
Personality Analysis
with Psychological Astrology

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GENERAL EXPLANATIONS ABOUT ASTROLOGICAL INTERPRETATION

Astrology can enlighten our behavior and clarify correlations in life. However, it can't and shouldn't pin a person down. An astrological birth picture consists of symbols that have been translated into words and concrete examples in the following text. For the sake of clarity, some examples have been exaggerated.

What astrology has to say can be explained by using examples. You have different aspects of your personality like your will, feelings, rational mind, etc. Imagine these to be actors who are staging the play of "life" together. Astrology describes the actors, their qualities and weaknesses, and their relationships with each other. But astrology has little to say about the play that is being acted. You decide this with your free will.

Experienced actors to whom you can constantly give new stage directions are necessary for a good play. The more you know the needs of your actors, the more you can bring them together into a harmonious and unified "play" and let them express themselves on your life's stage. The following pages will be a guide for doing this.

When reading them, you will discover contradictions. For example: one section describes the need for a calm and stable relationship, and another section says that you need stimulation and variety within a relationship. Such a contradiction contains the demanding challenge to express both opposites.

The following text is not a "fortune-telling horoscope" because you alone are the architect of your own destiny. The horoscope describes the "raw material" that you have available.

APPEARANCE

The Ascendent symbolizes the "display window" or the "mask" of your personality, which means the qualities that you primarily exhibit to the outside world and other people initially perceive in you. It indicates an area with which you are familiar on the one hand, but challenges you throughout your lifetime to intensively develop your personality on the other hand.

Ascendent in Sagittarius

Capable of Enthusiasm and Convincing

With the Ascendent in Sagittarius, you make a lively, spontaneous, and enthusiastic impression. In both the concrete and the figurative sense, you need a great deal of movement. It's possible that you strongly identify with your behavior; you find it important to make a convincing impression. If exaggerated too much, this can turn into a missionary or boastful approach. Life challenges you repeatedly to not only show enthusiasm, power of imagination, and the search for higher values and meaning as a "mask" to the outside world but to also let these attributes become your inner qualities. By playing the role of an idealistic person, you will increasingly be able to call ideas, enthusiasm, and the joy of inner and outer growth your own personality characteristics.

The Ascendent is like a pair of glasses through which you can perceive the surrounding world with a special hue. You see the world with the concept that everything is interwoven with everything else, that it has meaning and exists within a larger context. Your approach to life is full of zest and enthusiasm. If reality fails to correspond with your ideas of it, you will be relatively quick in finding something new for which you can "be on fire" since you quite simply need enthusiasm in your life.

You enjoy exciting yourself and others with an idea. If you take an unbiased look at your behavior, you should be able to find numerous examples in which you have worked up and propagated an ideal as an end in itself. There is no doubt that optimism is positive, but your causes need a realistic basis and people who want to listen to them on their own initiative. You may, however, have a hard time in taking this into consideration and respecting the outer boundaries.

ESSENTIAL NATURE AND WILL

Just as the Sun is the central star of the solar system in astronomical terms, it also symbolizes the essential nature of a human being in astrology. Its position in the birth picture tells us something about our ego-consciousness, about our will and the way in which we shape our lives.

Sun in Pisces

Yielding to the River of Life

In your innermost being, you are empathetic, sensitive, and full of devotion to all existence. Life is like a river for you; you let yourself be carried and swept away somewhere, take on many forms, and then let go of them again. In concrete terms, this could mean that you don't draw up a concept of how your life should look but rather let everything come as it may. You have an inner sense of security and trust that a higher power will carry you to the right place on its own.

You are sensitive and empathetic. Your will is flexible and adaptable. Sometimes it isn't all that clear to you who you are and what you want. You let yourself be influenced by others, both positively and negatively. If no other aspects of your personality offer you stability and structure, it will be relatively easy for your life to become a ship without a helmsman and drift off into chaos or addiction. Other possible stumbling blocks are self-pity or the feeling of owing something to others. Perhaps you frequently help others without receiving anything in return.

It's important that you find stability within yourself and feel your "ego" and your will so that you can decide yourself when you want to be sensitive (and therefore influenceable) and when you want to assert your will. You have a rich inner life when it comes to your feelings and fantasies. And you have the ability of completely devoting yourself to something; for example, feeling at one with nature or immersing yourself in music.

