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## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !!!

This is the last issue of the Newsletter for 2001. The year has seen many changes for the Academy, not the least being the move from our former premises in Phillip to our present temporary premises in Melba.

2002 promises to be an exciting year, with the introduction of our new "short courses", for which we are hoping to receive many enrolments, and hopefully we will also find a new permanent "home" for the Academy.

With this issue of "AHA News and Views" falling right on Christmas, it should provide great holiday reading for all.

Jill Healand  
Editor

## **Productive Personal Progress Demands the Practical Application of Your Current Astrological Knowledge**

Dennis Sutton

### **A concise review of the important information**

When you learn about your personal astrology you learn about your mental (soul) life, yet the current 'you' is always in a constant state of change and development. Thus, it is best to view yourself as work in progress possessing a great potential. With each new experience your consciousness is changed. Constructive, worthwhile experiences tend to enhance your personal growth. Destructive, unfortunate experiences tend to impede your personal growth. Harmonious environmental conditions build harmonious states of consciousness into the mind; discordant environmental conditions build discordant states of consciousness into the mind. At all times you are the builder

The mind-energy pattern detailed by your astrology (in your birthchart) is the foundation of your future development. It is a blueprint of what you will become.

Productive personal progress demands the practical application of your astrology.

Productive Personal Development considers:

1. the potential mapped in your birthchart;
2. what has actually happened in your life so far;
3. what is happening in your life now;
4. what you can do to make things better.

Your primary objective is to know and understand:

1. the dynamic mind-energies that drive your behaviour;
2. the environmental circumstances that have influenced, and will continue to influence, their development;
3. whether this development has been, and is currently, constructive and beneficial or destructive and detrimental; and
4. how to use your mind energies more productively at the present time and in the future.

To maximize your potential you must know:

1. how to use your birthchart to enhance your self-awareness;
2. how to use your birthchart to enhance your personal growth in the future;
3. how your behaviour has developed in response to past circumstance; and
4. how your behaviour will develop in response to new circumstances in the future.

Dynamic personal development depends upon how well you understand yourself and your personal astrology. Your astrology details who you are and what you have to do to actualise your highest potential. What happens is entirely up to you. Personal development means the gradual and persistent improvement of your natural abilities and life-skills. It demands practice and hard work. The benefits and rewards always equal the time and effort applied to the task.

Your personal objective is to know the experiences that will most benefit your growth and development. Successful living requires constant adaptation to the situations and circumstances attracted by your unconscious thought-cell activity; but dynamic personal growth only takes place when growth-specific experiences, rather than survival experiences, are pro-actively sought.

Your astrology details your mental and emotional resources that await development. Deep inside your unconscious mind lie your raw talents, creative energies and vital strengths. Explore who you are – imagine who you can be. Productive self-examination assesses each experience in terms of its importance, its harmony as supporting personal progress and its discord as an adversity. Productive personal development demands that your mind-energies be put to work. All your behaviour has been conditioned by circumstance and will always be a matter of previous conditioning.

Hermetic Astrology details your potential and explains how you can reach it. Your strengths are your constructive behaviours: they maximize your growth and development. These behaviours must be put to work doing something that is not only worthwhile, but of immense personal pleasure. A worthwhile activity has high personal rewards and usually benefits the welfare of another person.

Your weaknesses are your destructive behaviours: they impede growth and retard personal development. These behaviours tend to be engaged in destructive activities that have unfortunate, adverse consequences. Discord indicates that action is required to modify or change a non-productive behaviour.

Stress occurs when you have to do things which are at odds with what you really want to do. You must always do what you desire. Unspent energy, of any kind, is a recipe for regret.

Learning about yourself is fun. Truthful self-enlightenment is always a rewarding experience, but there will always be an unpleasant surprise or two.

Hermetic Astrology explains how your psychic (mind) engine (and physical body)

can be kept running at peak efficiency. Preventative maintenance and behaviour modification are the keys to peak performance: and as you are creating yourself, surely you want to create something that is pretty good – maybe even excellent.

### **The Quest for Personal Excellence**

All the astrological energies displayed in your birthchart translate into thoughts, feelings and behaviours. Your astrology clearly details the mental (thought-cell) activity taking place in your unconscious mind. Self-consciousness permits an awareness of certain thoughts and feelings, but your conscious thinking and feeling is just the tip of the iceberg.

You're created by your environment, and as you create the conditions under which you live, you do in fact create yourself. And as you're creating yourself it is vitally important to know **who it is you're creating**.

Your astrology precisely details who you are: but more importantly you need a plan to guide your progress and development. This is provided by your birthchart. In your quest for personal excellence your astrology provides the self-knowledge and your birthchart details the plan. Self-knowledge is the essential ingredient in your quest to create a better version of yourself. Unlike a blind woodcarver, you can see the raw materials that must be shaped, you can see the current state of development, and you can visualize a higher quality version of the current creation.

### **Rating Thought-Cell Activity**

Each planet-specific thought-cell group in your unconscious mind should be given an energy rating. This energy rating simply ranks your astrology's efficiency-achievement potential. Astrodyne Power is the primary indicator of the efficiency-

achievement potential. More power increases this potential; less power decreases it. Harmony supports and enhances your astrology's efficiency-achievement potential. Discord tends to antagonize and impede it. Any high-powered, high-harmony planet should be given a AAA energy rating. It has a high-efficiency potential and a high achievement potential. Even a high powered-high discord planet has a high efficiency-high achievement potential but its potential is inclined to be aggravated by a lack of support and unfortunate environmental circumstances.

The message is clear: focus on the power and harmony in your birthchart.

Self-improvement simply means making your thoughts, feelings and behaviours better. Making them better means enhancing their quality, efficiency and competence. When a particular thought and feeling behaviour is enhanced you reach a higher state of consciousness. Talents and skills are also improved by striving to reach a higher standard of efficiency and competence. Your astrology can be changed and is in fact in a constant state of change. The question arises: 'Is this as good as it gets?' – and the answer is NO.

#### Quick Self-Awareness Check

What makes you tick?  
 What motivates you?  
 What turns you on?  
 What makes you feel good?  
 What makes you soar and glide?  
 What gets you going?  
 What makes you accelerate?  
 What makes you sluggish?  
 What slows you down?  
 What interferes with your peak performance?  
 What mind-energy gives you the best mileage?  
 What gives you your greatest pleasure?

What mind-energy and activity gives you a boost?

What picks you up when you're down?

What makes you feel safe and secure?

What gets you angry?

What gives you joy and fun?

What maximizes your daily performance?

What keeps you on an even keel?

What keeps you on track?

What gets you to where you want to go?

What is your biggest hurdle?

What is your best opportunity?

What causes you the most stress?

Dynamic personal development demands enhanced self-awareness. It demands that you know yourself very well.

Your personal astrology details the condition of your mind-engine. Your birthchart acts as a personal maintenance chart:

- It allows you to find out what is going on in your mind.
- It allows you to check out those rattles and squeaks.
- It allows you to monitor those annoying irritations and frustrations.
- It allows you to keep a check on your energy levels.

If your engine is running rough your birthchart will quickly reveal where your problem lies – it reveals how your mind and body can be kept in top running order – it allows you to be your own mechanic.

#### Terror Events

##### An Astrological Perspective

Dennis Sutton

Since the terror attacks on New York and the Pentagon on September 11<sup>th</sup> thinking people everywhere have been asking some very important questions. Something went terribly wrong, but exactly what? Saturn opposition Pluto in the sky caused a seismic

shift in the way things were. The morally challenging times in which we live took a drastic turn for the worse. The quality of human life took a nosedive. If nothing else, this terror event has made us realize that there's dangerous hate and dangerous secret enemies out there. Some dress in expensive business suits, others in army fatigues, and they all pose a threat to human welfare. The corporate criminal, the environmental terrorist, the hate-merchant, kidnapper, plane hijacker and gangster are all ruled by Lower-Pluto. Since September 11<sup>th</sup> much has been written about terrorism and the terrorist mind-set – the psychology that motivates 'terror' behaviour. This article will provide an astrological perspective on both the terror attacks of September 11<sup>th</sup> and the mind-set motivating the terrorist. But first some comments by Elbert Benjamine.

'It was apparent, long ago, to both the Brethren of Light on the inner plane and to astrological students on the outer plane, that the passing of the equinox from Pisces back into Aquarius would bring political upheavals and a **pronounced change in views relative to religion**. The Piscean Age of belief must make way for the Aquarian Age of knowledge. It was a foregone conclusion that the religious beliefs of the world would be profoundly changed. The only question was, in what direction would they swing.'

'Aquarius has two rulers, Saturn and Uranus. In so far as the Saturn influence becomes dominant will the religion of the Aquarian Age tend toward materialism. It will be based on facts, but as the influence of Saturn is to restrict and curtail, the facts considered will be limited to physical life and the material plane. And this philosophy of atheistic materialism, if widely accepted, will breed ruthlessness and encourage selfishness and lead to the extermination of the human race.'

'But Uranus is an upper-octave planet, and is the special planet of astrology. Therefore, in so far as its influence becomes dominant will the religion of the Aquarian Age swing towards the Religion of the Stars. It will be based on facts, but the facts of both planes. Instead of restricting, Uranus tends toward liberty. It will encourage whatever economic system will conduce most to freedom from want, but it will not, as does Saturn, exact the price of slavery as payment for material comfort. The power of the better side of Uranus is exerted toward delivering man from bondage to want and fear, and providing him with freedom of expression and freedom of religion.'

Elbert Benjamine spoke these words on July 27<sup>th</sup>, 1947 at the Fifteenth International Church of Light Convention in Los Angeles, California. At this Convention Fred H. Skinner, on behalf of the Church of Light membership, presented Elbert Benjamine with a watch to commemorate the completion of his writing the 21 Brotherhood of Light courses. Because of the many truths contained in these lessons, Elbert Benjamine went on to stress the importance of getting the teachings of the Religion of the Stars disseminated as widely as possible. He acknowledged that at this time only a small minority of people had become sufficiently polarized to the Aquarian vibration, but as time passes more and more people will be ready to receive the information – if they have access to it. In conclusion, he stressed that the world in the future will depend on the Church of Light and its members to deliver it from the soul annihilating doctrines of materialism – a task he described as tremendously important and gigantic.

Fifty-four years later we are in a position to assess just how things are going. But first I wish to stress that how I view the current world situation is based on my particular bias. Your bias will be different. I am well aware that some people think the world is in

good shape. If you've got a job and a roof over your head you're doing fine. Some people praise science because it provides medical hope and technological miracles; and some people praise the corporations because they provide employment, cheap goods and big dividends. These people simply express a personal bias. A personal perspective always views a situation, and the solution to a problem, in a manner that suits its bias. When it comes to the important issues personal bias is always the big trap. And a selfishness (Saturn, Lower-Pluto) bias is the biggest trap of all.

