered a planet of inspiration, dreams, psychic receptivity, illusion, and confusion. Neptune rules spirituality, and all things subtle. A youthful, and sometimes naive, spirit characterizes those with a strong placement of Neptune in their natal charts.

On the up side, Neptune is associated with intuition and spiritual enlightenment. As well, it is a planet of mercy and compassion. The more negative manifestations of Neptune include deception, trickery, deceit, guilt, and addiction. In the chart, the position of Neptune by sign will be shared with other people in the same generation due to Neptune's slow movement in the heavens. By house, Neptune's position shows where intuition, dreams, and psychic sensitivity come into play. Natives may be able to rise above the demands of the ego in the areas of Neptune's influence. Planets that Neptune contact are often colored by fantasy and dreaminess, and a vulnerable nature that may be susceptible to disillusionment.

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Your Neptune



248-yrs Pluto



Pluto' glyph, or symbol, combines the circle (spirit) over the crescent (receptivity) and the cross (matter). This glyph suggests spiritual receptivity to "superworlds" or the superconscious, placed above the physical world.

A common, although perhaps somewhat outdated, glyph for Pluto merges the letters P and L (which are the initials of the man who discovered Pluto, Percival Lowell), and is pictured here.



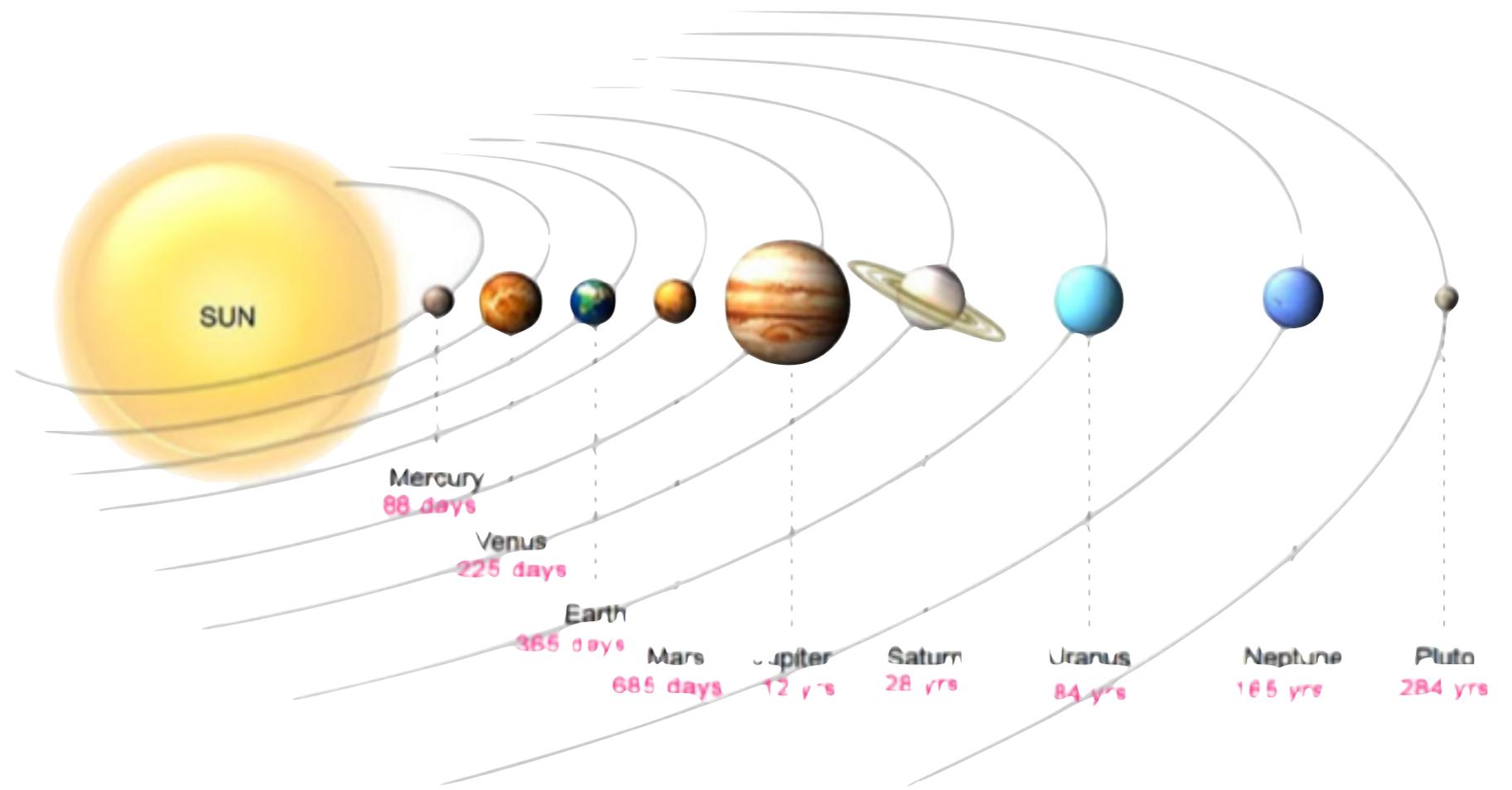
Pluto, God of the Underworld, is the ruler of Scorpio. (In Greek mythology, the corresponding god was Hades). In Astrology, the energies of Pluto are transforming. Pluto represents subconscious forces, ruling all that is “below the surface”.