Sun in the Third House

In Contact with Your Surroundings

With the qualities described above, you would like to create contacts and convey information. You have a deep need to learn and intellectually process acquired knowledge and pass it on. The exchange of ideas with other people is almost as important to you as your daily bread. You probably feel very much at home in the area of media, schools, or other centers of exchange, of conveying information and knowledge, and also express yourself more intensely here. You value flexibility and relaxed, companionable, and practical social manners. There are a variety of interests in your life.

Sun/Mars in Conjunction

Convincing Initiative

The core of your being and your will have a direct connection to the part of your personality that takes action. This means that you also have the ability to actually do what you want to do. Will and actions are harmonious with each other. When you do something, you do it with your body and soul. As a result, you make an energetic and convincing impression. Goals aren't just castles in the air for you - you also work toward their realization. Where there's a will, there's a way. This sentence may be an important guiding motive for you.

You have a dynamic personality. You immediately translate an impulse of the will into action. Perhaps you are sometimes too impulsive in doing this and only notice in the reactions of your surrounding world that you have overstepped your boundaries and overshot your goal.

FEELINGS AND TEMPERAMENT

The Moon symbolizes the emotional, childlike/passive, and receptive principle. It stands for the needy part of us that would like to live according to its feelings and spontaneously reacts according to desire or reluctance. In this part of our personality, we are sensitive and impressionable, perceive moods, and need a sense of security and warmth. We can imagine this part to be like a small child within us. If it gets what it needs, we feel good and lively. However, we often have to go through periods of stagnation and discontentment before we recognize and satisfy its needs.

The Moon embodies the feminine principle and also stands for the aspect within us that, full of caring willingness, would like to be a "mother" in the broadest sense of the word. It wants to look after others and create a sense of security.

Moon in Aquarius

An Independent Nature

You are open for new things and love diversity. Being where the action is puts you in good spirits. You need a great deal of free space. Even the idea of letting yourself be roped into something for a longer period of time will probably trigger an unpleasant feeling within you. So you tend to often stay at a safe distance and just "look over the fence" instead of getting completely involved. This emotional distance protects you from emotional entanglements and boring obligations; but, at the same time, it keeps you from experiencing emotional depth and attachment. You take great liberties for yourself, probably value your independence a great deal, and simultaneously miss the warmth and support of close attachment with other people.

Because of your secure feeling of being an individualist and unique, you don't necessarily react within the framework of social norms. You may enjoy being original and unusual. When someone wants to obligate you to something or exerts pressure on you, you quickly find things to be too close. You prefer to voluntarily commit yourself than to do so under compulsion. There is a rebellious vein within you, together with the ability of recognizing and leaving behind outdated structures.

You feel good when you are with people who have similar interests and viewpoints. You want to be understood and valued as an equal. Communication, intellectual stimulation, equality, and - quite obviously - a great deal of personal freedom are necessities for you.

Moon in the Second House

Material Security Is Important

In order to feel well, you need a home, a place that offers stability and gives you a sense of security. You want to have a good time in peace and comfort. With your down-to-earth sensuality, you

probably are also interested in enjoying a tasty meal, as well as physical contact and eroticism. You find security through both inner and outer values, such as in a stable sense of self-worth, in your own house, or in a certain luxury. You identify quite strongly with your assets, whether they are material or spiritual. Formulated in rather extreme terms, the way you handle money is dependent on your respective mood. Your free spending may alternate with a tendency to save money. However, a certain material affluence is a prerequisite for your well-being.

Moon/Jupiter in Conjunction

Trust in the Good

You encounter life full of cheerful expectations and optimism, together with a lively fantasy and power of imagination when it comes to what could be. Like the girl from the fairytale of the "Star Talers" who catches the treasure from the sky with an open apron, you receive the good in life with open arms. This positive approach makes many things easier for you, but it can also let you disregard reality if you wait too much for good fortune to fall into your lap without doing anything for it.

