

## THE EARTH AND ITS MEANING IN YOUR HOROSCOPE

**There is one aspect of energy for which the modern astrologer makes very little allowance, and yet is of paramount importance. This is the energy which emanates from or radiates from the Earth itself...Astrologers have omitted to take into adequate consideration the qualities and forces which are the contributions of our Earth to the larger whole.**

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It is a very simple matter to find the location of the Earth in your horoscope. It is always located exactly 180° from the position of the Sun and therefore makes a perfect opposition to the solar force. Thus if you have the Sun at 14.21 Taurus, the Earth would be found in your natal chart at 14.21 Scorpio. This is highly significant esoterically and has considerable meaning for us as we search for the ability to fulfill our soul's purpose in the present lifetime. The Sun represents the vital energies and the "equipment" of the present incarnation. The position of the Earth tells us through what means (the zodiac sign) and in which area of our life (the house position) we are to anchor ourselves in order to best use the gift of life (the Sun) for the service of the soul.

As the Earth is the esoteric ruler of Sagittarius, and the latter points the way to the Mountaintop of Initiation (Capricorn) with his bow and arrow, the Earth in the natal chart represents the physical location of a person's Path. What helpful information to know! The balance between our inner and outer journey, between our envisioned spiritual goal and the actual field of service we have to create in order to get there, is very much embodied in the sign of the Centaur-Archer. The key to our success in this matter is very much connected to the Third Ray of Active Intelligence, as the energy of life always follows thought. The Third Ray is both the Ray of the Earth and the Ray of Saturn. These two planets are therefore very closely linked. As we know, Saturn is both the esoteric as well as the exoteric ruler of Capricorn. It is through the one-pointed focus on mind, creatively active through the Path of Service, that we are brought to the Mountaintop. Saturn's influence will also partner the Earth. The ringed Lord of Karma accompanies the energy and purpose of the Earth in our chart in order to motivate the

outworking of one's personal sense of responsibility to the planet and to the Path. We can therefore state that Saturn represents our karma (what we need to fulfill) while the Earth indicates the nature of our dharma (the Way we go about fulfilling it).

Sagittarius is the sign of the Path while Capricorn is the sign of the Initiate, the goal of the Path. The nature of the Third Ray is an essential component of this relationship as it is the Ray of both the Earth and Saturn as well as one of the primary Rays of the sign Capricorn itself. In all the combinations which follow, you are advised to include the influences of Saturn, Sagittarius, and the Third Ray, for wherever the Earth is placed in your chart, so too is the karma of your Path and the vision of your Goal.

**Earth in Aries:** A position which points to a life that serves to release or stimulate Active Intelligence (the energy of the "Mind of God") into the environment. This is accomplished by awakening first oneself and then others to the more spiritual uses of the Earth's (and one's own) physical resources. The position of the Sun in Libra in this respect, shows that such resources have to be distributed for the benefit of the collective (Uranus as esoteric ruler of Libra) and for the purpose of Right Human Relations (Venus as Libra's exoteric ruler).

**Earth in the First House:** The soul's physical purpose emerges as a result of the struggles and achievements in the realm of our personal relationships (Sun in the Seventh House). The person is to learn how to individualize Active Intelligence and then use his or her awakened intelligence for the common good. This requires a clear prioritization of one's field of service so that the dynamics of relationship support (and do not interfere with) the higher goal of life.

**Earth in Taurus:** A most potent position for the dispelling of material glammers and illusions! The soul-centered person would be constantly involved in the process of breaking down those forms and structures that are no longer able to transmit Light. The Earth in Taurus serves to reveal the inner spiritual reality of life that is all too often hidden in the material.

**Earth in the Second House:** A wonderful position of the Earth as it reveals that the individual has a great reserve of life energy, spiritual resources and "prana" (solar vitality). The goal of this

life is to be able to shape the various forms of matter so that they express spiritual values and soul purpose. The challenge has to do with the transmutation of desire (Sun in the Eighth House).

**Earth in Gemini:** Venus, planet of the Love which unites all of life into a higher purpose, is the esoteric ruler of the Twins. This position gives the individual the opportunity to communicate the Path of Union into the world. It is accomplished through higher learning (Sun in Sagittarius) and the Path of healing and teaching (the Second Ray quality of Gemini).

**Earth in the Third House:** This position reveals where in your life the duality between the soul and the personality is anchored and where such duality may be united. This is accomplished through the link between the higher and lower minds and the field of activity (one's service to the planet) where such unification may take place. The sign on the cusp of the Third House will tell you a great deal about how to go about bringing such healing into your own and other people's lives.

**Earth in Cancer:** Cancer is also a Third Ray sign as is Capricorn, the position of the Sun when the Earth is in this position. Thus Saturn plays an essential role here and requires the individual to create a clear and precise foundation for the work of the soul in the present incarnation. The dharma of the incarnation is worked out through the creation of those thoughts and structures which nurture other people's Path towards Light. By so doing, one's own Path is clarified and focused.

**Earth in the Fourth House:** One's own biological inheritance has to become a stabilizing force for life's achievements (Sun in the Tenth). This may require the transformation of one's attachment to one's physical mother (and hence to one's psychological matrix) into a clearer relationship with "The Mother": mother nature, the female quality of Divinity, and the mother of humanity. When in this position, one is literally "standing on the Earth" and a positive relationship with the nurturing dynamics of our planet is absolutely required.

