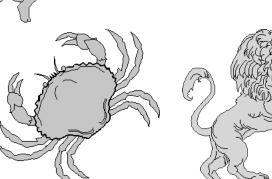


# Astrology 101



"Understanding the **Natal Chart**"

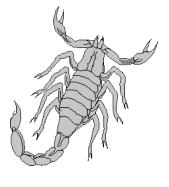












## Workshop Agenda

- Zodiac Signs
  - Strengths & challenges
  - Possibilities
- Natal Chart
  - How it's constructed
  - How it's divided
  - Chart patterns
  - Ascendant & Midheaven

## The Astrology Chart

- Our astrological makeup is just a piece of the puzzle that defines who we are.
- We are shaped by many things:

Biological

Sociological

Psychological

Cultural

- Birth Order

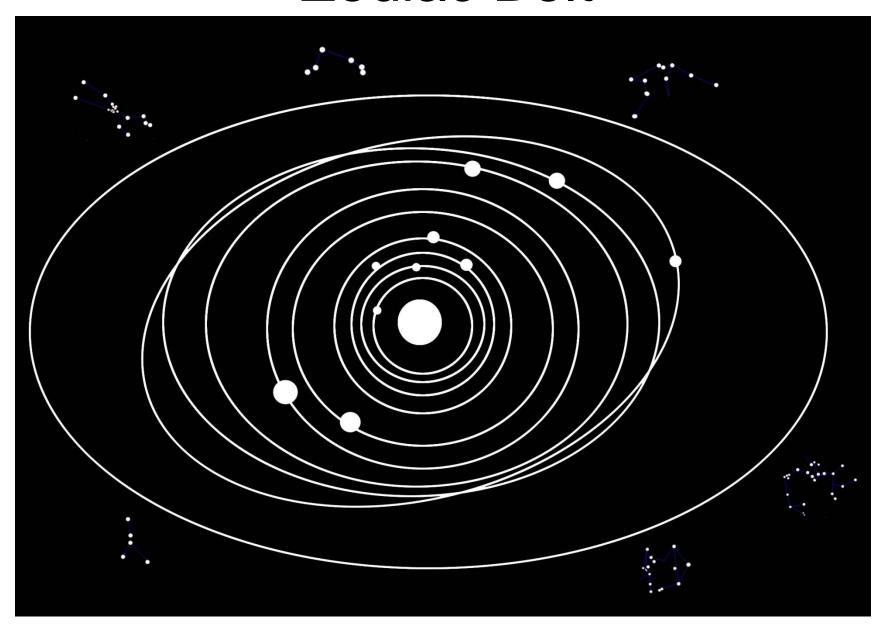
Experiences

- Era born in

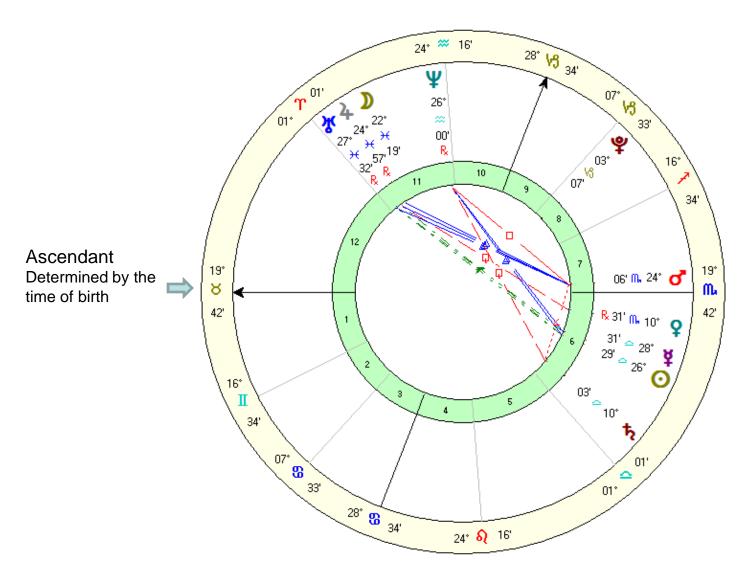
Education

The chart can be consulted throughout life

## **Zodiac Belt**



### The Natal Chart



#### **Chart Patterns**

- Bowl everything on one half; receptive, life experiences shape you
- See Saw two groups of planets on opposite sides, need to balance both areas of chart
- Locomotive all planets in a row, leading planet active pulling others (counter-clockwise)
- Angel's wings: triangle pattern soul wishes to rise above mundane life to higher awareness
- Split two distinct groups of planets but not necessarily in opposition; energy split between two areas and swings between the two

