

## Shamanic Astrology Natal Charts Using the Whole Sign House System

When you receive your Shamanic Astrology Natal Chart you will notice that each degree on the house cusps begins with zero degrees. This is different than the Placidus, Koch or other house systems that use different mathematical formulas for dividing the space between the angles of the chart. Robert Hand, an internationally known astrologer, discovered, through translations of ancient Sumerian and Babylonian astrological texts, what is believed to be the oldest known house system used called the Whole Sign System.

This system simplifies the houses and eliminates confusion around planetary placements near house cusps. From the perspective of the archetypal approach utilized by Shamanic Astrology the Whole House system beautifully aligns with this, equating the archetypal meaning of a house with that of a sign. For example, the first house of 30 whole degrees always has the connotation of the sign Aries, the second house, Taurus and so on.

In the Whole House System each house cusp begins with zero degrees of the sign, placing the ascendant or sign that is rising somewhere in the first house. So for example, if a person is born with 29 degrees Capricorn Rising the first house cusp is zero degrees Capricorn, the second house cusp is zero degrees Aquarius, etcetera. The difference is the Ascendant/Descendant are not defining the first or seventh house cusp but fall within the context of those houses.

Other benefits of this system are how it effectively eliminates the confusion concerning what house a planet or node is really occupying. It also eliminates 'intercepted' signs in houses and is a tremendous resolution to the long-standing problem regarding the distortion of house size at more extreme northern latitudes. During the last few years, the use of this house system has eliminated one of the last remaining ambiguities in the Shamanic Astrology system resolving important inconsistencies in interpretation.

It helps to draw in the Ascendant (As) to Descendant (Ds) and Midheaven (Mc) and Home and Roots (Ic) lines. This helps to orient you to the sign that was rising at your birth (Ascendant) and to what was overhead or on the Midheaven. The four points generated by these lines represent the main mystery schools you have come to investigate and learn about. The ascendant is the mystery school of personal Identity and is the primary mystery school for the current life. The opposite point or Descendant is the mystery school of Conscious Equal Partnership. These two points together create the Relationship Axis. The Midheaven represents the mystery school of Right Livelihood and its opposite point the Ic is the mystery school of Home and Roots. These two points create the Foundational Axis.

### **These Mystery Schools Investigate:**

**Aries** Pure Centered-On-Self Awareness, Spontaneity And Aggressive Play, Exploration and Adventure, With an Intent to also Protect The Cosmic Order

**Taurus** Aesthetics, Intimacy As An Art Form, Receptivity, Brings Spirit Into Matter for Pleasure and Joy

**Gemini** The Nature Of Analytical Mind, And Its Forms Of Communication, The Entire Spectrum Of Logical And Mental Interconnectedness To Go Beyond Linear Processes

**Cancer** Responsible Nurturing, Home And Roots, New Themes For Home And Family

**Leo** The Nature Of The Sovereign Autonomous Central Self To Develop Radical Radiant Self-Love, The Essence Of Leadership

**Virgo** The Patterning Of The Organic World And Of Soul, To Discover And Then Dedicate Self To The "Sacred Work," Brings Spirit Into Matter To Honor It

**Libra** Partnership And Relationship To Discover Non-Hierarchical Conscious Equal Partnership, The Balance Between Individual Truth And Consensus Reality

**Scorpio** Life Force Energy And The Deepest Emotions Through The Full Experience Of The Interaction Of Will And Desire, Intimacy As Tantra And Eros

**Sagittarius** Truth And The Meaning Of Life By Expanding The Self To The Widest Possible Horizons, Through The Hero's Journey And Vision Quests

**Capricorn** The Rules And Principles That Govern The Structure Of The Universe, Brings Spirit Into Matter To Manage And Administer It

**Aquarius** Freedom By Expanding Awareness To The Widest Cosmic Overview Through Spiritual Or Intellectual Detachment, Enrichment Of Life's Possibilities Through Uniqueness, Eccentricity, And Revolution

**Pisces** The Ecstasy Of Mystical & Empathic Union With Humanity And God, Selfless Service

For a more in-depth look into the archetypes refer to **The Shamanic Astrology Handbook** by Daniel Giamario and Cayelin K Castell at [www.shamanicastrology.com](http://www.shamanicastrology.com)

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