

Sun

The Sun represents your individuality and your conscious awareness of your Self. It describes the male side of your nature and the ways in which you are driven to express your creativity.

The Sun in your birth chart reveals the way you identify yourself. Together with the Moon, it is known as one of the Lights, and it generates our waking consciousness at the most personal individual level. The sign and house your Sun is placed in are your lifelong landmarks, the most comfortable and familiar ways for you to focus your energies. The Sun in your natal chart indicates how access to your vital life force, personal power and limitless creativity. The Sun confers confidence and talent, and through your own personal experiences, causes you to discover the leadership capacity within. Depending on the way you utilize the vital power the Sun offers you, the personal vibration of your individuality will emerge over the years and shine forth throughout the course of your lifetime. It is the symbol of your Ego.

Key ideas associated with the Sun: The desire to be recognized for your unique talents and creativity, your personal strength, confidence, pride, leadership qualities, radiance, vitality, the power of your personality; your innate gifts, natural expression. The Sun is the way you act before you start thinking and feeling. The Sun represents the Father (especially in childhood), and the men in your life.

The Transiting Sun: Lights up the area of your life (the house) it is moving through, bringing new energy and conscious awareness to everything it touches. When the transiting Sun moves over a planet in your birth chart, it vitalizes that planet's energies, and stimulates new awareness and creativity with regard to that planet's expression in your life. The Sun's transit always deals with Identity issues at the most personal level.

Ruler of the Sign: Leo

Ruler of the natural: 5th House

Time spent in each Sign: About 30 days

Time to travel through all the Signs: One year

Retrograde cycle: The Sun does not go Retrograde.

Moon

The Moon represents your subconscious identity and the ways in which you react, emotionally and intuitively, to everything you experience. It describes the female side of your nature and your innermost needs for fulfillment.

The Moon in your birth chart reveals the way you respond to everything you experience. Together with the Sun, it is one of the Lights, and it generates your subconscious awareness of your environment. The Moon's sign reveals a great deal about your emotional nature, what you need at the deepest level of your Being, what makes you feel complete. Its energies are erratic, with an ebb and flow motion, like the tides, which it rules over. The Moon, in fact, has domain over all fluids on the planet. As the Earth's only satellite, the Moon represents our connection to all the other planetary energies, and we use its receptive force to process our emotions and determine how we feel about anything and everything we encounter. The Moon therefore produces our most deeply rooted emotional needs and hungers, and determines the ways in which we will seek to nurture and fulfill those needs.

Key ideas associated with the Moon: The Moon is the producer of all emotional currents, resulting in your moods, your ever changing impressions, and all of your feelings. It rules over memory, intuition, subtle perceptions, psychic awareness, self-reflection, sensitivity to others, nurturing, caring, food and nutrition, security or insecurity, your home base and the domestic environment of your early childhood, your ancestry, and the Soul. The Moon represents your Mother in your birth chart, as well as the kind of mother you will be. It also symbolizes all women in your life, and the way you personally feel about them.

The Transiting Moon: Brings increased sensitivity and fluctuation to the area of your life (the house) it is passing through. Because the Moon travels so quickly through the zodiac, it produces the constantly changing emotional atmosphere of your day-to-day life. The Moon's special relationship with the Sun results in the many lunar phases that everyone on Earth resonates with. This repetitive cycle provides a familiar structure for your Soul's existence in this world. The Moon stirs up intuitive and psychic awareness, and non-verbal communication is heightened while it is visiting any planet or point in your chart.

Ruler of the Sign: Cancer

Ruler of the natural: 4th House

Time in each Sign: About 2 1/2 days

Time to travel through all the Signs: 28-29 days

Retrograde cycle: The Moon does not go Retrograde.

Mercury

Mercury represents your intellectual nature and your capacity to communicate what you think and what you know. It describes the ways in which you learn about the world, and how you seek to connect and interact with others

Mercury in your birth chart reveals the way you communicate with others and how you interact with your environment intellectually and socially. It is a planet that helps to form your individual personality. The sign and house placement of your natal Mercury describes the way you focus your mind, what stimulates you to learn and what you like to learn about. Mercury is the gatherer of all information, and as the messenger, it is the disseminator of everything that you know. Mercury represents the way you talk, the way you think, how you connect with others, and develop your own personal point of view.

