

# BLUE BOOK

for  
Beginning Students of Standard Astrology  
Based upon the Hermetic Teachings and Compiled

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## **TO BEGIN WITH.....**

A HOROSCOPE is the hallmark of astrology. All standard systems of astrology feature use of the year, the day of the month, the time of day, and the place of birth of the individual whose life pattern is to be mapped.

Horoscopes also may be cast for other things than people. We have horoscopes of countries, cities and the weather, for answering questions and selecting the best time to begin new projects, etc. All are worked out in precisely the same manner as natal horoscopes. Rules for interpretation vary only as to adaptation to the situation present.

It is not necessary to know how to erect a birth chart in order to know how to read it. You do not compose music nor write books before you learn to read them.

Do not be frightened by the hieroglyphics known as signs and symbols, which make up a horoscope. There is much beauty and profound wisdom wrapped up in those abbreviations for long words. They are universal symbols understood by discerning minds of every age.

Because the original Masons and the original astrologers were all one organization, you will find that Masonic rituals are based upon astrology and astrological characters were originally designed by Masons.

It is not necessary to "believe in" astrology for it to work out in your case. Those who ignore it completely are the ones most likely to follow its intrinsic pattern.

Some people say they do not want to know what is going to happen. Astrology does not predict exact or inevitable events. Rather, it indicates the kind and quantity of energy you have in your personality bank account. By progressions it tells you when your investment in past experiences is mature, when it will be paid in full, and with interest.

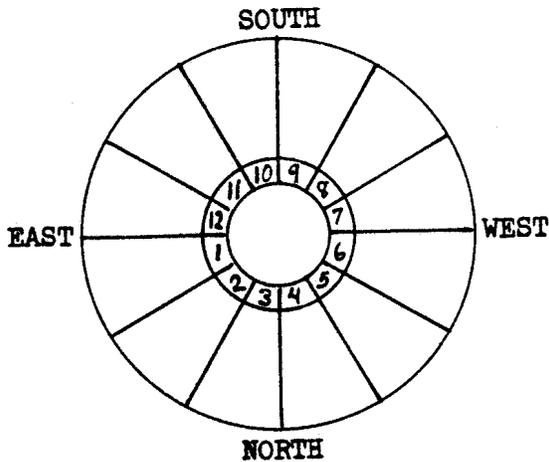
If you are aware of it, and have prepared to make wise use of this abundant energy, well and good, if not, you may spend it in poor health, in riotous living, unwise business ventures or take it out on family and friends. You may become a public charge. It is economical to know the odds of life if you would play the game successfully.

## **ORIENTATION OF THE HOROSCOPE**

Horoscopes are supposed to be viewed as though you faced the south, as though the great wheel were an extension of the earth's equator.

The earth turns upon its axis from west to east. This results in the apparent movement of the sky and stars above from east to west. The sun rises in the morning in the eastern sky, and sets in the evening in the western sky, passes under our particular side of the earth during the night, and comes up again in the morning, bringing with it another day.

THE GREAT WHEEL  
THAT NEVER TURNS



This is the skeleton  
of the horoscope

**GREAT WHEEL THAT NEVER  
TURNS**

During that 24-hour period it is easy to see how the sun passes through each of the twelve divisions of the great wheel that never turns.

Each of those twelve divisions of the great wheel is called a Mundane House. They are numbered consecutively in the order shown on the above diagram. The first house is for ever immediately below the eastern horizon, and is most important in determining the nature of the personality.

**EACH OF THE TWELVE HOUSES  
GOVERNS A CERTAIN  
DEPARTMENT OF LIFE**

1. Personality, health, physical body.
2. Possessions, bank account, earning capacity.
3. Brethren, studies, thoughts and near neighbors.

4. The father, home, end of life or end of any matter.
5. Children, love affairs, schools, investments.
6. Work, servants, military forces.
7. Marriage or business partner.
8. Death, death rate, discarnate entities and other side of life.
9. Advertising, the public expression of private thoughts.
10. Business and honors, reputation.
11. Friends, hopes and wishes.
12. Secret enemies, sorrows, places of confinement, jails, hospitals.

**SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC:**

Since a child or an event may be born at any time of day or night, it is important to determine just which portion of the sky occupies each Mundane House at that time.

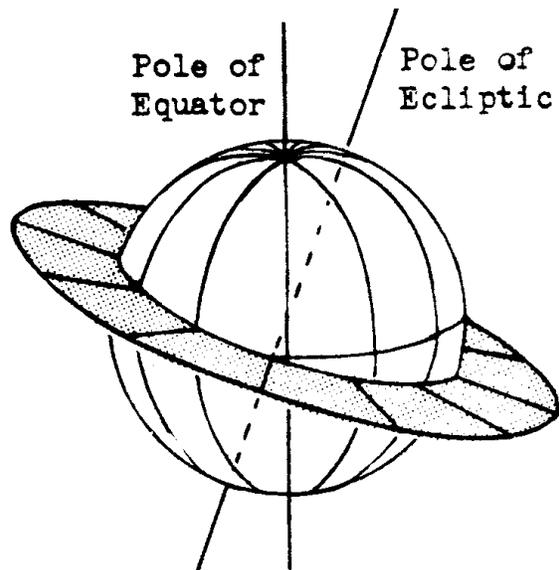
For such a purpose the ancients devised a measuring rod known as the ecliptic, which is the apparent path of the sun about the earth. (This is the actual path of the earth about the sun.)

The ecliptic is the center of a broad band about the earth known as the zodiac, And in this broad band the moon and planets weave a serpentine apparent path about the earth.

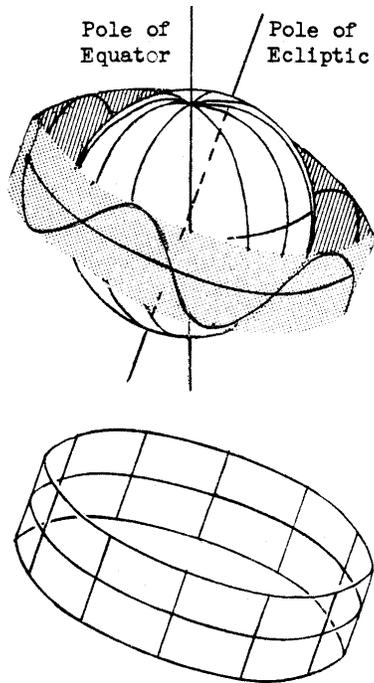
In any circle there are 360 degrees. The zodiac is made up of 12 equal divisions of 30 degrees each, called

signs, with names corresponding to constellations in the sky. But they are not synonymous with the constellations, which are not used in astrological computations or interpretations.

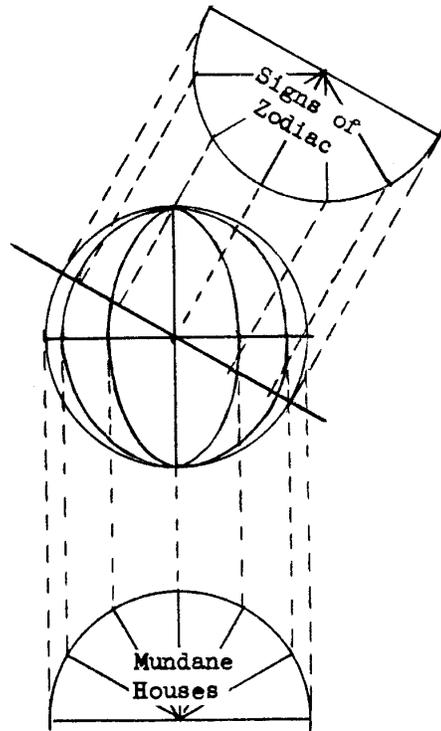
It must be understood that the divisions of the zodiac extend outwardly into space indefinitely. The zodiac is simply an imaginary mechanism for measuring the extent of our solar system. Beyond that the practical study of astrology is not concerned.



