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### Introduction

Welcome to the third Newsletter for 2001.

Following the tragic events on 11 September, our hearts and prayers go out to the people of America.

And now, reproduced below, with her kind permission, are some words by Vicki Brewer, Hermetician and Minister, Church of Light.

### Community of Light

What can we do to show support for America? We can light a candle. Evil works in darkness. Goodness resides in the Light. Where there is Light there is no space for evil.

By banding together in LIGHT, we affirm our higher natures. From the time when early humans first discovered that they could group together around the light and warmth of the fire to protect themselves from the predators that preyed upon their vulnerabilities, it has been built into our genetic code that by coming together in the Light we find solidarity and protection from all forces of darkness.

There is a child that resides in each of us that feels vulnerable and seeks the protection of community. Our community is scattered throughout the world but we can join one another in spirit by being alert to whatever opportunity there is to increase the LIGHT.

We are armed with the tools of the Light. We know that where there is FEAR and LOSS (Saturn), we can antidote it with the WILL (Sun) to overcome and a confident and positive spirit that reaches out to those of our community in need (Venus).

We know that where there is INJURY and DEVASTATION (Mars), we can work to sooth the wounded and reclaim homes and workplace (Moon).

Where lower Pluto resides (in the hearts of the gangsters of the darkness), action can be taken to work aggressively (Mars) to bring LIGHT into every corner where hatred is fostered.

We pray that JUSTICE be won. We do not seek a justice born out of revenge. Rather, we seek redemption that is born out of LOVE and LIGHT.

Each of us can do our part by lifting our spirits in confidence and wholeness.

Pray for those who struggle with loss and devastation. Pray for the perpetrators of this evil that the LIGHT may shine in their hearts and they may have the opportunity to right the tremendous wrong they have brought against the innocent.

GOODNESS ALONE IS POWER.

## **The Unconscious Mind**

Dennis Sutton

The term “unconscious” simply refers to the fact that we are not consciously aware of the mental activity taking place in the unconscious portion of our mind. This unconscious portion is not a separate consciousness and the conscious portion does provide us with a tiny glimpse of our total consciousness – most of which is unconscious. That is, there are two parts to the mind – an unconscious part and a conscious part – and the unconscious part is

by far the largest portion. The conscious portion of the mind can be compared to the tip of an iceberg. It does not retain the memories of experience (these are stored in the unconscious portion); but it does translate sense impressions into thoughts and can be trained to exert a rational control over our lives. Yet the unconscious exerts the most power – an enormous amount of power over our thoughts, feelings and the events and circumstances we experience.

Modern psychology, and most commentators, claim the unconscious portion of the mind is the result of all our early-life memories which we were unable to put into words and thoughts because we were too young. This means that the states of consciousness (not words and sentences, but feelings and impulses) that accompanied our early life experiences are stored (as memory) in the unconscious portion of our mind. The unconscious portion also possesses a storage system where event-specific memories are stored in event-specific compartments. It also possesses mechanisms for the repression and suppression of painful experiences. Painful memories can be lodged away in the unconscious away from the conscious thinking.

A great deal happens during the years prior to the development of thought, and the states of consciousness that accompanied every childhood experience are “saved” in the unconscious portion of the mind. Every experience we have initiates a state of consciousness and it is the state of consciousness initiated by the experience that is stored in the unconscious mind as memory.

Orthodox science is unable to explain consciousness. The brain appears to create the (conscious) mind yet the mind remains an undiscovered mystery. The mind, from an occult perspective, is not the same conscious-unconscious mind that results

from the brain's thinking processes – a claim made by modern biology. Sigmund Freud hypothesized the existence of an “unconscious” part of the mind. His original concept of “**an unconscious**” is identical to the **unconscious mind** referred to in Hermetic Astrology. Freud simply observed and accepted the existence of a dynamic non-physical source of desire energy, of which the objective consciousness was unaware; but seemed to ignore questions regarding its origin and purpose. Later, when new-age biology claimed the brain created the mind, the concept of an unconscious mind, due to scientific necessity, had to change. This materialistic concept of the “unconscious” now refers to a part of the conscious mind where (pre-thought) early childhood experiences are stored as emotional memories. It is because these early experiences occur prior to the development of rational thinking that there is no conscious memory of them and in adult life they supposedly have an **unconscious** influence on our thinking and behaviour.

The unconscious mind referred to in astrological science is a quite different consciousness to that hypothesized by modern mind-science. Hermetic Astrology claims the unconscious mind is an evolving life-force that organizes, builds and supervises the physical organism it temporarily animates. This unconscious life-force, as part of its education, develops the ability to organize, build, manage and direct physical organisms; and the expertise it demonstrates when building a body – whether high or low – parallels its education or learned skills-level (this is detailed by the planetary pattern in its human birthchart). This means the unconscious mind organizes or builds the brain – a central control station, which allows it to experience self-consciousness and process information. Its pre-human life experiences have built powerful states of consciousness that inaugurate impulses that unconsciously

influence its human-life thinking and behaviour. There is one mind with an unconscious and conscious component, but the infantile conscious portion is usually unaware of its dynamic unconscious part. The term **unconscious-mind** as used in Hermetic Astrology refers to this dynamic unconscious portion of the mind.

The unconscious mind is the soul, but the soul of orthodox religion and the soul of occult science may not be the same. The soul of orthodox religion has a variety of meanings. It most often refers to spirit, or the spiritual part of a person; the innermost being or core feelings; or the vital force. Where it comes from, its structure and composition are not clearly explained, although it is presumed to be some part of the consciousness that survives death. The unconscious mind, soul and astral body are one and the same thing and the physical body is a replica of its builder – the astral body (and its astral brain).