All will agree that we live in politically turbulent times and that there have been pronounced changes affecting the religious agenda. Aquarian Age knowledge has caused the Church to re-assess many of its beliefs. In many respects it struggles to adjust itself to the liberated Aquarian-Age environment. Educated people prefer to think (Mercury) and this means they have less need to believe (Pisces). They want religious fact, not old-age religious fiction. New-age knowledge is destroying most of our Piscean beliefs. The Church still clings to a 'soul' that survives death, even though science can prove that no such life force exists, or is needed. Religion continues to exert a powerful moral force although the promise of eternal damnation in hell seems to have lost its capacity to enforce goodness; and while Pope John Paul claims 'Science has the brain, religion has the mind', science counters – the mind is created by the genes! For the past 100 years science has made an all out attack on the Church and God yet, to the astonishment of the scientific community, both are doing very well. In the age of science our old Piscean Age religions are still exerting a powerful moral goodness. But all things considered, it seems to me that materialism, and the mountain of scientific evidence that explains life in electro-chemical terms, is influencing our Piscean Age religious beliefs. The Church remains openly hostile to the occult,

astrology and ESP simply because they provide alternative explanations that don't suit its religious bias. The Church also has a shameful past and its wealth from playing the financial and share markets is staggering.

When considering Uranus, Elbert Benjamine seems to have underestimated the religious power of technology. The religion of technology has millions of worshippers. The congregation worships rugged individualism, genetic engineering and computer games. Technology is revolutionizing life and death. Uranus in my opinion is having an extremist influence on the world's traditional religions. Personal liberty is not on the religious agenda. Extremist religious teachings restrict and curtail. The Church continues to impose and dictate. Its traditional (inner-plane) teachings have not changed. The visions of Heaven are still the same.

Saturn's fear of poverty drives the economic agenda and Uranus has not liberated us from our bondage to fear and want. Uranus has liberated some people but most remain shackled by financial fear and want. At an international level both Saturn and Uranus are putting their distinct trademarks on the new-age economic agenda: they're doing a debt-defying dance. Most of us pay for our material comforts by becoming debt-slaves to the banks. The free-trade agenda (Uranus) is self-interest motivated (Saturn). Some people dream that Uranus and his technology will liberate them from the greatest fear of all – death. The new-age materialist claims that eternal life simply requires the duplication of the brain – and desperately hopes that technology will do this, preferably before she dies!

Finally, it seems to me, that in an Age that glorifies the body (and not the mind) our rational thinking is bound to be infantile and misguided. And most of the world's politicians and economists claim to be rational thinkers. In 'Spiritual Astrology',

C.C. Zain, in *The Story of the Three Bears*, explains that Electra went beyond mere desire for the tangible things of life and formed so intimate attachment and persistent longing for the material things of life that it veiled the light of their transitory nature from her inner sight. Like many who have formed too strong a love for that which is mortal, she wandered in the region of cold intellect (Mercury), and found her final abode in the lair of the icy giant, Reason. Mercury's rational thought (instigated by Lower-Pluto) is a big barrier to spiritual enlightenment (Mercury is exactly square Pluto in the 1988 Pluto Cycle chart) and its spiritual thought and spiritual thinkers that the world now needs. Rational thought is devoid of emotion. It employs cold hard logic. Emotion is deliberately held in abeyance and does not influence the decision being made. Rational thought is fine, but it should understand that it has limitations and, very often, destructive consequences.

What Elbert Benjamine didn't mention in his 1947 speech was the influence that Lower-Pluto would have on the world's political and religious affairs. And over the past 50 years Lower-Pluto has dominated the mundane political-religious agenda. The cold war, the "grab as much as you can for yourself" mentality, globalisation, crime and gambling are all Lower-Pluto inspired and the alcohol and drug abuse is simply Lower-Pluto's way of trying to escape the mental pain.

### **Who or What is Lower-Pluto? In**

Astrology Lower-Pluto refers to a highly dangerous and destructive thought-force that is ruled by the planet, Pluto. This thought-force is intent on the destruction of God's Great Evolutionary Plan. It has a very low, self-centred, self-seeking, selfish vibratory rate and proactively seeks souls having a similar potential to carry out its diabolical deeds on planet Earth. The thought force is dedicated to self, death and

annihilation. Lower-Pluto is proactive, energetic, ruthless and forceful. He attains his ends by secrecy, which keeps the public in the dark and fear, which keeps the public frightened and apathetic.

This thought-force possesses a high degree of selfishness and hate, but poses no danger to the average individual having normal moral values. But souls who slip downwards into a selfish and hate lifestyle, and souls who feel no contrition when it comes to preying on their fellow man, become easy targets for Lower-Pluto's astral gangsters. Working from the astral plane, the thought-force contacts the unsuspecting soul, who remains oblivious to the astral gangster who is manipulating its thoughts and behaviour. This always occurs under a Pluto progression that makes contact with an astral criminal easy. The real problem is that Lower-Pluto is too subtle to be obvious.

**The Nature of the Beast:** T H Burgoyne in '*Light of Egypt*' provides an occult reality check: 'In the first place, this orb (Lower-Pluto) possesses a complete organization of its own. It's an independent thought-force governed by well defined laws, the nature of which may be known only too well by patiently observing the merciless instincts of the lower animal nature as manifested in man; **where the moral consciousness is absolutely wanting.** It is these creatures, who are treacherous beings, who produce the greatest portion of suffering and misery which afflicts humanity. They are the active Occult agents of that potent fraternity within the spiritual world which has its external expression and correspondence in the brotherhood known upon the Earth as the "Black Magi" – and the schools of Black magic, vice and crime.'

'From the astral realms the spirit of lies, murder, crime, **fraud and religious imposture** is first formulated and then projected to the earthly fraternity as the means of its continued existence (on Earth).

From thence, these unseen Occult currents penetrate the innermost recesses of the human mind, and possess the soul to such an extent that deep down in the heart of man, no matter how pure and disinterested he (or she) may appear, there lurks the **slimy reptile of selfishness.**'

In occult circles Pluto was originally known as 'The Dark Satellite'. Burgoyne claims that to understand the nature and functions of Lower-Pluto it is absolutely necessary to understand the nature and function of the animal soul. When this is understood, he wrote, it will then be seen that this dark, magnetic orb constitutes the grand center of focus of the Earth's animal force: in other words, it is the realm of the undeveloped good in Nature, whose terrible motto is embraced in the word SELF.

Burgoyne states that the manner in which this dark magnetic energy is projected from the organized thought-force on the astral planes is wholly inversive. He claims that the world's rulers and magical hierophants make use of this inversive force to distort and corrupt Truth whenever it struggles to become manifest upon the Earth. Astrological research reveals that the Pluto thought-cell group in the unconscious mind is mediumistic and this permits mind-control by the inversive brethren on the astral planes. It's the personal vibratory rate (or mood) that determines the astral level that is contacted.

The Lower-Pluto person may or may not be aware of his evil intent. From her perspective she is only doing what she sees supports her survival. Lower-Pluto is overt or covert coercion. Coercive power is the imposition of your will upon another. Lower-Pluto is the intent to destroy spiritual growth through the endorsement of selfishness, competition and a win at any cost mentality. How do you tell someone that their selfishness is slowly destroying their mind, body and soul? How do you tell

a country that their economic practices are destroying other people's lives?

**The Terrorist Mind Set:** Astrological profiling provides a complete picture of the mind – it considers the whole person. Modern-day personality profiling makes one big mistake. It assumes the mind is totally created or produced by the experiences provided by the external environment. The western mind and the eastern mind develop in response to vastly different political, religious and cultural values, but each mind is composed of the same (astral) mind-energies – in a unique, personal arrangement. We are all products of our cultures and these days every culture provides the external circumstances that support the development of a terrorist mentality – if the mind has a terror potential in its thought-cell structure. In other words, if the astrological potential supports terror behaviour, the new-age soul has easy access to the environmental circumstances that support its development. Television (ruled by Pluto) opens many doors. Both the internal (astrological) and external (outer-world) circumstances have an equal influence on the mental and physical behaviours that develop. You can't isolate a birthchart from the external circumstances in which it operates and you can't isolate the external circumstances influencing a person's development from their astrology.

Terror behaviour is simply a highly destructive response to what it perceives to be an equally destructive circumstance. So why does the terrorist have such a highly destructive response towards some countries and what they stand for? Most of us learn to cope with disagreeable situations in a socially acceptable manner, but the terrorist engages his point of conflict with an aggressive, annihilation intent. The purpose of terror is to terrify using fear and confusion. Fear and confusion contaminate the soul with self-destructive feelings that devastate its progress.

The mind of a man who carefully plans a terrorist act that he knows will claim his own life is in a sinister, intimidating place – a mind-place that inverts and distorts political and religious beliefs; where death defying aggression glorifies death. Where mediumistic electrical frequencies permit mind-control by evil thoughts emanating from Lower-Pluto's astral hell. It's a mind-place where there's no goodwill, no tolerance and no warmth – except for family members and like-minded associates. The terrorist mind is self-confident, smug, sinister and arrogant. It's a mind built of hateful, dangerous thoughts. The new breed of terrorist is an extremist fanatic. The innate hate and violence potential is raised on hate and violence to become a killing machine intent on destruction.

**The Terrorists:** New-Age Terror has been around for a while – it seems we were just too busy making money to notice. In the beginning were the dictators (Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin). Idi Amin and Pol Pot were terrorists. The Age of Modern terrorism was born in 1968 (when Pluto was in Virgo). Terrorist groups like the Baader-Meinhof gang in Germany, the Red Army in Japan, the IRA in Ireland, the Shining path in Peru, wrecked havoc and destruction. Hamas in Palestine engages fanatical suicide bombers and now Lower-Pluto has employed the Taliband and Osama bin Laden to do its dirty work.

**The Taliband** is a religious group composed of cunning leaders and simple, uneducated followers, who do what their leaders compel. The Taliband simply give the Islamic scriptures an extreme (inversive) translation. They give fanatical and brutal translations to Holy Scriptures. Then they use threats, intimidation and coercion to force their extremist interpretations onto other people.