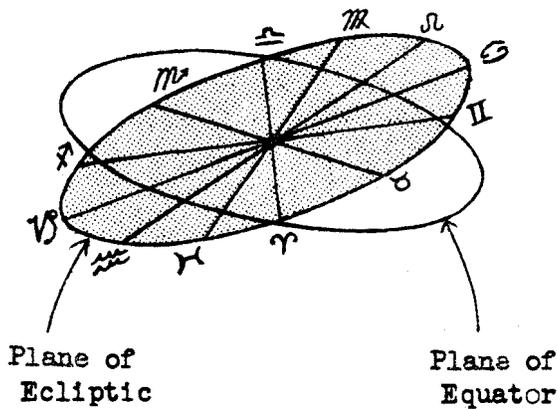
GENERAL NATURE OF THE DIVISIONS  
OF THE ZODIAC INTO TWELVE SIGNS  
OF THIRTY DEGREES EACH



Things would be less complicated if the plane of the ecliptic coincided with the plane of the earth's equator. But they are inclined to one another.



The above diagram shows why it so often happens that we find unequal numbers of degrees in the mundane houses of the horoscope. But they will add up to a total of 360°



The important thing to remember is that the signs of the zodiac are measured along the ecliptic, or path of the sun, and not along the equator.

**THE NATURAL NEW YEAR BEGINS ABOUT MARCH 21 EVERY YEAR**

When the sun crosses the equator coming north in the spring, it begins a new zodiac for the following 12 months. A horoscope erected for that time and for the capital of any country carries with it the destiny of that country until the sun completes another apparent journey about the earth.

**THE SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC ARE THESE**

Aries	♈	Libra	♎
Taurus	♉	Scorpio	♏
Gemini	♊	Sagittarius	♐
Cancer	♋	Capricorn	♑
Leo	♌	Aquarius	♒
Virgo	♍	Pisces	♓

(Memorize the names and symbols, with their opposites.)

**PARTS OF BODY GOVERNED BY EACH ZODIACAL SIGN**

**Aries** — head, face, upper jaw, cerebrum, or upper hemisphere of the brain.

**Taurus** — neck, ears, palate, tonsils, cerebellum, or lower lobes of the brain, the occipital region, larynx, and vocal cords.

**Gemini** — the shoulders, arms, hands, bronchi and lungs.

**Cancer** — lower part of lungs, the breasts, the diaphragm and the stomach.

**Leo** — Spine, back and heart.

**Virgo** — abdominal and umbilical region, duodenum and the intestines.

**Libra** — lumbar region, kidneys, ovaries, the seed, and the internal generative organs.

**Scorpio** — sinus or pelvis of the kidneys, the ureters and bladder, the sigmoid flexure, rectum, prostate gland, uterus and external generative organs in general. The nose also seems to respond somewhat to the activities of Scorpio.

**Sagittarius** — the hips and thighs and the sciatic nerve.

**Capricorn** — region of the knees. Aquarius—legs below the knees and ankles.

**Pisces** — feet and toes.

**HUMAN AFFAIRS GOVERNED BY THE ZODIACAL SIGNS**

**ARIES**, the Ram, likes combat, argument, is a good mixer, rash in love, will overwork. Best quality, LEADERSHIP Worst quality, OFFICIOUSNESS. Belongs to EGOTISTICAL SERIES

**TAURUS**, the Bull, steadfast and plodding, obedient and persistent. Not to be pushed or hurried. Best quality, STABILITY Worst quality, OBSTINACY. Belongs to POSSESSIVE SERIES.

**GEMINI**, the Twins, active mentally, restless, very talkative, can do many things well. Best quality, VERSATILITY Worst quality, CHANGEABLENESS. Belongs to THOUGHT SERIES.

**CANCER**, the Crab, emotional, craves sympathy, mediumistic. Environment most important. Best quality, TENACITY Worst quality, TOUCHINESS. Belongs to FEELING series. LEO, the Lion, faith and trust in others. Likes personal glory, good entertainer. Best quality, KINDNESS Worst quality, DOMINATION. Belongs to the WILL series.

