

# The Symbolisms and Archetypal Qualities of Astrology

## The 12 Constellations of the Zodiac

### Aries

*'I am the creative fire'*

The sign of Aries is the spark of Life. It is your burning desire to express yourself with a free creative spirit. It is time to act impulsively, to become fired-up and meet head-on the race and challenges of new beginnings. Wearing your heart openly, you act out your passion, whilst waving high the flag of courage to mask your vulnerability. You may feel compelled by fate, driven by desire, or overwhelmed by intensity, but immediately direct your enthusiasm behind your willpower, for this force can be short lived, hot, and easily consumed. Shout out loudly your own praises and explode out into life.

**Aries symbolises where you must forcefully push ahead using your creative self, with a bold enthusiasm that demands immediate action and attention.**

### Taurus

*'I am the abundance of Earth'*

The sign of Taurus, the sensuous Bull; slow, methodical and in no hurry, ploughs through all the mundane tasks. Connect with the powerful stability of the earth, and work alongside the organic cycles of nature, appreciating the texture and beauty, to touch and feel the world around you. Then move these physical sensations in your body, to flow in an exquisite display of embodied spirit, thus releasing your creative passion. Dig down deep your heels to ground firmly your stubborn determination and strong will-power; for you are productive, and must create to enhance the security you desire.

**Taurus symbolises where you take your time and work methodically to embody and materialise your purpose in a practical and physical form. Appreciate the abundance and beauty of the world around you, along with the security it offers.**

### Gemini

*'I am the interconnection'*

The air sign of Gemini, symbolised by the 'Dualistic Twins', needs to be free to **fly smoothly through life with a curious insatiable search to understand life's experiences. You need ample room to move as you are thirsty, adapting and changing to the multi stimulus of the world around you, and competently juggling your many tasks. Communication and**

**networking with many people is your desire, and through exploring your neighbourhood you understand the relationships between others, which shapes your Self-identity. There is awareness of the Consciousness of the Mind, and you can eloquently and colourfully express your messages back out into life**

**Gemini symbolises where you act as the messenger, the go-between, and you travel around interacting and communicating with as wide a range of acquaintances or experiences as possible. Time to develop your many talents, interests, expressions and ideas.**

## **Cancer**

*'I am home'*

**The watery sign of Cancer is the time of the summer solstice, and known throughout the ages as the womb of the 'Great Mother', the birth mother. Here you can take pleasure in the comforts of your home and family, feeding and protecting those whom you love, and feeling content if your surroundings are serene and safe. You build this security around yourself, to nourish the 'inner world of the soul' and connect to your ancestral roots. Symbolised by the tenacious Crab, who carries its home on its back, a creature of both water and land, and whose hard, but temporary shell, is shed at every new cycle. Emotionally sensitive and cautious, you use your shell to quickly retreat in times of need or vulnerability. Guided by your intuitive feelings and moods rather than your mind, shifting with the changing tides, you reflect the cycles and rhythms of life.**

**Cancer symbolises where you feel emotionally nourished and protected. Be sensitive and empathetic with yourself and others, paying attention to any inner emotional needs, and spend quality time with your family or home.**

## **Leo**

*'I am the Light'*

The sign of Leo is the sign of the king, as proud and dignified as the royal Lion, with a strong personality that is both large and confident. Your bold courage hides well any insecurity. The larger the arena the more expansive Leo can shine as the Sun at mid-day. This mightily impressive flamboyant display easily attracts the admiration, recognition and respect of friends, family and colleagues. With your warming light and enthusiastic charm, they are mesmerised to follow your leadership. Are you aware of this social responsibility? Certainly you can be loyal and protective. As the natural leader you are the star. Follow your heart, and your creative expression will shine out to make a big impression on society

**Leo symbolises where you can be the Star, take courageous risks, and expand outwards into society. Impress others with your loving charismatic heart and your confident leadership.**

## **Virgo**

*'I am the harvest'*

**The earth sign of Virgo is devoted to creating sacredness and purity to life.** Expectant, fruitful and receptive, you look beyond yourself to serve a greater purpose whilst being pure to your true nature. At harvest time you gather the materials needed and separate the wheat from the chaff to encourage healthy new growth. A steward of the environment. As you are the mistress and master of perfection and technique, you can now perform smoothly in the shortest time possible with discernment for maximum efficiency. Using honest self-evaluation, discrimination and self-purification you continue to heal and refine yourself; integrating holistically your mind, body and spirit to work with and serve others.

