



The Difference Between Western and Vedic Astrology

In order to give an accurate Vedic astrology consultation, we need the exact time of birth, day and location. This information gives us the proper rising sign degree (also known as the ascendant) for each chart. The rising sign is the zodiac sign that is rising on the eastern horizon at that exact moment of birth.

The rising sign changes every 2 hours of the day, whereas the Sun sits in one sign for 30 days and the Moon sits in the same sign for 54 hours. Because of this, a natal chart is read from the rising sign because it is the most specific sign to the individual.

The main difference between Vedic astrology and Western astrology is Vedic astrologers use the sidereal zodiac which is based on the fixed and observable positions of constellations as we see them in the sky today (i.e. how an astronomer would calculate them). Whereas, the western astrologers use the tropical zodiac which is based on the changeable position of the Sun.

The tropical zodiac positions have gradually moved away from the fixed, sidereal constellations at approximately 1 degree every 72 years due to the wobble of the earth's axis and precession of equinoxes. In short, the tropical zodiac is based on where the planets were more than 2,000 years ago, therefore if you take your Western chart and subtract 23 degrees from the position of the rising sign and planets, you will arrive at your Vedic astrology chart.

If you need help determining your Vedic astrology rising sign, I would be happy to send you a complimentary report that includes your Vedic rising sign, Sun sign, and Moon sign, the favorable planets in your chart and a list of simple ways you can strengthen those planets for even better results in life.

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