**VIRGO**, the Virgin, likes facts rather than theories, statistician, ingenious, original. Best quality, ANALYSIS Worst quality, CRITICISM. Belongs to ANALYTICAL series.

**LIBRA**—the Scales, loves perfection, courteous, kind, craves understanding, companionship. Best quality, AFFABILITY Worst quality, Love of APPROBATION. Belongs to EQUILIBRIUM series.

**Scorpio**—the Scorpion, intense in likes and dislikes. Hard worker, natural healing magnetism. Best quality, RESOURCEFULNESS. Worst quality, TROUBLE-SOMENESS. Belongs to DESIRE series.

**SAGITTARIUS**—the Centaur, can give and take orders, natural executive, likes fresh air exercise. Best quality, LOYALTY. Worst quality, SPORTIVENESS. Belongs to COMPREHENSION SERIES.

**CAPRICORN**—the Goat, methodical and highly ambitious. Diplomatic, with eye to economy. Best quality, DIPLOMACY Worst quality, DECEITFULNESS. Belongs to UTILITY series.

**AQUARIUS**—the Water-Bearer, understands human nature. Psychologist, scientist, progressive. Best quality, ALTRUISM Worst quality, ARGUMENTATION. Belongs to KNOWLEDGE SERIES.

**PISCES**—the Fishes, impressionable, psychic, emotional, much influenced by environment. Best quality, SYMPATHY Worst quality, WORRY. Belongs to BELIEF series.

## PLANETS OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM

ASTROLOGY recognizes and uses eight planets, Sun and Moon, which traverse the zodiacal belt about the earth. Planets are distinguishable from fixed stars in the sky because they change their relative places among the fixed stars, never deviating much more than about 23 degrees from the ecliptic or pathway of the sun.

The name planet means "wanderer." To save countless repetition and explanation, the Sun and Moon are quite commonly referred to by astrologers as planets. That is for convenience of expression, for all of them certainly know that the Sun is the center of our own solar system, about which the eight most prominent planets revolve, plus a number of lesser planets. They also know that the Moon is a satellite of the earth.

This is mentioned only because some critics like to accuse the fraternity of ignorance of basic astronomical facts when time more profitably could be spent in learning of their power and influence.

**SYMBOLS OF THE PLANETS**

SUN	☉	JUPITER	♃
MOON	☾	SATURN	♄
MERCURY	☿	URANUS	♅
VENUS	♀	NEPTUNE	♆
MARS	♂	PLUTO	♇

**PLANETARY URGES**

**SUN**—The POWER urge. Best quality, RULERSHIP Worst quality, DICTATIVENESS.

**MOON**—DOMESTIC urge. Best quality, ADAPTABILITY Worst quality, INCONSTANCY.

**MERCURY**—INTELLECTUAL urge. Best quality, EXPRESSION Worst quality, RESTLESSNESS.

**VENUS**—SOCIAL urge. Best quality, AFFECTION. Worst quality, PLIANCY

**MARS**—AGGRESSIVE urge. Best quality, INITIATIVE Worst quality, HARSHNESS.

**JUPITER**—RELIGIOUS urge Best quality, BENEVOLENCE Worst quality, CONCEIT

**SATURN**—SAFETY urge. Best

quality, SYSTEM. Worst quality, SELFISHNESS.

**URANUS**—INDIVIDUALISTIC urge. Best quality, ORIGINALITY Worst quality, ECCENTRICITY.

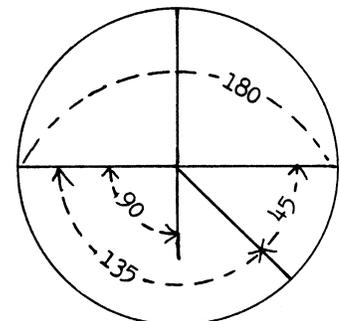
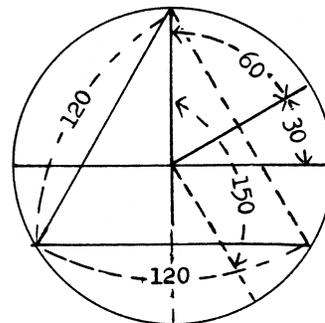
**NEPTUNE**—UTOPIAN urge. Best quality, IDEALISM Worst quality, VAGUENESS.