Key ideas associated with Mercury: Mercury is associated with thoughts, ideas, writing, talking, messages, information, logic and reasoning, all forms of connection, social and physical, transportation, machinery, wit, learning abilities, mental agility, tricks and practical jokes. Mercury represents brothers and sisters, neighbors, messengers, municipal workers and teachers.

The Transiting Mercury: Brings information and important messages to whatever area of your chart it visits. It heightens the intellectual capacity and makes things busier than usual. Where Mercury is, there is a great deal of activity, machines are humming, people are buzzing. You are more prone to say what you think, think about what you're doing, and communicate your viewpoint any which way you can while Mercury is around. If Mercury is retrograding, you have a chance to go back over an experience you've just been through, and redefine it's meaning, redirect your thoughts, or just plain do it over.

Ruler of the Sign: Gemini
Commonly thought to be Ruler of: Virgo

Ruler of the natural: 3rd House
Commonly thought to be Ruler of natural: 6th House

Time in each Sign: About 20 days [at fastest speed]
About 60 days when retrograde

Time to travel through all the Signs: About 1 year • Mercury can never be more than 28 degrees from the Sun in any birth chart.

Retrograde cycle: Every 4 months [for 3 weeks]

Venus

Venus represents your Love nature. It describes everything in the world that you are attracted to, physically and at the heart level. It also describes your relationship with money and other material comforts.

Venus in your birth chart describes what you love, who you love, your romantic nature and your disposition toward your Self. The sign and house placement of Venus describes the way you express your love to others, and the kind of atmosphere you prefer to encourage the expression of your romantic feelings. Venus rules money matters as well as Love, and so its placement in your chart describes your approach to financial affairs and material possessions in addition to concerns of the heart.

Key ideas associated with Venus: Affection, relationships, romance, falling in love, social skills, diplomacy, tact, cooperation compassion, beauty, attractiveness, kindness, devotion, harmony, the pursuit of peace, diplomacy, personal values, gifts, possessions, sharing, sensory pleasure, attachment, personal taste, money, accumulation, and appreciation. Venus can represent women in your life who are peers, models, judges, financial consultants, anything beautiful or valuable to you.

The Transiting Venus: Brings the pursuit of pleasure and romantic activity into your life through the area it visits. Where Venus is, things are happier, more beautiful, and the senses are heightened. Its presence is good for material matters, because the value of anything increases with Venus around. Venus's transit is also quite positive for legal matters and for peaceful or harmonious conclusions to any matter.

Ruler of the Signs: Taurus and Libra

Ruler of the natural: 2nd and 7th Houses

Time in each Sign: About 30-40 days [at fastest speed]
About 80 days when retrograde

Time to travel through all the Signs: About 14 months

Retrograde cycle: Every 18 months or so [for 40 days]

Mars

Mars represents your physical strength and stamina and your drive to make things happen. It describes the inner desires that cause you to go after what you want.

Mars in your birth chart points to the way you express your energy and whether or not you are aggressive, assertive, or physically active. It relates to the ways in which you show your anger, and reveals what you will fight for. Mars also presides over your libido and your sexual style. Mars represents the great Warrior in each of us, and so it has dominance over those things that get us going and force us to take action. If you are active, strong, courageous or willful, it is because of Mars' prominent placement in your birth chart.

Key ideas associated with Mars: Initiative, physical energy, strength, stamina and drive, assertiveness, aggression, anger, temper, force, competitive tendencies, belligerence, impatience, accidents, instincts, motivations, sexual style, libido, action, courage, bravery, athletic ability, personal drive and ambition. Mars is also associated with inflammation, explosion, attack, and war. Mars represents young men, upstarts, brave people, combatants, aggressors of all kinds, enemies, self-motivated individuals, athletes, and pioneers.

The Transiting Mars: The transit of Mars to any area of your chart triggers new activity in that area, it can cause an inflammation and resurgence of old problems, possibly producing fighting or aggression, or it can stimulate the impulses and stir up lust or desire. The transiting Mars provides courage and bravery where there wasn't any, adds fire and passion to stagnant areas, and imbues us with the will power and competitive attitude we need to try new things and venture into uncharted territory. Mars is known as the trigger, because when it passes over any sensitive planet or point in a chart, it starts up new movement, or sets off activity that is long overdue.

