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Natal Chart Sample

This is a basic or 'natal' astrology chart. It contains the factors that you were born with and has been divided into the following sections:

The Planets

the elements of your personality

- Sun
- Moon
- Ascendant
- Mercury
- Venus
- Mars
- Jupiter
- Saturn
- Uranus
- Neptune
- Pluto

The Planets

how you react to the world in each of the twelve major areas

- First house
- Second house
- Third house
- Fourth house
- Fifth house
- Sixth house
- Seventh house
- Eighth house
- Ninth house
- Tenth house
- Eleventh house
- Twelfth house

The Aspects

your extra challenges and extra talents

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The Planets

Sun

Your Sun sign is your ego, your individuality and your personality. It is who you are and what talents and abilities you possess. The better you know and feel comfortable with your Sun sign, the happier and more productive you will be. It also represents the abilities that you are determined to master.

The Sun sign is usually the only part of the horoscope that is used for the popular beliefs about astrology. It has a strong effect, particularly early in life, but you will see as you read your chart that there is very much more to be considered.

Your Sun is in Libra. This placement gives you the qualities of diplomacy and balance. You enjoy partnerships, both personal and business, and have the ability to operate well in that context.

You are naturally gregarious and love to entertain. Good taste and an enjoyment of beauty come naturally to you and you tend to avoid careers or situations that involve 'getting your hands dirty'.

You avoid conflict and will go to great lengths to keep the peace, utilizing your inborn diplomacy and charm.

The Moon

The Moon sign expresses your emotional nature. It is your emotional roots, your early emotional conditioning and the kind of intimate, emotional situations that you want and that comfort you.

The Moon represents the impression that your mother made on you in your early years. This is what you saw in her (whether or not she actually possessed these qualities) and what you tend to admire in other women. When you feel tired or depressed, you will find that you receive the most comfort from activities relating to the House where you find your Moon. You will find this information later in the chart in the section on the twelve houses of the chart.

Your Moon is in Virgo. This placement of the Moon is rather cool and emotionally analytical. Your mother may have seemed that way to you and you are most comfortable in situations where your partner is emotionally controlled or even distant.

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You have a mental quickness and interest in a large number of subjects. You want to be of service and are very helpful to others, even though you tend to limit your aid to exactly what you believe the recipient should have. You may not understand the feelings of others very well and may rely on what you feel, expecting that everyone else will experience things the same way that you do.

You are strict, disciplined and meticulous. You may worry about your health and may suffer from nervous tension leading to stomach problems or skin eruptions. Your attention to detail and interest in health and hygiene often lead to a career in medicine or some health service.

Ascendant

Your Ascendant or your 'rising sign' is how you present yourself to the world. It is how other people see you and the impression that you make on others before they get to know you well. It is really your protective mechanism. You present yourself to others in social gatherings in a manner that is often quite different from your true personality, but it is the personality that you project until you feel 'safe'. As people get to know you better, you gradually allow them to see past the qualities of the Ascendant to the real you inside.

This does not mean that you do not enjoy or relate to the qualities expressed by the Ascendant. The qualities of the Ascendant and the Sun merge better as you mature and, in later years, people often become more like their Ascendant than they are like their birth sign.

Your Ascendant is in Virgo. You present a very precise, busy view of yourself to the world. You are an avid collector of knowledge and you are eager to help others. You are good at detail work and dress in a strictly utilitarian fashion. You stay young in appearance and appear cool and intellectual.

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Mercury

Mercury represents how you think, your intelligence and your ability to communicate your ideas verbally or in written form. It is the aspect that represents the uniqueness of man as a creature of the world. The reasoning ability and the subsequent expression of your ideas and inventions are talents that are strictly human.

Your Mercury is in Libra. You are a born diplomat. You are very sensitive and probing and love to investigate why people do the things that they do. You would do well in fields that call for either your diplomacy or your interest in the fields related to psychology or human behaviour.

You are very firm and just. You can't be rushed into voicing an opinion, as you want the time to see all sides of an issue. You think that people should behave in very reasonable ways and take the time to work out their differences calmly rather than getting into angry discussions.

You are sensitive to your surroundings and like to be amongst refined people in nice surroundings. You are deeply offended by vulgar, loud, or offensive behaviour. Your critical attitude can, at times, be a very negative part of your personality. You want everything to be perfect and that can be pretty tough to live with on a daily basis.

