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GET READY FOR CHANGE, GROWTH AND TRANSFORMATION!

Jeffrey Brock shares one of his favorite techniques. Check out the year your progressed Sun was at a 0° cardinal sign or 15° fixed sign. These are significant turning points in your growth.

Rachael Middleton explains how the mutable axis reveals a learning process for students of astrology. All levels of astrologers can benefit from her insights.

Ana Maria Pineda tells us how she directs her clients on their soul journey. Astrology is a powerful tool for self-discovery and transformation. Going it alone can be challenging.

Nancy Beale shares her experiences from the OPA Retreat where “you get personal attention and develop special friendships” with other astrologers.

Maya White alerts us to the energies in the Solstice chart. Change is inevitable. Each one of us is the master of our own destiny.

In January, SFAA guest speaker **Christeen Skinner** will take us through lunar rhythms. Her Thursday lecture is on financial astrology.

If you have a specific question about your

career, relationship, business or money, **Chris King** will be on hand in February to cover horary techniques.

In March, **Demetra George** will acquaint us with that 13th sign, Ophiuchus, and the galactic alignment of 2012. Her workshop will introduce us to ancient Hermetic medical

astrology.

We are living in changing times. May you find the courage to deal with what is presented to you, so that you will be transformed to the next level of consciousness.

– Alice Kashuba

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2011 WINTER SOLSTICE: A CLARITY OF PLANETARY DEGREES

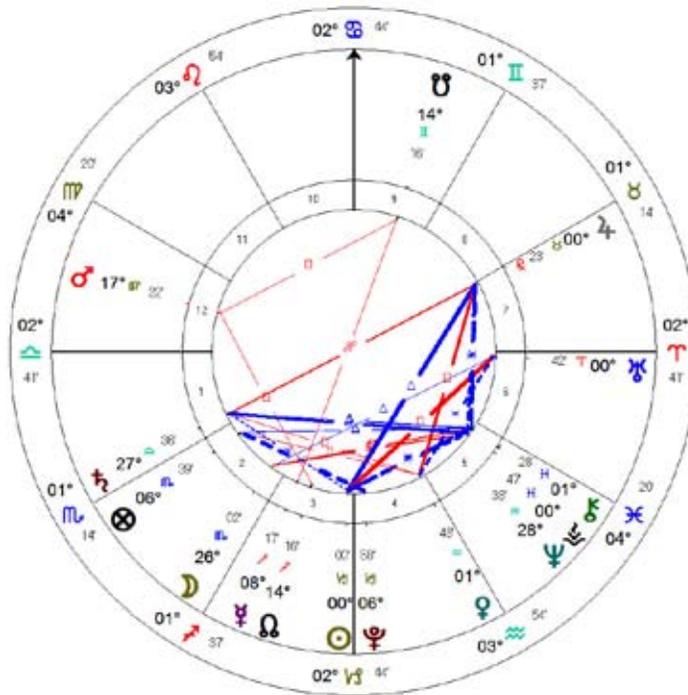
By Maya White

Although we live in times of great uncertainty, each year in December we are blessed by the predictable re-emergence of Sol. In symbiotic alignment with our Sun, Earth and planets, we celebrate the season in accordance with our personal traditions. And, graciously, astrology provides us with a road map to the days ahead.

The Winter Solstice chart for December 22, 2011, is most notable for the clarity of planetary degrees; the Sun, Moon and outer planets speak to each other within a very tight orb of influence. The Sun in Capricorn, Jupiter in Taurus and Uranus in Aries all sit in the first degree of their domains. Even Neptune in late Aquarius is technically joined by Chiron and Vesta in the first degrees of Pisces.

As if in a perfect display of solidarity, this placement of Neptune (28 Aquarius) sustains engagement by a degree with Saturn (27 Libra) and even the Solstice Ingress Moon joins them from 26 Scorpio. It's like a big party, and everybody is invited!

Winter Solstice
Natal Chart
Dec 22 2011, Thu
03:11 am EST -500
Miami, Florida
25°46'29" 030°W 17°33'
Geocentric
7300000
Fluctuator
7300000



Being a day of the Sun, let's look at how Sol greets the season:

- Sun square Uranus (0 Capricorn to 0 Aries)**
- Sun trine Jupiter (0 Capricorn to 0 Taurus)**
- Sun conjunct Pluto (0 Capricorn to 6 Capricorn)**

In the same way that an egg must be broken open in order for the gift of a new life to emerge, Uranus and Jupiter deliver the wake-up call. The shell of our past is discarded by the shocking action of Uranus. If you don't like wake-up calls, think of it as an opportunity.

Uranus further challenges us to fix what is broken through reinvention. Jupiter in Taurus brings it down to the ground. We can think all we want, but now is our time to make it real. Remember, the promise of a trine is an open door.

