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# AN ASTROLOGICAL GLOSSARY

## HOROSCOPE

A diagram showing where the Sun, Moon, and planets were located at a specific time and place with reference to the local horizon.

## ZODIAC

An path of twelve 30-degree constellations in the sky, symbols of ancient mythological archetypes, that form the background against which the positions of the planets are measured.

## HOUSES

Twelve divisions of the sky, starting from the horizon within which planetary energies are projected onto different areas of life such as finances, relationships, family, career, etc.

## PLANETS

The Sun, Moon, and the remaining planets of the solar system, sometimes expanded to include other celestial objects such as asteroids, each symbolizing a distinct side of the human persona.

## ASCENDANT (RISING SIGN)

The point where the zodiac intersects the horizon, forming the cusp of the First House. The Ascendant represents a person's outer face or 'persona.'

## MIDHEAVEN

The point of the zodiac that is highest in the sky at a specific time and place, marking the cusp of the Tenth House. The Midheaven represents one's goals and aspirations.

## ASPECTS

Angular relationships between pairs of planets indicating whether they are in harmony or in conflict. Harmonious aspects are trines (120°) and sextiles (60°); oppositions (180°) and squares (90°) represent stress and challenges.

## TRANSITS

The current motion of the planets measured against their starting position in the birth chart. Similar to aspects, they indicate whether current planetary conditions are working with or against one's own native characteristics and experiences.

## SYNASTRY

The process of comparing two horoscopes to see how they interact with each other or whether they are compatible, as with between friends, family, or coworkers, for example.



## ASTROLOGY SERVICES

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## WHAT IS ASTROLOGY?

Astrology is the ancient art of understanding and predicting earthly events by studying the movements of the stars and planets. Based on the metaphysical principle "As above, so below," astrology considers human life as an unfolding series of patterns and cycles that mirror the ongoing cycles of the planets and their ever-changing relationships with each other.

## MORE THAN JUST YOUR SUN SIGN

You are probably familiar with your Sun sign; perhaps you even read your daily horoscope in a newspaper or magazine. But your Sun sign is only one small part of your astrological profile. The Moon's position, for example, describes your feelings and unconscious side. Mercury represents how you think; Venus, how you love; Mars, how you fight. And that's just the beginning—there is a wealth of information contained in your horoscope that can open your eyes to a whole new perspective on yourself and your future!

## THE HOROSCOPE

Your birth chart, or natal horoscope, maps out where each of the planets were located at the precise date, time, and place of birth. Using this chart, you can see how and where planetary energies manifest in your own life, whether in harmony or in conflict, allowing you to better understand the underlying patterns that have shaped your past and will continue to shape your future.

## THE INITIAL CONSULTATION

When you make your first appointment, Center staff will take down your birth information (date, time, and place) and have a copy of your horoscope prepared in advance. At the appointment itself, Phil will sit down with you and explain your chart in detail, discussing strengths and challenges in areas such as career and finances; family, friends, and relationships; personal identity issues; and your ongoing spiritual development.

## ONGOING SERVICES

After your initial appointment, we will keep your horoscope in our files for use in future consultations. These can be astrological forecasts (anywhere from one to six months), comparisons of your horoscope with those of friends, family, coworkers, spouses, etc., or consultations on specific topics or concerns you may have regarding any area of your life, such as upcoming events, repeating behavior patterns, past lives, career decisions, and much, much more.

Simply call or drop in to make an appointment, and explain what you would like to focus on in the consultation. Phil will prepare in advance whatever materials necessary to answer your questions.

## PRINTED REPORTS

In addition to consulting services, we can also provide you with detailed, informative horoscope interpretation reports that you can keep for ongoing and future study. Natal horoscope reports can be illustrated in color and wire-bound, making them a perfect birthday or holiday gift. We also offer three-, six-, or twelve-month forecasts that you can refer to for ongoing reference throughout the year. You can even have them printed and bound as personalized astrological datebooks, so you can be up-to-date on all the planetary influences active in your life in any given day, week, or month. Horoscope comparison reports are available as well, and make thoughtful, fascinating wedding or anniversary gifts.

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.....\$45/30 MIN.

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