



A SHORT AND SWEET GUIDE TO THE NATAL CHART

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Welcome!

If you think that Sun signs are all that astrology has to offer, you are terribly wrong, my friend.

Astrology is an infinite source of wisdom and insight. Most people don't realize what a powerful tool it is when it comes to understanding the human psyche.

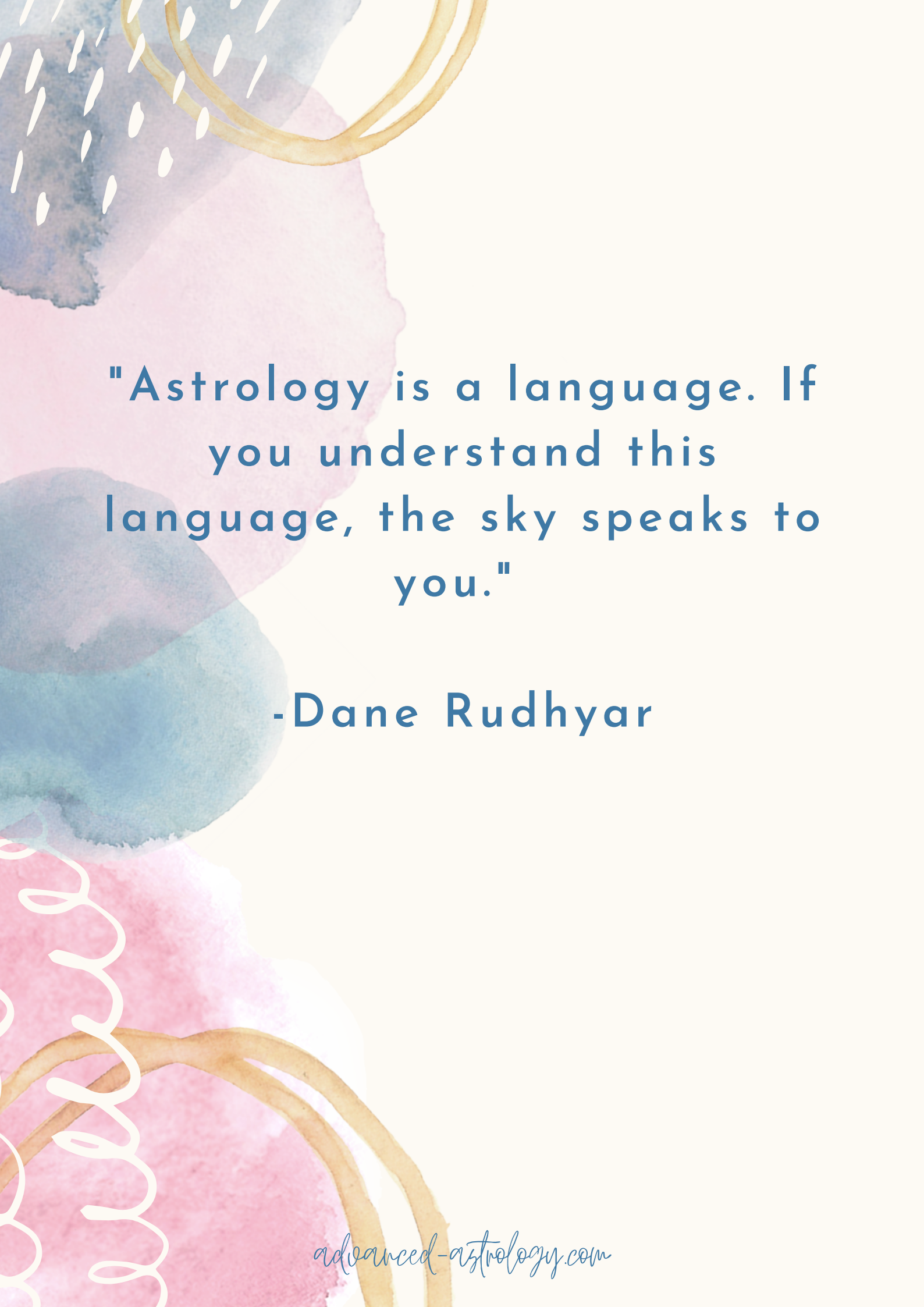
Imagine if there was a way to understand why you are here, what are your strengths and weaknesses, how to love yourself better, and in what way you sabotage yourself?

