How to Use Your Honeycomb Almanac

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Acknowledgment of Country

We would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being initiated from the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, and we pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.



Outline

What are honeycomb almanacs & calendars?

What do you need to know in order to utilize them?

Creating routines for working with your almanac

Open Q&A



A few points up front

- Throughout the webinar content, we've tried to answer many of the questions we received! If you have a question, please use the Zoom webinar Q&A to submit it for the second part of the workshop!
- We'll be using the tropical zodiac with a whole sign house system in most cases.
- Astrology is a life-long learning process the almanac is a tool to help you with that! Our goal is not to be prescriptive about what everything means, but to provide the necessary data for people with a keen interest in astrology to apply and grow their own understanding.

Approaches to using the almanac

- There are many ways to use an almanac!
- As part of a regular journaling practice
- As a reference book to support your astrological practice
- As a way to plan events, or to understand the astrological weather for important times during the weeks and months of the year.
- As a way to deepen your self understanding, or to process specific personal experiences
- The calendar is great for casually perusing the astrological state of play while your making a coffee in the morning!
- The almanac is a reference tool that can be used in some or all of these ways - it's useful as a casual reference or to support a daily practice!



Astrological Resources PDF



The Ephemeris & Beyond



Ephemeris Basics

- An ephemeris gives the position of the planets and luminaries at the start of each day in the almanac time zone.
- Learning which signs oppose (180°), square (90°), trine (120°) and sextile (60°) each other is super useful!
- The calendar pages *don't* show the position of every planet each day, but they *do* highlight the most important data for that day, and show the *exact* time that events occur.
- The calendar pages *also* show how the data in the ephemeris interacts with your natal chart with only an ephemeris you would need to memorize the degrees of your natal chart.
- An ephemeris is the most fundamental tool in an astrologer's toolkit.
- The Honeycomb almanacs and calendars are really just an ephemeris on steroids!

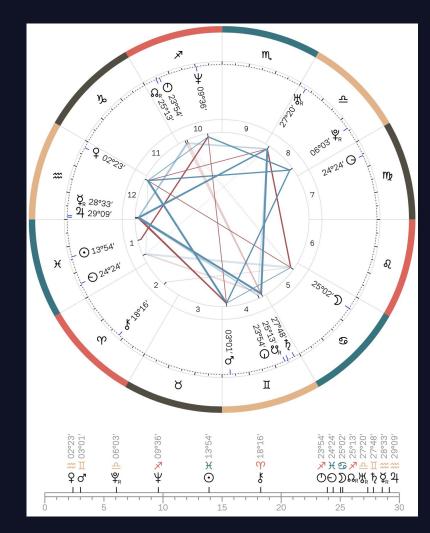
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More ways to view an ephemeris!

- A chart wheel is simply a visual representation of a point in time and position on the surface of the earth. Just like a line in the ephemeris.
- It can represent *precisely* the time and place of your birth by showing the rotation of the earth (your ascendant/midheaven), and the position of all the planets and luminaries.
- A chart can be drawn for any time and place. For example a Solar Return, a Full Moon, or an important meeting!
- Below the chart image is a view we call a chord diagram. It contains all of the information in the chart wheel, but lays out all the planets/luminaries/points in order of their degree.
- Let's see how this is useful!

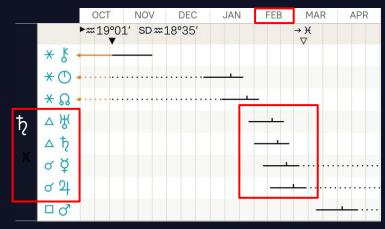


Transits and Chords

- When a transiting planet aspects an element of your natal chart, other parts of your natal chart at the same degree are often also involved.
- For example, when transiting planet is in late Aquarius, it will conjunct the natal Jupiter/Mercury conjunction in this natal chart. Not only will Jupiter and Mercury be involved, but also Saturn and Uranus, which are at similar degrees in different signs.
- A transiting planet will aspect each of these natal planets in succession, always in this same order (or reverse order if retrograde).
- These four planets in different signs are tightly related, and this native will repeatedly experience natal transits with a Uranus → Saturn → Mercury → Jupiter flavor.





