

THE NEW ASTROLOGY  
**A UNIQUE BLEND OF  
WESTERN AND CHINESE ASTROLOGY**  
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**YOU ARE A VIRGO/RAT**

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## Introduction to "The New Astrology"

### A Unique Blend of Western and Chinese Astrology

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The New Astrology report blends Western signs with Chinese signs and comes up with 144 "New" signs. If you are a Sagittarius and were born in the OX year 1949, then you are a Sagittarius/Ox. Simple. Take your regular, familiar astrological sign and match it with the animal sign of the year you were born. And you have found your New astrological sign.

Everybody has a dual nature. Some people are naturally greedy and grasping about money. But surprise! These same people can be generous to a fault in emotional ways, strewing sentiment and affection on their entourage like Santa Claus on a gift binge. People are complicated. They baffle us with their contradictory behavior. We even confuse ourselves with our own haunting ambivalences. How come you get along with Jack and care so much about him when in fact he gets on your nerves? Jack has an abrasive personality. You know that. But you can't help liking the guy. He fascinates you. Why? It's a dilemma. With a solution.

The New Astrology attempts to help us understand human behavior within the universe through the "marriage" of occidental and oriental astrology.

The Chinese have divided time differently from us Westerners. Whereas we have 100-year centuries, the Chinese have periods of sixty years. We divide our centuries into ten decades. The Chinese divide their sixty-year spans into "dozencades" or twelve-year periods.

In the West, we divide our year up twelve times by its suns. Each 30 day month has its own astrological name. Every year our cycle begins anew. In the East, each year within the twelve-year dozencade has its own animal name. At the end of each twelve-year period the Chinese cycle begins anew.

The twelve occidental months have celestial sign names: Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces. The twelve oriental years have animal sign names: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Cat, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, Pig. In both cases the astrological sign name refers to the character of people born under its influence. The cycles of names always repeat in the same order.

So, in fact, everybody in the world has not just one, but two main astrological signs: a Western "month" sign and an Oriental "year" sign. One sign is complementary to the other. Taken together, they show us more about the individual than either one can on its own. In the New Astrology, if someone is born in Aries and is also born in a Horse year, that person's New Astrology sign is Aries/Horse. Aries/Horses, as you will see, are not the same as Aries/Cats or Aries/Tigers.

There are 144 New Astrology signs. Each is a combined East/West sign. Through the New Astrology we can learn to get along better with our friends, family and loved ones. We can find out why we tend not to harmonize with certain people. We can improve our knowledge of them, and of ourselves.

## **Western and Chinese Astrology Ruling Elements:**

*Western astrology uses four ruling elements:*

Fire, Air, Earth, Water. Each Western astrological sign is ruled by one of these elements:

Fire:

- \* Aries, Leo, Sagittarius.
- \* Fire signs are characterized by Movement, Obsession, Energy.

Air :

- \* Gemini, Libra, Aquarius.
- \* Air signs are characterized by Receptiveness, Intellect, Aspiration.

Earth:

- \* Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn.
- \* Earth signs are characterized by Function, Practicality, Solidity.

Water:

- \* Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces;
- \* Water signs are characterized by Emotion, Compassion, Perception.

Chinese astrology uses five ruling elements: Metal, Water, Wood, Fire and Earth. The animal signs are governed by only four of these. All five elements are used elsewhere in Chinese astrology, but for our purposes in The New Astrology we need only know:

Metal:

- \* Positive Metal-Monkey, Dog.
- \* Negative Metal-Rooster, Pig.

Water:

- \* Positive Water-Rat.
- \* Negative Water-Ox.

Wood:

- \* Positive Wood-Tiger, Dragon
- \* Negative Wood-Cat.

Fire:

- \* Positive Fire-Horse;
- \* Negative Fire-Snake, Goat.

## Planets:

Each sign in Western astrology is ruled by one or more of ten planets or heavenly bodies. These are the "stars" astrologers are always said to be gazing at. The planets influence a sign's character. Your position in the heavens helps to predict the future.

Aries is ruled by Mars representing: Impulse, Action, Bravery.

Taurus is ruled by Venus representing: Acceptance, Vanity, Love.

Gemini is ruled by Mercury representing: the Intellect, Change, Adaptability.

Cancer is ruled by the Moon representing: Receptivity, Emotion, Viscera.

