

# The Astrological Houses

**First House (Ascendant) - Keyword: SELF**

**Phase of Development:** establishing identity - Who am I?

**Themes/Areas of life:** Physical appearance; personality; disposition/manner; outlook on life; window through which you view the world; your optimal mask; how you take action; conditions of birth; self-image; physical health and vitality

**Person/People:** self

**Second House - HOLDING**

**Phase of Development:** grounding in material reality and establishing values - What do I need?

**Themes/Areas of life:** Your resources, possessions and property; money; attitudes toward wealth; earning and spending capacity; values; the legacy you leave behind; self-worth; self-exertion; sensuality and the capacity for pleasure

**Person/People:** financial advisor, accountant

**Third House - INTEGRATION**

**Phase of Development:** integrating into everyday environment - How do I fit into my reality?

**Themes/Areas of life:** Communication, writing and speech; the concrete and rational mind; early education and environment; ability to relate to your environment; short journeys; memory; perception

**Person/People:** neighbors, siblings, peers, students

**Fourth House (Nadir/IC) – FEELING DEEPLY**

**Phase of Development:** establishing a solid emotional structure and sense of home

**Themes/Areas of life:** Base of operations; home; emotional foundation; emotional depths; real estate/property; establishing roots; imagination and intuition; personal mythology; core self

**Person/People:** mother (or nurturing parent), family/tribe, ancestors

**Fifth House - CREATING**

**Phase of Development:** expressing your unique self

**Themes/Areas of life:** Creative self-expression; what you produce that's uniquely yours; romance/love affairs; the will; speculation, risk and gambling; drama; joy and playfulness; being in the present moment; games and sports

**Person/People:** children, lovers

**Sixth House - BE HERE NOW**

**Phase of Development:** finding meaningful work in order to heal yourself and others

**Themes/Areas of life:** Work, service and everyday duties; health and healing; companion animals; working conditions; diet/food; competence and skills; apprenticeship; routines and rituals; personal growth

**Person/People:** employees, "servants" and co-workers, mentors and apprentices, doctors/health-care professionals

### **Seventh House (Descendant) – THE OTHER**

**Phase of Development:** establishing healthy relationships

**Themes/Areas of life:** Relationships; partnership, marriage and friendship; how you experience “the other;” cooperation (or lack thereof); open adversaries; projection; compromise and negotiation; contracts and commitments

**Person/People:** partners, husband/wife, business partner, close friends

### **Eighth House – LETTING GO**

**Phase of Development:** letting go of what is not essential for growing to the next level

**Themes/Areas of life:** The subconscious; sex, mating and intimacy; death; instincts; forces beyond the ego’s control; other people’s money and shared assets; taxes and debts; the occult; transformation and regeneration; letting go; power

**Person/People:** therapist, shaman, mate

### **Ninth House – SPIRITUAL INTEGRATION**

**Phase of Development:** connecting with Spirit, intuition and your own integrity

**Themes/Areas of life:** Higher mind; philosophy, religion and the law; belief systems and how we create meaning; intuition; long journeys, especially foreign travel; expansion of mental and spiritual horizons; publishing; higher education

**Person/People:** teachers and gurus, ministers and priests, "god" (your version thereof)

### **Tenth House (Midheaven/MC) – TAKING POWER**

**Phase of Development:** taking on and utilizing power in the world

**Themes/Areas of life:** Social role, status and reputation; career; your relationship to authority; how you appear from a distance; your destiny; ambition; social responsibility

**Person/People:** father (or parental authority), boss, employer, authority figures

### **Eleventh House - GIVING**

**Phase of Development:** discovering your purpose on the planet and giving your gift to the world

**Themes/Areas of life:** Goals and objectives; friendship and social relationships; social change and revolution; idealism; groups, organizations and movements; the gift we give to the world; hopes and wishes; the future

**Person/People:** friends, associates, community or group members, humanity

### **Twelfth House - BLISS**

**Phase of Development:** becoming one with All That Is and experiencing bliss

**Themes/Areas of life:** The unconscious and consciousness; “serve or suffer;” spirituality, ecstasy, where you find god; hospitals, prisons, institutions; paradise; self-transcendence; dreams and fantasies; illusion and disillusion; addictions; isolation and retreat; conditions prior to birth; karma

**Person/People:** mystics, prisoners, people who are institutionalized or hospitalized