

THE PLANETS Part 1

Influences on the individual expressions of each planet:

1. The zodiac sign in which it is located
2. The House in which it is located (including modality of House and Planet)
3. The aspects in which it is involved
4. The quadrant and hemisphere in which it is located (Static Quads)
5. Its position in the behavioural sequence (dynamic quads)
6. Deconates and Duads associated with it
7. The length of its orbit
8. Exaltation/Detriment/Fall
9. Huber strong and weak houses

Planetary Symbols (taken from *The Planets and their Psychological Meaning*, 2002, Bruno & Louise Huber, Hopewell)

Cross	Circle	Dot	Semicircle	Line/Arrow
+	○	•	☾	↗
Form Structure Manifestation	Space Content Collection	I Definition Concentration	Sensitivity Receptivity Perception	Direction Movement Activity

The Cross is a well-known symbol for matter.

The circle represents an enclosed sphere; with a central dot it means the I or the human self.

The semicircle or crescent is attributed to the principle of receptivity and sensitivity.

A line or arrow means movement toward a goal.



Symbols play a very important role in Astrology, and horoscope interpretation would be impossible without them.

Symbols are meaningful because they represent things graphically and allow a great deal to be expressed allegorically evoking impressions and insight and an interpretation of a Planet's significance and influence. The properties symbols express can only be understood in image form and arouse the intuition. Astrological symbols are a language representing energies to be learnt in order to be able to interpret a chart. This language is universal and has had the same meaning for thousands of years and appears in religion, magic, tarot, mysticism and runes as well as in Astrology.

Sun

Symbol: a dot inside a circle.

An enclosed, self-sufficient figure concentrated on its center.

The circle represents unity, the self-contained person.

The central dot in is the I, individuality, self-awareness and the formative, creative principle.

All the planets orbit around our star, the Sun (or Sol). As the centre of our solar system it represents the source of life.

Astrologically it provides man's will to live and his vitality and energy.

It shows the striving for autonomy, awareness, but also for personal recognition, prestige and esteem.

Moon

The Moon is represented by a crescent symbolizing susceptibility, receptivity and impressionability.

The Moon is our contact self, our emotional nature, our psychological make-up, the changing, Mutable principle. The moon only reflects and collects, having no light of its own shining with reflected light from the Sun.

It symbolizes our subjective reactions and our needs for love, security and understanding being concerned with our feelings and emotions. Therefore it is also the symbol for moods and changes of opinion, which is reflected in the ebb and flow of the tides on Earth a natural lunar rhythm.

Saturn

The symbol shows a Cross at the top and two semicircles at the bottom.

The Cross is the symbol for matter, structure and form. Being at the top it indicates that matter rules everything for Saturn, including the sensitive side represented by the two semicircles) at the bottom. Saturn therefore has a hard and a soft side; the latter is often forgotten.

Saturn represents form and sensitivity.

For the spirit and the Soul, form means austerity, limitation and restraint. This toes the Soul down. Otherwise as the sensitive element it could drift into a maelstrom of events This is why Saturn is also the protector and the lawgiver. The Soul and form can work together to produce optimum stability and security.

Mercury

The symbol shows a semicircle at the top, a circle in the center and a Cross at the bottom.

It is open at the top, allowing everything to flow down through it and return to matter.

Mercury is the intermediary, the winged messenger taking messages between gods and men.

The mediating role is clearly seen in the symbol:

The semicircle is the receptive principle.

The circle is the personality. But there is no dot in the centre so this symbol is neutral and permeable.

The cross is the symbol of matter symbolizing the passing on of what was received. It allows concrete interpretations.

Venus (the traditional female symbol)

A circle with a Cross beneath it.

The Cross represents matter, which is made bearable and united through the circle.

The circle at the top indicates perfection urging Venus strive for harmony and beauty.

Tries to compensate for that which is lacking as a means of achieving harmony, roundedness and integration a coherent synthesis.

Venus strives for roundedness, harmony and beauty, and tries to achieve them by perfecting and cultivating. The circle at the top indicates perfection, so Venus is always trying to reach and maintain the highest state of harmony and beauty. It tries to compensate for what is lacking in all things, thus creating a harmonious, rounded whole, a coherent synthesis.

The earthly Cross underneath means that Venus is also attached to the terrestrial, and enjoys what life has to offer.

Venus is also the symbol for female sexuality. Her perfectionism means she is discriminating in what she chooses rejecting all else.

Mars (the traditional male symbol)

The symbol is a circle with an arrow protruding from the top right. The arrow shows that something is being ejected.

Mars is the masculine principle symbolizing the motor impulse. Without that call to action nothing would be done or move.