**Virgo symbolises where you act with discernment and carefully analyse the details of your life and work. Create order around you, and improve your physical health so you may be of service.**

## Libra

*'I am the balance'*

The airy Libra holds the 'Scales of Justice' to weigh and evaluate social and aesthetic values with a cultured and refined air. Being sensitive to the needs of others, and with a gift of understanding and balancing both sides, you create equilibrium in social situations. This neutral and observational judgement means you are able to stand back and look at life impartially. Then you do your best to cooperate and harmonise with everyone around you. Sometimes you are so eager to compromise, that you give yourself to the group activities and change like a chameleon to maintain the peace and harmony. When you do initiate activities you prefer to seek the cooperation of partnerships rather than acting alone. You have charm and good taste, and a love of beauty that you take pleasure in sharing with others. Your dream is of the ideal partner and of the perfect relationship.

**Libra symbolises the place of relationships and partnerships. Here you weigh, evaluate and balance all sides to create harmony, love and equality in your life.**

## Scorpio

*'I am the power'*

Scorpio is a mysterious and powerful Water sign. This is where you must plunge deep into the depths of life, under its surface; for below, emotions are strong, secrets are kept and so much is hidden. You are curious to investigate and feel more about the truth of life and other people. In your probing you are finely attuned, intuitive, and sometimes uncomfortably penetrating, and in so doing you can be the catalyst to help others reach a greater depth. You may be driven to seek a soul mate, yearning to merge with another individual. Then, to liberate your souls, you transcend together, joining in tantric sexual union. Your powerful and intense passions burn; and being involved in change, transformation or regeneration fulfils you. You are akin to the image of the Phoenix rising from the ashes of death to a new birth.

**Scorpio symbolises where you harness your emotional intensity and intuition. Take control and push through any obstacles with a single focus and a powerful determination.**

### **Sagittarius**

*'I am the quest'*

The sign of Sagittarius is boisterous and gregarious; it is the Visionary on a quest for greater understanding and new meanings. On your travels for external truths you experience great adventures into the realms of religion, philosophy and metaphysics. You are the inspired philosopher whose mental activity is absorbed heavenwards; and you are the optimistic Pilgrim on your journey of revelation. Although you are freedom loving, your human relationships and connections within the global community are important for your self identity, happiness and liberation. You experience power by standing like a Centaur with your feet firmly on the ground, and consciously expanding all your activities to their maximum range, to shoot your arrows far into the distance to make your mark.

**Sagittarius symbolises where you can reach higher wisdom and guidance. Use your positive enthusiasm, and focus on your intentions to bring yourself greater expansion and freedom. Do this for the universal benefit, and for your own personal happiness.**

### **Capricorn**

*'I am the foundations'*

It is the time of the winter solstice when the roots of nature reach down deep to seek out stability and nourishment. Being sure footed and steady, this ambitious Capricorn Goat continuously climbs higher and higher up to the very mountain peak, to become a strong member of society and a symbol of power and authority. As you strive hard to make your dreams take form, you know to build your castle on solid foundations. You are determined to make a contribution to the collective social order, responsibly caring for others, and well able to utilise their resources. Respecting tradition, you know how to consolidate and work within the bones and framework of established organisations to secure achievements.

**Capricorn symbolises where you gain recognition out in the World. So focus, take responsible practical steps, and work hard to develop solid, secure structures to build and accomplish your ambition.**

### **Aquarius**

*'I am the new order'*

The trail-blazing and idealistic Aquarius is symbolised by the water bearer who carries an urn of precious cosmic waters, as a gift of Light for a new and greater human consciousness. Change is inevitable and necessary for all social improvement, and as a progressive reformer you aspire to make the world a better place. Your broad, visionary, but scientific mind showers the world with inventive and pioneering ideas for humanity. Team spirit is important

to you, and you engage your acquaintances and friends in collaboration to achieve this higher social order. Your social conscience includes everyone as your equal, and you feel at ease within all groups and organisations. With your more eccentric temperament you yearn for the unfamiliar and original, trying out anything new with a freedom loving independence.

**Aquarius symbolises where you change yourself and become greater than you already are. Be a pioneer and think in a creative, inventive and original way. Cooperate with the groups, friends and organisations around you, acting for the benefit of all, to manifest your vision.**

## Pisces

*'I am the collective dream'*

Mystical, romantic Pisces is the muse of the cosmic ocean, which contains within itself a little experience of all the twelve zodiac signs. You have an empathetic ability to identify with people from all walks of life, your deep love for humanity has a compassion that knows no bounds, and your sensitivity is born of this ability to merge with and become another. By absorbing and feeling the collective consciousness around you the boundaries of separation are lost. Here you learn to surf the seas of the ever changing waves of feelings and emotions, ebbing and flowing as you seek union with the infinite source of all creation. Your intuition and psychic sense is finely attuned. So immerse yourself in your dreams and creative visions, always follow these images you receive, and swim towards a higher purpose that transcends materialism or the individual self.

