HEAVENLY BODIES/PLANETS

☀ SUN leadership, ego, will power, creativity, vitality, spirit, purpose, identity
☿ MOON responses, habit patterns, feelings, receptivity, sensitivity, nurturing
☿ MERCURY rational mind, thinking processes, all forms of communications, local travel/transit matters
♀ VENUS affections, attraction, aesthetics, desire for beauty, balance, values, harmony
♂ MARS aggressiveness, assertiveness, initiative, independence, pioneering, competition
♀ CERES harvest, fertility, abundance, nurturing
♃ JUPITER growth, philosophy, higher education, long distance travel or communication
♄ SATURN structure, definition, limits, restriction, responsibility, organization, authority, maturity
♂ CHIRON (asteroid) “Wounded Healer,” hurts, healing, innovation, teaching
♀ URANUS the unusual or unexpected, uniqueness, individuality, revolution, reform
♀ NEPTUNE imagination, psychic sensitivity, confusion, fears, spirituality, the arts
♀ PLUTO (plutoid) finances, shared resources, transformation, death, re-birth, afterlife, sex
♀ ERIS (plutoid) chaos, discord, strife, rivalry

SIGNS [followed by their ruling planets]

♈ ARIES [ruler: Mars] enthusiastic, outgoing, self-centered, energetic, pioneering, assertive
♉ TAURUS [ruler: Venus] stable, steadfast, patient, practical, stubborn, jealous, artsy
♊ GEMINI [ruler: Mercury] communicative, inquisitive, adaptable, versatile
♋ CANCER [ruler: Moon] sensitive, nurturing, receptive, home/family-oriented, emotional
♌ LEO [ruler: Sun] generous, showy, dramatic, creative, a leader, egotistical, fun-loving
♍ VIRGO [ruler: Mercury] analytical, discriminating, critical, detail-oriented, service-minded, useful
♎ LIBRA [ruler: Venus] diplomatic, other-oriented, peace-loving, refined, flirty, indecisive
♏ SCORPIO [ruler: Pluto] magnetic, powerful, intense, persevering, passionate, extreme
♐ SAGITTARIUS [ruler: Jupiter] idealistic, optimistic, scattered, honest, exagerative, restless
♑ CAPRICORN [ruler: Saturn] ambitious, responsible, economical, efficient, disciplined, insensitive
♒ AQUARIUS [ruler: Uranus] impersonal, detached, original, humanitarian, independent, rebellious
♓ PISCES [ruler: Neptune] sympathetic, sentimental, caring, responsive, psychic, spiritual, escapist

Please note: Planets and signs are related to many more matters than the most common associations listed here.

ASPECTS (Angular distance between planets, linking their influences; multiple aspects can form patterns)

♂ CONJUNCTION (0°) [Planet joins/passes another] powerful emphasis, strength in the sign
♀ SEMISEXTILE (30°) [one-twelfth of the sky apart] like sextile but weaker, favorable combo
♀ SEMISQUARE (45°) [one-eighth of the sky apart] similar to Square, granting
♂ SEXTILE (60°) [one-sixth of the sky apart] ease, put in effort for best results
□ SQUARE (90°) [a quarter of the sky apart] conflicting desires, inner struggles lead to action
♀ TRINE (120°) [a third of the sky apart] automatic benefits, harmony, ease
♀ SESQUIQUADRATURE (135°) [three-eighths of the sky apart] similar to Square, friction, tension
♀ QUINTILE (72°) and Q² BIQUINTILE (144°) [one-fifth and and two-fifths of the sky apart] a talent or a choice to make between planets’ influences
♄ QUINCUNX (150°) [five-twelfths of the sky apart] a disconnect, need adjustment or compromise
♀ OPPOSITION (180°) [half of the sky apart] conflict, difficulties from outside oneself or differences requiring resolution, brings awareness
Signs are grouped according to three characteristics – Modes, Elements and Polarity – indicating shared traits.

**Modes (also called Qualities)**

CARDINAL (beginning of each season) [Aries, Cancer, Libra, Capricorn]
active, energetic, dynamic, initiating, thrives on crisis

FIXED (middle of each season) [Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, Aquarius]
stable, persistent, willful, stubborn, resistant to change

MUTABLE (end of each season) [Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, Pisces]
adaptable, variable, restless, easy-going, scattered

**Elements**

FIRE [Aries, Leo, Sagittarius] impulsive, inspirational, enthusiastic, intuitive, energetic

EARTH [Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn] practical, materialistic, dependable, utilitarian, conservative

AIR [Gemini, Libra, Aquarius] intellectual, communicative, abstract, idealistic, cooperative

WATER [Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces] emotional, sensitive, protective, responsive, nurturing, psychic

Look for squares and oppositions in the same mode, trines in a shared element, or sextiles and oppositions in a polarity.