The Taliband emerged in 1994 from the hinterlands of Afghanistan. They were lead

by a reclusive village preacher, Mullah Mohommed Omar and took control in Afghanistan in 1996. That year they captured Kabul, set up government and empowered Islamic religious police to enforce strict codes of dress and behaviour. On November 13<sup>th</sup>, 1995 Pluto commenced a 13 year transit of Sagittarius – the sign ruling religion.

The Taliband represent a conflict between the old and the new. They resent western culture and highlight a culture clash between past (Pisces) and present (Aquarian) values. The Taliband are anti-modernism. They suffer a psychic collision between the past and modernization. The Taliband perverted Islam into a religion that glorifies killing. Their conservative (Saturn) translations of the Koran simply eliminated the fun, music and joy (Venus) from their own and other people's lives. (Maybe military Mars can bring back the joy because our new-age Aquarian God wants all his children to feel the joy of life.) Lower-Pluto found fertile soil for its diabolical deeds in the mind of Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaeda terrorist network.

The following quote by C C Zain will help us understand the Taliband's religious mindset. 'As soon as a group has formulated certain standards of morals, by which it governs its relations, it immediately convinces itself, through its religious teachers, that God has decreed them. Whatever usages (religious doctrines) become established, whether torturing heretics, making slaves of other human beings, eating flesh in religious rituals, protecting a king who has oppressed his people, not working on Sunday, not eating certain things, taking a bath at prescribed times, (*not shaving your beard, not allowing women to work or get an education – my comments*), and what not; soon become taught as divinely decreed institutions.'

'Furthermore, as soon as some practice comes to be believed to be commanded by divine law, the people believing this inevitably become convinced that the strict observance of the practice leads to reward, either in this life or in a future one, and that not to observe the practice is sure, sooner or later, in some life, to be followed by punishment.' This simply means that the inversion of a religious belief plus a fear of divine punishment can result in a group like the Taliband adopting extremist religious beliefs, and ruthless coercive measures that force others to follow these beliefs.

**Religious Inspired Terrorism:** Straight from the depths of Lower-Pluto's hell comes religiously inspired terrorism. With God's approval, everything is permitted. When God approves, what you're doing must be good. Lower-Pluto easily distorts the religious messages – inverting them to mean what they don't.

Those with an anti-religious bias claim that all religions are dangerous. (Those with an anti-science bias say the same about science.) How dangerous are our old Piscean age religions? Can they adapt to the demands of the new Aquarian age environment? Can they support the realization of the Aquarius potential? – a thousand years of peace and harmony. Multiculturalism is a big problem for religion. The Aquarian Age objective is religious altruism, but Lower-Pluto is an atheist. There are 1.2 billion Muslims and peaceful Islam is the world's fastest growing religion. Yet it seems to be a religion somewhat at odds with Aquarius: A restraining Saturn, Pisces religion colliding with liberty-seeking Uranus and Aquarius. We do need a new Muhammad – someone who can unify the world, not just Arabia.

**Lower-Pluto is Active on Several Fronts:** Lower-Pluto has no respect for human dignity. He's a psychological terrorist. His primary weapon is inversion. Elbert

Benjamin warned us about inversion but we've ignored his warning. Lower-Pluto's atheistic scientists are driven by the thinking-machine mentality. Lower-Pluto knows that the human mind can be trained to believe anything and human beings are now being trained to view themselves as thinking machines. The thinking-machine mentality is driving bio-technology. Dangerous times – dangerous ideas – dangerous ignorance. Ignorance and misinformation can make good men behave badly. And the atheistic scientist is ignorant and misinformed. Lower-Pluto is pushing the science agenda at a very fast pace, but when the mistakes start to occur he'll easily shift the blame.

**Science and Genetics** are a minefield of Lower-Pluto inversions. Peace and prosperity have their advantages, but they also make people lose perspective. The name of the game is self-preservation and on the physical plane aggression is the soul's main weapon. Aggression experiences build powerful aggression impulses into the soul's thought structures. The materialist claims that intelligence and behaviour are merely the manner in which the genes are programmed and the chemicals arranged. He must explain life in mechanical terms. But occult science claims that intelligence and behaviour reside in the astral substance associated with the living physical body.

Thought originates in the unconscious mind. It is not a cascade of chemicals instigated by the brain. When animated by chemical consciousness, these chemicals are the physical agents that permit self-consciousness. They do play a very important role in life, but they are not the source of behaviour. Behaviour is not genetically transmitted. No behaviour is programmed into the genes. Each (mind) behaviour has its physical (chemical) equivalent but it's programmed into the mind – not the chemicals. Take away the mind and these chemical components of life

are lifeless – along with the body! Lower-Pluto inverts the truth and wants you to believe that your genes and hormones create and control your mind. Biology's thinking-machine mentality seeks to disempower, while astrology strives to empower. Lower-Pluto's atheistic biologists must explain life in physical terms. They will never admit the existence of a non-physical life force. To do so would mean total humiliation for science (and victory for religion). Scientific pride, privilege and status will lie rather than admit it has made a gigantic blunder. Science belittles and ridicules religion. And with science providing one explanation of life and religion providing another, humanity is bound to get confused. The solution is, of course, a unified scientific-religious explanation of life, but the scientific truths remain occult and hidden.

**Black Biology and Bio-Terrorism.** Is Lower-Pluto after the ultimate doomsday weapon – a deadly Pluto virus? Lower-Pluto's black biologists are agents of terror. Their objective is germ warfare: germs to attack and kill humans. Bio-weapons do the most damage. Lower-Pluto's biologists manage the bio-terrorism program, but his terrorists want the weapons. Germ bomblettes can deliver a virus, but a human being is also a perfect delivery system. Do you know what your government is doing? Is it playing an offensive or defensive role? Higher-Pluto eliminated small pox, but Lower-Pluto brought it back. Has Iran and Iraq got the small pox virus? Our 21<sup>st</sup> Century world has become a very dangerous place: Who did post those anthrax letters?

**Power Abuse Terrorism:** There are many kinds of power abuse but at its worst power is used to abuse the abused. In this instance, a country can use its legal powers to abuse the weak and helpless. Self-interest is preferred to helping others. Then there's power due to economic strength. In this instance, super-power can use its economic clout to gain what it wants. Self-interest is

preferred to global welfare. In both instances, a deliberate, premeditated course of action causes the less fortunate to suffer pain and misfortune. In Lesson #211 – *The Universal Law of Soul Progression*, C.C. Zain points out: 'In the education of any living thing, pleasure and pain play an important part. As necessary to education they have a useful function. But aside from this educational function, to wish any creature pain indicates a **lack of spirituality**.' To get what they want, the world's most powerful countries don't hesitate to abuse their power. It's often disguised as economic aid and disaster relief. Ruthless competition drives the economic agenda. Self-interest must be protected: the charitable, humanitarian aid must be paid for.

**Corporate Terrorism:** Some claim that Lower-Pluto's corporate dictators are controlling the world's agenda. They have the political and economic power to create the world they want. They want the public's money. Corporate lawyers and accountants protect the corporation's interests and it's all done in a very secretive way. **You do not have access to commercially confidential information.** Some corporations have more power than your government. They're directing the world's economic development and they're making the rules and regulations to suit themselves. Lower-Pluto's corporate morality is driven by self-interest. In the corporate world spirituality has become extinct, although Lower-Pluto always claims to be working for the common good – i.e. himself! If the corporation is controlling your elected government, there's a crisis of legitimacy. In the US the public sector is regulated, but the private sector isn't. The private sector can do whatever it wants. A democracy controlled by the corporation is a dead democracy. Lower-Pluto turns biology into business practices – predators hunt in groups for survival purposes.

**Morally Challenging Times:** Ethics committees discuss moral issues, but while

the bio-ethicists, philosophers, medical specialists and law-makers are talking, Lower-Pluto and his accountants and lawyers are charging ahead, doing and getting what they want. They are not restricted by government regulations. To get what he wants, Lower-Pluto simply gets public financial support by exaggerating the social expectations. He cunningly exaggerates the benefits. Lower-Pluto rants about the public-social benefits and the uninformed are easily persuaded. The trade off for technological progress is spiritual poverty. Is it worth it?

**Why Sept 11<sup>th</sup>:** Events can only occur when both the inner-world and outer-world circumstances support their actualisation. The same rules apply in mundane astrology as apply in personal astrology. The quality of a mundane event parallels the quality of the community's thinking affected by it. This means that astrologically New York has a high-discord, low-quality vibratory rate. With Sun square Saturn in its birthchart, the US is insecurity driven. Its pursuit of wealth is driven by a fear of poverty. With Jupiter conjunct the Sun it shows off, and if you want to show-off your riches you have to expect to be envied (not respected). Displays of national supremacy do not win approval. With Mars in the 1<sup>st</sup> house, the US is driven to compete; and competition is fine except for one thing – the loser feels humiliated. It seems that in the current highly competitive economic climate that the arrogant winners will just have to accept the dreadful consequences. The US will have to face its astrological realities – the events did occur! A country running on fantasy finds it hard to distinguish the facts from the fiction. Events mapped in the US birthchart will only occur when the inner-world and outer-world environments support their happening.

**The USA:** Evolution views the US as an alpha country: A dominant country in a tribe of countries. Never mess with an alpha

country that has lots of bombs. The terrorist has no fear of death, or the great Satanic Power. Does the isolationist USA know anything about the big wide world that it economically dominates? With Mars in the 1<sup>st</sup> house of its birthchart, the US always wants the competitive advantage. It's a country running on fierce competition – for money, land, homes, jobs, partners, fame, publicity, sex and love. America also has a deep culture of hatred and violence. Mars and history provide the evidence. Surviving in America in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century demands that you grab what you can for yourself.

The US version of globalisation is self-interest motivated. Self-interest is driven by a fear of poverty – financial insecurity. With the Sun in the 2<sup>nd</sup> house of its birthchart the US seeks power through wealth – glory through wealth. But with Saturn square Sun, the fear and insecurity contaminates the power with greed and selfishness. This means that, at certain times, the US will suffer, and due to its economic clout, so will everyone else. Greed and selfishness have contaminated Jupiter's tolerance, goodwill and philanthropy. New Age goodwill: Lend a third world country huge amounts of money and then keep them in a debt and poverty cycle trying to re-pay the loan. America: How good are your cooperation skills? What does unification really mean to you? Can you cooperate with other countries or do you prefer to get what you want using bullyboy tactics? The Lower-Pluto perspective influences everything, including your culture of compensation. And with Pluto in the 9<sup>th</sup> house of its birthchart, is the US marketing economic oppression? The higher-Pluto spiritual-humanitarian impulse has been incapacitated by the glorification of Lower-Pluto's selfish greed; and danger always occurs when you do the wrong thing or believe in the wrong information!