**Pisces symbolises where you need to surrender to your creative dreams and your spiritual beliefs. Flow and merge in empathy to others, fully trusting your receptive feelings and your instinctive intuition.**

## The symbolism of the 12 houses, or 'Soul Journey'

### 1<sup>st</sup> House

*'I am'*

The 1<sup>st</sup> house is the first breath, the fire of life and the birth of Self. It is the window through which you look and is the expression of the Self with all the attitudes, style and images you project. It is important that you exist as an individual in your own right, acting on our own purely to express your unique Self or to come to know yourself. Using your creative and dynamic enthusiasm you can spontaneously create your own script and play all the major character roles. So enjoy being you, be impulsive be ready to be active in giving birth to something new.

**The 1<sup>st</sup> house symbolises where you need to put yourself and your own interests first. This is a time of action and new beginning, so start now, and push your unique self spontaneously out into life.**

## 2nd House

*'I have'*

The 2<sup>nd</sup> house expresses your own individual, resources, values and self-worth. Your personal resources are your physical body, your inner values, and the possessions you call your own. These give you a sense of who you are, a Self, giving you substance and form. Your attitude towards your material belongings and your physical world defines you. By developing and knowing your personal and spiritual values you can achieve a material security and stability that supports You.

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> house symbolises where you have the ability to define and obtain the material resources you need to manifest your personal security. Be pragmatic. What is it that you value and hope to gain for yourself?**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> House

*'I think'*

The 3<sup>rd</sup> house is the house of the communicator, your free creative intelligence and independent thinker. To live fully, there will always be another question to ask, and another subject to study. Your mind is endlessly searching stimuli, gathering knowledge and collating information. Your task is to nurture and focus this busy mind, and then to selectively integrate and synthesise all the data for your own personal development. By networking closely with others in the community; collecting and distributing the information, sharing thoughts and debating opinions, your mind becomes a stronger and valuable positive asset to you.

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> house symbolises where you take pleasure in sharing information and expressing your self through speaking, writing, studying and teaching. Now there is energy for short distance travel, and to network within your community.**

## 4th House

*'I feel'*

The 4th house, the midnight hour, represents your home environment and the private inner home of your soul. It is the safe, cocooned womb, linked with Eternity, where all things begin and all things must end. Symbolised here is your background and the roots of your upbringing, with your early childhood, parenting, family, culture and situation. Self protection is important, so you need to establish intimate and personal connections, and build a secure home around yourself. From this sheltered domestic base you can hold and nourish your innermost being, and in this sacred sanctum of comfort and nurturing you feel supported and stable. Your home portrays all that has shaped you; it is an outer expression of your personal story and your individual myth.

**The 4<sup>th</sup> house symbolises where you feel and connect to the personal inner nurturing. What do you need to do to create a secure situation and atmosphere to reflect these needs for yourself?**

### **5th House**

*'I create'*

The 5<sup>th</sup> house is the house of pleasure and satisfaction, where you act out your unique creative expression. Empathise all activities that make you feel good about yourself and which allow you to display your true Self. Sing out your heart's desire, and invite your Inner Child to come play. Here is the place where you give birth to children, and to all inspired activities that flow straight from your heart passions. Entertain, be centre stage, and invite romance into your life.

**The 5<sup>th</sup> house symbolises where you can freely and fully express yourself. Encourage creative and playful influences into your life, even romance. Be seen, entertain, and feel pride in expressing your unique gifts.**

### **6<sup>th</sup> house**

*'I serve'*

The 6<sup>th</sup> house is the day-to-day living of your life and work. It is the holistic and harmonic union of your mind, body and soul connection. The type of work you do, the ability to work, and your state of health, are all your personal outer expression of Self. How do you define yourself, and then refine yourself as an individual with a sacred purpose. The innate urge is to be better who you are and strive for perfection, however a true and good vocation is to be the perfection of your pure original nature. Through the many levels of the working relationships, you form and understand your own inner relationship with Self. Analyse and assimilate this information to gain clarity, for you have a job and service to perform within our delicate eco-system.

