

Infinite Tarot: Astrology



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The principle behind Astrology is that by studying the position of the planets, their relationships to each other (called aspects) and their position in the zodiac (the band of constellations used to divide the sky into zones of study) one can interpret the inner nature of people and situations, and predict the future course of events

This does not mean that the planets cause the character or shape the events, but rather that they reflect it in their position by virtue of Trismegistus' maxim; "As Above, So Below." All things which exist reflect the Divine Plan, which can be divined through them. Thus the system of astrology reflects by virtue of its minute detail, minute details of life on Earth.

We would augment this with the argument that Astrology is not really the study of the stars as such, but rather the cycles of time –those cycles being identified with the movement of the planets rather than caused by them. Thus the accuracy of Astrology is not based on cause and effect, but upon reflection of the inborn cycles which guide all things.

THE SUN



I - Sun

Archetype

The Sun corresponds to the Divine archetype of "The Lover."

Positive

The Sun represents the conscious self. The Sun rules all the hoped-for virtues of the self: courage, integrity, honesty, loyalty, and generosity. The Sun governs the rules of ordinary conduct, honor, hospitality, adherence to contracts. The Sun has to do with one's position in the world, and as such is connected to institutions and governments. The Sun is connected to the physical body and issues of health –as such it is important in questions of medicine or surgery.

Negative

In negative terms the Sun is prideful, self-centered, and egotistic. The Negative Sun is concerned only for itself, and can pursue its interests to the exclusion of all else. The negative Sun can be rigid, hide-bound, and overly legalistic.

Symbology

The hieroglyph for the Sun is the Sphere of the Conscious Self. The "navel" usually added to the center represents the Divine Spark within, which is surrounded by the field of conscious perception.

Correspondences

The Sun rules the sign of Leo. His metal is gold.

THE MOON



ARCHETYPE

The Moon corresponds to the Divine archetype of “The Mother.”

POSITIVE

The Moon represents the Higher Self –psychism, intuition, dreams and the subconscious. The Moon represents the emotional, reactive, internal self. The Moon is the Patron of religion and spirituality; she rules visions, clairvoyance, and relationship to Spirit. In the advanced person this is a beneficial, nurturing relationship that informs and spiritualizes the life. To the unadvanced, it is confusing, unclear, and *appears* to be a source of misery and frustration.

NEGATIVE

In negative terms the Moon is too emotional, overly psychic, so strongly influenced by her surroundings and the feelings of others she cannot know her own mind. The Negative Moon is associated with fear, subconscious inhibitions, and lack of clarity. These different qualities are all signs telling us that we need to look inside, to take counsel of the Higher Self which the Moon represents.

SYMBOLGY

The symbol of the Moon is the Crescent of the Higher Self. We interact with our Higher Self through the subconscious when the Veil of our conscious mind is thick, and through meditation and psychism when the Veil is thin. The Higher Self nourishes, sustains, and guides us when we have a strong relationship with it. When that relationship is weak, our “subconscious” appears to trip us up, when it truly seeks to inform us.

CORRESPONDENCES

The Moon rules the sign of Cancer. Her metal is silver.

JUPITER

ARCHETYPE

Jupiter corresponds to the Divine archetype of "The King."

POSITIVE

Jupiter represents optimism, generosity, and expansion. Jupiter is associated with satisfaction, humor, and self-confidence; it is connected to good luck, progress, success. Jupiter is a happy planet, and very beneficent. Jupiter is also strongly connected to the idea of justice, as is the King archetype itself. Jupiter rules the legal profession, the structure of governments and organizations, as well as accumulated wealth.

NEGATIVE

In its negative aspect Jupiter is connected to all sorts of over-doing; overconfidence, over-expansion, over-indulgence. Though Jupiter rules wealth, in its negative aspect it also causes it to be frittered away. Negative Jupiter is so confident as to miss or ignore problems, disregard threats, or take foolhardy actions. Negative Jupiter is also connected to procrastination.



