

# KNOW YOUR PLANETS, KNOW YOURSELF

ASTROLOGY FUNDAMENTALS



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## ***A little promise from you***

It took me many years of experience to gather the knowledge that helped me make this guide and hours to actually produce it. But I am happy to offer it for you completely free of charge.

In exchange I ask you for a little promise only. If after reading this guide you will think I did a good job, I ask you to share this guide with someone you think would also benefit from it. In this way I can spend less time looking for the people I can help and more actually producing more great free material. You will find some links at the end of this guide.

Thank you.

Let's start.

## — *Why Astrology is a tool for your personal growth*

Astrology is, first of all, an instrument, a practical instrument to improve our life, starting from a better understand of ourself.

If it were not so, Astrology would not have reason to exist and it would not survived through the millennia.

Yes, because Astrology is a very ancient art, more ancient than what we believe, we might say that is ancient as the mankind itself. In fact, even if it's common believing that Astrology is born in ancient Greece (500 b.C.), this is not exact, it already existed in ancient Persia, in Babylon (2300 b.C.), in ancient Egypt (2700 b.C), and then it's true origins arrive even in Mesopotamia with Sumerians (3500 b.C.).

The Zodiac itself as we know it today, it's almost the same of the Sumerians, who have been the firsts to develop the observations of the stars, the study of the sky and its analogical connections with Earth's plane, and then, with Man's plane.

They understood that the Cosmos is made by cycles, cycles that reflect themselves into other cycles, from huge cycles to micro cycles, composing the miracle of the One.

So even the human being, as part of the Cosmos, is a reflection of the Cosmos, and responds to the same laws. <<*Omnia Unus Est*>>, "Everything is One", they said ancient alchemists. So Man is part of the Everything and the Everything is within him.

If you understand the laws of the Everything, through analogy you can understand even the laws that rule a man, interpreting the correspondences between the macro-cycles of the sky and the micro-cycles of the man, and their relative synchronic correspondences.

Astrology is knowing and interpreting those analogies, or *synchronicities*, to say it as the way of C.G. Jung. Those knowledges about celestial correspondences, as we saw, are the result of empirical observations of the masters of the past through the millennia, and they are authentic when they are in harmony with the universal laws of the Cosmos.

For that reason, no one of real astrologers will never tell you that celestial bodies which are millions of lightyears distant from the Earth, irradiate a sort of "mumbo-jumbo magical energy" that determines the destiny of the human beings.

And this is a fundamental point about Astrology: **Astrology is not about destiny, Astrology is about predisposition.**

This is very important to understand, because it clarifies one of the biggest misunderstanding about Astrology: **It exists the Free Will.**

The position of planets and stars at the moment of you birth, at the very moment of you *first breath*, will tell you which are the natural predispositions and tendencies of your psyche. It permits you to see the dominant patterns of your psychological profile, but the choice to follow them, to accept them, to refuse them, and even to break them, that choice remains yours.

One of my intellectual mentors, Giordano Bruno, who was one of the greatest free thinker in history and also a great astrologer, said:

*<<Whether we like it or not, we are the cause of ourselves. Being born in this world, we fall into the illusion of the senses; we believe in what appears. We ignore that we are blind and deaf.*

*So we are gripped by the fear and forget that we are divine, we can change the course of events, even the Zodiac.>>*

The Zodiac is not your “doom”, it is just your track, your main tendency, your prime impulse, your main scheme, the expression of the *quality* of the time when the Universe produced you. Astrology is the art that permits you reading the quality of the time and not only its quantity, like every time you read your clock.

Astrology is like reading a clock, a clock with 12 or more lancets instead of the 3 only of our classical clocks, a clock that can tell you the quality of the time and not only the quantity. This clock is represented by the **Natal Chart**, a complete scheme of the position of the Planets at the moment of your birth. **So knowing that scheme means knowing yourself, and if you know yourself, you can understand where are your good patterns and even your bad patterns, and you can take advantage of the firsts and even overcome the seconds.**

Now I will help you step by step to understand your Planets using your **Natal Chart**, because each one of them represents a lancet of the great clock of the sky, and corresponds to one single part of your psyche.

You can find many Birth Chart calculator on the web. I tried a lot of them through the years, but in my opinion there is just one good Birth Chart Calculator on-line: Astro Dienst.

Here is the link:

[Astrodienst](#)

That site is a point of reference for the most part of professional astrologers in the world, and it has the best Birth Chart Calculator on the web, full of details, precise, customizable, very user friendly, and it's free, you can create five Natal Charts as a guest user or more than forty as a register user, again for free.

Choice is yours, anyway at this point it is enough to use it as a guest user, so insert your datas to obtain your own Birth Chart.

If you are approaching a Birth Chart for the first time, you will be a little bit disorientated because of the strange symbols, numbers, lines, etc.

Don't worry, it is perfectly normal. Keep reading this guide, and little by little you will be able to understand it.

Now I will help you to understand not the "cook-book" profiles of the Signs, but the principles, the mechanisms, the meanings and the fundamentals of the Astrological Art, and how starting using it.

Because you have to remember that **your best astrologer, is you.**

## — ***Your Zodiacal Sign is just the tip of the iceberg***

For the big audience and many amateurs, the Zodiac Sign is everything in Astrology, but that's a mistake and a huge misunderstanding.

The Zodiac Sign is just the beginning, you could consider it as the base of the system, the start point, the foundation where stands the entire structure, so knowing the foundation is really important, but it is also absolutely incomplete and then insufficient.

