



Basic Alphabet of Astrology

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The zodiac signs are the first thing that comes to mind when you hear about anything related to astrology. I was introduced to sun sign astrology at a very young age. A daily horoscope from a newspaper is something I look forward to reading every day. Although I was unaware of how it was calculated and how the author came up with the daily horoscope, I always relate to the analysis of my zodiac sign on a daily basis.

THE ZODIAC SIGNS:

You can point to the Sun if it is daytime and not overcast, and if you know where the Moon and planets are, you can point to them. Connecting the dots of the Sun, Moon, and planets would result in a circle. The circle would not be perfect; it might be a bit wobbly, but it would still be a circle. Taking this circle as an example, it is divided into 360 degrees, and each of the 360 degrees is divided into 12 equal sections of 30 degrees each. **Each of these 30 degree sections represents a zodiac sign.** Any celestial object or point (Sun, Moon, planet, ascendant, etc.) is affected by its zodiac sign.

Degrees	Zodiac	Degrees	Zodiac	Degrees	Zodiac	Degrees	Zodiac
0°	♈ Aries	90°	♋ Cancer	180°	♎ Libra	270°	♑ Capricorn
30°	♉ Taurus	120°	♌ Leo	210°	♏ Scorpio	300°	♒ Aquarius
60°	♊ Gemini	150°	♍ Virgo	240°	♐ Sagittarius	330°	♓ Pisces

As explained above, each zodiac sign corresponds to a 30 degree section of a circle whose circumference is 360 degrees. This is similar to the process of naming an individual or a product. The lack of a name makes it difficult to determine what they are. Consequently, naming each of the 30 degrees in a circle assists an astrologer in determining the location of each planet within the circle. Rather than stating the degree in which the planet is located, it is easier to say the name of the zodiac sign. To put it another way, the zodiac signs are equivalent to the degree meanings of a circle.

As an example, suppose the Sun is positioned at 157 degrees in a circle. Traditionally, an astrologer would describe the Sun's position as being in 7 degrees Virgo. In accordance with the above table, 150 degrees marks the start of the Virgo position and 180 degrees marks the end. As a result, we have the zodiac sign Virgo ranging from 150 to 180. In this case, the 7 degree refers to the degree within

that zodiac sign. As opposed to saying the Sun is at 157 degrees in a circle, it is easier and more elegant to say "Sun is at 7 degrees Virgo".



I will now provide you with the basic keywords of each of the zodiac signs, which will further assist you in learning the Basics of Astrology. Keywords play a significant role in learning and creating astrological interpretations. **Vibrational Astrology** can be easily learned through the use of the Keyword system, and it can be interpreted with great accuracy through the use of the Keyword system.

An explanation of each zodiac sign's Vibrational Astrology energy functions and its vibration can be found below.

ARIES: Innovative, direct, sharp, strong, self-reliant, honest, empathetic, and authentic

TAURUS: A builder, who develops naturally, is slow, steady, stubborn, sensual, and cannot be rushed

GEMINI: Adaptable and flexible, enjoys playing with ideas, witty, quick-witted, curious, discovery, fascinating

CANCER: Sentimental, nostalgic, soulful & extremely personal, family oriented, protective, suspicious of foreigners

LEO: Proud, magnanimous, needs affection and support, entertaining, flamboyant, shy, self-conscious, charismatic

VIRGO: Helpful, neat, clean, fastidious, fussy, picky, refined, fix, perfection, organize, solve, detailed oriented

LIBRA: Friendly, needs balance, equality, share, partnership, team player, build relationship

SCORPIO: Jealous, merge, extreme bonding or fusing, connect like a glue, intense

SAGITTARIUS: Expansive, fun-loving, likes to travel, dislikes details, big ideas, interest in topics of a broad nature, politics, economics, education, public communications and media, likes children, adventure, growth, child like joy, likes children

CAPRICORN: Mature, detached, strategic, manipulative, formal and business oriented, good planner and organizer, photography, objective, command and lead, strategize

AQUARIUS: Progressive, modern, eccentric, free-spirited, group-oriented. Friendly but cool and unsentimental, networking

PISCES: Imaginative, idealistic, artistic, sacrificing, impressionable, gullible. Can be prone to day-dream. Enjoys fantasy, connect, accommodating, integrates

PLANETS: In astrological interpretations, planets play the most important role. The projected position of the planets into the earth is the basis for astrological interpretations. There is an argument to be made that the effect of the planets on earth is analogous to the effect of a plant's shadow in protecting anything beneath it from the heat of the sun. Each planet has its own energy and vibrational functions specific to anything alive on earth, especially human beings.