### **The Unconscious as an Evolving Life-Force**

The greatest minds on planet Earth really know very little about life. It is only with the advent of the Aquarian Age (in 1881) that humanity has started to take a keen interest in itself – with some rather bizarre conclusions! Life is the last great mystery, but biologists now seem certain that life is mechanical. They provide a “scientific” genetic explanation, which seems to have no faults or alternatives. An alternative explanation to the mechanistic view of life and living material is vitalism. It postulates the presence of a vital principle, an *élan vital*, as the difference between living and nonliving material.

The mechanist biologist explains all the actions and functions of life in terms of physics and chemistry. Life can be explained by the same laws that govern the nonliving. Modern science proclaims: If very complex

chemical molecules can operate in humans to make them intelligent, then equally complex electrical circuits can make computers intelligent in a similar way. The mind is just a machine.

The vitalist, on the other hand, says that living material, be it plant or animal cell, contains a vital principle, an immaterial (invisible) entity which distinguishes it from inanimate (dead) matter.

Hermetic Science claims that the vital substance needed to animate, and give life to, a dead cell is a stellar (astral) cell. And the mysterious principle that can organize a human body (through cell division) is the astral intelligence that has psychokinetically attached itself to the germ and sperm cells shortly after their union. But the soul that now organizes and builds the human body does not instantly acquire this ability. Its extra-ordinary "organizing" skills have been learned from its pre-human life experiences.

Logically, evolution must progress from the simple to the complex. It is the complexity of the human nervous system that is its distinguishing feature. Both material life and astral life progress from the simple to the complex, and a soul that animates a particular life-form does so because it has developed the necessary life-skills to drive that machine. Step by step, up Jacob's ladder, the soul's consciousness purposefully develops.

The astral intelligence that animates a particular life-form does so because it has developed the life-skills to do it. This means that at any point in time the soul's life-skills allow it to animate a machine whose complexity parallels its ability. Simple life-skills are needed to animate simple-life forms; and extraordinary life-skills are required to animate the extraordinary human body.

The soul has the ability to capture, store and release energy and its innate desire to experience life drives it in a forward motion that permits the continual development and refinement of its life-skills. A soul's life is about survival, adaptation to its current outer-world environment and the development of the life-skills that allow it to survive and adapt. And your conscious thoughts are a small portion of the consciousness that is your soul.

*The unconscious mind, or soul, is a massive information system.*

*It collects, processes, assimilates and stores experience-specific information, which becomes memory.*

*Hermetic Astrology sets out guidelines for assessing this stored information.*

*Hermetic Astrology processes the data stored in the unconscious mind.*

### **Life-Skills Develop Through Experience**

Survival skills, like tennis skills, develop through experience. No matter the skill, be it the skill to adapt to an ever changing environment, the skill to fight and defeat an opponent, the skill to avoid poverty, the skill to create something original or the skill to repair a mechanical problem, it is developed through experience. If practice makes perfect, it is obvious that human life is far from perfect – so we all have a lot to learn.

### **The Birthchart Details the Structure of the Unconscious Mind**

Each planet in the birthchart details the activity and potential of a planet-specific thought-cell group in the unconscious mind. The consciousness, or unconscious mind, of every new born babe contains a power urge, a domestic urge, an intellectual urge, a social urge, an aggressive urge, a religious urge, a security urge, an individualistic urge, a

utopian urge and a universal welfare urge and the strength of each urge and its potential for harmonious or discordant expression is detailed in its birthchart.

The unconscious mind is divided into 12 compartments that act as filing cabinets where experience-specific information and experience-specific states of consciousness have been stored as memory. A tiger for example has experiences with acquiring sustenance (2<sup>nd</sup> house), energetic activity (Mars), fighting its rivals (Mars and the 7<sup>th</sup> house), having sex (Mars and the 5<sup>th</sup> house), raising its baby tigers (Moon and 5<sup>th</sup> house), climbing a tree for safety and protection (Saturn), playing and having fun (Venus and the 5<sup>th</sup> house), elementary communication (Mercury and the 3<sup>rd</sup> house) and struggling to stay alive (Sun). And the tiger's unconscious mind stores as memory the states of consciousness initiated by these experiences. These experiences provide the thought and feelings energies that form the basics of its human-life psychological development. They provide the foundation for its human life development.

The unconscious mind has no recollection of its pre-human life experiences, although the house activity in its birthchart does give definite clues. The aspects formed by the planets detail pleasant and unpleasant pre-human-life experiences. They indicate if the attempts to satisfy the primary drives, indicated by the planets, have been successful or not.

In human life the memory of every experience is stored in the unconscious mind and the conscious mind has access to this stored information. This information can be summoned up by the conscious mind when required, or can spontaneously "pop" into the objective thoughts through the law of association.

Important experiences initiate vivid, intense states of consciousness and the vividness of

the experience and the state of consciousness it initiates determines its influence on our current and future psychological life. The vividness of an experience influences our capacity to recall it in the future. Yet we are continually vetting, shifting, storing, remembering and (consciously) forgetting information and experiences.

### **Human-Life and the Development of Self-Consciousness**

*Self-consciousness is the result of the human-body's sophisticated neural equipment and the soul's consciousness development.*

The soul can only develop self-consciousness when it has acquired the necessary life skills that permit the development of this extraordinary ability. It is a glorious privilege to be born a human soul.

