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Foreword

Astrology has been regarded as a different thing to different persons. Certain individuals view it as the future's prediction while some see astrology as the guide to daily life encounter. Regardless of the situation, this is considered as the observable fact providing insights to a realm of life through a more unique and more creative level. It gives a good understanding of the people's existence in this world. Get all the info you need here.



The Art of Astrology

A Look at Principles and Practices

Chapter 1:

Astrology Basics

Synopsis

The meanings and symbols in Astrology define the entire energetic abilities of a person to succeed and thrive. This is actually diverse when it comes to its magnitude in order to give information and inspiration to the followers. It does not necessarily mean that a person should be observant in religious matters just to realize the essence of Astrology. In fact, there are various ways where people can use it in their lives.



The Basics

The very first step in doing so is by learning about the basic signs of sign. It is the month that they were born which can give the overview of their dislikes, likes, and the whole personality.

Astrology may be perceived in various lenses. The planets that continue to revolve around play an important role in the influence of Astrology. The Astrological mystery and beauty can be a proof that this is in a constant motion.

Basically, Astrology is composed of horoscope signs, the 12 zodiac signs. Each represents the months of a calendar year. They are portraying the definite symbol of each individual personality.

These horoscopes give the unique outlet to individual desires. They represent clarity, appeal and opportunity to the lives of the people. In addition, they are generating the awareness level of a person on a spiritual level.

Astrology can also teach the ways to enhance and develop one to be a happy and contented individual. It also recommends the kind of careers and jobs that can encourage development and growth as a person.

This can be a simple or complicated topic to be understood depending on the way an individual take it. Thus, the most essential thing here is to be informed of the knowledge opportunity variance in the Astrological commonality sphere.

This is actually everlasting and there are no finite answers for some things. In contrary, Astrology basics have been the daily facts that can be learned as a brand new thing. This is the highly skilled practice which does not lose knowledge. The knowledge may become a power when a person gets fully committed.

The astrological concepts make many people in the world interested and curious on how they really work on their lives. The basic knowledge about astrology can give a significant change in how a person views life and his daily encounters.

To get started, take note of the given collection of details below and be guided all the way.

Chapter 2:

The History of Astrology

Synopsis

The knowledge about Astrology had started thousands years ago. The concepts about it came from different cities and countries wherein each of them contributed to the overall perception of people in the present generation.



What Is It

Astrology Defined

Astrology is composed of various divination systems according to the premise about the human world events and astronomical phenomena relationship. Several cultures had integrated astronomical events' essence.

The Chinese, Mayans, and Indians had created the elaborate systems in prediction of terrestrial events coming through celestial observations.

In some of the Western countries, astrology is usually comprised of the horoscope system that explains the aspects of the personality of a person; at the same time, it predicts future events according to the positions of moon, sun and planetary objects during their birth.

The Transition of Astrology

In ancient Babylonia, Astrology has been practiced by priests for deciphering the gods' will. From here, the Greeks adopted it and they rely on the oracles and stars to forecast the events in the future. The Indian Hindus had explored it from 5000BC to 3000BC. They developed some similar signs that people are now using in the present.

The Egyptians were the ones who used astrology for the first time in foretelling the person's character according to his or her birth date. Way back 4300 BC in Egypt, the star charts were discovered. Chinese developed the astrology system in 2800 BC.

Greeks had influenced the astrology of the Egyptians through what they had learned from Babylonians. On the other hand, Ptolemy had written an astrology book that contains the present practices of using houses, signs and planets.

Astrology had become an essential aspect of various ancient people's culture. Augustus, the Roman ruler (63 BC to 14 AD) created coins that adorn Capricorn, his astrological zodiac sign. Later on, the

Persians and Arabs followed the astrology teachings including other sciences such as medicine and mathematics of the Greek. These practices have been shared with Europeans during the 12th century and paved the way for Renaissance. Most Muslim and Persian astronomers had refuted this concern for religious and scientific reasons.