SHORT MEANING, ENERGY FUNCTIONS AND KEYWORDS OF EACH PLANETS IN VA:

SUN: Connects you to the current moment. Brings any interest, motivation and purpose into a clear and tangible manifestation that can be seen. Basic self, appearance, who you are

MOON: Reflects the past into the present as moods, disposition, memory, history and soulfulness. What we inherit, our lineage and heritage. Emotions, mother, moods, home memories

MERCURY: Comparing and relating ideas with lightning speed. Associations and relationships made within thousandths of a second. Often manifests as learning or communicating. Comparison, observations, writing

VENUS: Regulates attraction to beauty. Beauty is fundamental to life and Venus show how we are drawn to beauty. Affects romance because in romance a person is attracted to the beauty of a person. Art, love, affection, beauty, harmony

MARS: The need to feel that one is achieving or accomplishing something. Taking action to achieve something. Drive, focus, succeed, persevere.

JUPITER: Make something bigger. Without Jupiter there is no growth. People will not explore if there is no Jupiter. Bigger is better for Jupiter. Growth, to enlarge, travel, outgoing, joyful

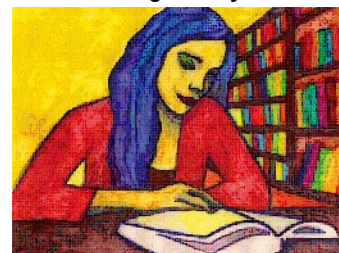
SATURN: Cuts away anything that is unnecessary. Seeks what is essential. Removes anything superfluous or extraneous. Get to the bones. Mature, structure, discipline, detach

URANUS: Connect to current instantaneous. Ride the wave of the current moment. Improvisational. Disinterested in the past and future. Spontaneous, quick impulse, excitable, free, vibrant

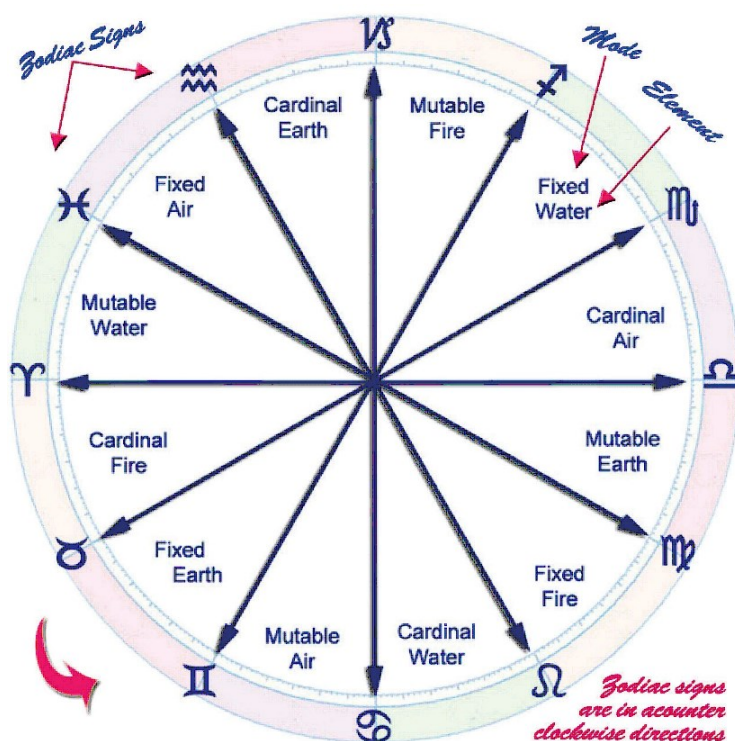
NEPTUNE: Attraction of an ideal. Feeling of being lifted up to your dream. Feeling as if you won the lottery so you can follow your dreams and fantasies. Manifestations range from love of wealth to a sense of magic. Sense of magic, fantasy, idealistic, lies

PLUTO: Obsessive, compulsive, and irrational. Deeply rooted feelings from the unconscious or ancestral past surface with force. Emotionally driven, compulsive, uproot

ZODIAC SIGNS, ELEMENTS, AND MODE ILLUSTRATIONS



Astrological interpretation involves other factors that you should be aware of before learning how to interpret a chart. These are the Elements and Modes, which are illustrated graphically below to facilitate learning.



