

MA Cultural Astronomy and Astrology
Astrology, History, Spirit and Soul
Week 10: The Twentieth Century
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Primary Sources

This is one class when students can make free use of the web. Any web site may indicate contemporary attitudes to astrology. Your critical eye, though, should be attuned to the sense that the mass of astrology you find on the web is *indicative*, not *authoritative*. That is, such sites are evidence which may indicate something about the nature, function, role or appeal of astrology, but nothing they contain can be regarded as authoritative.

You should see astrology on the web being in two forms: (1) astrology sites which provide information on what astrologers are thinking and doing and (2) sites which include commentaries on astrology. Much of the material on the latter sites is extremely valuable but should not (and I say this without insulting the owners and moderators of those web sites) be regarded as authoritative or academic. The reason is the high level of polemic and rhetoric.

<http://www.khaldea.com/rudhyar>

'khaldea', the web site maintained by Michael R. Meyer, has a number of Dane Rudhyar's publications on line as part of its Rudhyar archive project as well as biographical notes.

<http://solsticepoint.com/astrologersmemorial/>

The site maintained by Donna Cunningham which includes tributes to deceased astrologers.

Astrological articles by Liz Greene: https://www.astro.com/astrology/in_green_e.htm

CURA: The International Astrology Research Centre

<http://cura.free.fr/#>

<http://cura.free.fr/articles.html>

Maintained by Patrice Guinard, this site is a superb collection of articles by influential modern astrologers and commentators on astrology.

<http://www.astrozero.co.uk/articles/articles.htm>

This is Garry Phillipson's web site, an evolution from his book, *Astrology in the Year Zero*. Scroll down this page and you will find a series of interviews. If you are to prioritise your reading, Dennis Elwell, Mike Harding, Rob Hand and Bernard Eccles may be most immediately relevant.

<http://www.skyscript.co.uk/books.html>

<http://www.skyscript.co.uk/texts.html>

These two URLs are pages within Deborah Houlding's Skyscript site. The emphasis is on technical astrology, but there is much information of relevance to discussions on the nature of astrology. Most of the older texts listed are not directly relevant to this module, but low down the 'books' page is a list of interviews, some of which are duplicated on the Astrozero page.

<http://rudolphsmit.nl/index.html>

Astrology-and-science.com is a comprehensive reference area for links and information related to the scientific investigation of astrology in the late twentieth century. You should NOT become sidetracked into questions of whether astrology is true or false. We are concerned about the phenomenon and, in this sense, for the purposes of the MA, scientific investigations of astrology exist within a cultural framework.

<http://www.mountainastrologer.com>

The Mountain Astrologer, one of the biggest selling 'serious' astrological journals, if not the biggest.

<http://www.asabovesobelow.com/creativeastrology/AD%20Intro.htm>

American astrologer Jeff Jawer on 'Experiential Astrology'.

Examples of articles strongly psychological in nature can be found on the website of Australian astrologer Brian Clark, at <https://www.astrosynthesis.com.au/astrology-articles/>

McLay, Michael, 'A Jungian Approach to Astrological Counselling', at

<http://www.archetypalastrology.com>

The website of astrologer Glenn Perry: <https://aaperry.com/position-papers/> – in particular the Articles 'The Birth of Psychological Astrology', 'Psychological and Predictive Astrology: A Complimentary Perspective', 'Astrology and Psychotherapy: Differences, Similarities, and Ethical Considerations'

Many astrologers have web sites. You might find material of interest on some, such as

Greg Bogart <http://pweb.jps.net/~gbogart/>

Glenn Perry <http://www.aaperry.com>

Archetypal Astrology and the Work of James Hillman

Avens, Robert, 'James Hillman: Towards a Poetic Psychology', *Journal of Religion and Health*, Vol. 19, No. 3 (Fall, 1980), pp. 186-202.