*Self-consciousness is SELF-AWARENESS and our conscious awareness allows us to become aware of our thoughts and feelings.*

Human life, through the experience of self-consciousness, allows us to learn about ourselves – our own, personal states of consciousness. Only you can experience the consciousness that is you! I can't be your consciousness and you can't be mine. Your states of consciousness represent the core of your being and Hermetic Astrology provides you with the key that can unlock the mysteries of your mind. It is important to realize that while a state of consciousness is permanently retained in the mind, its initiatory experience is a temporary happening. Thus, the inner-world mind experience is far more important than any outer-world happening. So, choose your experiences carefully. Purposeful, rather than meaningless, experiences are preferred.

It is unfortunate that so many people keep their conscious thoughts constantly

focussed on the external environment rather than turning their focus onto themselves and the states of consciousness that appear on their personal computer screens. Many men, particularly, spend a great deal of their time focussed on the outer-world environment. They ignore their fabulous inner-world – maybe it's too frightening – and never put their self-conscious awareness to the use for which it was developed. While human life provides the human-soul with the fabulous experience of self-consciousness, many (male?) people in fact fail to make the most of this wonderful opportunity; and many people have a second-rate rather than first-rate experience. High quality living demands high quality experiences that initiate high quality states of consciousness.

*It is important to develop discrimination for it allows us to:*

- (1) *determine if an experience is or isn't important; and*
- (2) *carefully select the types of experiences we should have.*

### **The Unconscious Mind's Uncritical Acceptance of Suggestion**

The unconscious mind at the moment of its human birth has never experienced human-life conditions. It has never thought. Its pre-human life evolution has involved feeling – the oldest language of life – and contrary to the thoughts of some rational thinkers, a very reliable language.

Most children are not taught to think critically. The child's mind, like a sponge, soaks up thousands of experiences – seeing experiences, hearing experiences, touching experiences, smelling experiences and tasting experiences. Then it starts to think and communicate; and the child's mind, not having been taught critical analysis, will believe anything it is told. This means that every child grows up uncritically accepting

every suggestion it hears. Fortunately, most parents exercise a degree of censorship and, later in life, the child may disbelieve what it previously believed, but unless critical analysis has become a conditioned part of the mind behaviour, most adult human beings are open to suggestion.

This means the unconscious mind of the adult human is greatly influenced by the thoughts and ideas it uncritically accepted as a child. Even the world's leading scientific minds display a potential to uncritically accept only that which is scientifically accepted, when in fact the scientific information they accept may be wrong. In fact, the scientific mind displays a peculiar conditioning which is inclined to exaggerate the importance of the scientific process, and the people who are eligible to use it. Copy-cat scientific thinking has, in fact, created a lot of unscientific scientists!

If the unconscious mind has been taught critical analysis, and the intuition is also highly developed, the mind is able to make quick, correct, intuitive decisions. Decision-making skills of this type avoid repetitive, time-wasting, reasoning and analysis. They are a great time saver and develop through experience and practice.

It is important to note that thinking and feeling are only partially under our volition, as the greater portion (90% or more) of our mind is unconscious – that is, it does not connect up directly with the electrical energies associated with the brain. Unconscious thinking (which, to a very great extent, influences our glandular function, through the autonomic and involuntary nervous system) is continuous – that is, not interrupted by sleep, **and is largely directed by suggestion.**

Thought control depends upon an uncritical mind – and most minds are. We have not been taught directed thinking or critical analysis – and this includes the Virgo minds,

although they do have the potential, more than others, to develop critical analysis. It is unfortunate that the astrological community is scattered with uncritical (mystical) minds.

*The conscious mind must be vigilant to detect and interpret pain.*

When we experience a non-productive, unpleasant, meaningless experience, we nourish the unpleasant memory by paying attention to it. When we think about and talk about an unpleasant experience, we nourish the unpleasant (destructive) state of consciousness.

Within the unconscious are stored all our life experiences, including our primary drives for survival and life (Sun), procreation (Mars), security (Saturn), love (Venus) and communication (Mercury). As we develop, the information and knowledge memories associated with each planet-specific experience are stored.

*An unconscious thought can only become conscious if it has easy access to the body's electromagnetic energies. They permit unconscious thoughts to be recognized by the conscious awareness.*

When observing behaviour, it is obvious that people repeat learned patterns of behaviour again and again and again. Both productive, worthwhile behaviours and non-productive, destructive behaviours are repeated daily.

*Because we are unaware of our unconscious behaviours, we don't understand that we constantly engage in bad behaviour habits that are highly self-destructive.*

Discordant mind energies are naturally inclined to flow into destructive, non-productive behaviours and unfortunate, adverse experiences.

Harmonious mind energies are naturally inclined to flow into constructive,

productive behaviours and fortunate, beneficial experiences.

*There is a part of our consciousness of which we are objectively unaware and our life is a reflection of this consciousness. It is called the unconscious mind.*

The mind has two portions – a conscious portion and an unconscious portion, and the unconscious portion is divided into 12 compartments. Each compartment relates to an experience-specific department of life and an experience-specific state of consciousness associated with a particular experience assimilates as memory in its experience-specific compartment.

*One function of the unconscious mind is to organize, build, control and manage the physical body it temporarily animates.*

The **conscious mind** allows an organism to experience self-consciousness. It allows unconscious states of consciousness to appear on the screen of conscious awareness. Its primary function is to translate information, coming in via the senses, into words and sentences. The conscious mind is the rational, thinking and remembering portion of the mind. The unconscious mind is the dynamic organizing, building, controlling and managing portion of the mind.

The experiences we have are not due to chance – they all have a cause and an explanation. But most of these explanations will be found in the unconscious mind and **Hermetic Astrology provides the key that is able to unlock these explanations.**

*Hermetic astrology allows you to know your unconscious mind and to consciously understand this dynamic portion of your consciousness.*

In terms of consciousness, the conscious mind is the tip of an iceberg.

