

What is astrology?

According to Oxford languages Astrology is the study of the movements and relative positions of celestial bodies interpreted as having an influence on human affairs and the natural world.

According to the Cambridge Dictionary Astrology is the study of the movements and positions of the sun, moon, planets, and stars in the belief that they affect the character and lives of people

According to my mother, Astrology is a bunch of nonsense.

But just because we believe in different things doesn't mean we can't treat each other with respect.

Aries: The Ram

Element/ Fire
Triplicity:

Modality: Cardinal

Ruling Planet: Mars

Dates: March 21st- 20th April

Symbol: ♈

Sister / opposite sign: Libra

Polarity: Positive/ Masculine

House: 1

Colour: Red

Strengths: Courageous, determined, confident, enthusiastic, optimistic, honest, passionate

Weaknesses: Impatient, moody, short-tempered, impulsive, aggressive

Gemini

Element/ Air
Triplicity:

Modality: Mutable

Ruling planet: Mercury

Dates: 21st May- 20th June

Symbol: ♊

Sister/ opposite sign: Sagittarius

Polarity: Positive/ Masculine

House: 3

Colour: Light green/ yellow

Strengths: Gentle, affectionate, curious, adaptable, ability to learn quickly and exchange ideas

Weaknesses: Nervous, inconsistent, indecisive

Leo

Element/ Fire
Triplicity

Modality: Fixed

Ruling planet: Sun

Dates: 23rd July- 22nd August

Symbol: ♌

Sister /opposite sign: Aquarius

Polarity: Masculine/ Positive

House: 5

Colour: Gold, yellow, orange

Strengths: Creative, passionate, generous, warm-hearted, cheerful, humorous

Weaknesses: Arrogant, stubborn, self-centered, lazy, inflexible

Libra

Element/ Air
Triplicity:

Modality: Cardinal

Ruling planet: Venus

Dates: 23 September- 22 October

Symbol: ♎

Sister/ opposite sign: Aries

Polarity: Masculine/ Positive

House: 7

Colour: Pink, Green

Strengths: Cooperative, diplomatic, gracious, fair-minded, social

Weaknesses: Indecisive, avoids confrontations, will carry a grudge, self-pity

Sagittarius

Element/ Fire
Triplicity:

Modality: Mutable

Ruling planet: Jupiter

Dates: 22 November -21 December

Symbol: ♐

Sister/opposite sign: Gemini

Polarity: Masculine/Positive

House: 9

Colour: Blue

Strengths: Generous, idealistic, great sense of humor

Weaknesses: Promises more than can deliver, very impatient, will say anything no matter how undiplomatic



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| Aquarius | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Element/Triplicity: | Air |
| Modality: | Fixed |
| Ruling planet: | Saturn/ Uranus |
| Dates: | 20 January - 18 February |
| Symbol: | ♒☐ |
| Sister/opposite sign | Leo |
| Polarity: | Masculine/ Positive |
| House: | 11 |
| Colour: | Light blue, silver |
| Strengths: | Progressive, original, independent, humanitarian |
| Weaknesses: | Runs from emotional expression, temperamental, uncompromising, aloof |

How did astrology come to be?

According to Britannica it originated in Mesopotamia (c. 3rd millennium bc) and spread to India, but it developed its Western form in Greek civilization during the Hellenistic period. Astrology entered Islamic culture as part of the Greek tradition and was returned to European culture through Arabic learning during the Middle Ages. Some of the earliest evidence dates back to 3rd millennium BCE. UNESCO reckons that people started the very first concepts of astrology when they first observed astronomical cycles. The practice was considered an academic discipline* right up to the 17th century across much of Eurasia.

*with all the math it includes to figure out one's birth chart I can see why.

| Taurus: The Bull | |
|------------------------------|--|
| Element/Triplicity: | Earth |
| Modality: | Fixed |
| Ruling Planet: | Venus |
| Dates: | 20th April- 20th May |
| Symbol: | ♉☐ |
| Sister/opposite sign: | Scorpio |
| Polarity: | Feminine/negative |
| House: | 2 |
| Colour: | Green, Pink |
| Strengths: | Reliable, patient, practical, devoted, responsible, stable |
| Weaknesses: | Stubborn, possessive, uncompromising |

Cancer

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| Element/Triplicity: | Water |
| Modality: | Cardinal |
| Ruling planet: | Moon |
| Dates: | 21 June - 22 July |
| Symbol: | ♋☐ |
| Sister/opposite sign: | Capricorn |
| Polarity: | Negative/feminine |
| House: | 4 |
| Colour: | White |
| Strengths: | Tenacious, highly imaginative, loyal, emotional, sympathetic, persuasive |
| Weaknesses: | Moody, pessimistic, suspicious, manipulative, insecure |

| Pisces | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Element/Triplicity: | Water |
| Modality: | Mutable |
| Ruling planet: | Neptune/ Jupiter |
| Dates: | February 19 - March 20th |
| Symbol: | ♓☐ |
| Sister/opposite sign | Virgo |
| Polarity: | Negative/ Feminine |
| House: | 12 |
| Colour: | Mauve, Lilac, Purple, Violet, Sea green |
| Strengths: | Compassionate, artistic, intuitive, gentle, wise, musical |
| Weaknesses: | Fearful, overly trusting, sad, desire to escape reality, can be a victim or a martyr |

