

Science and the Sun Signs

It's likely that those who make this complaint will point to the daily horoscopes in newspapers and it's not difficult to agree with them when you compare one paper with another. Put those twenty word summaries to one side, as their main job is to spread a little happiness and hope in a gloomy world, and put aside also those miseries for whom this is a problem.

To really understand the main themes of astrology, find a couple of astrology books and read your sun sign and those of a few friends that you know well. The descriptions you read are attributed to the Babylonians (c.1800bc) and were later incorporated into Greek mythology to explain to the Greek people the unclear ways of the world and their gods. The Romanised names Aries, Taurus etc. correspond to the months of the Babylonian calendar. Once you've read the sun signs, decide if you agree with them.

If you've got this far then you probably have some sympathy with what you've read and probably some admiration for the timeless wisdom of the advisors to the Babylonian kings as their work is the same age as Stonehenge or the pyramids, but far more enduring. But it's important to break the idea of a link with the distant stars and remember that the descriptions are linked to the calendar months and they describe the seasons as the Babylonians saw them: four seasons per year and three months per season. The stars were simply the pictures used to describe the months in times when most people couldn't read or write.

As for "no basis in science"; we're just waiting for them to get around to it, but it's a complicated job and we needed modern medical and engineering science to form a starting point. Perhaps AI will help here.

Enjoy the sun signs and use them if they help you. You'll feel like a magician with your own personal link to the origin of the universe. And if it suits you, you could see this as modern alchemy because once you grasp it, daily mysteries are explained and everything turns to gold.