Mars provides courage, bravery and readiness to the action that is required to attain goals.

Mars is dynamic energy and removes obstacles or limiting influences.

Mars stands for wishes and longing, drive, activity, passions and the energy to get things done.

It brings vigor to the horoscope and also symbolizes the rashness and bravado of youth.

Although Mars usually employs its energies to satisfy personal wishes and goals it can also be motivated by ideals, or by distress to rectify unpleasant situations.

Jupiter

The symbol for Jupiter is a left-facing semicircle, connected to the material cross.

The semicircle or dish resembles an inwards-facing parabolic reflector that picks up all impressions, which represents sensory perception connecting us to our environment and symbolizing observation, perception and watchfulness.

The Cross directs the senses to form and matter through sensory perception and conscious management of the sensory organs allowing matter to be understood and used. Determination and growth lead Jupiter to complete mastery of form earning the name of "lucky Planet." The conscious person reacts to opportunities for progress and success immediately as well as mastering matter and form.

Uranus

This symbol in the Western world shows two semi-circles joined by horizontal line surmounting a circle.

The centre is known as the starting point for path of expansion. The direction is established by the vertical line.

This symbol indicates a deliberately creative individuality that knows what to aim for in order to change the world. It shows the principle of change, awakening and metamorphosis. It expresses the individual act.

Uranus gives us a purposeful will to realize knowledge. This is as seen in the technical and scientific discovery processes.

Uranus is always pointing to the new and revolutionary.

In the charts of inventors, scientists and astrologers Uranus is usually in a strong position.

It is usually in a strong position in the horoscopes of inventors, scientists and also astrologers.

The circle of spirit is transformed through the Cross of matter and conditioned by semicircles of Soul.

Neptune

This symbol has a large semi-circle like a dish reaching out like a receiver above the earthly sphere.

The vertical line of the Cross extends into the dish picking up higher frequencies. This makes it receptive to more subtle matter from other dimensions.

Neptune is Planet of universal human kindness. It stands for the seer and the mystic. Neptune enables identification in the spiritual sense with divine love.

It stands for inspiration, idealism, altruism, self-sacrifice and the desire to help.

It can lead to dreams, manias, addictions and those rare states of consciousness that can have a confusing and deluding effect on real life.

Pluto

The symbol commonly used in the Western world shows the circle of spirit dominating the Cross of matter.

Pluto symbolizes the desire for transformation. It is thought to be the primordial impulse for evolution.

Pluto has the highest will power and keeps evolution going. It destroys and transforms matter bringing about great metamorphoses, both on an individual and worldwide level.

Wherever it appears in the Horoscope and whatever it is linked to are intensified.

It intensifies all elements, Houses, aspects and Planets to which it is linked in the horoscope.

SOME MORE PLANET INFORMATION

The energies of the slow moving planets bear down on us for much longer and therefore have an intensified effect.

Sun

The Sun tells us of the actual core of a person, the inner self, of that which is of central concern. It also shows us the general vitality and the ability to assert oneself, it describes a general tone of being which colors everything else.

Rules: Leo

Diameter: 1,390,000 km.

The Earth's orbit from Sun: 149,600,000km

Period: Earth - Sun: 365.25 Days

Moon

The Moon represents our feelings and emotions, the receptivity, imagination and basic feeling tone of a person. It also has an effect on the sense of rhythm, time and timing, it influences our adaptability to change, our mobility and versatility.

Rules: Cancer

Orbit from Earth: 384,000km

Period: 27.32 Days

Mercury

Mercury represents reason, reasonableness (common sense), that which is rational. It stands for the spoken and written word, putting in order, weighing and evaluating, the process of learning and skills.

Rules: Gemini and Virgo

Orbit from Sun: 57,910,000 km

Period: 88 Days

Venus

Venus gives us a sense of beauty, the enjoyment of pleasure, aesthetic awareness, love of harmony, sociability, taking pleasure in relationships and eroticism.

Rules: Libra and Taurus

Orbit from Sun: 108,200,000 km

Period: 225 Days

Mars

Mars represents the energy and drive of a person, their courage, determination, the freedom of spontaneous impulse. It also describes the readiness for action, the way one goes about doing things as well as simple aggression.

Rules: Aries

Orbit from Sun: 227,940,000 km

Period: 1,9 Years

Pluto

Pluto describes how we deal with power, personal and non-personal, be it through suffering the power of others or exercising it ourselves. It describes how we meet the demonic and magical, our regenerative powers and our capacity for radical change and rebirth: the cycles of dying and becoming.