The Decline

Astrology started to decline in its popularity after the fall of Rome. Christians claimed that it has been a devil's work, as Church had grown in power; these people had taken up the astrology practice for personal uses. For instance, St. Thomas Aquinas believed that planets are controlling all things. During the Renaissance period, astrology became favorable again. The seventeenth century became the Age of Enlightenment wherein it started to hold scientific accomplishments. For the very first time, astrology turned into 2 distinct disciplines.

The Revival

It remained in a background until the interest has been revived during the early 20th century. In 1930S, US came up with a famous astrology program that aired on a radio. It eventually made a spark interest among the people. At present, it is no surprise knowing that the international leader consults the stars. Some remain to refuse believing in the predictions while many take this so seriously.

Chapter 3:

Zodiac Signs Basics

Synopsis

For other people, astrology is only a language used for describing the energies of the universe. While for some, this is the planet observation as well as the energy patterns created at a given moment. Early cultures had closely followed these movements and observed the annual journey of the Sun through Zodiac. Then, they had seen that some individuals who were conceived under the signs of the Sun had the same traits.



How Does It Work?

Astrology has been working with Constellation Energy in the outer space. The light coming from the constellation (Astrology sign) is flying towards the outer space. It strikes the Sun, mixes with the light and hits the Earth. For instance, those who were born between the Planet Earth and the sign of Pisces/Constellation, it means that Pisces is their astrological sign.

Sun Signs: Zodiac Signs Strengths and Weaknesses

There are 12 various Sun signs present according to Chinese astrology. They have been assigned according to Zodiac sign where the Sun is located during the birth of a person. These signs give details regarding individual's unique personality. Below are the twelve zodiac signs and the basics of their personality type and emotions.

Aries

It is the person who was born between March 21 and April 30 and its symbol is Ram while Fire is its element. Aries' ruling planet is Mars. The key strengths of an Aries person are energetic, confident, adventurous and courageous. Being impatient, self-centered, impulsive and short-tempered are the weaknesses.

Taurus

The Taurus persons are those who were born between April 21 and May 21. The assigned symbol to Taurus is the Bull while its ruling planet is Venus and Earth is the element. Their strengths are dependability, emotional and physical strength, compassionate, reliability and loyalty. Their weaknesses include aggressiveness, dislike to face changes, stubbornness, and sensitivity.

Gemini

The Gemini persons are those who were born between May 22 and June 21. Its symbol is the Twins, its ruling planet is Mercury and the element is Air. Gemini strengths are inquisitiveness, flexibility, good communication skills, and jovial. The weaknesses are restlessness, time management, selfishness and confusing personalities.

Cancer

Cancer is the person who was born between June 22 and July 33. Crab is its symbol, water is the element and moon is its ruling planet. The strengths of this sign include empathy, genuine family attachment, adaptability and loyalty. Cancer weaknesses are sensitivity, indecisiveness, emotional outbursts, and moodiness.

Leo

Leo people are those who were born between July 24 and August 23. Their symbol is the Lion, Sun is the ruling planet, and Fire is the element. Their strengths are honesty, optimism, energetic nature, kindness, loyalty and big-heartedness. Their weaknesses include egotism, dominating personality, jealousy, and possessiveness.

Virgo

Persons who were between August 24 and September 23 have Virgo sign. Virgin is their symbol, Earth is the element and Mercury is its ruling planet. Their strengths include realistic, dependable, patient, sincere, perfectionist and practical. The Virgo weaknesses are being restless, too critical and lack demonstrativeness.

Libra

Libra persons were born between September 24 and October 23 and balance is their symbol. Venus is their ruling planet and Air is the element. Libra strengths are being affectionate, loving, social nature, patient, gregarious, cheerful, balance, and energetic. Their weaknesses include indulgence, overly sensitive, emotional, carelessness, and indecisiveness.

Scorpio

Those who were born between October 22 and November 21 have Scorpio as their sign with a Scorpion as their symbol. Water is their element and Pluto is the ruling planet. Their strengths are trustworthiness, patience, caring, mystifying, loyalty, and passionate. Scorpio weaknesses are too egotistical, sensitive, stubbornness, and those people who are born under this sign may get jealous easily.

