

The Equatorial Ascendant

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The Equatorial Ascendant (EA) is sometimes called the East Point, but that is the wrong name for it. The Equatorial Ascendant is an auxiliary Ascendant, a place of idealism and perfection. It gives the astrologer some additional information as to how the native approaches his activities and personal relationships with others and with the environment.

The EA is the angle which is rising over the eastern horizon at the Earth's equator at any given time. It is a sensitive point defined as 90 degrees east of the interaction with the ecliptic. In a natal chart, it is the point that would have been the ascending degree if the native had been born exactly on the equator.

The EA offers a clue to the native's identity. It shows the way and manner we deal on a personal level with others, but its action is more deliberate than that of the traditional Ascendant. It is usually in the same sign as the traditional Ascendant and can be located in the 12th or 1st house. If in the 12th house, the deep down self rises to the surface. It can relate to family members and hereditary factors.

One of the ways it functions is to show how we contact people on a long term basis which may be cooperative or competitive. We can attract others who can help us to work out our own karma or complete a specific project. It also shows how we turn people off or how we can manipulate them, how we address others, how we can make them feel comfortable, or how we can get our own attitude accepted. Good salespeople or politicians use the EA well to get their vibes across.

In relocation charts, the EA shows our new lifestyle. Also, a chart done at the time when we arrive at the new location is noteworthy. It is also significant in mundane charts. Planets in aspect to the EA give additional information.

EA in aspect to the Sun: the native is power driven and can succeed through his own efforts. Can be a severe judge on the self to get out of a rut. Is an adventurous spirit. Also shows how one can impress others.

To the Moon: gives conscious awareness and depth to the feelings. Is intuitive. Looks for change; thereby has an inability to stick with routine tasks for very long. Sensitive to the personal environment. Can respond to the needs of others.

To Mercury: can pay attention to details, is capable of great changeability, very restless, very analytical in intellectual conquests, gives great sense impression. Anxious, restless, can see both sides of an issue. Can communicate from a deep, subconscious level, using words to soothe others.

To Venus: gives depth to the feelings and sense impressions. Emotions gain importance. Is an idealist and inclined to be sensuous, romantic and loving. Attracts whatever is valued the most.

To Mars: feels more confident, courageous, daring and bold. Is able to make good use of inner aims, desires and convictions. Has the potential to overcome great obstacles to assert self.

To Jupiter: brings self-assurance and cooperation. Challenges the personal belief system and uncovers new ways to learn. Gives remarkable insights that can also be taken for granted.

To Saturn: affects consciously planned activities to gain rewards. Defense predominates. Is an acute judge of human nature and not a soft touch by any means. Tries to overcome obstacles.

To Uranus: has utopian ideas, creative originality, is eager to express deep characteristics of the self. Higher energy can be channeled to conform to one's own nature. Craves new adventure, is selfish.

To Neptune: a wandering disposition that is beset with dangers, hunches, and intuition. Lacks practicality, may get lost in dreaming. The native is very sensitive to the needs of others.

To Pluto: gives a reforming urge, grows inwardly. Realizes the deeper significance of life to change the self. Gets to the root of a problem in the pursuit of wholeness, can mend deep hurts.

To Trans-Pluto: gives sustained power, great magnetism and unification. Draws others to oneself.