On the up side, Pluto is associated with renewal and rebirth. It represents endings and new beginnings, as well as spiritual growth and rebirth. Negative expression of Pluto is an obsessive desire for power and control and general destructiveness.

In the chart, the position of Pluto by sign will be shared with other people in the same generation due to the comparatively slow movement of Pluto, the outermost planet, in the heavens. By house, the position of Pluto shows where individuals search for truths and deeper meaning. This area of life may be associated with change, upheaval, power struggles, and issues of control. Pluto in aspect to other planets in the chart colors those energies with obsessive qualities, power struggles, the need to find deeper meanings, and willingness to explore and examine. Where we find Pluto in the chart is where we either seek change and transformation, or have it thrust upon us if we refuse to accept our deepest needs. If we fear Pluto’s energies, or our “dark” side, destructiveness (both directed at ourselves or others) is a byproduct.

Your Pluto





Planetary Transits

Sun your basic personality every month

Moon moods & emotions every 2-3 days

Mercury mind & communication every 3-4 weeks

Venus love & attraction every 4-5 weeks

Mars drive & energy every 6-7 weeks

Jupiter luck, growth & wisdom every 12-13 months

Saturn discipline, fears & challenges every 2-3 years

Uranus change & originality every 7 years

Neptune dreams & healing every 10-12 years

Pluto power & transformation every 12-15 years (can vary)

Chiron is a comet with a unique and erratic orbit. In the natal chart, Chiron is symbolized by the “wounded healer”. It represents our deepest wound, and our efforts to heal the wound. Chiron was named after the centaur in Greek mythology who was a healer and teacher who, ironically, could not heal himself.

Chiron in our natal charts points to where we have healing powers as the result of our own deep spiritual wounds. We may over-compensate in these areas of life. Chiron, as a wounded healer, first must face issues of low self-worth and feelings of inadequacy and learn to rise above these issues. Because the wound goes deep, and we may work hard to overcome the wound, healing powers are potent.

