

Archetype: The Wise Crone December 21 – January 18 The letter of the law

The tenth house is angular, cardinal, earth house. Its natural sign ruler is Capricorn and its natural planetary ruler is Saturn. The cusp of the tenth house is a special angle called the Midheaven (MC). It represents how you see yourself in society, your career, reputation, and standing.

Saturn and Capricorn are about respect and public persona, contribution to society, position in society, social standing, reputation, and material success. They describe how we carve out an identity for ourselves, which fits because Saturn rules stone, the earth, and foundations like bedrock. It also rules achievement, authority figures, bosses, governments, attitude towards responsibility, attitude towards abiding by the law, and desire for achievement.

Modern Astrology as written and interpreted by males about the male experience has claimed Saturn as their own. Although they tell us that Capricorn is feminine, they say that Saturn is a dude, and a mean one at that. When seen as matriarch, it makes more sense. Saturn describes the outer layer seen with the naked eye and represents the limits of experience in all forms, most personally, the skin of our bodies. Her limitations are not severe, they are instructive. All life happens within her body. She is the Shaper, the definer.

Each oppositional pair around the chart alternates between masculine and feminine except for this one. Astrologers dispute the tenth house rulership between parents, not because of the archetype definitions, but because womyn haven't been fulfilling our matriarchal destiny for eons. As women become equal partners in society Saturn will regain her feminine archetypal references. In prepaternalistic cultures Saturn was the Queen of the Mountain. Her husband was a Jupiterian character represented by the gentle rain. Apply Saturn in your charts to the mother and grandmother. You may be surprised.

Saturn is karmic. But karma is not punishment; it is how your life is going right now, because of past actions. It is the work you do because of what has come before. Not punishment, but consequences and the skin you are in.

