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## STUDY RESOURCES

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👋 Hello! In this document we've gathered some resources that we hope will aid you in your astrological studies. In the first section you'll find "cheat sheets" that we've created for the foundational components of the astrological language. Refer to these lists when working on chart or transit interpretations for a handy reminder of keywords and concepts. In the second section, we've linked to a variety of books, websites, lectures, and teachers that we recommend for deepening your study. These are organized into three core areas that can support your use of our products – the basics of astrology, transit interpretation, and the particular techniques of Hellenistic astrology.

These resources are by no means exhaustive – astrology is a vast field, and there are so many ways to approach it, with numerous branches, lineages, teachers, and methodologies. We're simply hoping to provide you with a headstart as you further your journey into this fascinating world. Happy transiting!
















































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# Planets

Planet	Archetypes	Needs	Descriptors	Essential dignity & debility	
Sun ☉	 The hero, the leader of the team, the celebrity, the spirit, the ego, light & luminescence	To illuminate, perceive, to be recognized, to find purpose, to receive fuel, to express, to develop self-acceptance	Fatherly, willful, heartfelt, creative, confident, recognizable, vivacious, public, noble, egotistical	 Domicile  Exaltation  Detriment  Fall	Leo Aries Aquarius Libra
Moon ☾	 The nurturer, the leader of the clan, the memories & emotions, the body & other containers, habits & cycles, water	To reflect, to comfort, to nurture, to satisfy needs & hungers, to intuit, to feel safe, to belong, to rest	Motherly, emotional, habitual, moody, soulful, nurturing, private, hungry	 Domicile  Exaltation  Detriment  Fall	Cancer Taurus Capricorn Scorpio
Mercury ♿	 The messenger, the analyst, the comedian, the merchant, the inquisitive youth, hyperstimulation, markets	To communicate, to contemplate, to dissect, to analyze, to learn, to rationalize, to catalog	Intelligent, logical, communicative, curious, knowledgeable, witty, flighty, anxious, mercurial	 Domicile  Domicile  Exaltation  Detriment  Detriment  Fall	Gemini Virgo Virgo Sagittarius Pisces Pisces
Venus ♀	 The lover & friend, the artist, the peacemaker, pleasure & ease	To relate, to enjoy, to play, to indulge, to relax, to appreciate, to keep the peace	Joyful, pleasant, friendly, artistic, beautiful, valuable, cheerful, accommodating, romantic, lazy, indulgent	 Domicile  Domicile  Exaltation  Detriment  Detriment  Fall	Taurus Libra Pisces Scorpio Aries Virgo
Mars ♂	 The fighter & competitor, the survivor, the outsider, the motivator, war, struggle	To separate, to self-assert, to take action, to compete, to defend, to find an outlet	Passionate, athletic, strong, driven, decisive, hardworking, irritable, inflammatory, violent, martial, severe, impulsive, urgent	 Domicile  Domicile  Exaltation  Detriment  Detriment  Fall	Aries Scorpio Capricorn Libra Taurus Cancer
Jupiter ♃	 The optimist, the guru, the ally, the philanthropist, abundance	To encourage, to believe, to grow, to give, to take a chance, to confirm, to contextualize	Wise, expansive, hopeful, spiritual, philosophical, successful, lucky, affirmative, adventurous, grandiose, holier-than-thou, jovial, supportive	 Domicile  Domicile  Exaltation  Detriment  Detriment  Fall	Sagittarius Pisces Cancer Gemini Virgo Capricorn
Saturn ♄	 The cynic, the loner, the disciplinarian, the gatekeeper, structures & limitations, time itself	To discourage, to limit, to structure, to deny, to age, to develop self-control, to commit, to discipline	mature, dutiful, responsible, authoritative, restrictive, pessimistic, negating, depressive, solitary, saturnine, judgmental, rigid, committed, prepared, chronic	 Domicile  Domicile  Exaltation  Detriment  Detriment  Fall	Capricorn Aquarius Libra Cancer Leo Aries
Uranus ♅	 The rebellion, the sudden upheaval, the stroke of insight, the unorthodox approach, technological innovation	To disrupt, to innovate, to liberate, to destabilize	Revolutionary, shocking, free-spirited, electric, chaotic, abnormal, inventive	N/A	
Neptune ♆	 The collective unconscious, the zeitgeist, the dream state, idealism	To dissolve, to transcend, to imagine, to escape, to merge	Foggy, dreamy, blurry, other-worldly, imaginative, confused, unattainable, ungraspable, indefinite		