Your Chiron



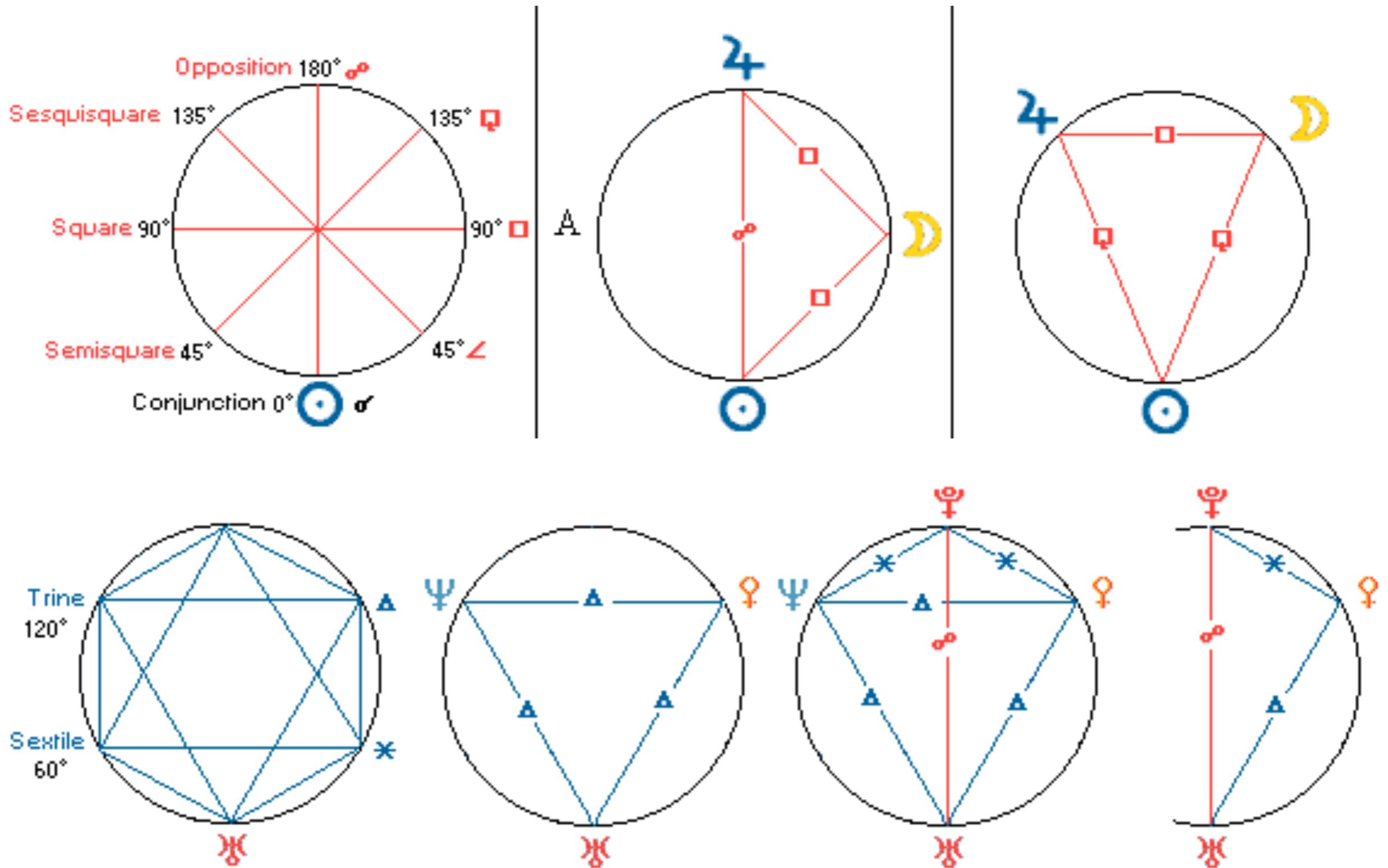
The North Node (♊) and **South Node** (♋) of the Moon are points that are directly opposite each other. Together, they form the **Nodal Axis**. They are not planetary bodies; rather, they are mathematical points that take into account the relationship between the Sun, Moon, and Earth at the time of our birth. More specifically, the Moon's nodes are the points where the Moon's orbit intersect the plane of the ecliptic.