**What Went Wrong with US Intelligence?**  
Sept 11<sup>th</sup> was a monumental Intelligence

failure. 30 US intelligence agencies failed in their public duty. Why didn't the CIA and Intelligence services anticipate the attack? One reason is that US intelligence agencies are replacing (second rate) human intelligence with (top rate) artificial intelligence. It's cheaper and technology (not science) driven. Lower-Pluto of course supports artificial intelligence. Can anyone do serious deep thinking? It seems that when artificial intelligence fails, the military takes over and it's not intelligent at all. It simply relies on brute strength.

**The Fallout:** A new-age life lived in fear, confusion and threats of terror – what a life! Terror scorched into the mind – mental wounds that will never heal. The aviation industry (9<sup>th</sup> house) in turmoil. It needed a government bailout (8<sup>th</sup> house). In October 468,000 workers, and in November 331,000 workers (6<sup>th</sup> house), lost their jobs. The tourist (9<sup>th</sup> house) and insurance industries (8<sup>th</sup> house) suffered. The Leisure Industry (5<sup>th</sup> house) was devastated. Horrific experiences – a legacy of Lower-Pluto's destructive lifestyle. Was it worth it? Many will escape their unbearable realities by hitting the drugs and booze. Can greed and arrogance see the consequences of its bad behaviours? Powerful loss emotions eventually fade into vague memories. What's the point of economic prosperity if your inner-world reality is loaded with fear, anxiety and uncertainty? Is the answer more security? Keep the gas masks handy! An economic and unemployment slowdown, but how slow will it go? On the other hand, our raised consciousness learned about terrorist groups, terrorist organizations, terrorist cells, terror networks and bio-terrorism.

**Identifying the Problem:** A precise solution to the terror problem requires a precise identification. Identify the problem – identify the enemy. So how do you identify terrorism? What is terrorism? How do you identify the causes of terrorism? When is it

legitimate to fight terrorism with violence? When does violence become terrorism? Terrorism debates have been going on for years. This highlights Mercury's vacillation and uncertainty. Of course your political bias will influence how you define terrorism. At this critical time you will have to be brutally honest to get the right answers. It's time to get serious. There's no room for superficial thinking or theatrical, Hollywood rhetoric.

Lower-Pluto's reign of terror won't go away by ignoring it. We have to fight. You have to fight your tendency to be dragged down to the Lower-Pluto level of behaviour. Of course it is possible to sink into Lower-Pluto's amoral swamp and not even know you're there. The purpose of terror is to cause fear and confusion in the public's mind. Fear paralyzes effort. It is the most dangerous feeling the mind can harbor. Alas, few problems are ever really solved simply because they are not correctly identified. Privilege, power, authority and orthodoxy solve problems to suit their own purpose. Now the stakes are too high. It's time to integrate – or disintegrate. There's no place for unrealistic Neptune idealism. Self interest and irrational fears are driving the global agenda and this means that Lower-Pluto is in control. Lower-Pluto also finances the terror. The costs are high. Terror weapons are expensive!

**Identifying the Real Enemy:** We have to identify the real enemy to find the correct solution. Inversion is Lower-Pluto's chief weapon. Inversion inverts truth. It is humanity's greatest enemy. Division is its ally – disunity stifles progress. Lower-Pluto's misinformation bamboozles everyone – including the people spreading the information. Lower-Pluto's Earthly henchmen are in positions of influence – dangerous people in positions of power. Their destructive influence is often too subtle to notice. This makes identifying the enemy difficult. How do you fight an

invisible enemy? Our real enemies are the internal forces driving racism, alienation, religious intolerance, power abuse, fierce economic competition and the profit driven corporations and bio-tech industries. People running on anger have no fear. People running on fear are easy to defeat. Anger can easily turn to fear. Fear is the real enemy. It demoralizes and discourages. Hate, greed and selfishness are the enemies. Pluto's culture of secrecy is the enemy. The mental black hole caused by atheism is the ultimate weapon in psychological terrorism. The getting of ignorance and the dumbing down of humanity is the enemy. Some honest, realistic soul searching will be needed to identify the enemy within. The US and the west can start by respecting other people's cultures and religions.

**How do you Fight Terrorism?** When it comes to the crunch, Mars always sees the solution in terms of bombs and aggression. Yet Mars, his bombs, and fiercely competitive economic practices are not the answer. Mars can always find a good reason to have an argument. He's very impatient and motivated by revenge. Saturn's fear of poverty-driven money-grabbing culture is not the answer. Saturn's solution to Lower-Pluto's terrorism is increased security, yet increased security is not the road to peace. Saturn prefers a careful, patient approach, but he's as cold as ice and when he gets scared he runs like the wind. Saturn's selfishness disease is highly infectious. It spreads through contact with selfishness virus. Its antidote is love and compassion, courage and confidence. Mercury and his debate and dialogue are not the answer. This doesn't mean that dialogue isn't important, it just means that in order for two people to talk sense to each other they have to speak the same language. Do you speak the same language as a terrorist? Who can talk to Lower-Pluto? Mars of course has no time for debate. Venus really has no idea about 'what's going on'! Jupiter's benevolence won't tolerate Lower-Pluto and his

henchmen, yet a little bit of understanding can work wonders along with a large dose of spirituality, and cooperative effort. It doesn't really matter what type of terror is destroying the human soul; the antidote is always an aggressive response. Of course, that \$50 million reward for information leading to the capture of Osama bin Laden also proved a powerful incentive. Drastic problems need drastic solutions, but many people don't like a realistic assessment of a problem, or its solution. If conflict resolution is not possible, then conflict management will have to do – till the getting of wisdom.

**The Astrological Perspective:** In mundane astrology the reality accounts of the events that occur provided by the planets in the sky are often quite different to those provided by the human experts. Here's what happened.

**Pluto Transit of Sagittarius:** November 1995 – November 2008. Sagittarius is the sign of religion, law and tourism. The adverse influence of Lower-Pluto on Sagittarius has seen the corruption of religion as the astrological environment favours the inversion of Sacred teachings, God sanctioned hate and terrorism, divisions within the Church and revelations of the Church's wicked and shameful past. The Brethren of the Shadow subtly coerce fanatical Islamic extremists. This was a morally challenging time as Lower-Pluto guided hate and destruction caused fear and terror. An all out attack on God by the materialistic atheists occurred. They're intent on destroying God. Lower-Pluto's influence on law and order is evident as the corporate world financially benefits from both crime and punishment. In many parts of the world Saturn's shift to the right is intent on the destruction of the welfare state. Lower-Pluto's henchmen are active on several fronts but Higher Pluto's spiritual warriors fight materialistic selfishness with altruism and benevolence.

**Saturn opposition Pluto** was perfect in the sky on (August 5<sup>th</sup> and) November 2<sup>nd</sup>. This high-discord mundane aspect got up close and very personal. It is one of the most discordant astrological aspects and its angular house placement at Washington indicated that the US would bear the brunt of its monstrous force. It mapped an adverse union of selfish-ruthless energy that actualised as a terror attack on New York and the Pentagon – and its fear and terror response. It allowed the Lower-Pluto forces to wreck fear and havoc. It instigated widespread human suffering. For some, the grief was unbearable. In the November 2 Saturn-Pluto opposition chart at Washington, Pluto was in the 4<sup>th</sup> house (buildings) and Saturn was in the 10<sup>th</sup> house (business and the administration). The high-discord astrological conditions mapped in this chart favoured the drastic, Lower-Pluto, attack on the Twin Towers and Pentagon (buildings ruled by the 4<sup>th</sup> house). Saturn in the 10<sup>th</sup> house mapped the administration's hard line response to the attacks and the business slow-down. Saturn in the 10<sup>th</sup> house indicated high-discord adversity for the business sector. This aspect also initiated a worldwide swing to the conservative right (Saturn), as public opinion took a fright response and politically leaders naturally followed suite. In November Japan's economy was being crushed to death by a mountain of debt and the German economy was (unofficially) declared to be in recession – it had experienced two quarters of negative growth. On November 27<sup>th</sup> the US economy was declared to be officially in recession (Saturn). Then on November 30<sup>th</sup> one of Lower-Pluto's shining corporate stars, Enron, collapsed. The US corporation's shares were selling for 36 cents after reaching a high of \$90.00. It was the biggest corporate collapse in history. The small investor lost everything due to Lower-Pluto's corporate behaviour. The Pluto-Saturn opposition mapped the corporate collapse. This aspect identified terror as public enemy #1 and at the start

Pluto united the world; but an afflicted Pluto supports disunity rather than unity. Cooperative group success requires a team effort. The antidotes for Lower-Pluto are the Moon and Mars – a caring aggressive response: And the antidotes for Saturn are Venus and Sun – love and courage.

These two astrological events were supported by developments in the major cycle charts and were timed by transit aspects in the Pluto, Neptune and Mars cycles. Transit aspects in these cycle charts have a 1° effective orb limit during which the indicated events can occur.

**The 1988 Pluto Cycle Chart:** In the Washington Pluto cycle chart Pluto, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> house (letters, news and information), is exactly square Mercury in the 5<sup>th</sup> house (the leisure industry). Pluto forms a grand trine with the Sun (ruling political leaders) in the 6<sup>th</sup> house (work and sickness) and Moon (ruling the people) in 10<sup>th</sup> house (the administration). On September 11<sup>th</sup> transit Pluto at 12°38' in the 4<sup>th</sup> house (buildings) had moved to form an opportunity (sextile) aspect with Mercury in the 5<sup>th</sup> house (leisure industry); an agitation (sesquisquare) aspect with Jupiter (planet of religion and faith) in the 8<sup>th</sup> house (death); a semisextile aspect with birthchart Pluto; and an obstacle (square) aspect with birthchart Ascendant (the people). These Pluto aspects indicated and broadly timed the terror event that occurred. This chart played a significant role in the terror event and Pluto's transit progressions in the future should be closely observed.

**The 1944 Neptune Cycle Chart:** In the Washington Neptune cycle chart, Neptune, the planet ruling aviation, confusion and chemical weapons is in the 5<sup>th</sup> house (stocks, hazards and leisure industry). On September 11<sup>th</sup> transit Neptune at 6°20' in the 9<sup>th</sup> house (airlines, planes and aviation) had moved to form a high-discord separation (opposition) aspect with Pluto, planet of

drastic events, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> house (local airplane traffic and letters). This aspect mapped Neptune's role in the terror events and broadly timed when they occurred. Neptune's role in terrorism involves the airplanes and chemicals. The high-discord opposition aspect actualised as confusion, terror and devastation for the world's aviation industry.

