# Astrology by Counting by Bob Marks

**I**f you can count, you can interpret a horoscope.

It makes a big difference when you have a lot of planets in one section of the chart and just a few (or none) in another. What we are going to look at is the meaning of having

1) A majority of planets on the [**Left side or the Right side**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/11.2RightOrLeftChart.htm) of the horoscope.

2) A majority of planets on the [**Top or the Bottom**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/11.1TopOrBottom.htm) of the chart

3) A majority of planets in [**One Element**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/11.3MajorityHousesElement.htm), fire, earth, air, or water signs.

4) A majority of planets in [**One Particular Quality**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/11.4MajorityHousesQuality.htm), cardinal, fixed, or mutable signs.

5) *No* planets in any particular element or quality.

6) And very important, *Only One Planet* in any particular type of sign, by element or quality. I call these planets "[**Singletons**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/13.0Singletons.htm)", a term coined by the late Marc Edmund Jones to indicate a planet that can "funnel" and focus all of the "energy" of the horoscope.

All you have to be able to do is find out how many planets are in each element, quality, and house type. These are explained in the first four chapters of this site. When you have identified what the horoscope has a lot of, what it is lacking, and where the strong points are, you will be able to tell what that person is all about.

**T**he top half of the horoscope (also called the southern half) represents the part of us that is easily visible. The bottom half (the northern section) shows the part of us that tends to be less visible.

People with top heavy charts tend to be more public, to be more visible out there in the world, **Bill Bradley** for instance. He was a basketball star and then a U.S. Senator putting his life under constant scrutiny.

People with the majority of planets on the bottom half tend to be more private, but this doesn’t mean that they don’t ever have public lives

They are what used to be called "inner directed".

Every now and then, they notice that there is a world "out there" and then they can make a terrific impact because nothing anyone else says can make any real impact on their decisions.

[**J. Edgar Hoover**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/JEdgarHoover.htm) is an example of this type.

[**Mel Gibson**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/gibsoncht.htm) is another example of a bottom heavy horoscope.

Yes, he is a movie star and has a very public life. But he always goes his own way and does his own thin, a good example of inner direction.. He has done everything from action-adventure flicks to Hamlet.

***Left and Right Side of the Chart***

If there is a majority of planets on the *left side* of the horoscope, this is an indication that the person is better able to take *initiative*. Little is handed to these people on a silver platter, but that doesn’t make any difference. They can go out and get their own platter.

Remember that this is only an *indication*. If the person happens to have the planet Jupiter very strong, for instance, then they will have both initiative and "good luck". Don’t you just hate people like that?

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| If there is a majority of planets on the *right side* of the horoscope, we have what has been facetiously called a *Royal Chart*. It got this name because these folks can’t seem to get anything going without having someone else involved. And, oh yes, these people *do* have things handed to them on that proverbial silver platter. Naturally, the more planets you have on any one side, the stronger the effect will be. |   |  |

An example of a *left sided* horoscope (also known as an *eastern* or *oriental* horoscope) is the chart of [**Oprah Winfrey**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/oprahwinfrey.htm), who has a total of seven planets on the left side of her chart. The planet Jupiter is also strong in her horoscope giving her extra "luck" to go along with the initiative that that the left sided emphasis provides.

An example of a *right sided* chart is the horoscope of [**Woodrow Wilson**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/woodrowwilson.htm). Sure he got to be President of the United States, but look at how he did it. First, he became governor of New Jersey.

There was a reform movement at the time, and the party big wigs needed a Mr. Clean.

Wilson didn’t start that reform movement. He got the Democratic nomination because the convention was deadlocked. That had nothing to do with him. He won the 1912 election only because Teddy Roosevelt ran as an independent that year and split the Republican vote. That too had nothing to do with Wilson.

He was re-elected in 1916 partly because California came in for him at the last minute because of a local issue. Of course, that had nothing to do with him either.

He tried to do one thing totally on his own. He tried to get America into the League of Nations. He fell flat on his face.

So the moral of the story is, if you have a *right handed* horoscope, your motto should be: "Why should I do it myself? What did God create other people for?