**PLUTO**—UNIVERSAL WELFARE urge Best quality, SPIRITUALITY Worst quality, INVERSION

**ASPECTS BETWEEN PLANETS PRODUCE ACTIVITY**

Experience has shown that when in a circle of 360 degrees, planets are located 30, 45, 60, 90, 120, 135, 150 or 180 degrees apart they tend to become active.

Those aspects derived from a trine or 1/3 part of the circle are most fortunate: that is, 30, 60 or 120 degrees. Those aspects derived from the square are most discordant; that is, 45, 90, 135 or 180 degrees.



**ASPECTS BY NAME,  
HIEROGLYPHIC,  
CHARACTERISTIC**

0°	CONJUNCTION Prominence, as the Sun	♌
30°	SEMI-SEXTILE Growth, as the Moon	♍
45°	SEMI-SQUARE Friction, as Mercury	♎
60°	SEXTILE Opportunity, as Venus	♏
90°	SQUARE Obstacle, as Mars	♐
120°	TRINE Luck, as Jupiter	♑
135°	SESQUI-SQUARE Agitation, as Uranus	♒
150°	INCONJUNCT Expansion, as Neptune	♓
180°	OPPOSITION Separation, as Saturn	♈

There is also the PARALLEL (P) aspect which occurs when two or more planets are within 1° of the same declination.

Whatever the basic trends of a birth chart, they generally come to a head under influence of one or more aspects by progression in later life.

**HOW THE PLANETS BEHAVE  
UNDER PROGRESSED ASPECTS**

Experience has shown that in practical chart interpretation there are three most probable ways in which each of the planets will react under progressed aspects. They are:

**SUN:** Any progressed aspect of the

Sun affects the vitality, the significance, and the authority.

**MOON:** Any progressed aspect of the Moon affects the mental attitude, the domestic life and every day affairs.

**MERCURY:** Any progressed aspect of Mercury affects the intellectual interests, the facility or accuracy of expression, and increases the cerebral activity.

**VENUS:** Any progressed aspect of Venus affects the emotions, the social relations and artistic appreciation.

**MARS:** Any progressed aspect of Mars brings haste, strife, and increased expenditure of energy.

**JUPITER:** Any progressed aspect of Jupiter affects the individual through abundance, increased optimism, and joviality.

**SATURN:** Any progressed aspect of Saturn brings work, responsibility and loss.

**URANUS:** Any progressed aspect of Uranus affects through something sudden, through a human agency, brings change into the life.

**NEPTUNE:** Any progressed aspect of Neptune increases the imagination, increases sensitivity, and attracts schemes.

**PLUTO:** Any progressed aspect of Pluto affects through groups, through subtle force, and brings coercion or cooperation.

## GENERAL PROCEDURE

There is nothing inevitable in the interpretation of a horoscope. In Standard Astrology we search for probabilities.

There are cases on record where a king and a peasant have been born at the same moment, and have lived parallel lives in the nature of experience, but on different levels of society.

It would be foolhardy to predict that the peasant would ever wear a crown. But he could and did receive honors in his sphere of life, comparable to a coronation in the royal family. He married at the same time, suffered illness and had other experiences similar to, and at the same time as those, which came to his so-called astrological twin.

We cannot say that a certain planet in a certain sign means a certain event. We must learn to judge the chart as a whole, taking into account the house position, the aspect formed, and the nature of the planets that form the aspects.

It is best to talk with the person whose chart we are reading, and learn as much as possible about his experiences, environment, diet, and the nature of his difficulty, if he seems to be troubled. In this way we can trace the manner in which he has used his personality bank account in the past. If we have the dates when events have occurred, we can trace in the ephemeris which planets were active at the time and know much more about the subject than he can tell you himself.

By thus "getting a line on the subject" we can go on from there

and have a fairly good idea of when and how he will react when future aspects of the planets occur.