III - Jupitur

SYMBOLGY

The Hieroglyph for Jupiter is the Crescent of the Soul above the Cross of Matter; that is to say the Higher Self informing the physical life, or physical action in harmony with inner guidance.

CORRESPONDENCES

Jupiter rules the sign of Sagittarius. His metal is tin.

SATURN



IV° - Saturn

ARCHETYPE

Saturn corresponds to the Divine archetype of “The Crone.”

POSITIVE

Saturn represents introspection, learning and knowledge. Saturn governs practicality, common sense, and understanding. Saturn rules magic and metaphysics and controls the gateway to the Higher Self. Saturn is associated with death, and the decay in which perforce precedes regeneration.

NEGATIVE

In the negative aspect Saturn rules depression, negative thinking, and emotional disconnection. Negative Saturn is perceived as limiting, blocking, or preventing movement or progress. Most astrologers consider the influence of Saturn to be negative and inhibiting, the cause of difficulties, problems, and grief. But this is a matter of perception; Like the Crone Goddess Saturn shows us the flaws in our systems, the cracks in our foundations –She warns us of potential problems. Thus, the presence of Saturn warns of, rather than causes, problems, and in the hands of the adept is a powerful key for self-improvement.

SYMBOLGY

The hieroglyph for Saturn shows the Cross of Matter above the Crescent of the soul; that is to say a focus on structure and form, based on inner guidance. In positive terms that structure comes from and carries forward the fruits of inner guidance. In negative terms that structure obscures or denies the inner guidance.

CORRESPONDENCES

Saturn rules the sign of Capricorn. Her metal is lead.

MERCURY



V° - Mercury

ARCHETYPE

Mercury corresponds to the Divine archetype of “The Sorcerer.”

POSITIVE

Mercury represents intelligence, thought, and ingenuity. Mercury rules communication of all sorts, teaching and expression of ideas. Mercury is facile, versatile, and easily adaptable. Mercury rules education, invention, and innovation. Mercury also rules money, and commerce. It is the Patron of merchants and businesspeople, as well as journalism and the media. Mercury is strongly connected to movement and is associated with speed and quickness. Mercury is also connected with the idea of Will, and the ability to influence matter through concentrated thought. As such Mercury is a Patron of metaphysics. In this sense Mercury might be thought of as ruling the active powers of magic, while Saturn (see below) is associated with the more internal virtues of psychism.

NEGATIVE

In negative terms Mercury is shallow, fickle, and inconstant. It can be cunning but self-serving, even dishonest.

SYMBOLOLOGY

The hieroglyph for Mercury is also a sign for the Horned God –it shows the Crescent of the Soul above the Sphere of the Conscious Self, above the Cross of Matter. That is to say it represents the correct alignment of the self; the soul expressed and expanded by the self (mind) and focused into physical action.

CORRESPONDENCES

Mercury rules the signs of Gemini and Virgo. His metal is quicksilver (Mercury).

VENUS



♀ - Venus

ARCHETYPE

Venus corresponds to the Divine archetype of "The Maiden."

POSITIVE

Venus represents both romantic and sensual love, creativity, artistry, and self-expression. Venus rules beauty and pleasure, arts and crafts, all of the sweet things of life. She is particularly associated with sexuality, but like the Maiden her most essential quality is strength of self.

NEGATIVE

In negative terms Venus is associated with selfishness, greed, and indulgence. Negative Venus thinks of herself first, and others second if at all. Over-indulgence of all sorts, but especially sexual, is associated with Negative Venus, as well as a conspicuous lack of concern over consequences.

SYMBOLGY

The hieroglyph for Venus is the Sphere of the Conscious Self over the Cross of Matter; that is to say the conscious self-expressing itself in the physical, with little reference to the Higher Self.

CORRESPONDENCES

Venus rules the signs of Taurus and Libra. Her metal is copper.