The **Nodes of the Moon** represent points of personal karmic imbalance. The North Node represents the kinds of experiences that we must work to develop in order to work with our karma, and to grow spiritually. The South Node represents those experiences and qualities that come naturally to us, that are over-developed, and that we tend to fall back on. The South Node can be a point of undoing unless we develop the North Node experiences and qualities. Thus, consciously working on these "life lessons" can bring us to increased happiness and fulfillment. If we over-emphasize and fall back on the qualities of our South Node, at the expense of developing our North Node, we may have a difficult time feeling personally successful.

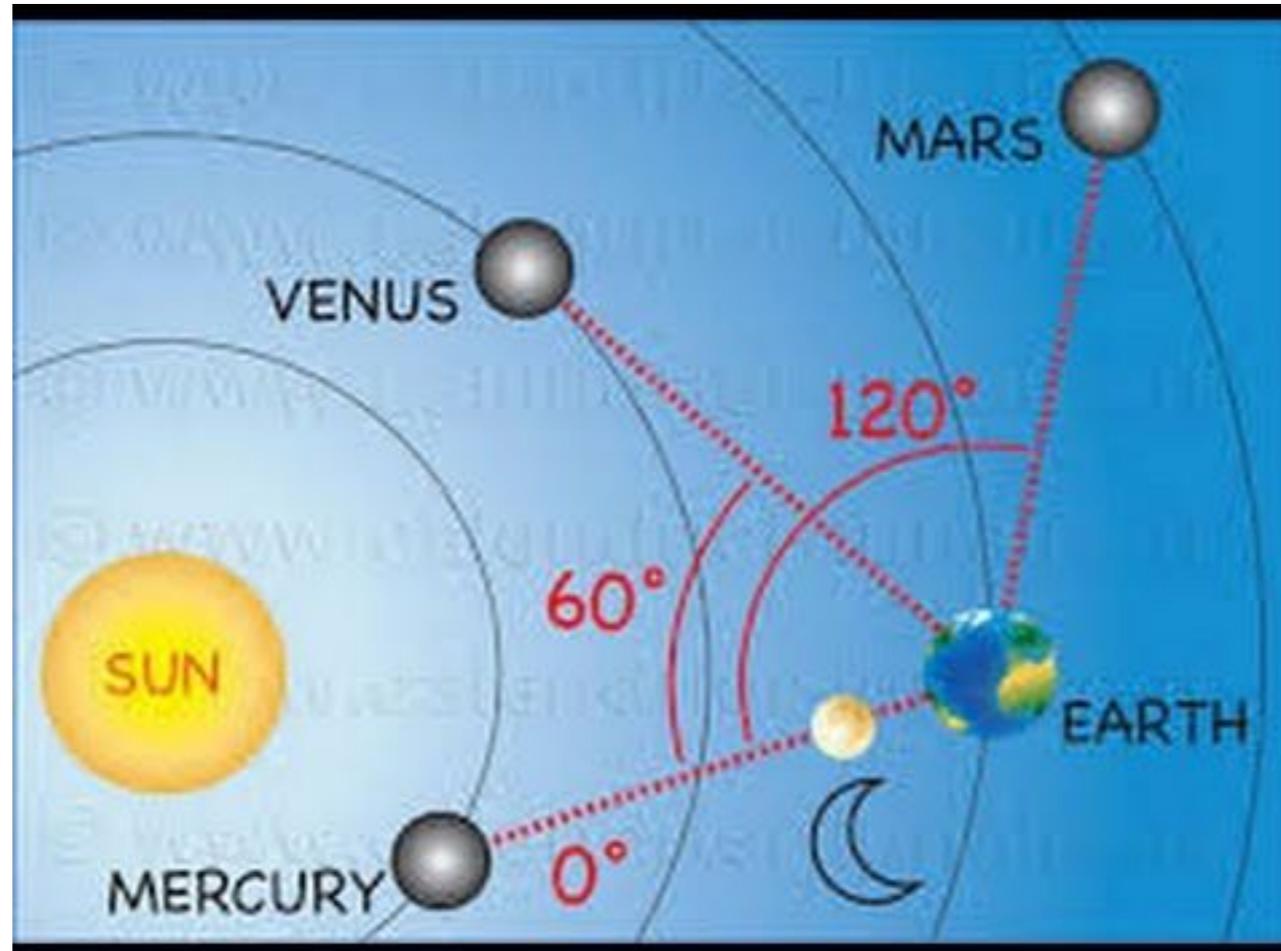
Your North Node



Aspects



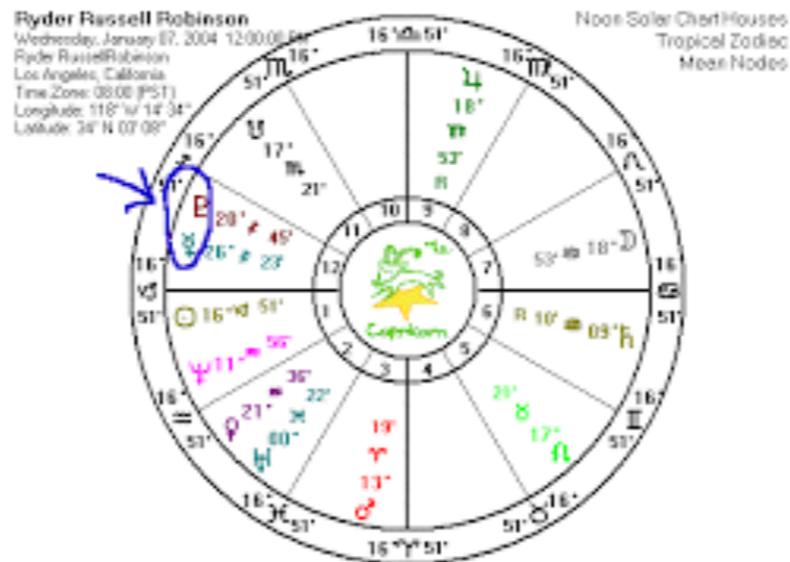
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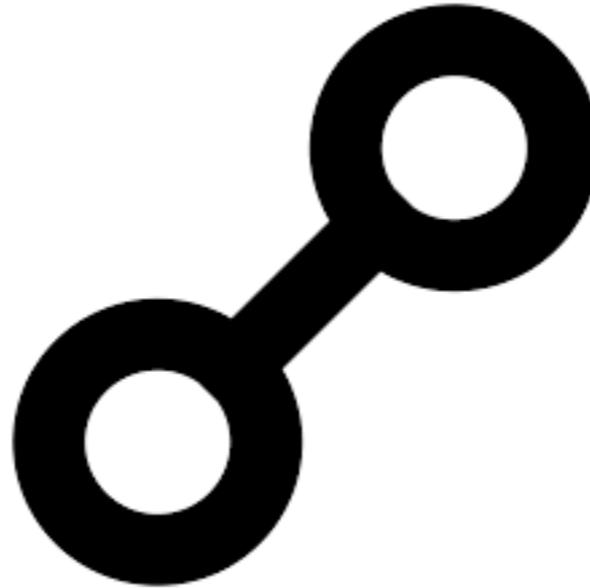