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|  | **T**he ***Elements*** have to do with your way of ***Being***, with the basic foundations of your life. The distinction is very ancient. Astrologers gave these groupings the names of what at the time were thought to be the four elements: Fire, Earth, Air, and Water. Today we know that Earth and Air are mixtures, Water a compound, and Fire a chemical reaction. Nevertheless, the distinctive traits of the element groupings still hold true. In simplest terms, ***Fire*** is inspirational, ***Earth*** is practical,***Air*** is intellectual, and ***Water*** is emotional. What is the difference between an ***Element*** and a ***Quality***? Qualities show how we ***Act***. In astrology, there are three ways. We can charge right in and solve the immediate problem (the [**Cardinal Signs**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheCardinalSigns.htm), Aries, Cancer, Libra, and Capricorn) take our time, consider the long range consequences, and take action based on principle (the [**Fixed Signs**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheFixedSigns.htm), Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, and Aquarius) or endlessly discuss things and reach a decision based on negotiation and compromise (the [**Mutable Signs**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheMutableSigns.htm), Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, and Pisces). ***Elements*** introduce another dimension. For instance, we can act directly (Cardinal) action inspirationally (**Fire**) emotionally (**Water**) intellectually (**Air**) or practically (**Earth**). If you have a majority (at least five) planets in any one element, the characteristics of that element will stand out and be clearly recognizable in your life. A word of warning. ***ALWAYS*** consider the whole horoscope before jumping to conclusions. While a majority of planets in an element is important, having a planet stand out from the rest by chart shape or by being the *only* planet in an element, quality, or house type is *more important* when it comes to describing the well known facts of someone’s life. We will see this with some of the examples below. Also, before we start, it is important to remember that everybody has every element represented somewhere in their horoscope. Even if there are no planets in one element, the *signs* of that element and the planets that rule those signs must be placed somewhere on the wheel. That means that the effects will come out somewhere in your life. Knowledge of astrology will tell you the place. **Fire Sign Majority**A majority of planets in [***Fire Signs***](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheFireSigns.htm) (Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius) can make a person more self-centered. On the positive side, this is confidence, inspiration, self-assuredness. On the negative side, this can be a total lack of empathy, the inability to believe that other people are alive and have rights.A negative example would be [**Henri Landru**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/landrucht.htm), the serial killer who married ten women, got them to take all their money out of the bank, and then made them disappear. He had *Eight* planets in fire signs. Six of these were in Aries (direct action) in his [**12th House**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/twelthhouse.htm) (psychological problems).Now don’t go thinking that everyone with several 12th House placements is a serial killer. Landru had the planet [**Saturn**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/aspectsaturn.htm) standing out by chart shape in his [**8th House**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/eigthhouse.htm) (death). so it focused the chart’s “energy” to that area. He also had [**Pluto**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/aspectspluto.htm) the *natural ruler* of the 8th House powerfully placed right on his *Ascendant*. On top of that,  **[Pluto](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/aspectspluto.htm)** was his only planet in an [***Earth Sign***](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheEarthSigns.htm) (practicality and a concern with material resources). Even with this, there was no “fate” here. “The Stars impel, they do not compel.” Landru became a murderer by choice. [**Pluto**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/aspectspluto.htm) and the [**8th House**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/eigthhouse.htm) can heal as well as kill. His horoscope also gave him the potential to become a doctor![**Pete Rose**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/PeteRose.htm) is a somewhat more positive example. His chart has five planets in fire signs, and fire gives energy and enthusiasm. The nickname he had during his playing days was “Charlie Hustle.” Unfortunately, the extra strength these planets gave to his ego made it difficult for him to acknowledge that he had a gambling problem.[**Brynn Hartman**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/Brynn%20Hartman.htm) had five planets in fire signs and no singletons to focus the chart’s “energy.” Little is known of her personal life, but, regrettably, she will be most remembered for two sudden impulsive acts: shooting her husband and taking her own life.[**Marlon Brando**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/BrandoMarlon.htm)has five fire planets. His whole life was fiery, from the wild affairs and stormy marriages to running off to Tahiti. Like many people who are successful in show business, he has [**Jupiter**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/aspectsjupiter.htm) (expansion, optimism, luck) in aspect to his Mid-Heaven (career).[**J. P. Morgan**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/JPMorgan.htm) had six fire planets. He built an empire, ruled Wall Street, and personally pulled the economy out of several financial crises. The energy and enthusiasm of his fire sign planets was funneled to accumulation of material resources because his [**Moon in Virgo**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/PlanetsignVirgo.htm) was the only placement in an Earth Sign.**Earth Sign Majority**And that’s a good introduction to discussing the meaning of a majority of planets in [**Earth Signs**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheEarthSigns.htm) (Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn). Earth is practical, solid, slow but steady. [**Fire signs**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheFireSigns.htm) are inspirational, always wondering what’s on the other side of that mountain. Earth sees the mountain, period. Anything else is, to an earth sign, mere speculation.[**Louis Pasteur**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/PasteurLouis.htm) had eight planets in [**Earth Signs**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheEarthSigns.htm), six of them in [**Capricorn**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/PlanetsignCapri.htm). Pasteur was originally a chemist. He was the first to discover that some crystals could be right-handed or left-handed. But inspiration comes from [**Fire signs**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheFireSigns.htm). [**Pluto**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/aspectspluto.htm), planet of extremes (death and rebirth) was his only placement in a Fire sign. It was located in his [**5th house**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/fifthhouse.htm) (creativity) and it made a close trine aspect (120 degrees) with his Mid-Heaven (career). Of course, Pasteur is best known for his work fighting microbes. Compare the different paths chosen by Pasteur and Henri Landru.His other [**Singleton**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/13.0Singletons.htm) was the [**Moon in Gemini**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/aspectsmoon.htm). It was his only [**Air**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheAirSigns.htm) sign placement. According to Paul De Kruif in “The Microbe Hunters”, Pasteur would rather have a public debate than discuss research details.