**Earth in Leo:** The highly personalized focus of Leo helps the Sun in Aquarius to shape his

individualized path of service. It is then that the Water Bearer can move out into life and distribute his waters to the whole of humanity, thus releasing his “burden of consciousness” into a waiting world.. Leo brings out both the First Ray of Will/Power and along with Aquarius, the Fifth Ray of Concrete Knowledge. The right use of will has to be incorporated into this task so that the drives of the personality comes under the will of the soul.

**Earth in the Fifth House:** It is in this position that the Earth stimulates those creative activities which bring about an increase in the development of the Will of the soul, the Will-to-Good. The soul-centered individual with this placement may find that her sense of contribution to humanity (Sun in the eleventh house) is geared to all the world’s children.

**Earth in Virgo:** A very healing position as the sign Virgo on the soul level stimulates synthesis and thus, wholeness. The Earth in Virgo gives an intuitive perception of what “works” in a given life situation, thus bringing about a focus of practicality that aids in the expression of service to the Plan. As the Moon is the esoteric ruler of this sign, the combination of Mother Earth and Mother Moon bestow and incredible degree of nurturing and compassion to the already empathetic Sun in Pisces.

**Earth in the Sixth House:** The door to the collective resources of the planet, so evident to a soul-centered individual with the Sun in the twelfth house, take on a more precise form of usefulness when the Earth is in this position. The work of the soul becomes one’s job, and the release of the healing powers of the soul become one’s purpose.

**Earth in Libra:** The Sun in Aries releases its urge to stimulate and uplift the ideas in the mind of humankind through Uranus, the esoteric ruler of Libra. When the Earth is in this position, a soul-centered individual comes into contact with those relationships, both on personal and group levels, to allow this purpose the opportunity for fulfillment. Thus the Earth in Libra provides a vehicle for the birthing of those ideas “whose time has come”.

**Earth in the Seventh House:** The emphasis on the individual self, so much the meaning when the Sun is in the first house, is modified and focused when the Earth is in the seventh. It will be

through the tests brought about in the urge to unite oneself with others, that a clear indication is given as to how the nature of partnership will fulfill the Path of one's higher goals.

**Earth in Scorpio:** Mars enters into an intimate relationship with the Earth when in this position and reveals how the breaking down of our attachment to the material nature of life (Sun in Taurus) may be accomplished. This is never a simple task! It requires the devotion to the soul's desires (brought about through the Six Ray quality of the Red Planet) and the ability to withstand the pressures and tensions of transformation inherent in the signs Scorpio and Taurus and their Ray, the Fourth.

**Earth in the Eighth House:** This is the area in life where the transformational process indicated in the previous paragraph takes place. It is the battle ground for the development of one's talents and resources (Sun in the second) so that they may find their usefulness for the collective good of humanity. The results that are achieved from the potential victory of the Earth in the eighth is that our life energy in general and our material resources in particular become more potent vehicles for the fulfillment of our dharma.

**Earth in Sagittarius:** As this is the sign of the Earth's rulership, the potential gift of this placement is very great. When the soul-centered person anchors his feet firmly on the Earth, Sagittarius opens the Path very wide not only for this particular individual but for many others to follow along the Way. The communicative energies of the Sun in Gemini bring the most potent Ray force into this combination. This is the Second Ray of Love/Wisdom. The purpose and intent of the incarnation become very clear: let the knowledge of the Higher Way be distributed to all who can hear and learn.

**Earth in the Ninth House:** Education will be at the center of one's life. Learning will be the most important occupation and teaching what is learned will follow. There is a great need to bring about a sense of unity to the diversity of human religions and belief systems so that humanity will come to understand that the basis of all truth is Love.

**Earth in Capricorn:** Saturn intimately joins the Earth in this combination. It points to the

challenges in life that involve the proper structuring and discipline of our life force so that it is placed directly on the Path of the Will-to-Good. The emotional energies of the Sun in Cancer must also be directed to this outcome as there is no room for duality when the Earth is in this position.

**Earth in the Tenth House:** The culmination of our efforts to secure a firm foundation for our spiritual purpose (the Sun in the fourth) is indicated by this placement of the Earth in the natal chart. Our vocation must become our avocation and the direction of our Path is such that our use of our social position in life is geared to the precise purpose of world service.

**Earth in Aquarius:** The developed sense of self-consciousness found in the life of the soul-centered individual with the Sun in Leo finds ample opportunity for world service when the Earth occupies the sign of the Water Bearer. This position also gives one the ability to channel and distribute many innovative concepts into the collective consciousness that serve the well being of humanity.

**Earth in the Eleventh House:** It is here that the highly creative energies of the Sun in the fifth house find an outlet through group activities. This position of the Earth is a fine testing ground to see how the soul-centered individual can contribute his or her individualized field of service into a wider sphere of participation. There is no room here for the emphasis of the personality as the fulfillment of one's personal dharma is directly connected to the collective purpose of humanity's evolutionary development.

**Earth in Pisces:** The idealism and compassion of Jupiter and Neptune, the exoteric rulers of this sign are joined with the potent First Ray energies of Will/Power found in Pluto, the soul-centered ruler of the Fish. This brings about the need to work selflessly in order to release people from the illusions of the astral nature. The Sun in Virgo gives balance to this placement by focusing such efforts in very practical realms. One of the healing professions will be a very natural outlet for this combination.

**Earth in the Twelfth House:** The formative qualities of the Third Ray have ample opportunity

for expression when the Earth is in this position. The individual has a wide choice of possible ways to manifest his or her dharma, a factor further emphasized by the sixth house placement of the Sun. The need to align the personal will with the will of the soul is absolutely required so that the application of Active Intelligence yields precision in the expression of the urge to serve.

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