But we will talk better about this later, now let's proceed to the right order.

The first things to do when you are starting the interpretation of your chart are:

- **1st – Knowing the position of the Sun.**
- **2nd – Knowing the position of the Moon.**
- **3rd – Knowing the position of the Ascendant, the First Astrological House.**

These 3 informations are fundamental because they represent the main parts of your psyche: *Your Conscious, your Unconscious and your Individuality.*

The first 2, Sun and Moon, have a special importance in the astrological system, because they represent the 2 sides of your Self, the 2 fundamental principles of the Human Being's psyche: **The Conscious and the Unconscious.**

That's why they are not common planets, they are defined ***the 2 Luminaries.***

The Luminaries embody the 2 great prime archetypes that every human being has within: The Sun is the Masculine Principle, the Man, The Father, and the Moon is the Feminine Principle, the Woman, the Mother.

Those 2 Prime Principles are the origin of everything else, and they introduce one the basic laws of Astrology, that is even the basic law of the Cosmos: *Everything is dual*, everything is made by two opposite poles, and it's their interaction and their balance that creates the Monad.

The Human Being is part of the Cosmos, he is integrated inside of it, so he responds to the same laws, physically and psychologically.

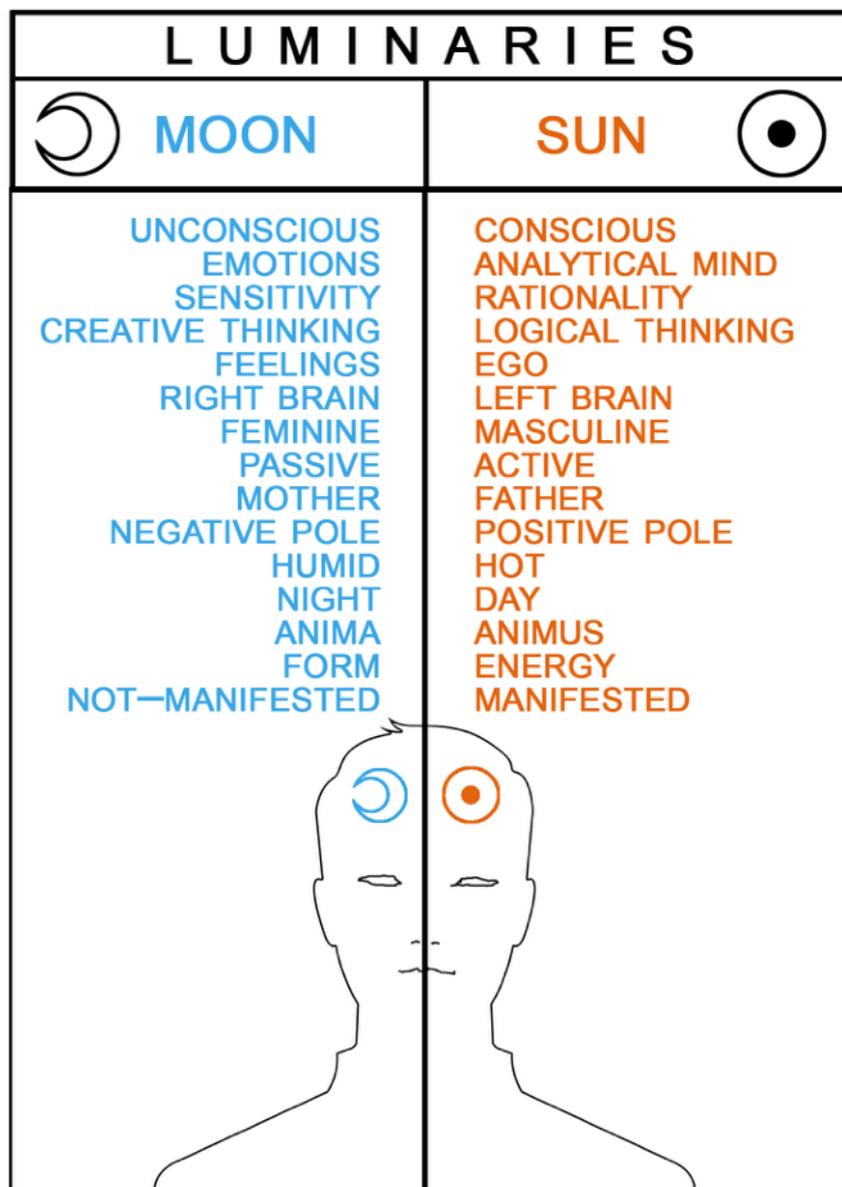
In fact, every human being posses a Male side and a Female side in his psyche, it doesn't mater the physical gender or sexual orientation, everybody has them within. Those 2 sides of our psyche were called "Animus" and "Anima" by one of the father of psychoanalysis Carl Gustav Jung, and they are symbolized by the Sun and the Moon.

Traditionally, the graphic symbol for the Sun is a circle with a point on the centre, the graphic symbol for the Moon is a *crescent* moon. They are ancient alchemical symbols and that is normal, because Alchemy and Astrology are deeply connected.

Those 2 graphic symbols have many messages inside of them, there's no time for that today, but it is important that you know those symbols, because you have to check where are your Sun and your Moon inside the graphic of the Zodiac Wheel and they are marked by those 2 symbols.

But first, let's focus on the psychological meanings of Sun and Moon.