**The 6<sup>th</sup> house symbolises where you are to improve your expression in your daily routines and your working situation. Take stock, organise yourself and set priorities to help you to manage your life, your work and the holistic care of your body.**

### **7<sup>th</sup> house**

*'I Relate'*

The 7<sup>th</sup> house, the autumnal equinox point, where the Self unites with another and becomes We. This is where you are driven to seek out a relationship or partnership, thereby surrendering your single identity. Through the magic, ecstatic joy and communion of love, you merge together, abandoning yourself in this union. Relationships become a mirror for self-reflection and self-development. To create a working partnership you need acceptance, cooperation and compassion with the other person. Within an intimate union with mutual commitment is an harmonious relationship.

**The 7<sup>th</sup> house symbolises where you relate with others. Here you need cooperation and harmony to achieve good results, and by working together with others you create balance in your relationships and partnerships.**

### **8<sup>th</sup> house**

*'I share myself'*

The 8<sup>th</sup> house is known as the house of love, sex, life, death and regeneration; and symbolises what we inherit from our ancestors. Here is where you delve deep into intense relationships and relinquish control to merge together in a sacred tantric union. Behind the closed curtains of your partnerships lie the hidden details and secrets; the intimate sexual contacts, desires, shared resources, inheritance and finances. You become fascinated by the mysteries of life, the abyss of the deep secrets hidden below the surface, and sensitive to the subtle energies that surround you. The insights you gain from probing deeply into your self and your shadow is not always comfortable, but forgotten memories from your ancestral past may be transformed to allow rebirth if you give yourself willingly to your soul's expansion.

**The 8<sup>th</sup> house symbolises your intense drive to uncover your deepest potential and make major transformations in your life. Here you are closely involved and connected with other people and their resources.**

### **9<sup>th</sup> House**

*'I am the seeker of truth.'*

The 9<sup>th</sup> house is for understanding, and the expansion of, your consciousness. It is time now to satisfy your need as a free spirit. Transcend the duality of Self and Other, and commune with your Guides, Angels, Masters, Spirit and Enlightened Beings. Explore the bigger cosmos and expand your horizons to achieve a greater self-awareness: read, travel, debate, philosophise, study and teach. Look at your life now through a telescope and plan far into your future. What are the greater visions you have which need to be published and shared globally for your own expansion and for a wider benefit?

**The 9<sup>th</sup> house symbolises your ability to see and plan greater visions for your future. Here you can exude, expand, study, travel, and publish.**

### **10<sup>th</sup> House**

*'I build'*

The 10<sup>th</sup> house, the mid-heaven, is the most elevated position. Here is where your light is seen, where you choose to place yourself in society, and build your visions out in the world; for this is the culmination of all social and public recognition. This is where you are able to grow beyond any apparent limitations with success and achievements; visibly fulfilling the greater purpose of your life. Power is there for you to use, release and master; realising this



significance you are able to influence society in your chosen goal or profession. You stand and face the public with a solid sense of your personal authority; deliberately cultivating the identity you wish to present that enhances your reputation as being an apex in your community.

**The 10<sup>th</sup> house symbolises your goals and visions. Stand-up, reveal your authority and be seen. Use all opportunities; your skills, talents and all other resources, to secure a stable position within the Greater Whole. Time to be seen, and time to make your mark.**

### 11<sup>th</sup> House

*'I manifest'*

The 11<sup>th</sup> house is where you achieve your goals and objectives through your group and community connections and through your friends. As a social and significant citizen, you surrender the petals of your individual fulfilment to live fully for the greater benefit of the planetary whole. By networking within the shared collective consciousness, you find the power of creative cooperation and the strength in numbers. The inspired and ingenious sparks generated by this group energy revolutionises your visions, and liberates the dreams of what can be achieved. By cooperating with your friends you enjoy and accomplish more, and, as a reformer, you work together, united, to improve humanity.

**The 11<sup>th</sup> house symbolises where you manifest your biggest vision. Be open to all new ideas and experiences. Join together as part of a group, with friends, organisations and associations to collectively create a better future.**

### 12<sup>th</sup> House

*'I Believe'*

The 12<sup>th</sup> house represents the source of the soul, whose spirit and heart yearns for mystic union, the deepest of all wells. The hidden layers' of the collective unconscious is a large memory pool and a great storehouse of potential wisdom. It is waiting to be unveiled through meditation and dreaming. With infinite and eternal longing, you merge until there is no separation between yourself and others; your self-identity dissolving into blurred and seamless boundaries. This expansive opening creates great receptivity, insight, and possible empathy for others. This house is known as the house of Karma, your instinctual patterns; where the treasures, or the nightmares, of your past operate just below the surface. By meeting your unconscious you begin to glean your strengths and self-undoings; and with this understanding, you seek out positive resolutions to create a new dream for your future. This is not about personal gain, as there is no separation or duality, and what serves you as an individual serves the good of the whole. The trick here is for you to find a grounding in your inner silence, and swim in this vast sea of collective energy.