Rules: Scorpio

Orbit from Sun: 5,913,520,000 km

Period: 248 Years

Jupiter

The search for individual meaning and purpose, optimism, hope and a sense of justice are represented by Jupiter. So also faith, a basic philosophy of life, the striving for spiritual growth and expansion.

Rules: Sagittarius

Orbit from Sun: 778,330,000 km

Period: 11,9 Years

Saturn

Saturn shows how we experience "reality", where we meet with resistance and discover our limitations. It represents the conscience and moral conviction, the laws and rules which we choose to obey. It also tells us about our powers of endurance and the ability to concentrate, it lends qualities like earnestness, caution and reserve.

Rules: Capricorn (secondary Ruler of Aquarius)

Orbit from Sun: 1,429,400,000 km

Period: 295 Years

Uranus

Uranus stands for intuition, it transmits sudden inspiration and lightning insights. An openness for all that is new, unknown and unusual. A sort of wrong-headed contrariness is also associated with this planet. It is said to be characteristic of astrology as such.

Rules: Aquarius (secondary Ruler of Capricorn)

Orbit from Sun: 2,870,990,000 km

Period: 84 Years

Neptune

This planet gives us the supersensory, opens doors to mystical experience and the transcendental. On this level it is hard to discern where perception moves into deception, illusion and false appearances, and so Neptune is associated with all of these, with drugs and all kinds of pseudo-realities.

Rules: Pisces

Orbit from Sun: 4,504,300,000 km

Period: 165 Years

EXOTERIC AND ESOTERIC RULERS

Traditional or Exoteric Astrology is about the psychological dynamics of our personality. Esoteric astrology, is about the inner life, the real purpose of the soul in the present incarnation.

Working with the chart exoterically tells us about our daily interactions with our world and environment. Working esoterically tells us about our soul or spirit. Spiritual or *Soul Centred Astrology* is about integrating the two--the personality with the soul's purpose.

Exoteric and Esoteric Rulers of the Signs

<i>Sign</i>	<i>Exoteric Ruler</i>	<i>Esoteric Ruler</i>
Aries	Mars	Mercury
Taurus	Venus	Vulcan
Gemini	Mercury	Venus
Cancer	Moon	Neptune
Leo	Sun	Sun
Virgo	Mercury	Moon
Libra	Venus	Uranus
Scorpio	Mars/Pluto	Mars
Sagittarius	Jupiter	Earth
Capricorn	Saturn/Lilith	Saturn
Aquarius	Saturn/Uranus	Jupiter
Pisces	Jupiter/Neptune	Pluto

Aries

In Aries the exoteric Mars puts forth great thrusts of action; what is felt by inclination is immediately acted upon. The fiery independence is easily excited. When the esoteric ruler Mercury is in Aries, the mental body is sensitive to the needs of others. The individual is able to impregnate others with his divine ideation and to put them first.

Taurus

Venus, exoteric ruler of Taurus, appreciates the gifts of Earth, and that appreciation acts as a target for their attraction. Esoteric ruler Vulcan bestows a will of iron, unrelenting

once the purpose is fixed and executed with faithfulness. The individual has the power to teach others to help themselves, to stand alone and be detached.

Gemini

Mercury in Gemini communicates in a multi-faceted manner. His versatility is channeled specially for outward reward and often dissipates into restlessness. Esoteric ruler Venus loves and appreciates the intangible side of life, when in Gemini, and usually dislikes being touched (tangible). It bestows love for the path (chosen goal). Here we find feelings for ideation.

Cancer

Moon, the exoteric ruler of cancer, wants to build forms. A hard shell hides the deep emotional nature. All changes stir him, often to a negative reaction. Esoteric ruler Neptune, bestows inspiration of a high order and the invisible assistance to bring it into reality. His impressions manifest a vivid imagination, and are nourishment for the soul if this frequency is constructively used.

Leo

In Leo the royal sun sign the Sun is both exoteric and esoteric ruler. Its outer expression is centered in self-conscious activity; it has yet to leave the personal centre of existence. Esoterically the Sun-in-Leo's purpose is to heal others, to illuminate them. His is the might in behalf of the Almighty. After conquering self, he leads his followers into the light.

Virgo

Mercury in Virgo is analytical power. Reasoning is channeled into practical avenues, wherein he learns and then uses that knowledge and the logic he develops for material advantage. Esoteric Moon in Virgo (the Moon is a blind and it is the sign we concentrate on here) inclines to service for good and God. Here is purity of instinct and intellect. As if one were mentally pregnant, he develops an ever-increasing power for thought and finally Christ consciousness.