On the following graphic you can find some associations between polar concepts and psychological meanings to better define the role of the Luminaries into your psyche:



Now you can see why is extremely important to know the position of the Sun and the Moon on you Natal Chart and why it's a priority.

In Astrological Art what defines your Zodiac Sign is the position of the Sun, so if for example on your Birth Chart the Sun is on the Capricorn's degrees of the Zodiac Wheel, you will be considered a Capricorn type, your Zodiac Sign is Capricorn.

That is right because the Sun represents the *manifested part* of your Self and your *conscious thoughts* as you know now, so it is the main part that you show to the external world, the first projection of your Essence.

At the same time, now you know that it's even incomplete, and the other side of your Self, the Moon, the emotional sphere of your psyche, has an extremely relevant importance during the interpretation of the deep nature of your Being, especially when you will understand the interactions between Sun and Moon.

Of course, to deeply understand the meaning of your Sun and your Moon on your Natal Chart, you need to have the global vision of all the pieces of it to understand really how they interact, and, obviously, you need to understand how the Luminaries express themselves observing in which Zodiac Sign they are. We will talk about this later.

Well, now that you know the position and the meanings of Sun and Moon, you need to know the position of **the Ascendant**, or First Astrological House.

The First House has a particular importance in the Astrological system, because it is the House of Individuality, of the Vitality, the inner strength. If the Luminaries are the 2 side of your Being, your thoughts and your emotions, the Ascendant is *the way you express your Being*, is your way to be an individual.

That is connected to the concept of *character*.

The character is the way you project yourself toward the external world, it's your attitude, the "deportment", the way you face up to circumstances and persons, so it is also connected to your *imagine* and to your exterior appearance.

To better understand the Ascendant, I will use an example.

Imagine 3 persons who are vegetarians. The first one is Aries Ascendant, the second one is Scorpio Ascendant and the third one is Libra Ascendant.

When you talk about vegetarianism with them, the Aries Ascendant person will be very confident, even arrogant talking about his nutritional choice. The Scorpio Ascendant person will be very rigid and could be very aggressive talking about it. The Libra Ascendant person will try to avoid every contrast, to be very diplomatic, and to become very compliant.

Same life choice –vegetarianism– 3 different ways –ascendants– to express it.

On the Natal Chart the Ascendant is marked by the “**AC**” abbreviation. It is the East of your sky, and then here is the rising Zodiac Sign at the very moment of your birth.

The AC point is the *House Core*, it defines your Ascendant Sign and consequently the nature of your character, your way to be.

Now it's easy to understand why the Sun, the Moon and the Ascendant are the start point to interpret your Birth Chart. Translated on psychological language, and to be very synthetic, they are the 3 main traits of your Self: Your *Thoughts*, your *Emotions* and your *Character*.

To understand how they work on your psyche, you need to know the 12 Zodiac Signs and the 12 Archetypes that they embody, so you will be able to understand what means the Sun on Gemini, or the Moon on Sagittarius, or the Ascendant on Pisces.

I will talk about Signs later, because the first concepts to learn are the Prime Principles, the Planets, even because they are the true key to understand the Zodiac Signs.

You just learned about the first 2 Planets, the Luminaries, the 2 side of your Self, but there are other parts that compose the big picture of your psyche and it's time to introduce them.

## — *The Planets, the different parts of your psyche*

After you checked the 3 main parts of your psyche, Sun, Moon and Ascendant, now you have to know the positions of the other parts of it, represented by the other planets of the solar system: **Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.**

Of course, there are even **Uranus, Neptune and Pluto**, but they belong to another particular category.

In the Astrological System, Planets are divided in 2 big categories called: **Personal Planets** and **Transpersonal Planets.**

As I said before, the Astrological System is mainly based on the 7 Traditional Planets, the Personal Planets, because, as you can see, they compose the single individual sphere of the psyche.

Because of that, the *Transpersonal Planets* should be used as complements of the Birth Chart on an advanced level, and, anyway, on specific situations only.

So, let's focus on the 7 main Planets now.

- **The Sun**

It rules Leo

It represents your Self, your Ego.

- **The Moon**

It rules Cancer

It represents your emotions.

- **Mercury**

It rules Gemini and Virgo.

It represents your intellect and your communication.

- **Venus**

It rules Taurus and Libra.

It represents your feelings and your creativity.

- **Mars**

It rules Aries and Scorpius.

It represents your energy and your aggressiveness.

- **Jupiter**

It rules Sagittarius and Pisces.

It represents your intuition, your wisdom and your ability to grow.

- **Saturn.**

It rules Capricornus and Aquarius.

It represents your ability to reflection, your prudence and even your limits.

Amateurs and profane astrologers consider some planet “good”, like Venus and Jupiter, and some other planet “evil”, like Mars and Saturn.

So they only make coarse interpretations like: “*Your Venus is on a good position! You are lucky on love affairs!*” or “*Your Mars is on a bad position... you will have some bad accident!*”

That is completely wrong.

It’s a terrible mistake and a total non-sense for those who have really understood the Astrological Art.