Leo is ruled by the Sun representing: Assertiveness, Will, Majesty.

Virgo is ruled by Mercury representing: Analysis, Absorption, Logic.

Libra is ruled by Venus representing: Sociability, Persuasion, Luxury.

Scorpio is ruled by Mars and Pluto representing: Courage, Creation, Passion.

Sagittarius is ruled by Jupiter representing: Expansion, Vision, Justice.

Capricorn is ruled by Saturn representing: Solitude, Rigidity, Ambition.

Aquarius is ruled by Saturn and Uranus representing: Individuality, Cosmic Consciousness, Obligation.

Pisces is ruled by Neptune and Jupiter representing: Enigma, Inspiration, Compassion.

Chinese astrology does not concern itself with celestial bodies. If Chinese astrologers look to nature for influence, they consult the climatic changes on Earth, the seasons or the moon's effects on the Earth.

## Qualities:

Western astrology uses three different qualities: Cardinal, Fixed and Mutable.

CARDINAL: Aries, Cancer, Libra, Capricorn-Dynamic, Authoritative, Active, Energetic.

FIXED: Taurus, Scorpio, Leo, Aquarius-Concrete, Limited, Purposeful, Conscientious.

MUTABLE: Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, Pisces-Moving, Adaptable, Harmonizing, Versatile.

Are the Yin and the Yang Qualities Too?

Yes. In Chinese astrology, yin and yang are qualities. But yin and yang are far more powerful than our qualities because yin and yang are the two major and only forces in the Chinese philosophical universe. For them, everything present in the universe is either yin or else it is yang. Everything. Tables, chairs, light bulbs, cousins, aunts, uncles and kitchen sinks!

In a way, yin and yang can be compared, in Western culture, to the application in certain languages of the qualities of "masculine" or "feminine" to inanimate objects or intangible nouns. Though it does not seem to make sense, in French a table is feminine. A log is feminine. A shoe is also feminine. Parks are masculine. Lakes too. Feet are masculine. So are eyes and foreheads. But mouths and even teeth are feminine. Worry is masculine. So are gossip and lipstick and panty hose.

Though we may want to look for sexual significance in the application of gender to nouns, there is none. That's what makes it so difficult to remember from one language to the next whether a noun is considered masculine or feminine. Is the application of gender to nouns then perfectly arbitrary? Well, it must have come from somewhere. But nobody knows exactly how, when or why.

There are no genders in the Chinese language. But, without saying how, when or why, Chinese philosophers can feel whether a thing or a person or an idea is yin or yang. It's just there. A known fact. Yin is rooted in the sun. Its goal is darkness. Yang is rooted In the Earth. Its goal is light.

Like everything else, each Chinese animal sign is either yin or yang.

YIN: Rat, Ox, Monkey, Cat, Dog, Pig.

YANG: Horse, Goat, Tiger, Rooster, Dragon, Snake

### **What is Yin and What is Yang?**

*Yin:*

The Chinese say that yin people are mainly interested in what happens in groups. They are frequently preoccupied with the organization of collective or communal events. They are attracted to politics. They are self-confident. They trust nobody. They need success to survive. They worship efficiency. They are always questing after well-being for themselves and for those they love or like. They have good health and long life but may be prone to accidents. They don't smile a lot. They dress conservatively. They are not spiritual. They love their families. They are material.

The way I see it, yin is open, civilized, interested in the good of others. Yin likes parties, feasts, holidays, sex and anything else that provides it with intense company. Yin is not feminine. But it is sometimes said to be subjective. Yin is active in the world. Other-directed. Public. It is different from and equal to yang.

*Yang:*

The Chinese say that yang people are loners. They are individualistic. They are meditative. They are spiritual. They smile a lot. They have no sense of groups or family. They have delicate health. They like to dress for show. They avoid chains of command. They love nature. They are nonmaterial. Their only goal in life is personal development. They are objective. They keep their own counsel.

The way I see it, yang is closed, unsociable, private. Yang likes books, music, gardening, long walks or anything that brings him closer to himself and nature. Yang is solitary. Self-directed. Yang's equilibrium comes from within.

## YOUR SUN SIGN

### Western Astrology

#### **Your Sun sign is Virgo.**

Month: Approximately August 24 to September 23.