Venus

Venus is your love nature, your sense of beauty and your feelings of social responsibility. It is what you value and want to possess.

Venus is one of the 'relationship' planets. It is your concept of relationship. In a man's chart, it is what appeals to him in a woman. In a woman's chart, it is how she chooses to express her feminine and romantic nature.

Your Venus is in Libra. You enjoy love, and are very attentive to your partner. Harmony in relationships is very important to you. You are easily hurt but do not tend to hold a grudge for long.

You are strongly affected by your surroundings. You like everything to be 'nice'. This applies to your style of dress, your home and its furnishings. It also applies to the ways that you express your romantic nature. You will want to add the classy, small

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touches that really make a difference. Unpleasant, dirty or 'tacky' surroundings really offend you and you cannot overcome your negative feelings in these areas.

You have a love of the easy life and can be led into a superficial style of existence. You may have trouble separating your true emotions from the effect that the 'trappings' have on you. A beautiful home, or a gracious lifestyle could strongly attract you even if the traditional emotional bonds do not exist.

Mars

Mars is your fire. It is your passion, your enthusiasm, your drive and your ambition. It can also be what makes you angry.

Your Mars is in Sagittarius. You are full of adventure and curiosity and you maintain a strongly philosophical outlook on life.

You are great at starts, impetuous and enthusiastic. You can sometimes be accused of 'leaping before you look' and of leaving others to finish or clean up the situations that you leave behind.

Your zest for life and dry humour make you very popular. Curiosity and freedom are your bywords and you have to learn that you move far too quickly for some people. They get stampeded in the process.

Jupiter

Jupiter is expansion. It is the area where you receive the greatest benefits and where you grow. It is also the area where you tend to be generous to others. It is what you trust, what you enjoy and where you are lucky.

Your Jupiter is in Aquarius. You are wise, tolerant and have a strong desire to help others. You do not recognize racial, national or cultural boundaries and you are very respectful of the viewpoints of others. Your judgement is sound and, although you do not like routine situations, you are usually successful in any field that you choose.

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Saturn

Saturn is the teacher. It is the point in your chart that indicates where you have something to learn and you will spend most of your life mastering and perfecting this area.

It is the area that brings your pain and your obstacles. We tend to learn best when we are really uncomfortable. As we mature and master the lessons of Saturn, this area provides us with the greatest satisfactions that we can find.

Saturn is very slow moving and very patient. The lessons to be learned here are best approached slowly. Be good to yourself and recognize the depth of the blocks that you feel in these areas. Just keep facing the area that Saturn represents and slowly work through the lessons involved.

Just when you think that you have mastered what you are trying to learn, Saturn will come back with a new slant or a new subtlety of the same situation and your abilities will become more refined and perfected.

Your Saturn is in Virgo. Saturn in Virgo makes you meticulous, organized and happiest when everything goes exactly according to plan.

You may have health difficulties that force you to learn how to take care of your body. You have strange energy patterns and have to learn to rest when your energy is low. Depression may be a problem but, for you, work is almost always the answer. You need to feel useful.

You don't like surprises or chaotic conditions. Everything is planned far in advance and any change in plans affect you strongly. You may have nervous problems.

Uranus

Uranus shows the area where you will want to do things your own way. It is your uniqueness and your individuality. It is what you are going to work through on your own.

Uranus stays in each sign for about seven years, so all those born during this period will feel a similar rebellion in the same areas. They will work through a new understanding in that area and confuse and upset those born earlier.

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Your Uranus is in Cancer. You have an unusual attitude about your home life. In some ways, you are rebelling against your parental home or lifestyle. You may not feel patriotic about the country of your birth and may choose to travel extensively.

You are attracted to electronic gadgets and computers and to the metaphysical or the occult.

Neptune

Neptune is a generation influence. It stays in each sign for about fourteen years so all of those born in that period will have the same influence. This will be expressed in individual ways because of the location of Neptune on the chart and the aspects to the other planets.

At a day to day level, Neptune represents our escapist tendencies and our areas of confusion. In its higher expression, Neptune is our spiritual and our intuitive faculties and desire for growth in those areas.

You have Neptune in Libra. Neptune in Libra represents a desire to develop new forms of relationships and new concepts in law. It indicates the conflict between ME and WE. What do we owe to others and what do we owe to ourselves? And what comes first?

