

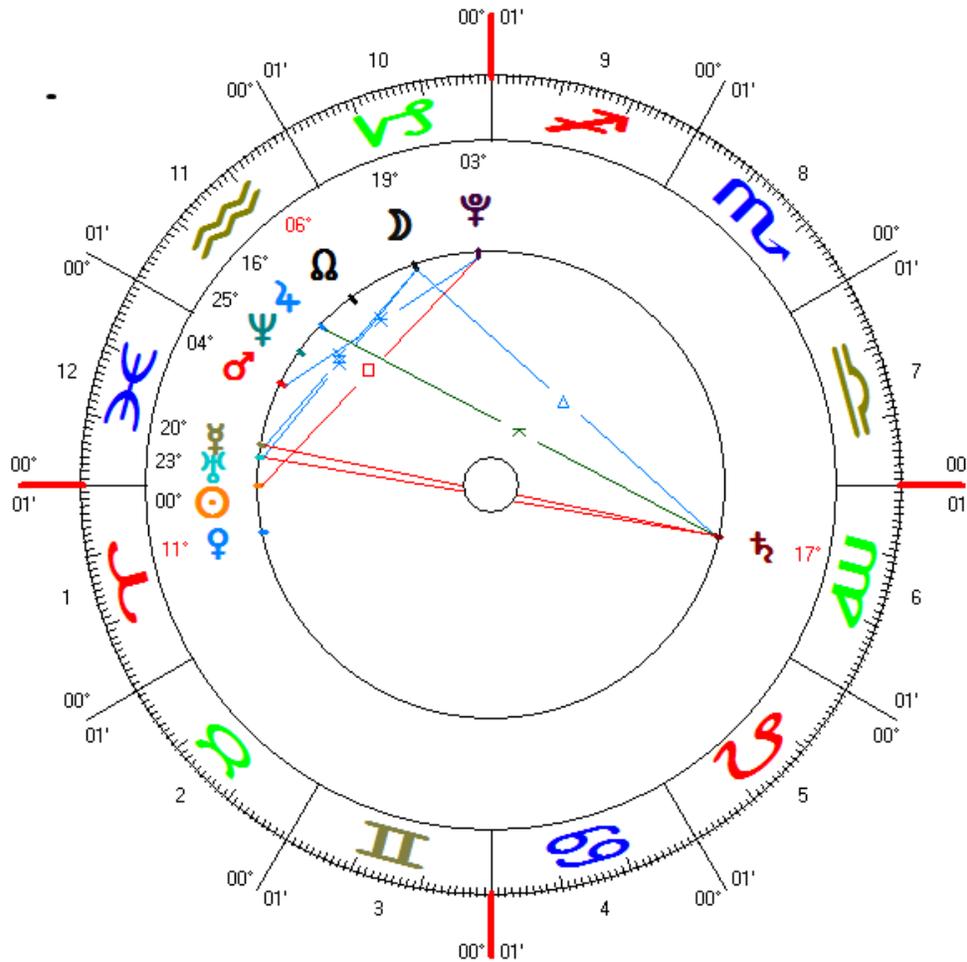
## ASTROLOGY--THE VERY BASIC BASICS...

At Astropath we view Astrology as an integrative, therapeutic tool, enabling a person to understand their behavior, their karma, their life path and how to make choices that lead to full growth potential--including mind, body, emotions and spirit. Most people have a sense of the spiritual. It doesn't matter which spiritual path you tread--or even if you don't tread a specific path--Astrology is truly non-denominational. Using Astrology you can understand your relationships, your strengths, your work choices in fact everything about your progression through life. Astropath does NOT do prediction.

### World Spring Natural Zoidac

#### Event Chart (49)

Mar 20 2009, Fri  
5:30 am PDT +7:00  
Applegate, Oregon  
42°N15'26" 123°W10'02"  
Geocentric  
Tropical  
Sun on 1st  
Mean Node



This is a *World Spring Chart*--a chart drawn up at sunrise on the first day of Spring. The year is immaterial. We use this chart as the primary teaching aid because all the Signs are in their natural order--Aries 1<sup>st</sup>, Taurus 2<sup>nd</sup> and so on all around the Astrological Wheel. More about why this is important later. We read a chart COUNTER CLOCKWISE.