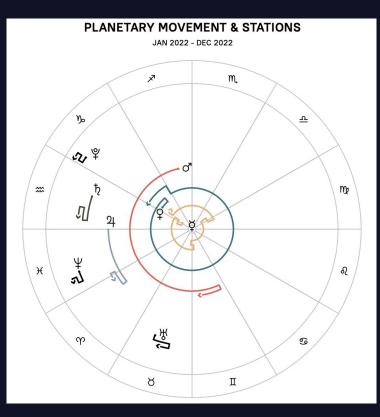


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Planetary Movement Diagram

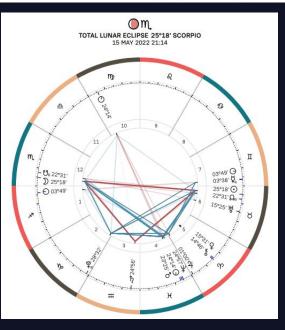
- The planetary movement diagram shows the path of the planets through the zodiac for a particular period of time.
- At a glance, you can see where each planet will transit over the period.
- It is oriented to your natal chart, so this diagram is included in the almanac of a pisces rising (pisces 1st house).
- This orientation makes it easier to understand how the transits might affect your natal chart.
- For example, Jupiter, the ruler of Pisces, spends the majority of its time in the native's first house of Pisces. That sounds important!
- We can also see that towards the end of the period, Mars will station retrograde in the native's 4th house of Gemini, and spend a longer period highlighting 4th house topics.
- The almanac includes a yearly overview, and a view of each month in the almanac.



Lunations

- The almanac includes a summary list of new and full moons for the year.
- It shows both the mundane, and natal aspects that the Moon makes at that moment.
- Mundane aspects are shown in gray, while natal aspects are shown in blue.
- If you choose the lunation charts plugin, then your almanac will also include the chart of every lunation, showing all of the mundane aspects.
- In this Sagittarius rising chart, all of the planets except the Moon are below the horizon and would not be visible from this location. The eclipsed Full Moon in Scorpio is just starting to rise in the east, right after sunset.
- Lunation charts can be an excellent way to develop a deeper understanding of the mundane astrological environment.

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Monthly Overview

- The monthly overview tells you at-a-glance what ۲ is happening for the month.
- The monthly summary contains: ۲
 - Planetary movement diagram
 - Lunation & Stations
 - Ingresses
 - Mundane planetary transits
 - Outer planet natal transits
- Printing almanac summary pages from the digital ۲ PDF can be a great handy reference!

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Creating routines with your almanac

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Identify your goals

What types of astrology are you excited about? *Hellenistic, Evolutionary, etc.*

How do you want to apply astrology to your daily life? Aligning with partnerships, building awareness of moods, learning how to help others

Do you enjoy journaling and taking notes, or do you just want a reference to glance at occasionally? *Almanac vs. wall calendar*

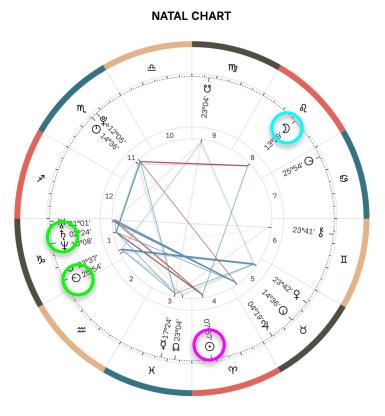




Know your key players

Transits to these planets and signs will likely be noticeable.

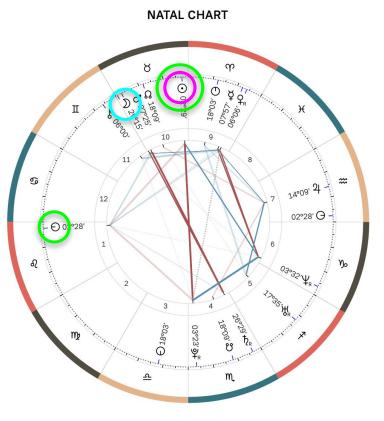
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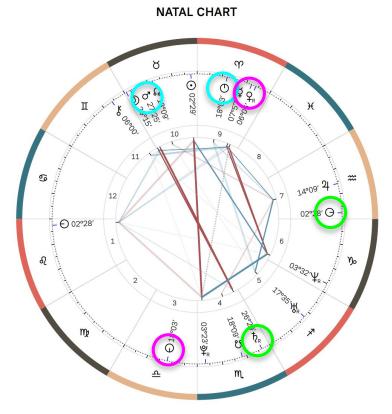
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- Moon: your physical & emotional needs, maternal figures
- **Sun**: your identity & accomplishment needs, paternal figures



Other key players

You can track the rulers of other angles & house topics too.