Any experience that occurs before we can actively remember is stored in the unconscious mind as an unconscious memory. Any experience that occurs after we can actively remember is stored in the unconscious mind as a conscious memory.

Hermetic Astrology claims that conduct, behaviour and personality are shaped by environment; and a blueprint of this behaviour potential is detailed in the birthchart. The conduct, behaviour and personality that are shaped by experience already exist as a raw mind-energy potential that acts as a framework for the shaping process.

## Psychokinesis

Dennis Sutton

### The Dynamic Power of Pure Thought

*Psychokinesis is a non-physical thought-force possessed by the unconscious mind and its thought-cell groups.*

Psychokinesis is a word used to describe the capacity of thought to move physical objects, or otherwise affect physical conditions. The mind and each of its thought-cell groups possess psychokinetic power; and the soul, or unconscious mind, is attached to the life-form it animates by the psychokinetic power of its thoughts.

Not only do the desires of the thought-cell groups in the unconscious mind largely determine the individual's thoughts, emotions and actions, but they also exert psychokinetic power to mold the physical environment to attract into the life the events and conditions they desire. The events and conditions attracted by harmonious thought-cell groups are beneficial to the individual; but unfortunately, the desires of discordant thought-cell groups are for events and conditions that are detrimental.

Your birthchart's astrodyne print-out reveals the power (strength), harmony or discord of each thought-cell group in the unconscious mind at the moment of your human birth.

*Human-Life Experiences are Thought-Cell Specific.*

Each planet in the birthchart details the activity of a group of thought-cells in the unconscious mind. Powerful planets picture powerful thought-cell groups. Weak planets picture weak thought-cell groups. Powerful thought-cell groups have a greater capacity to influence the life and behaviour. Harmonious thought-cell groups feel good. They have the capacity to attract fortunate conditions and beneficial experiences. Discordant thought-cell groups feel ill-disposed. They have the capacity to attract unfortunate experiences and detrimental experiences.

*Each thought-cell group in the unconscious mind has the psychokenetic power to attract experiences – events and conditions – that correspond to the way it feels.*

The power thought-cell group (Sun) uses its psychokinetic power to attract into the life events and conditions that involve and influence the vitality, significance and authority. The importance of the power-significance event parallels the strength of the birthchart Sun. Birthchart Sun harmony has the potential to attract fortunate power-significance events and conditions; Sun discord tends to attract unfortunate power-significance experiences.

The power-significance thought-cell group can use its psychokinetic power to attain better health, career advancement or an award. Important power-significance events only occur when the birthchart or progressed Sun is stimulated by progression. Progressed aspects involving the Sun stimulate the power-significance thought-cell group to use its psychokinetic power to attract events and conditions that influence

the vitality, significance and authority. The new power-significance event parallels the way the power-significance thought-cell group feels. If harmonious, the power-significance event is fortunate; if ill disposed and discordant, the new (Sun) experience is unfortunate.

The domestic thought-cell group (Moon) uses its psychokinetic power to attract into the life events and conditions that involve and influence the mental attitude, domestic life, everyday affairs and relations with the common people. The importance of the domestic life event parallels the strength of the birthchart Moon. Birthchart Moon harmony has the potential to attract fortunate domestic life events and conditions; Moon discord tends to attract unfortunate domestic life experiences.

The domestic-life thought-cell group can use its psychokinetic power to develop a purposeful mental attitude, or attract pleasant home life conditions, or poor relations with the common people. Important domestic-life events only occur when the Moon is stimulated by progression. Progressed aspects involving the Moon stimulate the domestic-life thought-cell group to use its psychokinetic power to attract events and conditions that influence the mental attitude, domestic-life, day to day affairs and relations with the everyday people. The new domestic-life event parallels the way the domestic-life thought-cell group feels. If harmonious, the domestic-life event is fortunate; if ill disposed and discordant, the new (Moon) experience is unfortunate.

The intellectual thought-cell group (Mercury) uses its psychokinetic power to attract into the life events and conditions that involve and influence the mental interests, the accuracy or facility of expression and the cerebral activity. The importance of the intellectual life event parallels the strength of the birthchart

Mercury. Birthchart Mercury harmony has the potential to attract fortunate intellectual-life events and conditions; Mercury discord tends to attract unfortunate intellectual-life experiences.

The intellectual-life thought-cell group can use its psychokinetic power to learn something, re-learn something, write a book, take a trip or talk. Important intellectual-life events only occur when Mercury is stimulated by progression. Progressed aspects involving Mercury stimulate the intellectual-life thought-cell group to use its psychokinetic power to attract events and conditions that influence the mental interests, accuracy or facility of expression and cerebral activity. The new intellectual-life event parallels the way the intellectual-life thought-cell group feels. If harmonious, the intellectual-life event is fortunate; if ill disposed and discordant, the new (Mercury) experience is unfortunate.

The social thought-cell group (Venus) uses its psychokinetic power to attract into the life events and conditions that involve **and** influence the emotions, social relations and artistic appreciation. The importance of the social-life event parallels the strength of the birthchart Venus. Birthchart Venus harmony has the potential to attract fortunate social-life events and conditions; Venus discord tends to attract unfortunate social-life experiences.

The social-life thought-cell group can use its psychokinetic power to receive an invitation to a party, form an emotional attachment or go to the movies. Important social-life events only occur when Venus is stimulated by progression. Progressed aspects involving Venus stimulate the social-life thought-cell group to use its psychokinetic power to attract events and conditions that influence the emotions, social relations and artistic appreciation. The new social-life event parallels the way the social-life thought-cell group feels. If harmonious, the social-life

event is fortunate; if ill disposed and discordant, the new (Venus) experience is unfortunate.