There are no “bad planets” or “good planets”, every Planet has his “bright side” and his “shadow side”, and studying your own Natal Chart will tell you which side could *acting within you and which are the dominant tendencies*, so you can recognize a pattern, stopping refusing it and **starting the acceptance of your predispositions.**

Because always remember: **Astrology is not about destiny, it is about predisposition.**

That can give you even the keys to overcome the patterns, ***becoming awareness of weak points and strong points and then how to “control” them.***

On the following summary table, you can find some of the main psychological meanings of the Planets, in their bright shades and virtues, and even in their shadow shades and defects:

PLANET	SYMBOL	KEY CONCEPT	BRIGHT SIDES	SHADOW SIDES
SUN		SELF	AWARENESS VITALITY RATIONALITY OBJECTIVITY GENEROSITY CENTERING SELF-ESTEEM	SELFISHNESS EGOCENTRISM INSENSIBILITY ARROGANCE PRESUMPTION
MOON		EMOTIONS	SENSIBILITY EMPATHY PROTECTION HOSPITALITY SAFENESS INSTINCT IMAGINATION	IRRATIONALITY FICKLENESS EXCESSIVE EMOTIONALITY ILLUSIONS INSTABILITY
MERCURY		INTELLECT	LOGIC THINKING FAST THINKING HUMOR SOCIABILITY COMMUNICATION LEARNING	MANIPULATION DECEITS INFANTILISM SUSPICIOUS UNFAITH ASEPTIC
VENUS		FEELINGS	LOVE CREATIVITY HARMONY ROMANTIC SEXUALITY IDEALISM PROSPERITY	EXCESSIVE LUST HEDONISM ONLY VANITY SUPERFICIALITY
MARS		ENERGY	COURAGE DETERMINATION AMBITION PASSIONAL SEXUALITY VIRILITY ACTION VIGOR	RAGE VIOLENCE DESTRUCTION AGGRESSIVENESS EXCESSIVE PRIDE IMPULSIVENESS
JUPITER		EXPANSION	WISDOM EVOLUTION OPTIMISM JUSTICE FAITH KNOWLEDGE	LAZINESS INCONSTANCY DISSATISFACTION NAIVETY DISILLUSION
SATURN		CONTRACTION	RESPONSIBILITY PATIENCE INDIPENDENCE ORDER CAUTION REFLECTION	INHIBITION LIMITATION RIGIDITY EFFORT OVERTHINKING ARIDITY

On that table, you can also find the graphic symbol for every Planet. That's very important for 2 reasons:

1) Symbols are the language of Astrology, in fact, on your Birth Chart you will find just symbols to mark the planet's position, so it is important memorizing them. Don't

worry, it's not complicated, with the help of that table, after few times you will start recognizing them quickly.

2) Those symbols are not conventional symbols chose arbitrarily, they are ancient alchemical symbols with specific meanings, full of keys to understand the nature of the planet they represent. I recommend to study them.

Now, with the help of that table, you can look for the symbols of the Planets on your Birth Chart, and you can understand which part of you own personality they represent.

But what will tell you the meaning of your own Planets?

What defines their specific meaning inside your psyche?

How can you understand how they work on your own personality?

Very simple: You can understand the specific meaning of a Planet looking at the Zodiac Sign where it is placed.

It's the combination between a Planet and the Zodiac Sign where it is placed that will tell you its particular meaning, its particular tendency, its particular way to express itself.

So, now that you know **what** are the Planets, you need to know **how** they express themselves into your personality, and you will understand this thanks to the Zodiac Signs.

## — *The Zodiac Signs: The key to understand every part of your psyche*

Under many points of view, the 12 Zodiac Signs could be considered the real core of Astrology, because it's their combination with Planets that tell you the qualities of your Planets.

And that's exactly the function of the Zodiac Sign: You need it not to measure the *quantity* of time only, but even the *quality* of the time.

Time has a quality, and that is very clear on many objective levels, but we forget it, because of *the illusion of the separation*, we easily forget that the Mankind, and so a single man, is part of the Universe, he is integrated into it, he is not outside it.

You cannot plant a seed of wheat on April because it will not germinate, you have to plant it on October to make it germinate.

Why? Because October and April have 2 different qualities of the time.

That happens on physical level.

On psychological level, we call October "Libra" and April "Aries", to define not only 2 different quantities of time (months) but even 2 different qualities of times (characteristics).

But as we know, in our lives what defines the time is the Planet's motion, it's very evident for Sun and Moon that mark the weeks, the months and the years.

So, it means that Planets define even the quality of time, not the Zodiac Signs, and that is true, because we can consider the 12 Zodiac Signs as the "*emanations*" of the 7 Planets.

In fact, as we saw on the previous section, every Zodiac Sign has a **Planet Ruler**, a Planet Lord of the Zodiac Sign, so every Sign acquires the main psychological traits of his Planet Lord in each one of his different shades.

To understand how to combine the meaning of a Planet with the meaning of a Sign, you need understanding the 12 Zodiac Signs and the entire Zodiac System more deeply.

So, you know now that every Sign has a Planet Ruler, but also, every Sign belongs to an Element (Fire, Water, Air, Earth), possesses a gender (Male, Female), possesses a Quality (Cardinal, Fixed, Mutable), has an alchemical Symbol to represent it, and an archetypal image that embodies his main characteristics.

All of those attributes contribute to form the psychological meanings of each one of the Zodiac Signs.

