

# *Heavenly Bodies*



An introduction to Astrology  
and the Planets  
with Simant Herkins

# Introduction

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**Simant Herkins is a meta-physical explorer** of the wonders and mysteries of our beautiful Gaia, our spiraling solar system and our evolving consciousness. She has studied Astrology for over 15 years and enjoys reading charts for family, friends and clients.

**With her diverse background and intuitive insights**, she lovingly tunes into the Astrology reading. The client receives a validating and expansive view of their birth chart and the currents now stimulating their continued growth into their full potential.

**Born in Calexico, CA on August 14, 1954 at 11:50 a.m.**, which makes Simant a Leo Sun born at full Aquarius moon, with Scorpio Rising.

# The History and the Mystery of Looking to the Stars...

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- Cave dwellers, Hunters, Gypsies for traveling
- Early seafarers as a navigation tool
- Farmers planting season, the coming of Spring
- The Magi, Scholars and Advisors to Kings & Queens
- Eclipses
- Chinese Astrology, Egyptian Astrology, Mayan Astrology, Tibetan Astrology, Vedic Astrology,
- Western Astrology

# Constellations – Signs of the Zodiac, Energies, and Elements.... what's yours ?

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- **Aries** – March 20 to April 19 – the **Cardinal Fire** sign – I am
- **Taurus** – April 20 to May 20 – the Fixed **Earth** sign – I have
- **Gemini** – May 21 to June 20 – the *Mutable* **Air** sign – I connect
- **Cancer** – June 21 to July 22 – the **Cardinal Water** sign – I nurture
- **Leo** – July 23 to August 22 – the Fixed **Fire** sign – I express
- **Virgo** – August 23 to Sept 22 – the *Mutable* **Earth** sign – I organize
- **Libra** – Sept 23 to Oct 22 – the **Cardinal Air** sign – I balance
- **Scorpio** – Oct 23 to Nov 21 – the Fixed **Water** sign – I transform
- **Sagittarius** – Nov 22 to Dec 21 – the *Mutable* **Fire** sign – I explore
- **Capricorn** – Dec 22 to Jan 19 – the **Cardinal Earth** sign – I maintain
- **Aquarius** – Jan 20 to Feb 17 – the Fixed **Air** sign – I detach
- **Pisces** – Feb 18 to March 19 – the *Mutable* **Water** sign – I disperse

# The Zodiac Signs

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- ARIES, the Ram...ruler is Mars  
My need to be independent and develop self-awareness.
- TAURUS, the Bull...ruler is Venus  
My need to be resourceful, productive and stable.
- GEMINI, the Twins...ruler is Mercury  
My need to communicate with and learn from others.
- CANCER, the Crab...ruler is the Moon  
My need to give and receive emotional warmth and security.
- LEO, the Lion...ruler is the Sun  
My need to express myself creatively, and be appreciated by others.
- VIRGO, the Virgin...ruler is Mercury  
My need to analyze, discriminate and function efficiently.

# The Zodiac Signs – cont' d

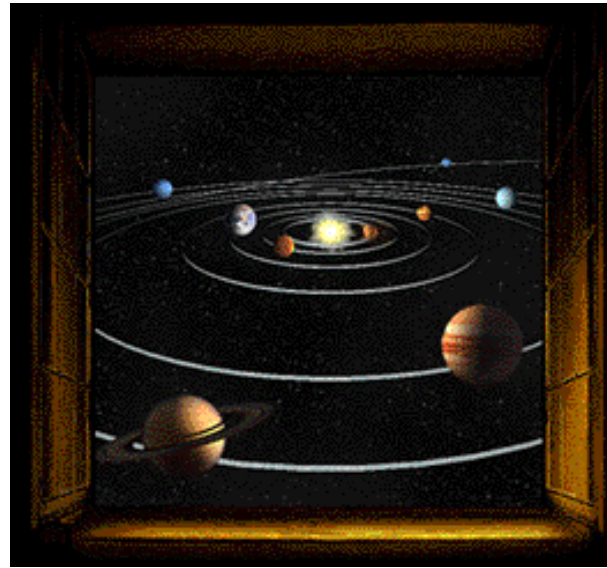
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- LIBRA, the Scales...ruler is Venus  
My need to cooperate with others and create harmony and balance in my life.
- SCORPIO, the Scorpion...ruler is Pluto  
My need for deep involvements and intense transformation.
- SAGITTARIUS, the Centaur...ruler is Jupiter  
My need to explore and expand the horizons of my mind and world.
- CAPRICORN, the Mountain Goat...ruler is Saturn  
My need for structure, organization and social accomplishment.
- AQUARIUS, the Water Bearer...ruler is Uranus  
My need to be innovative, original and create social change.
- PISCES, the Fish...ruler is Neptune  
My need to commit myself to a dream or ideal and work towards its realization.