Libra

Exoteric ruler Venus in Libra appreciates the beauty of life with all of its cultural advantages. He loves to share his interest with someone close. Uranus is the esoteric ruler. In Libra the pacesetter is progressive in his decisions. What must be dealt with is done justly with progress in mind. Here is the awakening of the other self to beauty, to idealism and to intuition.

Scorpio

Mars and Pluto are rulers of Scorpio. Mars provides intense motivation to participate with others. Pluto suffers complications after the initial starts. Esoteric Mars will fight under any condition for his cause. His is the igniting spirit for the chosen cause. The outer expression and spiritual inclinations are much the same, except for the goal. Both

expressions are intense. The exoteric is material, the esoteric projects for spiritual and intangible causes.

Sagittarius

Benevolent Jupiter in Sagittarius seeks truth through exoteric expression, recognizing how the spiritual manifest on the material. Earth is the esoteric ruler; here we find the material cushioning spirituality. Earth provides the only means of gaining wisdom. Only on Earth can we gain an understanding of how to intuit rather than leaning on logic.

Capricorn

When Saturn, exoteric and esoteric ruler of Capricorn, is in the chart, patience lays practical foundations. Lileth in Capricorn causes interruptions and frustrations along the uphill climb toward outer success. Esoterically, Saturn is capable of soul service for humanity. Having gained the knowledge that set him free, he then uses his wisdom to supply the needs of others.

Aquarius

The exoteric rulers of Aquarius are Uranus and Saturn. Both will provide the know how to bring an abstract vision into reality. Esoteric ruler Jupiter expands the possibilities. Here we have the cosmic ruler who pumps wisdom into humanity; he has become a humanitarian for the multitudes, leading the lost and intimidated into the light.

Pisces

Neptune and Jupiter rule the outer expression of Pisces, the sign of sympathetic service. His exoteric idealistic reasoning is to save the sorrowful from prodigality (Jupiter) helping them onto spirituality (Neptune). Pluto in Pisces renounces the emotional body and is thereby reborn a powerful intellect. He there after becomes highly motivated for humanity and its survival. Previous limitations (self set) no longer exist.

NB. No one in our time has Pluto in Pisces, yet some have Pluto in a Piscean decan of Cancer or Scorpio, which will evoke the same response.

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PLANETS IN EXALTATION, DETRIMENT AND FALL

In addition to the planetary rulerships, there are also planets which are exalted in the signs, which again means that they are comfortable and tend to function well in those signs. The table below indicates which planets are exalted in the various signs. Planets will be in detriment, however, in signs opposite the signs they rule. Planets in detriment are traditionally considered to have difficulty operating positively in these signs. Finally,

in addition to planets in detriment, planets are also said to be in their fall in certain signs, which means that they are debilitated in those signs.

Sign	Ruler	Exalted	Detriment	Fall
Aries	Mars	Sun	Venus	Saturn
Taurus	Venus	Moon	Mars	
Gemini	Mercury		Jupiter	
Cancer	Moon	Jupiter	Saturn	Mars
Leo	Sun		Saturn	
Virgo	Mercury		Jupiter	
Libra	Venus	Saturn	Mars	Sun
Scorpio	Mars (Pluto)		Venus	Moon
Sagittarius	Jupiter		Mercury	
Capricorn	Saturn	Mars	Moon	Jupiter
Aquarius	Saturn (Uranus)		Sun	
Pisces	Jupiter (Neptune)	Venus	Mercury	

For example with the Sun in Aries, an individual is unlikely to have difficulty expressing the qualities of Mars or the Sun, which will come naturally. The challenge for the Sun in Aries, however, will be the conscious integration of Venus and Saturn, traditionally in their detriment and fall in Aries, into their sense of identity. If this can be achieved, the Aries Sun person will have learned to value and to relate to others (Venus) and will have developed the self-discipline and patience (Saturn) to enable them to lead and to inspire others in a mature, measured and effective way, as a fully integrated Aries Sun individual.

Equally, with the Sun in Libra, the individual is unlikely to have difficulty expressing the qualities of Venus or Saturn. The challenge for the Sun in Libra, however, will be the conscious integration of the qualities of Mars and the Sun, which, from a psychological point of view, we could say is an essential part of the process of individuation. If this can be achieved, the Libra Sun individual will have found their metal (Mars) and be able to act with focus, courage and determination (Mars) for the greater good (Libra) and to fight (Mars) for what they value (Venus). As they develop personal courage, and become less dependent on the good opinions of others, the Libran will lose the vacillation and hesitation for which this sign is so well known, and become an authority (Sun) in issues of justice and fairness (Libra), prepared to take responsibility (Saturn) for the consequences of their actions (Libra).

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