You can find the proprieties of the Zodiac Signs and their main psychological traits on the following summary table:

ZODIAC SIGN	RULER	ELEMENT	QUALITY	GENDER	MAIN PSYCHOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS
 ARIES	 MARS	FIRE	CARDINAL	MALE	COMPETITIVE, FULL OF ENERGIES, PASSIONAL STUBBORN, DETERMINED, TOUCHY ARROGANT, AMBITIOUS, CHEEKY, CREATIVE, IMPULSIVE, ATHLETIC, SELF-CONFIDENT, IN NEED OF BEING THE FIRST
 TAURUS	 VENUS	EARTH	FIXED	FEMALE	SENSUAL, PRACTICAL, WARM, EXUBERANT POSSESSIVE, CALM, FLOURISHING, VAIN, ESTHETE, PERSEVERANT, IN NEED OF CERTAINTIES, GENEROUS
 GEMINI	 MERCURY	AIR	MUTABLE	MALE	INTELLIGENT, VERY SOCIABLE, COURIOUS, IRONICAL, GOOD COMMUNICATOR, INCOSTANT FAST LEARNING, POLYHEDRAL, SHREWD, ANALYTICAL, OPEN MINDED, ASEPTIC
 CANCER	 MOON	WATER	CARDINAL	FEMALE	SENSITIVE, RESPONSIBLE, SWEET, EMOTIVE, PRAGMATIC, IN NEED OF SAFETY, PROTECTIVE, FULL OF IMMAGINATION, VULNERABLE, PRUDENT JELAOUS, ROMANTIC, EMPATHIC
 LEO	 SUN	FIRE	FIXED	MALE	GENEROUS, PRIDE, RATIONAL, VIGOROUS, AUTHORITARIAN, SOCIABLE, SELF-CONFIDENT, TENACIOUS, AMBITIOUS, ARROGANT, IN NEED OF ATTENTION, WARM, OPTIMIST, INDIVIDUALIST, ENTHUSIASTIC
 VIRGO	 MERCURY	EARTH	MUTABLE	FEMALE	LOGICAL, METHODIC, PERFECTIONIST, PRAGMATIC COURIOUS, ADAPTABLE, IN NEED OF CONTROL, MODEST, PRUDENT, INSECURE, VERY SOCIABLE SENSORY PLEASURES LOVER, BLUNT, SMART
 LIBRA	 VENUS	AIR	CARDINAL	MALE	GENTLE, SOCIABLE, COMPLIANT, AUTHORITARIAN SELF-LOVE, TOLERANT, SENSUAL, BALANCED, INTELLECTUAL, CHARMING, ESTHETE, IN NEED OF HARMONY, RIGHTEOUS
 SCORPIO	 MARS	WATER	FIXED	FEMALE	VERY PASSIONAL, DEEP, OBSERVER, ANALYTICAL CRITIC, IRONIC, AGRESSIVE, VERY BLUNT, MYSTERIOUS, RIGID, JELAOUS, DETERMINED, IN NEED OF POWER, IMPULSIVE, PROTECTIVE
 SAGITTARIUS	 JUPITER	FIRE	MUTABLE	MALE	WISE, ADVENTUROUS, ECLECTIC, INDIPENDENT, SOCIABLE, INTUITIVE, TRUSTFULL, RIGHTEOUS, PRIDE, OPTIMIST, INCOSTANT, NAIVE, IN NEED OF KNOWLEDGE, ENTHUSIAST, LOYAL
 CAPRICORN	 SATURN	EARTH	CARDINAL	FEMALE	INDIPENDENT, RESPONSIBLE, AUTHORITARIAN, PRACTICAL, LOGICAL, RELIABLE, VERY RIGID, IN NEED OF ORDER, AMBITIOUS, SERIOUS, OBJECTIVE, DETERMINED, PRUDENT, GREAT SENSE OF SOCIAL DUTIES
 AQUARIUS	 SATURN	AIR	FIXED	MALE	UNSELFISH, INDIPENDENT, IDEALIST, DREAMER, UNCONVENTIONAL, HAUGHTY, ASEPTIC, INTELLECTUAL, MENTAL, RIGID, CAUTIOUS, IN NEED OF SOCIAL JUSTICE, PROTECTIVE, ELEGANT
 PISCES	 JUPITER	WATER	MUTABLE	FEMALE	EMPATHIC, UNINHIBITED, SENSITIVE, TOUCHY, DREAMER, ROMANTIC, UNSTABLE, NAIVE, SPIRITUAL, UNCONVENTIONAL, SINCERE, CONTRADICTIONARY, VERY SOCIABLE, EGOCENTRIC, IN NEED OF TRANSCENDENCE

Of course, those psychological traits belong to a “pure” Sign’s profile, but the point is that there are no “pure” profiles, just many possible combinations.

So, it’s the combination between a Planet (part of the psyche) and the Zodiac Sign where it is placed (psychological traits) that give you the informations about the nature and the role of that planet inside your Natal Chart (your psyche).

Now, you can take a foil of paper and start writing in which Zodiac Signs are:

- Your Sun
- Your Moon
- Your Ascendant

You can use the tables I have already gave you to recognize the symbols on the Zodiac Wheel of your Natal Chart, and taking the basic informations to begin your interpretation of those main points.

Here is an example of what you should obtain:

- Sun is in Aquarius
- Moon is in Pisces
- Ascendant is in Aries

This is just the beginning, but checking the main traits of the 3 Zodiac Signs involved, you will start finding correspondences with traits of your own personality.

Stop here at the moment, because you need more informations about the interaction between Planets and Zodiac Signs to understand how they combine together.

Many of the possible combinations between a Planet and a Sign are ruled by the relations that exist inside the Zodiac Wheel, alchemical relations especially, because always remember: Alchemy and Astrology are deeply connected.

That’s why we find that all the Zodiacal Signs belong to one of the 4 Alchemical Elements: **Fire - Earth - Air - Water**.