Pluto ♇ 	The underworld, the process of decay & renewal, extremes of power & disempowerment, obsessions	To compost, to amplify, to shrink, to destroy & rebuild	Transformative, manipulative, potent, obsessive, magnetic, intimidating
Chiron ♆ 	The wounded healer	To acknowledge shame, to make peace with failure, to help others avoid similar suffering	Tender, insightful, clinical, authentic, traumatic, misunderstood, paradoxical, compensating

## Signs

Sign	Ruler	Categories	Descriptors	Needs	Essential dignity & debility	
Aries ♈ 	Mars ♂	Diurnal Fire Cardinal	brave pioneering inventive stressed honest impulsive	new challenges vigorous exercise space to do its own thing active playmates to feel like a winner	 Domicile Exaltation Detriment Fall	Mars Sun Venus Saturn
Taurus ♉ 	Venus ♀	Nocturnal Earth Fixed	beautiful reliable persevering artisanal indulgent patient	a nice place to relax crafty projects good food, music, and art reliable friends cuddles	 Domicile Exaltation Detriment Fall	Venus Moon Mars –
Gemini ♊ 	Mercury ♿	Diurnal Air Mutable	intelligent curious jack-of-all-trades adaptable chatty overstimulated	room for fun and variety things to read someone to geek out with conversation humor	 Domicile Exaltation Detriment Fall	Mercury – Jupiter –
Cancer ♋ 	Moon ☾	Nocturnal Water Cardinal	cozy empathetic comforting moody traditional familial	a welcoming home someone to hold someone to cook for mothering emotional intelligence	 Domicile Exaltation Detriment Fall	Moon Jupiter Saturn Mars
Leo ♌ 	Sun ☉	Diurnal Fire Fixed	radiant playful commanding attention-seeking vain generous	a creative outlet verbal affirmations playtime people to inspire nice hair	 Domicile Exaltation Detriment Fall	Sun – Saturn –
Virgo ♍ 	Mercury ♿	Nocturnal Earth Mutable	helpful analytical health-conscious precise methodical neurotic	ways to feel useful intelligence validated to dissect and improve things reassurance tidy spaces	 Domicile Exaltation Detriment Fall	Mercury Mercury Jupiter Venus