For now, Jupiter sits atop his throne for this Solstice in

friendly relationship to his mythological brother, Pluto. With this aspect, you can take heart and know – really – everything is going to be ok!

Does your open door need a guardian? Sometimes that is the case. If so, make friends with Saturn in Libra. Patiently, Saturn engages Neptune, Chiron and Vesta through another trine. This is about healing your relationship with the unseen (Pisces) part of your psyche. You may go deep now, and know that you will be sustained by your core spiritual mission. Pluto and the Sun may deliver us to the edge of the precipice, but we must trust that we are now strong enough to take flight.

The Solstice Moon (26 Scorpio) square Neptune can be thought of as a mean old dream crusher, or a reality vendor. The latter is saner. This Scorpio Moon is your

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POWER POINTS OF THE ZODIAC

By Jeffrey Brock

What I'm about to propose in this article isn't necessarily new, however, I've found it to be a very powerful technique. First, allow me to describe a basic structure and then to propose an application.

THE STRUCTURE

Much has at this point been written regarding the "planetary phases" and their applications. Dane Rudhyar, Robert "Buzz" Myers and Demetra George, to name the more well known. There is no doubt that there is an underlying shift of relationship with each 45° separation along the zodiacal circle.

There are also certain power points within the natural zodiac at these same intervals. These natural places that remain unchanged are at **0° Aries, 15° Taurus, 0° Cancer, 15° Leo, 0° Libra, 15° Scorpio, 0° Capricorn** and **15° Aquarius**. These points in the Tropical Zodiac are immutable. They represent powerful crisis points of energy.

THE APPLICATION

The use of this underlying structure I have found with Secondary Progressions. Other techniques may also

bear fruitful results. I have been working with the "secondaries" with this technique with great success. Secondary Progressions is a popular method of "updating" the natal chart using the presumption that each day of the life after birth is equal to a year of life. What this means, to use an example, is that the 30th day after birth has a correspondence to the 30th year of life, the 50th day after the birth relates to the 50th year of life, etc.

The actual testing lies in the movement of the secondary progressed Sun, which moves at the slow rate of approximately 1° per year. When the secondary progressed Sun comes to one of these power points, there is a life crisis and a turning point reached in the life. As each of these points is 45° apart, this will not occur often in the life of any individual

These turning points deserve acknowledgment and understanding. The progression may or may not be accompanied by a corresponding transit of significance. In my opinion, it matters little either way. The shift for the person will be significant anyway. The best time to discover information from a person who has gone through such a progression is obviously as close to the event as possible.

For those who have or are going through one of these

crises, it may be some time for the person to be able to identify the overall significance of what they've been through. It results in a re-orientation of the person and their priorities. This may be very upsetting at the time and even for some time in the aftermath.

THE WICCAN CALENDAR CONNECTION

The clearest understanding of the pre-Judaeo-Christian calendar in Europe has survived, to the best of my knowledge, in Ireland and is known by the name of Wicca. This understanding of the natural order of things was rooted in the cyclical changing of the seasons. The celebrations associated with these seasonal changes were eight and have the names and dates as shown in the accompanying chart.

All of these dates come close to the times when the Sun has reached these sensitive power points in the zodiac (any of you who own an Ephemeris can check for yourselves), indicating that the ancient people were aware of the observable shift in the seasons of the year at these times.

SUMMARY

So it would seem that these significant positions in the zodiac (0 Cardinal and 15 Fixed) are very active points whether we're talking about progressed Sun movement or natal positions or significant planetary transits.

Main Name	Alternate Names	Date of Celebration
Imbolg	Candlemas, Oimelc, Imbolc	February 2 nd
Spring Equinox	Alban Eilir	March 21 st
Bealtaine	Beltane, May Eve, Roodmass, Walpurgis night, Cyntefyn	April 30 th /May 1 st
Midsummer	Summer Solstice, Alban Hefin	June 21 st /22 nd
Lughnasadh	August Eve, Lammas Eve Lady Day Eve	July 31 st /August 1 st
Autumn Equinox	Alban Elfed	September 21 st
Samhain	Hallowe'en, All Hallows Eve Calan Gaeaf	October 31 st
Yule	Winter Solstice, Alban Arthan	December 21 st /22 nd

It would also seem that the proposal that these 45-degree arcs of sky, measured from anywhere to anywhere, are also significant and also illuminate a more basic shift of relationship as the cycle matures.

Change doesn't have to be bad in any way. Change is just change. Our attitude toward

change is a much greater factor in how we will likely experience it.

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Jeffrey's extensive training qualifies him to specialize in business and personal astrology as well as karmic, metaphysical, spiritual, relationship and medical astrology. His expertise in the area of health and healing stems from his background in the natural foods industry.

