

## Astrology Rocks!

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### Astrology as framework for understanding stones.

Planets vs Signs: Planets are the traditional link between stones and stars came through association with planets. Signs color a planet's effectiveness.

How stones are made:

igneous ~ cardinal signs, Aries (♈), Cancer (♋), Libra (♎), Capricorn (♏)

sedimentary ~ fixed signs, Taurus (♉), Leo (♌), Scorpio (♏), Aquarius (♒)

metamorphic ~ mutable signs, Gemini (♊), Virgo (♍), Sagittarius (♐), Pisces (♓)

Also consider their shapes and colors.

### Examples from Agrippa, *Three Books of Occult Philosophy*:

Elements:

Earthy: dark, opaque, and heavy

Watery: transparent and thickened because of water, such as crystal, beryl, and pearls in conches.

Airy: float (on top of water), are spongy (petrified sponge and pumice).

Fiery: extracted or generated from fire (lightning stones, pyrites, and asbestos).

☉ Solar stones:

Aetite (mythical stone found in an eagle), carbuncle (garnet, shines at night!), chrysolite (makes rays when backlit), iris (hexagon-shaped, makes rainbows), heliotrope (bloodstone), sapphires, *pyrophilos* (unknown stone of mixed red), *pantaura* (unknown stone like lodestones), *panthocras* (unknown stone containing all colors), topaz, chrysoprase, ruby, and balas ruby (spinel), orpiment (a goldenrod mineral), and golden-colored and very bright stones.

☾ Lunar stones:

Crystal, silver marcasite, all white and green stones; selenites, pearls, beryl. [Consider opal]

♄ Saturn:

Onyx, *ziazaar* (unknown black and white stone), *camoinus* (also unknown), sapphire, smoky jasper, chalcedony, lodestone and all earthy, dark and heavy stones.

♃ Jupiter:

Among stones the amethyst, sapphire, beryl, *tuthia* (unknown), emerald, green jasper, and perpetually green and airy-colored stones.

♂ Mars:

Diamond, lodestone (attracts iron), bloodstone, many kinds of jasper, and amethyst.

♀ Venus:

“Agreeable” stones: beryl, chrysolite, emerald, sapphire, green jasper, cornelian, aetite (eagle stone, see above), lapis lazuli, coral, and all beautiful, multi-colored, and colored white or green.

☿ Mercury:

Emerald, agate, porphyrite, topaz, and all with many colors and many shapes engrafted by nature, or an artificial art, such as glass, and those that are a mixed yellow and green.

Final thoughts from Agrippa about which parts of ANY stone are ruled by which planet:

weight, adhesiveness, constrictiveness (Saturn); kindness, temperateness (Jupiter); hardness (Mars); life (Sun); grace, beauty (Venus); occult virtue (Mercury); common kindness (Moon).

What about new planets? Now that you know the basic framework, you can apply these principles to new planets!

More from Agrippa:

Fixed stars:

Caput Argol (Beta Perseus): ♃ diamonds ~ female intense passion

The Pleiades (Cluster of Stars, Alcyon): ♃ crystals ~ inner vision, but judgmental

Aldebaran (Alpha Taurus): ♃ garnets and rubies ~ strong integrity

Capella (Alpha Auriga): ♃ sapphire ~ need for independence

Sirius (Alpha Ursa Major): ♃ beryl ~ the fire of immortality

Procyon (Alpha Canis Major): ♃ agates ~ opportunities that do not last long

Regulus (Alpha Leo): ♃ granite ~ the need to avoid revenge

Alkaid (Alpha Canis Major): ♃ magnetic lodestone ~ hired mourners

Algorab (Raven’s Wing; Delta Corvus): ♃ black onyx ~ fiendishness, lying, scavenging

Spica (Alpha Virgo): ♃ emeralds ~ a gift, being gifted

Arcturus (Alpha Bootes): ♃ jasper ~ a pathfinder

Alphecca (Alpha Corona Borealis): ♃ topaz ~ being offered a crown

Antares (Alpha Scorpius): ♃ sardonyx and amethyst ~ the need to avoid obsession

Vega (Alpha Lyra): ♃ chrysolite ~ charisma

Deneb Algedi (Delta Capricornus): ♃ chalcedony ~ law giving

### Resources:

Michael Gienger, *Crystal Power, Crystal Healing* (2015)

William Lilly, *Christian Astrology*

Agrippa, *Three Books of Occult Philosophy*, transl. Eric Purdue, (Inner Traditions, 2022)

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