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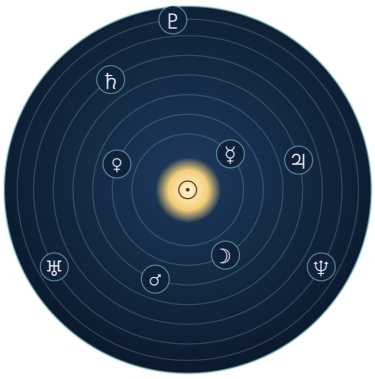
The Planets

The cast of characters on your journey

Every story or fairytale needs its characters: a king and queen, a messenger, a lover, a warrior, a wise elder, a dreamer. In your birth chart, the planets play these parts. Each one is a different side of you, with its own needs and its own gifts.

The sign a planet is in shows how it plays its part. The house it sits in shows where in your life the scene takes place.

Alongside the planets, your chart has a few special points, like the Nodes and the angles, that complete the picture.



The Sun, the Moon and the planets (not to scale)

> *The planet is what. The sign is how. The house is where.*

The planets

From the Sun and Moon, the two lights of the sky, out to Sedna at the far edge of the solar system.

☉ Sun *The King and Queen*

Your core and essence: life, vitality and will. The light at the center of you.

identity · vitality · will

☽ Moon *The Mother*

Feelings, security, nurture and family. Where you tend to go in times of stress.

feelings · security · nurture

☿ Mercury *The Messenger*

How you think, talk and exchange information. The go-between of your mind.

thinking · communicating · messages

♀ Venus *The Beloved*

How you relate and what you value: receptivity and the feminine ideal.

relationship · values · receptivity

♂ Mars *The Warrior*

Desire, self-assertion and dynamic energy. The masculine ideal.

desire · self-assertion · energy

♃ Jupiter *The Wise Guide*

Your guiding principle: luck, abundance, generosity and your spiritual path.

luck · abundance · generosity

Saturn *The Elder*

Boundaries, the wisdom that comes through limits, and authority figures.

boundaries · wisdom · authority

Uranus *The Rebel Genius*

Genius and a touch of craziness: your uniqueness, rebel streak and groups.

genius · uniqueness · groups

Neptune *The Dreamer*

No boundaries: imagination, dreams, psychic gifts and altered states.

imagination · dreams · psychic

Pluto *The Alchemist*

Power, transformation and death, and the seed principle of new growth.

power · transformation · seeds

Chiron *The Wounded Healer*

Your core wounds, and how you can overcome them and heal.

core wounds · healing · overcoming

Sedna *From Victim to Victor*

Raises awareness of betrayal, self-betrayal, inequality, abuse and misogyny.

awareness · betrayal · equality

Other points on the chart

These points aren't planets, but they come in meaningful pairs, each one directly across the chart from its partner.

THE SOUL'S JOURNEY

South Node

Your comfort zone. From the view of evolutionary astrology, where you have symbolically been for many lives.

comfort zone · the past

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North Node

This life's stretch. You will need more of this to balance your South Node.

growth · the path ahead

THE HORIZON: YOU AND OTHERS

Ascendant

The 1st house cusp: your body, your persona and your whole style. What people see when you walk into the room.

the body · persona

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Descendant

The 7th house cusp: relationships and partnerships, and the people you are drawn to.

relationships · partners

THE MERIDIAN: PUBLIC AND PRIVATE

Midheaven (MC)

The 10th house cusp: your career, and the place where you are most visible.

career · visibility

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Imum Coeli (IC)

The 4th house cusp: home, roots and private life.

home · private life

The planets keep moving

Your birth chart is a snapshot of the sky at the moment you were born. The planets have kept moving ever since, and now and then one seems to move backward for a while. That's called going retrograde: a time to review, revisit and rethink.