Uranos

ARCHETYPE

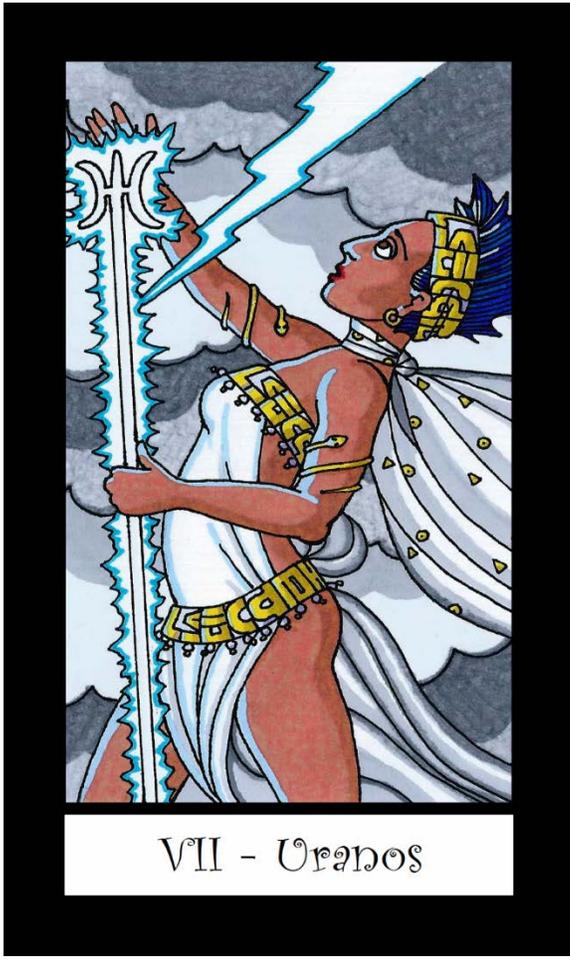
When the Planet Neptune was discovered, Astrologers assigned Her the Zodiacal sign of Aquarius, formerly ruled by Saturn. Thus, Uranos might be associated with the Divine Archetype of the Crone expressed in a more eccentric way.

POSITIVE

Uranos represents inspiration, originality, and the unexpected. New ideas, new ways of doing things, deeper understandings are governed by Uranos. Sudden flashes of insight, breaking of old patterns, sudden developments and new beginnings are connected to Uranos. Uranos is also connected to ideas of spiritual enlightenment and “cosmic consciousness.” Uranos is also sometimes considered the planet of Destiny, its position indicating the workings of fate –those things which we receive unexpectedly from Spirit do to the machinations of Karma and the Divine Plan.

NEGATIVE

In the negative aspect Uranos is considered flighty, erratic, and unpredictable. Its energy can be rebellious, moody, and unstable.



SYMBOLGY

The hieroglyph for Uranos shows two Crescents of the Soul joined by the Cross of Matter, surmounting the Sphere of the Conscious Mind. This represents self-knowledge, and inner insights. That the two Crescents are joined by the Cross and surmounting the Sphere, indicates the integration of these qualities into the physical and their expression through the conscious mind and intellectual understanding. An alternate symbol for Uranos is a single Crescent pointing upwards, above the Cross, above the Sphere.

CORRESPONDENCES

Uranos rules sign of Aquarius. Her metal is platinum.

MARS



VIII - Mars

ARCHETYPE

Mars corresponds to the Divine archetype of "The Hero."

POSITIVE

Mars represents courage, action, and forward movement. It is associated with self-confidence, pursuit of goals, and expansion of limits. Mars is decisive, forward looking, and sure of itself. Mars is a doer, not a thinker, and its movements are quick and sure.

NEGATIVE

In negative terms Mars rules aggression, discord, and anger. Mars is associated with quarrels, arrogance, and violence. Mars is the Planet of War and disruptions; it is associated with accidents and natural disasters. Negative Mars is associated with recklessness, carelessness, and hasty actions.

SYMBOLOLOGY

The hieroglyph for Mars is the Cross of Matter (usually rendered as a point, but still the same symbol) over the Sphere of the Conscious Mind; that is to say action paramount over the self, with no reference to the Higher Self. Positive Mars uses that action to express the self. Negative Mars uses that action in spite of and perhaps against the better judgment of the self.