The Astrological Wheel or chart is like any other circle--it has 360\* (I am using the \* here as a symbol for degree).

We have 12 signs named after the 12 constellations. Each sign is associated with a House. Divide 360\* by 12 and you get 30\*. For understanding the basics of the chart we divide it into 30\* segments and we call those Houses.

In fact depending on your position on the earth the Houses can appear larger or smaller than 30\* and on European Charts they are drawn that way but the chart you see has been drawn up with 12 Houses of exactly 30\* each.

This chart is drawn up in the Huber style. Bruno Huber was a Swiss Astrologer who spent his life developing his unique vision of Astrology, researching his ideas and finally documenting them in partnership with his wife Louise in 9 books. There are many different styles of charts but they are all basically giving the same information.

The Astrology we use at Astropath is geocentric Astrology. This means that we work as if the Earth is at the centre and everything revolves around us--even though we know this to be untrue. Astrology is highly symbolic and metaphorical so we work with how things *look*. For example we know the sun is static and we revolve around it. But to us it seems to be the other way around so we work that way. We also know that the Sun is not a planet--but we call it a planet. We know the Moon is a satellite of the earth and not very big. But it is very big in our night sky, so we accept it as a planet and a highly influential one. It *is* the closest celestial body to us and we know the Moon asserts a gravitational pull on the Earth affecting the tides so being so close we can understand why its energies are going to have a powerful Astrological effect on us.

The Huber Chart reflects the Huber concept of the 5 Layers of the Chart and puts the Houses as being at the bottom of the 5 Layers or *outside* the rest of the wheel.

## SIGNS AND HOUSES

The signs represent our personality--what we bring into this world with us--our DNA or our genome if you will. The Houses are the environment, the stage on which we play out our lives. So it is logical that Huber puts them *outside* the rest of the wheel.

In Astrology, as in mainstream psychology, we believe we are a mixture of our sign and how we interact with the environment--nature AND nurture.

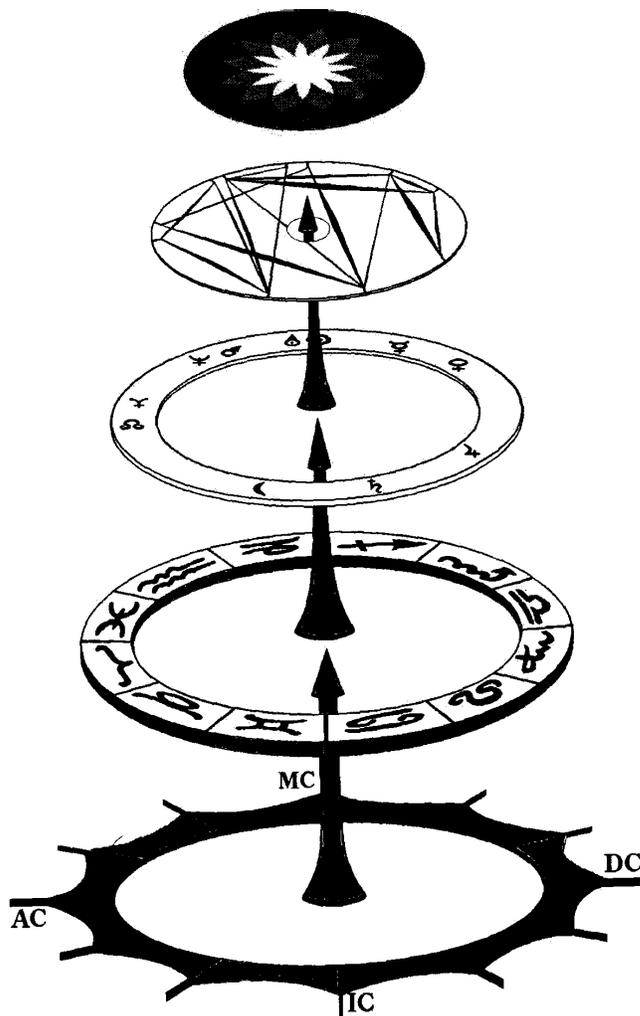
## THE PLANETS

The planets are the psychological tools whose energies we employ in our interaction. We choose how to use the planetary energies, how we allow them to be expressed. This is our free will. The choices we make can help or hinder us in dealing with the shadows in our

charts. All the Astrological energies have a shadow element and our own Star sign most of all for each of us as individuals. (See <http://astropath.org> go to *Education* then *Healing and Integrating Your Shadows*). It is by meeting the challenges of the shadows and overcoming them that we achieve growth.