Jeffrey also has extensive experience with personal and corporate leadership development and is a clinical hypnotherapist as well as a Licensed Avatar® Master.

Jeffrey Brock has been a professional astrologer since 1976 and has been teaching in South Florida since 1978.

FUN & LEARNING AT OPA RETREAT

By Nancy Beale

When Alice asked me to write an article about my experience at the OPA Retreat in Myrtle Beach, S.C., November 3-6, my first reaction was, "I knew I should have done the writing workshop!" Instead, I registered for the Dealing with Challenging Chart Patterns workshop with Chris McRae.

OPA makes it very difficult to choose. They offer so many interesting tracks that it is really hard to decide. I had narrowed mine down to three choices and finally decided on Chris McRae because she is

one of the celebrated "elders" of astrology, plus the fact that my chart contains some challenging patterns.

If you are not familiar with the OPA Retreat, it is planned by the Organization for Professional Astrology every year or year and a half. It is a very intimate setting of about 60 individuals, who come together for four days to hone their astrology skills on a particular subject. The group leaders are some of the best astrologers around. Some are up and coming, and others have been sharing their knowledge for many years.



The author and friends at OPA.

Just to illustrate my decision dilemma, here are the tracks offered in 2011: Beginners with Robert Corre, Psychological Astrology with Glenn Perry, Writing Workshop with Arlan Wise, Dealing with Challenging Chart Patterns with

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PRESENTING OUR JANUARY SPEAKER: CHRISTEEN SKINNER

FRIDAY LECTURE
(NOT THURSDAY)
JANUARY 6, 2012
7:30 - 9:30 P.M.

Lunar Rhythms

Aside from knowing the position of the Moon in your chart – by sign, degree, aspect and house – it is valuable to know exactly **where** the Moon was in terms of distance from Earth. The apogee/perigee cycles offer yet another

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Saturday workshops will cost \$40 for members and \$50 for guests.

AND if you pay for both the lecture and the workshop at the lecture, you can pay even less for the combo: \$50 for both for members and \$65 for both for guests.

perspective and, by progression, go some way toward assisting us understand behavior, particularly with regard to money matters.

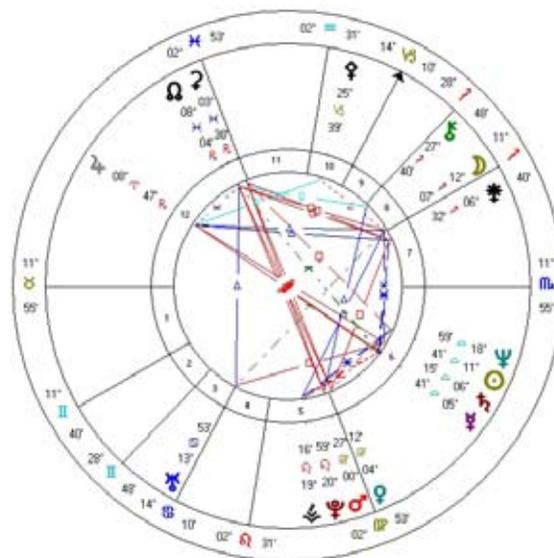
In financial astrology, understanding the impact of lunar rhythms on weather cycles assists in determining the

likelihood of bumper or poor crop and prices.

In this evening's talk, the first half will focus on the different rhythms of the Moon and their impact on the natal and progressed charts. The second half of the evening will be given over to the links between lunar cycles and commodity trading.

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CHRISTEEN
Natal Chart (3)
5 Oct 1951, Fri
19:20 BST - 0:00
EDMUNBURGH, UK
55°45'7" 003°41'13"
Generations:
Topical
Abaco
Mean Moon



ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

For more than 40 years, Christeen Skinner has specialized in the study of planetary cycles and their relationship to economic, social and political affairs. An earlier career in music led to a deep love of harmonic structures of all kinds. Later, through the study of sacred space, Christeen developed ways of working that have similarities with Feng Shui techniques.

Based in London, she has taught classes locally and, via the Internet, students from many corners of the world. Her practice attracts major business

clients from around the globe, including retailers, bankers and stock traders.

Christeen has appeared on radio and television in the United Kingdom, United States, Germany, Norway, Finland, Japan and Ireland. The author of *Money Signs*, she is working on *The Financial Universe*, a book for traders with no astrological knowledge. She is also working on a study of Gann's astrology methods as well as *Cosmic Rhythms: A Guide to 2012 and Beyond*.

AND IN FEBRUARY: CHRIS KING

THURSDAY LECTURE
FEBRUARY 2, 2012
7:30 - 9:30 P.M.

The Horary of Relationships & Partnerships

While the birth chart gives the clearest picture of how we generally experience partnerships and relationship trends, we sometimes need a fast, definite answer to a relationship question. That's when we turn to horary.