# The Planets

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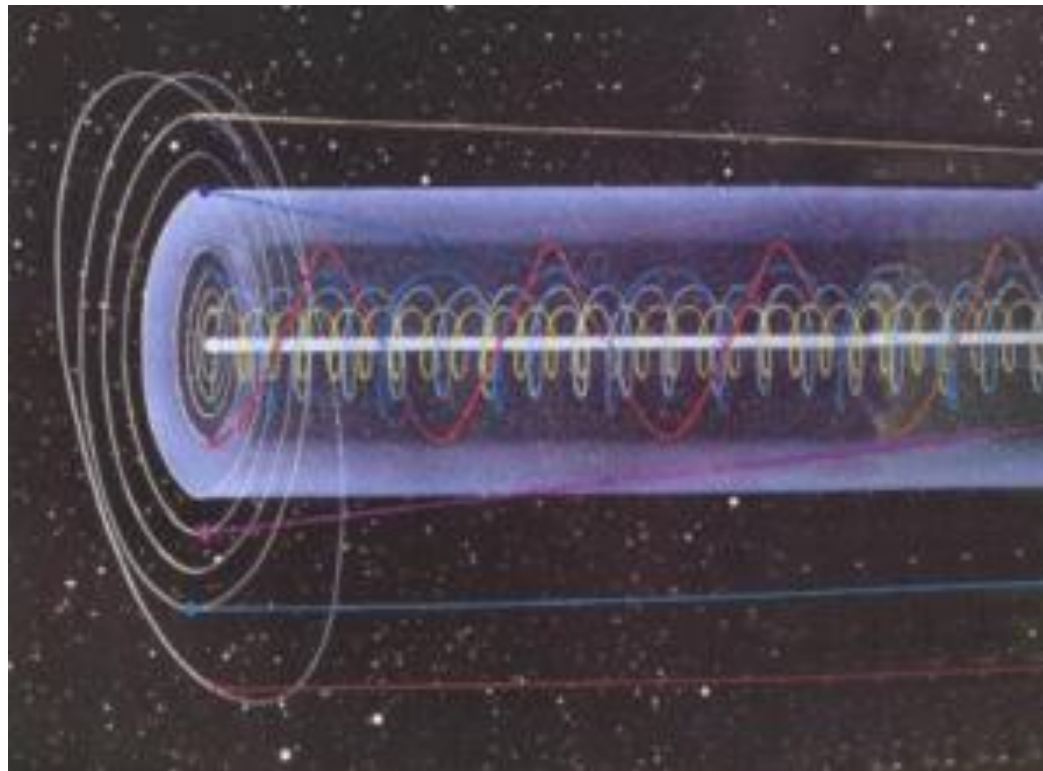
- Beginning with the Sun - our star, whose gravitational energy spirals us through the universe.
- Mercury
- Venus
- Earth
- Mars
- Jupiter
- Saturn
- Uranus
- Neptune
- Pluto



# The Spiral Path of the Solar System through time

(by A.T. Mann)

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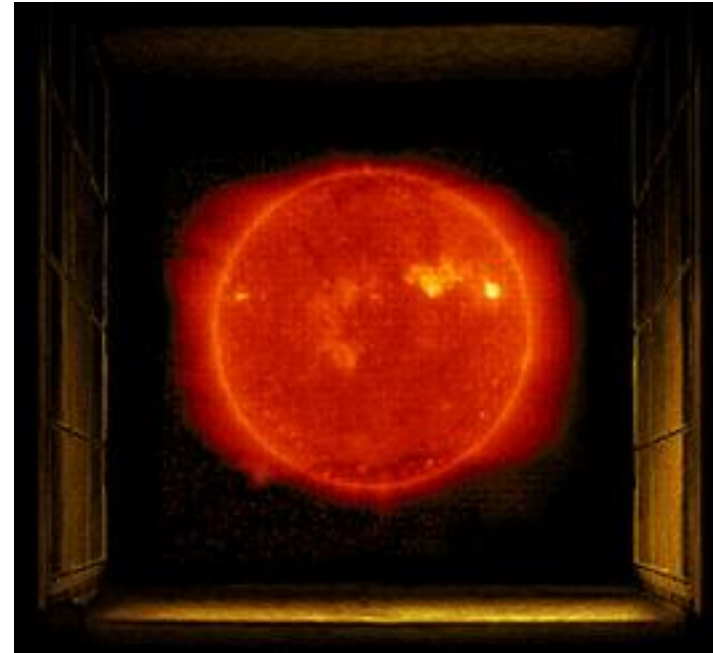




# The Sun

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- Sun – our basic identity and conscious purpose
  - ruler of Leo
- Key Phrases
  - Purposeful, creative, self assured.