Sagittarius

A Sagittarius person is born between November 23 and December 21. Archer is the symbol, fire is the element, and the ruling planet is Jupiter. Its strengths are lightheartedness, excellent communication skills, intellectualism, forthrightness, and honesty. The weaknesses include restlessness, flirtatious nature, prone to changes, and sharp tongue.

Capricorn

The Capricorn person was born between December 22 and January 20 with Sea Goat as the symbol. Capricorn element is Earth and Saturn is its ruling planet. The strengths are being reliable, sincere, loyal, hardworking, strong will power, and responsible. Its weaknesses are being short tempered, introvert, and slightly obstinate.

Aquarius

People who were born between January 21 and February 19 have Aquarius sign. Water bearer is their sign; air is its element, and a ruling planet of Uranus. Their strengths include kindness, practicality, intelligence, friendliness, and compassionate. Their weaknesses are being adamant, unpredictable, and dislike in making commitments.

Pisces

The Pisces person is born between February 20 and March 20. Fish is its sign, water is the element, and Neptune is its ruling planet. Pisces strengths are sharp memory, disinterest in material things, intuitiveness, and empathy. The weaknesses are wistfulness, inflexibility, mood swings, and sensitive.



Chapter 4:

Zodiac Sign Houses Basics

Synopsis

A birth chart is composed of 12 pieces, with each of them is representing a life experience arena. These are the "houses" in astrology. The planet Zodiac sign shows the ways it has been directed. The planet's house placement shows the real of life in which it plays out.



What are the Houses?

- House of Mars and Aries (First House) all essential Ascendant (Rising Sun) and world's first impression.
- House of Venus and Taurus (Second House) the province of resourcefulness, steady and slow progress, and stability.
- House of Mercury and Gemini (Third House) the house of family tribe, neighborly exchanges, short travels, education and more.
- House of Moon and Cancer (Fourth House) arena of ancestral roots, Mother, sense of home, unconscious, and family.
- House of Sun and Leo (Fifth House) the arena of love affairs, related to children, self expression, and loving life.
- House of Chiron or Mercury and Virgo (Sixth House) real of service routine of fulfilled and healthy life. The arena of diet, daily work and exercise.
- House of Venus and Libra (Seventh House) holds style, tenor and even lessons of major relationships including business, friendship and marriage.
- House of Pluto and Scorpio (Eight House) arena of regeneration by sex as well as personal rebirth and death periods.

- House of Jupiter and Sagittarius (Ninth House) house of seeking knowledge, exploring, traveling, and higher education.
- House of Saturn and Capricorn (Tenth House) arena of career ambitions and personal authority.
- House of Uranus and Aquarius (Eleventh House) house of networks, collective currents, and friendships.
- House of Neptune and Pisces (Twelfth House) house of hidden realities.



Chapter 5:

Characteristics of Different Zodiac Signs

Synopsis

Many people across the globe find it more interesting and more interesting when they read the zodiac sign characteristics. Most of the time, they eventually compared if they had the same personality with the statement indicated in their sign. To have better and clearer about the zodiac sign meanings or characteristics continue reading.



The Characteristics

The Ram (Aries)

Aries demonstrates energy that provides a vibrant and exciting impression. Their optimism and enthusiasm make them naturally born leaders and irresistible. Their erogenous zones are the face and head with diamond as the birthstone.

The Bull (Taurus)

Their qualities of being patient, persevering and dependable lead to success in obtaining their dreams. Their determination and strength inspire other people to invest trust in them. Throat and neck are their erogenous zones and emerald is the birthstone. They love good life comforts and have strong desire for their own security.

The Twins (Gemini)

Gemini persons have to share and communicate their ideas. They are also curious about all things. Romance proves exciting and intriguing since they have flair and imagination. Shoulders, arms and hands are the erogenous zones, while agate is their birthstone.

The Crab (Cancer)

Cancer people are always willing to give emotional nurturing through mothering to those who are in need. Their erogenous zones are the stomach and the breasts, and pearl is the birthstone.

