

Chiron Return

Your cheat sheet

Glossary

Term	Meaning
ascendant	also known as your rising sign, this is the sign on the Eastern horizon when you were born
aspect	the way two placements relate to each other
birth chart	the map of the sky at the time you were born, presented as a circle with 30° for each sign
cardinal	initiating energy, one of the three modes a sign can have
conjunction	an aspect of placements where they are 0°-8° apart
constellation	another word for sign or zodiac sign, the astronomical word to describe it
element	one of the qualities signs can have; the elements are fire, air, earth and water
fixed	rigid energy, one of the three modes signs can have
house	the way in which the chart is divided, representing an area of life, mathematically calculated
mode	energy assigned to a sign
mutable	adaptable energy, one of the three modes a sign can have
natal chart	another word for birth chart, the word natal is often used with placements when reading a solar return or current transits chart

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opposition	an aspect of placements being 180° apart
placement	a word for celestial bodies or mathematical points that aren't planets
planet	celestial body in our solar system
retrograde	seeming backwards motion of a placement, astronomically an optical illusion
return	when a placement is back in the exact position (at the exact degree) where it was when you were born
rising	used in combination with a sign to describe (and give another term for) ascendant
sextile	an aspect of placements being 60° apart
sign	a word for constellations known as zodiac or star signs
square	an aspect of placements being 90° apart
trine	an aspect of placements being 120° apart
transit	current placements producing an aspect to your natal placements

In a nutshell, three questions can be answered by looking at a natal chart:

Question answered	by
What?	planets and placements
How?	signs
Where?	houses

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Planets and placements

Symbol	Planet or placement	Quality	Rules	Return
☉	Sun	personality, ego, expression	Leo	1 year
☾	Moon	intuition, emotions	Cancer	29.5 days
☿	Mercury	communication, intellect	Gemini	88 days
♀	Venus	love, beauty, harmony, balance	Libra	7 months
♂	Mars	energy, drive, initiation	Aries	23 months
♄	Ceres	money, food, stability	Taurus	4 years
♃	Jupiter	expansion, luck	Sagittarius	12 years
♄	Saturn	regulations, destiny	Capricorn	28.5 years
♅	Uranus	liberation, eccentricity	Aquarius	84 years
♆	Neptune	dreams, illusions, idealism	Pisces	165 years
♇ or ♇	Pluto	death, rebirth, transformation, control, power	Scorpio	248 years
♋	North Node	purpose, soul growth	—	18 years
♄	Chiron	healing, wisdom	Virgo	50.5 years

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☾ ♀	Lilith	shadows, desire	—	9 years
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Signs

Symbol	Name	Qualities	Mode	Element
♈	Aries	initiating, warrior, leader	cardinal	fire
♉	Taurus	slow, steady, stable, practical	fixed	earth
♊	Gemini	communicator, curious, intellectual	mutable	air
♋	Cancer	caring, emotional, intuitive	cardinal	water
♌	Leo	happy, dramatic, centre of attention	fixed	fire
♍	Virgo	serving, analytical, detail loving	mutable	earth
♎	Libra	diplomatic, harmony seeking, relationship weaver	cardinal	air
♏	Scorpio	depth, intensity, sexual	fixed	water
♐	Sagittarius	learner, freedom, optimist	mutable	fire
♑	Capricorn	conservative, workhorse, ambitious, leader	cardinal	earth
♒	Aquarius	rebel, humanitarian, revolutionary	fixed	air
♓	Pisces	dreamer, mystic, poet, plugged in	mutable	water