Ruler: Mercury.

Element: Earth.

Quality: Mutable.

Virgo is the sixth sign of the occidental zodiac.

#### *Characteristics of Virgos:*

LUCIDITY, PRACTICALITY, DISCRIMINATION, SERVICE, COURTESY, DECORUM.

Virgo sins may include: NIT-PICKING, METICULOUSNESS, NEGATIVISM, CRANKINESS, SNOBBERY, RESERVE.

Show me the upstanding citizen whose "rightness" and probity put every other sign to shame and I will show you a Virgo. No other sign of the occidental horoscope system (except at times the Capricorn) has such a well-developed sense of what is proper and meet in any situation. You are clear-thinking and almost never miss the mark. You are logical, analytical and keeps a cool head.

You are not cold-hearted or indifferent. You are loving and even slightly grasping about your love objects. You are both sensual and gentle. But what is so peculiar to Virgos is your ability to penetrate the fog of subjective thinking that surrounds emotion-laden situations. Run up to a Virgo and cry, "My house is ablaze! My children are inside! Help! Do something!" The Virgo: "Where do you keep your ladder" Practical and down-to-earth, you can be looked to by almost any of the rest of us hysterics to keep calm and do the right thing.

Because Virgo people are methodical, you enjoy living in organized and pleasantly decorated surroundings. You are concerned with precision and enjoy keeping order. Meticulous to a fault, you have to struggle to accept untidiness.

Often people in high positions in industry turn out to be born under the sign of Virgo. In power, however, you sometimes have trouble getting along with your coworkers. You have difficulty communicating your displeasure without being biting and critical. Diplomatic, you are not. But your ability to analyze complex situations is at the least astute.

You are gifted at art appreciation and are very often creative. You have good taste and know how to judge fine quality. Often you have collections of delicate antiques or precision instruments. You know how to take care of things and can be trusted to return borrowed items.

In the shortcoming department, you may like to gamble, try drugs or dabble in the seamier sides of life. You can become an addict or near-residents of casinos. Drugs have a sedative effect on you. A desire to alter your rigid consciousness? A need to vacate? Whatever. You must be on guard against self-destructive tendencies.

Virgos can be terrible snobs. For some reason, you often think yourself a separate and not-so-equal being in relation to the rest of the world. You like to have "important" friends and tend to stick up your nose at "trashy" people. Perhaps, as Virgos are so orderly, anybody slightly less exacting seems beneath you. In any case, I always feel that Virgos need a good tickle. You are a bit on the stiff side and could stand to have a turquoise popsicle melted over your head.



## Your Chinese Astrology Sign

**Your Chinese animal sign is RAT.**

Rat is Yin. Rat is the first sign of the Chinese horoscope.

*Characteristics of Rats:*

APPEAL SOCIABILITY INFLUENCE INTELLECTUAL SKILL THRIFT CHARISMA.

Rat sins may include: NERVOUSNESS THIRST FOR POWER VERBOSITY GUILE ACQUISITIVENESS MEDDLING

Chinese astrology, like the rest of life, is really just another rat race. According to legend, many, many years ago Buddha summoned all the animals in the kingdom to his side. Only twelve showed up and the rat got there first. To compensate the dozen animals who answered Buddha's behest, their leader awarded one year of the Chinese calendar to each. As the rat had won the race, he got to have his name on the first year out of twelve. How Buddha classed the rest of the animals I don't know, except that they trail in this order; Ox, Tiger, Cat, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, Pig, following the Rat. Each gives his name to a year.

You don't want to be Rats. You'd rather be something less revolting. A hummingbird? A hamster? Let's face it. Rats don't have a very elegant reputation in our occidental, urbanized society. But think for a moment of the clever farm rat. It is this rat, the collector, the deft and admirable country rat, whom Buddha honored. This rural rat is, to this day, a scrounger for food, finder of places to nest and procreator par excellence. For the purposes of this report, let's put aside our base image of the repellent city rat and concentrate on his country cousin.

The key words I always use for Rat people are "charm" and "aggressiveness." You are attractive, as all rats are. You seek to achieve and succeed, stand out from the crowd and even assume power over others. You are a mover and shaker. You are born with leadership qualities and a hefty measure of guile. For you, the ends frequently justify the means.

