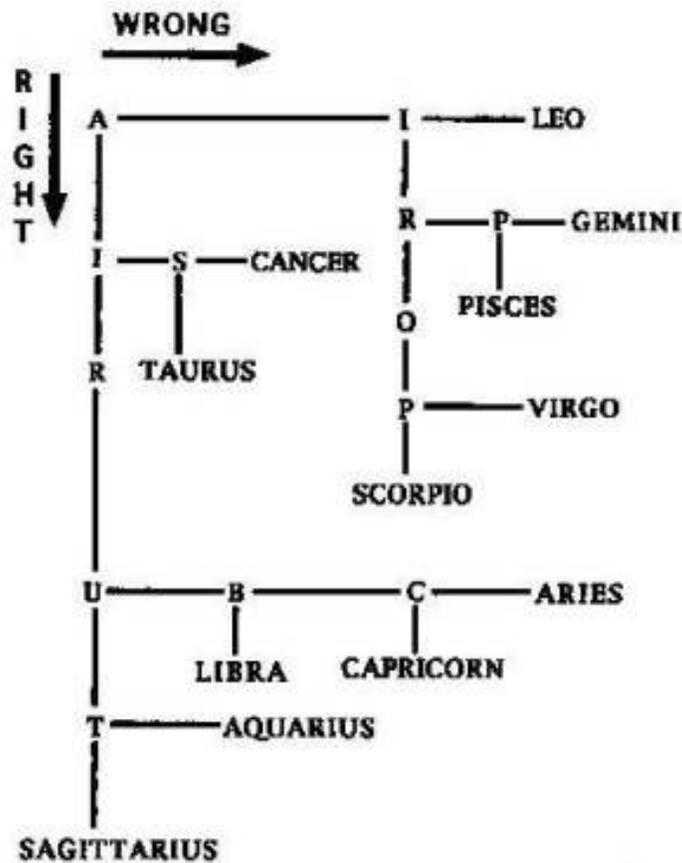


# Zodianagram



What you see above is an anagram of the 12 zodiac signs. The chart allows you to discover someone's zodiac sign quickly and easily. Just memorize the chart and you're all set.

Notice that the chart branches from the top left corner which is where you begin. The single letters along the lines are letter you'll be calling out, all the time acting like you're mentally perceiving images of them from within the spectator's mind. Basically, you ask someone to picture the name of their sign in their mind, that seeing letters is easier, more familiar in your mind, to see. You then state that you're beginning to see images of the letters, telling the spectator that it's a difficult feat to do, so you may need a little help from them in clarifying the images. It's a reasonable request in mentalism which you've probably noticed that mentalist use all the time, especially on television. In mentalism, fishing is accepted as common procedure, in very small doses of course.

Look at the top left letter. It's an 'A'. That's the first letter you tell the spectator that you perceive. Depending on his response, you move accordingly along the line to the next letter. That letter is the next one you claim to see. For every right letter, move downward. For every wrong letter, move rightward. You'll eventually dead end on the spectator's sign.

Notice that the signs are usually reached in 2, 1, or even 0 wrong letters. There are two exceptions which require 3 wrong guesses before reaching the sign. But, that's only two out of 12 signs, so the odds are in your favor that you'll reach it quickly. Once again, since you're supposedly reading the spectator's mind, it's O.K. if you do miss a few. The key is in the acting. Also, you may have a suspicious spectator claim that you've simply started with the most common used letter and reduced down. This is untrue as the letter 'R' is the most common letter in the zodiac signs, not the 'A' which is what you started with. Also, notice that there are two letters in the chart that don't have a rightward branch from them (an 'R' and 'O'). The reason I put them there is that all the signs past them have that letter, so when you reach those two letters, you can guarantee seeing them in the spectator's mind. A convincer if you will.

This isn't a giant mystery, but performed to certain spectators or in certain settings can get a good reaction. Needless to say, you can't repeat this to the same spectator(s). They may realize you're repeating the same letters. For variety, T.A. Waters has two that he created and can be found in his giant and amazing book on mentalism, *Mind, Myth & Magick* (SIGNSE, pg. 460) which at the time of this writing is still available through Hermetic Press publications. Quickly, if I may boast on mine: My hit / miss ratio is the same as his, plus his do begin with the most common letter so in a structural sense mine is superior. I say that loosely, T.A. Waters was a genius, far-beyond me. I just got lucky on this one.