ELEMENTS: As part of the astrological system, elements are used to classify zodiac signs. The four types of elements are fire, air, earth, and water. It is also important to note that elements are 120 degrees apart (trine) from one another.

Fire = ♈, ♎, ♐
 Earth = ♉, ♊, ♋
 Air = ♌, ♍, ♎
 Water = ♏, ♐, ♑

MODES: The modes or modalities are used to determine the characteristics of the zodiac signs. An astrological mode can be either cardinal, fixed, or mutable. These modalities are 90 degrees (square) apart from one another.

Cardinal = ♈, ♋, ♏, ♑
 Fixed = ♉, ♊, ♌, ♍
 Mutable = ♊, ♋, ♎, ♏

ASPECTS: Additionally, aspects play a significant role in astrology. An important aspect of interpreting astrological charts is the distance between two or more planets. This is referred to as "Angular Distance". It is important to note that certain angles are referred to as **aspects**. An aspect is a relationship between planets separated by a small angular distance, which affects the astrological influence of the planets on a person's personality and behavior.

ORB: When an aspect occurs, it is usually not exact. The orb is how far the aspect is from being exact. For example, two planets may be 92 degrees apart, in which case the orb is 2 degrees. There is not complete agreement on exactly how big the allowable orb for an aspect should be.

Allowable orbs used in Vibrational Astrology:

♈ = 16° ♎ = 4°
 ♉ = 8° ♊ = 5 1/3°

Table of Angles or Aspects

Name, Symbol, Degrees, & Fraction of a circle

Conjunction	☿	0°	
Opposition	♋	180°	1/2
Square	☐	90°	1/4
Semisquare	⌞	45°	1/8
Trine	Δ	120°	1/3
Sextile	✱	60°	1/6
Semisextile	⌵	30°	1/12
Quincunx	⋈	150°	5/12
Sesquiquadrat	☒	135°	3/8
Quindecile		165°	11/24

Decile	36°	1/10
Novile	40°	1/9
Binovile	80°	2/9
Quadnovile	160°	4/9
Quintile	72°	1/5
Biquintile	144°	2/5
Septile	51 3/7°	1/7
Biseptile	102 6/7°	2/7
Triseptile	154 2/7°	3/7

DETAILED EXPLANATION OF ASPECTS AND ORBS:

There are 360 degrees in a circle. Approximately, all of the planets are arranged in a circle known as the ecliptic plane. The ecliptic plane is divided into 12 equal sections of 30 degrees each. A name is assigned to each of these 30 degree sections. Specifically, the first 30 degrees correspond with Aries, the second is Taurus, which is from 30-60 degrees of the circle, the third degree corresponds with Gemini (60-90 degrees), and the fourth degree corresponds with Cancer (90-120 degrees), followed by Leo (120-150), Virgo (150-180), Libra (180-210), Scorpio (210-240), Sagittarius (240-270), Capricorn (270-300), Aquarius (300-330), Pisces (330- 360).

Example:

- 1) Now for example, the Sun is in 7 degrees Virgo in your natal chart: This means that the Sun position in the sky when you were born was 157 degrees in the sky
- 2) Now, let's say for example, Saturn is in 12 degrees Capricorn in your natal chart: This means that Saturn's position in the sky when you were born was 282 degrees in the sky.

On the basis of the above two examples, we are able to locate the two planets in your natal chart. Now that we know the angular distance between the two planets in your chart, we can calculate their angular distance. Saturn and the Sun are therefore 125 degrees apart angularly.

