

ASTROLOGER'S APPRENTICE CHEAT SHEET

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/transportation 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, exaggerative, 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, grating
- ♏ **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
- ♒ **SESQUQUADRATE (135°)** *[three-eighths of the sky apart]* similar to Square, friction, tension
- ♓ **QUINTILE (72°) and Q² BIQUINTILE (144°)** *[one-fifth 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

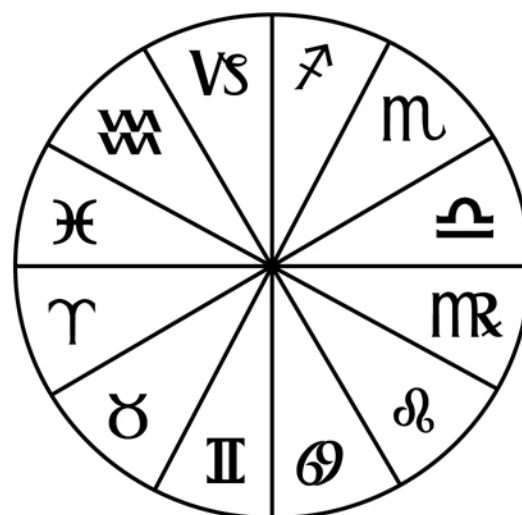
ELEMENTS

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 R

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)

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

♋ **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



NATURAL RULERS



1st House
Aries/Mars



2nd House
Taurus/Venus



3rd House
Gemini/Mercury



4th House
Cancer/Moon



5th House
Leo/Sun



6th House
Virgo/Mercury



7th House
Libra/Venus



8th House
Scorpio/Pluto



9th House
Sagittarius/Jupiter



10th House
Capricorn/Saturn



11th House
Aquarius/Uranus



12th House
Pisces/Neptune

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, fears, need for withdrawal or privacy, hidden enemies, confinement, House of Self-Undoing