You usually appear calm and at ease in company. You're talkative (to a fault sometimes) and make pleasant conversation. But take a closer look. You have a rubber band in your hand which you incessantly snap back and forth between two fingers. You keep jiggling the fastener on your handbag. Rats only seem tranquil. Inside, you are like nuclear reactors: churning, bubbling, twisting and steaming. Rats never - or rarely - explode.

Rats are not only stashers of food, you have a well-developed sense of economy. You know where your money goes and for which frivolities you are willing to spend lavishly. Parties and gatherings of all sorts please you. In fact, any chance to communicate with others is seen as a joyful occasion. You love -no, need - to talk. If you have problems, you talk them through. If you are depressed, you blab it out. If you lose a lover, you can only cure yourself of heartbreak by exposing

the whole gory story until the listener's ears are red with compassion and you have emptied your despondent soul.

You love profoundly. You will defend and spoil the people you love without hesitation. Outsiders don't count. You want to be surrounded with those who like and admire you. You will lavish presents on them and feed them all till they burst from admiration. Companionship is your idea of contentment.

Rats are not necessarily high-minded. Nor are you artistic dreamers. You are simply smart. You make excellent lawyers and executives. You dabble more than a little in politics. You crave power. Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter, George Bush Sr. - all Rats.

Rats are not infrequently found meddling in other peoples' lives. You get overly involved with friends and neighbors. You are not quite a busybody, but almost. You love to be engaged in the running of some committee or the administration of a board of directors. You will not volunteer to be on the cleanup committee. No. It's power you are after - power and influence and lots of praise and kudos.

## Your Chinese and Western Astrology Sign

**You are a Virgo/Rat. The description below applies to you.**

*The Attributes of Virgo are:*

LUCIDITY NIT-PICKING DISCRIMINATION NEGATIVISM COURTESY SNOBBERY PRACTICALITY METICULOUSNESS SERVICE CRANKINESS DECORUM RESERVE. "I analyze" Earth, Mercury, Mutable.

*The Attributes of Rat are:*

NERVOUSNESS APPEAL INFLUENCE VERBOSITY ACQUISITIVENESS THRIFT THIRST FOR POWER SOCIABILITY INTELLECTUAL SKILL GUILE CHARISMA MEDDLING. "I rule" Positive Water, Yin.

### **VIRGO/RAT:**

A peppy, analytical person will be born of these two strong signs. Without the bulldozer punch of some of the other forceful New Astrological signs, you go about business craftily and with both system and industry. The Rat's aggressiveness is tempered here by your methodical intelligence. Virgo/Rats are neither hotheaded nor foolish - except in love.

The thing about Virgo/Rats that sets you above the madding crowd is your total independence from pressure. You do what is necessary when you feel it propitious and will not suffer to be hurried or cornered by associates or adversaries. You reflect as long as it takes to dredge the information you need out of your own head. You work best alone and need no straight men or canned laughter to propel you to perform.

As Virgo/Rats deal so resolutely from within your own sphere of influence, it is sometimes difficult for you to listen or heed advice or opinions from others. You seem to absorb information perfectly while it is being spewed at you. Then, surprise! You have not assimilated the facts as they were emitted. You have instead fed some facts into the data bank in your own inner world in your personal, private, meticulously exact language. In doing so, you are capable of sapping all the emotional punch from another person's idea before the idea has a chance to take its first breath.

Of course this coin has a reverse side. Overly windy and impulsive people can be skillfully assisted by the likes of you. The staid and sinuous thought processes of the Virgo born in a Rat year can sort the feeling from the fact in seconds. You don't need to hear all the gory details. You sift through rapidly, identifying the salient facts.

There is something of a Popeye quality too. The idea of rescuing people in distress is tempting and so easy for you that you don't see why you shouldn't just pop a can of spinach and dive into the fray. Virgo/Rats' upheavals have upheavals. But you just keep going ahead at your own mild-

mannered pace.

You'd think you would explode from the complexities of other people's lives. But no. You find it perfectly normal that your forty-five-year-old sister-in-law just found out you were illegitimate and had a nervous breakdown in Macy's. You dash out to buy another straitjacket.