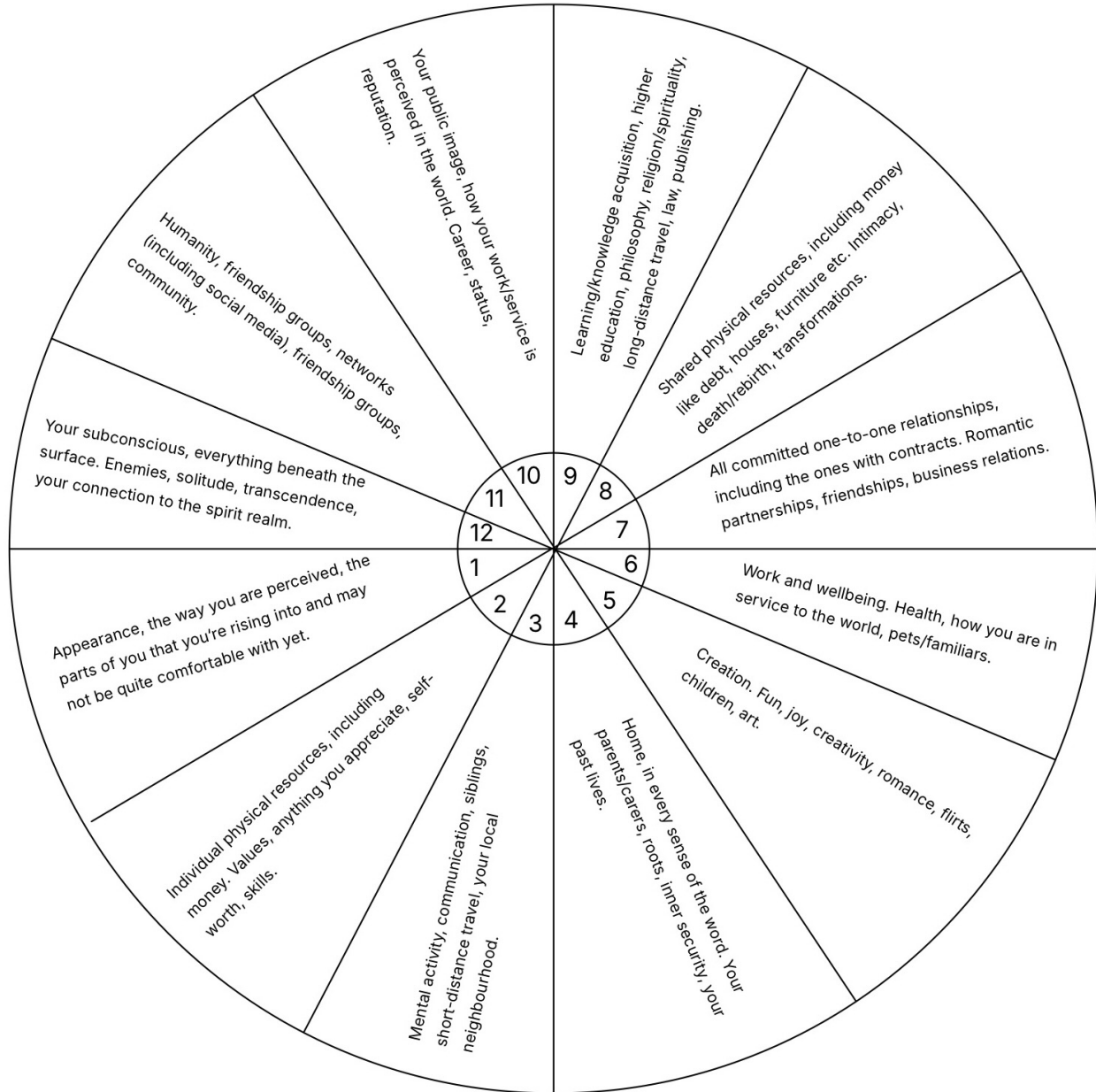
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Houses

House	Area(s) of life
1	appearance, personality, how you are perceived
2	values, self worth, physical resources, personal finances
3	communication, intellectual expression, short distance travel
4	home, roots, immediate family, past lives
5	creation, creativity, romance, flirts, joy, pleasure, children
6	work (service to the world), wellbeing, refinement
7	one-to-one relationships, commitments, collaboration
8	transformation, rebirth, sex, shared resources
9	knowledge, higher education, religion, philosophy, long distance travel
10	career, reputation, public image, responsibility
11	collective, friendship groups, networks, social media
12	secrets, magic, past lives, enemies, your subconscious

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Houses of the Zodiac - graphic by Witch Mother



