

Astrology, Cultures, Storytelling



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The concept of astrology dates back to ancient times. Beliefs about astrology vary across different regions and cultures.

Astrology can be classified as Natural or Judicial

Natural astrology involves the charting of planetary positions, while judicial astrology is based on the study of the effects of celestial bodies on human life.

On the basis of regions and cultures, astrology is categorized as

- Western
- Indian
- Chinese

The Babylonians believed:

- Existence of five planets, each representing a God. Jupiter, Venus, Saturn, Mercury and Mars
- Movements of the sun, moon and other planets were associated with the activities of God.
- Ability to predict the activities of these Gods, in order to predict the events on Earth.

The Babylonian priests predicted the events in human life based on their interpretations of the heavenly activities.



After the occupation of Egypt by Alexander the Great, astrology was introduced to the world. Astrology is based on the concept of a horoscope.

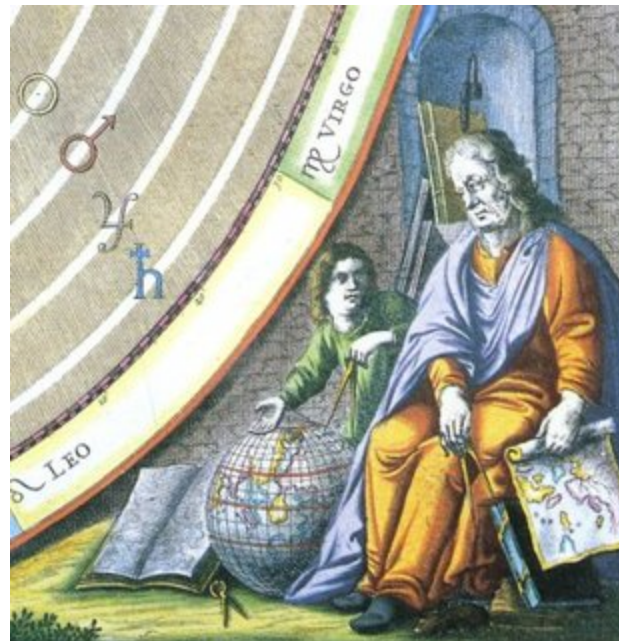
A horoscope is a birth chart of an individual plotted on the basis of the positions of planets and stars at the time of his/her birth.

The introduction of horoscopes was a major breakthrough in the field of astrology. The methodology of tracing horoscopes has undergone very little change, which signifies the degree of perfection the astrologers of ancient times had achieved.

As astrology is closely related to astronomy, significant achievements in the field of astronomy are worth mentioning.

The Arabs have made a notable contribution to the world's knowledge about astrology. They are credited with the discovery of many stars. Also, the Arabs were the first to bring out the ideas of favorable and unfavorable astrological predictions.

Since historical times, there have been people who have not only claimed to predict future with accuracy, but have also proved their expertise. There have been accounts of astrologers forecasting the future of the world and mankind and basing their predictions on both scientific and non-scientific evidences.



Virgos in Cultures

August 23 - September 22



In every culture, Virgo has always been represented by a woman, usually referred to as a "virgin." The meaning of that word has changed over the years, however; the ancients described it as the age span between puberty and marriage, as in "maiden" (this age span used to be quite short—women usually married around age 15).



Virgo in Cultures

Virgo's role in history

- Uncertainty

Mythology

- Associated with prominent goddesses: Ishtar, Isis, Cybele, and Athena
- Astraea, the virgin daughter of the god Zeus and the goddess Themis

Christianity

- Virgin Mary



Astrologers say Virgos:

- have creative natures. They grasp the interdependence of nature and art -- a sensitive side that's complemented by inner strength.
- surround themselves with talented individuals. They gravitate to people with similar tastes
- make good parents, they have a tendency to push
- are intriguing combinations of the careful and the carefree. They're watchful about what they eat yet are unlikely to follow a strict diet
- enjoy being in the professional spotlight. They have a talent for managing people and bringing out the best in them.
- work tirelessly toward a goal. Their greatest talent is their ability to know what they really want.



Narratives of fortune-tellers and astrologers are part of the folklore. Perhaps there is no written evidence about their authenticity, but there is also no concrete proof that can deny it.

What do you think?