The good news is that *all this information* is available to us. It's right there in the natal chart.

Once you learn how to read the stars, they will become your best friend.

Are you ready to dive in?

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"Astrology is a language. If
you understand this
language, the sky speaks to
you."

-Dane Rudhyar

What Is Astrology All About?

As one of the most ancient techniques, astrology has been used to gain more knowledge about people and events since the ancient ages.

It has been around since the 3rd millennium BC. Astrology was part of the scholarly tradition until the 17th century. For a long time, it was intertwined with astronomy.

Astrology is about the effect of celestial bodies on us, human beings and the events happening on the planet Earth.

The natal chart is similar to a picture taken of the sky at the moment and place of a person's birth (first breath of air, if you want to be super precise). The planetary energies that were present at that moment of your birth stay with you throughout life.

The natal chart shows your potentials, strengths, weaknesses and tendencies.

Sun Sign Astrology

(Astrologers HATE this guy)

If you haven't had the opportunity to learn more about astrology, you might have the false perception that here people are divided into twelve groups, and that's it, thank you for your attention, bye.

Well, nothing could be further from the truth.

First of all, in astrology, there are:

- 9 more planets in addition to the Sun (of course, everybody knows that the Sun and Moon are NOT planets, but it's part of a tradition to refer to them as such).
- Next, each of these planets is located in one of the twelve signs of the Zodiac.
- And finally, the natal chart is divided into twelve slices called the astrological houses.

Didn't expect that, huh?

We respect that some people are triggered by mathematics, so we won't dive into the nearly endless number of combinations a natal chart can be like.

But trust me, there are a lot of possible combinations.

And we haven't even taken the aspects into account yet!

So, the three main components of a chart wheel are:

- the planets,
- the signs,
- and the houses.

There is a common simile in astrology that hits the nail on the head.

It compares the planets to actors, the signs to the costumes they are wearing and the houses to the stage on which the play a.k.a the event in one's life takes place.

Don't worry if this seems complicated, you'll get a basic understanding in no time.

The Planets

First, let's take a look at the planets. If you want to read a lengthy description about them, just click on their names.

The Sun ☉

In astrology, the Sun represents the core of the personality, the inner you. Besides, vitality, life force, and self-esteem are keywords associated with the Sun. It represents the father and male principle and the natal chart.

The Moon ☾

This celestial body stands for emotions, instincts, mood, habits. It's your personal unconscious and memory. The Moon has feminine energy. It symbolizes the archetype of the mother and the wife.

Mercury ☿

Mercury is about the conscious mind in astrology. Communication, writing, and reading all belong to Mercury. It describes the thinking and learning processes of the individual.

Venus ♀

Venus is the planet of beauty and love. Wherever Venus appears, she brings luck and harmony into that house. She rules affection and sensuality. Venus enjoys art, beauty and luxury. It's a planet of feminine energy.

Mars ♂

Mars represents the inner drive to succeed, action and assertion. Desires and sexual urges are also ruled by Mars, just like impulsiveness, aggression, and violence.

Jupiter ♃

This is the most benevolent planet, sometimes called the great fortune in astrology. Jupiter rules luck, wealth and knowledge. Beliefs, values, morality, and travel are also associated with Jupiter. It expands everything it touches.

Saturn ♄

A very infamous one! The planet of death in astrology, Saturn rules time, structures, discipline, and authority figures. Fears, facing limits and scarcity are also associated with it. Saturn is the wisdom gained through (painful) experience.

Uranus ♅

Uranus is the planet of everything unconventional and rebellious, it's always the odd-one-out. It rules individuality and freedom, but also humanitarian causes. Innovation and brilliance are also related to Uranus.

Neptune ♆

Dreams, illusions, and unconditional love are all associated with Neptune. Named after the god of the sea, this planet rules everything related to the sea and liquids. The dark side of Neptune manifests in escapism, addictions and drugs.

