

# The Wandering Hermit

## Star-ting Astrology

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## The Houses

The houses are not always the same size in charts. Each house represents different areas and parts of a life or of what is happening. If you compare the houses to the signs, you will realize that there is a matching between what each house deals with and what the corresponding sign rules. The first house is like Aries, the second like Taurus, and so on.

<b>House:</b> First <b>Ruler:</b> Mars	<b>Key Words:</b> Appearance This house is who we are, but most especially, it represents how we appear to others.
<b>House:</b> Second <b>Ruler:</b> Venus	<b>Key Words:</b> Values This house represents not only our personal moral values, but what we value physically as well.
<b>House:</b> Third <b>Ruler:</b> Mercury	<b>Key Words:</b> Thoughts, Communication This house represents our thoughts and communication skills and early education
<b>House:</b> Fourth <b>Ruler:</b> The Moon	<b>Key Words:</b> Home, family This house is our home and family and that which is close to us.
<b>House:</b> Fifth <b>Ruler:</b> The Sun	<b>Key Words:</b> Creativity, Romance, Children This house represents the way we express ourselves creatively and romantically (not the same as partnerships!) and represents children.

<b>House:</b> Sixth <b>Ruler:</b> Mercury	<b>Key Words:</b> Health, Work, Service This house represents our health, our daily work place (not the same as career), and our service to others.
<b>House:</b> Seventh <b>Ruler:</b> Venus	<b>Key Words:</b> Partnerships, marriage This house represents our partnerships with others in life.
<b>House:</b> Eighth <b>Ruler:</b> Pluto	<b>Key Words:</b> Sex, other people's money, death This house represents our responsibilities with other people's money, death (which can be spiritual change, too), and also sexuality.
<b>House:</b> Ninth <b>Ruler:</b> Jupiter	<b>Key Words:</b> Travel, Religion This house represents our later education, our desire to (or not to) travel, and our involvement and attitudes toward religion.
<b>House:</b> Tenth <b>Ruler:</b> Saturn	<b>Key Words:</b> Career, outward standing This house represents what we do or aspire to in career, which includes our need for outward standing in the community.
<b>House:</b> Eleventh <b>Ruler:</b> Uranus	<b>Key Words:</b> Wishes, hopes, dreams, friends This house represents our desires, our friends, and altruism.
<b>House:</b> Twelfth <b>Ruler:</b> Neptune	<b>Key Words:</b> Spiritual, past lives, institutions This house represents our attitudes or involvement with spirituality (not the same as religion!), and provides past life information.

## **The Next Step**

The Reference Section contains this information, but does not include the pictures and the glyphs are smaller. The idea is to put the essential data only in that section.

Now that you've had time to learn the signs and the sign glyphs, the next step is to learn the planets, then houses, then we will practice reading a birth chart.

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