Ruler of the Sign: Aries

Once known as the Ruler of: Scorpio

Ruler of the natural: 1st House

Once known as Ruler of the natural: 8th House

Time in each Sign: 6-8 weeks

Time to travel through all the Signs: About 20 months

Retrograde cycle: About once every 2 years [for 8 weeks]

Jupiter

Jupiter represents the urge to expand your consciousness through social interaction and the desire to develop your understanding of the meaning of Life through cultural and spiritual pursuits.

Jupiter is known as the Greater Benefic, and its placement in your chart reveals the area of your life where you are most fortunate, where opportunity to explore Life at the educational, religious, cultural and spiritual levels exists. Where Jupiter is there is abundance, growth and plenty of Wisdom available. Jupiter's focus is social, in that its energies are absorbed through our understanding of our relevance to others, (or of others to our Selves), and this awareness produces a "Truth" that becomes essential to us and guides us throughout our lives.

Key ideas associated with Jupiter: Generosity, abundance, good luck, opportunity, expansion, prosperity. Faith, spirituality, consciousness, guidance, higher power, and religious pursuits. Positivity, optimism, personal growth, cheerfulness, benevolence gratitude and hope. Excess, overdoing anything, laziness, resting on laurels, overshooting the mark. Expansion, personal growth, morality, protection by higher forces, freedom, truth, wisdom. Higher education, cultural laws and systems (educational, legal, religious, etc.), Travel abroad.

The Transiting Jupiter: The transiting Jupiter opens doors of opportunity that weren't there before. It expands one's experience of the house it is traveling through, and brings good fortune and positivity to any experience it is a part of. Jupiter brings people into the life that can help, expand, teach, and guide you. It makes things bigger and better, happier and more meaningful. Jupiter represents such people as benefactors, teachers, guides, lawyers, religious figures, mentors, big, jolly folks, Santa-type people in your life, people with a larger than life presence, wise counselors, lawyers, religious figures, and gurus.

Ruler of the Sign: Sagittarius
Originally thought to be Ruler of: Pisces

Ruler of the natural: 9th House
Originally thought to rule the natural: 12th House

Time in each Sign: About 11 months

Time to travel through all the Signs: About 12 years

Retrograde cycle: Once a year [for 4 months]

Saturn

Saturn represents anyone or anything that constitutes authority in your life, as well as the experience of restriction and limitation through fear and self-doubt at the social level. Saturn's lessons teach you to grow up and become responsible for your actions.

Saturn in your birth chart reveals the place where you must learn to be more mature in your approach, it points to where your fears are, where you tend to repeat mistakes, and therefore feel inadequate, or handicapped. Saturn can be the voice of your conscience, the remnants of a parent who restricted you or limited you in early childhood. The planet is known as The Great Teacher, Fate or Karma, and Father Time, because it puts you through repetitive cycles that turn out to be lessons in becoming responsible for yourself. Saturn functions on the social level of our experience (along with Jupiter), and it represents the place where you feel social stigma, less than adequate with regard to others, where you feel judged by others, or afraid to assert yourself for fear of social rapprochement. Eventually, Saturn bestows personal authority in those areas where you feel most limited, because the discomfort causes you to learn how to deal with the issues that repress you and hold you back.

Key ideas associated with Saturn: Fear, restriction, limitation, inhibition, feelings of inadequacy, repression, oppression, reticence or shyness. Karma, life lessons, Fate, time and timing, delay or slow progress, perseverance, discipline, patience, endurance, dedicated effort, goal-orientation, stick-to-it-iveness, reliability, solidity, structure, achievement, status, recognition, accomplishment, respect, and authority. Saturn represents people such as bosses, a dominant parent, adults (when we are children), the law (policemen and guardians), judges, presidents, all leaders, also oppressors, those who limit our freedom in any way, the Devil, (who keeps us stuck in ruts and obsessions), Father time (who causes delay and the need for perfect timing), drill sergeants, and those who train us to do things well; builders, achievers, father figures, older people.