This lecture will introduce the fundamentals of horary astrology and get you started with the tools you need to answer questions about intimate relationships as well as business and contractual partnerships.

Topics covered include how to:

- frame the question and cast the horary
- get a general feeling for the chart
- identify signifiers and use essential dignities to see how well they "click"
- delineate character and discover hidden motives or agendas
- find the answer to the question

SATURDAY WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 4, 2012
11 A.M. - 5 P.M.

The Horary of Work & Money

In our ongoing recession, astrologers must be well equipped to work with clients navigating economic turbulence. Horary is one of our most powerful precision tools for finding clear direction in times of anxiety or transition.

In this workshop, we will learn, first, how to give plain answers to some of the most common high-stress work and money questions – Will I get the job? Should I take the offer? Will my investment pay out? Will my creditor work with me?

We will then see how a sensitive analysis of horary symbolism can help clients move beyond a crisis mentality into enthusiasm, creativity and awareness.

Both Thursday and Saturday sessions will explore how the horary chart, having been read in its own right, can enrich our understanding of current natal transits and other predictive measures.

There will be a judicious selection of charts from the presenter's horary files, and we will work together to judge "live" horary questions from participants, as time permits.



ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

J.C. "Chris" King, D.Phil., is an NCCGR-PAA Level 3 astrologer with an extensive background in traditional horary and natal astrology.

He holds a doctorate in theology and philosophy from Oxford University, which published his major study on the hermeneutical theory of Origen of Alexandria in 2005. (Hermeneutics is the study of the theory and practice of interpretation.)

He has studied with Sue Ward, Meira Epstein, Bernadette Brady, Robert Corre, Carol Jepson and Robert Zoller.

Although skilled in natal astrology and a full range of predictive techniques, his passion is horary – a powerful method for accurately answering nearly any question.

You can find Chris through his website, www.magnumopusastrology.com.

DEMETRA GEORGE SHARES THE SECRETS OF HERMETIC MEDICAL ASTROLOGY IN MARCH

THURSDAY LECTURE
MARCH 1, 2012
7:30 - 9:30 P.M.

Ophiuchus and the Galactic Alignment of 2012

Why has the constellation of Ophiuchus the Serpent-Bearer as the 13th sign recently emerged into the collective consciousness through the media hype?

Ancient astronomers associated this image with the Greek and Egyptian gods of healing who knew the mysteries of rebirth. Ophiuchus has his foot poised above the heart and center of our galaxy, alerting us to the timing of a celestial alignment that occurs only once every 26,000 years.

Explore the profound connection between celestial gods, myth, cosmos and psyche.

SATURDAY WORKSHOP
MARCH 3, 2012
11 A.M. - 5 P.M.

A Trilogy of Ancient Hermetic Medical Astrology

Egyptian Decans: Star Gods of Health

Learn how the 36 star decans, first found in the Pyramid

Texts c. 2200 BCE, came to be incorporated into the earliest Egyptian zodiacs as gods who both sent and averted illness.

Hermetic texts give instructions for determining the decanic god governing health afflictions in the nativity and for making a protective talisman with a specific herb, stone and metal.

(Based upon original translation of *Sacred Book of Hermes to Asclepius on the Thirty-Six Decans*)

Zodiacal Herbals

The earliest zodiacal herbals attributed to both Thessalus — who claimed to have received the material in a vision in an Egyptian temple in Thebes — and Hermes identify the plants that are sacred to each of the signs and planets, and give instructions on the best times for gathering these plants and formulas for making medicines to heal various ailments.

(Based upon original translation of *The Sacred Plants of the Twelve Zodiacal Signs and Seven Planets*)

The Moon: Critical Days and the Course of an Illness

Explore how an ancient treatise taught how to judge the cause, nature, critical days and prognosis of an illness based upon the location and condition of the Moon at the time the person became ill.

(Based upon original translation of *Iatromathematika: From Hermes to Ammon the Egyptian*)



ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Demetra George, M.A. Classics, has practiced astrology for more than 35 years and specializes in archetypal mythology and ancient techniques. She is the author of *Astrology For Yourself*, *Asteroid Goddesses*, *Mysteries of the Dark Moon*, *Finding Our Way Through the Dark*, and *Astrology and the Authentic Self*.

She lives in Oregon, lectures internationally and leads pilgrimages to the sacred sites in Greece, Egypt and India.

Demetra's forthcoming works include a translation and commentary of *Ancient Hermetic Medical Astrology* and a workbook entitled *Traditional Astrology for Yourself*. She offers astrological consultations and mentors individual students in all levels of astrological education. Visit www.demetrageorge.com.



