Heavenly Bodies

An introduction to Astrology and the Planets with Simant Herkins
The History and the Mystery of Looking to the Stars...

- 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?

- **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

- 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

- 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

- 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)
The Sun

- Sun – our basic identity and conscious purpose
  - ruler of Leo

- Key Phrases
  - Purposeful, creative, self assured.
Mercury

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

- 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

- Gaia – you are here
The Moon - Luna

- Moon – Our emotions, feelings and daily habits.
  - ruler of Cancer

- Key Phrases
  - Nurturing, intuitive, sensitive, imaginative
Mars

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

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

- 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

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.
The End

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