- O # ħ M, **Descendant / DC**: your romantic & business partners
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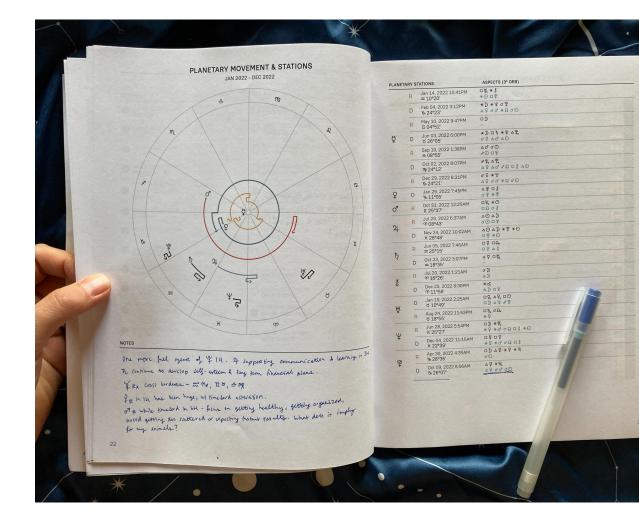


Get the big picture

What's happening this year? Listen to your favorite forecasts & take notes!

Always listen for your rising sign Get familiar with a whole signs view of your chart

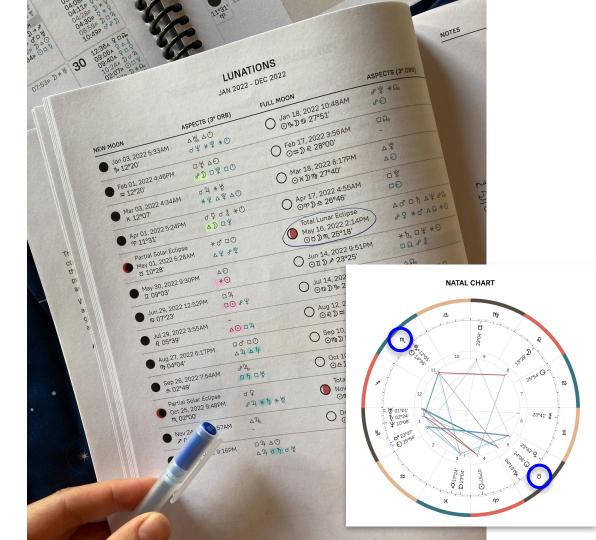
Start with the planetary movements chart – your rising sign perspective



Where are the major changes occurring?

Note the sign axis for the year's **eclipses**. Which pair of natal houses is this for your chart?

Are any of the eclipses closely aspecting your Sun, your Moon, or the lords of your angles?



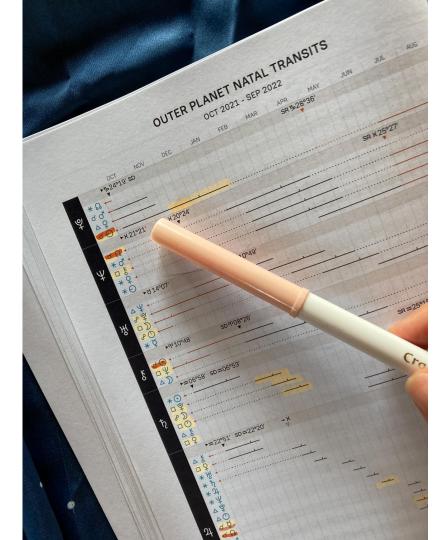
What's the dominant flavor in this meal?

Note the long term transits your chart is receiving from outer planets.

Are Pluto, Neptune, or Uranus making any conjunctions, oppositions, or squares to your natal placements?

These are typically once-in-a-lifetime events!

 $Also \rightarrow$ Who in your chart is Jupiter trying to uplift this year? Who is Saturn trying to slow down?

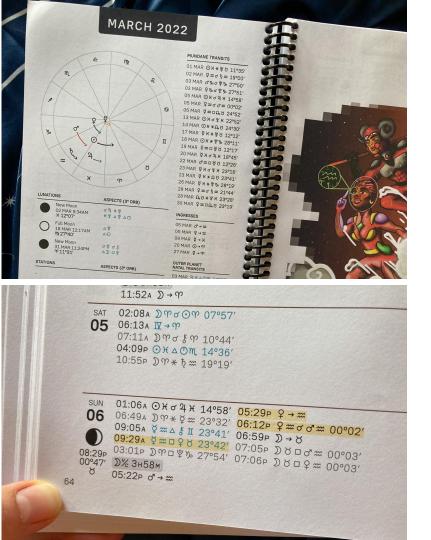


Weekly routine

Try to set aside time each week to review the monthly overview page and your next few days' transits.