[**William James**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/WilliamJames.htm) the philosopher, had six Earth placements. Pluto was his only Fire planet and Neptune was *singleton* twice over. It was his only Air sign planet and his only planet in a Fixed sign. Unfortunately, since his birth time is not known, we cannot see which areas of his life they were influencing. Nevertheless, the *sign positions* of the planets remained the same all that day. Six planets in Earth signs. And what philosophy was he famous for? Pragmatism![**Clara Barton**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/bartonclara.htm) had five [**Earth Sign**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheEarthSigns.htm) planets. Four of them were in Capricorn, sign of organization. She founded and organized the Red Cross.  While the [**Earth Sign**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheEarthSigns.htm) placements made her practical, they did not show the area on which she would focus. That was shown by her [***Singleton***](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/13.0Singletons.htm)  [**Pluto**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/aspectspluto.htm) (Pluto again!) which was her only planet in a [**Water Sign**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheWaterSigns.htm), and [**Venus,**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/aspectsvenus.htm) her only [**Air Sign**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheAirSigns.htm) planet. Both of these ***[S](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/13.0Singletons.htm)***[***ingleton***](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/13.0Singletons.htm)***s*** were in her [**12th House**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/twelthhouse.htm) (restrictions and places of restriction, such as hospitals).Once again, please note that there is always a choice that has to be made: to be positive or negative. Compare Barton’s life with that of Henri Landru above. Both horoscopes had a strong [**12th House**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/twelthhouse.htm) and a strong [**Pluto**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/aspectspluto.htm). One healed. The other killed.***Air Sign Majority***[**Air Signs**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheAirSigns.htm) [**(Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius)**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheAirSigns.htm) specialize in ideas and communications. Strong emotions (a [**Water Sign**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheWaterSigns.htm) specialty) tend to throw them off balance because emotions can’t be figured out. They are just there.By way of contrast, [**Fire Signs**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheFireSigns.htm) work by inspiration (“Let’s go over that mountain; I bet there’s something real interesting on the other side!) [**Earth Signs**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheEarthSigns.htm) by practicality (I’ll believe it when I see it) [**Water Signs**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheWaterSigns.htm) by emotion (I’m not in the mood to over that mountain today). ***An Air Sign would say:****“That’s very interesting. What reasons do you have for thinking that there is something on the mountain’s other side? What are the possibilities here?”*[**Barbara Walters**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/WaltersBarbara.htm), has five planets in Air Signs. Three are in Libra, sign of partnership. and she usually works with partners. Her work is pure Air. But how did she get to be a famous reporter and media personality? The sign of Cancer is at the top of her horoscope (her Mid-Heaven, her career) and its ruler, the Moon, is one of those Air Sign placements. It sits in Gemini, the communications sign. Pluto is also strong. It’s her only planet in a Water Sign, so it is *singleton*. It focuses her chart’s “energy” to the 10th House (career). And people with a strong Pluto are always interested in getting at hidden secrets, a plus for a reporter.[**Gennifer Flowers**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/FlowersGennifer.htm), another reporter, also has five planets in air signs. However, in one famous case, *she* became part of the story. Ms. Flowers was the first woman to reveal publicly that she had an affair with Bill Clinton.[**Jennifer Jason Leigh**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/leighcht.htm) has *Seven* planets in air signs, and they are all in the same sign, Aquarius. She is different, to be sure. We will deal with this very complicated chart in depth in other chapters.[**Fanny Brice**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/FannyBrice.htm) had five Air Sign planets. Perfect for communications of all sorts, including singing and songwriting. Five planets are also in *Fixed Signs*. So even though she was a Scorpio Sun sign, she frequently came across as kooky and eccentric, like an Aquarian.[**John Belushi**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/BelushiJohn.htm) had five Air planets. Again, a good setup for communications He did everything from the comedy of Saturday Night Live to singing (The Blues Brothers) to a more serious attempt at drama (Continental Divide).[**Swami Vivekananda**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/SwamiVivekananda.htm) had five [**Air Sign**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheAirSigns.htm) planets. He was one of the first to popularize yoga in the west both through lectures and books.**Water Sign Majority**[***Water Signs***](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheWaterSigns.htm) (Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces) emphasize feelings, emotions, and instincts over logical analysis (which is an Air Sign specialty). Marc Edmund Jones was the first to point out that while [**Fire Signs**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheFireSigns.htm) will ignore anything that they are not interested in at the moment, [**Water Signs**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheWaterSigns.htm), by contrast, want to embrace *everything*. What he didn’t mention was that they also don’t want to let go. Ever.[**Arthur Miller**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/MillerArthur.htm) has five planets in Water Signs. His time of birth is unknown, but that doesn’t change the sign positions of the planets. Even though his Sun Sign is *Air* (he is a Libra) that Water Sign majority focuses his concern on emotions. His play “The Crucible”, for instance, was about the hysterical outburst of the Salem witch trials. “The View From the Bridge” concerned a man’s subconscious passion for his niece.[**William Kunstler**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/billkunstler.htm) had five Water planets. [**Mars**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/aspectsmars.htm) in was his only Air Sign placement and that directed his horoscope’s “energy” to aggressive speech. But Gemini would just as easily represent a large corporation accused of polluting the environment. Kunstler mostly defended radicals and misfits.[**Drew Barrymore**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/BarrymoreDrew.htm)has six Water Sign planets. I read once that she didn’t want to take acting classes because they would interfere with her instincts. The negative side of Water Signs emerged early with her. She was in rehab for substance abuse when she was thirteen. |