**The 12<sup>th</sup> house symbolises your need to find peaceful solitude and an empty space, for meditate to hear the heart call, and to immerse yourself into the greater collective dream.**

## **The Symbolism of the Planets & Asteroids**

### **Earth**

*'I embody nature'*

The fertile planet Earth expresses the way in which you manifest yourself in this life and how you embody your Spirit. Nature never gives up as the Earth spins through its continuous seasons of spring, summer, autumn, winter; and cycles of Life, Death and Rebirth. These dependable and cyclic patterns create within you a secure stability. Like the laws of nature, you, and the solutions to your life, are both complex and simple. As you form, seed and birth your aspirations, this Earth will nourish, feed and ground you in return.

**The Earth symbolises where you must never give up, no matter what is happening, no matter what is going on around you, never give up. Here is where you need to embody and ground yourself, giving your life form.**

### **Moon**

*'I reflect my inner feelings'*

The silvery Moon reflects the light of the Sun. She symbolises the Soul, the Mother, and the feminine with her fertility cycles. As she orbits the Earth monthly, with waxing and waning, new moon to full moon phases, she pulls the oceanic tides and the empathetic fluids in your body, changing and fluctuating your emotions and moods. Echoes of your past surface as you sense the touch of your early mother relationship, and the hidden memory store of your inherited ancestral patterns; these manifest themselves unconsciously in your daily habits and instinctual responses. You are nourished when retreated into the security of your peaceful inner sanctuary, where receptive to your inner most needs your imagination, intuition and dreams are nurtured. As an individual soul you need to assimilate, and emotionally express, the rhythmic vibrations, sharing your feelings without being eclipsed.

**The Moon symbolises your need to feel emotionally secure and nurtured in life. Connect into your feeling, reflecting on what nourishes you, and what you need to best express your innermost emotional nature.**

### **Sun**

*'I am the Source of all Life and all Light'*

The Sun is the life force, your pure energy source, your Spirit and your Essence. Here you brightly shine your splendid light. So express and assert yourself with full confidence. Set your own priorities and desires. It is not a necessity to dominate others, but certainly overwhelm and out shine any opposition. Here you connect to the brilliant dynamic expression of your will and your quest. The source of who you are is the Quest; the truth of who you are is as a Free Spirit.

**The Sun symbolises your magnificent light where you shine with confidence. Radiate your authentic truth, and let your free spirit be seen in all its glory.**

## Mercury

*'I am the messenger and my mind is free'*

**The mutable and versatile planet Mercury is the winged messenger, who weaves and networks in a weightless dance. The Caduceus symbol of duality and synthesis is held as knowledge in your mercurial hands. You have liberty to think, imagine and move along all channels of communication; closely connected and interwoven with many people. Your dexterous mind creates both fantasy and reality, it is the trickster, so your thinking process needs your discerning focus and direction. Moving quickly through life, you receive and transmit energies and sensations, communicating and freely expressing, uncensored, all that you see. You love variation and change; and the busy, busy information activity held within your inventive and rational mind, allows you to expand your range of activity with joyous freedom.**

**Mercury symbolises your need to think, and to listen to all the messages or signals around, a mind busy juggling all the areas of interactive communication and information exchange. If you focus your mind you have a sound judgement to expression.**

## Venus

*'I blossom in love and beauty'*

The planet Venus bestows gifts with rich abundance. She is the feminine goddess of love, Aphrodite, seen rising from the foaming sea with a string of pearls adorning her neck, an image of great beauty. You desire a loving, intimate or sexual relationship, and by using your power of attraction, or by expressing your heart's desire, you invite love and romance into your life. With your refined values, aesthetic appreciation, and love of the arts, you are impassioned to make the world a more sensual and beautiful place. As the planet Venus orbiting the closest to the Earth, you are able to indulge in the pleasures of nature's beauty. **Venus symbolises your desire to express your love, and to be loved. This is where you are able to both create and attract beauty harmony and abundance.**

## Mars

*'I am passion and fire'*

The planet Mars drives your energy and is your will(power). It is the planet of courage and assertive action that burns with fiery or angry passion. With this Mars energy you can push forward in life and fight for the things you desire. It is your warrior who wants to assert itself, as an outward-moving and thrusting energy, a force out into the world. This creative spark needs to be alive and freshly fed, it arises from your inner passion and enthusiasm that is connected to, and fuelled by, the drama of your life. This is not the dull or humdrum routine of everyday living; this is an ever moving and ever changing, impatient, life force energy that wants, and demands, immediate attention and competitive action now.