Virgo

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| Element/Triplicity: | Earth |
| Modality: | Mutable |
| Ruling planet: | Mercury |
| Dates: | 23 August - 22 September |
| Symbol: | ♍☐ |
| Sister/opposite sign: | Pisces |
| Polarity: | Negative/ Feminine |
| House: | 6 |
| Colour: | Grey, Beige, Pale-yellow |
| Strengths: | Loyal, analytical, kind, hardworking, practical |



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Virgo (cont)

Weaknesses: Shyness, worry, overly critical of self and others, all work and no play

Scorpio

Element/Triplicity: Water

Modality: Fixed

Ruling planet: Pluto

Dates: 23 October -21November

Symbol: ♏

Sister/opposite sign: Taurus

Polarity: Negative/feminine

House: 8

Colour: Scarlett, red, rust

Strengths: Resourceful, powerful, brave, passionate, a true friend

Weaknesses: Distrusting, jealous, manipulative, violent

Capricorn

Element/Triplicity: Earth

Modality: Cardinal

Ruling planet: Saturn

Dates: 22 December-19 January

Symbol: ♑

Sister/opposite sign: Cancer

Polarity: Feminine/ negative

House: 10

Colour: Green, brown

Strengths: Responsible, disciplined, self-control, good managers

Capricorn (cont)

Weaknesses: Know-it-all, unforgiving, condescending, expecting the worst

Signs, elements, modalities and ruling planets

| Star sign | Element | Modalities | Ruling planets |
|----------------|---------|------------|----------------|
| 1. Aries | Fire | Cardinal | Mars |
| 2. Taurus | Earth | Fixed | Venus |
| 3. Gemini | Air | Mutable | Mercury |
| 4. Cancer | Water | Cardinal | Moon |
| 5. Leo | Fire | Fixed | Sun |
| 6. Virgo | Earth | Mutable | Mercury |
| 7. Libra | Air | Cardinal | Venus |
| 8. Scorpio | Water | Fixed | Pluto |
| 9. Sagittarius | Fire | Mutable | Jupiter |
| 10. Capricorn | Earth | Cardinal | Saturn |
| 11. Aquarius | Air | Fixed | Uranus |
| 12. Pisces | Water | Mutable | Neptune |

Why do people believe in Astrology?

The original purpose of astrology was to inform the individual of the course of their life on the basis of the positions of the planets and of the zodiacal signs (the 12 astrological constellations) at the moment of their birth or conception. Astrology, like religion, brings a sense of certainty to the constant uncertainty of life. Life is often chaotic and unfair and astrology bringing in the concept of fate is rather similar to the idea that everything happens for a reason.

Why do people believe in Astrology? (cont)

Many spiritualists believe that you chose your life path before you were born so that your soul can not only learn from it but settle karmic debts. These people also tend to subscribe to the belief of reincarnation and past lives.

Astrology is also part of certain religions like new age spirituality, Taoism and neo-paganism. But anyone can believe in astrology, some people don't take it all that seriously while others consider it a way of life.

What are the Elements?

In Western tropical astrology, there are 12 astrological signs. Each of the four elements is associated with three signs of the Zodiac, which are always located exactly 120 degrees away from each other along the ecliptic and said to be in trine with one another. Most modern astrologers use the four classical elements extensively, (also known as triplicities), and indeed it is still viewed as a critical part of interpreting the astrological chart.

The four elements are as follows: Fire, Earth, Air and Water. Always in said order. Repeated throughout the year, the pattern stays the same.

Most people have at least one of each element in their chart.

1st Element: Fire

Zodiac signs: Aries, Leo, Sagittarius

Houses: 1st, 5th, 9th

Vibe: Hot, Dry, Ardent (hard)

Day ruler: Sun

Night ruler: Jupiter

Participating ruler: Saturn



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1st Element: Fire (cont)

Traits: Fiery, lively, courageous, inspiring, confident, creative

Symbol: Triangle with point facing up

Direction: South

Tarot suit: Wands

Season: Summer

The 2nd Element: Earth

Zodiac signs: Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn

Houses: 2nd, 6th, 10th

Vibe: Heavy, cold, dry

Day ruler: Venus

Night ruler: Moon

Participating ruler: Mars

Traits: Stubborn, practical, materialistic, grounding, dependable

Symbol: Upside down triangle with stripe horizontally through it

Direction: North

Tarot suit: Coins

Season: Autumn

Element: Air (cont)

Traits: Intellectual, analytical, curious, perceptive, inventive, clever, objective, fair

Symbol: Upright triangle with line through it

Direction: East

Tarot suit: Swords

Season: Spring

4th Element: Water

Zodiac signs: Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces

Houses: 4th, 8th, 12th

Vibe: cold, wet, soft

Day ruler: Venus

Night ruler: Mars

Participating ruler: Moon

Traits: Emotional, nurturing, deep, intuitive, nurturing

Symbol: Upright triangle

Direction: West

Tarot suit: Cups

Season: Winter

Element: Air

Zodiac signs: Gemini, Libra, Aquarius

Houses: 3rd, 7th, 11th

Vibe: light, hot, wet

Day ruler: Saturn

Night ruler: Mercury

Participating ruler: Jupiter



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