Your personal charm is remarkable. You are generous and tolerant. However, as a result you may also tend to be immoderate in things like eating or shopping. You want to be valued and respected by your fellow human beings. In order to feel good, you need recognition. You like having a good time. "Live and let live!" could be your motto. You have a natural talent for reacting correctly at the proper moment and saying and doing the right thing. To the extent that you realistically assess your situation, this can open many doors for you.

COMMUNICATION AND THOUGHT

Mercury symbolizes the area of our personality related to thinking, information, and communication. The position of Mercury in a birth picture throws light on a person's way of thinking, preferred interests, and learning methods, as well as language and rhetorical abilities.

Mercury in Aquarius

Rich in Ideas

Your thinking is oriented toward the future. You are good at perceiving the possibilities to be found in a situation and have a clear idea of how this or that could be improved. You think quickly and immediately create interconnections in your mind. You probably have no lack of interests and ideas; to the contrary, you tend to want to get involved with too many things at one time. You need mental stimulation and variety. At the same time, you easily yield to the tendency of keeping feelings and everyday banalities at a safe distance and mostly just deal with them in a theoretical manner. You don't particularly like entanglements.

Since you are very quick in the mental area, you may react quite impatiently to people who think more slowly than you. In discussions, you represent a clear opinion that can be quite individualistic and even eccentric. You prefer to talk to people with a similar wave length. Your interests are diverse and unconventional.

Mercury in the Second House

Interest in Questions of Value

Your interests are focused on values. You think about your possessions, whether they are money, a house, collector's items of some sort, or the issue of your own value, talents, and physical abilities. You would like to employ your knowledge and verbal ability in a way that increases its value. Among other things, education or training is an investment. Your approach is to use your mind to create a solid, material basis in life. When dealing with material values, you are correspondingly flexible, inventive, and willing to learn something new.

You think about what you call your own and how you want to invest your money. If, for example, you have decided on a house, you become informed about it, have conversations and discussions relating to it, and let the matter go through your head thorough before you take action.

Mercury/Venus in Conjunction

Conversations with Charm

Culture is an indispensable part of your life. You need contact with your fellow human beings. It's

probably easy for you to meet new acquaintances since you are good at approaching and talking to others. You make the impression of being a likable and charming person. Language is closely related to esthetics for you; swearing isn't your cup of tea. You like to say what other people want to hear. As a result, you sometimes not only make yourself popular but also cross the fine line of falseness and conformity. Your need for harmony can also lead you to just be occupied with the beautiful things in life, which can make you quite superficial.

Before you enter into a close relationship, you consider this step very carefully. You expect a partnership to be sensible. Dialog with your partner is important to you. Communication, thought, and knowledge correspondingly have high priority in your relationships.

Mercury/Uranus in a Harmonious Aspect

At Home in the Realm of Ideas and Concepts

You have a quick and clear mind. In your thoughts, you can get a general idea of things and situations and recognize correlations that remain hidden to others. You have a substantial intellectual grasp and are quick on the uptake. Your talent makes you suitable for technical occupations, for mathematics and computer technology. Your interests are diversified and unconventional. You appreciate stimulating discussions and like being quick-witted. In the process, you call a spade a spade; your unusual ideas and snappy comments aren't always met with applause. However, you like to frolic in the realm of visions and ideas. Possibilities that lie in the future fascinate you.

RELATIONSHIPS AND ESTHETICS

When Venus sparkles in the sky as the morning or evening star, it is an expression of harmony and beauty in terms of reality and as an astrological symbol. It stands for the need to be balanced and have things in common, for the striving to build bridges. It is a distinctly feminine and erotic principle and corresponds to the aspect within us that longs for a partner, seeks and creates relationships, and can be open for and enjoy all the beauty in life. The Venus in us chooses what is appropriate and agreeable for us from the diversity of people and things.

Venus in Aquarius

The Love of Originality

You are direct in approaching other people and establish many unconventional contacts. However, you are quite reserved in terms of your emotional commitment. You would like to have contact with other people, but at the same time avoid a network of relationships that is too close. You need a great deal of freedom. It may also be that you are attracted to unusual people. You seek friends who offer you variety and stimulation, have similar interests, and who lead active lives.

For you, partnership tends to mean being together in a friendly and stimulating way instead of having intensive passion. You don't like emotional entanglements. However, you are repeatedly thankful for new common fields of experimentation like ways of living together, the expression of eroticism, or styles of clothing. In order for a partnership to be happy in the long term, you need a great deal of originality that either you or your partner bring into the relationship.