**The Y2000 Mars Cycle Chart:** In the Washington Mars cycle chart, Mars, the planet ruling disasters, fires and destruction is in the 12<sup>th</sup> house (secret enemies and terrorists). It is cusp ruler of the 8<sup>th</sup> house (death). On September 11<sup>th</sup> transit Mars at (19<sup>o</sup>33) in the 9<sup>th</sup> house (planes and aviation) had moved to form a square aspect with birthchart Mars. This aspect released the chart's energy potential – a violent attack by secret enemy terrorists, and precisely timed the violent terror event.

Mars conjunct Neptune, perfect on November 5<sup>th</sup>, and Mars conjunct Uranus, perfect on November 26<sup>th</sup> immediately followed the Saturn-Pluto opposition aspect, perfect on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The implications were obvious. Mars in the sky was about to unleash a furious attack on Saturn and Pluto – an aggressive offensive that took place on every plane of existence. Mars, Neptune and Uranus were not about to let Lower-Pluto get away with his diabolical deed. These Mars conjunctions involved upper-octave planets who supported the offensive – the Mars-Uranus conjunction particularly highlighting what high-tech military weapons can do. And Mars naturally caused developments to occur with lightening speed.

Shortly after the terror attacks President Bush declared war on terror and on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2001 at 9.20pm Kabul time the US attacked Afghanistan, the base of the Al-Qaeda terrorist network and its Taliban supporters. (Mars was conjunct Neptune in the sky and transit Mars in the Mars cycle

chart at 16<sup>o</sup>45 was semisextile Uranus, planet of surprise attacks.) Neptune was about to play a prominent role in the proceedings and Lower-Pluto, using the astrological environment to advantage, changed tack and employed another terror weapon. In the Mars-Neptune conjunction chart at Washington, Neptune and Mars (chemical weapons) were in the 3<sup>rd</sup> house (letters and postal workers) and while Mars was dropping bombs in Afghanistan, Mars and Neptune were posting anthrax laced terror letters in America. (It is interesting to note that as the Mars-Neptune conjunction went into orb, the print-media began to speculate on the possibility of a biochemical attack). Was Neptune sending psychic messages? If so, Time Magazine got the wrong message. The headline in the October 1 edition of Time Magazine read: 'Experts agree we don't need to worry about an anthrax attack yet'. Then on October 22<sup>nd</sup> a postal worker died of anthrax poisoning. Neptune's confusion then blended with Saturn's anxiety to create a toxic mix of mind damage. The US, running on fear, anxiety and confusion, was terrorizing itself and Lower-Pluto was winning. More anthrax deaths followed as invisible enemies attacked America. The crisis in the aviation industry (Neptune) worsened. (On November 8<sup>th</sup>, Belgium's Sibena Airlines and on November 9<sup>th</sup>, Canada 3000 Airlines declared they were bankrupt). Then on November 12<sup>th</sup>, American Airbus Flight 587 crashed in New York, killing approximately 255 people. The Mars-Neptune discord was unrelenting. Then on November 13<sup>th</sup> in Afghanistan, Kabul fell to the Northern Alliance. With the aid of elite US fighter pilots, the Taliban were on the run.

The Mars conjunctions in November unleashed a wave of fury and with **Mars conjunct Uranus** in the sky (perfect on November 26<sup>th</sup>), the violence was about to get extreme. In the Mars-Uranus conjunction chart at Washington, Mars and Uranus were in the 11<sup>th</sup> house and Congress

was marching to the beat of war drums. The aspect supported military successes and the US war machine, with its high-tech weapons, abetted by the Northern Alliance, began to get the upper hand. On November 26<sup>th</sup> US troops landed near Kandahar. A bloody massacre and rebellion (Uranus) occurred in Mazer-E-sharif with hundreds of Taliband fighters reported dead. The Taliband resistance at Konduz was crumbling; and U.N. food aid was dropped in Afghanistan. (On the same day US scientists claimed to have cloned an early stage human embryo.) By now Mars and Uranus were moving with lightening speed and on November 27<sup>th</sup>, the day the Mars-Uranus conjunction was perfect, Afghan peace talks commenced in Germany. (Who said Mars didn't want peace!). By December 1, the end game was in sight. The focus was on Osama bin Laden and his terror network. By now the Lower-Pluto propaganda machine had retaliated with a surge of anti-everything propaganda. Personal bias could choose whatever it wanted to believe. Truth is always the first casualty of war. Then on December 1 Mars and Uranus unleashed their diabolical fury as 25 people were killed and 200 injured by Hamas suicide bombers in Jerusalem. Israel was being terrorized by Lower-Pluto and its response will be to terrorize the Palestinians with more violence.

**The US Birthchart:** The Terror event of September 11<sup>th</sup> must be mapped in the US birthchart. At first glance the chart appears to be free of drastic discord. Progressed Mars, planet of violence (at 18♁31) and cusp ruler of the 12<sup>th</sup> house (secret enemies), was trine the Moon, stimulating the 12<sup>th</sup> house and the activities of violent secret enemies. Progressed Sun (at 26♌12) in the 10<sup>th</sup> house is cusp ruler of the 4<sup>th</sup> house (buildings). It had formed an expansion (inconjunct) aspect with Neptune, the planet ruling aviation and chemicals, in the 5<sup>th</sup> house (risks, hazards and leisure industry). And progressed MC in the 5<sup>th</sup> house (at

27♄22) had moved to form a (luck) trine aspect with birthchart Pluto in the 9<sup>th</sup> house (aviation). Progressed Moon (at 21♊27) in the 12<sup>th</sup> house (secret enemies) had formed a semisextile aspect with birthchart Mars in the 1<sup>st</sup> house (the people) and a trine aspect with birthchart Neptune in the 5<sup>th</sup> house (Wall Street). Progressed Pluto (at 23♄40) had formed a long-time parallel aspect with birthchart Mars; and progressed Venus (at 3♋47) had formed a parallel aspect with birthchart Saturn – planet of loss and cusp ruler of the 8<sup>th</sup> house (death). In my opinion, the two progressed (luck) trine aspects gave a false impression of the chart's current potential. Progressed Sun carries with it the discord of its square aspect with Saturn; and progressed Mars carries with it the discord of its square aspect with Neptune. But the terror attack on the Twin Towers and Pentagon is a 7<sup>th</sup> house event and that's when you notice progressed Ascendant in the 7<sup>th</sup> house; and its high-discord separation (opposition) aspect with birthchart Uranus.

The terror attack was an extreme event that shocked the world. It is typical of Uranus. It directly impacted on the US people – Uranus in the 1<sup>st</sup> house and the progressed Ascendant. Progressed Uranus has moved back into the 12<sup>th</sup> house, indicating secret enemies of the extremist kind. Of greater interest is progressed Ascendant in the 7<sup>th</sup> house. It's not very often that astrologers get to observe such an astrological event. The 7<sup>th</sup> house rules open enemies and the Ascendant rules the people. The question arises: Has the US populace become their own enemy? Is the enmity due to your own behaviour? Is your Uranus-Mars personality causing a hostile response from other countries? Uranus is demanding change and the Ascendant-Uranus aspect requires a great deal of soul searching. The Lower-Pluto rhetoric and the need to get the competitive advantage need to be moderated with care and consideration. National pride cannot be allowed to justify

your bad behaviour. America: know yourself, know your enemy and know that your astrology reveals that your enemy is yourself. Don't bully – cooperate. Don't isolate. Don't alienate. Integrate – and learn about the world you live in. Try proactive respect and tolerance and eliminate the coercive paternalism.

In May 2002 important developments in the fight on terrorism will occur. In the sky a Mars-Saturn conjunction aspect will be perfect on May 4<sup>th</sup>; and a Mars-Pluto opposition aspect will be perfect on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturn-Pluto opposition aspect will be perfect on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2002. No aspects form in the Pluto cycle chart at this time.

**In Conclusion:** In the age when material appearances were all that mattered, it seems that we were all too concerned about what we looked like to notice that life is a consciousness experience. Lower-Pluto is a wolf in sheep's clothing – a beautiful appearance that clothes an evil mind. His fear and terror are designed to damage the mind. 21<sup>st</sup> Century living has turned into a nightmare. The threats can be real or imaginary, the hate has dreadful consequences and a revengeful backlash usually perpetuates more violence.

The problems facing humanity in this Pluto transition phase of the Aquarian Age are many, serious and very complex. Occult truths and spiritual giants are needed to guide the way – not self-interest motivated political parties and money grabbing politicians. Lower-Pluto is intent on turning off the spiritual lights and the forces of good on all planes of existence are currently taxed to the limit. Astral good-guys are fighting Lower-Pluto, but they're not using guns and bombs! Yet Mars aggression has to fight Lower-Pluto's terrorists and their evil inversion.

It is interesting to note that both George W Bush and Tony Blair have the Sun in the

12<sup>th</sup> house of their birthcharts. They seem to have a very personal interest in secret enemies. Pluto, in the Pluto discovery chart, is in the 12<sup>th</sup> house and everyone is working in secret! But the 12<sup>th</sup> house is above the horizon and its secret activities eventually attain public notice.

Pluto, of course, has another side: A highly constructive, productive, pro-active behaviour. It is spirituality – behaviour dedicated to the common-good – behaviour that contributes to universal welfare. Spirituality considers the welfare of everyone – not special interest, or self-interest. Doing what other people do is often a recipe for spiritual failure. So find yourself an authentic spiritual role model. The only real protection from the adverse consequences of a selfish lifestyle is a proactive spiritual life that contributes its utmost to universal welfare.

(Unfortunately, this article by necessity has ignored many important issues associated with the war on terror, including bio-terrorism, chemical weapons and the current astrological conditions influencing the Middle East, Pakistan, Iran and Israel.)

### The Y2002 Mars Cycle Chart

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Mars in mundane astrology influences aggression, strife and violence. As the cosmic warlord, he incites international strife – wars and disputes between countries; national strife – internal disputes between opposing factions; and domestic strife – violence in the home. Astrological energies work through people, and while every human soul is born with a powerful aggression potential, how this potential expresses is learned. Early life experiences with open opposition, threats, domestic violence, competition and enmity actualise the aggressive mind-energy potential into physical energy and aggression. We learn our aggressive behaviour through aggression

experiences. When attacked, a learned violence response won't hesitate to respond with violence. Aggression is a powerful weapon in the game of survival. These days, rather than do our own fighting, we employ the Mars people (in the defence forces) to do it for us. Governments are obliged to protect their civilian populations from violent attacks and this means governments will respond with violence if the need arises. The idea that Mars is going to sit down and resolve a conflict by talking is a wrong idea. Of course violence is dumb, but Mars rarely thinks about the consequences of his actions. Revenge and retribution are his driving forces. Yet it seems that non-violent conflict resolution is a Mars behaviour we will have to learn for our own good, even though it does contradict our pre-human life training.