Are any of the big transits of the month perfecting this week?

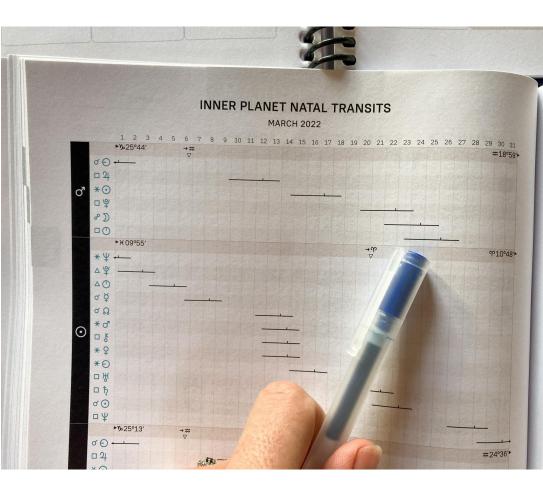
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- Outer planet natal transits



Scanning for natal transits

Are any of your key players (AC ruler, Sun, Moon, annual timelord) seeing some action?

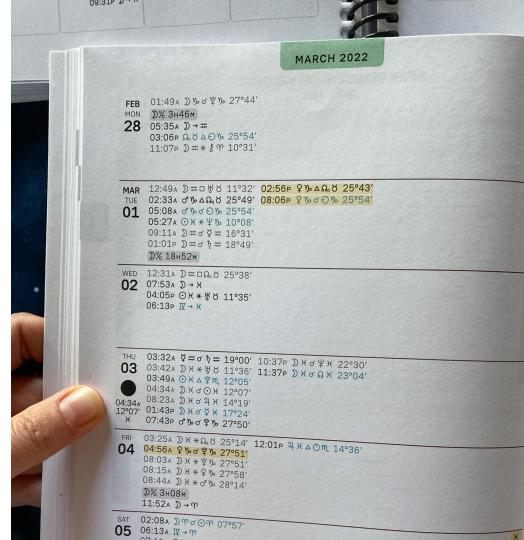
Inner planet natal transit timelines help you pinpoint the exact dates of these transits, as well as the general orb of influence.



$\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Moon} \rightarrow \textbf{Sets the vibe,} \\ \textbf{activates other planets} \end{array}$

What's the Moon up to?

- Which signs will the Moon ingress?
- Where are these in your chart?
- Will the Moon be waxing or waning?
- Who is the Moon talking to each day?



Weekly review

Try to set aside time to review the previous week's experiences & emotions. Can you pinpoint which celestial events were correlated?

- Arguments & accidents \rightarrow Mars
- Helpful people \rightarrow Jupiter
- Socializing \rightarrow Venus, Moon
- Roadblocks \rightarrow Saturn
- Learning \rightarrow Mercury

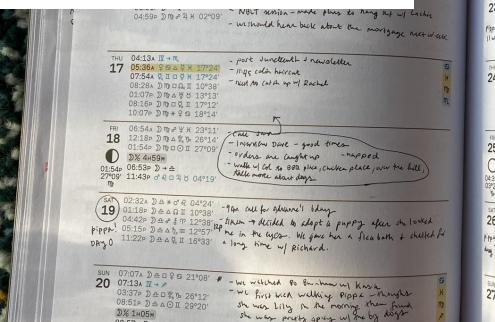


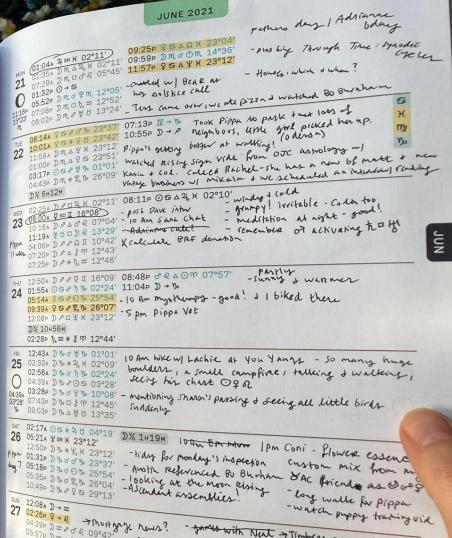
Daily routine

Glance at your almanac or calendar periodically to refresh your memory.

