

Appendix 3

Survey of Astrologers' Opinions Questionnaire

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Dear Delegate,

I am conducting a pilot survey of astrologers' beliefs and opinions for my doctoral research at Bath Spa University College. The purpose is to allow astrologers to speak for themselves in their own words, in order to expand our knowledge of how astrologers work and what they believe. As a delegate at the AA conference your opinions are important and I'd be very grateful if you could take a little time to answer this questionnaire and return it to me before the end of the conference.

You'll find a box on the AA registration desk where you can leave your completed questionnaire, or you can hand it to me personally. Or you can mail copies to me, Nick Campion c/o the Study of Religions Department, Bath Spa University College, Newton Park, Newton St. Loe, Bath BA2 9BN, UK.

I hope that you will enjoy answering the questions and, as this is a pilot study, I would be grateful for any feedback you might have concerning the phrasing of the questions or for improvements which might be made in later versions. **Also, all information will be treated in absolute confidence so please feel free to express your opinions.** Please do not answer any question if you do not wish.

WHAT TO DO: Please answer each question by placing an X in the selected box or by writing your comments in the space provided. In some cases you can mark more than one box.

Name (not for public use) _____

Address _____
 _____ Zip/Postcode _____

Birth data (optional) time am/pm _____ : day _____ : month _____ : year _____ : place _____

1. Female θ : Male θ 2. Years studying astrology _____

3. What is your level of interest in astrology (a) casual θ (b) hobby θ (c) student θ
 (d) professional θ Other _____

4. How did you become interested in astrology, or what was your original inspiration? (a) friends θ
 (b) books θ (c) sunsign columns θ (d) Other _____

6. Would you say that your interested interest developed (a) gradually θ or (b) suddenly θ ?

6. If you are professional are you (a) full time θ (b) part time θ
 (c) how many years have you been professional ? _____ (d) how many clients would you see in an average week? _____ (e) do you do consultations by phone _____ (f) do you teach astrology? _____
 (g) how many hours a week on average do you spend working on astrology? _____

7. What is your approximate annual income?

UNDER £5000 θ £15,000 - £19,000 θ
 £5,000 - £9,000 θ £20,000 - £29,999 θ
 £10,000 - £14,999 θ £ OVER 30,000 θ

If you are a professional astrologer, approximately what percentage of your income comes from astrology? _____ %

If you are not professional, or have another occupation, what is it? _____

8. Do you read Sunsign columns? ☐

9. Would you say that Sunsign columns (a) are not 'real' astrology? Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐
or (b) are damaging to the image of astrology Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐

10. Have you ever had a professional astrological or psychic reading? Yes ☐ No ☐

If YES, please tick any type of reading that you have had:

Astrology ☐ how many times? ____

Tarot ☐ how many times? ____

Hand reading ☐ how many times? ____

Clairvoyant ☐ how many times? ____

Other (please state) _____

What was your reason for having the reading _____

11. Would you say you use astrology to manage your own affairs (a) always ☐ (b) sometimes
(c) never ☐

12. Do you have an astrological qualification Yes ☐ No ☐ Please state _____

13. Have you signed an astrological code of ethics? Yes ☐ No ☐ Please state _____

14. Do you have any other academic (degree or above) or professional qualifications. Yes ☐ No ☐
Please state _____

15. Are you a member of an astrological organisation (apart from the AA)? Yes ☐ No ☐

Please state _____

16. UK citizens only: If there was a general election tomorrow would you vote (a) Conservative ☐
(b) Labour ☐ (c) Liberal Democrat ☐ (d) Green ☐ (e) Other _____

17. Are you a member of, or do you contribute to, any pressure group or alternative political
organisation (e.g. Amnesty International. Greenpeace, Vegan Society etc.)? Yes ☐ No ☐

If YES please list organisations _____

18. How would you describe your religious upbringing? (a) Protestant ☐ (b) Roman Catholic ☐

(c) non-denominational Christian ☐ (d) Jew ☐ (e) Muslim ☐ (d) Buddhist ☐ (e) Hindu ☐

(f) Pagan ☐ (g) Agnostic ☐ (h) Atheist ☐ (i) Other _____

19. Would you describe yourself now as (a) Protestant ☐ (b) Roman Catholic ☐

(c) non-denominational Christian ☐ (d) Jew ☐ (e) Muslim ☐ (d) Buddhist ☐ (e) Hindu ☐

(f) Pagan ☐ (g) Agnostic ☐ (h) Atheist ☐ (i) Other _____

20. Do you attend a church or religious service regularly Yes ☐ No ☐ .

If YES, which denomination? _____

21. Would you describe yourself as believing in (a) God ☐ (b) The Goddess ☐ (c) a Supreme
Consciousness ☐ (d) Other (please define) _____

22. If you believe in God, is he a personal God who answers prayers? Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐

23. Is your view of astrology influenced by your religion? Yes ☐ No ☐

If YES, would you like to say how? _____

24. Do you believe in (a) reincarnation/past lives ☐ (b) the law of karma ☐

25. Would you say that astrology is (a) a science ☐ (b) a divine science ☐ (c) a psychological tool ☐

(d) a form of divination ☐ (e) a religion ☐ (f) a path to spiritual growth ☐ (g) a form of counselling ☐