The Transiting Saturn: The transit of Saturn brings the experience of restriction, scarcity, and limitation to the area it touches. Where there was plenty, now there is not so much, where there is a need for structure, it becomes painfully apparent. Where Saturn is moving over your chart, there is a need for discipline, dedicated effort, and a serious, responsible attitude. Real effort brings status and reward. Only a well-done job gets rewarded. Saturn requires practicality, a realistic attitude, a straight and narrow approach, a plan, maturity and dedication to a goal. When Saturn is finished transiting any area, you will be more mature, more responsible and more in charge of that part of your life.

Ruler of the Sign: Capricorn

Originally thought to be Ruler of: Aquarius

Ruler of the natural: 10th House

Originally thought to rule the natural: 11th House

Time in each Sign: About 2.5 years

Time to travel through all the Signs: About 29 years

Retrograde cycle: Once a year [for 4 months]

Uranus

Uranus represents the Universal force of change and the awakening that results from sudden action, unexpected events or flashes of intuition. It allows us to interact with the dimension of higher consciousness, which lies just beyond the individual or social Self.

Uranus in your birth chart reveals the place where you have originality, foresight, and a touch of creative genius. The more prominent Uranus is in your birth chart, the more brilliant your capacity to think outside the box, Uranus is the first planet that connects us with our own Higher Consciousness, and an awareness of its presence in our lives produces the will to step onto the cosmic path. Uranus brings flashes of intuitive foresight, all kinds of psychic awareness, and there is always an element of the future, lying dormant where Uranus is in your chart. Uranian energy is not often recognizable or understood when you are young, and so there is a tendency for it to be repressed, or even squelched, to the point of near non-existence. Still, the opportunity comes repeatedly, seemingly out of the blue, that offers the chance to reawaken that original creativity in you, and if you heed the call, you discover a whole new frontier for the exploration of your consciousness.

Key ideas associated with Uranus: Awakening, sudden change, revelation, flashes of intuition, lightning bolts, electricity, the unexpected, windfall, sudden setbacks, innovation, invention, originality, creative genius, personal freedom, eccentricity, rebellion, revolution, the unpredictable, the unexpected, events from out of the blue, technology, advancement into the future, astrology, scientific approach, the future; Eccentricity, bohemianism, oddity, impersonal emotion, strangeness, the unusual, the unique, the impersonal, Freedom, Revolution, Disruption, Shock, Upheaval, Humanistic concerns. Uranus represents the outsider, the underdog, the genius, the scientist, inventors, original thinkers, psychics, astrologers, technological experts, computer geeks, humanitarians, revolutionaries, rebels, the stranger, and aliens.

The Transiting Uranus: When Uranus transits an area of your chart, something unusual, unexpected and sudden will take place that is designed by the Cosmos to knock you off your feet and get you to see that part of your life from a different angle. Uranus is a Universal force, meaning it is completely outside of our power to control its energies. It brings events that can free us of oppressive circumstances, and will always produce the need to come up with a solution that is outside the box. Uranus' energies, though sudden and sweeping, actually take about a year to manifest themselves completely into your life experience.

Ruler of the Sign: Aquarius

Ruler of the natural: 11th House

Time in each Sign: 7 years

Time to travel through all the Signs: 84 years

Retrograde cycle: Once a year [for 5 months]

Neptune

Neptune represents the Universal force that produces Enlightenment. Its action brings about clarity, conscious awareness and compassion from the experience of confusion and chaos. It allows you to glimpse the Universal Oneness that is always instinctively yearned for.

Neptune in your birth chart reveals where you tend to be the most idealistic and romantic about your life. Where Neptune is there is a certain level of cloudiness and confusion that eventually leads to crystal clear understanding and Enlightenment. When it is dark, you must shine a light in order to know where you are. Neptune functions as a great dissolving force, much like the steady rhythm of the waves upon the shore, changing the form of your reality into something that you can Realize is your own creation. Neptune teaches us that we are all One in the darkness, and that the Reality we know is the Reality we project onto our world. When we know this, we can truly call ourselves Enlightened.