Because of free will and because our choices at any time can alter outcomes we do not do prediction at Astropath. Besides which, if you predict for someone you can actually set up a self-fulfilling prophecy. YOU have altered the outcome for someone else.

## 5 LAYERS OF CHART



This Diagram corresponds to the 2D diagram of the chart.

The lotus flower at the top is the small circle in the centre of the chart and represents the Core Being--Soul--Spirit--The spiritual part of each of it. It has been given many names but they all mean the same thing.

The next circle down is the circle surrounding the Core Being on the 2D chart and is the connection between us all and drawn across it are the *aspects* the geometric relationship of one planet to another.

In next layer (and the next ring of the 2D chart) we find the Planets shown by their planetary symbols

The next layer (the last ring in the 2D chart contains the Signs again shown by their symbols

Finally the bottom layer in this diagram but the numbers *outside* the rest of the chart in the 2D representation is where we find the Houses.

Diagram taken from: *Aspect Structure Astrology* by Bruno and Louise Huber 1999

You will notice on the 2D chart at the beginning of this document that there are 4 red lines sticking out--on the left, the right, the top and the bottom. These are the ends of the arms of a cross that divides the chart into four quadrants as well as a left half (left hemisphere) right half (right hemisphere) top half (top hemisphere) and bottom half (bottom hemisphere). This is called the *Cardinal Cross*. The explanation for the term *Cardinal*, will be found in the class on *Modalities*.

Those 4 points though, are very important in the chart.

On the LEFT we have the Ascendant (AC) symbolizing *sunrise*

On the RIGHT we have the Descendant (DC) symbolizing *sunset*

At the BOTTOM we have the Imum Coeli--Latin for the Lower Heaven (IC) symbolizing *midnight*

At the TOP we have the Medium Coeli--Latin for the Mid Heaven (MC) symbolizing *sunset*

You may have heard of the term *cusps*. A cusp is the lead point into each house. It is easy to remember which side they are if you remember that the AC is the cusp of the 1<sup>st</sup> House, the IC is the cusp of the 4<sup>th</sup> House, the DC is the cusp of the 7<sup>th</sup> House and the MC is the cusp for the 10<sup>th</sup> House.

## THE PRINCIPLES

The Principles are fundamental to the interpreting of the Astrological Chart. It is a simple concept but to understand it you have to know the correct order of the signs around the Astrological chart. That is because each sign is associated with a House--the 1<sup>st</sup> sign, Aries is associated with the 1<sup>st</sup> House, the 2<sup>nd</sup> sign Taurus with the 2<sup>nd</sup> House, the 3<sup>rd</sup> sign Gemini with the 3<sup>rd</sup> House and so on.

Each sign also has a ruling planet. The ruling planet for Aries is Mars, the ruler of Taurus Venus, that of Gemini Mercury etc.

Each sign has certain key characteristics. And those characteristics are the same for the associated House and for the ruling planet.

So the characteristics for the 1<sup>st</sup> sign Aries are shared by the 1<sup>st</sup> House and by Mars the ruling planet of Aries. We call that Principle 1. The characteristics for the 2<sup>nd</sup> sign Taurus are shared by the 2<sup>nd</sup> House and by Venus. That is Principle 2--and so on.

Let's take a look at the World Spring Chart at the top of this document. In the 6<sup>th</sup> House you will find a brown sign that looks a bit like a 't' with a tail. That is Saturn ruling planet of Capricorn--Principle 10. The 6<sup>th</sup> House is naturally associated with Virgo so has Virgo's characteristics--Principle 6. To interpret that placing we blend Principle 10 with Principle 6. Well both those signs are earth signs--known to be practical. They are also hard working--and Virgo is also the sign where you will find things associated with work.