Pluto ♇

Pluto is all about transformation and rebirth, it's the recycler of the chart. You don't want to underestimate this small planet, power and intensity all belong to Pluto. Nothing stays secret to it.

Bonus: Chiron ♄♅

Discovered only in 1977, Chiron is an asteroid. It shows in the chart your deepest wound and how you try to heal yourself. Chiron represents the archetype of the wounded healer.

The Zodiac Signs

As you probably know, there are twelve signs in astrology. They are all paired to a planet that has similar qualities. This planet is called the ruler of the sign. In this list, you can find the ruler in brackets after the sign. Here we go:

Aries ♈ (ruled by Mars)

As the first sign of the Zodiac, Aries is initiative, full of energy, and brave. It's also assertive and self-oriented, sometimes straightforward aggressive. Patience is not one of its virtues.

Taurus ♉ (ruled by Venus)

Taurus is a very sensual sign! Some other adjectives related to Taurus are possessive, comfortable, deliberate. It can take time to get a Bull moving - but once he made up his mind, nothing can stop him.

Gemini ♊ (ruled by Mercury)

It's the most versatile and communicative of all the signs. Gemini is bubbly, curious, witty and has a way with words. However, it can be a bit superficial and lacks follow-through.

Cancer ♋ (ruled by the Moon)

Cancer is the sign of home and family. It's super intuitive, gentle and protective. Cancer likes to nurture and to take care of others. Keep in mind that Cancer people are very sensitive.

Leo ♌ (ruled by the Sun)

The King of the Zodiac - Leo is proud, warmhearted, and FUN. Creativity and children are all associated with Leo. It's charismatic and risk-taking.

Virgo ♍ (ruled by Mercury)

Virgo is all about service. Having a strong, rational mind, Virgo excels at science and medicine. It's modest, painstaking and has a strong sense of duty.

Libra ♎ (ruled by Venus)

The sign of the arts and relationships. Libra likes to socialize, it's polite, diplomatic and cooperative. Aesthetics and beauty are also associated with Libra. Many of them have artistic talent.

Scorpio ♏ (ruled by Pluto)

Wherever Pluto appears, it brings intensity and a touch of mystery. This is for sure true about Scorpio, the sign it rules! Scorpio is connected to secrets, mysteries, sexual desires and everything hidden under the surface.

Sagittarius ♐ (ruled by Jupiter)

Sagittarius is all about wisdom, philosophy, and expansion. It's always out there looking for new adventures. This benevolent and optimistic sign rules foreign travel and religion.

Capricorn ♑ (ruled by Saturn)

Capricornian energy can be described as formal, traditional and authoritative. It's the most career-oriented sign in the Zodiac. Capricorn has a tremendous amount of persistence and self-discipline.

Aquarius ♒ (ruled by Uranus)

Aquarians are cool, detached, and brilliant people. This sign has a unique and rebellious approach to everything. Independence and freedom mean everything to them.

Pisces ♓ (ruled by Neptune)

Pisces runs on love. It's all about being compassionate and sympathetic. Spiritual and dreamy, Pisces are extremely sensitive and intuitive.

The Astrological Houses

The chart wheel is divided into twelve parts called the houses. There are many house systems, but to keep this guide simple, we will for now focus only on the meaning of the houses. Let's get started!

First house

Also called the House of Self, the first house describes your physical appearance the first impression you make when people get to know you. It's the identity of the person and the mask they wear when they are in public. The cusp of the first house is called the ascendant or rising sign.

Second house

Everything you consider to be valuable is part of the second house in astrology. It's mostly associated with money and tangible possessions, however, some talents and even the physical body belong here.

Third house

The third house is the house of communication and thinking. It describes the learning process of the person. Your siblings belong to the third house, as well as transportation and the closest surroundings.

Fourth house

It's the house of home and family and describes one of your parents. The fourth house is considered to be a karmic one, it shows your ancestry and roots. How you spend your last years can be seen here, too.