An ancient cemetery in Scotland known as the Clava Cairns was built @ 4,000 years ago. It is dominated by a line of three cairns enclosed by stone circles. The chambered graves are aligned to the setting of the midwinter Sun. Sunset on the Winter Solstice lights the chambers. The Keyhole's co-editor Pat Morrissey/Havlin visited the site in October.

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friend. Be happy with the insight that is to come your way as we shift from a time of darkness into a world of dazzling light. The days of delusion are soon to be over.

I will close with a reminder that we are participants in a synchronistic and reflective reality. Greet the Solstice with recognition of the "As Above, So Below" concept, and know that you are the master of your destiny. When things get confusing, become the stillness that you desire. Ask, and it IS given. Give, and you shall receive.

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which can help anyone learn astrology through images and symbols combined with key words.

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CHRISTEEN SKINNER *(Continued from page 6)*

**SATURDAY WORKSHOP
JANUARY 7, 2012
11 A.M. - 5 P.M.**

Financial Astrology

This workshop/seminar will open with a quick overview of financial astrology today and four examples of how a little astro-knowledge provides the extra tool in the trader's box. The overall focus will be on trends through 2014.

The day will then be divided into four sessions as follows:

Solar and Lunar Trading

– Whether you trade daily or annually, knowledge of these cycles will give you a trading edge.

Trading Commodities and

Forex – Clear examples of useful systems for you to research further.

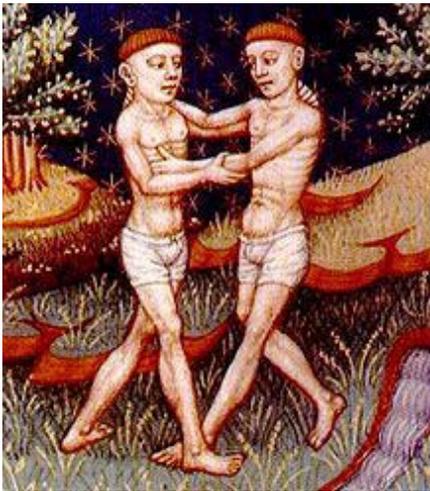
Company Charts, Time and Price – Examples to include Google.

Property Cycles – What has been described as the "Property Clock" is geographically sensitive. Here we will look at Florida's cycle.

ASTROLOGICAL LEARNING USING THE MUTABLE AXIS

By Rachael Middleton

One of the first real astrology books I ever had the pleasure of reading was Stephen Arroyo's *Astrology, Psychology and the Four Elements*. It's a classic for many reasons and in Chapter 8, "Notes on Education & the Training of Astrological Counselors," he outlines how the four phases of individual education are expressed through the signs in the mutable axis. It is especially helpful for students of astrology to consider their learning process from this overarching mutable framework.



The mutable axis, and our learning process, begins with **Gemini**, ruling foundational education, basic communications and language acquisition. This is when the astrological student curiously embarks upon their new fascination. Learning the basics of astrology is key here: learning the glyphs, planets, signs, houses and aspects, and

learning to calculate a chart. Basically, the reading, writing and arithmetic of astrology. Huge amounts of info are consumed and downloaded during this phase.

I took classes, read ravenously and calculated as many charts as I could get info for. The Gemini phase can last a long time, for me it was several years of full-on Gemini before I even considered applying my knowledge (Virgo) as a service to others.

Astrology students in the Gemini phase are eager to practice conversation using their new language, and this is essential in furthering their astrological language development.

This is a double reason why it is so beneficial for astrology students in the Gemini phase of learning to take a basic astrology class. Both a solid foundational knowledge base and an opportunity to practice communication are simultaneously provided. Workshops and lectures are excellent opportunities for students to learn and talk more too, but there is much to be gained from being thorough in the Gemini phase.

Modern astrology students can spend a lot of time scattering their attention on every new asteroid or funky aspect pattern someone mentions in their blog, or they can use the vast reservoir of astrological information available to them to get a real solid and credible basic foundation of the key concepts.



Specialization is better left for the Virgo stage.

Having satisfied the Gemini need for basic competency, the **Virgo** need to usefully apply the new understanding enters in. Virgo is applied knowledge through practice, service and apprenticeship. In the process of education, Virgo is where we go to work and hone our skills. This is when astrologers start offering their services (looking at all their friends' and family members' charts for practice).

This is also a heightened phase of self-understanding through astrology. A definitive shift from memorizing and collecting information to analyzing and interpreting charts begins.

The real work of becoming a practicing astrologer takes practice as an astrologer. Students at the Virgo stage of their development may wish for a mentor, someone they could act as an apprentice to. Sadly, apprenticeships are hard to come by in modern times, even in the astrological world.

