

The Houses

Introduction to the 12 Houses

The houses form basic building blocks of the departments of your life.

When you strip away the superfluous layers of life you are left with the universals of time and space, and your role within its orbit. Much like the clock, the zodiac is split into 12 houses that are filled with their own particular traits, and ruled by a different sign.

The swirl of the planets, the houses they enter, and the signs and chakras they are in – all is channeled into determining your personal chart.

First House / Ascendant (Aries) Fire Sign / First & Third Chakra

Keyword: me

In the first house, you announce your identity. Your first experience of the self (the house of the self), the breath, the physical body, the need to break out and initiate a new cycle of life. Your initial contact with your appearance, outlook on life, identity, ego, the mask you wear, your persona, the eyes you see life through.

The first house covers beginnings, fresh starts, the cracks of light that breakthrough across the sky. The moment you rise. The moment you become visible. Your arrival is announced in the first house the day you were born.

Emanating from an existential core, the first house provokes the questions “who am I?” and “why am I here?”

Under the auspices of Aries, it is here where you build your foundations with the self-knowledge you acquire in this house. The place where you awaken your identity.

Second House (Taurus) Earth Sign / Second Chakra

Keywords: I need

In the second house, you learn how you feel about yourself, and your perception of the sensory world. Here you discover what you value, how you sustain life, and how to feed the body. The second house opens you up to self-esteem and self-worth, your spiritual resources, and how energy becomes grounded in reality.

The second house also rules on money, earnings, spending capacity, financial security, and measures wealth, talents, and resources. In broader terms, all matters of the material world, and points towards the avenues through which money will be lost and gained.

This is the house of substance that is tied to the development of your spiritual values. Forged together, it develops a healthy sense of materialism, which guides our ability to care for things based on a strong value system.

Third House (Gemini) Air Sign / Third & Fifth Chakra

Keywords: fitting in

In the third house, you learn to find your voice and develop your language in order to dialogue with your surrounding environment. Here you acclimatize to your place in the universe, weaving yourself into the world through cultivating self-expression and mental activity.

It is the social and intellectual realm of family, friends, early and traditional education, of your sense of community, and your place within it. It's also channeled into broader spaces of communication: the media you digest, the networks that you create and sustain, and the local places you visit along with the people you meet.

Fundamentally, the third house is the development of the mind and the intercommunication between the soul and the personality embedded within your surroundings.

Fourth House (Cancer) Water Sign / First & Fourth Chakra

Keyword: feeling

The fourth house is where you create your home – both the physical and the spiritual. It governs your residence and the wider environmental conditions. It is where your roots lay, your upbringing, along with the internalized house rules that were abided by.

The fourth house is the realm of unconsciousness where you collect those inherited beliefs and values. It's where your emotional structure was assembled. It deals with all things hereditary, as well as makes sense of your biological karma.

It's the house of agriculture where things germinate from the soil. The foundation and formation of traditions, and those hidden unexpected life events that crop up from the surface.

Grouped within your spiritual home, the fourth house taps into your emotional security, those self-care routines that fall within your control, and those activities and objects that provide personal comfort.

Fifth House (Leo) Fire Sign / Sixth Chakra

Keywords: the inner child

The fifth house is the playhouse. The space for creativity. The blank canvas upon which to sketch fresh imaginings. As you cultivate self-expression and bursts of spontaneity, it's channeled into particular hobbies, sports, and entertainment.

Here, playfulness manifests into your children, into feeding them with love and joy and nurturing your magic child towards their greatest potential.

The fifth house reveals the nature of your personal will and its expression of the outer world. It relates to the expression of the spiritual will, creativity impulsed by the soul, and the will to provide spiritual illumination to others. It is through this that teaches you how attention is sought through power, and where your ego can get hijacked.

Also as the house of pleasure and fertility, it gives way to erotic sexuality. Pleasure. The cultivation and understanding of love. Romance and love affairs. And the pool of your desires or deprivation.

Sixth House (Virgo) Earth Sign / Second Chakra

Keywords: Be here now

The sixth house is where you discover what work aligns with you as you find yourself on the first step in your search for meaningful work. As such it ties in with the fruits of your labor. The health of your professional relationships, and the work environment of which you are part.

The house highlights your attitudes toward the nature of work, jobs, service, and volunteering. It brings insight into daily routines and rituals, the state of your health, diet, and nutrition. Your hygiene: both physical and spiritual, and the interaction between mind, body, and soul.