<p>Libra</p> <p>♎</p> <p>⚖️ 🧑</p>	<p>Venus</p> <p>♀</p>	<p>Diurnal</p> <p>Air</p> <p>Cardinal</p>	<p>artistic</p> <p>fashionable</p> <p>diplomatic</p> <p>indecisive</p> <p>romantic</p> <p>social</p>	<p>fairness</p> <p>someone to talk to</p> <p>social justice</p> <p>someone to create with</p> <p>good design</p>	<p>🏠 Domicile</p> <p>👑 Exaltation</p> <p>⚔️ Detriment</p> <p>👁️ Fall</p>	<p>Venus</p> <p>Saturn</p> <p>Mars</p> <p>Sun</p>
<p>Scorpio</p> <p>♏</p> <p>🦂 🌹</p>	<p>Mars</p> <p>♂</p>	<p>Nocturnal</p> <p>Water</p> <p>Fixed</p>	<p>secretive</p> <p>passionate</p> <p>thorough</p> <p>intuitive</p> <p>tough</p> <p>defensive</p>	<p>loyalty</p> <p>respect and understanding</p> <p>extreme vulnerability</p> <p>black clothing</p> <p>research projects</p>	<p>🏠 Domicile</p> <p>👑 Exaltation</p> <p>⚔️ Detriment</p> <p>👁️ Fall</p>	<p>Mars</p> <p>–</p> <p>Venus</p> <p>Moon</p>
<p>Sagittarius</p> <p>♐</p> <p>🏹 🧑</p>	<p>Jupiter</p> <p>♃</p>	<p>Diurnal</p> <p>Fire</p> <p>Mutable</p>	<p>optimistic</p> <p>gregarious</p> <p>philosophical</p> <p>nomadic</p> <p>preachy</p> <p>naïve</p>	<p>the open road</p> <p>philosophical debate</p> <p>movement and dance</p> <p>to know the answer</p> <p>to be inspired by new people</p>	<p>🏠 Domicile</p> <p>👑 Exaltation</p> <p>⚔️ Detriment</p> <p>👁️ Fall</p>	<p>Jupiter</p> <p>–</p> <p>Mercury</p> <p>–</p>
<p>Capricorn</p> <p>♑</p> <p>🐐 📁</p>	<p>Saturn</p> <p>♄</p>	<p>Nocturnal</p> <p>Earth</p> <p>Cardinal</p>	<p>mature</p> <p>responsible</p> <p>cynical</p> <p>ambitious</p> <p>solitary</p> <p>confined</p>	<p>actualized potential</p> <p>high-quality things</p> <p>to be a good role model</p> <p>self-deprecating humor</p> <p>following the rules</p>	<p>🏠 Domicile</p> <p>👑 Exaltation</p> <p>⚔️ Detriment</p> <p>👁️ Fall</p>	<p>Saturn</p> <p>Mars</p> <p>Moon</p> <p>Jupiter</p>
<p>Aquarius</p> <p>♒</p> <p>👤 🤖</p>	<p>Saturn</p> <p>♄</p>	<p>Diurnal</p> <p>Air</p> <p>Fixed</p>	<p>innovative</p> <p>humanitarian</p> <p>logical</p> <p>eccentric</p> <p>antisocial</p> <p>scientific</p>	<p>to plot the revolution</p> <p>freedom to be eccentric</p> <p>someone to geek out with</p> <p>social reform</p> <p>big picture thinking</p>	<p>🏠 Domicile</p> <p>👑 Exaltation</p> <p>⚔️ Detriment</p> <p>👁️ Fall</p>	<p>Saturn</p> <p>–</p> <p>Sun</p>
<p>Pisces</p> <p>♓</p> <p>🐟 🌈</p>	<p>Jupiter</p> <p>♃</p>	<p>Nocturnal</p> <p>Water</p> <p>Mutable</p>	<p>sensitive</p> <p>imaginative</p> <p>holistic</p> <p>magical</p> <p>compassionate</p> <p>overwhelmed</p>	<p>art and music</p> <p>unconditional love</p> <p>help surviving</p> <p>creative emotional outlets</p> <p>seeing the connections between things</p>	<p>🏠 Domicile</p> <p>👑 Exaltation</p> <p>⚔️ Detriment</p> <p>👁️ Fall</p>	<p>Jupiter</p> <p>Venus</p> <p>Mercury</p> <p>Mercury</p>