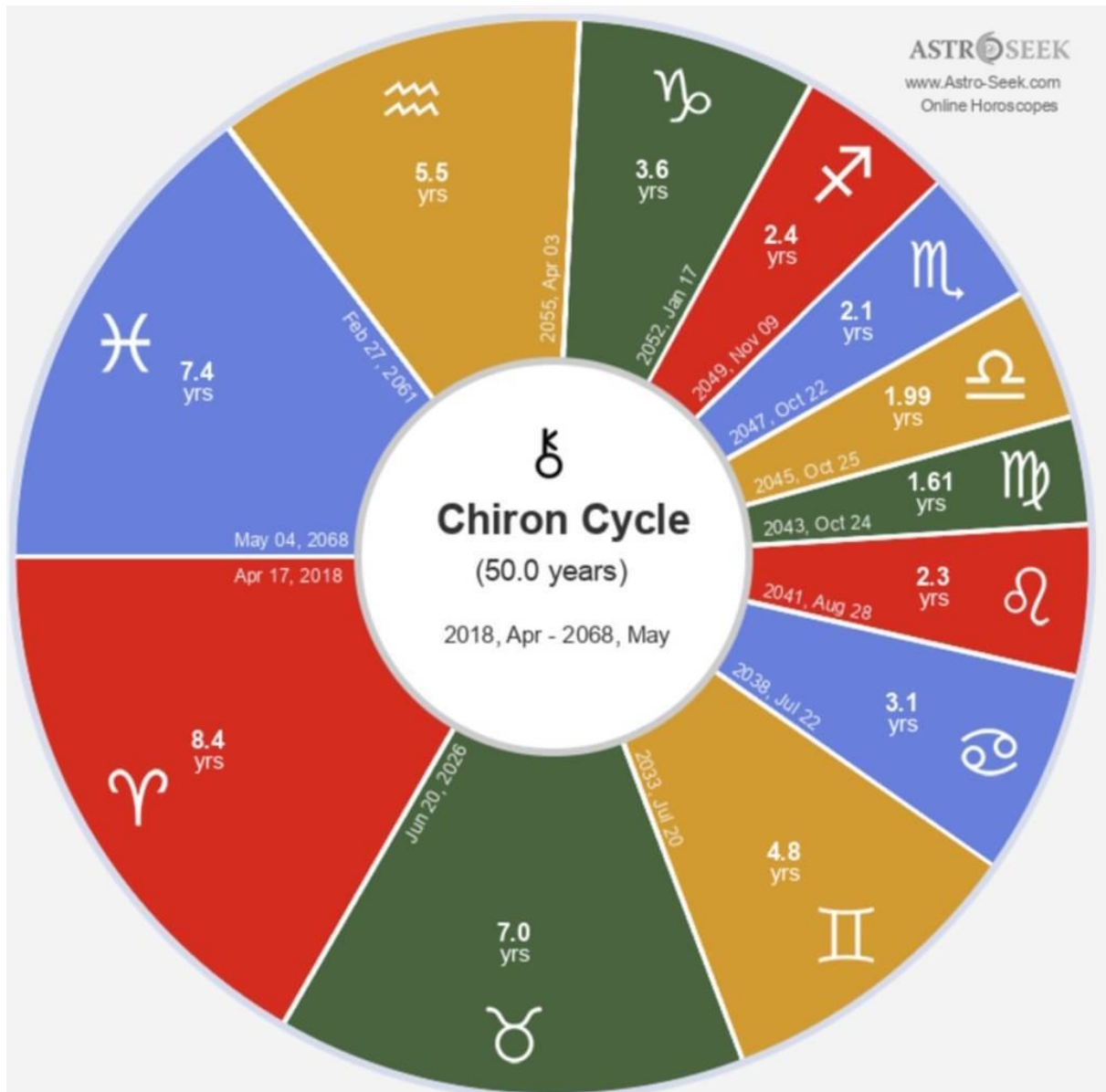
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Aspects