Virgos and Rats both take kinship and friendship very seriously. You never forget an old pal, and would literally give him the shirt off your backs if he needed it. If someone you care about deprives you of your friendship for any reason whatsoever, you are stunned and shocked. As a benefactor, you cannot understand why people you have helped and admired would jilt you. Trouble is, you can sometimes be so blindly preoccupied with your bevy of pet nutcases that it exasperates your friends. This you cannot understand, and it wounds your spirit deeply.

#### *LOVE:*

Where hearts are concerned, lucidity is not the Virgo/Rat's strong suit. Although you may be a genius at scrutinizing a contract for a pal who just got a role in a film and is worried he'll be ripped off, you cannot be even slightly objective about your personal life. You love people with irrational passion. And I am sorry to say that you idealize them too. As you are such a straight-up person, you think everybody else is just as direct-dealing and fair as you are. Of course you have the most devastatingly bad luck in love affairs because you cannot see the forest for the trees. People pull more wool over your eyes in love affairs than is produced in all of Australia. Yet you need love desperately and will travel far and wide to locate just the right person to fall in love with.

#### *COMPATIBILITIES:*

I can see you felicitous next to an Ox, a Monkey or a Dragon of the Taurus, Cancer, Scorpio or Capricorn schools. I'm not quite so sure about those Scorpio/Dragons, however. They are fairly dashing and dauntless and you usually prefer to do the dashing and daunting. If I were you I would avoid Gemini, Libra, Sagittarius and Pisces born in either Cat years. Please don't marry a Horse or any color, shape or size whatsoever. Horses and Rats are initially attracted to each other, but long term the two signs do battle and someone - usually the Rat - gets hurt. Rats are sentimental and home-loving, protective and caring. Yet it's no secret you want the power in relationships. Horses can be loving and caring too. But they are more pragmatic and proud and do not give up power without a fight. Result? Constant wrangling.

#### *HOME AND FAMILY:*

A model of family responsibility, you like to take care of others, give them everything you have, and allow them whimsy and fantasy galore. But oddly, with all of this apparent indulgence, you want the rules to be obeyed. You are not like a cop. Virgo/Rats don't go goose-stepping around laying down the law. But you yourself respect the rights of others and behave in a mannerly and orderly fashion. You would never be able to comprehend a child or spouse or even a parent who did not do as much. The Golden Rule describes the way you treat your families. Some kids take advantage of this good-natured fair play attitude and walk all over Virgo/Rat parents by not playing

the game. I'm not mentioning any names but some kids need a good boot in the bottom.

Your home will be a haven for loved ones to visit, sit around the fire, chat and gas and natter on till all hours. Because you are a sensualist and appreciate fine wines and foods, you will share as though there were no tomorrow. You'll never see such sumptuousness laid on anywhere but in the festive Virgo/Rat's dining room. Also, because you are both a careful Virgo and a hoarding Rat, you will be the best friend during food shortages. You stock up on everything. You never buy one of anything in the supermarket. Dog food for years to come. The dog will be dead by the time you use it all up.

*PROFESSION:*

You are a gifted analyst. Your talents lie in areas requiring research and a systematic approach. You are able to act quickly but do not like to make rapid or ill-considered decisions. Virgo/Rats are especially talented in fields where you have the opportunity to help other people achieve their ends. You enjoy being privy to the inside dope in any situation and can keep secrets - except about your personal life.

Virgo/Rats are not terribly flexible people. You are often restless. All careers that require dealing with the public are wise choices. But you will probably not take well to vapid or empty-headed jobs. You don't mind doing menial or routine jobs and are capable of enormous patience for poring over accounts and densely worded documents. As a boss, you would be ideal for a hard-working, cheerful employee. But if you have to use a cattle prod to get your workers moving, you'll simply fire them. You do not suffer inefficiency in yourself or anybody else. You make a fabulous employee. You may be just a bit on the rigid side in your outlook. But better rigidity than sloppiness, right?

*Career opportunities for Virgo/Rats will be found in these fields:*

Psychoanalysis, agenting (all sorts), real estate development, business administration, medicine, entertainment.

*Some famous Virgo/Rats:*

Leo Tolstoy, Joseph Kennedy, Sr., Maurice Chevalier, Lauren Bacall, Cal Ripken Jr., Callum Keith Rennie, Cameron Diaz, Claude Pepper, Colin Firth, David James Elliot, Gene Kelly, Hugh Grant, Joan Jett, Todd English.