AS A GUIDE



Arroyo comments how the Virgo stage of development is missing or lacking in many cases. More commonly, the Virgo stage of development is skipped and, from our Gemini mindset, we jump into **Sagittarius**. "Sagittarius symbolizes the phase of development that grows naturally from the Virgo stage of apprenticeship. Sag and the ninth house are often said to represent 'higher education,' but in a boarder sense it symbolizes the attainment of mastery in one's chosen field...." (Arroyo, page 59)

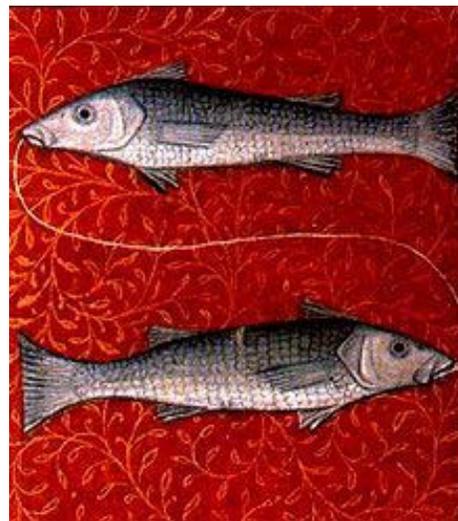
Sagittarius is the stage of development where the teacher becomes the student, and through teaching others, publishing and contributing, the learning process continues.

Pisces, like the Virgo stage, is less commonly seen in our culture. Pisces represents the education of the "spiritual man" and a time where outer seeking of knowledge is abandoned. The individual turns inward to

devote themselves to integrated understanding. This is the guru; good luck in finding one, a lot of them hide out.

I wish Stephen Arroyo (or a similar guru) would need my apprenticeship. If I could be someone's apprentice now I would be; I feel like I almost need it to go to the next phase, Sag, but many astrologers are self-taught, and practicing astrologers master their craft through years of work and experience.

You don't need to have a master to become one. It is nice to be around them though. It takes, they say, 10,000 hours of practice at anything to approach a level of mastery. I can definitely think of a few local astrologers who have at least that many under their belt before astro.com even launched. We are in a great time and space where our access to Sagittarius-phase astrologers is concerned.



Modern astrological masters are widely published, alive and well, and there is a thriving community of astrological academic masters. Local astrology groups like SFAA host monthly workshops where you can have access to some of the best master astrologers

and their work. Similarly, attending conferences (like the upcoming UAC) are excellent opportunities to come in contact with not only the master astrologers of our time but even a few of the living gurus.

I have had the honor of meeting a few astrologers who I would consider to be Piscean-level masters. The experience was more awe-inspiring than I can give words to. And all encounters I have had with astrologers of that caliber have left me with the same feeling of reverent hope that self-mastery through this universal understanding is what is waiting for me also.

As astrologers we are living in a time and space where no matter what stage of astrological education you are at, accelerated development and huge leaps in consciousness are widely available. Let us look to our own discipline's most basic structural concepts regarding education as we teach ourselves and each other about astrology.

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A SOUL APPROACH TO ASTROLOGY THROUGH THE EYES OF A BEGINNER ASTROLOGER

By Ana Maria Pineda

Astrology is a map to the soul. It is a way of reading the language of the firmament and a method of understanding and exploring the force that directs the Sun, Moon, stars and the soul.

The profound message of astrology, as stated at the Oracle of Delphi, is to "Know thyself." The natal chart allows us to do just that; its progressions and transits provide us with a look at the evolution and intentions of the soul through time and space. Most of all, it is a powerful tool of self-discovery and transformation.

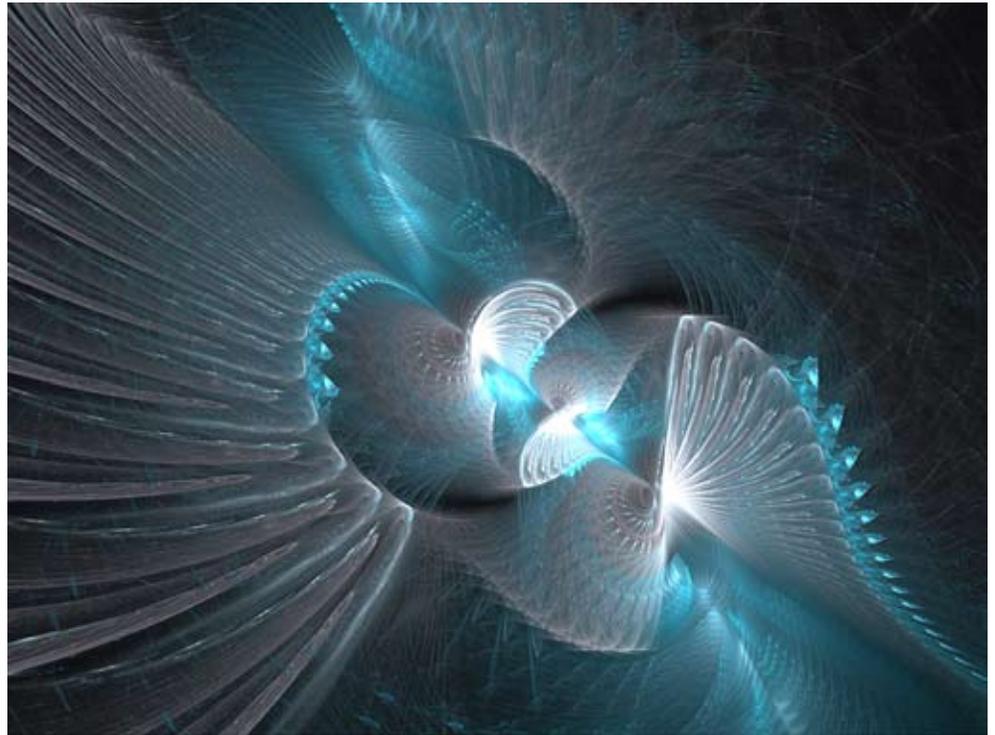
Through my work, I explore the mythology of the soul's consciousness, its evolution and its manifestation in the conscious awareness of the individual. Is the individual's soul reflected in their thoughts, words and actions? Is the person manifesting their highest potential?