The aggressive thought-cell group (Mars) uses its psychokinetic power to attract into the life events and conditions that involve and influence strife, haste and increased energetic activity. The importance of the aggressive-life event parallels the strength of the birthchart Mars. Birthchart Mars harmony has the potential to attract fortunate aggressive-life events and conditions; Mars discord tends to attract unfortunate aggressive-life experiences.

The aggressive-life thought-cell group can use its psychokinetic power to take the initiative to overcome a problem, fight an opponent or have an accident. Important aggressive-life events only occur when Mars is stimulated by progression. Progressed aspects involving Mars stimulate the aggressive-life thought-cell group to use its psychokinetic power to attract events and conditions that influence strife, haste and increased expenditure of energy. The new aggressive-life event parallels the way the aggressive-life thought-cell group feels. If harmonious, the aggressive-life event is fortunate; if ill disposed and discordant, the new (Mars) experience is unfortunate.

The religious "do-good" thought-cell group (Jupiter) uses its psychokinetic power to attract into the life events and conditions that involve and influence abundance, optimism and joviality. The importance of the religious-life event parallels the strength of the birthchart Jupiter. Birthchart Jupiter harmony has the potential to attract fortunate religious-life events and conditions; Jupiter discord tends to attract unfortunate religious-life experiences.

The religious-life thought-cell group can use its psychokinetic power to go into business, make money, donate money, lend a helping hand or pray. Important religious-life events

occur when Jupiter is stimulated by progression. Progressed aspects involving Jupiter stimulate the religious-life thought-cell group to use its psychokinetic power to attract events and conditions that influence abundance, optimism and joviality. The new religious-life event parallels the way the religious-life thought-cell group feels. If harmonious, the religious-life event is fortunate; if ill disposed and discordant, the new (Jupiter) experience is unfortunate.

The security thought-cell group (Saturn) uses its psychokinetic power to attract into the life events and conditions that involve and influence work, responsibility, economy or loss. The importance of the security-life event parallels the strength of the birthchart Saturn. Birthchart Saturn harmony has the potential to attract fortunate security-life events and conditions; Saturn discord tends to attract unfortunate security-life experiences.

The security-life thought-cell group can use its psychokinetic power to find work, shoulder responsibility, insure the home, go into debt or lose the car keys. Important security-life events only occur when Saturn is stimulated by progression. Progressed aspects involving Saturn stimulate the security-life thought-cell group to use its psychokinetic power to attract events and conditions that influence work, responsibility, economy or loss. The new security-life event parallels the way the security-life thought-cell group feels. If harmonious, the security-life event is fortunate; if ill disposed and discordant, the new (Saturn) experience is unfortunate.

The individualistic thought-cell group (Uranus) uses its psychokinetic power to attract into the life events and conditions that involve and influence something sudden, a human change-agent, and personal change. The importance of the individualistic-life event parallels the strength of the birthchart Uranus. Birthchart

Uranus harmony has the potential to attract fortunate individualistic-life events and conditions; Uranus discord tends to attract unfortunate individualistic-life experiences.

The individualistic-life thought-cell group can use its psychokinetic power to learn astrology, change the appearance, learn the computer or unexpectedly meet an old friend. Important individualistic-life events only occur when Uranus is stimulated by progression. Progressed aspects involving Uranus stimulate the individualistic-life thought-cell group to use its psychokinetic power to attract events and conditions that influence something sudden, a human agency and personal change. The new individualistic-life event parallels the way the individualistic-life thought-cell group feels. If harmonious, the individualistic-life event is fortunate; if ill disposed and discordant, the new (Uranus) experience is unfortunate.

The utopian thought-cell group (Neptune) uses its psychokinetic power to attract into the life events and conditions that involve and influence the imagination, sensitivity and schemes. The importance of the utopian-life event parallels the strength of the birthchart Neptune. Birthchart Neptune harmony has the potential to attract fortunate utopian-life events and conditions; Neptune discord tends to attract unfortunate utopian-life experiences.

The utopian-life thought-cell group can use its psychokinetic power to dream about fabulous wealth, imagine a perfect love affair, take mind-altering drugs or simply daydream. Important utopian-life events only occur when Neptune is stimulated by progression. Progressed aspects involving Neptune stimulate the utopian-life thought-cell group to use its psychokinetic power to attract events and conditions that influence the imagination, sensitivity and schemes. The new utopian-life event parallels the way the utopian-life thought-cell group feels. If harmonious, the utopian-life event is

fortunate; if ill disposed and discordant, the new (Neptune) experience is unfortunate.

The universal-welfare thought-cell group (Pluto) uses its psychokinetic power to attract into the life events and conditions that involve and influence groups, subtle force, and cooperation or coercion. The importance of the universal-welfare-life event parallels the strength of the birthchart Pluto. Birthchart Pluto harmony has the potential to attract fortunate universal welfare-life events and conditions; Pluto discord tends to attract unfortunate universal welfare-life experiences.

The universal welfare-life thought-cell group can use its psychokinetic power to join a group, engage in team activity, do social welfare work or follow a life of crime. Important universal welfare-life events only occur when Pluto is stimulated by progression. Progressed aspects involving Pluto stimulate the universal welfare-life thought-cell group to use its psychokinetic power to attract events and conditions that influence group activity, subtle force and cooperation or coercion. The new universal welfare-life event parallels the way the universal-welfare-life thought-cell group feels. If harmonious, the universal-welfare-life event is fortunate; if ill disposed and discordant, the new (Pluto) experience is unfortunate.