## Chart Patterns (con't.)

- Bucket all planets together except one which acts as handle, which is conduit through which experiences happen
- Splash planets in almost every sign; diverse; put energy into many interests
- Splay tight bunches of planets in several signs, focus attention in several areas of life as indicated by houses
- Bundle Everything together in 3-4 signs;
  specialist who focuses in area where planets fall

## Hemispheres

- North if planets are located mostly in the bottom of the chart it indicates inner development (self, home, family, community)
- South planets in top half of chart shows outward development (beyond your own backyard) but relatively empty internal life

## Hemispheres

- East planets located mostly on left side of chart, person is self-sufficient, individuality is important
- West planets mostly on right side of the chart indicates personal growth is dependent on relationships with others

## Zodiac Signs

- Aries (Mar 21-Apr 22)
- Taurus (Apr 23-May 22)
- Gemini (May 23-Jun 21)
- Cancer (Jun 21-Jul 22)
- Leo (Jul 23-Aug 22)
- Virgo (Aug 23-Sep 22)

- Libra (Sep 23-Oct 23)
- Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 22)
- Sagittarius (Nov 23-Dec 22)
- Capricorn (Dec 23-Jan 22)
- Aquarius (Jan 23-Feb 19)
- Pisces (Feb 20-Mar 21)

## Zodiac Signs in Elements

- Earth (practical substance)
  - Taurus
  - Virgo
  - Capricorn
- Water (emotional)
  - Cancer
  - Scorpio
  - Pisces

- Fire (action oriented)
  - Aries
  - Leo
  - Sagittarius
- Air (intellectual)
  - Gemini
  - Libra
  - Aquarius

### Aries vs. Libra

- Self-focused, selfreliant
- Takes initiative
- Takes action without thinking, instinctual
- Direct speech
- Independent and self-motivated
- Not afraid to rock the boat
- Must learn to be a good partner

- Need Others
- Indecisive and vacillating
- Thinks before acting
- Judgmental
- Acts harmoniously
- Compromises and considers others
- Self-sacrificing and dependent
- Peace-loving

### **ARIES** Possibilities

- Pioneering qualities, interested in new
- Responsiveness (courage, timing, instinct)
- Aries needs to separate themselves from the pack, yet Aries needs others and must develop sensitivity, patience and tact
- Aries can be a team player they have individual talents to contribute but they may rise to a leadership position

### LIBRA Possibilities

- Demand 50 / 50 (equal contribution in relationships instead of self-sacrifice for the sake of the relationship)
- Diplomacy and cooperation go a long way
- Appreciate beauty and harmony
- Don't let opportunity pass you by due to indecision

## Taurus vs. Scorpio

- Material security
- Mine (acquires)
- Money issues
- Enjoys material goods
- Thorough, plodding
- Has creative talents
- Common sense
- Possessive
- Lazy, contented

- Emotional security
- Yours (merges)
- Invests themselves and resources
- Probing
- Enterprising, power seeking
- Controlling
- Use talents to build and destroy

#### **TAURUS** Possibilities

- Taurus needs to appreciate without needing to possess
- Taurus needs to develop confidence in their natural talents and abilities
- Practice loyalty, endurance and fortitude, but avoid stubbornness or resistance to change

### **SCORPIO** Possibilities

- Merging with others without possessing
- You can control only what is within your realm to control
- Enterprising (business, marketing)
- Embrace change and transformation
- Experience endings and new beginnings (or ups and downs)