CORRESPONDENCES

Mars rules the sign of Aries. His metal is iron.

Neptune



IX - Neptune

ARCHETYPE

When the Planet Neptune was discovered, Astrologers assigned Him the Zodiacal sign of Pisces, formerly ruled by Jupiter. Thus, Neptune might be associated with the Divine Archetype of the King expressed in a more emotional way.

POSITIVE

The emotionality of Neptune is such that it overwhelms the ego. This can be positive in the sense of selflessness and devotion to purposes outside of oneself. Or it can be negative in the sense of wallowing in emotion and an inability to find direction. Neptune is connected to intuition, psychism, and mysticism. It is a planet of spirituality and magic. Neptune is compassionate, emotionally sensitive, and deeply feeling. It is a planet of strong imagination and creative ability. Neptune likes to be of service to others and is capable of great self-sacrifice.

NEGATIVE

In a negative aspect Neptune can be overly emotional, lacks physical drive and direction, is prone to view itself as a victim or passive observer rather than a participant in its own circumstances. Negative Neptune tends to drifting, addiction, and confusion. Neptune is also easily subject to deception (especially self-deception).

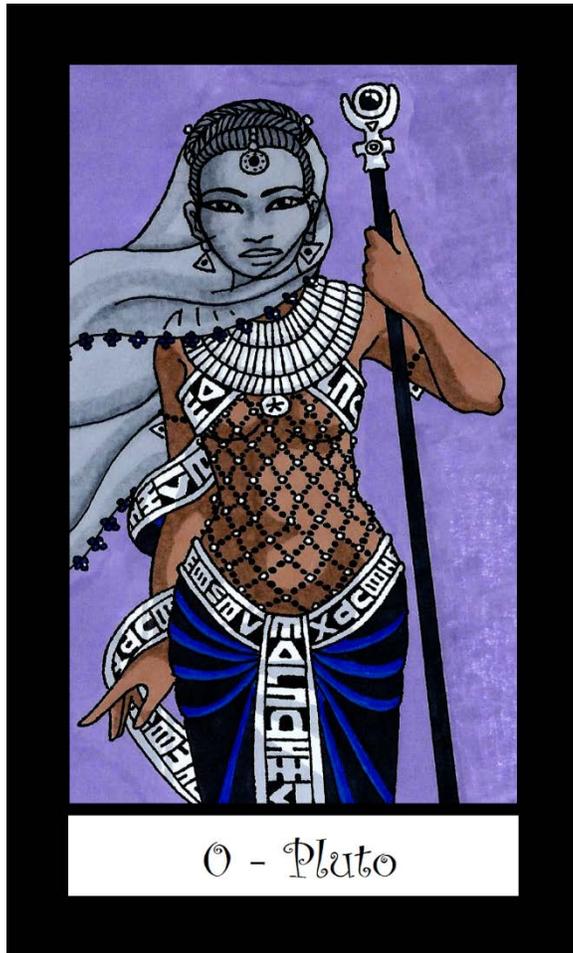
SYMBOLOLOGY

The hieroglyph for Neptune shows the Crescent of the Soul with points upward, above and usually impaled upon the Cross of Matter. The Crescent in this position represents psychic abilities and the reception of spiritual messages and energies from outside the mundane self. These are then channeled into the physical life, represented by the Cross. The fact that the Crescent is impaled upon the Cross shows that the reception of these energies is often unconscious or beyond conscious control, and confusion may arise between spiritual and physical input.

CORRESPONDENCES

Neptune is the ruler of Pisces. His metal is Electrum.

Pluto



ARCHETYPE

When the Planet Pluto was discovered, Astrologers assigned Her the Zodiacal sign of Scorpio, formerly ruled by Jupiter. Thus, Pluto might be associated with the Divine Archetype of the Hero expressed in a more introspective way.