The Lion (Leo)

Leos had true love for pleasure and life. Small or big, they generally rule their own kingdoms and thrive on attention and drama. The spine and back are their erogenous zones and ruby is their birthstone.

The Virgin (Virgo)

They are harvesting information and apply them into practical uses. It is difficult for them talking to strangers as well as relaxing. Sapphire is their birthstone and navel and stomach are the erogenous zones.

The Scales (Libra)

Libras give the gift of making people feel important and they captivate charm. Their birthstone is opal and the erogenous zones are buttocks and lower back.

The Scorpion (Scorpio)

They are the bundle contradictions that encompass the worst and best in humans. They are ruled by emotions but are passionate in all things. Topaz is their birthstone and genitals are the erogenous zones.

The Centaur (Sagittarius)

Sagittarius people belong to the likeable persons of zodiac. Ironically, they have been thin skinned and they get easily hurt through thoughtless actions or remarks of others. The thighs and hips are the erogenous zones, and Turquoise is the birthstone.

The Goat (Capricorn)

These people are naturally ambitious. They have been motivated by the desire for status, position, money and success. Knees are the erogenous zones and Garnet is their birthstone.

The Water Bearer (Aquarius)

They have been unorthodox and original persons who do not follow crowd. They were independent thinkers having meaningful and important ambitions. Ankles and calves are their erogenous zones. Their birthstone is Amethyst.

The Fish (Pisces)

Pisces is the last zodiac sign which is centered on reincarnation, spiritual rebirth and eternity. They are capable of looking deep into human psyche. The feet are their erogenous zones and Aquamarine is the birthstone.

Chapter 6:

Characteristics of Different Zodiac Signs Houses

Synopsis

The astrological chart looks like the wheel which is divided into 12 equal parts and each part is called "house". Each house indicates particular life aspects wherein actions have to be performed.



The Houses

- First House more on self and appearance. It involves how impulsive a person is and how he initiates.
- Second House refers to possessions and earnings. This
 specifies how people spend and gain their money, their attitude
 to material and wealth possessions, and the potential for
 accumulating these things.
- Third House the relatives; the communication extending to a person's immediate environment such as neighbors, short journeys and siblings.
- Fourth House refers to home and things integrated to it like personal foundations, land, roots and family.
- Fifth House about being oneself and how to enjoy it.
- Sixth House involves the work quality, jobs quality performed as what opposed to the actual career (represented by 10th house).
- Seventh House encompasses any one-to-one relationships like contracts, business partnerships, marriage, cooperative relationships, law suits, open enemies, separation, divorce, and quarrels.

- Eight House commonly misunderstood house. It is about healing and transformation. It rules the things and processes wherein people get more powerful as they transform.
- Ninth House it involves the experiences that a person encounter while searching for different meanings of such things.
- Tenth House it aims for success for social status and honor.
 This greatly influences the career as well as the general public reputation.
- Eleventh House it is about regulation, liberty, self-realization and legislation.
- Twelfth House it is about the subconscious and hidden self
 existing apart from the physical reality. This house involves the
 things that can take people away from their daily life: secrets,
 confinement places, institutions, self-sacrifice, and hidden
 enemies.

Chapter 7:

Tools Used in Astrology

Synopsis

There are various tools that are typically used in astrology. Some of these tools that are widely used today are the astrology systems and the tarot system. If you will observe the psychics while doing their job, you will see that most of them are using tarot cards and a crystal ball. Both of these tools became popular with these people for such a long time. Hence, it is not surprising to see these things when you visit a psychic.



The Tools

The crystal ball's image suffered from travesty for years. On the other hand, most astrologers use it as they have found that it is a very helpful tool. Throughout the previous decade, it has been recognized that a crystal ball is a serious and an effective tool to use in astrology.

Tarot cards are also used by most astrologers nowadays. These are also recognized as among the popular choice for most fortune tellers. There are various designs and styles to choose from. Most astrologers use them and they will settle on a particular design into which they feel comfortable. This way, they will be able to learn the proper way of interpreting the images & patterns in the most effective way.

Crystals are classified as one of other tools that can be helpful in astrology. Psychics will channel the spiritual world over the cleanliness of these gems.