# Gemini vs. Sagittarius

- Interested in information
- Talking and listening, everyday conversations
- Likes variety
- Quick-witted, sharp mind
- Social butterfly
- Jack-of-all-trades
- Surface interests, knows a little about a lot
- Easily distracted, rarely finishes projects

- Broadminded
- Interested in higher learning and exploration
- Philosophical, religious
- Jovial, see humorous side of life
- Adventurous risk takers
- Large aspirations, does everything in a big way
- Travel, interest in other cultures

### **GEMINI** Possibilities

- Jack of all trades, master of none
- Share ideas, as well as listen to others
- Retain what is important, discard what is unnecessary
- See how all the pieces of the puzzle fit into and make up the big picture
- Butterfly principle

### SAGITTARIUS Possibilities

- Dream big, go beyond your own backyard
- Be optimistic, but don't promise more than you can deliver
- Gift of gab, never meet a stranger
- Enjoy a sense of adventure

### Cancer vs. Capricorn

- Expresses emotions
- Need to be needed
- Nurturing and empathetic to others
- Changeable, touchy and moody
- Puts family first, seeks security
- Values heritage
- Intuitive and sensitive

- Hide emotions
- Likes to be boss, in control, respected
- Strong leader, cultivates others
- Responsible
- Ambitious, may put career first
- Values tradition
- Methodical, logical

### **CANCER** Possibilities

- Stay the course, control changeability
- Avoid looking sideways and don't compare yourself to others
- Be sensitive to others, learn from your own sensitivities
- You get your needs met by managing the needs of others

### **CAPRICORN Possibilities**

- Be responsible, but delegate when necessary
- Be self-disciplined, and serious
- Always have your eye on something greater
- Know the value of age and experience

## Leo vs. Aquarius

- Self in spotlight
- Warm-hearted and generous
- Needs adoration
- Self-focused
- Creative and dramatic
- Loyal devotion, wants to be loved
- Pompous, regal

- Mass consciousness, part of the group or different from others
- Aloof and detached
- Independent
- Unique talents, ahead of others, inventive
- Free spirit, restless, live for the moment
- Friendly

### LEO Possibilities

- Be generous and warm-hearted
- Gain attention without overpowering others
- Use drama when appropriate
- Show appreciation as you like to receive it

### **AQUARIUS** Possibilities

- Be an individual among the group
- Progressive in thought, inventive
- Express individuality and uniqueness without being rebellious
- Humanitarian, concerned with the masses
- Be concerned without getting emotionally involved

### Virgo vs. Pisces

- Bring order to chaos
- Narrow scope, hone and perfect
- Tangible, quantifiable
- Practical service to common man
- Detail minded
- Need facts
- Decisive

- Impressionable
- Lack boundaries
- Intangible, illusive
- Empathetic, volunteer services to common man
- Let intuition be their guide
- Indecisive, chaotic

### **VIRGO** Possibilities

- Try to see the forest as well as the trees
- Makes mountains out of molehills, or little things mean a lot
- Room for error, nobody is perfect
- Order out of chaos, organization skills
- Seek truth, fact, tangible results

### PISCES Possibilities

- Be compassionate and empathetic
- Use intuition to hear what is not said and see what is not visible
- Use your creative imagination to envision
- Develop organizational skills to bring order to chaos

## Agenda for Workshop 2

- Houses (week 2)
  - Meaning of Houses
  - Angular Houses
  - Ascendant and Midheaven
  - Signs on House Cusps
- Planets in Houses
  - Empty Houses

# The Complexity of Astrology

- Most people know their Sun Sign
- Although Sun is important, astrologers look at the position of all the planets in our solar system for clues
- Like peeling an onion, there are many layers in our makeup
- Many factors that alter the Sun sign's expression
- We all have strengths and weaknesses, skills and challenges – our growth happens when we decide what to do with them

## **Astrology Consultations**

- Natal Chart Interpretation
- Transit Analysis
- Progressed Chart
- Solar Return Chart
- Locational Astrology
- Event Forecasting
- Compatibility Analysis