

## Planets in General

### Sun

Key Word: IDENTITY

#### General

As center of the Solar System, the Sun also symbolizes what is central for us - our identity. Psychologically it represents our experience of the father and his influence or lack of influence on the building of our character and ability to express ourselves as individuals. It also symbolizes our creative drive and need to be visible. We strive to realize the qualities the Sun represents in our horoscope through a process of individuation throughout our life. This self-realization process is our highest goal.

The Sign the Sun is in shows the direction in which we strive to realize ourselves. The Sun changes sign every month. The qualities of this sign are like adjectives which color our self-expression. We have to develop and perfect these qualities to truly find ourselves.

The House the Sun is in indicates the specific area in the material world in which we manifest our identity. We will identify very strongly with the practical issues that this House represents. Self-realization comes through the matters connected with the House.

The Aspects to our Sun show psychological influences on our identity which must be integrated in some way. Aspects indicate specific effects that modify the expression of our identity and make us unique individuals. Aspects can also show quite precisely how we experienced the influence of the father, and how that modifies our attempts to become individuals.

### Moon

Key Word: EMOTIONS

#### General

The Moon represents our emotions and the need for security. It represents our early environment and particularly the way we experienced the mother. It shows our ability to be sensitive to the environment and to both give and receive emotion. The Moon is related to instincts, and is profoundly connected to the personal unconscious, and all the habitual behavior that is looked after by this mysterious part of ourselves. The Moon shows how we instinctively react to protect ourselves and others.

The Sign the Moon is in shows the specific way we react, and the kind of emotional needs we have. The Moon goes through all 12 Signs in a month. The Moon sign's influence is at least as powerful as the Sun, showing specific habitual and environmental needs as well as ingrained reaction styles.

The House the Moon is in shows the area in actual life to which we become attached to increase feelings of security. This area is where we are most vulnerable and defensive. However, it is also this area where we experience the greatest growth and show the greatest concern for others.

The Aspects to the Moon show specific emotional experiences which affect our psychological make-up. These aspects are integrated into our emotional nature to give specific reaction patterns and habits.

## Mercury

Key Word: MENTALITY

### General

Mercury is related to our ability to communicate and desire for knowledge. It is connected with contacts to siblings, friends and people at school. Mercury represents our thoughts and the constant activity that goes on in our heads. It is connected to the nervous system and physical co-ordination.

The Sign Mercury is in shows the way we communicate and the psychological areas in which our mental talents lie. Mercury is the fastest of all planets and cleaves to the Sun, either being in the same Sign as the Sun or one of the Signs on either side of the Sun.

The House Mercury is in shows the area in which our mental talents are put to practical use.

This is the area in which we realize our need to make contact and increase our learning.

Aspects to Mercury show mental talents and communication styles in a very specific way. They indicate our individual interests and abilities.

## Venus

Key Word: VALUES

### General

Venus shows our values and our need and capacity for love. This planet shows aesthetic preferences and the natural attraction we feel to people and things. Venus represents the need for inner and outer harmony and balance. It is associated with the inner feelings we have when we compare and make judgements. Venus also represents sisters and other influential women, as well as our experience of the emotional harmony between our parents.

The Sign Venus is in indicates how our values are colored and what specific aesthetic styles we adopt. Choices of partner are strongly influenced by this Sign position. Venus is always found close to the Sun in the horoscope - either in the same sign, or in one of the two signs alongside the Sun.

The House Venus is in shows in what area of life we find love, companionship and partnership, and where we have the strongest and most rewarding emotional contacts. This House shows what we value specifically, and where we can be enriched both emotionally and financially.

Aspects to Venus indicate specific experiences in love relationships and the individual psychological needs that color our judgement when making choices.

## Mars

Key Word: DRIVES

### General

Mars represents drive and masculinity, as well as issues connected with sexuality and power. It indicates the work we choose and the way we tackle it. It is strongly associated with the experience of brothers, the father and men in general. Where Mars is there is trouble, but also the fighting instinct to get on in life. Mars shows challenges and the ability to meet them bravely. Mars relates to the muscular system.

The Sign Mars is in represents the psychological area in which we express our energy. Mars takes 2 years to go around the Sun, as it is in each sign for approximately 2 months. In a woman's horoscope it represents the type of men she is attracted to, in a man's his own attitude to men, competitiveness and masculinity.

The House Mars is in shows the specific area in which one desires to invest energy. This house will also show where one is most dynamic, where men are encountered, and where one is confronted with issues of power. Battles are fought in this area.

Aspects to Mars show specific attractions to men, or specific sexual preferences. They show the way we use our energy and special talents for particular kinds of work

## Jupiter

Key Word: WISDOM

### General

Jupiter is the largest planet in the solar system and has its own cosmos of moons orbiting. It represents the drive for insight on an intellectual, philosophical and religious level. It is said to bring great good fortune, and its influence is to expand the effect of everything it meets. Jupiter has to do with the law and moral authority, and our attitude to these issues. It brings a powerful desire for understanding and the tendency to have powerful opinions and convictions. As Jupiter takes 12 years to orbit the Sun, it spends one year in each Sign. Therefore, its influence in the horoscope is more collective than personal. The Sign Jupiter is in represents cultural influences and social drives for expansion and improvement.

The House Jupiter is in shows where there will be good fortune and expansion in your personal life. This House position will indicate the specific area in life in which you gain insight and grow in understanding. This area will generally be very fortunate for you.