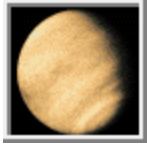




# Mercury

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- Mercury – the messenger
  - ruler of Gemini and Virgo.
- Key phrases
  - My reasoning mind
  - My ability to formulate “concepts and ideas”
  - My ability to communicate “them” to others



# Venus

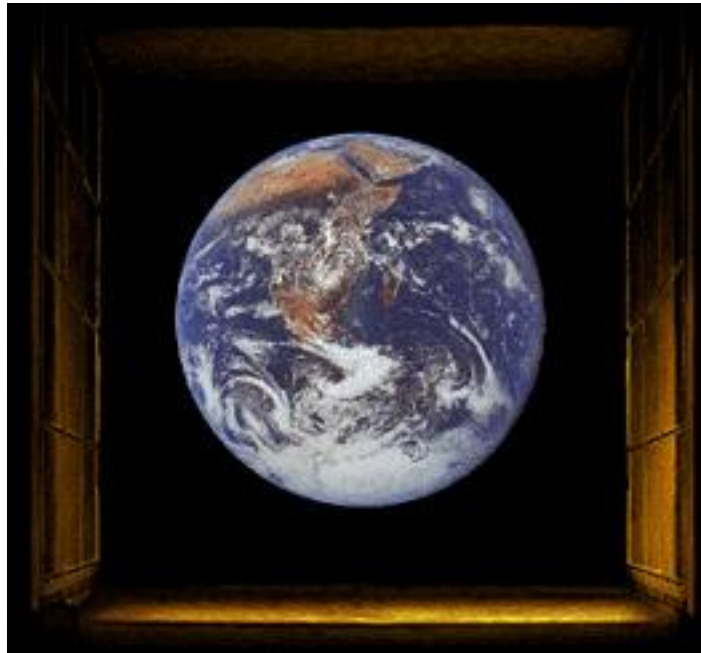
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- Venus – goddess of love and beauty
  - Ruler of Taurus and Libra
- Key Phrases
  - I harmonize
  - I attract
  - Represents the core essence of the feminine nature

# Earth

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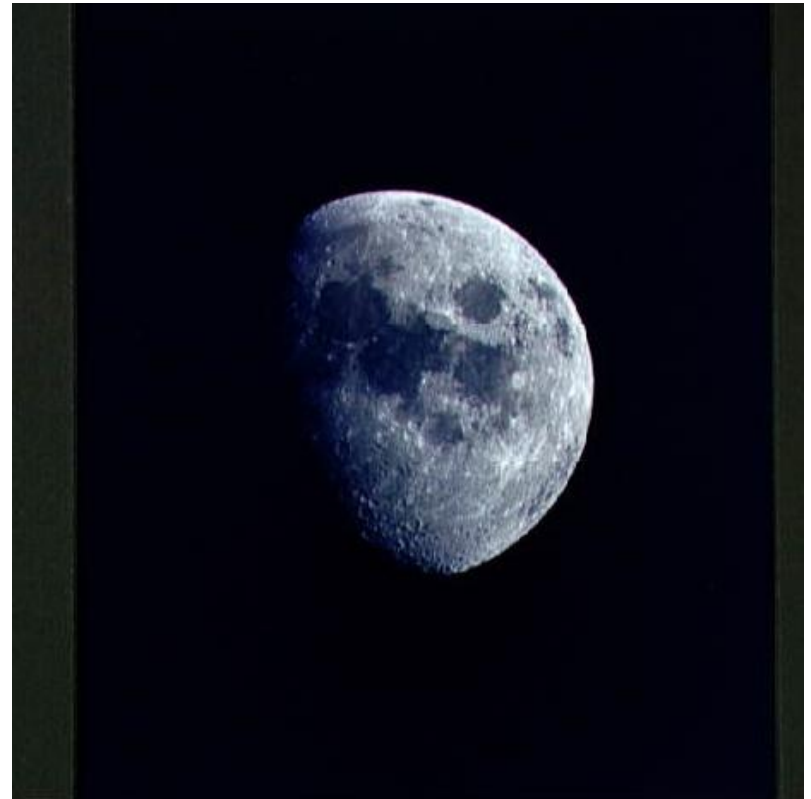
- Gaia – you are here

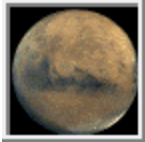


# The Moon - Luna

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- Moon – Our emotions, feelings and daily habits.
  - ruler of Cancer
- Key Phrases
  - Nurturing, intuitive, sensitive, imaginative





# Mars

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- Mars – the warrior
  - Ruler of Aries
- Key Phrases
  - My ability to project myself in the world
  - My personal drive
  - My ability to assert myself and get what I want



# Jupiter

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- Jupiter – principle of expanding horizons
  - Ruler of Sagittarius
- Key phrases
  - My desire to improve and enrich my life
  - My need to look to the future
  - My benevolence, generosity and optimism