POSITIVE

Pluto is primarily associated with change and transformation. Cleansing and regeneration, clearing away of old structures to make way for the new.

Looking below the surface to grasp the inner workings of situations and then fine-tune them accordingly. Pluto is connected with the pursuit of self-knowledge, and inner development, and with trying to find one's place in the world and in the Universe. Pluto is connected with magic and psychism, development and use of spiritual energies.

Pluto is also strongly connected to sexuality and sexual magic.

NEGATIVE

In a negative sense Pluto is connected to obsession and over-indulgence, being governed by one's passions, uncontrollable emotion. Extreme actions and reactions, sudden changes characterize Pluto in its negative aspect.

SYMBOLGY

The scientific symbol for Pluto is a monogram of the letters "P" and "L," initials of the planets discoverer, Percy Lovell. This monogram is not to be confused with the planet's Astrological symbol however, which is quite different. The Astrological Hieroglyph for Pluto is similar to that of Uranos, showing the Crescent of the Soul with points upward, above the Cross of Matter. However, in Pluto the Crescent is not impaled by the Cross –showing a clear understanding of what is spiritual and what is physical- and the two are surmounted by the Sphere of the Conscious Mind. This represents the conscious reception and integration of psychic and spiritual energies, intentionally focused into the physical; the work of the Witch.

CORRESPONDENCES

Pluto is the ruler of Scorpio. Her metal is Platinum.

ARIES



Aries - 1

SYMBOLOLOGY

The symbol of Aries is the Ram.

GENERAL

Aries is ruled by the planet Mars and is assigned to the element of Fire. Aries is considered to be the Cardinal Fire sign, that is to say that it is very passionate and enthusiastic.

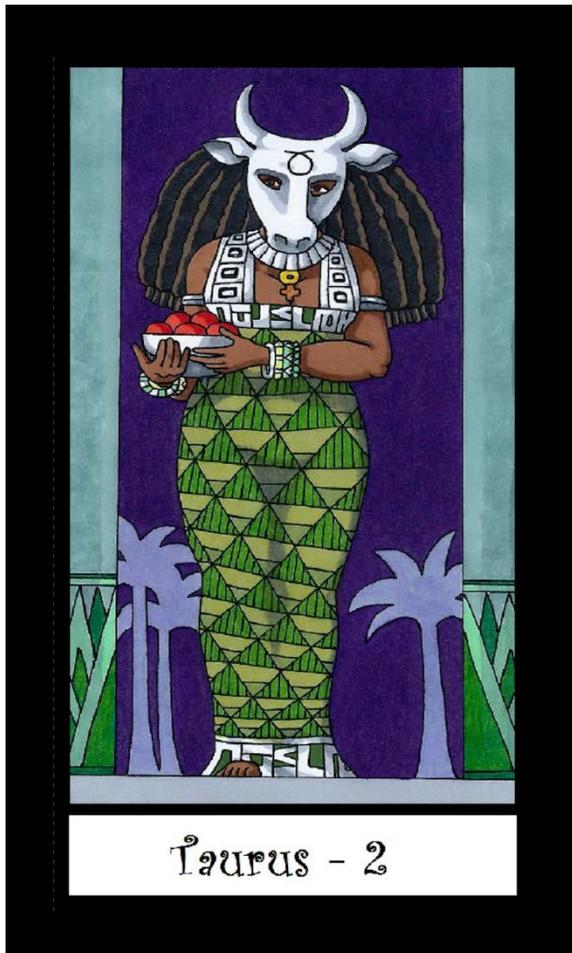
POSITIVE

Aries is fiery and ambitious with a bright, quick mind. Energetic and fast-moving, Aries is full of enthusiasm. Aries is excellent at beginning and developing projects, but not always good with follow through.

NEGATIVE

When negative Aries can be over-ambitious but scattered, with a tendency to drop projects in the middle.

TAURUS



SYMBOLGY

The symbol of Taurus is the Bull, or sometimes the Cow.

