

The magic of FIXED STARS

“All of the planetary symbols in astrology have their own meanings, but these meanings and the way they play out are influenced in turn by the links each symbol has with the stars.” — RODERICK KIDSTON, THE MAGIC OF THE STARS

Astrology is far more complex than the twelve Zodiac Signs. Each Zodiac Sign is itself a constellation, made up of stars, and from ancient times watchers of the night skies attributed particular qualities and meanings to those stars.

Beyond the twelve Zodiac constellations, there are another 76 or so constellations and star patterns woven through the heavens. Each carries its own mysterious influence, one that astrologers have worked with for centuries. This is the magic of the stars.

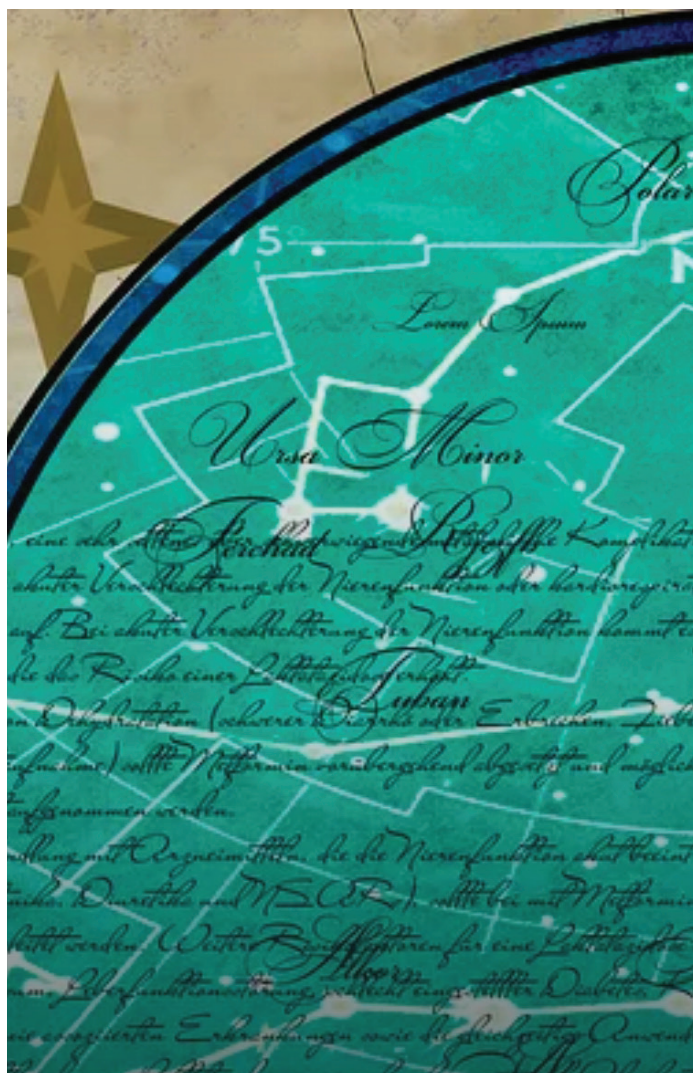
With so many stars, where do you begin?

You might start with the four Royal Stars of Persia — Aldebaran, Regulus, Antares and Fomalhaut.

Or you could explore the stars connected with your Sun Sign or the planets in your birth chart.

Do you know the stars associated with your Sun Sign?

Different traditions vary slightly, but here are some of the stars often linked with each sign and some of the qualities they are said to express.





ARIES

Hamal — courage, leadership, forcefulness, independence

Sheratan — quick action, impulsiveness, risk-taking

Mesarthim — initiative, pioneering energy, sharp intellect



TAURUS

Aldebaran — honour, success, integrity, leadership

Algol — intense passion, extremes, transformative power

Capulus — raw energy, boldness, assertive force



GEMINI

Alhena — artistic talent, refinement, intelligence

Castor — writing, learning, versatility, duality

Pollux — strength, ambition, competitiveness



CANCER

Acubens — protection, sensitivity, tenacity

Asellus Borealis — nurturing, care, group loyalty

Asellus Australis — emotional endurance, persistence through difficulty



LEO

Regulus — royalty, fame, leadership, charisma

Denebola — independence, unconventional thinking, change

Algieba — ambition, confidence, creative power



VIRGO

Spica — talent, blessings, creativity, protection

Vindematrix — analysis, judgement, organisation

Zavijava — precision, intellect, detailed thinking



LIBRA

Zubenelgenubi — social awareness, fairness, relationships

Zubeneschamali — harmony, good fortune, diplomacy

Khambalia — balance, subtle intelligence, adaptability



SCORPIO

Antares — passion, intensity, power, transformation

Acrux — spiritual depth, conviction, devotion

Dschubba — strategic skill, secrecy, determination



SAGITTARIUS

Kaus Australis — vision, truth-seeking, wisdom

Nunki — exploration, knowledge, spiritual searching

Ascella — good fortune, teaching, guidance



CAPRICORN

Facies — focus, intensity, endurance

Deneb Algedi — justice, responsibility, wisdom

Nashira — success after struggle, resilience



AQUARIUS

Sadalmelik — humanitarianism, influence, originality

Sadalsuud — good fortune, expansion, optimism

Skat — independence, unconventional ideas, innovation



PISCES

Fomalhaut — spiritual vision, inspiration, idealism

Scheat — imagination, mysticism, emotional depth

Markab — intellectual strength, discipline, spiritual testing

Many astrologers refer to these as the “Fixed Stars”. They are not truly fixed, but move only very slowly through the heavens. Compared to the movement of the planets, however, they appear almost motionless from our perspective on Earth.

Because the stars gradually shift over time, the stars traditionally associated with your Sun Sign may no longer align closely with the sign itself by the time you were born.

For this reason, you may also like to look at your birth chart to see which Fixed Stars are conjunct your personal planets. Most astrologers use a very tight orb — usually no more than one degree — when working with the stars.

As Roderick Kidston says,

“The connection between a planetary point and a star creates a powerful energy. There is magic here - hidden power manifesting in ways that can be dazzling, even sometimes miraculous.”