Here is the space of adaptation, where you encounter difficulties, accidents, illness, and misfortune, which compel you to fight against and heal from. Where hardships are confronted and overcome – however long it may take or however difficult it may be.

Seventh House (Libra) Air Sign / Second & Fourth Chakra

Keyword: relationship

The seventh house is where you relate and connect with others. Where you foster one-to-one relationships. Your marriage, close friends, your personal and business partnerships. Tethered to the soul and personality, it marries the right relationship between your spiritual and carnal nature.

Yet this house walls all social relations both good and bad. It incorporates those with who you expend negative energy towards your opponents and open enemies and those with whom you feud. It covers lawsuits, trials, and competition.

It brings home those needed aspects that provide balance: the anima (the unconscious feminine side of a male) and the animus (the unconscious masculine side of a female).

Eighth House (Scorpio) Water Sign / Second & Sixth Chakra

Keywords: letting go

The eighth house is where you explore and meet the shadow. Examining the unseen, the occult, your unconscious, and your dreams. It is here where you experience death, rebirth, and transformation.

It delves into secrets and private matters but also levels of trust and commitment in others, all aspects related to sex, the sharing of resources, inheritance, and other people's money. While at the same time revealing the darker urges of jealousy and manipulation, control and obsession, and the maneuvering of power plays.

Among our contact with others, we learn how to compromise and manage other people's energy, as well as pinpoint our own psychic inheritance, and monitor moments of emotional reactivity.

Here is the house of mystery, dropping into the underworld where the dark night of the soul is felt, which may lead to paralysis, idleness, fear. Yet dark is bound to light, paving the way for the route of discipleship to open up.

Ninth House (Sagittarius) Fire Sign / Seventh Chakra

Keywords: spiritual integration

The ninth house is where you discover your wisdom within your value system. You reach the heights of your yearning for spirit and meaning in life. You seek out all themes of God/Goddess, as well as articulate arguments within the celestial realm.

While walking along the spiritual path, you gain insight into the knowledge of cosmic law but also the actual law, our legal system, and the high courts. This is where you meditate on philosophy, while journeys into higher education, and across non-traditional education, are sought here.

This is the house of the journey both short- and long-distance and traverses your cultural interests and affairs. While you expand across the horizon, you encounter multiple perceptions, doses of optimism, hope, and inspiration.

Tenth House (Capricorn) Earth Sign / Fifth & Seventh Chakra

Keywords: I am

The tenth house is where you play out a public role. It is you in action. Where you understand your rules of power and drive your power in the world. While the house presents opportunities for spiritual advancement and clear visions of the dharma. Will you hear the calling of what needs to be done?

And remember where you first began your journey. The glance into the past lets you see those who held us to a certain path and where dharma lies.

Here you hone your vocation and profession, where you put in the time, own your power, and anchor yourself to discipline. Yet realizing there are barriers to progression, what is keeping you from doing what you want?

Everything is seen and on display: leadership, prestige, reputation, honor, status, ambition, but also the summons of social pressure.

Eleventh House (Aquarius) Air Sign / Fourth & Sixth Chakra

Keyword: gift

The eleventh house is where you connect with the group to make a difference in the world. The power of the collective, the strength of humanitarianism, and the benefits of altruism. How are you giving back to the planet? What is your spiritual aspiration?

The tools that enable social change and empowerment, technology, television, the internet, the webs of networking, the forefront of science: are all home in the eleventh house. Connections with the group span from the political area down to your long-term friendships.

Down at the personal level: personal projects that have been cultivated. The visions and goals that drive you forward. What are your expectations of the future? And where do you fit in?

The eleventh house is the house of gain and good spirit. Those friends in high places, the sugar daddies that give financial support. Those sponsors you're able to reach and philanthropists able to help out.

Twelfth House (Pisces) Water Sign / Sixth & Seventh Chakra

Keyword: bliss

The twelfth house is the gateway into the mystical. Where you encounter the sacred and mysterious. Where you realize your understanding of your interconnectedness with the planet, and where you surrender to a higher power. Are you at the service of humanity?

Wrapped up in solitude that emanates from daydreaming, fantasy, and divine communion, this house unleashes imagination and the subconscious (both at the personal and collective level). The twelfth house is home to Samadhi, the meditative state of intense concentration.

The act of self-undoing is carried out here. The search of the hidden enemy and resources, and the unshackling of the bondage to the personality. What is happening behind the scenes? What are you confined to? What's repressed?