GENERAL

Taurus is ruled by the planet Venus and is assigned to the element of Earth. Taurus is considered to be the Fixed Earth sign, which is to say that it is very practical, materialistic, and stable.

POSITIVE

Taurus is conservative and stable, strong willed and determined. Taurus is capable of great concentration and perseverance. Taurus is very security oriented, and enjoys the comforts of life.

NEGATIVE

When negative, Taurus can be stubborn, self-centered, and rigid.

GEMINI

SYMBOLOLOGY

The symbol of Gemini is the Twins. These are the Polar Opposites, which while appearing to be diametrically opposed are in fact different forms of the same essence.

GENERAL

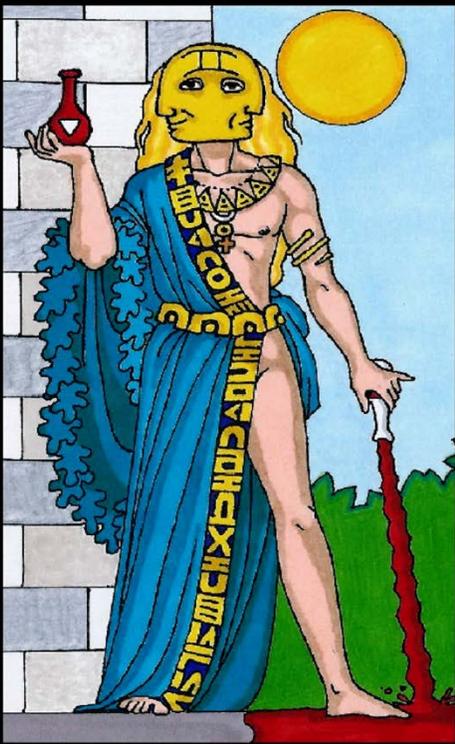
Gemini is ruled by the planet Mercury and assigned to the element of Air. Gemini is considered to be the Mutable Air sign, which is to say that it is very mental and very fluid and adaptive.

POSITIVE

Gemini is extremely clever and versatile, with great ability in communication. Gemini has a quick, subtle mind and great perceptivity. Gemini is capable of moving in several directions at once and can usually juggle them all well.

NEGATIVE

When negative Gemini can be superficial and fickle, with a tendency to be spread too thin.



Gemini - 3

CANCER

SYMBOLGY

The symbol of Cancer is the Crab. Cancer is also sometimes represented by the Scarab Beetle.

GENERAL

Cancer is ruled by the Moon. Cancer is assigned to the element of Water, and is considered to be the Cardinal Water sign, which is to say that it is very emotional and reactive in nature.

POSITIVE

Cancer is sensitive and deeply emotional. Cancer is strongly attached to home and family and picks up easily on the moods of others. Cancer is nurturing and highly intuitive.

NEGATIVE

When negative Cancer can be thin-skinned, brooding, and lacks confidence.



Cancer - ♋

LEO



Leo - 5

SYMBOLOLOGY

The symbol of Leo is the Lion.

GENERAL

Leo is ruled by the Sun and assigned to the element of Fire. Leo is considered to be the Fixed Fire sign, which is to say that it is passionate, dynamic, and stable.

POSITIVE

Leo is proud, dramatic, and full of energy. Leo is honest and honorable and tends to be very generous and nurturing. Leo has a very strong sense of self and enjoys being the center of attention.

NEGATIVE

When negative Leo can be self-centered, arrogant and short sighted.

VIRGO

SYMBOLOLOGY

The symbol of Virgo is a Woman. Who this woman is, and what she represents varies according to the religion and personal ideas of the speaker. She is usually considered to represent the Maiden Goddess, as is suggested by the name (Virgo – “Virgin”). However some suggest that she is actually meant to be the Mother Goddess, since the sign coincides with the harvest.

GENERAL

Virgo is ruled by the planet Mercury and is assigned to the element of Earth. Virgo is considered to be the Mutable Earth sign, which is to say that it is practical but adaptive.

POSITIVE

Virgo is precise, orderly, and perfectionistic. Virgo cultivates skill and artistry in every pursuit and is always looking to self-improvement.