We want to be good to everyone, including ourselves and to express our humanitarian nature in the most effective manner. We either do that or we 'do our own thing' and lose our direction.

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Pluto

Pluto moves very slowly and whole generations are affected by the same influences. The difference in the individual chart is the house where Pluto is located on your chart and the aspects to your other planets.

Pluto transforms and makes irreversible changes in your life. It brings surprises and eventually completely changes your attitude toward the area influenced.

Pluto demands change, but also supplies the inspiration and the energy to facilitate those changes.

Your Pluto is in Leo. This is the Woodstock generation. We want our own ways and we do exactly as we like. We don't have the strong traditional bonds with our parents or with our children. We are looking after our own enjoyment and our own growth at whatever expense.

Relationships for this generation are often treated like training grounds for personal growth. This has the potential for being mutually rewarding but may become self-centered and insensitive to the feelings of those we involve in our lessons and experiments.

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The Houses

First House

The First House represents your identity, how you present yourself to the world and how you want the world to see you.

It represents your physical appearance, your bearing, all new beginnings including early childhood. The Ascendant is on the cusp (leading edge) of your First House and, as you have seen earlier in the chart, is one of the more important parts of your chart.

Your First house has Virgo on the cusp (or leading edge). You are very orderly and meticulous, perhaps even fussy. You have a very young personality.

You have a very quick mind and the ability to analyse the strengths and weaknesses of those around you. You will either use this knowledge in a diplomatic manner, or you will be supercritical (especially if there are squares or oppositions to Mercury... see Aspect section).

You have the Moon in the First House

You really want to please everyone and have them respond well to you, but the high emotionalism of the Moon may make you too sensitive to the reaction to others. Your energy and enthusiasm may vary a lot because of your emotional states. You may be moody and easily depressed.

You have Mercury in the First House

You are a quick thinker and very curious. You speak well although you may sometimes find that your mind works faster than your vocal skills and you may experience speech impediments at some time of your life.

You tend to think in terms of your own feelings and situations and may find it difficult to see situations from the perspective of others.

You have Venus in the First House

You have an outgoing, charming personality and can be very popular because of your positive nature. You are good looking, sociable, kind and charitable. You enjoy the arts, a gracious life style and may love to flirt.

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Second House

The Second House represents your security. It shows the talents that you possess that can be used to increase your security. It shows the emphasis that you put on material possessions and your potential earning. The Second House also represents your sense of values and your personal liberty.

Your Second House has Libra on the cusp. You are cautious about money matters and may work best in partnerships. Unless Venus has difficult aspects (squares and oppositions to Venus ... see Aspect section) you like nice surroundings and possessions and will take very good care of them.

You will earn your money in some manner that has dignity and refinement.

You have the Sun in the Second House

You are very concerned with values and are constantly evaluating your beliefs. Your parents may have been well off and you tend to attract security and successful friends. You value your possessions and may have to learn how to share with others.

You have Neptune in the Second House

Neptune can bring confusion or illusions and, when it is found in the Second house, can indicate that can easily find yourself in financial difficulties. You may overextend your credit or be overly optimistic about expected income. You can also be deceived by 'get rich quick' schemes.

On the other hand, you are often surprised by the timely arrival of just the right amount of money from a surprise source.

Neptune in the Second House also indicates that you place a very high value on your spiritual or religious beliefs.

Third House

The Third House shows your immediate environment, and your attitude toward your brothers and sisters. It shows you how you communicate with the outside world. It also represents how you think, how you adapt to new ideas, the quality of your problem solving ability and your negative or positive attitudes. It is short trips, the talents that you possess that you take completely for granted and the early education that you received.

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You have Scorpio on the cusp of the Third house. You are shrewd and analytical. There is a tendency to be either secretive or mystical. You tend to think of speaking or writing in terms of the power of your words. You will either use words as a weapon and attack with great precision, or you will use words sparingly and keep from revealing yourself through what you say.

You have Mars in the Third House

You are very quick witted and love to engage in verbal arguments. You will always be quick to defend your family. You are very aggressive and very curious but move too quickly to be careful about details.

Your strong manner of expressing your views can make you enemies. You do tend to be tactless at times. Look at the aspects to Mars (see Aspect section) for further insight on how you communicate with the outside world.