In fact, the Zodiac Wheel is divided in *4 Elemental Triplicities*:

- **The Earth Triplicity** - formed by: **Taurus - Virgo - Capricorn**
- **The Water Triplicity** - formed by: **Cancer - Scorpio - Pisces**
- **The Air Triplicity** - formed by: **Gemini - Libra - Aquarius**
- **The Fire Triplicity** - formed by: **Aries - Leo - Sagittarius**

Each one of those Triplicities are formed by 3 Signs of the same Element, it means that a Triplexity shares some basic psychological traits.

Which are those traits?

They are the main traits of the 4 fundamental psychological temperaments.

In fact, there is a correspondence between the 4 Elements and the 4 Psychological Temperaments:

– *Fire/Choleric, Air/Sanguine, Water/Phlegmatic, Earth/Melancholic* –

We have to go deeper into the psychological traits of the 4 Elements and their interactions, and Alchemy again is the key.

First of all, you have to know that every Element posses 2 Attributes and 1 State.

Attributes are 2 pairs of opposites: **Hot and Cold** and **Dry and Wet**.

States are 1 pair of opposites: **Excitement and Quietness**.

Their different combinations and proportions define the 4 Elements.

Remember: You have to look at them on an allegoric and symbolic way, not literally, symbolism is the key.

So we have:

### – The Earth Signs

**Capricorn** [Cardinal] – **Taurus** [Fixed] – **Virgo** [Mutable]

Earth is **Dry and Cold** and it has **Quietness**.

Earth represents the sensorial plane of the psyche, the matter, the body, the needs.

Earth corresponds to the Melancholic temperament.

They are more connected to the Sensorial Plane of the psyche.

### – The Water Signs

**Cancer** [Cardinal] – **Scorpio** [Fixed] – **Pisces** [Mutable]

Water is **Wet and Cold** and it has **Quietness**.

Water represents the emotional plane of the psyche, the impulses, the imagination, the feelings.

Water corresponds to the Phlegmatic temperament.

They are more connected to the Emotional plane of the psyche.

## – The Air Signs

**Libra** [Cardinal] – **Aquarius** [Fixed] – **Gemini** [Mutable]

Air is **Wet and Hot** and it has **Excitement**.

Air represents the mental plane of the psyche, the logic, the intellectual thinking.

Air corresponds to the Sanguine temperament.

They are more connected to the Mental plane of the psyche.

## – The Fire Signs

**Aries** [Cardinal] – **Leo** [Fixed] – **Sagittarius** [Mutable]

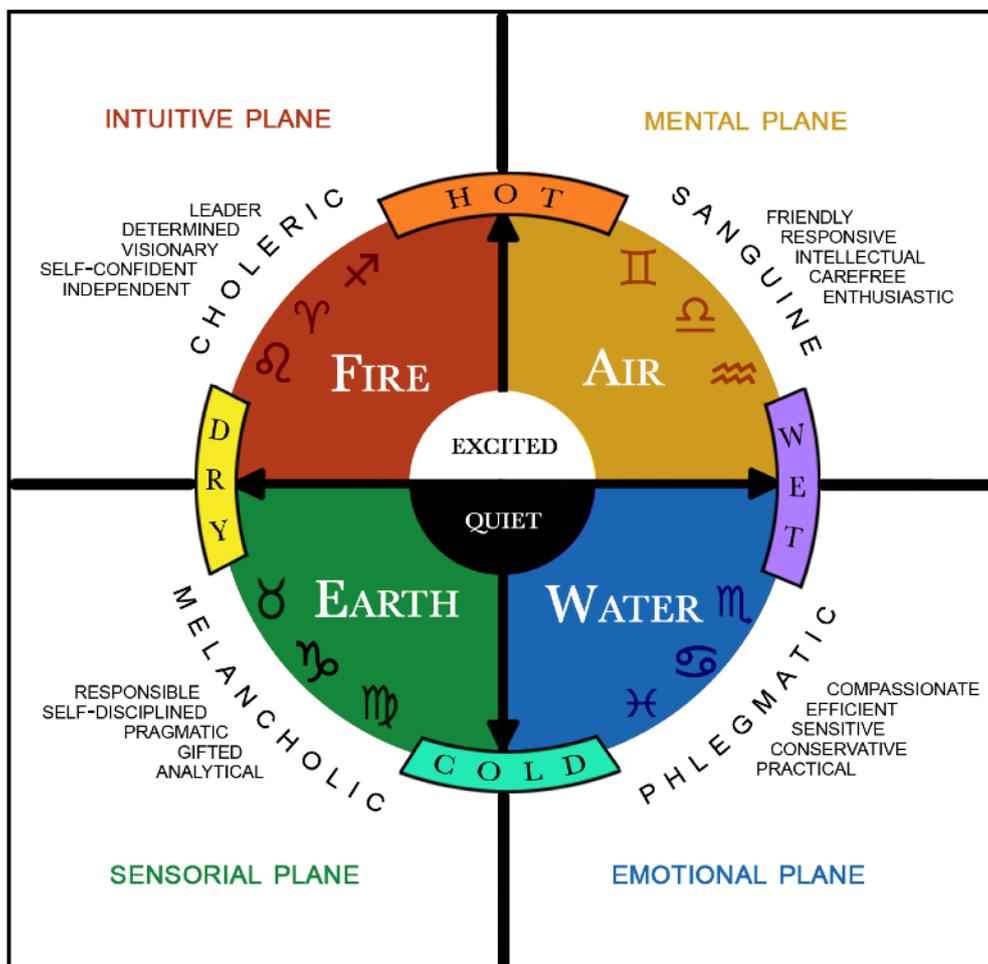
Fire is **Dry and Hot** and it has **Excitement**.