Take notes about your life!

Your future self will thank you.





In conclusion

Astrology is A LOT. You're doing a great job!

Your natal chart is unique – any general forecasts you read or listen to won't be able to cover the nuances of your exact placements.

 \rightarrow If you're able to, set aside money for one-on-one consultations with professional astrologers. It will really help your learning journey!

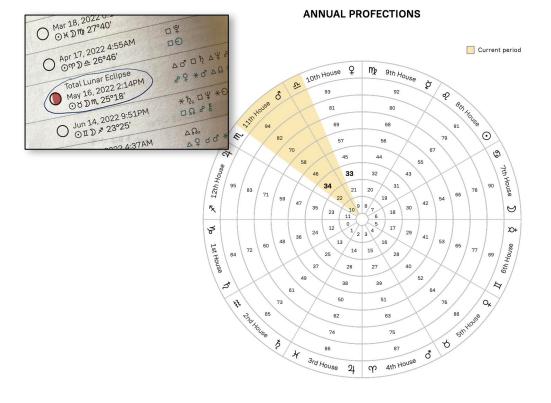
 \rightarrow If you're able to, join astro community spaces like Ascendant Assemblies to compare notes with other students!

Annual profections



Get the Big Picture

If you're working with Hellenistic techniques, pay attention to transits through the profected sign in addition to transits of the annual timelord.



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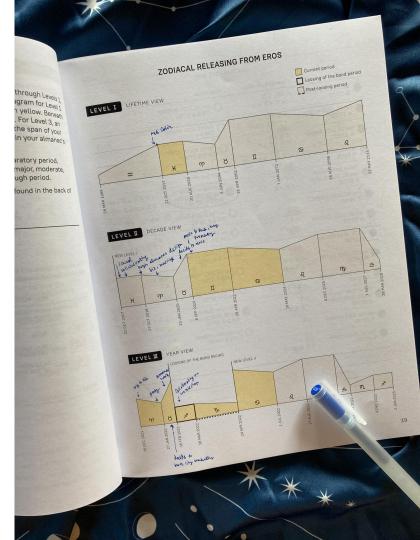
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Where are you in the overall narrative for this particular Lot?

Sometimes it's hard to see the story play out in real time, and it can be easier to piece it together after the fact.

Taking notes in your almanac can help your future self piece it all together!



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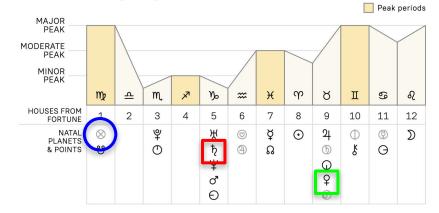
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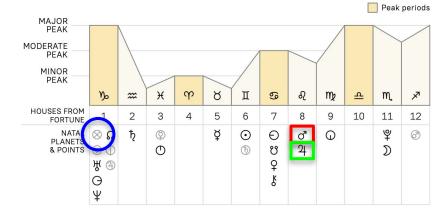
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Weekly routine for ZR

If you're tracking zodiacal releasing, what was the narrative of the week?

- Are you building toward something? Caught up in a busy peak period? Moving through a resolution?
- Can you link up any experiences with previous ZR periods in the same sign?



Planetary conditions

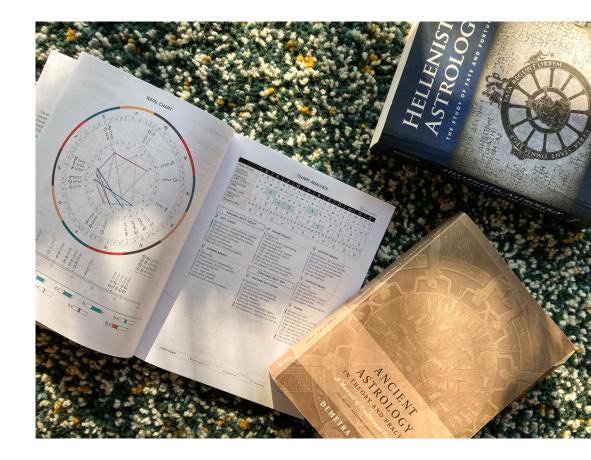


Hellenistic Planetary Condition

Developed in consultation with:

- Demetra George, author of Ancient Astrology in Theory and Practice, Vol. 1
- Chris Brennan, author of Hellenistic Astrology: The Study of Fate and Fortune

Indicate the relative ability of the planet to implement its agenda, how excessive or deficient it may be.