Venus in the Second House

All Beauty Strengthens the Sense of Self-Worth

Relationships, as well as dealing with and owning beautiful things, strengthen your sense of self-worth. You probably value quality clothing and a tastefully decorated home since you identify with it to a certain degree and very much appreciate calling beautiful things your own. So you endeavor to find beauty, harmony, and enjoyment in life and to maintain it as well. It's important for you to care for these values like a flower garden and keep them free of weeds so that you derive the sense of security that you need from them.

With regard to a relationship, you seek an intimate kind of home and a sense of security. You aren't indifferent to the material aspect of a partnership, and you probably make sure that not only the eroticism and sensuality in your relationship functions, but also the financial aspects.

With great probability, the type of woman who fascinates you personifies many of these qualities. This means you like erotically attractive and warm-hearted women who radiate peace and contemplativeness, as well as know how to enjoy the pleasures of life.

Venus/Uranus in a Harmonious Aspect

Partnership with Stimulation

Relationships should be stimulating and bring new perceptions. An average "normal" partnership hardly satisfies you. This may mean that you look for an unusual partner, such as a person from another culture or with a major age difference. As a result, there will be variety and a certain unpredictability. However, having an unusual hobby in common, a job with a stay abroad, or a style of living together that you repeatedly redefine can also offer you the desired boost.

You need a great deal of freedom in a relationship. This can include many things, from your own circle of friends to separate residences. It's important for you to not only be part of the partnership but also to be yourself and find a balance between closeness and distance.

Venus/Pluto in a Harmonious Aspect

An Intensive Relationship

Superficial relationships don't appeal to you; you seek intensity and passion. You want to bind your partner to you. At the same time, you entangle yourself in an emotional web. You are unaccustomed to a balance of powers with mutual trust and find it difficult to achieve. Sexuality offers a suitable possibility of living out intensity and passion. In this area as well, a subtle power game is probable, at least in your younger years. However, the more you succeed at achieving merging of the soul and emotions, in addition to the physical union, the greater your satisfaction will be. To achieve this, you must reduce your reserve and need to be in control and totally surrender yourself to the other person. This is probably difficult for you to do. Such inner barriers can only be dissolved step by step in a process that takes years. At the same time, the experience of an increasing depth of emotion can enrich your partnership in many ways. In order to prove to your partner that you are worth loving, you are willing to do a great many things for her. This may become a strong motivation for a professional career or some other goal.

ACTIONS AND ASSERTION

Mars symbolizes masculinity and physical strength, as well as the capacity to take action and be assertive. It represents the part of our personality that is active in the outer world and wants to cause things to happen, that makes decisions and simply does things without asking, and that doesn't shy away from conflicts or confrontations. If something doesn't suit us, this is the part within us that defends itself and, if necessary, reacts with aggression and anger.

Mars in Pisces

Assertion with Empathy

You assert yourself in an idealistic and empathetic manner. Instead of the open battle standing in the foreground, you tend to achieve your goals through an apparently yielding nature. Sensitivity and compassion for others rub off on your decision-making ability and willpower. Your physical energy and sexuality are influenced by dreams, moods, and feelings. You are a quiet fighter who first feels his way into a situation and then intuitively has the correction reaction to it. You don't like strife and therefore have the tendency of either adapting yourself or leaving the situation. When you do something, your sensitivity lets you feel how your actions are received by the others. This can give you a feeling of "whose toes am I stepping on when I do this or that?" and limit your room for maneuvering.

Without wanting this or even consciously noticing it, you take on the unspoken aggressions of others; then you suddenly and without any externally apparent reason feel annoyed. The sensitivity with which you perceive the moods of your fellow human beings not only brings you additional problems, but also a great ability of responding to others.

Mars in the Third House

Mental and Physical Movement Is Required

You have a great deal of energy that you would like to verbally express. You enjoy getting involved in discussions with others, debating, and skillfully using words like swords in a duel. You want to assert your own opinion. In a discussion, you don't seek the common denominators and connecting factors but work out the differences.

