

# ASTROLOGY LEVEL 4 WEEK 10

## THE VERTEX



### The VERTEX the Third ANGLE

The Horizon cuts the ecliptic forming the horizontal Ascendant/Descendant axis, dividing the chart into upper and lower hemispheres.

The Prime Meridian cuts the ecliptic forming the vertical MC/IC axis, dividing the chart into east and west hemispheres.

The Prime Vertical cuts the ecliptic dividing the 3-D celestial sphere into front and back hemispheres. When this is projected onto the 2-D birth chart, the Prime Vertical cuts the ecliptic at the extreme West at the Vertex and the extreme East at the Anti-Vertex.

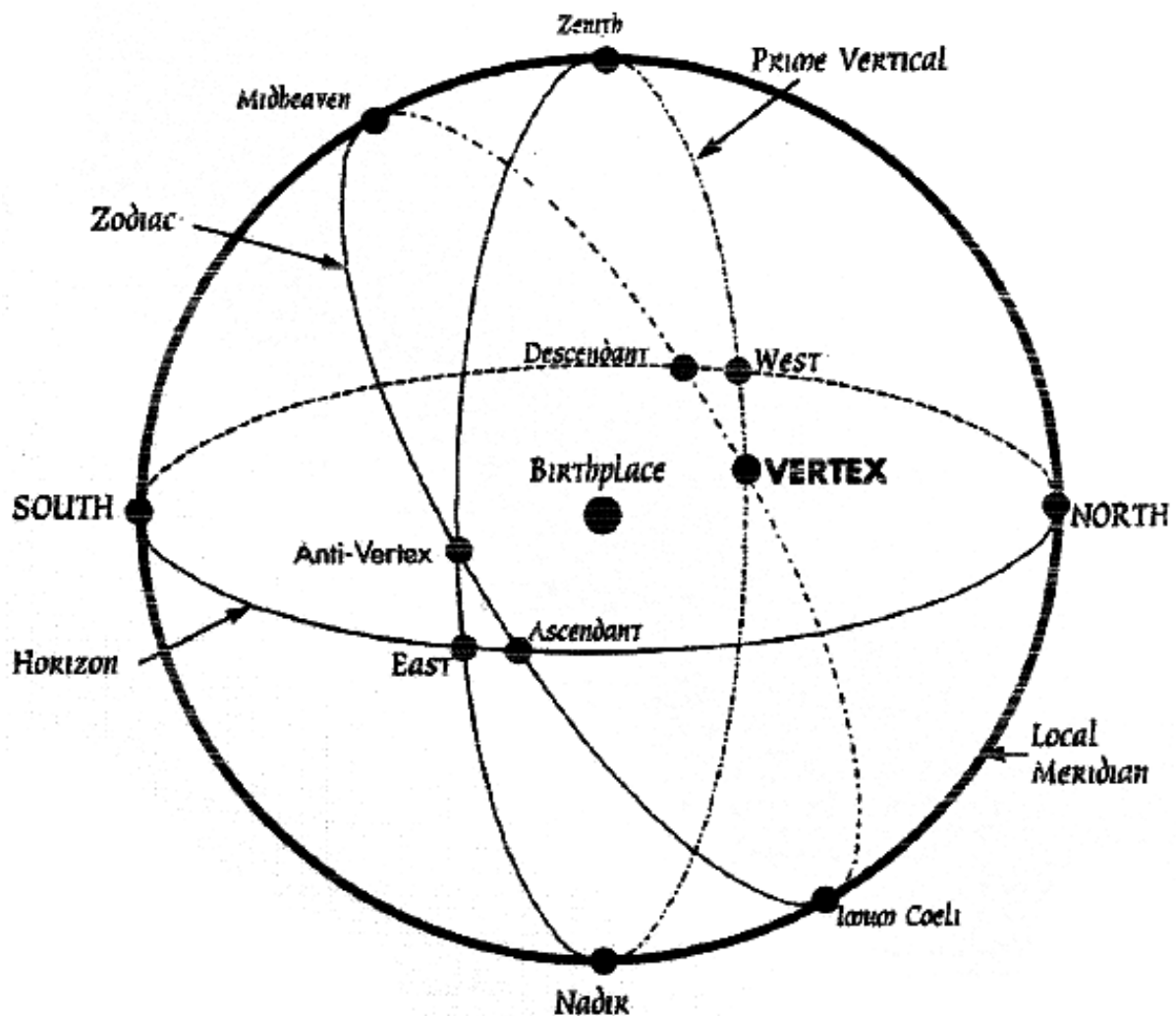
The Vertex is the western most point of the chart before the curve of the earth's surface, opposing the Vertex is the Anti-Vertex at the most eastern point.

The Vertex Axis was introduced into Astrology in the late 1940s by Charles Jayne and L. Edward Johndro.

The word Vertex comes from the Latin root word 'Vertere' meaning to turn, this correlates astrologically as a 'turning point' in our lives.

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Most texts on the Vertex will often use the words, destiny, fate and karma. They talk about things that happen beyond our control and fated meetings with important people in our lives. I believe all this is true to a point, but fate and destiny are more 'effects' rather than chance. It's just like saying 'if you throw a ball into the air it is fated to come down'. This 'fate' is not so random but the effect of the law of gravity.

