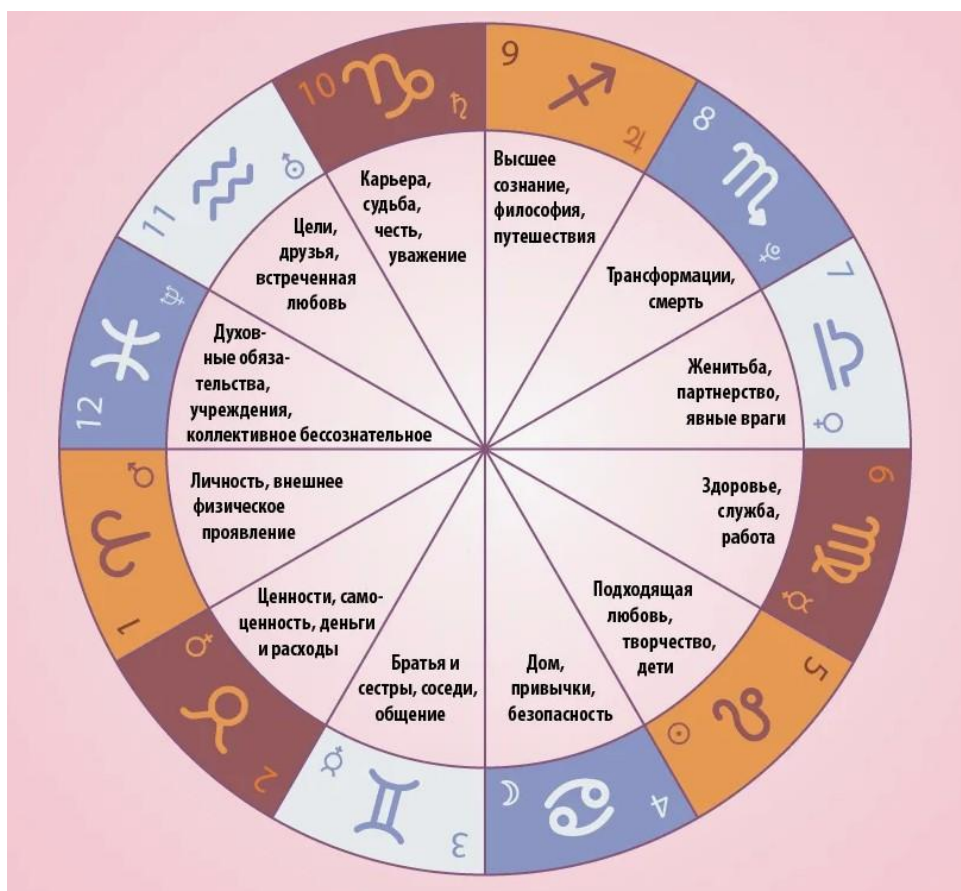


## Systems of Astrology

Astrology, an ancient knowledge system, explores how celestial bodies influence living beings and terrestrial processes. It divides into two main branches: Eastern (including Chinese and Vedic) and Western astrology.



Vedic astrology, or Jyotish, emerged from the insights of ancient Indian sages (Rishis). This knowledge, passed down through generations and preserved in sacred texts like the Brihat Parashara Hora Shastra, is deeply rooted in the law of karma. It suggests that our current life reflects the actions and deeds of past incarnations, with favorable areas and challenges shaped by our previous efforts and karmic debts. Vedic astrology interprets planets and zodiac signs to reveal the soul's journey, relationships, and life path, offering guidance to harmonize all areas of life and achieve happiness.

Western astrology, originating in ancient Mesopotamia (modern Iraq), evolved with scientific advancements. Unlike Vedic astrology, which uses the Sidereal Zodiac based on the real positions of 12 constellations and accounts for the Earth's precession, Western astrology uses the Tropical Zodiac, based on the Sun's position during the vernal equinox. This difference, called Ayanamsa, results in varying zodiac signs and planetary positions between the two systems.

In Vedic astrology, the Rising sign, Ascendant, and [Moon sign](#) are key, whereas Western astrology prioritizes the Sun sign. Vedic astrology does not consider Neptune, Uranus, and Pluto, focusing on different planetary aspects and houses. Both systems divide the sky into 12 houses representing life areas, but differ in their house systems and birth chart representations—square-shaped in Vedic and circular in Western astrology.

We respect both systems but rely on Vedic astrology for lunar calendar calculations and birth charts. This spiritual science, intertwined with Indian philosophy, offers tools for self-knowledge and realization in all life areas, including the Birth chart, karma harmonization techniques, the Vedic pantheon, yoga, Ayurveda, Vastu, mantras, mudras, and meditations. Its holistic nature and alignment with actual astronomical positions enhance its credibility and practical application.