Students of astrology are well advised to study the origins of aggression. It plays a very important role in the soul's evolution. Unless the soul learns to fight for its rights, it will be defeated. Unless the soul attacks when threatened, it will be defeated. Unless the soul in a combat situation takes aggressive action, it will be defeated. In fact, its material evolution is designed to build powerful aggressive tendencies into its thought structure. Its very survival often depends upon its ability to aggressively attack and defeat its enemies. A well-developed aggressive urge is a powerful ally in the game of life on both a personal, national and international level.

Mars, the planet of strife and violence, is not sensitive, peaceful, frightened, conciliatory, considerate or patient. He is harsh, selfish, brutal, insensitive, inconsiderate, fearless and impatient. His worst behaviours are harshness and brutality. He is merciless, unfeeling, crude, coarse and inhumane. His best behaviours are initiative, enterprise and creative power. He is assertive, daring, brave, energetic, bold, eager and enthusiastic. In the jungle his survival

depends upon brute strength, size and speed, but in human life he relies more on guns, bombs, missiles and land mines.

In the Y2002 Mars cycle chart Mars forms three discordant aspects and two harmonious aspects. The discordant aspects – Mars conjunct Moon, Mars semisquare Mercury and Mars square Jupiter – have a discord potential, yet Mars has a high net-harmony due to the strength of two harmonious aspects – Mars sextile Sun, planet of politics, and Mars sextile Venus, planet of peace and harmony. But while Mars in this chart has a constructive astrological potential, it would be folly, at the present time, to interpret the harmony as an outbreak of constructive Mars behaviour. An accurate picture of what to expect from the Y2002 Mars cycle chart must consider the astrological, inner-world conditions and the physical, outer-world conditions. Alas, the current physical (outer-world) environment is ripe for violence due to antagonisms caused by globalisation, nationalism, self-interest opposing the common good, cultural bullying, racial and religious intolerance, dictatorial corporations, corrupt governments and financial inequalities – greed and stupidity by the 'haves', and feelings of being left out and side-lined by the 'have nots'. The most important factor to consider when evaluating this Mars cycle chart is this: 'Even when harmonious, the Mars energy tends to so much force and speed that strife of some kind will always be present in the events he brings to pass.'

The Mars cycle chart shows what departments of life are affected, and how, by mechanics, manufacturing, war, soldiers, policemen, machines, fires, firemen, athletics, strife, violence, explosions, intoxicants, bandits, doctors, surgery and healing. When Mars is activated, rage, anger and adrenalin stimulate the behaviour – and there's no remorse. Mars is a belligerent: his energy and initiative drive physical life.

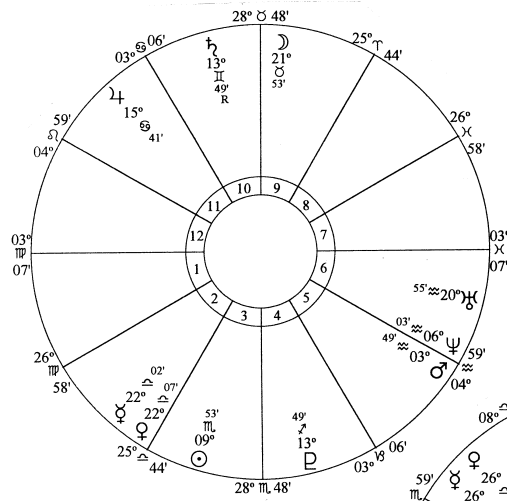
In the Mars Cycle Chart at Washington, Mars in the 8<sup>th</sup> house (death and taxes) is also the ruler of the 9<sup>th</sup> house (law, court cases, religion and trade) and the 3<sup>rd</sup> house (the postal service, road-rail environment and neighbouring countries). Mars is conjunct the Moon and the strife and violence he instigates will affect the domestic agenda and everyday people through the types of death they experience and taxes. Mars is sextile the Sun in the 5<sup>th</sup> house and his strife and violence will affect the political agenda and politicians through their high-risk, hazardous actions. Strife will stimulate the share market. Mars is semisquare Mercury in the 6<sup>th</sup> house and the strife and violence he stirs up will have a friction influence on the intellectual agenda and academics through controversies involving labour and sickness. Strife will influence work and sickness. With Mars sextile Venus in the 5<sup>th</sup> house, his strife and violence will affect the social agenda and women through sex, pleasure and risks. Strife will stimulate the leisure and sex industries. With Mars square Jupiter in the 11<sup>th</sup> house, the strife and violence he incites will have a high-discord affect on religion and money through the actions of Congress. Strife will hamper financial prosperity; but with Mars sextile the MC, the strife and violence will stimulate business.

The US is currently engaged in a war on terrorism (Pluto). In summary: thoughts of conflict and war ruled by Mars are directly connected to the violent deaths of US military personnel, soldiers, policemen and firemen (Mars in 8<sup>th</sup> house); and the deaths of civilians (Mars conjunct Moon in 8<sup>th</sup> house). The strife and violence will influence the politicians and women (Mars sextile Sun and Venus); and will stimulate the share market, sex and leisure industries (Sun and Venus in 5<sup>th</sup> house) The President will benefit by taking risks. Thoughts of war, conflict, strife and violence will stir up heated controversies (Mars semisquare Mercury) and have an adverse (friction)

influence on work, labour and sickness (Mercury in 6<sup>th</sup> house). Strife and hate will ignite religious animosities and hamper financial prosperity (Mars square Jupiter). A thoughtless Congress adds to the strife by raising taxes (Jupiter in 11<sup>th</sup> house square Mars in 8<sup>th</sup>). Unthinking, ill-advised Congressmen make comments that stir up religious hatred and intolerance (Jupiter in 11<sup>th</sup> house square Mars). And thoughts of war and strife stimulate the business sector and employment (Mars sextile MC).

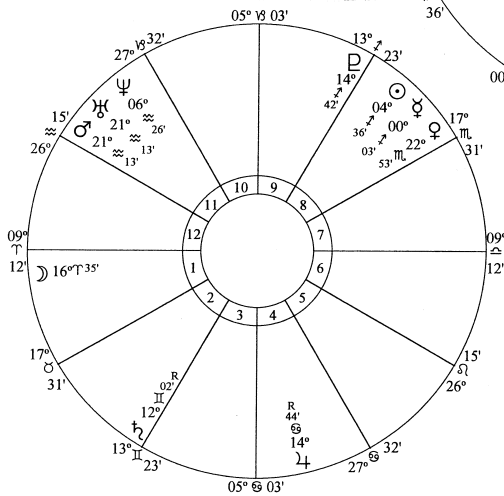
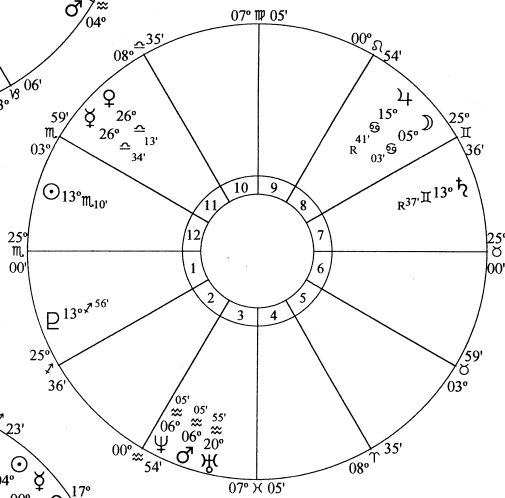
A glance at this chart reveals that Mars is very close to the 8<sup>th</sup> house cusp. It's precise house location – whether in the 8<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> house, is vital for a precise interpretation. The time used for the commencement of this Mars cycle chart is 1.12am GMT on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2001. This is from Neil F Michelsen's American Ephemeris for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – revised midnight edition. But, according to the Horoscope program, Mars is at 0°N00' at 1.03am and remains there till 1.42am – 39 minutes. Both the 1.03am time and the 1.12am time place Mars in the 8<sup>th</sup> house. Beginner students should understand that 'time' is the most important factor influencing a chart's accuracy. The precise location is very important, but while a change in latitude of one angular minute equals 1.8km (1.2 miles) on the Earth's surface the Earth rotates through one minute of longitude in 4 seconds of time. This means that the birth time is the more vital factor influencing a chart's precision, rather than its location.

The Mars cycle chart for Australia has Mars in the 12<sup>th</sup> house and the strife and dissension he stimulates is limited in its scope and hidden from public view. The 12<sup>th</sup> house rules detention centres, gaols, hospitals, crime, asylum seekers, refugees, secret enemies, terrorists, secret activity and disappointments. This indicates strife, violence and fires in detention centers, hospitals and gaols; and an outbreak of violent crime. There's a great deal of secret



**Saturn-Pluto opposition chart**  
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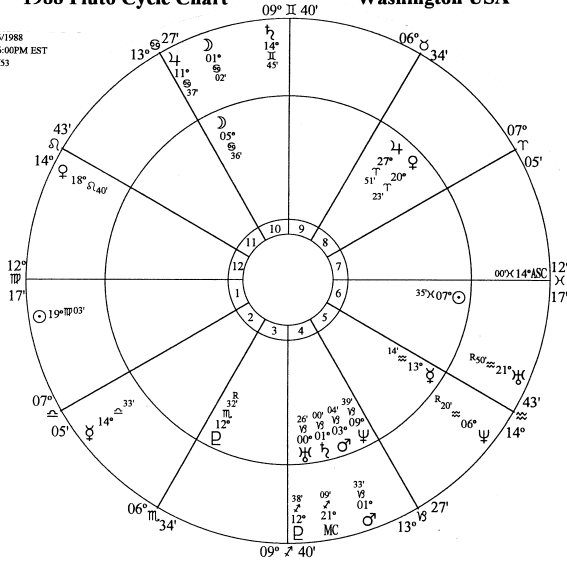
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- Washington, USA  
November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2001  
7.44am EST  
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**Mars-Uranus conjunction chart**  
- Washington USA  
November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2001  
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1988 Pluto Cycle Chart Washington USA

