

## The Natural Horoscope

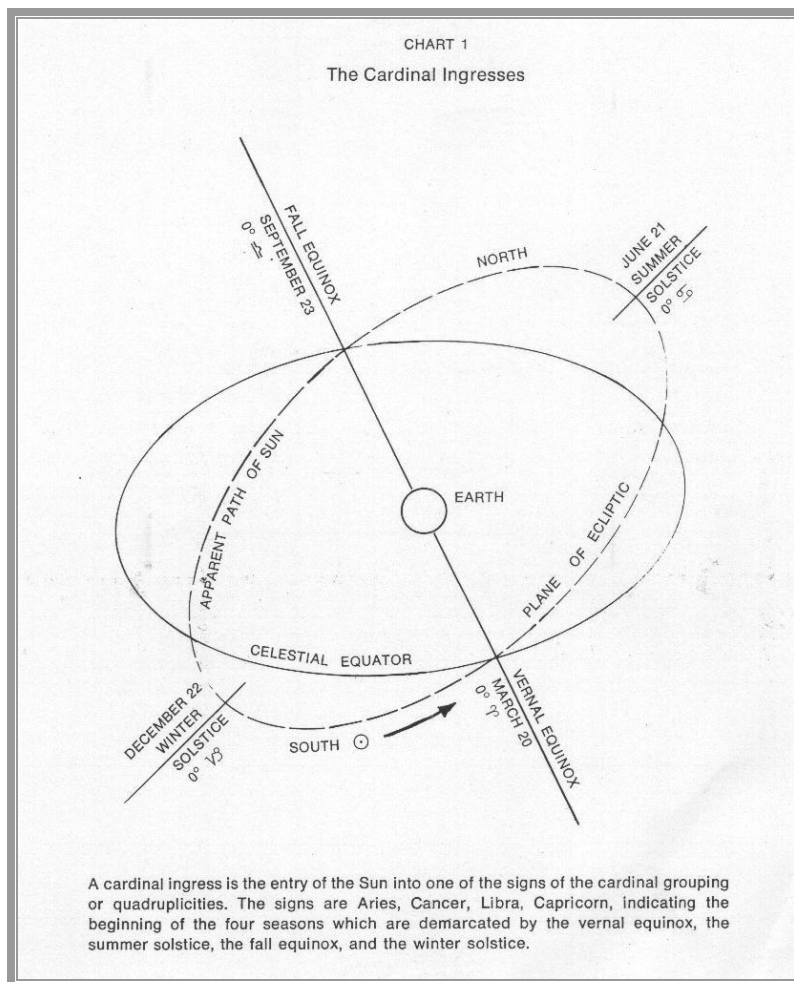
A horoscope is a map of the positions of the planets in the heavens at the exact time and place of your birth. This map represents a circle of  $360^{\circ}$ , the path that the Sun appears to follow through the sky (actually the plane of the earth's orbit around the Sun), which astronomers call the ecliptic. Astrologers divide this path into twelve  $30^{\circ}$  sectors. These sectors are the twelve signs of the zodiac or Sun Signs. They indicate which sector the Sun was in at the time of your birth. For instance, if you were born in the early part of October your sun would be in the sign of Libra.

The Zodiac most commonly used in Western astrology is determined by the vernal equinox. This is the position of the Sun (about 20<sup>th</sup> March each year) when the days and nights are equal. The vernal equinox is defined in astronomy as the point in space where the plane of the earth's orbit around the Sun, the ecliptic, intersect the plane of the earth's equator extended into space. In astrology this is known as  $0^{\circ}$  of Aries. It marks the beginning of what is known as the 'Tropical Zodiac,' the most commonly used Zodiac in Western Astrology.

A horoscope is called by many different names: Nativity, natal chart, natus, birth chart, map wheel etc. However the signs of the Zodiac always follow an unchanging pattern through the sky: Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius and Pisces.