- *Your Power-Significance (Sun) Experiences;*
  - *Domestic (Moon) Experiences;*
  - *Intellectual (Mercury) Experiences;*
  - *Social (Venus) Experiences;*
  - *Aggressive (Mars) Experiences;*
  - *Religious (Jupiter) Experiences;*
  - *Security (Saturn) Experiences;*
  - *Individualistic (Uranus) Experiences;*
  - *Utopian (Neptune) Experiences; and*
  - *Universal Welfare (Pluto) Experiences;*
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*Power-Specific, Harmony-Specific And Discord Specific*

*YOUR BIRTHCHART and its ASTRODYNES DETAIL THE POTENTIAL OF EACH DYNAMIC THOUGHT-CELL GROUP in your unconscious mind.*

Your birthchart reveals the education and experiences that you need to conduct and develop your life more effectively.

The efficient and creative processing of information is a crucial ingredient for personal growth. Personal development is enhanced when information is managed effectively.

Life is a learning experience. From the cradle to the grave, we are learning new things about our consciousness – our internal mind-behaviour.

Psychokinesis puts you in the right place at the right time; or the wrong place at the wrong time.

## **Prognosis and Prediction**

Dennis Sutton

### **Either you make your future happen or your future happens to you.**

While a prognosis usually refers to a forecast, made by a doctor, of the course of a disease, there is no reason why the word cannot be used to refer to any forecast of future conditions made by anyone. There are economic forecasters, weather forecasters, stock market forecasters and an entire nation that tries to forecast the winner of the Melbourne Cup. But, unfortunately, the latest evidence indicates that doctors are not very good at prognostication. We all have an Auntie Ethel who was given six months to live and who was still going strong ten years later. Of course, a doctor's prognostic ability spontaneously develops in

response to his or her experiences involving the future outcome of a patient's disease rather than the deliberate development of a systematic method of evaluation.

Forecast means to predict, prognosticate, project into the future, prophesy, auger, foresee, calculate, envision or divine. A forecast is a prediction, prognosis or outlook of the future; that involves an **assessment of the signs**. This means the data or information on which a prognosis is based is very important. An accurate prognosis working with reliable data provides a reliable forecast of future conditions. An inaccurate prognosis due to unreliable data provides an unreliable forecast. Yet our approach to the future, and the comprehensiveness of our future knowledge, is a matter of personal bias.

Student astrologers need to ask: How much importance do I place on knowing my future? Am I psychologically equipped to cope with the future? And how much effort am I prepared to put into assessing my future? Some students with an over-developed fear response may fear the future, while others with a wild sense of adventure may have no fear at all. Your answers to these questions do indicate factors that will influence the quality of your personal astrological forecasts.

At the start it is important to realize that the prediction of the exact time and nature of an event is a matter far beyond the scope of astrology. Our present understanding leads us to consider planetary energies as having a given quality and quantity of energy reacting on a definite environment through a specific medium. On a personal level, the given quality and quantity of a particular astrological energy can be mathematically determined by calculating your birthchart and progressed chart's astrodynes. The definite environment on which these energies must react is your current physical environment and you are the individual or

medium through which the energies must express. But remember that you and your environment are both in a constant state of change and the changes that have occurred since your birth are not recorded in the birthchart.

Your birthchart does allow you to see your various life-matters and activities merging in different ways. Like the pilot of a helicopter, watching two trains heading towards each other on the same line, is able to foresee their collision; or a weather forecaster, watching an approaching high pressure system, is able to foresee clear sunny skies; you, via your birthchart, are able to see the impact that one life-matter is having, or will have, on another. The picture painted by the birthchart has astonishing dimensions and awesome implications. Hermetic Astrology demands that you adjust your basic concepts of time and space.

It is also very important to understand that the events and conditions that you attract are the result of your character and its various components. Your character is composed of ten dynamic thought-cell groups. Each thought-cell group is an independent intelligence possessing a planet-specific intent and a definite volume of energy that gives it its strength. The harmony or discord possessed by each thought-cell group determines the quality of its intentions – whether fortunate or unfortunate. Fortunate events and conditions are due to harmonious qualities, and unfortunate events and conditions are due to discordant qualities, within the character. Thus greater personal insight – enhanced self-awareness – demands a thorough assessment of the 10 dynamic thought-cell groups that comprise your character.

The psychokinetic power possessed by a thought-cell group allows it to attract, just like a magnet, events and conditions that parallel the way it feels. This means the

more we understand these thought-cells groups and their conditioning at the moment of human birth, the greater control we will have over our destiny. Their condition at birth, due to pleasant and painful pre-human life experiences, allows us to determine if their intentions are constructive or destructive. In other words, the psychokinetic power of our unconscious thought-cells magnetically attracts our fate, or destiny, as a variety of events and conditions. The life matters and conditions we experience parallel what they want and how they feel – a situation detailed in the birthchart by the power, harmony and discord possessed by the planets and houses. Ideally, we need to harness (and recondition) the psychokinetic power possessed by each thought-cell group so that they attract what we want rather than what they want. Ability and time are very often the stumbling blocks hindering such effort. Yet, as purposeful progress demands such ability, we will have to acquire it sooner or later.

The human need to know the future will eventually demand a science of the future.