# Houses

House	Primary topics	Additional topics	Type of house
1st 	Me, my sense of self, my health, my physical appearance	My default approach to life, how other people first see me	<b>Angular</b> a foundational part of my life; the AC
2nd 	My personal financial resources, the stuff I own	My subconscious attitudes about money and the material world, my self-evaluation	<b>Succedent</b> a part of my life that supports and reinforces the preceding angular house
3rd 	My siblings, my extended family, my roommates, things I do to connect with my local community	My communication and writing skills, childhood education, community education, my local surroundings, errands, transportation	<b>Cadent</b> a part of my life that involves learning and adapting
4th 	My parents, my home, real estate, my ancestry	Father figures, my sense of belonging, my hidden emotions	<b>Angular</b> a foundational part of my life; related to the IC
5th 	Children, creative and artistic output, my sex life, my good luck	Pleasure-seeking activities, gambling/risky ventures	<b>Succedent</b> a part of my life that supports and reinforces the preceding angular house
6th 	Mundane life tasks and routines, illnesses and injuries, my bad luck	Pets, my co-workers or employees, my volunteer work, hard work in general, people who labor	<b>Cadent</b> a part of my life that involves learning and adapting
7th 	My life partners, my business partners, my closest friends	My nemeses, contracts that I engage in, my attitudes towards “the other”	<b>Angular</b> a foundational part of my life; the DC
8th 	Collective finances (shared bank accounts, inheritances, taxes, debts), death / mortality	Fear & anxiety, psychology / therapy, cultural taboos	<b>Succedent</b> a part of my life that supports and reinforces the preceding angular house
9th 	My life philosophy, higher education, my world travels, things I do to expand my mind	Foreigners; teachers; religious figures; astrology, spirituality, other philosophical studies	<b>Cadent</b> a part of my life that involves learning and adapting
10th 	My career, what I’m known for in the public, the work that I’m passionate about	Authority figures, mother figures	<b>Angular</b> a foundational part of my life; related to the MC
11th 	My friend groups, organizations and networks I participate in, people who help me out	The qualities I attract in friends, my hopes and dreams for the future	<b>Succedent</b> a part of my life that supports and reinforces the preceding angular house
12th 	My need for alone time, things I do behind the scenes, places of isolation and confinement, my experiences of loss	People who try to thwart me, self-sabotage, my dream world, parts of myself that are unseen, my subconscious	<b>Cadent</b> a part of my life that involves learning and adapting

# Aspects

Aspect	Relationship	Function and keywords
Conjunction ♊	0°: Planets are “on top of” each other, usually in the same sign.	A commingling of energies; emphasis, energy, confusion
Sextile ♎	60°: Planets are in signs of the same polarity (nocturnal or diurnal) but do not share element or modality	Creative opportunity, support
Square ♋	90°: Planets are in signs of the same modality but do not share an element or polarity	Creative tension, dynamic, challenge and resolution
Trine ♌	120°: Planets are in signs of the same element and polarity but do not share modality	Ease, support, laziness, resources
Opposition ♍	180°: Planets are in signs exactly opposite each other, sharing the same polarity but not element or modality	Yearning, confusion, frustration, feeling torn
Quincunx ♏	150°: Planets do not share any qualities – are not the same polarity, modality, or element. A nontraditional or “minor” aspect.	Awkwardness, lack of clarity, blindness
Semisextile ♐	30°: Planets do not share any qualities – are not the same polarity, modality, or element. A nontraditional or “minor” aspect.	Awkwardness, lack of clarity, blindness

# Building an astrological sentence

Now it's time to practice! Use keywords in the previous pages to try interpreting the following chart placement:

## **Moon in Aries in the 8th house**

If we review the information about the Moon, we recall that some of its core needs are to comfort, to nurture, and to satisfy desires.

When the Moon is placed in Aries, it is going to try to meet those needs in an Aries way. We look to the descriptors for Aries to start getting an idea for how this Moon operates. Aries makes planets more brave, honest, and impulsive. So the Moon in Aries might express its bravery by boldly reaching out to comfort others. It might use its powers of honesty to nurture, and it might satisfy its desires impulsively.

We can then add the additional layer of 8th house keywords to see more context about where and when this Aries Moon expresses its honest nurturance most clearly. The 8th house includes topics of shared resources, so the Aries Moon here might be very clear and direct about its desire to share emotional and financial resources with others. The 8th house realm of resources also includes debts, so an impulsive Aries Moon might encounter issues with financial planning. Another 8th house topic is anxiety and psychological counseling, so this Aries Moon might brave new frontiers in understanding emotional and mental health issues.

