

Mayan Astrology Report – Critical Days Explanation

Mayan / Aztec Prediction Techniques

In ancient times, the 260-day astrological calendar was subdivided into ritual periods or “seasons.” Centered on the days 4-Serpent, 4-Dog, 4-Eagle and 4-Flower were what were known as the “burner” periods, or times when the “burner” would flare up. These divisions were spaced 65 days apart (260 divided by 4 = 65.) In this context, the 260-day calendar was used in a collective manner (as in mundane astrology) and perhaps these were times when certain kinds of extremes were experienced by the community. Rituals involving fires were staged with the intention of preventing or healing communal crises. Interestingly, these dates often fall within a few days of newsworthy crises that occur in today’s world.

In the modern world where the individual comes first, experience has shown that dividing the 260-day cycle into fourths beginning with one’s birthday reveals “critical” points that mark shifts or changes in personal matters. In many cases, rather extreme events do occur precisely on one of the critical days, in others the effects occur a few days earlier. In some cases the effects are more subtle or psychological in nature. In understanding these critical dates, it is helpful to view them from two perspectives, *cycle* and *direction*.

From your birthday, every 260 days represents one completed cycle in life. If this cycle of 260 days is divided by 4, or quartered, four sets or “seasons” of 65 days is the result. Using the symbolism of the Sun/Moon cycle as a model, the occurrence of the birth day-sign is like the New Moon, the beginning of the cycle and a time of personal centering and new, barely conscious, beginnings. Sixty-five days later corresponds symbolically to the first quarter, a time of crisis that demands action and adjustment. The midpoint of the cycle, 130 days, corresponds to the Full Moon, a time of separation or perspective. Finally, 195 days from the start of the cycle compares with the third quarter, a time of crisis requiring conscious choice.

The second perspective on critical days is to recognize that each of the four dates in the cycle corresponds to one of the four Directions. These are listed below.

East: Alligator, Serpent, Water, Reed, Earthquake. These are points that emphasize the need to be creative, to do something new and move forward.

North: Wind, Death, Dog, Ocelot, Knife. These are points that may indicate crisis and the need to protect oneself from negative energy. The mind is under pressure during these times.

West: House, Deer, Monkey, Eagle, Rain. These are points of encounter with others, times of sharing and loss of ego. Relationships are important now.

South: Lizard, Rabbit, Grass, Vulture, Flower. These are points of strong feelings and emotional extremes. These may also be times of accomplishment and activity in the outside world.

Combining cycle symbolism with directional symbolism gives deeper insight into the patterns of the critical days. For example, if a sign of the North coincides with one of the quarters, a stressful time might be expected. If a sign of the West coincides with the opposition, important developments in relationships may be a prominent theme. A keyword has been given for each of the combinations that suggest the direction in which the energies and trends are heading around that time. Experience has also shown that the effects of the critical days often become apparent several days before the exact day computed in this report.