**Mars symbolises the outward expression of your enthusiastic and passionate drive, with high energy and creative force.**

## Jupiter

*'I expand in the fullness of life'*

The planet Jupiter is the largest planet in our solar system; its benevolent optimism shows you the 'bigger picture' of life, and it propels you on a journey of greater consciousness and expansion. With this abundant Jupiter energy you have limitless growth, so seize all opportunities. Open out and raise yourself upwards into your furthest reaching visions, interact with and grasp life's experiences, travel, publish, study and philosophise, and gain greater understanding. Here is an opportunity for your outer development into social prominence and recognition; or a time for inner questing into your super-conscious and your spiritual truths. Ultimately you are seeking freedom and an understanding of your life purpose where you participate in the Great Universal Mystery.

**Jupiter symbolises your ability to say 'YES'. This is big positive, success thinking. Exceeding any personal limitations you extend out to accomplish your vision.**

## Saturn

*'I am the form to the reality of life'*

**The wise and weathered Lady Crone of Saturn is the stones and bones of life; this Lord of Time is the Gate Keeper of boundaries.** Saturn's rings may be experienced as contracting and restrictive, or may be felt as supportive and secure. **We are all of us conditioned by our past and by our cultural tradition, with their many rewards, failures and limitations. Now is the time you must face reality and learn the lessons of life's** experiences to become an old wise being. Take responsibility for yourself and your actions, overcome obstacles to build a firmer and longer lasting foundation beneath you, for these

actions **will maintain an order and balance in your life.** It takes hard work to bring an ideal into a practical reality, but with discrimination you are able to carry this load, structure your universe, and climb your mountain.

**Saturn symbolises your need to take time, and contract to consolidate. With dedicated perseverance and a disciplined application, you can work hard to actualise your long term pragmatic plans and manifest your status in life.**

## Uranus

*'I awaken a higher vibration'*

With the electrifying planet Uranus you are able to see fully with an expanded consciousness. Flashes of intuition and insight can heighten your awareness; and, with a thunderbolt, unpredictable and unsettling developments can occur in your life. Use this energy to break away from your past and from tradition. Be the rebel, and take a new direction in your own freedom-loving way. Stimulate all your originality and inventiveness, and use only cutting-edge technologies. By immediately focusing your gaze far into the future you create changes, initiating a new prophecy for yourself.

**Uranus symbolises the unexpected and unsettling changes that charge through your life, where only your spontaneous intuition can guide you towards your originality and unique destiny.**

## Neptune

*'I transcend and merge with the collective cosmic consciousness'*

The inspirational and dreamy planet Neptune is the Guardian of the Sea whose trident symbol represents spiritual receptivity over matter. Here your mystical soul floats free from restrictions as the boundaries between the physical and the spiritual reality are dissolved. This opens you to the intuitive and celestial realms. So allow yourself space to dream, be fluid and dissolve in the trance-like enchanted world of your fantasy and imagination. Poetry, music, and dance are all artistic expressions of your finer soul qualities. You may lose your way into the mists of illusion and want escapism, but then confusion, isolation and disillusionment occurs. Or you can raise yourself above a mundane existence, opening yourself to divine intervention and swim in the sea of your personal awareness, to experience great spiritual enlightenment and Universal Love.

**Neptune symbolises the expansive merging of our separate dissolved 'Ego', look beyond the illusions, trust your imagination and flow freely in this cosmic dance.**

## Pluto

*'I am the creator and the destroyer'*

This small but powerful and intense planet is the catalyst for your descent into the underworld. Here you are driven to change and transform the old and outdated aspects of your life. As a metaphysical death, many aspects cease to be, or are taken away from you, to create space for something new in your life. This cycle of transformation, regeneration and rebirth is not subtle, as it will challenge you to the core of your being. It penetrates all that is hidden and undercover; then you come naked and face-to-face with your negative subconscious patterns, only then able to transcend them, and flourish again, renewed and stronger.

