

Born on the Cusp?

When reading your Horoscopes, please note that if you were born on or around the cusp and are not sure of your actual Sun Sign, you might read both entries, especially the second one. For example, if you were born on February 19 your Sun Sign may be Aquarius or it may be Pisces. In this case you could read both Aquarius and Pisces. The "cusp" (border) between signs can occur anywhere between the 18th, especially in the case of the Aquarius/Pisces cusp, and the 24th day of each month, especially in the case of the Leo/Virgo cusp.

The factors include the facts that the 365.25 days in a year has to be squeezed, so to speak into a 360-degree cycle. It is that .25 day factor that is counted as February 29th every 4 years, known as the Leap Year, the last of which was 2024. The longitude and latitude of where you were born and thus the time zone, are other factors.

But technically, you are one sign or the other, not both in regards to your *actual* Sun Sign. In the deeper sense, *we are all actually a blend of all the signs*. Yet, a planet cannot be in two 'signs' at the same time. It can be described as living right next to the border between two countries. Despite the close proximity, you are generally the citizen of one country or the other, dual citizenships aside.

Most official textbook dates for each Zodiac Sign are listed below. Yet, even among those there are occasional differences. Again, you will notice cross over dates.

Aries: March 21 – April 19
Taurus: April 20 – May 20
Gemini: May 21 – Jun 21
Cancer: June 22 – July 22
Leo: July 23 – August 22
Virgo: August 23 – September 22
Libra: September 23 – October 22
Scorpio: October 23 – November 21
Sagittarius: November 22 – December 21
Capricorn: December 22 – January 19
Aquarius: January 20 – February 18
Pisces: February 19 – March 20

So, in order to definitely know your Sun Sign, you may have to get an official Birth Chart. To do so you will need to know your birth time along with the full birth date and place. Having an approximate birth time helps to determine the birth time through a process called "Chart Rectification". This is a true art that requires that the Astrologer be both intuitive and precise in the use of prediction techniques. Knowing which sign you are actually are is ideal and can be a rich process to decipher, all on its own.

The Process is called **birth time rectification**

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Chart Rectification, or a Reading largely devoted to determining what time you were born, includes a process of asking questions asked about certain characteristics that best describe you and when certain key events occurred in your life. Even when the time of birth is apparently known, it could be off by several minutes due to the realities in the delivery room at the time of birth, which is technically linked to the exact moment when we take our first breath.

As might be imagined, this process can take some time, yet it is very interesting and educational and valuable in itself, if it is done well. In other words, **the very process of attempting to determine the time of birth will already provide you with a lot of relevant, accurate insight.**

(Make an Appointment)

So, **whether or not the actual exact time of birth is ever deciphered, because it is a complex this to decipher, by including it a Reading, you will still get a lot of valuable insights and guidance, which is more important in the end than whether or not you are certain of your time of birth.**

Note:

It can cost anywhere from \$50.00 to \$100.00 and possibly more to obtain a birth record from Vital Statistics and sometimes even the Hospital (though I have known of some people who have obtained it from the hospital of their birth for free).

When I am provided with a birth time that seems rounded off to the hour, half hour and even quarter hour, this sends a message that the time given may be only an estimated or 'guesstimated' time. The fact that your exact birth time can be determined based on key characteristics and events and their date and time is testimony to the power of Astrology to measure destiny.

If you do not know your time of birth and cannot obtain it from family records or family memory, you may decide to make the effort to get it. You can do this by one of the taking one of the following steps:

1) Contact the actual hospital that you were born in. With computers, this information is becoming more readily available. If you are lucky, they will give it to you and for free.

*If they do not still have such information in their files, they will be able to offer you leads, the most obvious being Vital Statistics.

2) Contact Vital Statistics in the Capitol City of the province, state, county, etcetera where you were born.

3) Some people have found success by using a pendulum or through muscle testing. Most Astrologers will want to test the time provided from such methods.

On a final note, although the exact birth time is not entirely necessary to gain valuable awareness, insight and guidance into your personality and destiny, you will definitely benefit from getting your birth time rectified.

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