Hermetic Astrology, because it understands the importance of accurate future knowledge, presents, as part of its astrological information, a detailed report on how to evaluate the birthchart and progressed chart. It formulated a prognosis; and because it systematically considers both the inner-world and outer-world environments, this evaluation can be called scientific. But how much importance you will place on the evaluation of a particular life matter is a matter of personal bias; and your prognosis is always influenced by a personal bias too. This bias may be optimistic, pessimistic, idealistic, competitive or whatever. Jupiter tends to make unduly optimistic predictions; and Saturn tends to make unduly pessimistic predictions; and Neptune's predictions are usually so vague they are almost useless. Only you know if

you have developed the state of consciousness that allows you to determine your personal bias and its consequences. When you have made a prognosis of some life-matter, always understand that your personal bias has probably coloured it in some way, thus influencing its reliability. The science of astrological prognosis systematically assesses all the inner-world and outer-world factors influencing the matter under consideration; and practice at prognostication is the only way to develop your forecasting skills. The ability to forecast accurately demands a systematic approach and plenty of practice.

The evaluation of future events and conditions, embracing energy resource management, involves the assessment of the event, the energies and the time frame during which the event can occur. The time-line of an astrological prognosis is easy, because the time frame of a progressed aspect indicates its time-line. All things considered, any future situation or event must have a unit of time – its time-frame – and a unit of probability – its potential to occur. The time frame of the progressed aspect allows the situation under consideration to be transformed into a unit of time; and the systematic prognosis of the progressed aspect allows the situation under consideration to be transformed into a unit of probability.

We live in a society that fears bad events and misfortune. And the fear motivated society tries to protect itself from potential misfortune. It happens anyway. Money is unable to change the intent of a destructive thought-cell group! Most people are not taught to systematically prognosticate, thus they do it badly; and while Hermetic Astrology provides people with information on how to forecast the future, the knowledge of adverse future conditions does require a sound psychological base, or else the knowledge may enhance the damage.

A progressed aspect working on a changing environment indicates a complex set of factors that must be taken into consideration. In a sickness situation, for example, drugs and other therapies become part of the environment that should be considered in the prognosis. A haphazard prognosis, therefore, is highly prone to error. Reliable information is the most important factor needed to formulate an accurate prognosis. Prognostication can be very effective – it has very important consequences, but the capacity to act on important future knowledge is another matter entirely. Firstly we have to come to grips with the prognosis, which may not be to our liking, and then there's the matter of beneficial precautionary measures and the ability to apply them.

In the final analysis, you and your birthchart must make a realistic assessment of what your life is like – including the people in it and the quality of these relationships. You must do your own thinking. The only factor beyond personal control is the progressed aspect – you can't change it. Where possible, when assessing future conditions, the eternal viewpoint should replace the temporary one.

### **Follow Your Bliss!**

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

A wise man once said to me that the happiest people are those who are able to "follow their bliss". For these people, work is not a chore because they love what they do each day. Unfortunately, such people are rare. So how can you find your bliss? Astrology can provide some clues.

Some people are certain of their future career path when young. Some are drawn to medicine, some to journalism. Others are sure that they want to be mechanics or join the armed forces. More common, though,

are those who are unsure and often drift for years before they work it out.

Although most experiences are character-building, wouldn't it be great to be able to know ourselves well enough to cut straight to the "bliss" bit without going through all the other stuff?

An accurately interpreted birthchart (a map of the unconscious mind calculated for the exact date, time and place of birth) can be a key to self discovery, personal empowerment and professional development (not to mention, stress management!).

In Hermetic Astrology, planets that are powerful in people's birthcharts represent deep-seated psychological urges that desire expression; expression that can suggest appropriate career paths, among other things.

As an example, Mars, if powerful, inclines towards mechanical, surgical or physical talents, and therefore vocations.

All the other planets in our solar system likewise impel people in unique ways. Knowing which planets are strong in your birthchart can be a shortcut to career selection or redirection!

For example, Mercurial people think very well so make great writers, teachers and solicitors. Venusian people are often artistically inclined, lending themselves suitable for jobs including jeweller, beautician, designer and singer.

Jupiter people tend to be confident and enthusiastic, inclining them towards advertising, publishing or sales positions. Saturnine people, in sharp contrast, are very practical and efficient and suited for careers as civil engineers, geologists, statisticians or dentists.

So you can see that knowing precisely how your character is constructed, which is a strength of the Hermetic system of astrology, can narrow down the kind of occupations that will satisfy you and provide fulfilment at a deep level.

So find your bliss and go for it!

## **An Extra Layer of Fascination**

Karen Gray and Julia Goldstein  
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You will no doubt be aware that there is much more to Astrology than the 12 signs of the zodiac. An extra layer of influence upon our characters is the Decanates.

Each zodiac sign comprises 30 degrees and is subdivided into three so-called Decanates, of exactly 10 degrees in extent. The term "Decanate" comes from the Greek root "dec", meaning ten, and each is pictured by a particular constellation in the sky.

The Ancients found that each Decanate had a distinct influence upon the character. This added considerable detail to the interpretation of the 12 zodiac signs that you are familiar with (Aries, Taurus, Gemini, etc). Specifically, they were found to relate to the key issues for the soul in its spiritual development.

The "flavour" of each Decanate is influenced by the other signs of the same element (earth, fire, air and water). For Taurus, an earth sign, these are Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn.

You may have noticed that all Taureans, while they share characteristics such as stability, patience and stubbornness, are decidedly different. Leaving aside the influences of the other planets upon the character (which are all, of course, very important), the influence of each Decanate is telling.

People born in the early days of this sign, the Taurus-Taurus Decanate (pictured in the sky by Lepus, the Hare), share the characteristic of Determination. They have great natural healing power and powerful imaginations.

Those born in the next ten degrees of this Sun sign, the Taurus-Virgo Decanate (pictured by Orion, the most successful of all Hunters), may experience conflict during their lives and can cause obstacles to crumble through Struggle.