NEGATIVE

When negative Virgo can be overly critical or self-defeating.



Virgo - 6

LIBRA

SYMBOLOLOGY

The symbol of Libra is the Scales, sometimes shown as a person holding scales.

GENERAL

Libra is ruled by the planet Venus and is assigned to the element of Air. Libra is considered to be the Cardinal Air sign, which is to say that it is essentially mental and analytical.

POSITIVE

Libra is constantly seeking balance, peace and tranquility –though not always finding them. Libra is creative, expressive, and enjoys beauty. Libra is sensitive, and strongly emotive.

NEGATIVE

When negative Libra can be vacillating, indecisive, and prone to mood swings.



Libra - 7

SCORPIO



SYMBOLOLOGY

The symbol of Scorpio is the Scorpion. Occasionally a lobster will be used to symbolize the sign instead of a scorpion, especially in older works.

GENERAL

Scorpio is ruled by the planet Mars and/or Pluto. Scorpio is assigned to the element of Water, and is considered to be the Fixed Water sign, which is to say that it is emotional but that it holds on strongly to things.

POSITIVE

Scorpio is deeply emotional, capable of great focus and concentration. Scorpio excels at long term projects, and is capable of tremendous and sustained effort. Scorpio is highly psychic and can be very spiritual.

NEGATIVE

When negative Scorpio can be brooding, petty, and vengeful.

SAGITTARIUS



Sagittarius - 9

SYMBOLGY

The symbol of Sagittarius is the Archer. Commonly the Archer is shown as a centaur, half human and half horse.

GENERAL

Sagittarius is ruled by the planet Jupiter and assigned to the element of Fire. Sagittarius is considered to be the Mutable Fire sign, which is to say that it is active and passionate but adaptive.

POSITIVE

Sagittarius is optimistic, expansive, and has a high capacity for adventure. Sagittarius is devoted to learning and having new experiences. Sagittarius is highly social and also makes an excellent teacher.

NEGATIVE

When negative Sagittarius can be unfocused, short sighted, and self-indulgent.

CAPRICORN



Capricorn - 10

SYMBOLGY

The symbol of Capricorn is the Goat. Originally this was the Sea-Goat, a creature having the head and foreparts of a goat, and the tail of a fish; sometimes this symbol is still used.

GENERAL

Capricorn is ruled by the planet Saturn and is assigned to the element of Earth. Capricorn is considered to be the Cardinal Earth sign, which is to say that it is very solid and material.

POSITIVE

Capricorn is ambitious, practical, and pragmatic. Capricorn is highly goal-oriented, and is capable of sustained, focused effort. Capricorn has tremendous skill in organizing and structuring.

NEGATIVE

When negative Capricorn can be cold, calculating, and overly materialistic.

AQUARIUS



Aquarius - 11

SYMBOLGY

The symbol of Aquarius is the Water Bearer.

GENERAL

Aquarius is ruled by the planet Saturn and/or Uranos. Aquarius is assigned to the element of Air, and is considered to be the Fixed Air sign, which is to say that it is mental and inspirational but steady and holds on to things.

POSITIVE

Aquarius is brilliant, inspired, and often sees things in new ways. Original and unconventional, Aquarius is capable of deep insights. Aquarius is deeply concerned with issues of justice and balance.

NEGATIVE

When negative Aquarius can be misanthropic, self-absorbed, and quirky.

PISCES



Pisces - 12

SYMBOLOLOGY

The symbol of Pisces is the Fish.

GENERAL

Pisces is ruled by the planet Jupiter and/or Neptune. Pisces is assigned to the element of Water, and is considered to be the Mutable Water sign, which is to say that it is both emotional and changeable.

POSITIVE

Pisces is creative, emotive, and humanitarian. Pisces is generous and sympathetic. Pisces is often highly psychic, in an empathic way.

NEGATIVE

When negative Pisces can be unfocused, indecisive, and has an overly active imagination.



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