Symbol	Aspect	Qualities
♌	conjunction (0°-8°)	like the hug that puts you back together, these placements work together and enhance each other
★	sextile (60°)	like a friendly peck on the cheek, these placements bring opportunity, can be harmonious
□	square (90°)	like that challenging friend asking the tough, triggering questions, these placements create tension between them and compete for attention
△	trine (120°)	like a long, firm hug, these placements support each other and bring about ease, sometimes through talents or gifts
♐	opposition (180°)	like a friend who challenges but doesn't trigger you, these placements create tension that leads to a positive income, compromises are possible

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Chiron - The Wounded Healer



Astrologically speaking, Chiron is showing us where we have shit to heal. And often, once we have healed (some of) it, we go out and help others with the same thing. Sometimes, it works the other way around. By helping others, we help ourselves and heal parts of ourselves that needed attention. I love to say that Chiron shows you the advice you give but don't

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take. We've all been there.

You will have seen that each zodiac sign in the tables above only has one ruler. This is where my Aquarian and anarchist approach to Western astrology comes in. You do not have to subscribe to it, but it is how I teach it going forward and I invite you to at least have an open mind and look through my lens for a moment. So in this conceptualisation of rulership, Chiron rules Virgo. It makes SO much sense. Virgo = sixth house themes. Sure, talk about details and analysis and control. None of which Mercury can really go deep on if we're being frank, by the way. But then look at the health aspect. And when I talk health, I mean every bit of health. Physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, communal. Now, there are places for all of these throughout the houses, but where they really come together is in the sixth house. Which leads us to Virgo. And when we think of all the healing we can do, we will end up thinking about Chiron. In a very small nutshell, so we are roughly on the same page.

A return is when the planet or placement comes back to the same sign (and degree when we speak of exact returns) it was in when you were born. You may know that your birthday is your Solar Return, that your Saturn Return happens at the end of your 20s and so on. We have lunar returns every month. Chiron comes for us when we are in our late 40s, early 50s and it means business. It will activate everything in your life that you haven't healed and every fucking pattern that you keep repeating. For years. On repeat. Until you stop resisting and start going with the flow. Very much easier said than done. And at the end of it comes a ~~pot of gold~~ the integration phase that can and will last years. Once you come to terms with the fact that you're never done "developing" or "healing" but that you also don't need to constantly optimise your life, you'll have fun doing it. Ask me how I know.

Prepare.

As a shorthand, this is a cheat sheet after all, your preparation for your Chiron Return should be a good old analysis of all your past and current wounds and how far along you are in your "healing journey". What still feels raw? What feels like you've made a lot of progress? Where do you want to tweak a few things? And then absolutely look at your sixth house and at the areas in your chart that contain Virgo. Which patterns do you see there?

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And if you want a little extra spice, also look at your natal Lilith (where our shadows lie) and the transiting aspects that both Lilith and Chiron make to your birth chart.

Reflect.

This phase is where you look at your healing “to do” list. Look at the questions above and how you have answered them. Look at how it actually all plays out in your real life and where it could be playing out as the transiting Chiron progresses throughout your natal chart. Follow the moon around your chart and see how each of your houses being activated makes you feel throughout the month. What conclusions can you derive from that? If you’ve already been through your Chiron Return and look back honestly, what have you learnt? Whom have you lost? Because growth inevitably comes with loss and with a (potentially major) shift in priorities.

Heal.

This part is probably the hardest because how do you know if you’re healed? When you have an open wound on your body, it is easy to tell. Eventually you’ll be able to use that part of your body normally again. Or you have learnt to make the necessary adjustments when it comes to chronic illnesses and disabilities. I do believe healing never really ends. Equally, I believe healing doesn’t have to end to be completed. You have healed enough when you decide that you have healed enough. Life goes on and you want and need to attend to it. Through tending to it and to your environment - where you live, your community, Earth - you heal more but in a much more passive way. It doesn’t always have to be some form of therapy, although that may be helpful. It doesn’t have to be the medication. Sometimes it is weeding the garden, communing with trees and talking to friends or strangers in a Zoom room. And more often than not, it is a combination of all of the above. Don’t fully dismiss any of it, but always move forward with discernment. Good life advice, if you ask me.

Questions?

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