It is a safe guess that when an aspect is repeated, the accompanying event will be similar to, or a continuation of, the event which took place at the time of the previous occurrence of the same aspect.

In this Beginner's Handbook it is not the place to discuss calculations of progressed aspects. But it may be helpful to say that what we call MAJOR PROGRESSED ASPECTS are counted at the rate of a day for a year. That is, the release of energy from the planets on the tenth day after birth affects the tenth year of life.

It is not as though anything came from the planet to the individual. Rather it is supposed that the planets by their peculiar arrangement at any given time and place mark fields of energy which do impinge upon the finer vibratory body of a soul at the moment of its birth in independent form. The same thing holds true for any other type of living thing, or event or organization. It is the vibratory power back of it, which propels it into being. Planets mark the paths of that vibration.

This has been only a brief outline of some of the things to consider in the reading of a horoscope, which you may find in astrology magazines or in classes. But what is given here is standard procedure. You will never have to "unlearn" this.

This little booklet will have served its purpose if it stimulates the minds of some casual students sufficiently to

cause them to take a more serious look at the subject

### **A WORD TO THE WISE**

Because there is so little if any legal and academic support for astrology, and such poor use being made of its unregulated freedom, it so happens that almost every astrology magazine that one picks up presents a "new system."

I would be the last one to say that no one should experiment but any new system will require years of research and real seership to prove its reliability. Too much freedom in this regard can defeat the purpose of astrology. True adeptship requires understanding of certain astrological principles which do not change. Only one who has traveled the Royal Path is qualified to place new standards before those who seek guidance.

Lack of mastery of astrological techniques handed down by ancient masters, and lack of knowledge of their importance in soul development is responsible for the chaotic situation in which modern astrology is submerged.

Souls are born into human form in response to a cosmic need at a given time. There is a specific calling which each one can fulfill better than any other. If astrology is properly understood it can hasten accomplishment of that cosmic purpose. Otherwise, that work will not be done.

The wise student will not fill his mind with a multitude of chaff which later

he must sweep out — or he will become suffocated by it.

For sake of your own progress consider well the source of your mental food. Eschew synthetics. Throw out the poison sprays of flattery. Remember, all that anyone can take with him is what he gives away in this life.

There is no short-cut route to attainment. But if side trips are eliminated, and one's eye is forever on its intended goal, even through mists and shadows and long delays, the reward may be greater than you have reason to expect.

Becoming a master requires mastery of oneself. It may be a slow process, overcoming one bad habit at a time, attaining one new skill at a time. True astrology points out the proper mental antidotes for discordant attitudes; it points out the dominant urges in the personality which it is most worth while to develop. All must travel the cosmic path. Opportunity awaits us here and now.

### **ARE YOU READY TO BEGIN?**

Brotherhood of Light lessons have been standard practice for astrologers for some 50 years. If studied in their entirety in the order listed below, they will remodel your personality and provide a straight and broad highway leading to true adeptship.

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CS 2 Astrological Signatures

CS 3 Spiritual Alchemy

- CS 4 Ancient Masonry
- CS 5 Esoteric Psychology
- CS 6 The Sacred Tarot
- CS 7 Spiritual Astrology
- CS 8 Horary Astrology (Hermetic System, including first mathematical lesson)
- CS 9 Mental Alchemy
- CS 10-1 Delineating the Horoscope
- CS 10-2 Progressing the Horoscope
- CS 11 Divination and Character Reading
- CS 12-1 Natural Alchemy...Evolution of Life
- CS 12-2 Natural Alchemy...Evolution of Religion
- CS 13 Mundane Astrology
- CS 14 Occultism Applied to Daily Life
- CS 15 Weather Predicting
- CS 16 Stellar Healing
- CS 17 Cosmic Alchemy
- CS 18 Imponderable Forces
- CS 19 Organic Alchemy
- CS 20 The Next Life
- CS 21 Personal Alchemy

### **WHERE TO FIND GOOD BOOKS**

There are 210 lessons in the books listed above. They cover every important branch of occultism.

For an expanded description of these home study courses by C. C. Zain go to the "Authentic Brotherhood of Light Course Books" section of this website.