

An Introduction to Hermetic Astrology – Class 4#

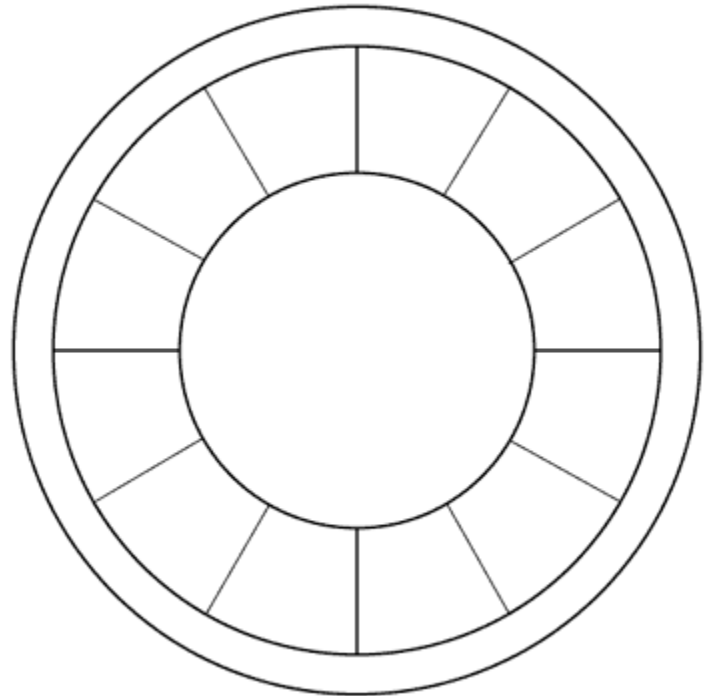
- *“The puzzling thing is that there is really a curious coincidence between astrological and psychological facts, so that one can isolate time from the characteristics of an individual, and also, one can deduce characteristics from a certain time....”*

• Carl Jung

The 12 Houses

- Mundane houses represent the astral field of the earth as it is receptive to the radiations of planetary energies.
- It also represents the divisions in the soul or subconscious mind of the individual
- Mundane houses are often referred to as a “department of life”
- There are twelve houses, which correspond in part to the twelve signs of the zodiac. It is like a minor zodiac through which all the planets pass in a 24 hour period
- *“A clearer conception of the Mundane Houses may be had by facing the south and imagining one’s self the hub of a great wheel, the circumference of which passes directly from the horizon in the east, on the left, under one’s feet around to the horizon in the west, on the right, from thence directly overhead, and back to the eastern horizon again. Let one then imagine this great wheel to possess twelve spokes radiating into the sky from the point where one stands as a center, these spokes equally spaced about the wheel. Such a wheel accurately pictures the twelve houses of a horoscope, the dividing line between two houses, called a House Cusp, being represented by each spoke.”*

• C. C. Zain - *Astrological Signatures*



The Four Angles

- Asc. = Ascendant or eastern horizon
- Desc. Descendant, the point on the western horizon
- M.C. = Medium Coeli or Midheaven, the point on the zenith or directly overhead
- The I. C. = Imum Coeli the bottom of the heavens

Ascendant (Asc.)

- The first spoke of the wheel is occupied by the point on the horizon directly to the east of where you are standing. The eastern horizon, therefore, is the cusp of the First House. This is considered an important point in a horoscope, and because it is at this place that the planets rise from below the horizon into view it is called the Ascendant. In ancient times the ascendant was referred to as the *horoscopius* (hour view) from whence we get the word horoscope. The sign on the Ascendant is also called the Rising Sign.

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Descendant

- The opposite horizon, directly to the west of the observer, represents the seventh spoke of the wheel, is the cusp of the Seventh House. Because it is the point where the planets sink from view below the western horizon it is called the Descendant.

Imum Coeli/Nadir

- The point directly beneath your feet, represents the fourth spoke of the great wheel. This is the cusp of the Fourth House. Because it is the lowest point it is called the the I. C. or Imum Coeli, the bottom of the heavens. This can also be called the Nadir

Mid Heaven (M.C.)

- The zenith, or point directly overhead, represents the tenth spoke of the wheel, or the cusp of the Tenth House. This is also a very important point in a horoscope, for it is here that a planet reaches its greatest elevation. It is called the Mid-Heaven, or more often abbreviated as M. C. from its Latin equivalent, *Medium Coeli*
- The Mid Heaven (M.C.) and Ascendant (Asc.) are the only house cusps that are given the power of planets in Hermetic Astrology
- Psychically the M.C. and Asc. are perceived as the connecting wire of the Soul to the physical body
- The Asc. represents the personality, appearance, and physical body
- The M.C. represents the individuals reputation, goals, and ambitions

Houses – The Auditorium

- The houses function as the auditorium; however the music is being played outside the auditorium. The volume registers differently depending on

whether you sit by a door, window or solid wall

Angular Houses

- The Angular Houses are the First, Fourth, Seventh, and Tenth. These are of the strongest volume. It is as if there were wide-open doors about the earthly auditorium at these stations, through which the full volume of planetary influence may enter unimpeded. They are called angular because their cusps, being directly upon the eastern and western horizons and upon the zenith and nadir, are the lines dividing the heavens into quadrants.
 - C. C. Zain - *Astrological Signatures*

Succedent Houses

- The Succedent Houses are the Second, Fifth, Eighth, and Eleventh. They are of moderate volume, as if there were but small windows in the earthly auditorium at these stations, through which celestial tones may enter only in reduced amounts. They are called succedent because they succeed, or follow, the angular houses.
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Cadent Houses

- The Cadent Houses are the Third, Sixth, Ninth, and Twelfth. These are of the least volume, as if at these stations about the earthly auditorium there were thick walls through which the heavenly tones penetrate only as muffled sounds. They are called cadent—meaning to “fall away”—because they fall away from the other houses both in volume of influence and in position.