Fifth house

The fifth house is all about fun and creativity. Children, sports, gambling, and speculation are associated with this house, too.

Romance and love affairs can be seen through the fifth house (but keep in mind that marriage and committed relationships are part of the seventh!). It's about taking a risk.

Sixth house

The sixth is the house of health and work. Isn't it fascinating how they are intertwined in astrology? If you suffer in your workplace, soon your health will suffer, too. Your colleagues, employees are some of the tenants of the sixth house. Oh, and pets!

Seventh house

Partnerships play the main role in the seventh house. If you are curious about marriage, you should take a look at this house. All committed relationships belong here, just like business relationships and all legal affairs.

Eighth house

The eighth house is the house of other people's resources, sex, transformation, and death. Here are to be found tax collectors, bank clerks, and inheritances, it rules other people's resources. The eighth house is a mysterious and deep place.

Ninth house

This is the house of wisdom, ethics, beliefs, and optimism. Other themes of the ninth house are higher education, long-distance travel, meeting foreign cultures and publishing and broadcasting.

Tenth house

As the house of the public self, the tenth house is all about career and how the world sees us. The cusp is called the Midheaven and it's one of the most important points in the chart. Achievements and authority figures are also associated with the tenth house.

Eleventh house

This house is about circles of society, friends, and groups. Its other name is the house of dreams and wishes, and everything that comes into our lives. It also rules technology and humanitarian causes.

Twelfth house

The last one is the infamous twelfth house, the house of sorrows and self-undoing. An astrological house of a very bad reputation, it rules endings, places of confinement, secrets and hidden enemies. On the more positive side, it rules dreams, artistic inspiration and the subconscious.

The Aspects

If you cast your natal chart, the first things you'll notice that it's scattered with red and blue lines! Why are they there and what do they mean?

To keep it short, each line is an aspect.

An aspect is the angle two planets make in a chart. Some angles are pretty meaningful, like those of 0, 60, 90, 120, 180 degrees.

Aspects can be harmonious or disharmonious, depending on the angle and the planets. However, keep in mind that the easy flow of energy doesn't necessarily mean good and tension doesn't always mean bad!

The five main aspects include:

- ☌ conjunctions: 0 degree
- ✳ sextiles: 60 degrees
- ◻ squares: 90 degrees
- △ trines: 120 degrees
- ☐ oppositions: 180 degrees between the planets.

Harmonious or "good" aspects include sextiles and trines. They are often referred to as talents.

Trine means a super easy flow of energy, however, too many of them can make a person lazy to work on them!

Sextiles are a bit more dormant, you need to make an effort to get them moving. Maybe that's the reason why people are more aware of their sextiles than trines in the natal chart.

Now let's take a look at the so-called bad aspects.

These are the squares and oppositions. When two (or more!) planets are connected by hard aspects, the person always feels some tension. For some reason, the area of life in question can't function well.

The square is the most intense aspect, in this case, there is some kind of conflict between the planets. However, think about squares as the engine of the chart.

They make you feel so uncomfortable that you simply have to take action and do something!

Oppositions feel like sitting on one side of a teeter-totter. There is no balance here. You can't decide which planet to choose.

The last aspect is the conjunction.

The conjunction is a tricky one. The qualities and planetary energies blend together. You have to take a close look at the planets and see if they can easily work with each other. If they can, it counts as a good aspect. If they can't, you're out of luck, it's a hard one.



Parting Words

Now you know how wonderful and complex astrology is.

Understanding your natal chart is one of the best things you can do for yourself. Astrology is a wonderful tool for self-knowledge.

When learning astrology, there are two things you must keep in mind:

- Nothing is set in stone. We have free will, and the outcome always depends on your actions.
- You have to take the whole chart into account. A single piece of the chart cannot be interpreted on its own. It's part of a bigger picture.

Once you master the basics, it's time to learn how to interpret the planets in signs and houses.

Every natal chart is unique, just like people are. It consists of many pieces: when analyzing a planet, you have to consider its placement by house, by sign and all the aspects it makes!

At advanced-astrology.com, we strive to provide you with a lot of information you need on your astrological journey.

Good luck!

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