(h) a healing art ☐ (j) a means of predicting the future ☐

26. In a few words, how would you define astrology? _____

27. What would you say is most important to an accurate astrological reading:
 (a) accurate data: very important ☐ not so important ☐ not important at all ☐
 (b) faith in astrology very important ☐ not so important ☐ not important at all ☐
28. What do you think are the main goals of an astrological reading
 (a) accurate predictions very important ☐ not so important ☐ not important at all ☐
 (b) client satisfaction very important ☐ not so important ☐ not important at all ☐
 (c) helping the client to understand themselves/make their own choices very important ☐
 not so important ☐ not important at all ☐
 (d) other (please state) _____
29. From your experience, why do you think people visit astrologers? (tick more than one box if required).
 (a) to find out more about themselves ☐
 (b) to find out what the future holds ☐
 (c) to get more control over their lives ☐
 (d) because they have no control over their lives ☐
 (e) other _____
30. In your own life has your knowledge and/or use of astrology positively changed your state of being (tick more than one box if required).
 No change ☐ More pleasurable ☐
 More spiritual ☐ More responsible ☐
 More self-empowered ☐ More playful ☐
 Happier ☐ More healed ☐
 More meaningful ☐ More fulfilled ☐
 Have their been any negative consequences? Yes ☐ No ☐ Please state _____
31. Which of the following descriptions fits your astrological work? (a) psychological ☐
 (b) traditional ☐ (c) spiritual ☐ (d) scientific ☐ (e) other _____
32. Do you offer advice on (a) finance? Yes ☐ No ☐ (b) career Yes ☐ No ☐
 (c) relationships Yes ☐ No ☐
33. Do you think astrology can make exact predictions about an individual's future? Yes ☐ No ☐
 Don't know ☐
34. Do you think that astrological interpretations have an inbuilt morality? Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐
 OR does the astrologer bring their own morality to the reading? ? Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐
35. Do you think that spiritual practice is (a) very necessary ☐ (b) useful ☐ (c) not necessary ☐ for good astrological work.
36. Do you allow ethical considerations to influence what you tell a client? ? Yes ☐ No ☐
 OR do you tell the client everything you see in the chart? Yes ☐ No ☐
37. Do you think astrology can be objectively verified by (a) statistics ? Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐
 (b) other scientific tests ? Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐
38. Do you think science will have to change before it can test astrology? Yes ☐ No ☐
 Don't know ☐
39. Do you think that in science the presence of the experimenter affects the outcome of a scientific experiment? Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐
40. Do you think that astrology is bound to achieve mainstream recognition in the next century? Yes ☐
 No ☐ Don't know ☐
41. In your opinion, are spirituality and religion coming together? Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐

42. Do you see current political and social changes as evidence of a paradigm shift/move towards the New Age? Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐

43. What does the term 'New Age' signify to you? _____

44. Do you believe (a) that UFOs are of extra-terrestrial origin? Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐
 (b) in alien abductions? Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐ (c) that the government is suppressing official information about UFOs and abductions? Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐

45. Which of the following statements would you agree with?

- i) each astrologer finds the techniques which suits them: agree ☐ disagree ☐ no opinion ☐
- ii) the right house system is 'the one which works for you': agree ☐ disagree ☐ no opinion ☐
- iii) the planets exert a physical influence events on earth: agree ☐ disagree ☐ no opinion ☐
- iv) astrology is a language: agree ☐ disagree ☐ no opinion ☐
- v) astrology can make accurate predictions: agree ☐ disagree ☐ no opinion ☐
- vi) signs of the zodiac are archetypes: agree ☐ disagree ☐ no opinion ☐
- vii) astrology should take other factors, e.g. environment and heredity, into account: agree ☐
 disagree ☐ no opinion ☐
- viii) astrology is a form of divination: agree ☐ disagree ☐ no opinion ☐
- ix) the Age of Aquarius is beginning now/soon/very soon: agree ☐ disagree ☐ no opinion ☐
- x) the birth chart contains our potential, and it's up to us how we use it: agree ☐ disagree ☐ no
 opinion ☐
- xi) intuition is necessary for a good astrological reading: agree ☐ disagree ☐ no opinion ☐

46. How exact would you say that birth data have to be for a truly accurate reading?
 within 5 minutes ☐ 15 mins. ☐ 30 mins. ☐ 1 hr. ☐

47. Which astrologers have most influenced you personally (name up to 5) _____

48. Which of the following do you think has exerted the most influence on contemporary astrology?

- (a) Ptolemy ☐ (b) William Lilly ☐ (c) Alan Leo ☐ (d) C.G.Jung ☐ (e) Dane Rudhyar ☐
- (f) Other _____

49. Is there any other philosopher or teacher, outside astrology, who has influenced you? _____

50. Which other forms of astrology/wisdom are you interested or have studied?

Celtic: interested in ☐ have studied ☐ Vedic: interested in ☐ have studied ☐
 Chinese: interested in ☐ have studied ☐ Aztec/Maya: interested in ☐ have studied ☐
 Native American: interested in ☐ have studied ☐ Tibetan: interested in ☐ have studied ☐

51. Have you ever participated in or used one of the following? Acupuncture Yes ☐ No ☐ ;
 Channelling/Clairvoyance Yes ☐ No ☐ ; Crystals Yes ☐ No ☐ ; Earth Mysteries Yes ☐ No ☐ ;
 Ethical investing Yes ☐ No ☐ ; Green politics Yes ☐ No ☐ ; Healing workshops Yes ☐ No ☐ ;
 Herbalism Yes ☐ No ☐ ; Homeopathy Yes ☐ No ☐ ; Hypnotherapy Yes ☐ No ☐ ;
 Past Life Therapy Yes ☐ No ☐ ; Psychotherapy/counselling Yes ☐ No ☐ ;
 Shaman/Pagan Rituals Yes ☐ No ☐ ; Veganism Yes ☐ No ☐ ; Vegetarianism Yes ☐ No ☐ .

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS SURVEY
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