

MA in Cultural Astronomy and Astrology
Introduction to Cultural Astronomy and Astrology
Philosophy: Fate and Freewill in the Cosmos

Required Reading

Nick Campion and Bernadette Brady

A note on this week's reading

Nick Campion's notes provide a fairly comprehensive introduction to the problem in ancient astrology. Bernadette Brady provides a discussion which shows the way that her PhD thesis is evolving and there's a piece from Liz Greene which explores the implications in modern astrology of discussions over fate.

Required Reading staff notes

Bernadette Brady: Notes on Calcidius and fate

Brady, Bernadette, 'Some Philosophical Roots of Determinism in Astrology', paper presented at Bath Spa University Graduate School seminar, 18 February 2008.
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Nick Campion: Notes on Determinism

Primary Sources

Greene, Liz, 'A Psychological Approach to Transits and Progressions', in *The Horoscope in Manifestation: Psychology and Prediction*, part 2, pp 131-152, London, CPA Press 2004 [1997].
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James, William, 'The Dilemma of Determinism', in *The Will to Believe and Other Essays*. (New York: Longman, 1909).
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Seneca, 'On Providence' in *Moral Essays*, Vol. 1, trans. John Basore (Harvard University Press, Cambridge Mass., London, 1928).

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Secondary Sources

Bishop, Robert C. 'On Separating Predictability and Determinism', *Erkenntnis* (1975-) 58, no. 2 (2003): 169-88.
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Lehoux, Daryn. 'Tomorrow's News Today: Astrology, Fate, and the Way Out'
Representations No. 95 (Summer, 2006), pp. 105-122
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