

Understanding the Planets in Astrology

The Cosmic Family

Planets

So now we get to meet the main players, those planets, Gods and Goddesses that roam through those houses, the signs, switching robes and alliances according to the influences around them. But. They bring plenty of they're own vibes to the chart too. ..



The Sun rules Leo, Apollo is one god reference

The urge to live

Keywords: action, ego, identity, your 'star' sign is your Sun Sign



The Moon rules Cancer, Diana is one goddess reference

The urge to respond

Keywords: react, feminine energy, the Mother, rhythm, habit



Mercury rules Gemini and Virgo

The urge to communicate

Keywords: communication, mercurial, changeable, talk, writing





Venus rules Taurus and Libra

The urge to love

Keywords: love, peace, beauty, music, money, food, relationship



Mars rules Aries and Scorpio (Scorpio as ancient ruler)

The urge to survive

Keywords: war, assertive, passionate, argumentative, high-energy



Jupiter rules Sagittarius

The urge to grow

Keywords: luck, optimism, travel, abundances, second chances



Saturn rules Capricorn

The urge to control

Keywords: control, responsibility, restrict, limit, time and karma





Uranus rules Aquarius

The urge to change

Keywords: shock, surprise electric, humanitarian, individual



Neptune rules Pisces

The urge to dream

Keywords: mystical, dream, intuition, hidden, illusion



Most commonly used is the P shaped symbol

Pluto rules Scorpio

The urge to transform

Keywords: destruction, transformation, deep, what lies beneath



Now consider them as people, acting out their role in your chart.

The Sun - confident, ego driven, entrepreneur, player

The Moon - supportive mother, a nurturer, homemaker

Mars – sporty, raucous, argumentative young adult

Mercury - impish, mischievous younger person, brother

Venus- beautiful, graceful younger person, sister

Jupiter - wise, older person, well travelled

Saturn - grumpy, traditional, stickler for the rules
older, boss or father

Uranus -mad scientist, crazy acting, brilliant minded

Neptune - ethereal, middle aged, spiritually inclined,
forgetful sort

Pluto - dark, brooding, Heathcliff intense sort, stormy

And yes, if you've spotted it;

the first house is similar to Aries, and to Mars,

the second to Taurus and Venus

the third to Gemini and Mercury

the fourth to Cancer and The Moon

the fifth to Leo and The Sun

the sixth to Virgo and Mercury

the seventh to Libra and Venus

the eighth to Scorpio and Pluto

the ninth to Sagittarius and Jupiter

the tenth to Capricorn and Saturn

the eleventh to Aquarius and Uranus

the twelfth to Pisces and Neptune

Here be magic!

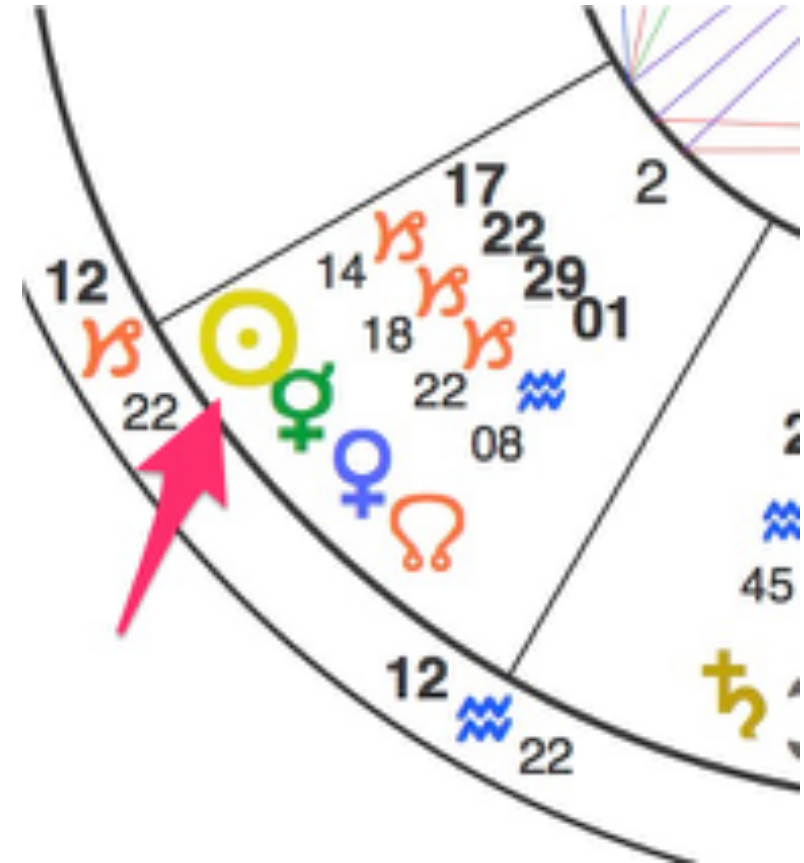
You will see that each planet, sign and house has keywords attached.

You're about to discover how to read a chart, how to put all of those things together

Using this sentence insert your Sun, it's sign and the house you find it in:

The Urge to (Planet) is expressed in a (Sign) way in the area of (House)

So: for Elvis



The urge to LIVE is expressed in a SERIOUS way in the area of RESOURCE
or

In astro speak: The Sun in Capricorn in the 2nd house. Glyphs ☉♁2nd.

That makes no sense.

You're right, so this is where you turn on your intergalactic translator and come up with that in plain English.

This person is likely to be serious about earning money, through property, food, or the arts; but must be in control.

For Elvis and Mercury it would be

The urge to communicate is expressed in a structured way in the area of resources

or

This person could find writing helps them make money

NOTE: **could, may, it's possible, might, is likely to** - astro speak!

How do you know which words to pick? Intuition. **Let the magic in.**

A word of warning

Sometimes a planet can be alongside another, in the same house, looking all lovely and cosy but it's an imposter - it's actually in another sign! This happens because your rising sign, Asc, isn't likely to be perfectly at 00:00 degrees.

Here's an example

In Elvis's chart his Moon is in the third house, but it's in Pisces, not Aquarius, even though it's right next to Saturn who is in Aquarius.

Check each Planet, Sign and House. It's a good habit to get into.



It may help to write it out longhand, rather than use the glyphs, try doing both so you begin to understand the shorthand. Use your legend. So in Elvis's chart. Can you write out the glyphs? The first two are done for you.

The Sun is in Capricorn in the 2nd instead of ☉♑^{2nd}

The Moon is in Pisces in the 3rd instead of ☾♓^{3rd}

Mercury is in Capricorn in the 2nd

Venus is in Capricorn in the 2nd

Mars is in Libra in the 11th

Jupiter is in Scorpio in the 12th

Saturn is in Aquarius in the 3rd

Uranus is in Aries in the 5th

Neptune is in Virgo in the 10th

Pluto is in Cancer in the 8th

So how about yours?

Start with your Sun planet, sign, house

Then your Moon planet, sign, house

Mercury and so on:

Write down the planet, the sign, the house for each one and begin to interpret them. Let the magic in.

If you're studying with a friend, interpret some of their symbols, let them interpret yours perhaps?

Write out the glyphs put in longhand if you'd prefer and go for it!

The Urge to (planet) is expressed in a (sign) way in the area of (house)