Both are good organizers and Virgo is analytical. So this person might be a workaholic who is working in some practical way, perhaps, or in an organizational capacity. They might even be obsessively analytical or organized. If there was a different sign in that house then those characteristics would have to be taken into account too. There are other features of Charts that I am not going into here, but that are more detailed at a deep level- -blending enables us to use these and to understand charts in a more and more accurate and fine level.

The following chart gives you the natural order of the Signs, their associated House and the ruling planet.

The number in [...] gives you the Principle and is also the sign number and the House number. This is followed by the name of the Sign, then its abbreviation. The Upper case letters (eg C.F) are the Modalities, which I mentioned earlier. These are not part of this class but are detailed in another Basics class, which will eventually be posted here. The words in “...” are the fundamental keywords associated with each sign and the last entry on that line is the ruling planet and its abbreviation.

The numbered characteristics have the shadow energies listed second with ‘n’ next to the number.

#### Signs/Planets/Asteroids: Keywords and meanings

[1] Aries [Ar] C.F. "I Am" (Activity) Mars [Ma]

1. Identity through action.
2. Conscious selfhood.
3. Impulsive, Inspiring; Impulsiveness.
4. Assertive.
5. Competitive. Executive

- 1n. Quick tempered; Violent
- 2n. Egotistical; Deflated; Self-doubting
- 3n. Hasty; Abrupt; Overbearing
- 4n. Aggressive; Me-first; Impatient
- 5n. Doesn't follow through

[2] Taurus [Ta] F.E. "I Have" (Stability) Venus [Vn]

1. Concentrated material concerns
2. Stable. Practical concerns
3. Collecting
4. Determined; Thorough
5. Valuing; Cherishing.

- 1n. Bull-headed; Selfish
- 2n. Stuck in the mud; Inflexible
- 3n. Acquisitive; Jealous
- 4n. Quarrelsome, Grindstone
- 5n. Possessive; Greedy; Storing.

[3] Gemini [Gm] M.A. "I Think" (Versatility) Mercury [Me]

1. Concern for social adaptability.
2. Changing, versatile mental concerns.
3. Changeability.
4. Education; learning about social/mental concerns.
5. Communicating.

- 1n. Social butterfly; Socially dependent
- 2n. Scatterbrained; Diletante
- 3n. Scattered; Fidgety
- 4n. Short attention span; Insufficient concentration
- 5n. To quick to bother or pay attention

[4] Cancer [Cn] C.W. "I Feel" (Devotion) Moon [Mn]

1. Subjective directed energy.
2. Impulsive emotional activity; feelings.
3. Subconscious, self-motivated nurturing.
4. Subconscious needs.
5. Home, family, support; Protective
6. Protective

- 1n. Too shy to act; Indolent
- 2n. Introverted
- 3n. Self-pitying; Self nurturing
- 4n. Moody; Negative
- 5n. Self-centered
- 6n. Jealous

[5] Leo [Le] F.F. "I Will" Creation Sun [Sn]

1. Concentrated identity concerns.
2. Security through self-preoccupation.
3. Awareness through inflexibility

4. Children.
5. Love, love affairs, fun.
6. Creativity.

- 1n. Egotistical; Egoistic; Self-wrapped
- 2n. Pompous; Status conscious; Self-adorning
- 3n. Domineering; Autocratic
- 4n. Smothering parent; Childish
- 5n. Life of trivia & parties & broken hearts
- 6n. Art over heart; obsessed w/ creation

[6] Virgo [Vr] M.E. "I Analyze" (Practicality) Mercury [Me]

1. Distribution of material energy/ resources.
2. Practical versatility; Versatile practicality.
3. Learning about material concerns (work, health).
4. Responsibility; specific material concerns; service.
5. Critical concerns.

