

NUMEROLOGY: A SNAPSHOT

WHAT IS NUMEROLOGY?

Numerology is the system of mystical analysis that was developed independently by several cultures including the ancient Greeks and Chinese. Created over 4,000 years ago, numerology regards the Universe as an infinite array of energy patterns that can in turn be described with the abstract symbolism of numbers. When done effectively, numerology can be a system of divination that engages both our rational and spiritual mind.

A key concept within the tradition of numerology is the idea that **there is information and meaning hidden in your date of birth and the name you were born with.** For over 4,000 years, philosophers and mystics have used the principles of numerology to gain insight into themselves and the world around us.

WHAT CAN NUMEROLOGY DO FOR ME?

Using the principles of numerology, you can identify ...

- Your strengths and weaknesses
- Your hidden talents and needs
- Future trends and possibilities
- Your purpose in life

It is said that self-knowledge is the key to success and happiness. Knowing what your inner skills are, as well as what lies ahead, allows you to plan for the future. And to paraphrase an old saying, an ounce of preparation is often worth a pound of sheer luck.

As you may imagine, the same principles that provide you with the knowledge of who you are and where you're going can also provide you with greater insight into others and the world around you.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF NUMEROLOGY

According to an ancient Chinese legend, the Eastern system of numerology was invented 4,000 years ago

when a wise man named Wu of Hsia discovered a tortoise shell with mystical markings and numbers on it.

While it is generally accepted that the ancient cultures of China, India and Egypt were familiar with numerology long before the Greeks began using it, most books still credit the ancient Greek philosopher Pythagoras as being the "Father of Numerology." Pythagoras believed that the entire universe is composed of mathematical patterns, and that all things can be expressed in numbers that correspond to universal vibrations.

The teachings of Pythagoras were adopted and developed by Plato and later studied by early Christian scholars, such as St. Augustine. This in turn led to the widespread use of numerology during the Renaissance by people such as Galileo, who observed that "Nature is written in the language of mathematics." Numerology continues to be studied and practiced today, and many would argue that we are just beginning to learn what this ancient system has to offer us.

There are nine primary numbers in numerology: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. Every number – regardless of how big it is -- can be simplified to one of these primary numbers. For example, take a number like 18,746 which, when each of the individual numbers are added together, totals 26. In Numerology, you then add the 2 and the 6, which gives you a total (or primary) number of 8. There are two exceptions to this rule, and they are the numbers 11 and 22. These two numbers are not reduced to a single digit, and you'll see why shortly.

Your complete numerological chart contains 22 separate numbers, each of which represents a different aspect of your life. Of these 22 numbers, the most important number is the Life Path. This is found by adding the numbers comprising your date of birth: the number of the month, added to the number of the day, added to the number of the year (for example, 1972).

The path of love, health, happiness and material freedom is a path of intelligence. Knowing what your important numbers are and understanding how to use them is a vital key to your success and happiness.