The aspects Jupiter makes shows a psychological identity characteristic where the need for expansion, influence and understanding is paramount. These aspects show the specific personal drives where the search for wisdom is most intense.

## Saturn

Key Word: SELF-RELIANCE

### General

Saturn is the furthest planet in the solar system visible to the naked eye. As such it represents limits. Saturn in the horoscope shows where the greatest challenges are to be found, and the hardest lessons learned. This planet shows where rigid systems restrict growth. It is connected with the parents, authorities and rules. Saturn brings strength through self-limitation, discipline and planning.

As Saturn takes nearly 30 years to go around the Sun, it will be in any one Sign over a period of about 2« years. Saturn in a Sign therefore represents cultural and authoritarian influences and trends in society. It shows the influence of society on the individual, and where in society the greatest efforts are made to build up lasting structures.

Saturn's House position shows where specifically you will experience the greatest challenges and limitations. This is an area which will absorb much of your time. No matter how hard you try to avoid commitment in this area, you will be forced by circumstances to overcome your fears and become an expert in the field indicated.

Aspects to Saturn show areas of the personality where you will feel lack of confidence. In these areas you will be shy, repressed, desperate for recognition, frustrated. Normally you will build up self-reliance and independence in the part of your character Saturn affects after around 30 years.

## Uranus

Key Word: ORIGINALITY

### General

Uranus was first discovered in 1781 and is often associated with revolutions. It represents the drive to be unique, to shock and to surprise. It brings sudden and unpredictable events. Its influence is to raise personal consciousness. It is electric and lightning-fast in its effect.

As Uranus takes 84 years to go around the Sun, it will be in any one sign for 7 years - therefore its effect is on a collective level, influencing successive generations. Its Sign position shows in what psychological area of humanity revolutionary changes will take place.

The House Uranus is in will show in which specific area of your life revolutionary changes take place. It shows where you are most original, and where sudden developments will raise your consciousness.

The aspects Uranus makes show in what part of your personality you have the greatest need to break free and act in the most unique and individual way. These aspects indicate rather extreme character traits where you may wish to shock others or inspire them to change.

## Pluto

Key Word: TRANSFORMATION

### General

Pluto was discovered in 1930 and takes 246 years to go around the Sun. Though very small, its influence is completely disproportionate to its size. It brings total transformations. Drawing deep psychological issues up out of the unconscious it has a purging function. Its influence focuses on power and power misuse, or feelings of alienation.

Pluto has a very irregular orbit and can be in any one Sign from 14 - here in the 20th century - to over 30 years. Its influence in a Sign is felt more on a collective than a personal level. The Sign position of Pluto shows in what area of society total transformations take place - often with rather catastrophic consequences. Pluto roots out basic imbalances, replacing corruption with something totally new. It brings a death and rebirth process.

The House position of Pluto shows in what specific area of your life you focus too intensely and have a corrupt or fanatic drive for intensity or control. This area shows where you have experienced trauma - at some point in the life a total transformation will take place here. In this area the doors to your unconscious will open.

The aspects Pluto makes show the most intense psychological drives in your personality. In these areas of your personality you will be most magnetic and dominating. This stems from an unconscious need for control, which in turn stems from a deep fear of being powerless. Crises and transformation will arise in these areas.

## N. Node

Key Word: DESTINY

### General

The North Node of the Moon represents the point at which the orbit of the Moon crosses the plane of the Solar System (Ecliptic) when moving from south to north across the Ecliptic. This is an invisible point which is first noticed at specific times of the year when eclipses occur. (The South Node is exactly opposite in the horoscope.)

It is said to represent more than anything else the influence of karma - that is a predisposition to absorb oneself in a certain kind of activity. The North Node indicates the most beneficial direction for spiritual growth. It also shows in what particular area of society one needs to interact to encourage this growth.

The Nodes take a little over 18 years to pass through all 12 signs, spending therefore around 1½ years in each sign. The Sign position shows the focus of change and development in society, specifically indicating the area of world development which attracts greatest public attention. In your horoscope this Sign position will show psychological traits you will develop in your search for spiritual growth.

The House position of the North Node shows in which area of life you will invest your time and energy to attain growth, happiness and satisfaction. Often you will discover this - your life's direction - at the age of 18½, or 37.

Aspects to the North Node show which personality traits help or hinder you in your drive to find and explore your spiritual direction.

## S. Node

Key Word: -

### General

The South Node of the Moon represents the point at which the orbit of the Moon crosses the plane of the Solar System (Ecliptic) when moving from north to south across the Ecliptic. This is an invisible point which is first noticed at specific times of the year when eclipses occur. (The North Node is exactly opposite in the horoscope.)

The Nodes are said to represent the influence of karma - that is a predisposition to be absorbed in specific areas of life. The South Node shows where one feels instinctively oneself to have the greatest life experience. There is a great attraction to pursue goals connected with this Node - there is an inner hunger to be satiated here - but no deep long-term satisfaction is experienced when these goals are achieved.

The Nodes take a little over 18 years to pass through all 12 signs, spending therefore around 1½ years in each sign. This Sign position shows in which areas society draws historical lessons on its path towards the future. In your personal horoscope it shows outlived psychological drives, which cannot bring satisfaction.

The House position of the South Node shows in which specific area of life you feel a powerful drive to fulfil old needs, or where you are attracted to old karmic patterns. You will discover that your focus on this area is misplaced, and this can lead to a change of life direction, normally no later than the age of 37.

Aspects to the South Node show which personality traits keep you absorbed with old karmic patterns. They may also indicate the kind of groups you are predisposed to associate with.