- 1n. Refusal to connect; Withdrawn
- 2n. Detailed; Fussy; Over-detailed
- 3n. Fanatic about the learning; Snobbish;
- 4n. Picky; Self-centered; Hypochondriac
- 5n. Criticizing; Self-critical; Defeated; Cynical

[7] Libra [Li] C.A. "I Balance" (Harmony) Venus [Vn]

1. Directed energy for mental concerns
2. Social activity.
3. Impulsive social needs (relationship).
4. Intellectual interest in doing, creating.
5. Concern for balance, harmony.
6. Diplomatic

- 1n. Indecisive; Vacillating
- 2n. Social butterfly; Socially dependent;
- 3n. Co-dependent; greed for Approval.
- 4n. Inconsistent; Easily deterred
- 5n. Frantic and imbalance; Peace at any cost
- 6n. Over-pleases others; Loses self

[8] Scorpio [Sc] F.W. "I Desire" (Intensity) Pluto [PL]

1. Concern for emotional security  
(e.g., financial support.)
  2. Concentrated emotional energy  
(e.g., sexuality).
  3. Defers to others
  4. Focus upon unconscious motivations
  5. Transformation; Death; Regeneration
  6. Resurgent
  7. Manifester; Makes things happen
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- 1n. Manipulative for support/money;  
Explosive outrage when "unsupported"
  - 2n. Over-sexed; Manipulative angers  
(Tantrums); Using power (sex) for control
  - 3n. Painful inflexibility; Resentment
  - 4n. Fears of dreams, occult, unknown; Secretive
  - 5n. Morbid; Temperamental; Dissatisfied with  
the part of self unable to change
  - 6n. Imprisoned
  - 7n. Can be ruthless

[9] Sagittarius [Sg] M.F. "I Understand" Higher Pursuits Jupiter [Jp]

1. Learning about inspiration (spirituality).
  2. Vacillating self-preoccupation.
  3. Urge for changing identity (e.g., travel, philosophical pursuits).
  4. Distributing exciting energy (e.g., executive positions, gambling; sports).
  5. Versatile awarenesses; Discerning (e.g., social consciousness; religion).
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- 1n. Fanatic; Holier-than-thou
  - 2n. Self-indulgent
  - 3n. Risk-taker, Extremist
  - 4n. Blunt; Tactless; Procrastinating
  - 5n. Moralistic; Bludgeoning viewpoint
  - 6n. Focus on subspirituality—sports, academia, travel

[10] Capricorn [Cp] C.E. "I Use" (Ambition) Saturn [Sa]

1. Directed energy for material concerns.
2. Practical activity; Responsibility.

3. Concern for activating matters.
4. Self-motivation for material gain (e.g., ambition; status)
5. Structured (personal & social); Scrupulous; Principled

- 1n. Blind to spiritual; Opportunistic; Fatalistic
- 2n. Nitpicking; Controlling
- 3n. Sulking; Depressed, so inactive
- 4n. Status-driven; Goal-consumed; Stubborn; Pushy; Miserly
- 5n. Slave to institution or creation;
- 6n. Task over heart

[11] Aquarius [Aq] F.A. "I Know" (Imagination) Uranus [Ur]

1. Concentrated mental energy.
2. Tendency to be inflexible with beliefs.
3. Security through social recognition.
4. Solidification of social structures, groups
5. Relentless pursuit of mental truths.

SUDDEN

- 1n. Dispassionate; Heartless
- 2n. Eccentric; Derisive; Arrogant
- 3n. Resent challenge to their ideas
- 4n. Aloof; Loner
- 5n. Disdainful of weaker minds/untruth

[12] Pisces [Pi] M.W. "I Merge" (Understanding) Neptune [Np]

1. Adaptable emotions (e.g., empathy; mysticism, sympathy, charity)
2. Learning about emotions and subjectivity
3. Distribution of unconscious motivations (e.g., psychic ability)
4. Versatile sensitivities (e.g., music devotion)
5. Vacillating receptivities

- 1n. Overly other-directed; Drains self in sympathy and empathy
- 2n. Maudlin; Sentimentality; Co-dependent; Chatterbox;; Self-pity; Melancholy; Pessimism
- 3n. Heavy emotional demands to bring others into self's emotional trips/needs
- 4n. Feels misunderstood; Emotionally constrained
- 5n. Withdrawal/Escape; Indulgence; Fearful; Anxiety

(C.F. = Cardinal Fire, F.E. = Fixed Earth, and so on.)

Signs:

Fire signs--Aries, Leo and Sagittarius are coloured RED on our charts

Earth signs--Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn are coloured GREEN on our charts

Air Signs--Gemini, Libra and Aquarius are coloured GOLD on our charts

Water signs--Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces are coloured BLUE on our charts.