Key ideas associated with Neptune: Universal Oneness, Bliss, Trust, Faith, mysticism, unconditional love, surrender, compassion, idealism, sensitivity, meditation, retreat, Collective Consciousness, Divine Love, Spirituality, ESP, psychic capacities, visionary, subtle reality, hypnosis, daydreaming, fog, confusion, cloudiness, escapism of all kinds, sleep, illusion, delusion, deception. Neptune rules people such as mystics, psychics, angels, those who deceive us, hidden enemies, those who lurk in the darkness, drug addicts, alcoholics, enlightened souls, and gurus.

The Transiting Neptune: When Neptune transits a particular area of your chart, it feels as though you have stepped into a dark tunnel or long passage, and you have the experience of losing sight of what you once called reality. You feel utterly alone and must rely on your Faith in the Higher Forces and in your Self to make it through the passage to the other side. When eventually you see the Light at the end of the tunnel, and you step out into a new reality on the other side, you should realize that you are projecting that reality onto the world. This is the true meaning of Enlightenment. That Reality is an individual choice, made by our own consciousness to express our individuality. If we accept the truth of this notion, we create a reality that is compassionate and loving, and which considers the oneness of all human beings who coexist on the planet. In an unenlightened state, Neptune's transit brings the inner urge to escape, and addictions or overwhelming sleepiness can take over. Sometimes you pick up and move to a new country in an effort to escape your life situation. Some end up in prison or in exile. In either case, the overall experience is the same: you eventually realize that you are the sole creator of your reality. The Neptune transit is slow, taking about a decade to move through a house.

Ruler of the Sign: Pisces

Ruler of the natural: 12th House

Time in each Sign: 12-14 years

Time to travel through all the Signs: 165 years

Retrograde cycle: Once a year [for 5 months]

Pluto

Pluto represents the Universal force of rebirth and metamorphosis. It causes us to learn to let go of temporal things so that we may come to understand and value what is unchanging and eternal.

Pluto in your birth chart reveals the place where you have access to your personal power. Pluto's presence often generates the need to engage in power plays and manipulation, because of the intense desire to dominate that it produces. Pluto is another force that is more connected to the Universe than to your personal drive, and so it often causes you to have to let go and surrender to its power in order to experience your own.

Key ideas associated with Pluto: Rebirth through Loss, Grieving and Metamorphosis, transformation, drastic change, upheaval, terror, abduction, bedlam, coercion, force, atomic energy, compulsion, obsession, lust, the sex organs, sex, domination, orgies, obscenities, oblivion, the hidden, the underworld, elimination, regeneration, reincarnation, destruction, annihilation, global energies, mass movements, depth, abysses, will, going it alone, cemeteries, Hell, atrocities, carnage, flooding, earth changes, things beyond our control. People associated with Pluto are those who have power over us, despots, dictators, tyrants and Svengali types. Very magnetic people, people who transform us, psychiatrists, therapists, drug dealers, convicts, coroners, assassins, cadavers, demons, magicians, masochists, monsters, Satan, surgeons, undertakers, vampires, villains, victims.

The Transiting Pluto: When Pluto transits a particular area of your chart, there will be a major loss of some kind, and you will be forced to let go of something you thought you would want to keep around forever. The first part of a Pluto transit to any house cusp or planet in the chart, (which has three parts and lasts three years), is the experience of overwhelming forces that are way beyond your control. Something happens TO you, and you have no choice but to accept it and go on. The second part of a Pluto transit is the grieving or mourning phase, where you must come to terms with letting go of the person place or thing you wanted to hold on to forever. In this part of the process, you come to terms with the limitations of your own personal power. Understanding the finite condition of your personal power also allows you to grasp the enormity of the Universal powers that control our destiny. Self-definition at the personal power level makes for the capacity to experience a total metamorphosis of Self during the third phase of the transit. The Pluto transit is a once in a lifetime occurrence that is often compared to a trip to Hell and back again. It changes your life and the very fabric of your being forever. The more consciously you surrender to Pluto's energies, the more personal power you have access to in the end.

Ruler of the Sign: Scorpio

Ruler of the natural: 8th House

Time in each Sign: 18-20 years

Time to travel through all the Signs: 245 years

Retrograde cycle: Once a year [for 5 months]