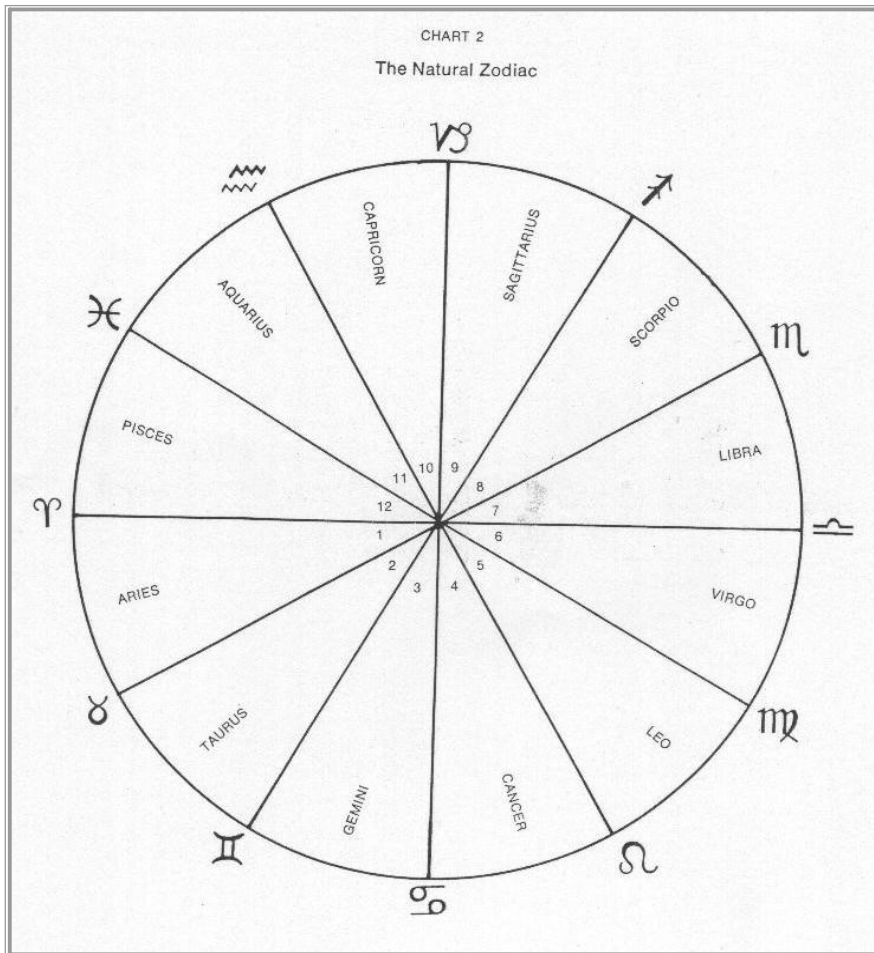
(Sakioan & Acker 1973)

## The Cardinal Ingress



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### The Natural Zodiac or Wheel