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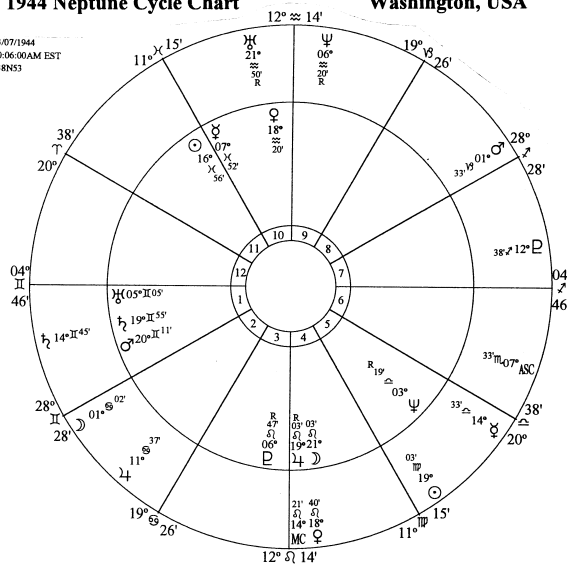


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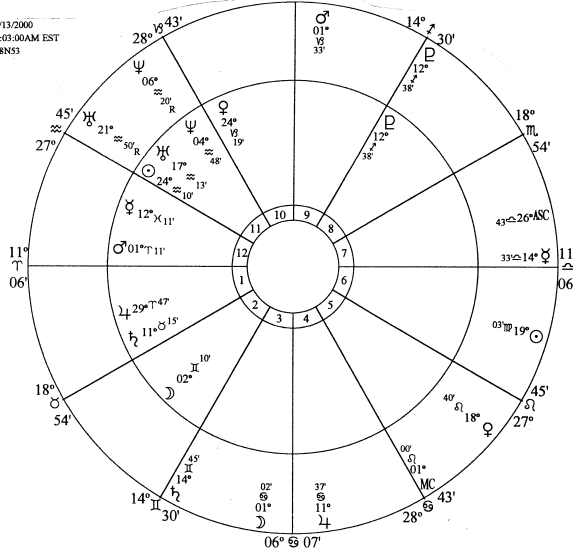


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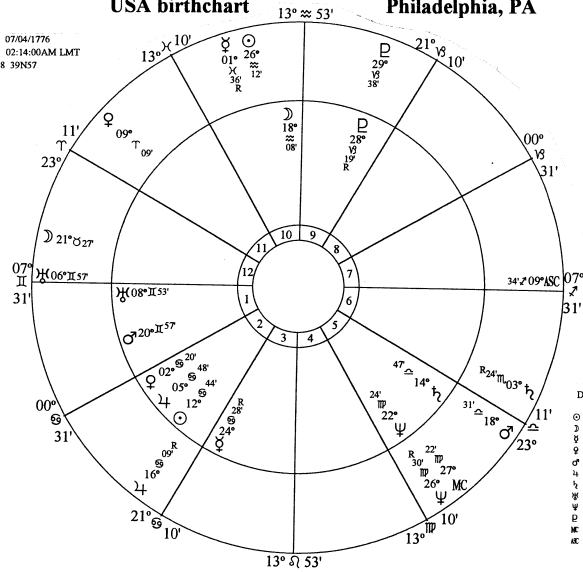
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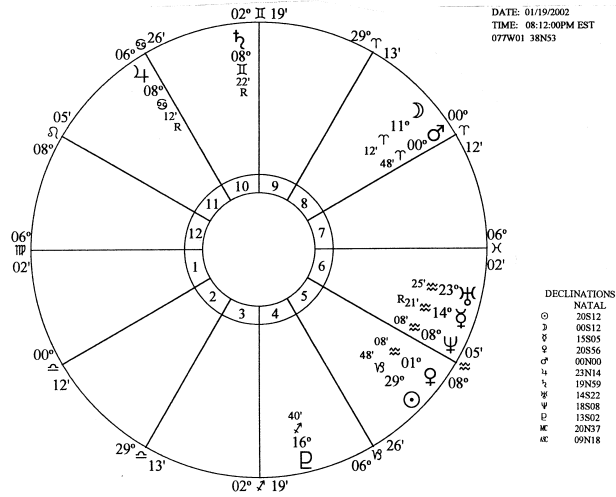
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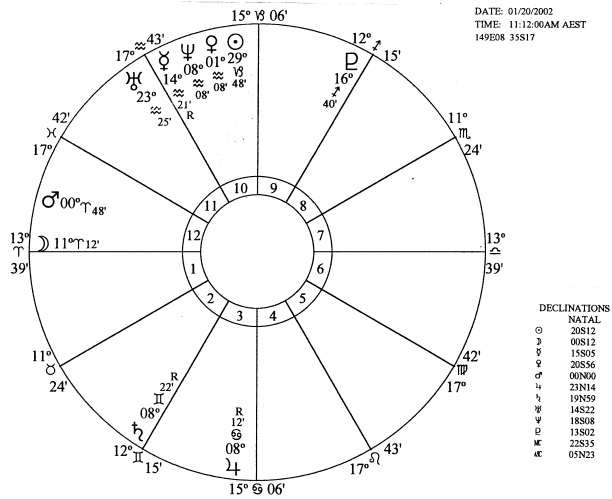


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♈	04N10	02S37
♉	23S49	23S40
♊	16S41	01N03
♋	21N55	21S55

**Y2002 Mars Cycle Chart – Washington, USA**



**Y2002 Mars Cycle Chart – Canberra, Australia**



Events occur as transit Mars forms transit progressed aspects with the birthchart planets

activity. The 12<sup>th</sup> house also rules relief given to those in distress – it's the house of charity, but with Mars there, don't expect much humanitarian aid. Mars is cusp ruler of the 1st house (the people) and the 8<sup>th</sup> house (death and taxes); and the strife, violence and crime will directly impact on the people with many violent deaths, and deaths due to accidents and fires. With Mars conjunct the Moon, the strife and violence will directly involve the home and family. This aspect highlights hidden domestic violence. Mars is sextile Sun and Venus, in the 10<sup>th</sup> house (ruling the administration and business), and the strife and violence Mars stirs up supports the administration and its actions. Mars also stimulates the business sector, but with Mars semisquare Mercury, also in the 10<sup>th</sup> house, the government's actions will stir up friction and controversy with the press and academics. (Note that Mars square Jupiter is not in orb in this chart.)

The Mars cycle chart for Afghanistan has Mars in the 3<sup>rd</sup> house (talks, roads and neighbouring countries). A very harmonious 1<sup>st</sup> house (the people's welfare) dominates the chart. Iraq also has Mars in the 3<sup>rd</sup> house with Sun and Venus in the dominant and harmonious 2<sup>nd</sup> house (finances). The Pakistan chart has Mars in the 2<sup>nd</sup> house (financial strife) with Sun and Venus in the dominant 1<sup>st</sup> house. Israel has Mars in the 4<sup>th</sup> house (land, buildings and factories). Land disputes will erupt into violence. Russia also has Mars in the 4<sup>th</sup> house. China has Mars in the 1<sup>st</sup> house where his strife and violence will directly impact on the Chinese people. Mars there is good for taking the initiative. Indonesia also has Mars in the 1<sup>st</sup> house. This country will experience a great deal of civil strife and internal violence – even civil war. Mars rules the 9<sup>th</sup> house of religion and is square Jupiter. Great Britain has Mars in the 5<sup>th</sup> house where his strife and violence will impact on the country's youth, share market and sporting agenda. Argentina has Mars in the 7<sup>th</sup> house and the strife and

dissension will influence the country's relations with foreign powers. The 7<sup>th</sup> house is the house of war. Mars is harmonious in all these charts.

### Questions and Answers

Dennis Sutton

**Question:** In Doris Chase Doane's book, 'Modern Horary Astrology', page 177, she says: "..... the eighth house rules rebirth or regeneration in a spiritual sense, latent occult ability, etc., etc. (all the usual matters).....". Could you please elaborate on this aspect of the 8<sup>th</sup> house?

**Answer:** It seems to me that rebirth and regeneration involve death and transformation. Rebirth and regeneration imply the death of the old and the development or birth of something new. Doane's emphasis on a spiritual rebirth or regeneration seems to place the emphasis on Pluto - the natural ruler of the 8<sup>th</sup> house. (Ken Stone in his book, *Delineation with Astrodynes* states: 'If the 8<sup>th</sup> house is dominant or strong, the need to regenerate the life and rejuvenate it will be felt often.' I don't know if this is true or not.) Latent occult ability seems to be linked to the 8<sup>th</sup> house, being a psychic house. (It is difficult to work out what latent occult ability implies. Latent means concealed, dormant or undeveloped; and occult means hidden. The implication being that the hidden ability is concealed and undeveloped! In my opinion it would be very difficult to use this aspect of the 8<sup>th</sup> house in a practical way.) It is unfortunate that the original writer did not provide a clear explanation of what is meant.

At the start students need to remember that the soul must always exist in an environment. The planets and signs in the birthchart always map its consciousness structure and the houses map the external environment it will encounter – including the physical body it animates. As the soul

evolves, this external environment naturally changes and becomes more complex; and the soul responding to this new environment acquires new abilities and more complex states of consciousness. This means the life-matters, activities and people encountered in human life must be ruled by the houses in the human-life birthchart. I would suggest that spiritual rebirth and regeneration (a higher, spiritual moral condition) are states of consciousness ruled by Pluto. And in the birthchart the life-matters, activities and people ruled by the house where Pluto is located provide the environmental cues that support and stimulate the development of these spiritual states. Your consciousness development is always in response to external cues – and the 8<sup>th</sup> house indicates that the external trigger can be an entity or circumstance existing on another plane and that the influence is very often psychic and subtle.

**Question:** On p.79 of Text 1, re: power hierarchy of houses, order is given as 1, 10, 7, 4, 11, 8, 9, 12, 2, 3, 5 and 6 (according to research). This is somewhat at odds with the angular succedent, cadent house power order principles. How can this be explained?

**Answer:** All information evolves – including astrological information. In fact, in the Age of Knowledge, vagueness and imprecision will be replaced by precise information. We are continually working with an incomplete state of astrological knowledge concerning the problem, its nature and the components that must be considered in its successful solution. Aquarius has now placed the emphasis on precise knowledge and much of our Hermetic astrological information has trickled down from higher planes. The angular, succedent, cadent house power order principles were, at a certain point in time, accurate astro-data. But as the new scientific astrological environment demanded greater precision, astrological research discovered the birthchart's precise

house power hierarchy. Astrological (occult) science and material science are both driven by the need to attain precise data based on research and the need to know liberated by Aquarius has overturned most of our Piscean Age information. It can be noted that in the past an angular house planet was always considered prominent, but now the astrodyne calculations can indicate that a planet in an angular house is the weakest planet in a chart and that a cadent house planet is the strongest. The rate at which new astrological information was discovered between 1930 and 1950 was very rapid, and computer technology has now revolutionized the calculation of the astrodynes. Yet all the current C of L astrological research is based upon the old angular house planet prominence principle. A great deal of astrological research awaits the truly scientific astrologer.

