

Thanks to Copernicus and Galileo, science no longer fixates on this incorrect theory. The greater universe doesn't revolve around the Earth, just as the planets do not orbit around each magician. Only six of the nine known planets could be observed in the night sky without the advantages of modern equipment. Consequently, rulerships over zodiac signs were affixed to those six recognizable planets. This leaves some debate as to whether or how to include Neptune, Uranus, and Pluto. While the mythos behind each name gives some clues as to how to incorporate and use these less-known planets, not all astrologers and magicians have come to agreement as to whether and how these planets may be used.

But the fact remains you need to have a reason to use a planet in a magical working. Say you decide to add some astral "oomph" to a job interview. You pick Jupiter for success. Just in case, you may also want some Mercury energy to make sure you communicate well. In this example, say you're applying for a counseling position, so you desire Venus energy to make your healing qualities readily apparent.

You can go ahead and construct a ritual with your deity of choice or, upon consulting a reference book, perform a battery of rituals in the astrologically correct hours to obtain your job.

Simple folk magic works for those with less time to prepare. For a simple spell, take a taper or votive candle of the dominant planet's color (in this case rich blue for Jupiter), and carve the object of the spell on the candle along with the sigils for Jupiter, Mercury, and Venus. For added impact, anoint the candle with a Jupiter-ruled oil such as olive oil. Cast a circle, and call any chosen guardians. Pause after this, seeing the circle as a universe-in-a-universe.

Consider yourself the Sun as planets rotate around you, and call your desired planets into line by simply saying: "I call upon and align the powers of Mercury, Venus, and Jupiter."

If you invoke, be polite to your guest and manage the orbits while giving your guest center stage. Light the candle and speak your desire with fervor. When all emotional energy is spent, make your polite departure and allow the candle to burn down. For safety's sake, be sure to set the candle on a plate or other non-flammable container.