**Polarity**

YANG [Fire and Air signs] extroverted, out-going, assertive

YIN [Earth and Water signs] introverted, passive, receptive

Opposite signs share the same polarity. They often relate to a common theme, reflecting both ends of a spectrum.

**Retrograde Motion**

A planet’s apparent backward motion. Shows a need to re-experience, review, or re-do according to sign and aspects.

**Lunar Phases**

- New Moon
- First Quarter Moon
- Full Moon
- Third Quarter Moon

**Void of Course Moon**

A period of time when the Moon has finished its aspects in its current sign. Until entering the next sign, motivation is low and actions “run out of steam.” It’s not a good time to make major purchases or begin important activities.

**Eclipses**

- Solar Eclipse
- Lunar Eclipse

Read about lunar cycles on page 90.

**Moon’s Nodes** (intersection of the Moon’s orbit around the earth with the earth’s orbit of the Sun)

Ω NORTH NODE direction for progress, what is difficult to do but growth-producing, what one needs to develop

Ю SOUTH NODE path of least resistance, not growth-producing, traps from old habits

**Aspect Patterns**

FINGER OF GOD (YOD): 2 planets sextile, both quincunx a third – strange twists of fate with a positive outcome

GRAND TRINE: 3 planets in an equilateral triangle, all trine one another (usually with components in the same Element) – an easy flow of energy between planets, may yield luck in circumstances related to planets & signs involved

GRAND CROSS (GRAND SQUARE): a cross or square box formed by 2 perpendicular oppositions, contains 4 squares (usually has components in same Mode) – big difficulties for planets & signs involved

KITE: Grand Trine with a planet opposite 1 point, sextile the other 2 – a challenge maximizes the Grand Trine

MYSTIC RECTANGLE: sextiles and trines on the sides, diagonal oppositions – cooperative and complementary energies mix

QUINTILE TRIANGLE (“QT”): a triangle comprised of quintiles and biquintiles – multiple talents or fortunate circumstances

STAR OF DAVID (Grand Sextile): 2 overlapping Grand Trines, with 6 sextiles and 3 oppositions (= 3 connected Kites)

T-SQUARE: 2 planets in opposition, both square a third – problems and dilemmas that force decisions or action
Areas of Life Associated with the Twelve Houses

1. House of the Self, personality, outlook on life, outward behavior, self-awareness, self concern, mask ("persona"), build, health, appearance, vitality, individuality

2. Possessions, values, resources, personal financial security, how you make money or meet obligations, material and non-material resources, self-worth

3. Conscious mind, communications, near environment, short journeys, early education, how you learn, self-expression, siblings, neighbors, ground transportation

4. Roots, home, parents (particularly mother), heredity, traditions, subconscious, places of residence, real estate, property, conditions in early and late life

5. Creativity, personal self-expression, pleasures, objects of affection (children, pets, lovers), vacations, hobbies, games, speculation, talents, need for attention

6. Work, employment, co-workers or subordinates, working conditions, health, the work you do on your body, diet, hygiene, service, duties, daily tasks

7. Partnerships, relationships, marriage, close associates, concern for others, peers, agents, open enemies, contracts, close associates, negotiations, lower courts

8. Birth, death, reproduction, transformation, your money mixing with other people’s money (credit, tax, insurance, joint finances, investment, inheritance), big business, sex, spirituality

9. Foreign environments and languages, long journeys, the Higher Mind, philosophy, religion, higher education, ethics, higher courts, publishing, in-laws, media, the internet

10. Public standing, reputation, status, worldly attainment, ambition, sense of mission, profession, career, responsibilities, authority, father, guardian, boss

11. Hopes and wishes, goals, ideals, humanitarianism, associates, acquaintances, groups, friends, business contacts, money made from career

12. Spirituality, subconscious, sleep, unseen or hidden causes, limitations, secrets, tears, need for withdrawal or privacy, hidden enemies, confinement, House of Self-Undoing