**Q**ualities have to do with how we ***Act***. There are three qualities, each with four signs. Their names are [***Cardinal***](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheCardinalSigns.htm)*,* [***Fixed***](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheFixedSigns.htm)*,* and [***Mutable***](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheMutableSigns.htm), but I prefer to call them the ***Action*** *signs,* the ***Stubborn*** *signs,* and the ***Adaptable*** *signs*. If you have a majority of planets (at least 5) in any one quality, it stands out in your life.

A majority in the [**Cardinal Signs**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheCardinalSigns.htm) (Aries, Cancer, Libra, and Capricorn) shows a person who dives into one project after another. Life to folks with a Cardinal majority has to have plenty of action. They don’t adapt, like the [***Mutable***](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheMutableSigns.htm) signs.

They attack. “***Forward charge****!”* is their motto. They always seem to attract crises, and if they can’t find one, they will create a crisis just to have something to do. Marc Edmund Jones said that those with a Cardinal majority are “opportunistic rather than particularly aware of the right or wrong of anything.” Of course. For Cardinal majority people, action is where it’s at.

A good example of a horoscope with a [**Cardinal**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheCardinalSigns.htm) majority is the chart of [**Clint Eastwood**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/ClintEastwood.htm). Venus, Mars, Saturn, Uranus, and Pluto are all in [**Cardinal Signs**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheCardinalSigns.htm). Clint specialized in playing action heroes.

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| However, typical of the Cardinal sign need for new worlds to conquer, he branched out into producing, directing, andpolitics (he was the mayor of Carmel, California).[**Donald Trump**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/TrumpDonald.htm) also has a [**Cardinal**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheCardinalSigns.htm) majority ([**Mercury, Venus, and Saturn are in Cancer, and Jupiter and Neptune are in Libra)**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/PlanetsignLibra.htm). He goes from one deal to the next and has even written a book called “The Art of the Deal.” Again, in Cardinal sign fashion, staying in one field is not enough for that restless nature.  |   |  |

He also owns casinos, wrote two books, tried owning an airline, and considered a run for president.

