

Elemental Modifiers in Physical Terms

Fire modified by Fire (+/+): a fire-storm; an explosion; a lightning bolt; a melt-down (☉♁)
Fire modified by Water (+/-): cooling/extinguishing; steam formation; sweat; a wet sauna (♁/♃)
Fire modified by Air (+/+): an intense flame; a cutting torch; a blast furnace; an uncontrolled burn (♁♁/♁)
Fire modified by Earth (+/-): steady combustion; smoldering; a dry sauna; a controlled burn (♁/♁♁)

Water modified by Fire (-/+): evaporation; cloud formation; thawing; boiling; a thunderstorm (♃/♁)
Water modified by Water (-/-): saturation; flash- flooding; a cloudburst (♃♁)*
Water modified by Air (-/+): condensation; turbulence; aeration; a hurricane; a tsunami (♃♁/♁)*
Water modified by Earth (-/-): turbidity; solidification; freezing; glacial flow; tidal action (♃/♁♁)

Air modified by Fire (+/+): Summer; hot weather; South wind; thermal convection; a tornado (♁/☉♁)
Air modified by Water (+/-): Spring; wet weather; rain; East wind; a low-pressure system (♁/♃)
Air modified by Air (+/+): Autumn; dry weather; West wind; a high-pressure system (♁♁♁)*
Air modified by Earth (+/-): Winter; cold weather; North wind; a polar vortex (♁/♁)

Earth modified by Fire (-/+): plate tectonics - mountain formation, a volcano, an earthquake, a subduction fault, plastic deformation; metal smelting; kiln-drying (♁/♁)
Earth modified by Water (-/-): erosion; irrigation; hydraulic fracturing; mud; quicksand (♁/♃♁)*
Earth modified by Air (-/+): drought; desertification; a dust storm (♁/♁)
Earth modified by Earth (-/-): compaction; stabilization; settling; cultivation; artificing (♁♁♁)

Notes:

The positive expression of Mercury relates to its Air sign of rulership, Gemini.
The negative expression of Mercury relates to its Earth sign of rulership, Virgo.
The positive expression of Venus relates to its Air sign of rulership, Libra.
The negative expression of Venus relates to its Earth sign of rulership, Taurus.
The positive expression of Mars relates to its Fire sign of rulership, Aries.
The negative expression of Mars relates to its Water sign of rulership, Scorpio.
The positive expression of Jupiter relates to its Fire sign of rulership, Sagittarius.
The negative expression of Jupiter relates to its Water sign of rulership, Pisces.
The positive expression of Saturn relates to its Air sign of rulership, Aquarius.
The negative expression of Saturn relates to its Earth sign of rulership, Capricorn.

*Consideration has been given to planetary exaltation in addition to rulership: the negative expression of Venus in the Water sign of its exaltation, Pisces, the negative expression of Jupiter in its Water sign of exaltation, Cancer, and the positive expression of Saturn in its Air sign of exaltation, Libra.

The qualities of the planets are derived from the elemental “humours” as described by William Lilly.