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Astrology as a Pathway to Understanding

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Birth Chart Reference Guide

A simple companion to keep beside the birth chart you pulled.

Your life comes first.
Your chart is another lens.
Use this guide to locate the pieces

How to Find Your Way Around the Board

You do not need to understand the entire chart before you begin. Start with the area of life that feels most present, then use the chart to locate that part of the board.

HOUSE	SIGN	PLANETS
the area of life	*how that area may express itself*	*energies present in that area*
Where is this experience showing up?	What style, tone, or approach colors that house?	What functions, needs, or drives are active there?

The simplest way to use this guide

1. Choose the life area first. Example: Love & Relationships.

2. Find the corresponding house on your own birth chart. For relationships, begin with the 7th House.

3. Notice the sign on that house. Your 7th House may be Sagittarius, Capricorn, Cancer, or any other sign.

4. Notice any planets or special points located there. Do not worry about interpreting everything yet. Simply note what you see.

5. Bring what you found back to the exploration. Example: "7th House Sagittarius, with Mars and Neptune."

Important: The signs and planetary rulers in the reference tables are the natural zodiac associations. They are not a depiction of your personal natal chart. Your own chart may place a different sign on each house and may contain different planets there.

Quick example

Life question: "I want to understand my relationships."
Starting place: 7th House
What I find on my chart: Sagittarius on the 7th House, with Mars and Neptune inside it.
That is enough information to begin a guided exploration. You do not have to know how to interpret it first.

The 12 Houses & Their Natural Rulers

Use the life-area column to decide where you want to begin. The sign and ruler columns show the natural zodiac reference. This differs from what appears in that house on your personal chart.

House	Natural Sign	Natural Ruler	Life Area / Focus
1st House	Aries	♂ Mars	Self, identity, appearance
2nd House	Taurus	♀ Venus	Money, values, possessions
3rd House	Gemini	☿ Mercury	Communication, siblings, local community
4th House	Cancer	☽ Moon	Home, family, roots
5th House	Leo	☉ Sun	Creativity, romance, joy
6th House	Virgo	☿ Mercury	Health, daily routines, service
7th House	Libra	♀ Venus	Partnerships, marriage, open enemies
8th House	Scorpio	♇ Pluto*	Transformation, shared resources, rebirth
9th House	Sagittarius	♃ Jupiter	Travel, higher education, philosophy
10th House	Capricorn	♄ Saturn	Career, status, public standing
11th House	Aquarius	♅ Uranus*	Friends, groups, future hopes
12th House	Pisces	♆ Neptune*	Spirituality, subconscious, hidden things

** Modern rulerships shown. Traditional rulers: Scorpio — Mars; Aquarius — Saturn; Pisces — Jupiter.*

The relationship axis you will see on every chart

ASC	Ascendant / Rising	The 1st House cusp — the eastern horizon of the chart.
DS	Descendant	The 7th House cusp — directly opposite the Ascendant.

Signs, Symbols & Natural Rulers

This table is a quick visual key for recognizing the symbols you may see on a birth chart.

Symbol	Sign	Natural Ruler	Quick Theme
♈	**Aries**	♂ Mars	self / initiative
♉	**Taurus**	♀ Venus	worth / stability
♊	**Gemini**	☿ Mercury	communication / learning
♋	**Cancer**	☽ Moon	home / feeling
♌	**Leo**	☉ Sun	creativity / joy
♍	**Virgo**	☿ Mercury	work / well-being
♎	**Libra**	♀ Venus	love / partnership
♏	**Scorpio**	♇ Pluto*	intimacy / transformation
♐	**Sagittarius**	♃ Jupiter	beliefs / expansion
♑	**Capricorn**	♄ Saturn	purpose / structure
♒	**Aquarius**	♅ Uranus*	friendship / innovation
♓	**Pisces**	♆ Neptune*	reflection / intuition

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Special Points

These are important chart points, but they are not natural rulers of one particular zodiac sign.

Symbol	Point	Quick Reference
☊	**North Node**	growth direction / what you are learning to move toward
☋	**South Node**	familiar patterns / what may be ready for release or integration
⚷	**Chiron**	wounding, sensitivity, healing, and wisdom
ASC	**Ascendant / Rising**	1st House cusp; how the chart begins
DS	**Descendant**	7th House cusp; the relationship axis opposite the Ascendant

Keep Beside Your Chart

When you choose an area to explore on Ms. B's Place, use this little checklist rather than trying to read the entire chart at once.

1	What area of my life am I trying to understand?
2	Which house corresponds with that life area?
3	What sign is actually on that house in MY natal chart?
4	Are there planets or special points inside that house?
5	What did I notice before I started interpreting anything?

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The house is a place to begin — not the whole story.

Start with your life. Find the piece. Notice what is there. Then follow the thread.