Hellenistic Planetary Condition

Very supportive conditions

Essential dignities, mutual reception, bound and triplicity rulership, technical bonification

Supportive conditions

Everything else that's favorable

Very challenging conditions

Essential debilities and technical maltreatment

Challenging conditions

Everything else that's unfavorable

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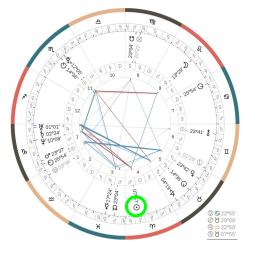
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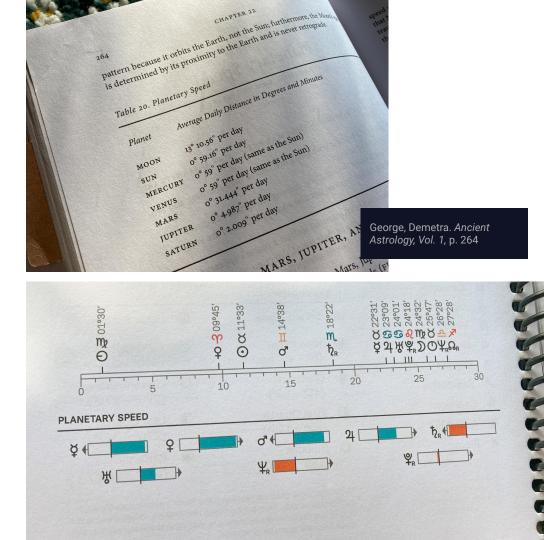
Planetary speed & element charts



Planetary Speed

A traditional perspective for assessing strength & impact of a planet.

Each planet has its own relative apparent speed. Sun and Moon are constant, others vary due to retrograde.



Planetary Speed

Planet moving direct at the top of its range?

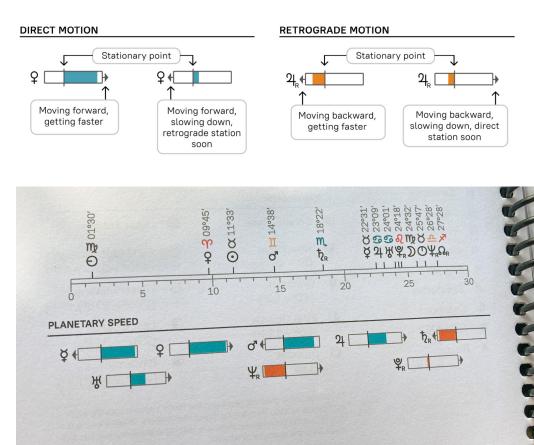
 \rightarrow Quickly implements its agenda.

Planet moving retrograde at maximum backward motion?

← Might take awhile for it to manifest its intentions.

Planet stationary?

* A special emphasis in your life.

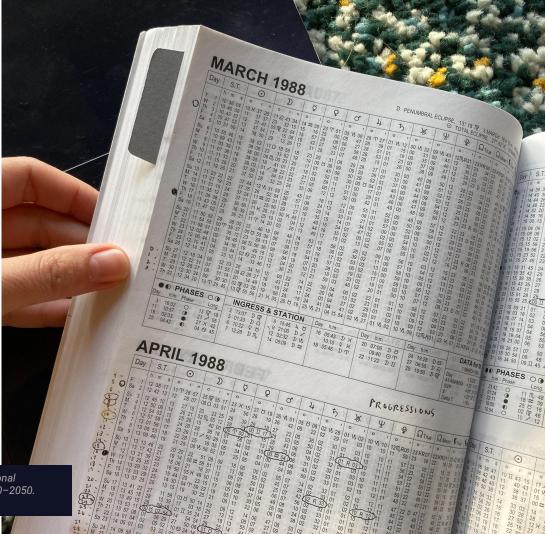


Planetary Speed

Take a look at an ephemeris for the days surrounding your birth date.

Compare each planet's average daily pace to the ground they were covering at that time.

Note whether any planet stationed direct or retrograde within a week or two.



The New International Ephemerides, 1900–2050. AURÉAS Editions.

Element & Modality Graphs

Indicates the distribution of the four elements and three modalities in the natal chart.

Rough impression only, based on relative priority of certain planetary placements.

ELEMENTS & MODALITIES



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