**Pluto symbolises the profound changes in your life, the breaking down of any outdated, structures, or ways of living, or possessions, that are stopping your personal growth. This is powerful energy for deep self-exploration and transform.**

## Chiron

*'I Am the Key to my healing'*

**The planet Chiron is the 'Key' to wholeness. It is the bridge, or 'Rainbow Bridge', between your past and personal inner limitations and the outer opportunities presented in life. The journey into the shadows of your past and your painful wounds is a transformational healing from which you gain compassion, humility and great wisdom. In the innate quest to evolve yourself and unlock your unique potential, you learn to integrate your inner split, therefore creating a balance and union between your spiritual and your material life. Through this shamanic and enlightening journey you connect with the magic of your instinctual and sacred self.**

**Chiron symbolises your greatest wounds and past trauma, these you need to meet within yourself so that they may be healed and integrated, this then allows you more conscious choice in your life decisions.**

## Ceres

*'I am nurtured in life'*

Ceres is the 'Goddess of Food and Agriculture'. She is the unconditional love of 'Mother Earth', whose womb we grow in, and whose breasts we suckle. She is what feeds and nourishes you in body, mind and spirit. She shows your capacity to nurture yourself, and how you nurture the things you really care about in your life. Your relationship with food, and the foods you like, says something about your relationship to yourself, and to those you love. Here you can give something back to the Earth that provides you with so much, and also grow your own foods, eat organic, compost and recycle.

**Ceres symbolises your need to feed and nurture your soul.**

## **Eris**

*'I am chaos seeking reorganisation'*

Eris is the 'Goddess of Strife, Discord and Confusion', and it was because of her wounded feelings that she threw the 'golden, or rotten, apple of discord' that started the Trojan War. She is the troublemaker who will not be ignored or pushed around for she demands recognition. If there is anything that you are in conflict with, or are jealous about, then it is important that you work to gain a self satisfaction. So now is the time for you to stand up and, with clear expression, fight for yourself. Develop a healthy competitive instinct; sometimes it is necessary to stir-up trouble and cause chaos, for it is through this disorder and shake-up that a new order is created, and a potential new universal harmony.

**Eris symbolises your fight and battle for what you want, even if what you want causes disputes, arguments and mayhem. Self-gratification can be worth the struggle.**

## **Juno**

*'I am at one with all alchemical relationships'*

Juno is the Water Goddess of intimate, enchanting and transforming personal relationships; she is also known as the Greek Goddess Hera, the 'Queen of the Heavens' and the 'Divine Consort of the King of the Gods'. She represents all your relationship dynamics; business or personal, friendly or intimate; with your spouse, life partner or soul mate. In your committed partnerships you desire equality, loyalty, fairness and harmony and this is only achieved through compromise, cooperation and consideration. In your most intimate relationships you desire deeply to form a physical, emotional and spiritual connection, ultimately to merge together in a mystical and tantric union.

**Juno symbolises harmony, equality and deep connection in your personal and intimate relationships.**

## **Pallas**

*'I am fearless and strong in my wisdom'*

Wearing her golden armour and accompanied by an owl, Pallas Athena is known as the 'Warrior Queen', the Air 'Goddess of Wisdom and Justice', and the 'Patron of Art'. Follow her wise example and connect to your inner courage and strength, then you will have the confidence to survive life's battles. Using your inner resources solve any problems or conflicts by combining your logical and inventive mind along with your intuitive and creative abilities. By understanding the need for good protection and solid defence, your well planned methods and wise strategies earn you trust and respect from others. Be independent, be self-sufficient and be free to travel. Then step forward, with personal courage, into all your empowered decisions.

**Pallas symbolises your ‘Warrior Self’. Standing independently, with courage and confident, to defend and protect, using your shrewd planning and skilful negotiation.**

### **Sedna**

*‘I emerge from my frozen depths’*

For the Inuit tribe, Sedna is the ‘Immortal Goddess of the Sea’, the ‘Goddess of the Frozen Waters’ and the ‘Life/ Death/ Life Goddess’. She represents the watery depths of our unconscious, and her journey from this underworld to the surface holds the key to Life and Death. Her message to the world is the emergence from victimisation into a place of being honoured as a giver and sustainer of life. All of us harbour wounds, unconscious pains, distant memories and betrayals; they remain frozen and buried deep within us. Being unconscious and underwater, they are unresolved and held as an internalised rage. Emotionally we cut off this part to survive the trauma; as Sedna’s hands were cut off, disabling her. Life is harsh, but by accepting and overcoming your personal issues with self-respect and compassion, you become both tougher and more humane. How you feel, and what you choose to do, is within you. You can be caught in the web of a victim, or you can let go and break free. In this work, the real ‘Work’, is to keep your heart open.

