

Astrology Angles Decoded Q&A 1

Q: Nobody has ever been able to tell me what Vesta, which is conjunct exactly to my ascendant means. I've done some searching too. Do you have any idea?

A: Anything conjunct your Ascendant can be apart of your personality (at least outwardly) and the way you come across, so you may come across in Vesta-like ways. You'll want to read up on the mythology of Vesta and see how you identify with it personally; in general, Vesta is associated with the home and hearth (is family or your home life very important to you?), the inner flame (are you always pushed by something inside of you? highly ambitious? do you shine light for others?), dedicated and focused (are you someone who always gets things done and isn't easily swayed?), and is very female-centric (so women may play a big role in your life).

Q: I use Solar Fire. Do you want me to use the charts made on astro.com?

A: You can use any software or website to create charts (I just always reference astro.com since it's free and pretty robust, and the vast majority of people don't need to buy software unless they're going to do this professionally).

Q: What is the significance of the angles in relation to each other? Sometimes, for example, a person is born with the MC and AC a relatively short distance away from each other, making the houses between quite thin and others quite large. What would be the impact on the person's life?

A: There are many different ways of calculating the positions of the houses (called house systems), and so houses will vary in size with each system. Now, the angles should be the same though, and you'll usually find they're close together for people born near the poles (the house systems haven't really been able to address those locations!), in which case Equal or Whole Sign houses are normally used. Using those systems, you can also focus on the houses the angles fall in, and assess how they tie into the angle. I can't say I've ever seen anything about the distance between the AC and MC, ; in an evenly divided chart, they'll be about square one another, but in uneven charts, they can be sextile or trine (you can imagine that would help each angle support one another like that!).

Q: Can you outline how planets aspecting the angles have different qualities if they are approaching rather than moving away? For instance, if Neptune is in the 12th conjunct the Ascendant how is it different from in the first house. Same with other aspects. If Uranus is conjunct the Descendant, how is it different in the 6th vs 7th house?

A: Planets conjunct the Ascendant from the 12th house side can bring some subconscious energy into the way they're manifested in your personality; planets conjunct the Descendant from the 6th house side can bring some practical energy to relationships; planets conjunct the Midheaven from the 9th house side can bring a more expansive attitude to practical matters; planets conjunct the Imum Coeli from the 3rd house side can bring more need for expression with emotion (and the one that usually matters the most and has the most impact is planets conjunct the Ascendant from the 12th house side, the others will be much more subtle).

Q: How to tell which sign is on the Ascendant when the cusp is either 1 degree Scorpio or 29 degrees Libra? Birth certificate reads 3:30 am and mother says closer to 3. / Is there a way to tell which sign is on the

Ascendant when birth time is questioned. Birth certificate time is 3:30 am and the mother says it's really 3:15 am. Since the Ascendant is either 1 degree Scorpio or 29 degrees Libra it makes a significant difference in analyzing the chart. The time difference causes a shift of the intercepted second house with a stellium to another house with no planets.

A: (was submitted as 2 questions but seems to be the same person so putting them together!) You have to do a rectification. Rectification involves studying the transits made to your chart to pinpoint the time of birth more exactly. Follow transits to the cusps and to the rulers (since they'll be different depending on the time) and after a while, you can figure out which is correct. (rectification is pretty advanced though so you may want to work with an astrologer to get it right)

Q: I was wondering what version of the composite chart you use on astro.com as there are several versions, also do you use solar returns as a stand alone, or take into consideration the natal aspects when doing an analysis.

A: I use the midpoint version for composite charts (that's the standard for composite charts). For solar returns, you can use them in both ways. They're a snapshot of a single event you can analyze by itself, and you can assess it with the other aspects going on over the year it's in effect.

Q: Anything to indicate past lives with a family member through angles?

A: Past life connections are usually seen through the planet Neptune, the 12th house, and the Lunar Nodes (specifically the South Node). If you have natal Neptune or South Node conjunct one of their personal planets, Ascendant, Descendant, or Imum Coeli, or their natal Neptune or South Node conjuncts one of yours; or if they have personal planets

in your 12th house or you have personal planets in their 12th house. This may also be seen in the composite chart instead of in synastry (so the composite chart has Neptune conjunct an angle or one of the personal planets, has the South Node conjunct an angle or one of the personal planets or in the 1st house, or has lots of planets in the 12th house).