# The Basics of Astrology



## Books

- [Astrology: Using the Wisdom of the Stars in Your Everyday Life](#) by Carole Taylor
  - An amazingly comprehensive beginner's guide to astrology, covering planets, signs, houses, aspects, and more with tons of graphics for visual learners.
- [Astrology for Yourself: How to Understand and Interpret Your Own Birth Chart](#) by Douglas Bloch & Demetra George
  - Learn to read your birth chart by following along with this fun and detailed workbook!
- [You Were Born for This: Astrology for Radical Self-Acceptance](#) by Chani Nicholas
  - Oriented towards self-reflection and discovery, this workbook-style introduction to astrology by one of the most popular astrological writers today is a great first step for the astro-curious.
- [Astrology: A Comprehensive Guide to Classical Interpretation](#) by Kevin Burk
  - A helpful next step to learning how to synthesize the basics and fully understanding the “why” behind astrological meanings.
- [The Inner Sky](#) by Steven Forrest
  - A very easy to read and digestible introduction to astrological basics – planets, signs, houses, and aspects. An astrology classic!
- [The Little Crab Finds a Friend: Volume 1](#) by David Bensimon & Dominique Jaramillo
  - The first book in an upcoming series for ages 4+ that introduces children to astrology, *Volume 1* focuses on the sign of Cancer. Beautifully illustrated and including a helpful “parenting guide” for nurturing the unique needs of the sign, this book is relevant for astrology students of all ages.



## Web articles

- [cafeastrology.com](#) free natal chart reports – A wonderfully quick way to jump into the general interpretations for your natal placements! Choose a house system to explore or compare each of their four current offerings: [Whole Sign Houses](#) / [Placidus Houses](#) / [Koch Houses](#) / [Equal Houses](#)
- [alicesparklykat.com](#) – Alice Sparkly Kat offers a wealth of insightful interpretations for the foundational concepts of planets, signs, and houses. Read their entire blog or jump to these selections



## Podcasts & videos

- [The Astrology Podcast](#)
  - Planets
    - [Moon, Sun, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto, Chiron](#)
    - [How Did Pluto and the Outer Planets Get Their Meanings?](#)
  - Signs
    - [Part 1: Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo](#)
    - [Part 2: Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces](#)
  - Houses
    - [Part 1: Houses 1–6](#)
    - [Part 2: Houses 7–12](#)
    - [The Rationale of the Significations of the Houses](#)
  - Aspects
    - [The Five Major Configurations](#)
    - [Minor Aspects](#)
    - [Aspect Patterns](#)
- [The Strology Show](#)
- [Stormie Grace](#)



## Lectures & courses

- Kirah Tabourn: [Back to Basics](#)
- Kelly Surtees: [Practical Astrology for Beginners](#)
- Sam Reynolds: [Nitty Gritty Astrology](#)
- Austin Coppock: [Fundamentals of Astrology](#)
- Heather Eland: [The Cosmic Academy of Astrology](#)
- [theastrologyschool.com](#)
- [astrologyuniversity.com](#)
- [portlandastrology.org](#)
- [robertschmidtastronomy.com](#)
- [astrologywithheather.com](#)



# Resources for interpreting transits



## Books

- [Astrological Transits: The Beginner's Guide to Using Planetary Cycles to Plan and Predict](#) by April Elliot Kent
  - A great resource for learning to work with natal transits!
- [Planets in Transit: Lifecycles for Living](#) by Robert Hand
  - An easy-to-use reference for modern delineations of natal transits. All major aspects between the ten planets are described
- [Body Astrology](#) by Claire Gallagher
  - A guide to understanding the physical health manifestations of planets in signs, both natively and by transit



