

Finding Purpose IN THE PLANETS

Finding purpose in life is something so many of us long for, and it is no surprise that astrology has become such a popular guide in recent times. People are looking for personal meaning, for the power to create change, and for a sense of direction. Purpose, at least in my view, is the key to both meaning and empowerment. It is the compass that helps us make choices that feel aligned and allows us to live in a way that truly matters.

So, how does astrology help us discover this? The first step is self-understanding. When you look at your birth chart, the personal planets like the Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, and Mars, offer a wealth of information about who you are. They describe your needs, style of communication, values, desires, and your drive. This alone can be illuminating. When you understand yourself on this deeper level, it is easier to navigate relationships, make better choices, and feel more at home in your own skin.

But astrology does not stop there. Beyond the personal planets, your chart contains other keys that point toward purpose. Two of the most important ones are your Rising Sign and your North Node. These are not always talked about in everyday astrology, but they are incredibly powerful when you are searching for direction.

You might be wondering, "What exactly is my Rising Sign?" This is the sign that was rising on the horizon at the moment you were born. It is sometimes called your Ascendant, and it sets the stage for your entire chart. The Rising Sign shapes the way you meet the world. It is the lens through which people first see you and, at the same time, the filter through which you approach life. While your Sun sign speaks to your core essence, your Rising Sign shows the role



you are here to play, the energy you are learning to embody more fully, and the qualities that will help you navigate your path with authenticity. Your Rising Sign is also a key point in understanding your soul purpose. For instance

If you have **Aries Rising** then you need to use your initiative, to tackle decisions in life with courage. Knowing this helps you contain your energy and direct it fearlessly, going where others may fear to tread.

Your **Taurus Ascendant** calls for a steadfast approach, tackling your life with practical steps, and with persistence. Knowing this helps you live with purpose, moving forward at your own pace, gradually making inroads.

With **Gemini Rising**, curiosity is your compass. You are here to ask questions, to gather information, to share ideas, and to stay flexible as you move through life. Your purpose is tied to communication and connection whether that is through writing, speaking, teaching, or simply keeping conversations alive that spark change.

If you have a **Cancer Rising**, your purpose is connected to nurturing and protecting. Knowing this, you can embrace your role as someone who creates safety, whether in family, community, or even in the way you tend to your own inner world.

A **Leo Ascendant** shines brightly from the very beginning. You are learning to express yourself with confidence and creativity. People see your warmth and charisma, but your deeper purpose lies in embracing leadership, joy, and the courage to be fully yourself.

With **Virgo Rising**, you are here to refine, to analyze, and to bring order where there is chaos. Understanding this helps you align your purpose with practices of healing, organization, and dedication to the wellbeing of yourself and others.

A **Libra Ascendant** suggests that your path is tied to balance and relationship. You meet life by seeking harmony, fairness, and connection. Your purpose involves learning to bring people together while staying true to your own needs.

With **Scorpio Rising**, you enter the world with intensity and depth. Your purpose lies in transformation, learning to embrace change, to face life's darker corners with courage, and to use your insight to guide yourself and others into renewal.

If you have a **Sagittarius Ascendant**, adventure and growth are central themes. You meet life with openness, optimism, and a thirst for knowledge. At a soul level, your purpose is about seeking truth, expanding horizons, and sharing wisdom along the way.

With **Capricorn Rising**, you are here to build, to create structure, and to take responsibility for the path you walk. Knowing this helps you live with purpose by embracing patience, discipline, and the satisfaction that comes from steady progress.

With **Aquarius Rising**, your purpose is linked to the collective, to making change, embracing individuality, and standing for what is just and forward-thinking. You are here to remind others that freedom and community can coexist.

Finally, with a **Pisces Ascendant**, your purpose is tied to surrendering to flow, trusting your intuition, and offering your gifts of empathy and creativity to those around you. Understanding your sensitivity helps you gain meaning and purpose through faith and imagination.

Then there is the North Node. This is not a planet but a point in your chart that reveals where your soul is heading. It is often described as your life path, your karmic calling, or the direction you are meant to grow into. The North Node can feel unfamiliar at first because it asks you to stretch beyond your comfort zone and to step into qualities that may not come easily. But it is

precisely by leaning into this point that you begin to unlock your sense of purpose. It does not erase who you are; rather, it guides you toward becoming more of who you are meant to be. The North Nodes shows you encounters that have a sense of being fated, those that are dates with destiny, helping your followers your soul's calling.

When your North Node is in **Aries**, your soul is learning to step forward with courage and independence. You are here to trust yourself, take the lead, and embrace new beginnings without hesitation.

With the North Node in **Taurus**, your purpose is to create stability and simplicity. Life calls you to slow down, build security, and find strength in patience and persistence.

A **Gemini North Node** points to growth through curiosity and communication. You are here to ask questions, connect with others, and discover meaning through everyday conversations and learning.

When your North Node is in **Cancer**, your path is about nurturing and belonging. You are meant to honor your emotions, create safe spaces, and find purpose in caring for yourself and those you love.

With a **Leo North Node**, your destiny lies in creativity and joy. You are called to shine, to express yourself boldly, and to inspire others by following the passion in your heart.

The **Virgo North Node** asks you to be practical, thoughtful, and of service. Your growth comes through refining your skills, paying attention to details, and making steady contributions that improve life for yourself and others.

When your North Node is in **Libra**, your soul purpose is found in partnership and cooperation. You are here to learn balance, to listen, and to create harmony in your relationships.

A **Scorpio North Node** points you toward transformation and depth. Life asks you to embrace intimacy, to trust others, and to allow change to lead you into empowerment and renewal.

With a **Sagittarius North Node**, your growth lies in seeking truth and adventure. You are here to expand your horizons, follow your intuition, and share wisdom gathered from your journeys.

When your North Node is in **Capricorn**, your purpose is to take responsibility and build something lasting. You are being called to step into authority, set long-term goals, and create a legacy of strength and achievement.

The **Aquarius North Node** encourages you to embrace individuality while serving the collective. You are meant to innovate, challenge conventions, and use your unique vision to make a difference in the world.

Finally, a **Pisces North Node** guides you toward faith and surrender. Your path is about trusting the flow of life, opening your heart to compassion, and connecting with the spiritual or creative realms that nourish the soul.

When you put these two pieces together, the Rising Sign and the North Node, it feels like you are given both a map and a compass. The Rising Sign shows you the role you are meant to embody in this lifetime, the way you step into the world and the energy you are learning to carry with authenticity. The North Node, on the other hand, reveals the destination, the direction your soul longs to grow toward even if it feels unfamiliar at first.

Together, they give you a sense of alignment. The Rising Sign offers the qualities and tools you can rely on day to day, while the North Node shows you the bigger picture, the reason behind the lessons and experiences that unfold. When you begin to walk this path consciously, it can feel like the puzzle pieces of your life click into place.

Astrology is not here to lock you into a script. It is here to awaken awareness. By understanding your Rising Sign and your North Node, you gain clarity about what life is asking of you. This awareness brings a sense of purpose, a way to channel your energy into choices that feel meaningful, and a reminder that you are always moving toward becoming more of who you truly are.