Conjunction - 0°

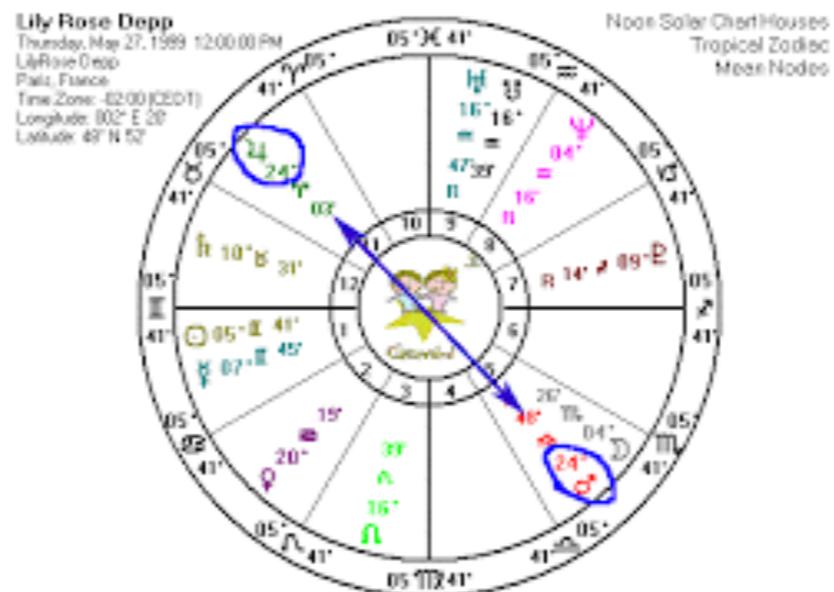
The conjunction tends to be a harmonious aspect. Its quality depends greatly on the planets involved, as well as on how close the aspect is. For example, a conjunction between the Sun and Mercury is generally regarded as harmonious. If, however, the distance between them is less than a few degrees, Mercury is said to be “burnt” or “in combustion”, with corresponding results. In general, the conjunction shows an immediate connection which usually works in one way or another.

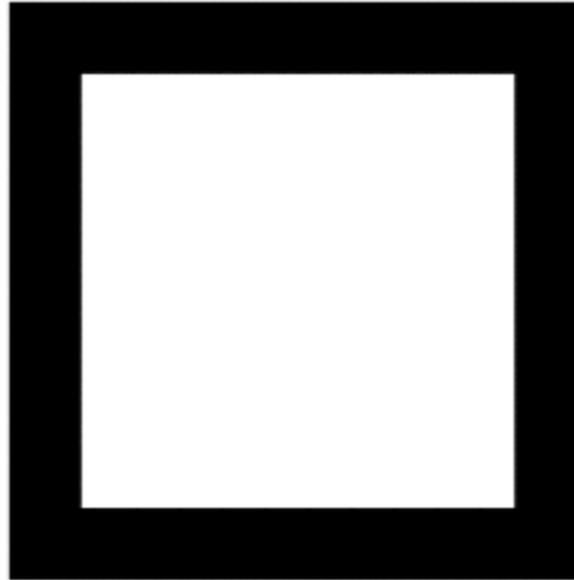




Opposition - 180°

Although the opposition is generally regarded as “disharmonious” or dynamic, it often has quite a motivating and energizing effect. Here too, the quality of the aspect depends on the planets involved, and on what one makes of it. On the whole, an opposition between two planets creates tension between them, often with positive results.

