

The Astrological Signs Pt. 4

Keywords

Welcome back to Astro 101. We have already covered gender, modality, and elements. Now we are going to put them all together, which will give us some information about all the astrological signs.

Let's begin with the fire signs...

Element of Fire: The element of fire consists of three signs – Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius. Fire is concerned with potential and possibilities. It is deeply intuitive and focused upon what 'could' be rather than what is. In fact, 'what is' is very mundane and boring for fiery types, and they attempt to avoid reality as much as possible. This isn't because the physical world is too much for them to deal with; it's because the magical kingdom with dragons, prince and princesses, and a glamorous tomorrow is more palatable. If positively expressed then fire is spontaneous, intuitive, creative, and magnanimous. However, if fire is burning a bit too bright or is negatively expressed it can be egotistical, impatient, compulsive, and reckless.

Aries:

Symbol: The Bull

Natural House: The First

Orientation: Masculine

Modality: Cardinal

Planetary Ruler: Mars

Myth: [Jason and the Argonauts](#)

Key Phrase: 'I AM'

Positive Keywords: initiating, daring, pioneering, energetic, enthusiastic, competitive

Challenging Keywords: reckless, impulsive, irresponsible, impatient, combative, headstrong

Leo:

Symbol: The Lion

Natural House: The Fifth

Orientation: Masculine

Modality: Fixed

Planetary Ruler: The Sun

Myth: [Apollo](#)

Key Phrase: 'I WILL'

Positive Keywords: self-confident, radiant, regal, self-expressive, creative, generous

Challenging Keywords: prideful, vain, pompous, egocentric, melodramatic, spend thrift

Sagittarius:

Symbol: The Archer
Natural House: The Ninth
Orientation: Masculine
Modality: Mutable
Planetary Ruler: Jupiter
Myth: [Zeus](#), [Chiron](#)
Key Phrase: 'I UNDERSTAND'

Positive Keywords: wise, aspiring, visionary, optimistic, exploring, adventurous
Challenging Keywords: self-righteous, zealous, dogmatic, scattered, exaggerating, insensitive

The Element of Earth:

The element of earth consists of three signs – Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn. Earth is the element that is concerned with concrete reality; the things that you can see feel and touch. Earth is deeply sensual and often enjoys the finer things in life. So, they are more than willing to get out the checkbook and spend big if it is on something they find beautiful or gives them pleasure. Since earth is based on the 'real' world (whatever that is), it is often annoyed by speculation and risk taking. It likes to take the tried and true road because it is safe and secure, and they deeply fear risking everything for the sake of momentary adventures. If positively expressed then earth is practical, dependable, serious, and enduring. However, if earth is too bound to material structures then it is stubborn, rigid, materialistic, and inflexible.

Taurus:

Symbol: The Bull
Natural House: The Second
Orientation: Feminine
Modality: Fixed
Planetary Ruler: Venus
Myth: [Theseus and the Minotaur](#)
Key Phrase: 'I HAVE'

Positive Keywords: earthy, practical, stable, reliable, patient, domestic
Challenging Keywords: materialistic, possessive, stubborn, lazy, self-indulgent, uncontrolled appetites

Virgo:

Symbol: The Virgin
Natural House: The Sixth
Orientation: Feminine
Modality: Mutable
Planetary Ruler: Mercury

Myth: [The Rape of Persephone](#)

Key Phrase: 'I ANALYZE'

Positive Keywords: practical, discriminating, meticulous, organized, helpful, economical

Challenging Keywords: petty, picky, judgmental, nitpicking, obsessive-compulsive, neurotic

Capricorn:

Symbol: The Goat

Natural House: The Tenth

Orientation: Feminine

Modality: Cardinal

Planetary Ruler: Saturn

Myth: [Chronos/Hera](#)

Key Phrase: 'I USE'

Positive Keywords: cautious, responsible, conventional, perfectionist, hardworking, economical

Challenging Keywords: domineering, fatalistic, stubborn, brooding, egotistic, status-seeking

The Element of Air:

The element of air consists of three signs: Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius. Air is the element concerned with ideas. It rules the mind and everything that goes in it. Air is concerned with putting things together into a strategic formula so that life is civilized, fair, and decent. This element is the most connected to humans and its three signs are represented by symbols that are the most disconnected from the animal kingdom. As a result, air finds emotions suspect and often used as a tool of manipulation and will detach themselves from these experiences if pushed. This can lead to strained and difficult relationships. If positively expressed air is mental, intellectual, communicative, and social. However, if air flies up too high or is too detached from their emotions it can be wordy, gossipy, detached, and inconsistent.

Gemini:

Symbol: The Twins

Natural House: The Third

Orientation: Masculine.

Modality: Mutable

Planetary Ruler: Mercury

Myth: [The Dioscuri](#)

Key Phrase: 'I THINK'

Positive Keywords: intelligent, bright, rational, sociable, versatile, inventive

Challenging Keywords: superficial, shallow, gossiping, nosy, inconsistent, high-strung

Libra:

Symbol: The Scales
Natural House: The Seventh
Orientation: Masculine
Modality: Cardinal
Planetary Ruler: Venus
Myth: [Judgment of Paris](#)
Key Phrase: 'I BALANCE'

Positive Keywords: relating, cooperative, balanced, fair, diplomatic, harmonious
Challenging Keywords: dependent, indecisive, vacillating, overly delicate, gives away power to others, fence straddle

Aquarius:

Symbol: Water bearer
Natural House: The Eleventh
Orientation: Masculine
Modality: Fixed
Planetary Ruler: Uranus (Saturn)
Myth: [Prometheus](#)
Key Phrase: 'I KNOW'

Positive Keywords: reforming, independent, eccentric, unconventional, innovative, inventive
Challenging Keywords: disorganized, anarchist, deviant, erratic, unpredictable

The Element of Water:

The Element of Water consists of three signs – Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces. Water signs are the most elusive of all the elements and they thrive of emotions. This means that relationships and connection to other people are highly important, and isolation and loneliness can be quite overwhelming. They deeply fear being alone and will often compromise their personal happiness to keep others close. Although ideals and concepts are important to water signs, they will often feel that talk is cheap and that actions trump words. If water is expressed positively then it is nurturing, emotional, receptive, and protecting. If it is expressed negatively it can be overprotective, fearful, insecure, and dependent.

Cancer:

Symbol: The Crab
Natural House: The Fourth
Orientation: Feminine
Modality: Cardinal
Planetary Ruler: The Moon
Myth: [Tethys and Achilles](#)
Key Phrase: 'I FEEL'

Positive Keywords: emotional, sensitive, nurturing, domestic, patriotic, maternal

Challenging Keywords: insecure, defensive, hypersensitive, smothering, overprotective, stuck in the past

Scorpio:

Symbol: The Scorpion

Natural House: The Eighth

Orientation: Feminine

Modality: Fixed

Planetary Ruler: Pluto (Mars)

Myth: [Perseus and Medusa](#)

Key Phrase: 'I TRANSFORM'

Positive Keywords: regenerating, transforming, penetrating, erotic, mysterious, magnetic

Challenging Keywords: power-hungry, obsessive, extremist, vindictive, deceptive, paranoid

Pisces:

Symbol: The Fish

Natural House: The Twelfth

Orientation: Feminine

Modality: Mutable

Planetary Ruler: Neptune (Jupiter)

Myth: [Atargatis and Icthyis](#)

Key Phrase: 'I BELIEVE'

Positive Keywords: imaginative, idealistic, visionary, compassionate, empathic, sacrificing

Challenging Keywords: chaotic, impractical, delusional, self-destructive, addictive, misunderstood

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