# Saturn

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- Saturn – the teacher or coach
  - Ruler of Capricorn
- Key phrases
  - My ability to create form and structure in my life
  - Overcome fear, insecurities, inhibitions
  - Applies Universal Laws of time, karma, cycles, old age

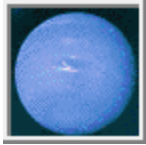




# Uranus

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- Uranus – the awakener
  - Ruler of Aquarius
- Key Phrases
  - The illuminator, liberator, rebel, radical, revolutionary
  - My unique, unorthodox, eccentric and genius self
  - My capacity for freedom and independence



# Neptune

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- Neptune – the mystic
  - Ruler of Pisces
- Key Phrases
  - My need to transcend my finite self and merge with a greater whole
  - My intuitive, psychic, telepathic self
  - The part of me that is a dreamer, visionary, artist or martyr.



# Pluto

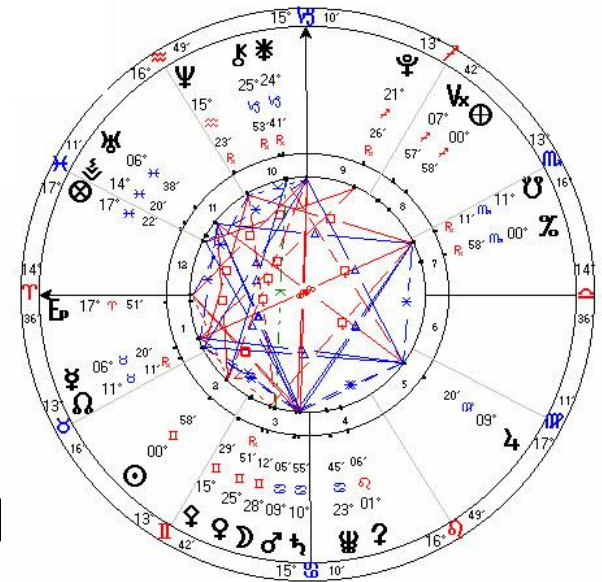
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- Pluto – the transformer
  - Ruler of Scorpio
- Key Phrases
  - Death and rebirth, destruction and renewal
  - The unseen, hidden, secretive that needs to be brought into light.

# Birth Chart

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- A snapshot of your unique manifestation of time, as the universe unfolded, the moment you were born
- Birth date, time and place
- Sun, moon, rising and planetary placements in the houses



# Houses

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- 1<sup>st</sup> ascendant: one's persona; the emergence of self-awareness.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: possessions, resources and values; identification with substance.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: mental activity; relating to the immediate environment.
- 4<sup>th</sup>: home, establishing foundations; personal integration.
- 5<sup>th</sup> : creative self expression; children, externalization of self.
- 6<sup>th</sup>: self improvement; self examination, health, daily duties.
- 7<sup>th</sup>: forming partnerships; relating to others.
- 8<sup>th</sup>: transformation through relationship; merging with others.
- 9<sup>th</sup>: the search for meaning; travel, expansion of awareness.
- 10<sup>th</sup>: securing a career, work in the world; social participation.
- 11<sup>th</sup>: social aspirations and ideals; social reform.
- 12<sup>th</sup>: self transcendence; the sub and super conscience.

# Aspects

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- Conjunction: the angle is 0 degrees supportive..., potential for intensified strength through unification.
- Sextile: 60 degrees or 2 signs away facilitates the expression of..., potential for building a new talent.
- Square: 90 degrees or 3 signs away creates dynamic tension with..., potential for productivity through focus of energy.
- Trine: 120 degrees or 4 signs away harmonizes with..., potential for creative expression.
- Quincunx: 150 degrees or 5 signs creates paradox with..., transformation through adjustments.
- Opposition: 180 degrees or 6 signs opposes asks for balance with..., potential for integration through balance

# Transit Energies

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A Sun transit to your sun is your birthday.

A Moon or Mercury transit is too fleeting to notice.

A Venus transit is also very swift but sweet.

A Mars transit is an opportunity to take action and strive for what you want.

A Jupiter transit is an opportunity to expand my horizons and experience abundance.

A Saturn transit is an opportunity to focus, define and manifest what I want.

A Uranus transit is an opportunity to free myself from past limitations.

A Neptune transit is an opportunity to experience a greater spiritual perspective and sensitivity.

A Pluto transit is an opportunity to transform and regenerate an area in my life.

# Resources for Study

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- The Mountain Astrologer Magazine
- Astrology for Yourself  
Beginner Astrology Workbook by Bloch and George
- Web Sites
  - [www.astro-noetics.com](http://www.astro-noetics.com)
  - [www.earthwalkastrology.com](http://www.earthwalkastrology.com)
  - [www.cayelincastell.com](http://www.cayelincastell.com)



# Appreciations

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## Next Steps

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