Fourth House

The Fourth House is your deep emotional roots. Here you see how you view one of your parents (usually the mother) and how much of yourself you are able to give emotionally to others.

The Fourth House also has to do with your home, real estate and anything to do with the earth (i.e. agriculture, mining, gardening etc.) It also indicates the quality and conditions of your later years.

You have Sagittarius on the cusp of the Fourth house. You had a good, well rounded education as a child and may travel extensively when you are older. You think of yourself as an independent individual and must be treated that way. You like wide open spaces and this may be reflected in either your home or the location of your home.

Your later years may find you attracted to Sagittarian activities such as travel, religion or philosophy, or the study of law.

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Fifth House

The Fifth House shows children, drama, love affairs, fun, creativity, sports, vacations and literary ability. It indicates how you give and receive affection and what you look for in romantic partners. Here you find your attitude toward gambling or speculation, pregnancy and the early education of children. It shows you how you perceived the love you received as a child.

Your Fifth House has Capricorn on the cusp. This indicates a stable, responsible approach to fifth house matters. You feel very responsible to your children and put a lot of energy into their early education.

You express yourself in a very dignified way, even in matters of love and romance. You really are afraid of putting yourself in any situation where your true, passionate nature will be rejected or treated lightly.

You may be attracted to Capricorn individuals, those who are older than you, or those who are emotionally reserved.

Sixth House

The Sixth House is the house of health and service. It indicates the employment and the conditions of employment that you encounter. It shows you the service that you give to others and the obligations that you feel. It represents your dependants and small pets, your interest in health matters and diet and all conditions that affect your health.

You have Aquarius on the cusp of the Sixth house. You may be a true workaholic. You want to accomplish a lot and to be of service to others or to a cause. You aren't that well organized and tend to overextend yourself, resulting in nervous tension and difficulty carrying out your intentions.

Health problems often will respond to the 'alternative' medical therapies particularly those dealing with the body's electrical system (e.g. acupuncture, therapeutic massage)

If you do not expend a lot of energy in your career or in some form of service, you may use that abundant energy to become a hypochondriac or attracted to fad forms of health and nutrition.

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You have Jupiter in the Sixth House

You are cheerful about your work situation, are very compatible with your fellow workers and usually find that jobs are available any time that you are seeking employment. You like to be of service to others and may work in a health field, especially natural medicine or some form of spiritual healing.

If there are no squares or oppositions to Jupiter, your health is good and you recover quickly when you do fall ill.

Seventh House

The Seventh House is the house of partners, best friends and open enemies, marriage and divorce, contracts. It shows you what you are looking for in a partner. The qualities that you look for here are usually the traits that you feel that you lack. It shows you how you deal with the public and your abilities regarding diplomacy and cooperation.

You have Pisces on the cusp of the Seventh house. You have Virgo rising, so you want to be of service to others. With Pisces in the Seventh house, you may have romantic fantasies and with this combination, you may be attracted to someone you can 'save'. This may be someone with either physical or mental handicaps or someone who is very idealistic and possibly totally impractical. Pisces in the Seventh house may also indicate strong spiritual bonds with your partner.

Eighth House

The Eighth House is the house of deep psychological matters, sex, power, occult matters, death and regeneration, legacies and wills. It shows the support that you receive from partners, government and other sources. It also represents the very deep one-to-one or 'soul mate' relationships that you may have.

You have Aries on the cusp of the Eighth house. With Leo or Libra on the ascendant, you are aggressive in sexual matters and have a great deal of physical energy. If Virgo is on the Ascendant, you express yourself in a strong, physical manner, but may have feelings of insecurity in these matters.

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You actively search for hidden, mystical or psychological reasons why things happen and eventually develop a strong, inner strength. You do not fear death, but are very curious about the experience.

Ninth House

The Ninth House is the house of religion, philosophy, travel and higher education. It shows the lessons that we learn from day to day living. It also represents our higher consciousness and our attitudes toward growth in spiritual and moral areas.

The Ninth House also is the house of publishing, import and export and anything to do with foreign countries.

You have Taurus on the cusp of the Ninth house. Your approach to travel, philosophy and religion is very stable and practical. If a belief system works for you, you will not be searching for expansion or growth in these areas. You are emotional and have a high sense of values and appreciation of the fine things of life, but you are not strongly mystical or imaginative.

