

What are Astro-Dice, and how do they work?

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I often times get asked what exactly astro-dice are, and how they work, so I thought it would be best to lay some thoughts down on paper to clarify what the system is. It is not as complex as it sounds, and it can be very effective.

Astro-Dice is a system of divination from Wessex Astrologer, and is based on astrological principles. The style of astro-dice that I use is a slight deviation from the norm, so be warned that they way astro-dice work out of the package and how they work when we do a reading is similar, yet different. Astro-Dice uses three twelve sided dice (also known as dodecahedrons), and each die is based on a different part of astrology. One die represents the twelve signs of the zodiac, one die represents the planets that are used in astrology, and one die represents the twelve houses of astrology.

But wait a minute Bill, what are the twelve planets that are used? After all, there are only seven classical lights in the sky, so what gives? The answer to this is quite simple. The twelve planets that make up the twelve sided die are the Sun, the Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto, the North Node of the Moon, and the South Node of the Moon.

Thus, on a random roll, you'll have a "planet," a sign, and a house. For example, your dice throw could be Neptune in Pisces in the twelfth house, and this would be interpreted, being put into context of the question.

The dice toss works a lot like tarot in that you hold the dice in your hand while focusing on a subject that you would like more insight on. This can be as specific or as general as you would like. Then, when you feel the time is right, you gently roll the dice on the table. It will come up with a combination as mentioned above, and it can then be interpreted as such.

There is a spin that I put on astro-dice that is different than just the box set, and that is that I put that reading into aspect of your birth data. Just because something looks promising on the dice toss doesn't necessarily mean that it gels well with what is occurring in your natal chart. To accomplish this aspect, I use an ephemeris, and use the standard Ptolemaic aspects, the trine, the sextile, the square, the opposition, and the conjunction. Depending on the situation, I may use minor aspects as well, such as the quincunx and the semi-sextile.

After the toss has occurred, we look at the aspects and discuss the information brought through, specifically on how it applies to where you're at and what's going on, and gleam as much insight as possible to assist with the situation.

The same information that can be gleamed from tarot and other divination systems can be gleamed from astro-dice; it's simply just a different way to touch in with those energies that can be of the most assistance. I hope you enjoy them as much as I have, and do!