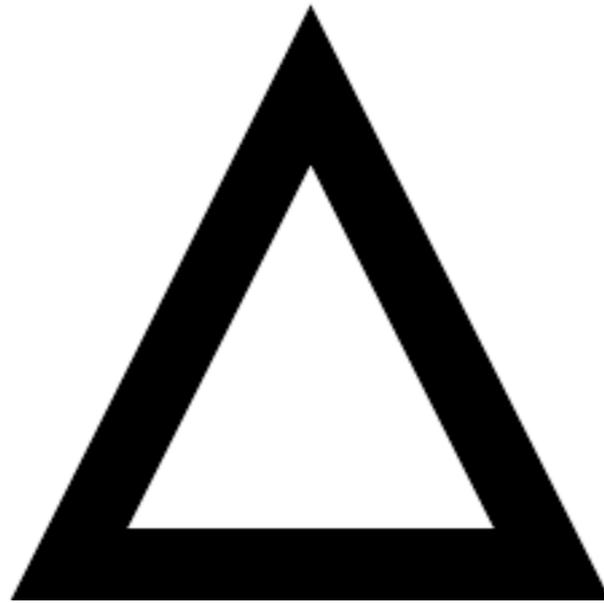




Square - 90°

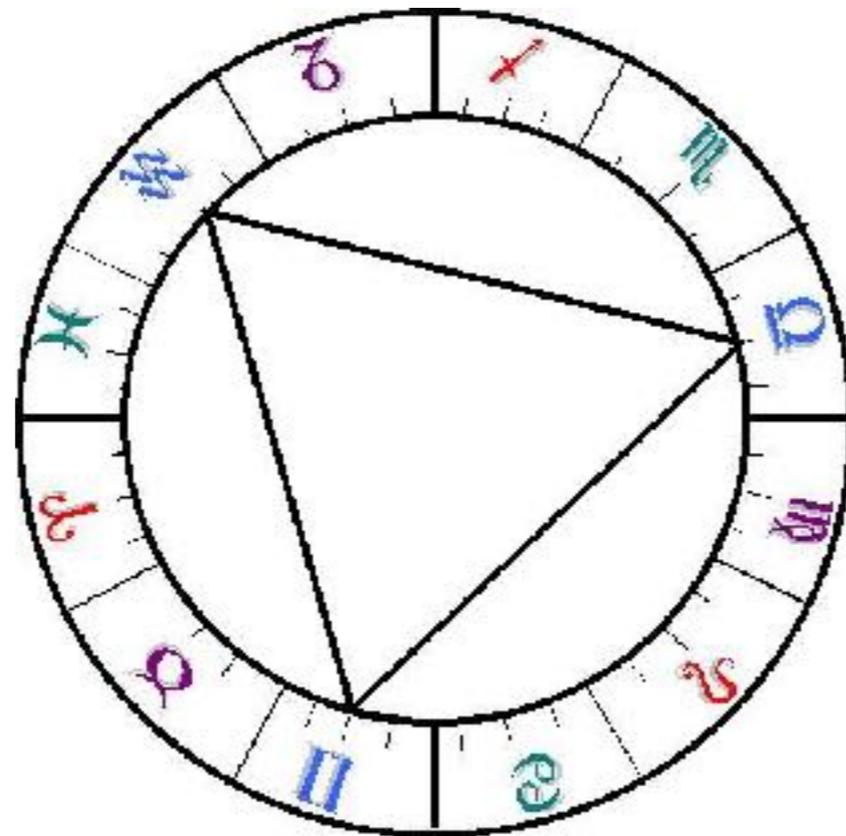
The square is regarded as a disharmonious aspect, the planets involved seem to be “blocked”. The problems that arise from the square keep on turning up, like a bad penny. The difficulty lies in trying to reconcile two forces that are trying to move in completely different directions. Usually this takes the form of desires and needs which are mutually exclusive.

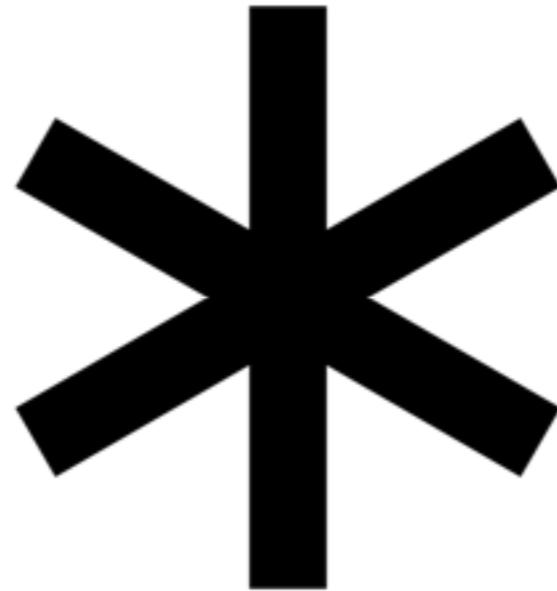




Trine - 120°

The trine is a harmonious aspect, the planets involved work together in a complementary fashion, enriching one another. Trines show where our natural talents lie, whether we actually make use of them or not is up to us.





Sextile - 60°

The sextile tends to have a harmonious effect, depending of course on the planets involved.