Fire represents the generative plane of the psyche, the intuition, the super-ego, the energy, the superior mind.

Fire corresponds to the Choleric temperament.

They are more connected to the Intuitive plane of the psyche.

You can understand better how the Elemental system works looking at the following scheme:



It's important to understand the elemental dynamics for 2 reasons:

- 1) You can understand better the psychological meanings of a Planet when it is on a Zodiac Sign of a specific Element.
- 2) You can understand better if 2 different parts of your psyche (Planets) could coexisting good or working good together, knowing the Elements where they are positioned.

That's why there are Elements that are very compatible together, and others that are too different and could be very incompatible.

You can see all those dynamics on the scheme above.

Of course, it's easy understanding that 2 Planets on the same Element have a lot of affinities, they are in tuning. But there are even the other dynamics.

Fire and Air are very compatible together, because Fire is Hot and Dry and Air is Hot and Wet, so they are both Hot, that is the point of connection, furthermore, they have both the state of Excitement.

They match very well together, they are *complementary*. Air feeds the Fire, and Fire kindles Air.

There is the same kind of interaction between Water and Earth.

Water is Cold and Wet and Earth is Cold and Dry, they are both Cold, and that's the point of connection, furthermore, they have both the state of Quietness.

They are complementary, matching together they create the clay, the lime, the cement.

Carrying on, we can see that Fire and Earth, for example, are pretty different, because Fire is Hot and Dry and Earth is Cold and Dry; yes, it's true, they are both Dry, but Fire has Excitement and Earth has Quietness, their states are opposites.

The unique point of connection is the attribute of Dry, so they could find a way to match together, because they share something. It's not easy and natural like with their complementaries, but it's possible.

It's the same for Air and Water.

But, for Fire and Water and for Air and Earth, it's really hard to match together, they are really different, they have no points of connection, they are completely opposites. It needs a lot of patience and many struggles finding a way to working together, sometimes even to coexist only.

All those elemental dynamics are reflected on Planets through the Signs where they are placed.

So, now you can add the new information in your foil: the Elements of the points you are interpreting, that permits you understand more the combinations between your Planets and Signs.

I'm continuing my previous example to show you what you should obtain:

- Sun is in Aquarius – Air
- Moon is in Pisces – Water
- Ascendant is in Aries – Fire

You can see how many informations you just obtained to understand the nature of those Planets and even how they match together, so you are starting to be able seeing all the main traits of your psychological profile.

In my example, we can see that despite the Sun is on a Air Sign, Aquarius, there is also an important presence of Water, because the Moon is in a Water Sign. In other words, there is even an influence of the emotional plan, and the mental plan (Air) has to find a way to coexist with it, and that is possible, because Air and Water are really different, but share even something [Air and Water are both Wet] so they can find a point of connection to create an inner balance.

The Ascendant is on a Fire Sign, and as you know, Fire and Air match very good together because they are complementary, so in this case the Will (Sun in Aquarius) and its way to express itself (Ascendant in Aries) exchange their energies working very well together to reach goals.

Currently I'm stopping here, because I think that you understood how the elemental dynamics work, and I bet that looking at your Birth Chart following the guidelines I showed you, and using the informations of this guide, you are starting building your own psychological profile, you are starting seeing why you behave the way you behave, you starting seeing why there are patterns on your life.  
In one sentence: You are starting become more self-aware.

But, there is another concept you need to complete the understanding of your Planets, and that is **the Quality** of the Zodiac Signs where they are placed.

**The Quality** of the Sign, is a more superficial trait than the Sign's Element which is deeper into the psyche. So it has less influence on Planets and then on your global personality, but it could become very important if you have many Planets on Signs of the same Quality, especially Luminaries, and Ascendant.

So the Elements (psychological temperaments) are the main references to understand the interactions between the Planets (parts of the psyche) and the Zodiac Signs (the way they express), but it is important to know even the Qualities of the Signs involved to have a complete view of your personality.

The Qualities are the 3 different shades of every Element, in fact, as you saw, each one of the 4 Elements has 3 Zodiac Signs as emanations of itself. So the Zodiac Signs are also divided in:

- **Cardinal Signs**
- **Fixed Signs**
- **Mutable Signs**

On psychological level, each Quality embodies specific psychological tendencies connected with those symbolic meanings. So we have:

- **The Cardinal Signs**

**Aries** [Spring-Fire] – **Cancer** [Summer-Water] – **Libra** [Autumn-Air] – **Capricorn** [Winter-Earth]

The Cardinal Signs rule the beginning of the 4 seasons, so they like taking initiative, being enterprising and starting something new. They like be the firsts to do something.

- **The Fixed Signs**

**Taurus** [Spring-Earth] – **Leo** [Summer-Fire] – **Scorpio** [Autumn-Water] – **Aquarius** [Winter-Air]

The Fixed Signs rule the peak of the 4 seasons, they are really “conservatives” and tend to remain and maintain the status quo. Because of that, they are often rigid.

- **The Mutable Signs**

**Gemini** [Spring-Air] – **Virgo** [Summer-Earth] – **Sagittarius** [Autumn-Fire] – **Pisces** [Winter-Water]

The Mutable Signs rule the end of the 4 seasons, the time for transition, so they are very opened to changes, or better still, they looking for changes, they are really progressives and very adaptable to new situations.