Also, you will find some astrologers who are engaged in using tea leaves which are among the popular tools to be used in channeling the psychic energy. Once again, the image of it has been damaged slightly by mockery through the years. These leaves work by the psychic who reads their pattern.

There are some who use other items that have the same effect with the previously mentioned tools. You may see that some psychics will use stones and runes that they toss on a surface. They will guess the meaning from determining the way that they fell as well as their connection between each other.

Some of the tools used in astrology tend to be more unusual & personal to a particular astrologer. It can be something that he or she owns for quite a long period of time which will let him or her to concentrate and channel the psychic capability that he or she has.

Everything comes with a possibility and power to be employed by an astrologer to gain concentration and make a connection going to the spiritual world. There are times that a fortune teller makes use of some items that has a sentimental value coming from his or her customers. These items will help him see and learn what could happen to you on the next years to come in your life.

The most valuable of all the tools that is used in astrology is the knowledge as well as the skills that an astrologer possesses. These tools such as the crystal ball and tarot cards will be useless if the person who uses them don't have the innate power. They only serve as the most efficient way to help an astrologer in concentrating to gain precise results.

Chapter 8:

Astrology in Folk Stories

Synopsis

Astrology is covered with mystery and you will find there are various stories that talks about it. An astrologer can tell you more about this.

He or she can share different stories about something which is always related with astrology. He or she could have the stories that are good for all types of seasons, people and many more.

These stories are there not to entertain you but they are meant to express something. These stories are meant to convey some messages that can be mysterious at some point of time.

However, astrology will always be a part of these stories. An example of a story that you can get from is about Moon.

Folk Stories

When it comes to astrology, Moon is pertaining to a certain type of personality. It is the multifaceted one-person who is acts differently at home but he is professional when it comes to work. He has to be prepared for the different situations that may prevail at a moment.

An astrologer can tell you more about it. Moon acts as a representative of the collective awareness that human mind has. It means that an obsessed mind does not pay attention to insight.

Usually, the mind attempts to exact compassion from others such as those people who have been influenced by dark nights.

Moreover about astrology, you will learn more folk stories that talk about a particular component of it. If you will try to learn and get more information about astrology, you will find that there are twenty seven constellations such as the 27 wives that the Moon has. You will also learn that there are 2 fornights. The first one is the so-called One Bright while the other one is Dark.

You should also know that there are 1 Amavasya and Poornima every month. Moon owns a particular constellation and that is called Rohini. It is dignified in the sign of Taurus wherein the said constellation is located.

Like this one, your ancestors may also have some stories that talk about something that is connected with astrology. Aside from the astrological reading for the heavenly bodies, the stars in a sky create the basis of the different folk tales. The other significant things in Astrology are the lunisolar calendar, 60-year calendar and the elements like wood, earth, fire, water and metal.

There are animal symbols like rat, tiger, rabbit, dragon and many more.

If you will browse the web today, you will find that there are various stories that talk about the Sun, the stars and etc. You can also talk with an astrologer if you want to learn more. He or she can tell with everything that you would like to learn.

You will understand more about astrology with folk tales. As you read the stories that you can find in the web, you will see that the world and the universe is covered with mystery that only an astrologer who can explain the mystery behind astrology and these stories.

Chapter 9:

Variations Per Region

Synopsis

Since it has been developed, Astrology continued to decline and to revive with its new ideas and concepts. As time passes by, there were already many interpretations existed regarding the aspects of life which has something to do with astrology. They came from different regions that have been greatly influenced and totally embraced it. Every zodiac system is unique in its characteristics which have been taken from the ancient civilizations.



Variations

Indonesian Astrology

It has been developed during the Indonesian ancient civilization and it is still popular in the present generation. Javanese horoscope has been distinguished through superimposing of Western 7day weekly cycle and Indonesian five-day Pasaran.

African Astrology

The African astrology origin may get traced back into the ancient African civilization development. Its astrology has been based on "Geomancy" which is the divination form, having figures composed of bones thrown randomly. As a result, arrows and lines are formed.