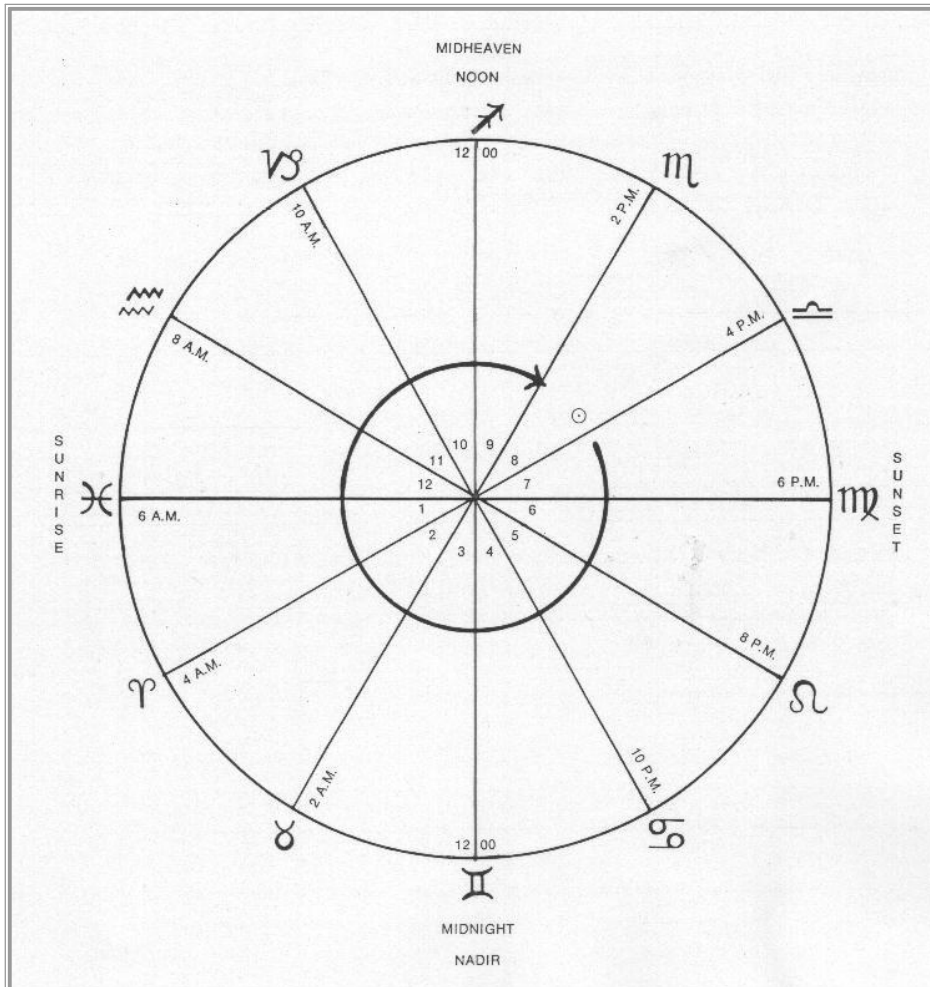


#### Key Points

- The Sun changes position between the 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month
- The Sun is either in one sign or the other: it cannot be in two signs at once.
- The line between the signs is called the Cusp
- The twelve signs of the Zodiac represent both positive and negative characteristics of human behaviour.
- Everyone has all twelve signs included in their horoscope. The effect on various departments of life is determined by the position of the planets in these signs and the interaction between the signs of the zodiac and the houses in the horoscope

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### Suns Daily Motion



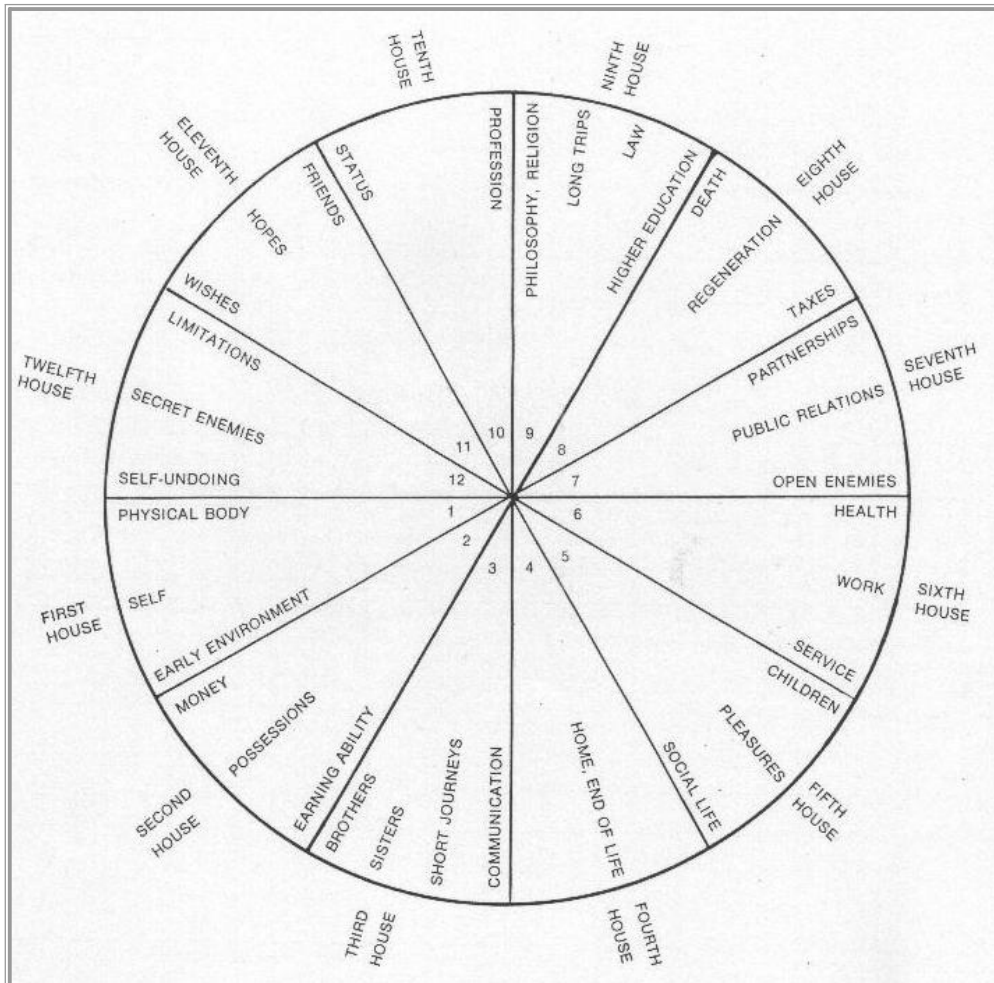
It takes approximately 2 hrs for the sun to move through the signs

#### The Example:

This person is a Sun in Libra (indicated by the ☉) born around 4.00pm. If the sun is on the Ascendant around 6am, if you follow the times in the house division you will see that the sun would be in the 8<sup>th</sup> House about 4.00 pm. This would give this native a Sun in Libra with Pisces Ascendant

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## Overview of the House and Key Meanings



### The Houses or departments of life

You will notice that the horoscope is divided into sections. Astrologers refer to these sections as houses and they represent various departments of life