120 degrees corresponds to four zodiac signs apart. In our example, Saturn is located in Capricorn and the Sun is located in Virgo, which places them at a distance of four zodiac signs apart. **It is important to note that the angular distance between the two planets in our example is 125 degrees. In this case, the extra five degrees are referred to as the Orb.**

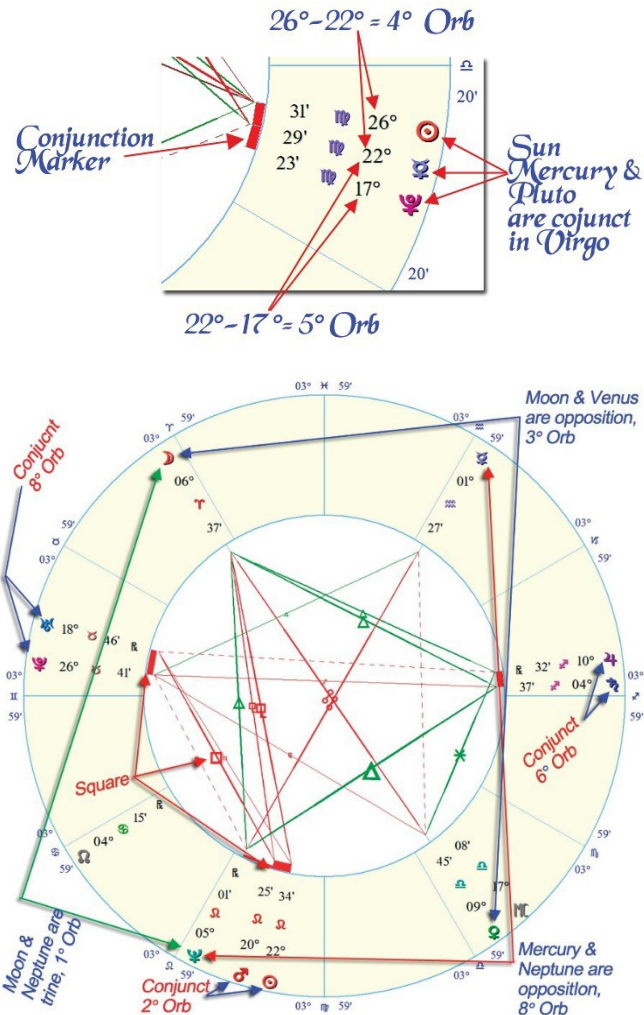
LIST OF COMMONLY USED ASPECTS IN VIBRATIONAL ASTROLOGY:

Conjunction (♌) = 0 degrees. If two planets are very close to each other, they are conjunct. The allowed orb used for conjunction in Vibrational Astrology is from 0 to 16 degrees.

Opposition (♌) = 180 degrees. If two planets are close to being opposite to each other, they are opposition to each other. The allowed orb for oppositions in Vibrational Astrology is up to 8 degrees.

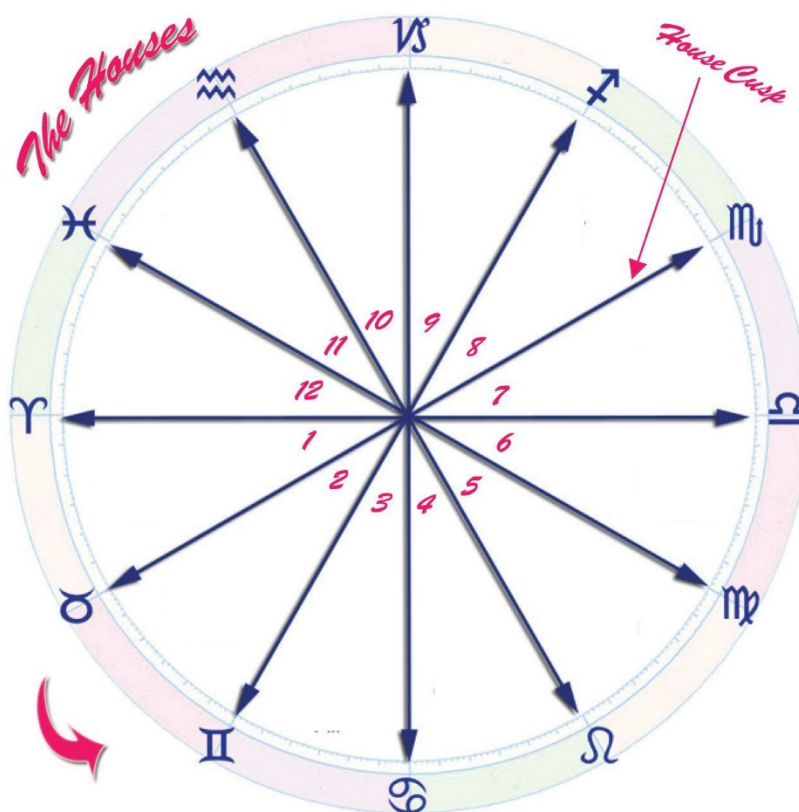
Square (♏) = 90 degrees. If two planets are close to being 90 degrees apart, they are square to each other. The allowable orb for square aspects in Vibrational Astrology is up to 4 degrees.