Tenth House

The Tenth House is your public image, your reputation and your profession. It is your sense of responsibility and your attitude toward government and authority figures. It represents one parent and what you are trying to be. It is your attitude toward fame and power and your potential for making your presence known to the world.

You have Gemini on the cusp of the Tenth house. You have a gift for communication and can be very successful in a career that puts you in the public eye. You need variety in your career or you may change careers often. Your nerves may be a problem and you have a tendency to overwork and suffer from exhaustion.

You have Uranus in the Tenth House
You have an unusual career of some kind and may find yourself in a leadership position. You make a better leader than a follower. You are original and generous. You may experience sudden career changes and your career interests may include metaphysics, electricity or computers. You have to have freedom to be original and innovative.

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Eleventh House

The Eleventh House is your house of friends and associates. It is the income that you make from your primary occupation. It shows how you react to advice and pressure from those around you and how you function in group situations. This is where you find your nonintimate relationships, foster or stepchildren, your hopes and dreams and your humanitarian goals.

You have Cancer on the cusp of the Eleventh house. You are socially active and very generous with your friends. You tend to center your social activity around your home and play a nurturing role with your friends. You are sensitive to the feelings of others and rely strongly on your intuition.

You have Pluto in the Eleventh House

Since Pluto is the influence that makes the most dramatic changes in your life, and the Eleventh house has to do with friends and associations, you will find that you experience many dramatic circumstances in this area. Friends may suddenly disappear or you may be totally misled by your associates. Your friends are very strong individuals. You may be involved with groups that are trying to change society in some way.

Twelfth House

The Twelfth House is the house of things that happen behind the scenes or beneath the surface. It is your subconscious, and especially the restrictions and fears that are buried in the deepest levels of consciousness.

It is fears, memories, karma from past lifetimes, your psychic abilities and interest in both reincarnation and psychic awareness. It is also the things that we do for others with no expectation of acknowledgement or return.

You have Leo on the cusp of the Twelfth house. You want to express yourself without really revealing your true nature. You are most effective when you work behind the scenes or in areas that have to do with uncovering things that are normally hidden. Research in some form may attract you.

There may be some difficulty in the areas ruled by Leo (e.g. children, speculation, love affairs). Aspects to the Sun will shed more light on the activities here.

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You have Saturn in the Twelfth House

This placement of Saturn gives you a desire to work in private. You are suited to research or to work with the metaphysical.

You may develop a negative attitude toward the world if you are not determined to be giving and positive. You will have to overcome a tendency to restrict your potential and to develop morbid fears and insecurities. This placement of Saturn may indicate an absent or hard to reach father.

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Aspects

Sun conjunct Venus - you are attractive, charming, affectionate and social. You love life, love and all forms of emotional expression. This aspect indicates a 'charmed' or fortunate life.

Sun conjunct Neptune - you are artistic, musical or creative but you may have difficulty expressing these talents. You have psychic abilities and a tendency at times to escape into daydreams to avoid facing your reality.

Sun Sextile Pluto - you have great leadership potential. When challenged, you make full use of your creative talents and strengths. You have a presence which immediately attracts the attention of others.

Moon conjunct Mercury - there is easy communication between emotion and intellect. Imagination, intuition and sensitivity to the feelings of others are enhanced.

Moon Conjunct Saturn - you may have felt one or both of your parents was cold or unloving. You are therefore insecure in emotional relationships and find it difficult to be emotionally generous until maturity brings your own feelings of self love and self worth.

Mercury Conjunct Venus - this aspect denotes charm and an easy flowing dexterity with words.

Mercury Conjunct Saturn - this aspect will either indicate a very slow, dull thinker or one who is a very serious, deep thinker. You prefer to work alone and are good at mental processes such as science and math. You may have an authoritative voice.

Venus Sextile Mars - you are creative, expressive and perhaps musical. You are affectionate and good-natured. Your family life is important to you and you are loyal and faithful but always insist on a certain amount of personal independence.

Venus Square Uranus - you are zestful, unconventional and experience strong and sudden emotional relationships. You make emotional commitments but they may not last. You are very emotional and could benefit from a creative outlet.

Neptune Sextile Pluto - this is a creative aspect. It also includes humanitarian interests and reforms and the positive use of occult and creative abilities. This is a generation influence, meaning that most people born in the same general time period will have this aspect.