Arabic Astrology

This is a great astrological form that indicates about the Arabic characteristics according to the birth date. Arabic astrology gives insightful hints regarding the demerits and merits of various signs. This is also called as the Persian Astrology, which belongs to the oldest astrological forms.

Tibetan Astrology

Astrology has been regarded as a part of the 5 traditional sciences in Tibet. The Tibetan Astrology had been originated around one thousand years ago. It had its roots in other traditions such as Chinese, Indian, and local Bon religions.

Burmese Astrology

Astrology plays a crucial role in Burmese people's lives. This serves as the person's birth sign basis that they knew his behavioral pattern and personality. The 8 zodiac signs of Burmese have their cardinal points: south west, south east, north east, west, northwest, north, east and south.

Native American Astrology

Native Americans believed in astrology for many centuries. They developed the earth astrology system. Their year has been divided into 12 zodiac signs with each named after an animal.

Australian Astrology

Australian Astrology has been an interactive tool that reveals about the animal characteristics of Australians according to their birth date. It gives insightful hints regarding the demerits and merits of such signs.

Arabic Lunar Mansions

This system is a part of the very famous mystic practices. An interesting thing about this reading is its unique approach in interpretation of luminary, asteroid, and planet positions.

These are just some of the regions that provide different astrological system and interpretations. There are more astrological concepts existing and it will be very interesting to learn about them.



Conclusion What the Critics and Proponents Have to Say

to know more of their personalities and at the same time, they learn how to value and appreciate their life. There are more concepts and facts that should people should delve into to fully understand how astrology really works. On the other hand, the critics and proponents had expressed their own understanding and perception of astrology. In fact, the skeptics considered astrology as pseudoscience.

Theory

Scientists believed that the underlying astrological theory has insufficient evidential support and is impossible. There is no force that may cause the celestial things to affect the life of human just what the astrologers claimed. Such force cannot work in a way that astrology is describing. This is due to the reason that astrology has been based on false understanding of the celestial bodies' positions and sizes.

In astrology, the celestial bodies' influence is less or more evenly spread among the very obvious heavenly objects that are visible in the naked eyes. When an object appeared brighter or it moved in the interesting fashion, this tends to catch more significance. People had

learned that such objects perceived as nearer, bigger, more active or brighter are not actually necessary in some aspects of life.

Evidence

The astrologists claimed that astrology really works even if the scientists said that it cannot. The argument is focused on the scientific knowledge that is incomplete. Scientists do not understand why or how astrology works.

In the way that astrology has been scientific, it comes with well defined and reasonable framework that can predict consistent, testable and clear outcomes. For instance, the astrology predicted that individuals who have been born at such times and under such conditions will be sharing the same personality traits. But when the studies of the traits had been conducted, there is no correlation found. In terms of date, researches continued to state the personality traits that are randomly spread in the star signs.

One more astrological theory prediction is about the accomplished astrologer who should match persons with the birth charts. In order to test it, astrologers have been presented with series of random birth charts and test subjects. They were then asked to compare the subject into the chart. To date, there have been studies demonstrated the ability of doing this thing better compared to the random chance.

The test made for astrology as the scientific hypothesis may provide different impact among different people. The practicing astrologers need to get prepared in accepting this evidence. However, they are going to continue to explain with justification. Astrology has been into many attacks from various critics and several concepts about it remained as a theory.

Some subsequent astrologers had modified, extended, and refined the doctrine of other scientists and critics. They even came up with guidelines regarding the proper way of interpreting celestial influences on some concerns, like marriages. Even religious reformers had also expressed how they view astrology in their personal perceptions.

Whatever people know about astrology, it is always important to have a good control of their beliefs towards this concept. It does not necessarily mean that they have to totally believe or disagree to the information enclosed in it. Since astrology is focused on personality and development of life, it can useful in some ways. This may serve as the people's guide in their daily encounters towards relationship, work, personal development, health, behavior and more.

Interested people in studying the art of astrology and mysterious concepts about it should continue to look for factual answers and details. They should understand and delve deeper into reliable sources and people. In the meantime, the basic knowledge about astrology will add color to the lives of the people.