Trine (♊) = 120 degrees. If two planets are close to being 120 degrees apart, they are trine to each other. The allowable orb for trine aspects in Vibrational Astrology is up to 5 1/3 degrees.



OTHER IMPORTANT NOTES:

- The order of the zodiac signs and houses is counterclockwise.
- The planets move relatively slowly through the zodiac signs in their proper motion in a counterclockwise direction
- The planets move, and also the signs on the house cusps, move relatively fast in a clockwise direction.



HOUSES: Astrology uses a system of 12 houses in which the first house represents the area of the sky immediately beneath the eastern horizon.

The houses are numbered counterclockwise (as shown on the left).

House cusps mark the dividing line between one house and another. For instance, when the Sun moves from the 10th house to the 9th house around noon, it is crossing the cusp of the 10th house.

THE 12 HOUSES KEYWORDS AND ENERGY FUNCTIONS IN VIBRATIONAL ASTROLOGY:

1st House: Shows how you appear to others, your mask or persona, a way of negotiating the world. Your persona.

2nd House: What you own, your property, your money, your personal assets, values, ethics.

3rd House: Short journey and siblings, communication and how one expresses oneself

4th House: Home. Mother (modern). Father (traditional). Domestic life.

5th House: Children, gambling, romance, fun, creativity, personal expression, games, sports

6th House: Work, practical effort, illness, service, desire to fix things

7th House: Partnership and friends, relationships, marriage, partnerships of all kind

8th House: Money, investments, business, sharing, death of friends or oneself, business, finance, other people's money, shared resources, mysticism, the occult

9th House: Travel, broad view of things, philosophy, politics, long journey, broad perception

10th House: Career, role in life, standing in the community

11th House: Organizations, clubs, social activities, friends, hopes, wishes, aspirations

12th House: Psychic, spiritual, sacrifice, hidden enemies, selfless way of life

THE ANGLES

These are the 4 house cusps that are in red on the chart wheel (shown right):

1st House Cusp: Ascendant

4th House Cusp: IC

7th House Cusp: Descendant

10th House Cusp: MC

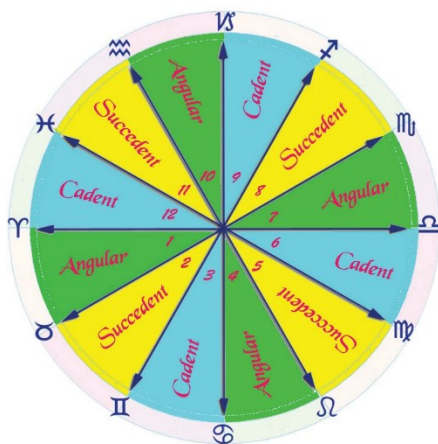
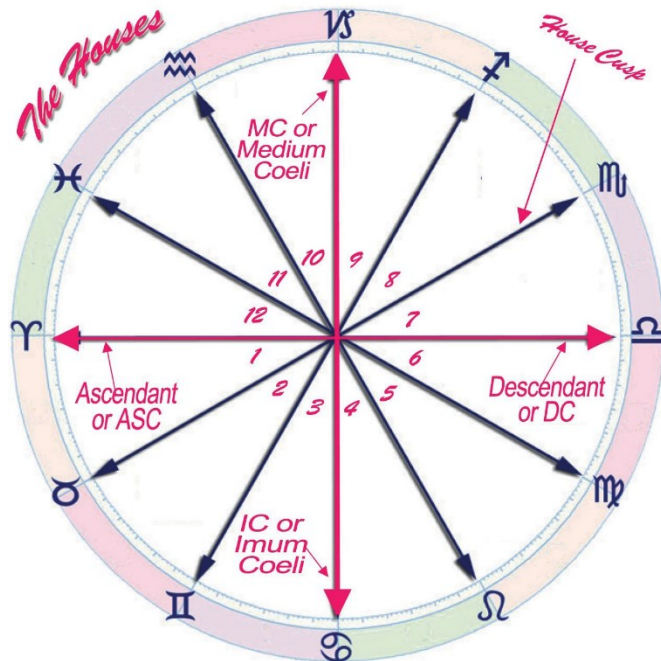
1st House Cusp: Oriens (Asc.), Eastern

