## **Introduction to Astrology:**

# The Planets

### Sun

The Sun tells us of the actual core of a person, the inner self, of that which is of central concern. It also shows us the general vitality and the ability to assert oneself, it describes a general tone of being which colors everything else.

Sign equivalent: Leo Diameter: 1'390'000 km.

The Earth's orbit from Sun: 149'600'000km

Periode Earth - Sun: 365.25 Days

#### Moon

The Moon represents our feelings and emotions, the receptivity, imagination and basic feeling tone of a person. It also has an effect on the sense of rhythm, time and timing, it influences our adaptability to change, our mobility and versatility.

**Sign equivalent: Cancer** Orbit from Earth: 384'000km

Period: 27.32 Days

## Mercury

Mercury represents reason, reasonableness (common sense), that which is rational. It stands for the spoken and written word, putting in order, weighing and evaluating, the process of learning and skills.

Sign equivalents: Gemini and Virgo

Orbit from Sun: 57'910'000 km

Period: 88 Days

### **Venus**

Venus gives us a sense of beauty, the enjoyment of pleasure, aesthetic awareness, love of harmony, sociability, taking pleasure in relationships and eroticism.

Sign equivalents: Libra and Taurus

Orbit from Sun: 108'200'000 km

Period: 225 Days

## Mars

Mars represents the energy and drive of a person, their courage, determination, the freedom of spontaneous impulse. It also describes the readiness for action, the way one goes about doing things as well as simple aggression.

**Sign equivalent: Aries** Orbit from Sun: 227'940'000 km

Period: 1,9 Years

## **Jupiter**

The search for individual meaning and purpose, optimism, hope and a sense of justice are represented by Jupiter. So also faith, a basic philosophy of life, the striving for spiritual growth and expansion.

Sign equivalent: Sagittarius

Orbit from Sun: 778'330'000 km

Period: 11,9 Years

### Saturn

Saturn shows how we experience "reality", where we meet with resistance and discover our limitations. It represents the conscience and moral conviction, the laws and rules which we choose to obey. It also tells us about our powers of endurance and the ability to concentrate, it lends qualities like earnestness, caution and reserve.

Sign equivalent: Capricorn Orbit from Sun: 1'429'400'000 km

Period: 29,5 Years

### **Uranus**

Uranus stands for intuition, it transmits sudden inspiration and lightning insights. An openness for all that is new, unknown and unusual. A sort of wrong-headed contrariness is also associated with this planet. It is said to be characteristic of astrology as such.

Sign equivalent: Aquarius Orbit from Sun: 2'870'990'000 km

Period: 84 Years

## **Neptune**

This planet gives us the supersensory, opens doors to mystical experience and the transcendental. On this level it is hard to discern where perception moves into deception, illusion and false appearances, and so Neptune is associated with all of these, with drugs and all kinds of pseudo-realities.

Sign equivalent: Pisces
Orbit from Sun: 4'504'300'000 km

Period: 165 Years

### **Pluto**

Pluto describes how we deal with power, personal and non-personal, be it through suffering the power of others or exercising it ourselves. It describes how we meet the demonic and magical, our regenerative powers and our capacity for radical change and rebirth: the cycles of dying and becoming.

**Sign equivalent: Scorpio**Orbit from Sun: 5'913'520'000 km

Period: 248 Years