[**Henri Landru**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/landrucht.htm) had *seven* planets in [**Cardinal**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheCardinalSigns.htm) signs, and six of them were in his [**12th House**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/twelthhouse.htm) (psychological problems and matters that we want to keep hidden). He went from wife to wife, getting them to take their money out of the bank and then making them “disappear” (none of the bodies were ever found). He did it 10 or eleven times (I lost count; he probably did too) before he was caught and sent to the guillotine.

[**Audrey Hepburn**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/AudreyHepburn.htm) had five [**Cardinal**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheCardinalSigns.htm) planets. Her career path is a good example of the effect of a Cardinal majority on the life. Rather than stay in one career her entire life, she went from modeling to movies and then retired at age 37 to raise her children. Later, instead of returning to Hollywood, she worked with the United Nations on children’s matters.

[**Bill Cosby**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/BillCosby.htm) has five [**Cardinal**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheCardinalSigns.htm) planets. He started as a stand up comic, made a hit as an undercover agent in the ground breaking series “I Spy”, had a short run in another series as a football coach, had a monster hit in his sitcom “The Cosby Show”, played a retired medical examiner in “The Bill Cosby Mysteries”, and hosted a quiz show. A perfect example of Cardinal sign opportunism and always looking for new worlds to conquer.

A majority of planets in the [**Fixed Signs**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheFixedSigns.htm) (Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, and Aquarius) shows a person who may take a long time to start something. But once they are moving, they don’t stop. And they are stubborn. ***Stability*** is the main interest of those with a Fixed majority. They don’t like to change. Someone with a Cardinal majority will probably focus on immediate results. Those with a Fixed majority will most likely set their sights on the long view (OK, if I do this now, I’ll get that good result right away, but 5 years down the line it’s going to be a disaster).

[**Mohammed** **Ali**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/ali.htm) has seven planets in [**Fixed**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheFixedSigns.htm) signs. He was always in there for the long haul. In most of his fights, the late rounds went to him. He took on the U.S. government over a matter of principle and won. But his strength turned out to be a weakness. Ali didn’t know when to quit the ring and kept fighting long past his prime.

[**Conrad Hilton**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/hiltoncht.htm) had five [**Fixed**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/PlanetsintheSigns.htm) sign planets. The hotel chain still bears his name.

[**Carl Jung**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/CarlJung.htm) had six [**Fixed**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/PlanetsintheSigns.htm) sign planets. He had one big insight and spent the rest of his life following it up.

[**Woodrow Wilson**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/woodrowwilson.htm) was another with six [**Fixed**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/PlanetsintheSigns.htm) planets. Even though he ultimately failed, his goals were based on principle and not just an immediate crisis.

[**Arthur Miller**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/MillerArthur.htm) also has six [**Fixed**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/PlanetsintheSigns.htm) planets. His most famous play, “The Death of a Salesman”, didn’t deal as much with human relationships or immediate crises as much as it did with the principles by which the main character, Willy Loman, lived and how those principles resulted in disaster.. “The Crucible” on the surface was about a 17th century crisis, but it really dealt with a recurring human flaw. “The View From the Bridge” would seem to be an exception, since it seemed to be concerned with relationships. In reality, it was based on an ancient Greek tragedy and dealt with problems that could be considered “eternal.”

One other thing about Arthur Miller. We looked at his chart earlier in the chapter that dealt with having a majority of planets in one element. Miller also has five planets in [**Water Signs**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/PlanetsintheSigns.htm). What does this mean? It gives him the traits of the *Sign* that is both fixed and water. [**Scorpio**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/PlanetsignScorpio.htm). This is why we can’t overemphasize the Sun Sign. His [**Sun is in Libra**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/PlanetsintheSigns.htm), a sign that normally likes to have everything in “good taste.” But with 5 planets in water signs and 6 in fixed signs, he can act more like a Scorpio, a sign that likes to dig deep and get at the dirty little secrets, a sign that likes to see *and experience* the underside of life. We wouldn’t know this about him unless we counted the planets.