A profound lack of meaning, happiness and direction seems to be directly connected to a person's ability to connect, align and express the energy of their soul in their everyday life. Listening is a key factor in understanding the subtle energy within the chart.

I begin every session by listening. I listen and allow the chart to speak to me through all my senses. The chart reflects the vibrational frequency of the person's body, personality and soul consciousness. The person's chart welcomes me in

and opportunities as they reflect the birth the soul's consciousness into the manifested world.

The depth and symbolism of the planets, signs and houses is infinite. A single thread of information from the



"Living Soul" is a fractal art design by Apophysis.

and gently guides me through the chart, telling a story and presenting current themes, challenges and opportunities.

The Ascendant shows the protagonist and hero, the current incarnation of the soul, and the sum of all the parts (the entire chart).

The mythology of the Sun and Moon talk of the inner masculine and feminine energies, of the yang and yin, and their obstacles, challenges

chart can lead to layers and layers of uncovered treasures during a reading. Yet, as the person's mythology unfolds, the chart begins to open like the petals of a rose, gently sharing its essence.

When we progress the chart forward, we can see how the individual has chosen to manifest the seed of the soul's awareness and intention up to the present moment. In other words, how much of the "real



The Oracle at Delphi

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you” is truly being revealed in your life? How are you manifesting the seed of your potential in this lifetime?

In essence, we see the branches, leaves and fruits of the seedling as well as the storms and earthquakes it has endured. The transits can also show us the current energetic vibration of the whole collective consciousness.

By analyzing the dynamic, energetic interactions between the transits and the natal chart, we can see the how, what, when and why of the current challenges and opportunities in the life of the individual.

In my studies of astrology and the Akashic Records, I have learned that the old saying “As above, so below” is not to be taken lightly. Great responsibility comes with that knowledge, a responsibility to share and interpret the language with integrity and respect.

As astrologers we can be gentle guides and navigators through the complex oceans of consciousness for our clients and ourselves. Astrology remains a friend and companion along a life-long

journey of self-mastery.

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FUN & LEARNING AT OPA RETREAT

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Chris McRae, Business and Finance with Grace Morris, Evolutionary Astrology with Maurice Fernandez, Shamanic Astrology with Benjamin Bernstein, and OPA Certification with Monica Domino and Bob Mulligan.

This was my fourth OPA Retreat. When I discovered them, they were being held in Sanibel, Florida, which was an easy drive from Miami. That continued for several years and then they moved to California where I followed for the first year. This year they came back east to the Ocean Creek Resort in Myrtle Beach. They will repeat this location in spring 2013.

You may have noticed that OPA calls this a “retreat” instead of a “conference.” “Retreat” better embodies the nature of this experience. We all stay in the same resort, eat most of our meals together and have the opportunity to really get to know each other and the material. The resort locations have been oceanfront at a very reasonable price. I must mention how good the food is.

Teacher for more than 10 years.

She has also studied astrology under Jeffrey Brock, Alice Kashuba and Kepler College. She uses a combination of all of her gifts, skills and knowledge in her practice. For more information about her work, please visit www.AnaMariaPineda.com.

They offer both vegetarian and healthy meat options at the buffet lunches that are included in the cost of the retreat.

My reasons for attending are purely selfish because you get lots of personal attention from your group leader. At each OPA Retreat I have made very special friendships. Two years ago some members of our group started a monthly peer group conference call that continued for more than 18 months. At the larger conferences, this type of interaction is rare.