4th House Cusp: Imum Coeli, Northern

7th House Cusp: Occident (Desc.), Western

10th House Cusp: Medium Coeli, Southern

In compatibility and forecasting, angles are the most powerful and important house cusps. In astrology, the Ascendant is the most frequently used angle. It is the position of the planet rising at the time of birth. In chart analysis, the Ascendant plays an equally important role as the Sun. It serves as an additional source of energy and vibrational function for the Sun through the Ascendant.



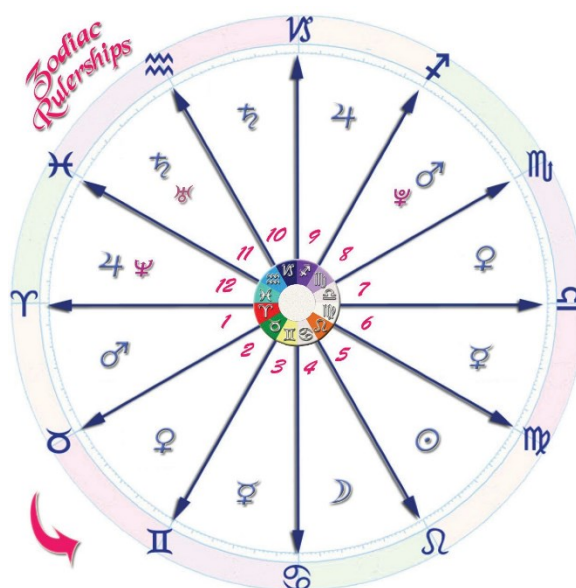
ANGULAR/SUCCEDENT/CADENT: Each house is classified as being angular, succedent, or cadent as shown on the left. It is specially very important in horary work.

Angular Houses: 1, 4, 7, 10

Succedent Houses: 2, 5, 8, 11

Cadent Houses: 3, 6, 9, 12

RULERSHIPS: Another aspect of astrology that you should become familiar with is the Rulership system. Each zodiac sign has a ruling planet. The ruling planet adds flavor and vibrational energy to the zodiac sign. It is commonly used in Medieval astrology. Vibrational Astrology is also one of the ways that I use it personally. I find it to be extremely useful. A chart's interpretation can be greatly aided by the function of a zodiac sign's ruling planet.



Zodiac Signs Traditional Rulership:		Zodiac Signs Modern Rulership:	
ZODIAC SIGNS	RULERSHIPS	ZODIAC SIGNS	RULERSHIPS
Aries	Mars	Aries	Mars
Taurus	Venus	Taurus	Venus
Gemini	Mercury	Gemini	Mercury
Cancer	Moon	Cancer	Moon
Leo	Sun	Leo	Sun
Virgo	Mercury	Virgo	Mercury
Libra	Venus	Libra	Venus
Scorpio	Mars	Scorpio	Pluto
Sagittarius	Jupiter	Sagittarius	Jupiter
Capricorn	Saturn	Capricorn	Saturn
Aquarius	Saturn	Aquarius	Uranus
Pisces	Jupiter	Pisces	Neptune

The above information is intended to assist you in your studies of astrology. For a professional astrology reading, please click on the "Return to Home Page" button below. You can learn much more about the above planets and zodiac signs in Vibrational Astrology by purchasing the book Vibrational Astrology: The Essentials. Here is the link where you can purchase it:

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