In the area of communication and exchange - whether this is verbal or with goods in business and trade - you have much courage to take risks or at least wish you had it. In situations where others need hands to do something, you use words to assert yourself. You want to translate something into action, whether this is information or goods. You are constantly moved by an active curiosity and tackle new areas of interest, such as advanced professional training, with much initiative. You are not only mentally agile but also are constantly on the move. The image of a journalist would fit you quite well.

Mars/Saturn in a Harmonious Aspect

The Ability to Take Resolute Action

You take a matter-of-fact and purposeful approach to your work and have a good sense of how much energy you want to exert for each project. Your self-discipline, diligence, and patience are indications that you can achieve a great deal in your professional life. As a matter of principle, you prefer what has proved itself to something new, and you don't get involved in risky business deals without reservations. You know what you want and can give a resolute appearance. Your actions are characterized by a certain seriousness. You carry out what you have started and also bear the consequences for it. You expect irreproachable behavior from yourself and others. If someone gets too close to you, it may be that you close off to your fellow human beings.

THE SEARCH FOR MEANING AND GROWTH

Jupiter symbolizes the optimist in us, the part that wants meaning and expansion and sometimes gets out of control. It lets us look out for something higher and rise above the banalities of everyday life. It symbolizes the part in us that creates a relationship between things. It fills sober reality with a meaning by apportioning significance to each thing and imparting symbolic content to situations, words, and deeds.

Jupiter in the Second House

The Meaning of Personal Values

Since your parents have supported you in a relaxed approach to values of both a material and a non-material nature since early childhood, you have been able to develop an optimistic attitude in this respect. By confidently trusting that money will fly in your window, this hope almost becomes a fact. In any case, you aren't used to long hauls or at least don't see them as a reason to worry. You deal with property and wealth in a rather generous manner. That you will always have enough to live on appears obvious to you, and you see it as your due. Perhaps you have had the experience at some time of not knowing how you could pay the next rent. Yet, you were probably still able to get a good night's sleep because you are able to trust in a solution with complete confidence and optimism.

Since you presumably value a good meal and tend toward opulence, the force within you striving for strength may also express itself on the physical level. You gain weight. Or do you tend toward extravagance and live beyond your means? Just as you are an optimist in material and financial areas, you are also an optimist in terms of your inner values. You possess a healthy sense of self-worth. Instead of underestimating your talents, you will tend to overestimate them.

THE SEARCH FOR STRUCTURE AND ORDER

Saturn symbolizes the raised index finger within us, the inner authority with which we set ourselves boundaries and demand structure and responsibility from ourselves. The Saturn aspect within us is often very rigid, and then we block ourselves. However, if we have learned during the course of the years to reduce our fears and our standards of perfection, we will primarily experience Saturn as inner stability and security. In both the concrete and figurative sense, it symbolizes our backbone.

Saturn in the Second House

The Demands of Building Inner and Outer Values

You have a responsible attitude toward material values. "Getting along on very little" is a topic that never fails to affect you. The idea of no longer having enough at some point can cause you to be very frugal. Then you prefer to deny yourself a pleasure in order to not reduce the reserves of your bank account. You have a strong need for material security that expresses itself in such areas as financial independence, many insurance policies, and collecting jewelry, art, or other valuables or - as a physical emergency reserve, so to speak - in overweight.

The guiding principle of "getting along on very little" can also assume concrete forms in your life. Because of a lacking trust in your ability of coping with the material world, you reject the idea of dealing with money and possessions and just call the bare necessities your own. Or you only allow yourself pleasure in a limited way and place high demands on your body.

The confrontation with questions of value doesn't have to limit you. The clarity with which you can evaluate your financial situation, your property, and your talents may give you more inner security than the nominal balance of your bank account.

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These pages aren't meant to say: "This is how you are! You do this and that, and this is how you think," even if the formulation sometimes may give this impression. These pages contain an overview of the symbolism of the planets, as they stood in the heavens at the time and place of your birth. According to experience and statistics, there are parallels between the planetary constellations and character traits. We can use these as guides through the countless aspects of our own personality, more consciously recognizing our motivations and behavior patterns with their help.

These pages are meant to give you more clarity and some sudden insights about yourself, as well as accompany you on a portion of your path in life.