



THE TEN PLANETS OF ASTROLOGY

Many times you will hear someone say that I am a Taurus or I am a Virgo. What they are telling you is the astrological sign the Sun was in the day they were born. This is commonly known by astrologers as the Sun sign. Thus, your weekly newspaper is a Sun sign based horoscope reading or interpretation. However, many times the astrological description does not fit perfectly and you can see variations between people born under the same astrological sign.

The reason for the difference lies not in astrology itself, but rather in a limited usage of its total attributes. For example, two persons could be born under the sign of Virgo, have similar qualities, and yet just as many differences at the same time. One Virgo might be emotionally sensitive and the other Virgo emotionally stubborn. Yet, both might be very practical and have good reasoning powers like a Virgo is expected to. The reason for the difference in this example could be their Moon sign.

You see, there are ten basic planets in our current astrological system and each one contributes 1/10th (more or less) to the person's total behavior. In our example, the Virgo person born with the Moon in Taurus will be emotionally stubborn and fixed. The Virgo born with her Moon in Pisces will be more empathic, flexible, and sensitive emotionally. Yet, all else being equal both will share typical Virgo characteristics.

A more holistic astrology must look at all ten planets in a persons chart to get a better and truer interpretation of the horoscope. In the following I will share with you what the basic attributes and characteristics of the ten planets are in Western astrology. In basic Western Astrology, the Sun and the Moon are counted as two of the ten planets. Below I have shown their basic meanings along with their official glyphs.

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☉ Internally the Sun represents your individuality. It is where you shine and where the light emanates from in your horoscope. The Sun actually represents your individuality more than your personality. Your personality tends to be reflected in your astrology charts rising sign.¹ Outwardly the Sun represents authority figures, males or females. In Uranian Astrology, the Sun is your physical body.²

☾ Inwardly, the Moon is your feeling and emotions. It is your subconscious. Outwardly it is your mother. For a man it can be his wife. In Uranian Astrology the Moon is also the public at large. The Moon tells us about our emotional nature and basic needs. It is also the key to how we experience intimacy in relationships. The Moon tells us about our mother, as she is our first intimate relationship. How did we experience her nurturing? And what type of nurturing do we now expect?



Mercury is where you communicate. Mercury stands for the intellect, common sense, cold reason, commerce and business. Its qualities are fluidity and versatility. Its position and aspects tell us about our communication and learning habits and our modes of thinking.



Venus is where and how we attract things and situations toward us. Venus is the planet, which reveals how we like to relate to our environment and other people. Are we attracted to strong, sensual and intense relationships? Or do we prefer freedom and independence? It also indicates what we value, and therefore is linked with money and resources.



Mars is where we assert ourselves and how well we do it. Mars is the planet of assertion and drive. What drives us? Do we pursue our desires aggressively? Or do we sit back and lack drive? It tells us what motivates us and what desires drive us most powerfully.



Jupiter is where we expand and grow. Jupiter is the planet of expansion, abundance and wisdom. It highlights the areas in which we yearn to discover greater truths. Therefore, it can also be linked to excess. We search for more and more insofar as we can learn greater truths. It is the seeker. In seeking, we find.



Saturn is where we learn about borders and limitations. Saturn represents responsibility, boundaries and structure; structure that provides a positive framework within which we can build, or structure that

limits our development and forces us to reassess our liabilities and assets.



Uranus is where we see dynamic change and interruption. Uranus represents originality and unconventionality. This can be the unusual and brilliant genius or the willful rebel without a cause. It tells us the areas in which we break with convention, become innovative and experiment with new and exciting ways.



Neptune is where we see the world dissolve before us. Neptune is the planet of mysticism and at-one-ness. It represents both the blissful at-one-ment of the spiritual and the confusion which comes from not knowing limits and boundaries. It blurs reality and fantasy and teaches us compassion and unity.



Pluto is where our power is and where things die to be reborn. Pluto is the planet of transformation. Nothing stays the same around this planet. Its task is to clear out the old to make way for the new. This is done volcanically, by forcing anything submerged to the surface to be dispelled. Wherever Pluto sits in our charts, we experience regeneration.

SOME CONCLUSIONS

*The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars,
But in ourselves, that we are underlings.³*

This statement clearly expresses the reality of freewill that exists for each of us. Many times people take a fatalist view of astrology as a system that teaches determinism. In some senses, certain things have to happen in order to establish a coherent experience here on Earth. If a scientist could not predict

the outcome of his experiment, then he has no true knowledge of what he is doing. The same is true for astrology. It does have predictive ability, but it is a spiritual science which means there is room for transcendence by the human being involved. Once we learn our patterns, we can exercise freewill not to follow them anymore. Thus freewill is a choice based upon having options. Options can only be gained by being aware that they exist. If you have a million dollars in the bank and do not know it then you will remain poor through ignorance.

Also, just as quantum physics has shown that human observation can collapse an atom from a potential reality to a particle in space time reality, so are the planets, stars, and asteroids, only the outward reflection of the spiritual consciousness that observes them, be it human, angel, archangel, gods, or goddesses. As St. Paul states in the book of Hebrews, "The things that are seen are created by things that are not seen." Thus, the physical universe is really just the outer shell of the spiritual beings that are creating it and that stand behind its manifestation.

THE THREE STAGES OF ASTROLOGY

Astrology exists at three different relational stages in regards to a living, growing, developing human being. At the first stage, the asteroids, the planets, and the stars, are our overlords. They organize our environment and our reaction to it so it can be imprinted upon our being. Things tend to be pre-organized here on earth, awaiting our birth into this physical dimension of being. The sky is blue, the grass is green. These are the given situations in our life which are reflected in our birth or natal astrology chart. Our free will is pretty much a latent potential at stage one.

The next stage occurs as we grow into our environment and experiences. At this stage we begin to dialogue with the asteroids, the planets, and the stars. They now become our teachers. We begin to have choices as to how we will react to a given situation. Our potential for free will begins to develop further here. We now see the wisdom of the stars, and have learned many lessons. The highest development at this stage is that we begin to transcend our natal astrology chart. We are now becoming free, and transcending a fixed destiny for one of choice.

The final and third stage is reflective of our final incarnation on earth as a human being. At this stage we are at one with our higher self and divine spark. We now rule the asteroids, the planets, and the stars. At this stage we are now where Christ is. We have overcome the world. We co-create destiny with the absolute. We rule our stars.

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¹ The rising sign is the sign that is on the geographical horizon at the time you are born.

² Uranian Astrology uses a 90, 45, or 15 degree wheel rather than the 360 degree wheel used in mainstream astrology. Uranian Astrology is event oriented and is quite accurate according to its practitioners. I find it quite effective.

³ Quotations from: *Julius Caesar* by William Shakespeare, (1.2.135)