A majority of planets in [**Mutable Signs**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheMutableSigns.htm) shows a person who is more concerned with ***Relationships*** and ***Communications***than either principles or immediate problems. Whenever there is a problem, the opportunistic Cardinal signs want to attack it and come up with a fast solution, the Fixed signs will reach an answer based on principle (whatever those principles happen to be), but the Mutable signs will want to “talk it over”. If there is no one else involved, then they will research the situation from every possible angle. *Learning* and *experiencing* are big things with them.[**Mutable Signs**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheMutableSigns.htm)  tend to keep working on things as long as they are interesting, even if there is a deadline. When the situation isn’t interesting any more, they have an urge to drop it, whether or not the job has been finished.

[**Mutable Signs**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheMutableSigns.htm) and [**Cardinal signs**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/TheCardinalSigns.htm) can drive each other crazy because Mutable will keep talking about a situation from every possible angle. All the Cardinal signs want, however, is the minimum of information they need to reach a decision and *take action*!

[**Noel Coward**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/Noel%20Coward.htm) had seven planets in [**Mutable Signs**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/PlanetsintheSigns.htm). The time of his birth is uncertain, but that does not affect the *Sign Positions* of the planets. His plays were mostly light, breezy comedies. The one exception was “Brief Encounter” which was about a relationship.

[**Charles Addams**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/backups/CharlesAddams.htm) had five [**Mutable**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/PlanetsintheSigns.htm) planets. He also had [**Uranus**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/aspectsuranus.htm), planet of the unexpected and shocking, right at the top of his chart. His cartoons usually portrayed people in unusual situations (like the one that showed a dignified, matronly lady sitting in an upscale doctor’s office when she suddenly notices that the pictures on the wall are all scenes of torture). His “Addams Family” cartoons became the basis for a TV series and two movies. In typical Mutable signs fashion, they showed *relationships*, viewed, of course, from a perverted standpoint.

[**Henry David Thoreau**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/Henry%20Thoreau.htm) had *eight* [**Mutable**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/PlanetsintheSigns.htm) planets. He once wrote that if most people wanted to take a trip around the world, they would first work and slave to earn the money (most likely at a job they didn’t like) but he would just go, taking odd jobs along the way to meet expenses. And, he continued, he would have a better time and *learn more*. As good an example as any of the Mutable sign desire to stay with things as long as they are interesting.

**T**he ***Angular Houses*** correspond to the *Cardinal Signs*. These signs have to do with how we start things. A majority of planets in [**Angular Houses**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/AngularHouses.htm) means that you will tend to concentrate on situations that are immediate.

You are probably a "let’s get it done right now" kind of person. [**Bill Gates**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/billgates.htm) has six planets in the angular houses. It is reported that he thinks taking a vacation is a sign of "weakness".

[**Muhammed Ali**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/ali.htm) also has five angular planets. In the ring, nobody was better than him at getting the job done "right now".

[**J. Edgar Hoover**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/JEdgarHoover.htm) had six angular planets. This placement seems to be especially good for executives.

The drawback is that you can be so focused on things of the moment, you can forget to look a little further down the road. That certainly happened to the Rev. [**Jim Bakker**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/RevJimBakker.htm) who never figured that he would get caught. It also tripped up the Rev. **Jim Jones**. Of course, the action he took was insane.

The *Succedent Houses* correspond to the *Fixed Signs*. Fixed signs have to do with how we develop and administer what we have already started. A majority of planets in [**Succedent Houses**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/SuccedentHouses.htm) means you will tend to concentrate on what you really value and be focused on future potentials rather than immediate problems. [**Bruce Willis**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/brucewillis.htm) has 6 planets in Succedent Houses.

You wouldn’t think that he would be so oriented on values and the future by looking at those action movies of his. But look again. He constantly takes risks by appearing in off-beat films, such as "Pulp Fiction".

The *Cadent Houses* correspond to the *Mutable Signs*. Mutable signs concentrate on communications, on looking at things from all sides. They are big on conversation and analysis, short on making decisions and taking action. A majority of planets in Cadent Houses can make a person more oriented to the past, rather than present or future. Communications will be emphasized. [**Goldie Hawn**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/hawncht.htm) has 5 planets in Cadent Houses.

She does mostly light, breezy comedies. [**Jennifer Jason Leigh**](http://www.bobmarksastrologer.com/famouscharts/leighcht.htm) has 7 cadent planets. The situation in her chart is complicated by the fact that all of them are in Fixed Signs, which insist on depth. The cadent emphasis here helps her to develop her characters by looking at them from all directions. There are 7 planets in Aquarius, so she would prefer strange and shocking roles.