

# Understanding Astrological Houses

You might have heard stuff like this:

'I have Neptune in the fourth', 'Taurus rules my eighth' and so on. Starting with the house you can instantly see where your chart is directing you, which area of your life it's likely to influence more. That's what a house is, an area of your life, it's no more complicated than that.

Another commonly asked question is what does your rising sign mean, what's your ascendant? It's what's coming over the eastern horizon on the date, time and place of your birth.

It's the start of your houses, it's number one, the sign that governs the start line of your chart.

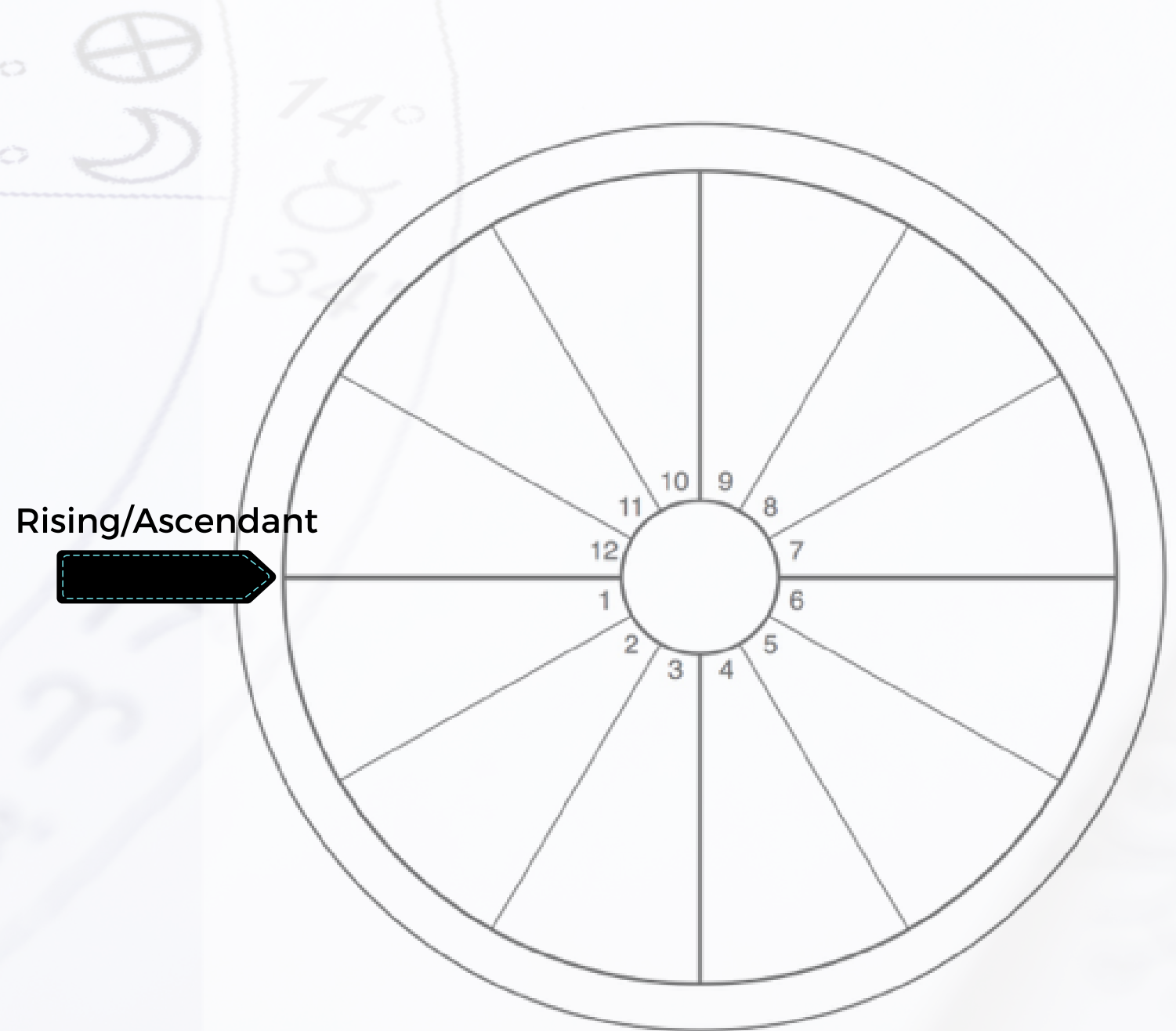
So the line on the left hand side of your chart is your ascendant.

This is the cusp of your first house, the next line is the cusp of your second house and so on. You can see how important it is to have this start point, you can't get it without a time of birth.

You can still have a very useful chart based on planets and signs, but it takes away the information from the houses.

Now you have that, you can count along the houses in an anti-clockwise direction; say there's currently a lot of activity in Aquarius and your rising sign is Cancer, you'd simply count Cancer as one then move along until you get to Aquarius, which will be eight. You'll know that the planets are probably affecting you in that area of your life.

A Chart is split into 12 Houses  
Using Equal Houses  
30 Degrees per sign



# Around The Houses

## **First House Self**

Self-image, how people see you. How you start things, your general outlook, how you physically look to others, the personality you present, your landing page!

## **Second House Resources**

Money, resources, self-worth and attitude towards possessions. How generous you are and your values, moral code. What food you like to eat, how much, and how you provide for yourself.

## **Third House Communication**

How you interact with neighbours, siblings and your early environment.

How you formulate thoughts, speaking, writing, language and how you make conversation. Emails, letters, phone calls, how you get around with short distance travel. Cars.

## **Fourth House Family,**

Home, Security Psychological foundations, roots, family and home. Maternal connections, the mother, carer, ancestors, house sales and purchases, baking bread.

## **Fifth House Self expression, Creativity, Fun, Romance Children.**

Creativity, self-expression, pleasure, enjoying life, hobbies and joining in with friends. Drama, having good times, new love, true love and hitting the dressing up box.

## **Sixth House Work and Health**

Day to day working life rather than big career moves, methodical approaches, lists and doing things right. Health, nutrition, pets and being of service to others.



## **Seventh House Partnerships and Marriage**

Companionship, how you interact with one individual, legal matters, contracts and counselling. Marriage, first marriage, mediating, how you respond one on one.

## **Eighth House Transformation, Sexuality, Shared Income**

Transformation, like the phoenix through difficult times, death, rebirth and the growth that comes from that process. Taxes, divorce, inheritance, where you share your money.

## **Ninth House Beliefs, Higher Learning, Travel**

What you believe in and why, adventurous spirit and what your philosophy in life is likely to be. Higher education, publishing, overseas and long distance travel.

## **Tenth House Career, Status, Reputation**

What do you contribute to society, how are you perceived by your peers, your reputation, material success and position? Your boss, the government, your father, what you want to achieve.

## **Eleventh House Aspirations, Hopes and Wishes, Groups, Social Media**

Acquaintances rather than friends, groups and that includes on-line groups, hopes and wishes and charitable work, humanity and finding a place to give back.

## **Twelfth House Soul Growth, Letting go, Privacy, Spirituality**

What's hidden, what lies beneath, Karma, undoing the knots that bind, soul work, soul growth, lost items, hospitals and institutions, intuition and spirituality.