## Web articles

- Mundane transit delineations from [cafeastrology.com](#)
  - [Transit to Transit Planetary Aspects](#) / [cafeastrology.com](#) [for mundane interpretations]
- Natal transit delineations from [cafeastrology.com](#)
  - [Mercury Transits](#)
  - [Venus Transits](#)
  - [Sun Transits](#)
  - [Mars Transits](#)
  - [Jupiter Transits](#)
  - [Saturn Transits](#)
  - [Uranus Transits](#)
  - [Neptune Transits](#)
  - [Pluto Transits](#)
  - [Chiron Transits](#)



## Podcasts & videos

- Mundane transits
  - [The Astrology Podcast](#) Monthly and annual transit forecasts
  - [Astrology with Heather](#): Videos exploring current astrology & larger astrological concepts, released every few days
  - [Cosmic Cousins](#): Meditations for every new and full moon with info on other ongoing transits
  - [SJ Anderson](#): Weekly astrological forecasting
  - [Ghost of a Podcast](#) with Jessica Lanyadoo: Exploring the astrology of the week along with offering astrological advice to folks who write in



## Lectures & courses

- Kelly Surtees: [Professional Predictive Power – How to Combine Transits and Progressions](#)

# Resources for learning Hellenistic astrology



## Books

- [Ancient Astrology in Theory and Practice. Volume One: Assessing Planetary Condition](#) by Demetra George
  - An in-depth workbook for learning to assess traditional planetary condition according to ancient Greek methodology.
- [Hellenistic Astrology: The Study of Fate and Fortune](#) by Chris Brennan
  - A comprehensive presentation of the history and practice of Hellenistic astrology, including detail on ancient timing techniques such as annual profections and zodiacal releasing.



## Web articles

- Annual profections
  - @hnycmb\_co: July 6, 2021 [Instagram post](#)
  - Jo Gleason: [Intro to Profections](#)
  - Blaze-Maximus: [On Annual Profections: A Discerning Timing Technique](#)
- Planetary condition
  - Patrick Watson: [If You Have Planets in Fall Or Detriment You Are Doomed Part I](#)
- Zodiacal releasing & the Hermetic Lots
  - Patrick Watson: [6 Ways You Can Actually Use Lots in Astrology \(NSFW!\)](#)
  - Patrick Watson: [Zodiacal Releasing from the Lot of Nemesis: A Case Study](#)
  - Patrick Watson: [Donald Trump's Zodiacal Releasing From The Lot Of Spirit And The 2020 Election](#)



## Podcasts & videos

- The Astrology Podcast: [Zodiacal Releasing Timelord Technique](#) – A 4+ hour long presentation on the foundations of zodiacal releasing and how to use the technique. An incredible free resource!



## Lectures & courses

- Chris Brennan's [Hellenistic Astrology Course](#) – For a deeper dive into the Hellenistic techniques used in our Hellenistic plugin, such as planetary condition, decans, zodiacal releasing, and annual protected rulership.
- NORWAC lecture recordings
  - Zodiacal Releasing
    - Leisa Schaim: [Microcosms of Time: Zodiacal Releasing's Multiple Levels](#)
    - Leisa Schaim: [Zodiacal Releasing as Narrative Healing](#) (trigger warnings)
    - Leisa Schaim: [When Love Comes Around](#)
  - Other Hellenistic/traditional concepts
    - Chris Brennan: [Exploring the Ancient Conceptualization of the Malefics](#)
    - Demetra George: [Turning the Sixth House Wheel of Fortune](#)
    - Kelly Surtees: [Benefits & Blessings: Venus & Jupiter](#)
    - Benjamin Dykes: [Predictions with Traditional Solar Revolutions](#)

## Concluding thoughts

The free content that we've linked to in the preceding resources pages was created by people who once stood right where you are in the journey toward astrological fluency. It takes years of time, money, and dedication to study astrology. Please consider donating to, becoming a patron of, or booking a consultation with these generous teachers.

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