

Houses in General

1st House

Key Word: Self-projection

General

The 1st House relates to the projection of personal character out into the world. It is strongly related to the personal appearance, and in particular to the head. The first house gives a strong self-awareness and self-absorption. Planets placed in this house play a dominant role in personal character and have high visibility. The individual identifies strongly with them for good or ill. This house relates to the actual birth process, and the cusp of the first house - the Ascendant - is the point of transition from non-being into being. This house can be seen as pure expression of identity and projection of being.

2nd House

Key Word: Self-worth

General

The 2nd House is related to the exploration of material aspects of the physical world. Planets placed here are related to one's personal assets and sense of self-worth. This house is very much connected with finances and personal income, and personal talents which are directly related to earning capacity. Difficult planetary placements in this house undermine the feeling of self-worth and create fixations about financial security.

3rd House

Key Word: Mental development

General

The 3rd House describes mental abilities, and experiences during the course of life connected with learning and communication. Brothers and sisters are shown here, as well as the early school years. As a child, most education matters are related to this house. The 3rd house is also connected with the environmental network of neighbors and travel facilities. Cars, trains, bicycles, letters, telephones, and experiences connected with these things, will be reflected by planetary positions in this house.

4th House

Key Word: Emotional environment

General

The 4th house relates to the intimate environment. Specifically, this refers to the parents, and the emotional atmosphere at home. Planets here will describe the kind of home one is attracted to, and the sort of activities that take place in the home. This house is also connected to personal ancestry - normally on the father's side. Planets here express themselves in a private and intimate manner, showing close family bonds. Difficult planetary placements will show the troubles one has in domestic matters. The 4th house shows emotional identification and a sense of belonging. This can extend from the security of the four walls of the home, to the greater boundaries of the nation to which one belongs.

5th House

Key Word: Self-experience

General

The 5th House is related to creative self-expression, and the building up of a sense of identity security through a trust in oneself. Planets here reflect the course of self-development in childhood, the ability to play and be spontaneous, and the exhibiting of personal identity. Later in life this is reflected in the children one chooses to have, creative activity, romantic enjoyment, erotic pleasures and love affairs - in other words any activity in which the identity is reflected in the eyes of the world. This house is also connected with the ability to take risks through a sheer zest for living.

6th House

Key Word: Practical integration

General

The 6th House is related to the integration of the individual in the working environment. Daily jobs and routines and all the necessary duties of life are reflected in this house. Planets placed here show the kind of advantages or difficulties that are experienced in working relationships. This house also shows the state of bodily functions - in other words it is connected with health on a physical level. Planets in the 6th house will show the kind of work one is involved in, and the working colleagues one relates to. On a more general level the 6th house is connected with employees and bureaucracy.

7th House

Key Word: Relationship

General

The 7th House relates to social relationships - daily contact with other people on a social level. Whereas the 1st House represents the Self, the 7th represents Others. Planets here show the kind of people one chooses to relate to on a consistent basis, and in particular the marriage partner. In reality planets in the 7th house show qualities one denies in oneself and projects onto other people. Both enemies and loved ones are indicated by the house, as both relate to the phenomenon of projection.

8th House

Key Word: Hidden resources

General

The 8th House is connected with intimate relationships with other people. It is the house of the bedroom, where one is confronted with the unspoken emotions which are suppressed during the day. As such the 8th house is related to the ability to show sexual intimacy. Planets placed here will show the ease or difficulty one has in lowering emotional defenses. There is much emotional anxiety and trauma connected with this house. Planets placed here will be hidden in their expression and reflect unresolved emotional issues. The 8th house reflects the emotions evoked in others. This house is also related to the hidden powers in society connected with finance, such as banks and tax authorities, as well as inheritance and other people's money. It is also related to occult and psychological powers, death and beyond death states.

9th House

Key Word: Meaning in Life

General

The 9th House is related to the need to gain insight and understanding in life. It refers to the individual's personal experience or lack of experience of God, or philosophical meaning. It is also connected with higher education, intellectual convictions and mental influence over others. The 9th house shows the need to expand personal

horizons through education or travel. Planets placed here will show the nature and form of the insight which dawns during the course of one's life and the attitude one has to spiritual and intellectual authorities.

10th House

Key Word: Achievement

General

The 10th House is related to concrete professional achievements in life. When young this house reflects the effect of the parents' professional life, as well as their expectations, on one's personal ambitions. Planets placed here will show what kind of relationship one has to people in authority and the kind of executive talent one possesses. This is a powerful house, and planetary expression here brings public prominence and a degree of professional success.

11th House

Key Word: Social involvement

General

The 11th House relates to friendships, groups and other kinds of social relationships - it shows the need to create a secure social life. It is also related to social ideals, and planetary energy here will often be implemented socially or politically in some form of group involvement. This house represents the hopes and dreams one has for the future, not just for oneself, but for people in general. Planets placed here will show the ease or difficulty of social integration, first of all at school, and later in the social circles one chooses to frequent. The 11th house may also indicate relationships to children to whom one is not linked by blood.

12th House

Key Word: Dissolution

General

The 12th House is the subtlest of all the houses, and planetary energy here is expressed in an invisible and private manner. It is the inner world of the psyche which is important in this house. Planets here express themselves on a more spiritual level, creating a world of dreams, fantasy and imagination. There is a close communion with Nature or God connected with this house. Planets here have a chameleon-like quality, taking on whichever color is appropriate in any given situation. Here all things dissolve, and worldly interests drown. This house represents the dissolution of material things and communion with the cosmos. It is also related to sickness, and isolated institutions.