A silent auction with books, jewelry, clothing and other items was held during the retreat with the proceeds benefiting OPA. I was thrilled to be the high bidder on a pin I had admired on my group leader two years ago.

We celebrated the birthdays of two group leaders at two separate birthday parties for Grace Morris and Maurice Fernandez during the retreat. This is a very social organization!

So make plans to join us at the next retreat in the spring of 2013.

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New Moon Gatherings

The New Moon's Energetic News

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4736 N.W. 2nd Ave., Miami
305-757-9857

Lynne Hyde hosts this meeting at 7:30 p.m. on the Wednesday or Thursday closest to the New Moon.

Local astrologers present each month. Bring your chart. If you need one, call Lynne at 305-759-2202, and she'll print it out for \$5.

New Moon Group

10110 S.W. 66th St., Miami
305-279-2569

Jeffrey Brock hosts a New Moon group. Contact him for upcoming dates, Brock120@bellsouth.net.

Zodiac Lounge

The Standard Hotel
40 Island Ave., Miami Beach
305-673-1717

Lori Bell holds a New Moon group every month. Contact her for dates, bellalori@gmail.com.

Conferences

Northwest Astrological Conference (NORWAC) April 5-9, 2012

DoubleTree Suites Hotel at SouthCenter, Seattle

You can choose the full conference with or without meals, single days, a pre-conference and/or four post-conferences. Their website is www.norwac.net.

United Astrological Conference (UAC)

May 24-29, 2012

Marriott Hotel, New Orleans

Venus on the Rise! is the theme of this every-3-or-4-year international congress, which is sponsored by AFAN, ISAR, NCGR & ACVA/CVA. Check the website, www.uacastrology.com, for all the details.

Lectures/Classes

NCGR Meetings/Workshops

3rd Saturday of the month

10:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

\$50 includes lunch buffet,

\$15 for morning lecture only
Ft. Lauderdale Airport Hilton

Jan. 21st – Kay Shinker

*Money Planets in Your Chart;
It's the Economy*

Feb. 18th – Eric Meyer

*Elements of Evolutions;
From Darkness to Light*

March 17th – Priscilla Costello

*Mastering the Art of Prediction;
Putting It All Together*

Check their website, www.ncgrsouthflorida.org, for details.

The Fairchild Symbols

The Fairchild Symbols are a modern version of the Sabian Symbols and were created by Alice Kashuba and an anonymous clairvoyant. Alice sends out a weekly email on the symbols. If you would like to receive it, email her at alice@kashuba.com. For further information, visit Alice's website, www.astroviews.com.

Lectures/Workshops

Mark Springle offers various lectures and workshops throughout the year. For more information, contact him at markspringle@gmail.com or visit him on the web at www.markspringle.com or "friend" him on Facebook.

Astrology from Scratch

10110 S.W. 66th St., Miami
305-279-2569

Jeffrey Brock offers a variety of classes for students at all levels. On Monday, Jan. 9th, he will start a 4-week class on the basics of the language of the stars. It is formatted for anyone to attend, from no knowledge of astrology to advanced levels.

The class begins at 7:30 p.m. and costs \$150.

Also contact him for upcoming topics and dates, Brock120@bellsouth.net.

SFAA 2012 SPRING SCHEDULE

There will only be one more speaker before our summer break.

Faith McInerny will lecture on "Relationships – Sexuality; From a Whisper to a Scream" on **Thursday, April 12th** and hold a workshop on "Relationships: Meeting and Mating" on **Saturday, April 14th**.

There will be no speaker in May, so they won't compete with the United Astrology Congress (UAC) in New Orleans May 24-29.

All meetings and workshops take place at the Ft. Lauderdale Airport Hilton.

Weeknight meetings open at

7 p.m., and Saturday workshops open at 10:30 a.m.

For a limited time, SFAA members pay only \$15 for meetings (\$20 for guests), and workshop fees are \$40 for members and \$50 for guests. These lower prices apply to cash and check payments only. If you pay by credit card, the former prices apply.

And for further savings, pay for both the meeting and the workshop at the door: \$50 for both for members and \$65 for both for guests.

More detailed information — including how to become an SFAA member — is available on our website, www.southfloridaastrology.com.



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Astrology & Tarot

Cate Norris reads tarot cards as well as astrology charts in the Pembroke Pines area. Contact her at sophia2012@comcast.net.

SFAA MEMBERSHIP

The annual membership fee for the South Florida Astrological Association (SFAA) is \$59 for an individual and \$89 for a couple.

Membership entitles you to discounts on all SFAA lectures, workshops, recordings and special events.

Visit our website, www.southfloridaastrology.com, for details and online registration.

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knowledge that a
large percentage of
Wall Street brokers
use astrology.”

Donald Regan,
U.S. Secretary of the
Treasury and Chief of
Staff to President
Ronald Reagan