The third Decanate of Taurus, Taurus-Capricorn (pictured by Auriga, the Charioteer), is the Decanate of Mastership. People born under this influence have an aptitude for true spiritual attainment and make steady progress with few setbacks.

The same pattern holds true for the fire signs (Aries, Leo and Sagittarius), air signs (Gemini, Libra and Aquarius) and the water signs (Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces).

So next time someone derides Astrology as simplistically dividing the world's population into 12 zodiacal boxes, you can tell them that there are 36 Decanates to consider.

And this is still only the tip of the Astrological iceberg!



Sue Leschen

## AHA Bookstore and Library News

Activity is quiet on the Library and Bookstore front. On a positive note, despite communication difficulties over the past couple of months, we will hopefully have the ten year Ephemerides arriving soon. There are 13 available for sale – at this stage the price has not been set due to some unknown factors. Those who would like a copy can contact me and I will keep a copy reserved for you.

Due to the change of locality of the Academy, I understand that it will be difficult for those who have books borrowed to return them easily. There are a few students and members who have books outstanding. I will be contacting those soon to negotiate a way to return the books that is mutually convenient to both. I would like to have all books returned to the Library before we potentially move in 2002 to enable me to do a full stocktake. Please check out your bookshelves to see if there are any Library copies in there. All returns, however late, are welcome – no questions asked.

I'm still looking for interesting people to include in the Public Resource Chart Book – if you come across reliable birth data of anyone you think maybe interesting, could you please let me know. Just a quick message down the email would do. I would also need to know the source of the birth data, e.g. biography, sited from a birth certificate, from the mother, etc.

For those who want to keep in touch with their Astrology, there are two avenues to do this – one way is through the short articles in the "Church of Light Quarterly" and the other through a three weekly Astrology Study Group.

The Quarterlies are available through the library – they have many interesting short articles with food for thought to stimulate the brain cells and higher thinking, without demanding a large time commitment.

The Astrology Study Group meets every third Monday evening and the venue is on a rotational basis. The locations are as far south as Kambah and as far north as Gungahlin and various points in between. This shares the travelling around. It is a great opportunity to meet with other graduates and students and to talk to others who know what you're talking about – and to get some Mercury-Venus activity going. It

broadens your outlook by giving some insight on how things are for others – with over six million possible situations, there is plenty of horizon to explore. There is no commitment to come to every session - just when you can.

If you are interested, contact can be made with Jill Healand or myself, so you can be kept up to date of the location, date and subjects for discussion. It's one of the best ways to keep your knowledge fresh, alive and constantly expanding.

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### Books for Sale in the Bookstore

All the 21 Lessons of the Church of Light	\$25ea
Good Health Management	\$25
When do People Attain Honour?	\$25
Rosicrucian Ephemerides 1900-2000	\$75
What's in a Name?	\$12
The Birthchart - Psychological and Environmental Correspondence	\$12
Astro Guide to Nutrition and Vitamins	\$27
ABC Basic Chart Reading	\$27
Aquarian Goddess	\$30
Decanates of the Zodiac	\$ 7
Daylight Saving Time in Australia	\$ 7

This is a representative list of books for sale in the bookstore.

### Letter to the Editor

I send my sincere appreciation to Dennis and other writers of articles in the AHA newsletter. Many of these articles which I have read during the past couple of years are consistently timely and insightful, particularly regarding transiting astrology and how it relates to world affairs. Being blessed with an ample influence of Virgo in

my natal chart, I enjoy being organised and prepared, and of course many of the articles in the AHA Newsletter satisfy this urge.

The article "Major Aspects in the Sky" by Dennis, in the May 2001 edition, I found particularly relevant to current world affairs as well as potential impacts on my personal astrology. I managed to read the article and consider global implications of the transits well in advance of the August Saturn-Pluto opposition. However, I overlooked (ran out of time) to consider in more detail, and antidote, the impacts of this challenging transiting astrology on a major event in my personal life, the birth of our first child – mid August. While the date of our child's birth is out of the orb of the August 5th Saturn-Pluto opposition, the fearful and distressing effects of this aspect certainly made its presence felt during the birth and recovery. As with many heavy aspects, they can be so all-consuming that common sense and antidoting get lost in the challenge. This aspect will also no doubt have a considerable impact on our child's natal astrology.

In hindsight, and with some relief from the intensity of this aspect, I am now able to review the keys to dealing with the impacts of this aspect, which are all in the article. What's more, in preparing this letter, I also re-read the article "Love Trumps Fear" in the same edition (page 27) – another relevant article reminding us of the major antidote to the heavy Saturn effects I and my family have felt during this time; as the article says – "Love, friendship and beauty really do conquer fear!".

Thanks again!

AHA member



## Birthdays

Many Happy Solar Returns to:

**Libra:** Isobel Mathieson  
Janine Jessop  
Karen Moore  
Eddy Dennis  
Jane Herfort

**Scorpio:** Tammy Lee  
Surya Wiemers  
Sue Knowles

**Sagittarius:** Di Clarke  
Rob Dolamore  
Marlene Gore  
Biruta Taunton

## Newsletter Articles

We would really like to encourage members and students to submit articles for publication in the Newsletter.

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 editing.

All are welcome!

Please send articles to: Jill Healand:  
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PO Box 270, Belconnen, ACT, 2616

## Calling Former Students

We are interested in hearing from any former students (whether or not you completed your course).

Maybe you would like to return to your studies, or perhaps you would just like to be involved in the Academy in some way, such as becoming involved in the Astrology Study Group, etc. Maybe you completed the

Natal course, and are now ready to study Progressions.

In any case, we would love to hear from you. We would also like to receive any feedback and comments you may have on the Academy.