**Question:** On p.57 of the Progressions text, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, the transits of the outer planets are mentioned and said to be worth observing. Could you please elaborate on this subject, including the transits of the planets through the houses?

**Answer:** Always remember that the birthchart has the most influence. Your dominant planets and dominant houses indicate where the action will be. The transits of the outer planets through the houses are worth observing, especially when they form aspects to birthchart or progressed chart planets. The slow movement of an outer planet usually means that its transit aspects have a long timeframe. But it is very important to apply the rules of aspect interpretation to the transit aspect. A transit aspect will not bring a major (life-changing) event into the life, but a daily/weekly event that is inconsequential in the scheme of things can attain temporary importance. A Saturn, Neptune or Pluto transit may trigger a head cold that lasts a week if the aspect supports

the event by stimulating the 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> houses, and it's the middle of winter.

Inconsequential events ruled by the house where the transiting planet is located must bear the planet's characteristic influence. This means that the life-matters, activities and relationships ruled by the house where transiting Saturn is located must have a temporarily loss influence, but this loss will be minor when compared with the losses incurred through the life-matters ruled by the house where birthchart Saturn is located. A birthchart planet has far greater power than its transiting equivalent.

I must strongly discourage the blaming of misfortune on the Saturn return or any transit aspect that happens to involve Saturn. When assessing future events or evaluating past events you must first identify the house or houses ruling the event. Then note the characteristics of the event and identify the planet or planets involved. Harmony and good fortune is usually associated with a harmonious aspect. Discord and misfortune is usually associated with a discordant aspect. The power of the aspect influences the importance of the event. Transit conjunction, opposition, trine and square aspects formed by a slow-moving outer planet may have enough power to attract an important inconsequential event. Alas, in the age of no time, it is best to focus the time you do have on your important astrology: the high-power, high-harmony, high-discord birthchart factors and your current high-powered major progressed aspects.



### **AHA Library And Bookstore News**

Sue Leschen

The Academy is approaching the end of term and 2001. With the Christmas holiday period coming up, some of you may want to borrow some material from the AHA Library or buy books from the Bookstore. If

members or students wish to have access to the Library or Bookstore, could they please ring Michelle direct on 6258 3188 to arrange a convenient time to borrow from the Library or pick up books to purchase from the Bookstore. Michelle is also able to take cash and cheque payments for books purchased. Books will be marked with the prices.

Whilst on the subject of books and buying them - could all cheques please be made out to "Academy of Hermetic Astrology Inc". If paying by cash, please place money in an envelope, clearly marked with your name, what you've bought, and how much is enclosed in the envelope. Could this then be given or sent to Michelle Quee, as she is the Treasurer.

During the holiday period there will be more flexibility in the length of borrowing time, within reason. Please don't forget to write your name and details of the material borrowed in the Library Borrowing Book. Try to return your books within a reasonable time frame to free them up for others to use and read.

Good news on the Ephemerides - they have arrived! There was a complication in the ordering and the Academy was sent hardcover copies of the one century Ephemerides 2000-2100 as opposed to the soft cover Ephemerides for ten years 2000-2009. As a result, we have been able to acquire these books at a large discount. The price for one of these Ephemerides is \$75.00. This is excellent value. There are several available in the Bookstore for sale.

The Public Resource Chart will be available in the Library for those interested from the end of November. This provides some additional birthcharts for study and interests.

There are two avenues open to those who have completed their formal studies at the

Academy to keep in touch. There is the three weekly rotational Astrology Study group held on Monday nights at 7:30pm. This is usually held at Di Clarke's home in Hughes and gives an opportunity for members and students alike to discuss anything of Astrological significance. It is a great opportunity to keep that knowledge ticking over and to learn more about Astrological energies in a more social setting. If you are interested, Jill Healand can be contacted if you wish to know the date, location and the subject matter for the next Astrology group discussion.

For those who are time pressed – the Church of Light Quarterly is an excellent way to keep in touch through short articles about the way Astrology affects our lives. There are several back copies available to borrow through the Library.

This will be the last article I will be writing for the Newsletter. Due to changes in my circumstances and increase in commitments, I will finish as Library/Bookstore person for the AHA in December. The job has been an interesting and purposeful one and I have enjoyed being in touch with the people and the material that is available to us. The position will be open from 10th December, 2001. I am taking the opportunity to air this for any of you that maybe interested in taking on this role. I am happy to give guidance and assistance in handing over the job to anyone who is interested. It is a good job for someone with a strong Mercury and/or strong 9th House.

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### **Book Review**

Rather than writing a review as such, I am letting you know of two books that would be good ones to peruse over the holiday period.

The first is "Astrology Rulerships" by Doris Chase Doane. This is the sort of book that everyone who really wants to understand the details of planets, signs and houses would enjoy. It covers all areas to be considered for a situation, personal quality of behaviour. For instance, did you know that your maternal Aunt is ruled by the 12th House and your paternal Aunt is ruled by the 6th house?; or that abnormal behaviour is ruled by Neptune? This is the sort of book to have by your side when looking for a wide range of possibilities in analysing a chart.

"How Body Language Defines Character" by Doris Chase Doane. This is an "interest" book. This looks into body build and personality, noses, head contours and how they give a clue to character. Several examples of well-known women who reflect these traits are chosen. These include Eva Peron, Bette Davis, Hedda Hopper and Helen Keller. This book is small and would be an ideal and interesting holiday read.

#### **"So, What Sign are You?"**

Julia Goldstein and Karen Moore  
(previously published in the "Valley View"  
newspaper)

When people discover that you are an Astrologer, they frequently challenge you to: "Guess *my* sign!". Usually implicit in this request is that if you cannot, Astrology must be nonsense.

If you explain that this is actually a very difficult task, many give a derisive snort and use this as evidence for Astrology's reputed vagueness and inaccuracy. In fact, the opposite is true.

When a stranger asks us to “guess their sign”, meaning their Sun sign, chances are that we would not even try. This is because the personal image and behaviours which are easily noticed by others (i.e. the personality) are actually determined by their Rising Sign, or Ascendant, not their Sun sign (which corresponds to the Power Urge and Desire for Significance).

The sign on the Ascendant is the one that was ‘rising’ above the eastern horizon when the person was born. Due to the earth’s rotation on its axis every 24 hours — and the fact that 12 zodiac signs comprise the great circle (ecliptic) surrounding the earth — the sign on the horizon will change approximately every two hours. It is the nature of this sign that determines the person’s attitudes and behavioural approaches to their personality, appearance, health and interests.

This factor explains why two people who share the same Sun sign — or even birthday — can be so very different in character. The personality may in fact be opposite in nature to that of the Sun sign!

For example, someone with their Sun in Virgo is driven to analyse: they can be logical and factual, have superb attention to detail and be practical and precise when in positions of authority.

However, if their Ascendant is in Pisces, the sign opposite Virgo, their personality will tend to be dreamy, sensitive, imaginative and idealistic — and they may be gullible and easily confused! Obviously very different from the Virgo motivation .....

So you can see that meeting someone with a strong Piscean Ascendant at a party — where they would probably be enjoying a few drinks and going with the flow — would effectively mask the more serious and critical Virgoan Sun.

The fact that one’s personality can be so different to one’s Sun sign immediately adds a layer of complexity to astrological analysis.

While the Sun sign maps your individuality and desire for significance — things that you can recognise within yourself — it is the sign on the Ascendant that the rest of the world will observe, at least initially.

The criticism that Astrology puts everyone into 12 discrete boxes corresponding to the zodiac signs is clearly an oversimplification!

### **Exploring the Map of Your Mind**

Julia Goldstein and Karen Moore  
(previously published in the “Valley View” newspaper)

Most columns in popular magazines and newspapers deal only with Sun signs, giving general predictions about what might occur for each during the following week. But this is the tip of the astrological iceberg because we comprise a mixture of all the planets’ influences. We will now begin exploring the birthchart, which defines and pictures this mixture for us.

A birthchart is a map of the heavens generated, by computer, for the exact time, place and date of your birth. As it is based on these three precise factors, your birthchart is unique and specific for you — and it provides a map of your unconscious mind.

The planets map specific unconscious psychological urges. For example, the Sun represents our Power Urge and our desire for significance; the Moon our Domestic Urge and desire for a home and family; Mercury our Intellectual Urge and desire for mental activity, etc.

The zodiac signs map behavioural approaches, attitudes and motivations. For example, Aries approaches life seeking

personal survival and accomplishment; Taurus desires personal possessions and ownership; Gemini wants to mentally assess every experience, etc.

As each planet will be in a particular sign at birth, you can see how a unique pattern is starting to develop.

The next layer to the birthchart is the houses. The chart looks somewhat like a pie that has been cut into 12 pieces. The 'slices' are called houses and each maps specific matters, activities and people found in the external environment.

For example, the 1st house maps factors such as your personality, physical body and personal interests; the 2nd your personal finances and possessions; the 3rd your close relatives and short distance travel, etc.

When each planet in its zodiac sign is located in its correct house — which is determined by your time of birth — you have your birthchart. Interpretation of this birthchart provides invaluable insight into your character and can tell you an enormous amount of information about your life.

Your birthchart can indicate: how different parts of your character interact — and how internal conflicts can be eased; your attitudes towards the different parts of your life and how to improve them; susceptibility to illness and how to stay healthy; how your various relationships can be enhanced, etc. The possibilities are virtually endless.

### Teachers Wanted

We have openings for teachers for our courses in 2002. If any graduates of the Academy are interested, please contact Julia on 6281-7222.



### Venus Event

Jill Healand

On Friday 14 December, we held our annual Summer Solstice/Christmas Celebration at the Sukothai Restaurant in Yarralumla.

A small group of eight people attended, and we had a very enjoyable evening.



### Birthdays

Many Happy Solar Returns to:

Capricorn: Judy Greenfield

Aquarius: Rita Rose  
Selina Riley  
Chris Kennedy

Pisces: Justine McGregor  
Dagmara Anders  
Glynis Howlett  
Sue Leschen

### Newsletter Articles

If you have anything of interest – whether it be an astrological “story” of something happening in your own life, something you have read, or perhaps something humorous – please submit it for possible publication in the Newsletter.