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Well, now you possess the main pieces to understand the nature of your Planets and to define the main traits of your psychological profile.

So, it is time to complete your interpretation adding the Qualities of the Signs involved on your Natal Charts, take your notes, and then complete the analysis of the different parts of your psyche.

## — *How to make your interpretations*

So recapping, the sequence to follow, when you're starting the interpretation of your Natal Chart is:

- 1st
  - Check the position of the Sun and in which Sign it is. That defines your Zodiac Sign. Check the Element of the Sign and its Quality.
- 2nd
  - Check the position of the Moon and in which Sign it is, because it is the other half of yourself. Check the Element of the Sign and its Quality.
- 3rd
  - Check in which Sign is the Ascendant (AC point), that defines your character, your way to express yourself. Check the Element of the Sign and its Quality and the kind of affinity that it has with your Sun and your Moon especially.
- 4th
  - Start to analyze every point one by one, combining the psychological forces of the Planets with the psychological meanings of the Signs. Check which are the prevalent Elements and Qualities.
- 5th
  - Analyze how all the parts involved match together: Sun–Moon, Sun–AC, Moon–AC.  
Define which parts have affinities, compatibilities, or contrasts.

So, take a foil of paper and, using the tables and the other informations in this guide, write every informations obtained, following that sequence, and so you will have a global vision of the main characteristics of your psychological profile.

Now, I'm going to complete my previous example to show you what you should obtain and how to proceed:

- *Sun is in Aquarius*      • Air - Fixed
- *Moon is in Pisces*      • Water - Mutable
- *Ascendant is in Aries*      • Fire - Cardinal

Remember to give priority to the elemental dynamics and then to the Qualities. Generally, Fixed Signs and Mutable Signs don't match good together because of their too different nature, while Cardinal Signs are more "neutral" and they find a way to well match with both the other Qualities.

In my example, you can understand now that the Sun and the Moon are pretty different [Air-fixed and Water-mutable] so the Conscious [Sun] and the Unconscious [Moon] don't have a natural tuning and they have to find a way to coexist and working together. But, on the other hand, the Sun and the Ascendant have an harmonious exchange of energies [Air and Fire are complementaries, and Fixed Quality and Cardinal Quality match good together], so your Being [Sun] and your "way to be" [Ascendant] work good together.

You have to do the same with your Natal Chart, analyze your Planets one by one writing the main psychological meanings you learned from this guide and combine the meanings of every Planet with the meanings of every Sign, thinking about their respective compatibilities, affinities or contrasts.

And so on.

You have to use the same method to understand the nature of all the other Planets of your Natal Chart and I assure you that If you look at all the astrological laws and all the mechanisms behind them that I showed you on this guide, step by step you will easily write your basic psychological profile, you'll see all the main lights, all the main virtues, but also all the main limits or defects.

You will be surprised, even enlightened by all the correspondences you will recognize with your thoughts, behaviors, emotions, ideals, sensations, points of view, issues, successes, failures, feelings and, first of all, you will find it very heartwarming, because it will help you a lot with your self-acceptance. After that, you can use Astrology as a guideline, a roadmap to a better life.

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Well, always remember: Planets tell you "*what*" part of your psyche, Signs tell you "*how*" are those parts.

So it's the combination between those 2 factors that determines the specific psychological meaning of a Planet in each one of its different shades.

Seems complicated, but it is normal, because a human being *is* complicated.

That is just a little glimpse into the inner world, a little example to see how big and complicated that world is, and why Astrology is helpful to see, decipher and understand, that wonderful big picture inside of you.

So yes, it's complicated, but I assure you that from the very first time you will see your Birth Chart, using this guide, you will be able to see correspondences, and continuing studying, you will be able to see all the big picture in every single detail.

Now you possess all the necessary tools to start studying your own Birth Chart, and you can understand why the “cook-book” horoscopes cannot fit with the complexity of your psyche.

Obviously, this is just the start point to understand Astrology, and using it as a practical instrument to improve your inner wellness and your whole life.

There exist many other concepts you need to know, to have the most detailed, complete and deep psychological profile of your personality, like Astrological Houses first, that I just introduced you with the Ascendant, but there are even **the Aspects, the Generational Planets, the Black Moon–Lilith, Chiron, Vertex, Arabic Points, Lunar Nodes, Decans, the Fixed Stars, and many others**, and, of course, all the concepts exposed on this guide need to be analyzed and studied more in depth, under every point of view, if you really want becoming capable to make complete and very precise interpretations on your own Natal Chart.

But that is a job you need to do level by level necessarily, because there are many informations and knowledges, so doing everything at the same time will be just overwhelming, frustrating and harmful for your formation.

It's like for the little babies: You need to learn walking first, and then you can learn to run.

Start to study your own Birth Chart using this guide, and when you will well understand the fundamentals that I exposed you, you could pass to the next levels, like **understanding what are your bad patterns or where are your talents and best attitudes, to take advantage of them in every part of your life**: your inner peace, your job, your vocations, and even your relations with other people.

Yes, because when you will understand your inner world, the next step is using Astrology to *understand your external world, starting from analyzing the other people's Natal Charts and the interactions, affinities and compatibilities between your personality and the other personalities.*

You will easily know **who are people you could make good friends, or resolving quarrels with your parents or children, or avoiding misunderstandings and fights with friends, and, also, you could know who can be your best partner for a true love relationship.**

All of that is an advanced level of astrological study, called “**Sinastry**”.

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Because always remember: **your best astrologer is you.**

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