

Major Astrological Aspects

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Sextile (⊗)(60 degrees): This is a gently flowing positive aspect between two chart points. When two points are communicating this way, it shows a gentle exchange of energies. When it comes to manifesting in life, often times it manifests as a talent that one might have, and therefore it is sometimes hard to spot initially.

Square (⊠)(90 degrees): Referred to as a growth opportunity as easily as it is referred to as a challenge, a square represents a call to action. When chart points are forming a square, it tells us that it is time to take action to produce results that would not be part of the natural flow of things. This is a disharmonious exchange of energies, and the easiest way to think of this energy is that it represents two chart points that are not interacting clearly.

Trine (△)(120 degrees): This is another positive aspect, but unlike a trine, it denotes when hard work is required to manifest positive results. It's not as easily manifesting as a sextile, but rather with this aspect you may find that the work you do with it determines what can be built from it. This is an excellent building aspect, but if no work is put forth, then nothing will come of it. Potentially, this could be seen as a sleeping dragon.

Opposition (♌)(180 degrees): This is an aspect that denotes tension. It is neither challenging nor beneficial, because so much of it is based on the mindset of the native. The chart points that are involved in the opposition are simply tense between themselves, and thus the secret to manifesting them is to find the fulcrum point, and work from there. This can best be seen as a teeter-totter.

Conjunction (♌)(360 degrees/0 degrees): This is an aspect that shows two chart points that are blended in nature. Thus it may be hard sometimes to tell where one starts and the other begins. However, this can be a very positive aspect because it shows where there is a natural affinity or gift.

Orbs

Astrology is not a black and white science, but rather it is a science that understands that the idea of mutually exclusive is not a physical law. For personal planets, an orb of 3-5 degrees is suggested and encouraged, depending on the speed of the planet on the day. For Saturn and trans-Saturnian bodies, a wider orb is suggested of 5-7 degrees on average, again based on planetary speed of any given day. For points such as asteroids and nodes, consider an orb of approximately 1-2 degrees.