**Sedna symbolises the tough or unpleasant choices you face, here it is important to be in your power and authority, with self-respect and great compassion, to voice and express your deepest most hidden needs.**

### **Vesta**

*‘I am the vessel of pure devotion’*

Vesta is the ‘Goddess of the Hearth’ and the ‘Keeper of the Sacred and Perpetual Flame’. She is the brightest of the asteroids in the sky, a symbol of Fire and also a symbol of purity in her devotion, and in her sexual expression. Motivated always by goodness she exudes warmth and dedication. So gather her pure energy around you to commit and devote yourself to something beyond, and larger than, yourself. Connect to your own spiritual truth and focus on the personal causes that call to you; and from this place, by standing and work independently, you express your Soul.

**Vesta symbolises devotion and dedication for your Life work. Stay true and connected to your natural tantric instincts, to express your pure purpose.**

## **The Symbolism of the Elements of our Universe**

### **Fire Element**



The Fire element warms your heart and hearth, and its strong bright light draws people to your active Life-giving spirit. This passionate, hot and temperamental energy acts on impulse, but its unpredictable element may quickly burn, consume or destroy if out of control. When your Fire element is properly channelled it becomes a dynamic, creative, inspirational, enthusiastic and fun-loving energy force that does not stop until you get what you want.

**The Fire Element symbolises spontaneous, assertive and creative expression. Use joy and enthusiasm to initiate control and with this dynamic forceful energy, burn away the obstacles.**

### **Earth Element**

The Earth element embodies our spirit, and grounds us; its solid, cautious and dependable energy provides stability. The survival instincts are strong here, keeping us safe, nourished and able to care for our physical needs. This is pragmatic long-range planning, and not flexible or spontaneous; but if too rigid, if unmovable, it can block us like a rock. This practical element supports our life on this planet, so with care and determination we can plant our seeds of vision in the earth and patiently watch them grow.

**The Earth Element symbolises the real, tangible and tactile aspects of life, the things you can see, touch, hear, taste or smell; where you work with tenacity, to take care of those mundane or daily chores, and to complete those longer projects.**

### **Air Element**

The Air element is the very breath of life that we all share together, and it is the essence of all thought and mental development. Although Air is unseen and untouchable, it is everywhere connecting us all. A connection that floats happily, moving within everything. Always changing, ideas seem to materialize out of thin air. When the air element is out of control it is a whirlwind, throwing all in its path, or else it is up in the clouds with no connection to reality. When properly channelled it is your expansive, interconnecting and interweaving self expression.

**The Air Element symbolises movement and interconnection, unseen communication and shared potential through networking, curiosity and conceptual tasks.**

### **Water Element**

The force of water can dissolve all boundaries and structures, flowing until it takes the shape of a container; it wants to engulf everything and cover everywhere, absorbing all the energies around. The Water element runs through our body as you are composed 70% of water. This is your fluid feeling quality, the mysterious emotional depth of your responses and reactions to life; from your peaceful pool, boiling and steaming pot, forgotten frozen icicles, roaring waves, torrential storms and to your bubbling brook. Water is the womb of creation, and allows you to flow down deep, and search out the emotions of the human psyche.

**The Water Element symbolises emotional connection with Life; allowing empathy, intuition and sensitivity to merge with, and understand, one another.**

## **A Symbolism of the Karmic Journey**

### **The North Node**

The North Node is known as the Dragon's Head and represents your future, or the path in front of you that needs to be developed. As the Head, it is the feeding and nurturing part; this supports and guides you forward as you move away from your outdated behaviours. It represents the direction in which your life is heading, the lessons you are learning through this, and the methods to enhance your personal development. This is your own unique complex spiritual destiny. To achieve your evolutionary purpose, acting and flowing according to fate and the Divine Will, requires risks.

**The North Node symbolises the Karmic complexity of your personal evolutionary forward movement..**

### **The South Node**

The South Node is called the Dragon's Tail, it symbolizes your past, and the lessons from your past; or past and ancestral lives, that have been carried forward into this present time. As the Tail, it is where you need to give yourself out into life by symbolically feeding others. You often revert back to past habitual behaviour, especially in times of insecurity, for these old and familiar patterns can appear to be safe. This backward movement will inhibit your growth and block you reaching your rightful destiny, but also held within these deeply instinctual and imbedded habits, there are wisdoms and talents that are useful gems for you to use. By accepting the evolution of new experiences you awaken soul memories.

**The South Node symbolises the easier path of least resistance, our old instinctual habit patterns and outdated stories that have shaped us and which we can so easily become attached to.**

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