Every action has an equal and opposite reaction. This is known the law of relativity, cause and effect, the law of attraction or the law of Karma. So, bringing this back to the 'destiny theory' we are 'fated' to reap the effects of our actions.

The Vertex Axis represents a 'turning point' with the choices we make in our lives in an attempt to change our results or alter our 'destiny'. This will be accomplished by taking on a particular self-developmental challenge. The Vertex has a clear objective that is represented by its sign and house placement; plus any aspects it makes to other planets or points. Another important feature with attaining the Vertex's objective is that interaction with other people seems to play a major role. These people act as catalysts with teaching and guiding us and can be instrumental with steering our 'fate' in a new direction.

We seem compelled to get this assignment done and our lives feel almost set up in a way to keep us on track, constantly showing us the effects of our actions.

This is not just about our overt actions, but also about the energy we put into our beliefs and thoughts, many from a subconscious level that are always attracting particular results. Acting from fear will attract fear; acting from peace will attract peace. This will be your destiny.

I am not talking about results from the ego level as in 'if I act peacefully I will have no chaos in my life', but this is an attainment of a deeper form of peace not affected by externals.

People who have had near death experiences have told of becoming aware of a tapestry made up of many threads, each representing choices they have made and where these choices have led to, as well as the effects of other choices had they have chosen differently.

## **THE VERTEX in ASTROLOGY**

The Vertex Axis consists of both the Vertex and the Anti Vertex. The Vertex is always found in the western hemisphere (right side) and the Anti Vertex, always in the eastern hemisphere (left side)

The Vertex Axis, like all Axis' are in exact opposition by Sign and by House.

The Anti-Vertex in the Eastern hemisphere lends its energy to pro action, initiation, assertion, self-development and strengthening the identity.

The Vertex in the Western hemisphere lends its energy to reaction, responding, co-operation relationships and the interchange of energy with others.

Here we recognise that the Sign and House placement of the Anti-Vertex initiates the action and how it gets done, it is 'the cause'. The sign and house placement of the Vertex is the objective or result required; it is the effect of our actions, or what some have called our 'fate'.

In other words, to obtain the objective of the Vertex we must do the Anti-Vertex.

The Vertex can also be understood within the context of the other angles. The MC/IC is the foundational axis. It's a much like the trunk of a tree. With the IC, we need to secure

ourselves emotionally by dealing with past conditioning, creating a strong root system, this help us become more solid and steadfast with our goals and worldly mission at the tree top with the MC.

The Ascendant/Descendant is the Axis of balancing the independent self with how we co-operate and form relationships. The Vertex Axis lies somewhere between both of these angles.

The Anti-Vertex in the east builds a stronger foundation within our identity to aid with initiating and undertaking the Vertex task. The Vertex being the effect or fate has a clear objective with what it needs and being in the west includes rather profound interactions with others.

This is why the Vertex is a sensitive point linked to fateful encounters with people, sudden epiphanies or turning points in life. Vertex people can come in many forms. Some could act as positive mentors while others can pose major challenges in your life.

Vertex people can be life altering teachers and catalysts with changing the direction of your 'karma'. Many researchers have also found the Vertex very significant in the work arena as well, particularly when dealing with others.

The Vertex feels like a soul lesson we feel compelled to fulfil. It contains particular qualities that need to be 'brought forth' into the world and other people act as facilitators with drawing this out.

I have found that the Vertex Axis is never easy and can contain some of the major challenges in your life. There can sometimes be a lot of resistance or fear associated with the Vertex, as the changes that need to be made could require facing some of our deepest issues. It can feel slightly like the Nodal Axis, as it can carry remnants of 'Karma' created by fearful choices.

The energy of planets and points in aspect to Vertex Axis, especially conjunct it will be of major importance with interpreting it's needs as well as the location of the ruling planets of both the Vertex and Anti Vertex.

Transits, progressions and Solar Arcs to the Vertex can bring both inner and outer events corresponding to your particular goal by bringing significant encounters with others or a sudden change of direction, purpose or perception. The Progressed and Solar Arc Vertex can shed light on the Vertex' evolving needs and internal changes.

The Vertex is extremely strong in Synastry, with another person's planets, angles, nodes or Vertex. These people will be intrinsically involved in your Vertex story. You may have a fated feeling about these people and they can bring about profound change in your life.

The Vertex falls between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> houses with the Anti-Vertex being in the opposing houses. These houses will show us where we may experience turning points or 'destined' encounters.

5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> – strengthening future vision to aid with creativity and self expression

6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> – strengthening spirit to aid with service through the body

7<sup>th</sup>-1<sup>st</sup> – strengthening identity to aid with understanding others

8<sup>th</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> – strengthening personal security to aid with intensity and trusting.

9<sup>th</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> – strengthening your understanding to aid with higher ideals and beliefs

The Vertex/Anti-Vertex by sign signifies the way we may experience activation to this

Aries/Libra- personal will versus co operation

Taurus/Scorpio – security versus intensity

Gemini/Sagittarius – logic versus vision

Cancer/Capricorn – inner feelings versus objective responsibility

Leo/Aquarius – self-expression versus group participation

Virgo/Pisces – defined work versus limitless spirit.