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1st House

- The physical body, appearance, health, personality, temperament, self-image, self-consciousness, personal interests and desires

2nd House

- Money, finances, income, outflow, spending habits, personal possessions, collections, assets, and values

3rd House

- Early education, private thoughts, mental interests, attitudes, studies, communications, writing, telephone calls, short trips, siblings, neighbors and neighborhood

4th House

- Home, family, father, property, land, real-estate, domestic matters, beginnings and endings, early childhood and conditions at the end of life

5th House

- Romance, sex, pleasures, love-affairs, children, creativity, games, sport, entertainment, gambling and speculation

6th House

- Work, employment, service, work-place, colleagues, coworkers, employees, tenants, diet, nutrition, food, illness, small pets

7th House

- Marriage, companionship, partnerships, allies, opponents, competitors, the public

8th House

- Death, the end of things, spirit world, metaphysics, inheritances, legacies, other people's resources, the partner's money, taxes, credit, and debts

9th House

- Religion, philosophy, the higher mind, higher education, publicly expressed opinions, teaching, public speaking, advertising, publishing, travel, international matters, import/export

10th House

- Career, vocation, professional life, honor, reputation, public standing, status, awards, business, authority figures, bosses, superiors, mother

11th House

- Friends, acquaintances, associations, groups, clubs, organizations, hopes & wishes, social objectives, humanitarian goals

12th House

- Secrets, mysteries, detective work, sorrows, disappointments, hidden enemies, places of confinement, prisons, jails, asylums, monasteries, ashrams, zoos, hospitals, social work, welfare, the occult, unseen psychic forces

Planets Above the Horizon

- When the majority of planets are found above the horizon (houses 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12) the chart tends towards

Publicity

Planets Below the Horizon

- When the majority of planets are found Below the horizon (houses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6) the chart tends towards being

Hidden

Planets East

- When the majority of planets are found in the eastern hemisphere of the chart (houses 10, 11, 12, 1, 2, & 3) the individual tends to mold events and circumstances in their life. They are considered to be “**at cause**”

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Planets West

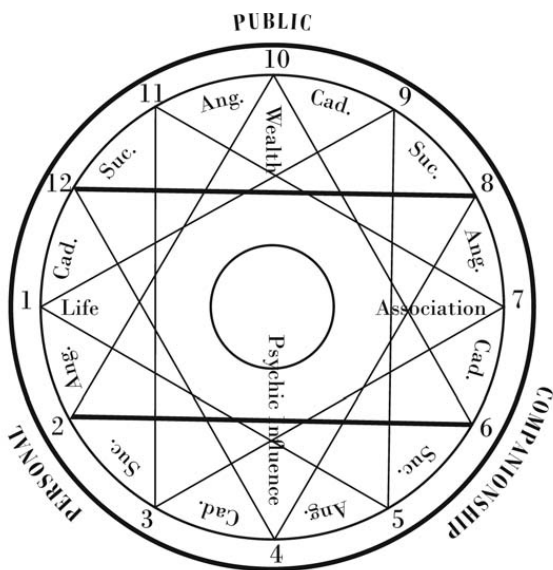
- When the majority of planets are found in the western hemisphere of the chart (houses 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, & 9) the individual tends to be molded by the environment, events, and circumstances in their life. They are considered to be “**at effect**”

Personal Houses

- Houses 12, 1, 2, & 3 are known as **Personal** houses

Companionship Houses

- Houses 4, 5, 6 & 7 are known as **Companionship** houses
- Houses 8, 9, 10, & 11 are known as **Public** houses



SYMBOLS

☾ Moon	☉ Sun	♃ Jupiter
☿ Mercury	♇ Pluto	♄ Saturn
♀ Venus		♅ Uranus
♂ Mars		♆ Neptune

Homework

- **Reading**
- *Beginner's Horoscope Reader* Chapter 4, *We Consider Each Planet in Each House*
- *Astrology and It's Psychological Correspondences* – Dennis Sutton
- *Additional Reading*
- *Cs II, Astrological Signatures* Chapter 3, *Mundane Houses*, pages 41 - 51
- In previous homework you have already copied the positions of the planets into the corresponding houses of your blank chart form, include the degree and minute of the sign where they fall
- You have also copied the degree and minute of the sign where each house cusp is located
- Beginning with the First House move your way around your chart writing down what planets fall within that house and the degree and minute of the zodiacal sign in which they are located
- For the houses that have no planets in them identify the sign on the cusp of that house and its planetary ruler or rulers
- Count the number of planets in your chart that fall in the following house divisions:
 - Above
 - Below
 - East
 - West
 - Angular
 - Succeedent
 - Cadent
 - Personal
 - Companionship
 - Public