Drob, Sanford, 'The Depth of the Soul: James Hillman's Vision of Psychology', *Journal of*

Humanistic Psychology 39:3 (1999), pp. 56-72, available at:
<http://www.newkabbalah.com/hil2.html>

Hillman, James, *The Myth of Analysis: Three Essays in Archetypal Psychology*, Illinois: Northwestern University Press, 1962. Available from google books at:
<http://books.google.co.uk/books?id=0s04NqEioj8C&printsec=frontcover&dq=James+Hillman&hl=en&sa=X&ei=-MHRUfz8E8qI0AW27oGIDg&ved=0CFAQ6AEwBA> (sufficient pages are available via preview to get a flavour of the work)

Tarnas, Richard, *Cosmos and Psyche: Intimations of a New World View*, Viking, 2006, New York, some sections available at
<https://cosmosandpsyche.files.wordpress.com/2013/05/two-suitors.pdf>

Tarnas, Richard, Essays, available at <https://cosmosandpsyche.com/essays/>

Tarnas, Richard, 'Is the Modern Psyche Undergoing a Rite of Passage?' available at
<http://www.cosmosandpsyche.com/pages/essays/>

Tarnas, Richard, 'Memorial Tribute to James Hillman, available at
http://cosmosandpsyche.com/PDF/CosmosAndPsyche/James_Hillman_Tribute.pdf

Hillman, James, *The Soul's Code: In Search of Character and Calling*, London: Bantam, 1996.

Hillman, James, *Archetypal Psychology: A Brief Account*, Dallas, TX: Spring, 1983.

Hillman, James, (ed.), *Facing the Gods*, Dallas, TX: Spring, 1980.

Astrology Societies.

The following websites will introduce you to the world of organized astrology in the USA and UK. The question of the use of the web by such groups is one which has concerned both sociologists and students of modern culture.

<http://www.astrologicalassociation.com> The Astrological Association

<http://www.astrology.co.uk> The Astrological Lodge of London

<http://www.geocosmic.org> The National Council for Geocosmic Research

<http://www.isarastrology.com> The International Society for Astrological Research

Optional Reading: Secondary Sources

Holden, James Herschel, *A History of Horoscopic Astrology*, Tempe AZ: American Federation of Astrologers, 1996, pp. 194-286
GOOGLE BOOKS

Nicholas Campion, 'Surrealist Cosmology: André Breton and Astrology', *Culture and Cosmos*, Vol. 6 no 2, autumn/winter 2002, pp. 45-56.

<http://www.cultureandcosmos.org/abstracts/6-2-Campion.php>

Elizabeth Heine, 'W.B. Yeats: Poet and Astrologer', *Culture and Cosmos*, Winter/Autumn 1997, Vol. 1 no 2, pp. 60-75.

<http://www.cultureandcosmos.org/abstracts/1-2-Heine.php>

Zoller, Robert, Marc Edmund Jones and New Age Astrology in America, *Culture and Cosmos*, Vol. 2 no 2, Autumn/Winter 1998, pp 39-57.

http://www.cultureandcosmos.org/pdfs/2-2/Zoller_Marc_E_Jones_Newage_Astrology.pdf

Campion, Nicholas, 'Sigmund Freud's Investigation of Astrology', *Culture and Cosmos*, Spring/Summer 1998, vol. 2 no 1, pp 49-52.

<http://www.cultureandcosmos.org/abstracts/2-1-Campion.php>

Frank McGillion, 'The Influence of Wilhelm Fliess' Cosmobiology on Sigmund Freud', *Culture and Cosmos*, Vol. 2, no 1, Spring/Summer 1998, pp. 33-48.

<http://www.cultureandcosmos.org/abstracts/2-1-McGillion.php>

Bauer, John and Durant, Martin, 'British Public Perceptions of Astrology: An Approach from the Sociology of Knowledge', *Culture and Cosmos* 1997, Vol. 1 no 1, pp. 55-72.

http://www.cultureandcosmos.org/pdfs/1-1/CandC-1_1-Bauer-and-Durant-p55.pdf

Howe, Ellic, *Urania's Children: The Strange World of the Astrologers*, William Kimber, London 1967, chap 6.

(the book was republished as *Astrology: A Recent History Including the untold Story of its Role in World War II*, New York:: Walker and Company 1968. As the title suggests it contains only the material on the Nazi's use of astrology, on which it is the only reliable source)

Campion, Nicholas, 'The Traditional Revival in Modern Astrology: a Preliminary History', *Astrology Quarterly*, Vol. 74 no 1, Winter 2003, pp. 28-38.

<http://www.astrolodge.co.uk/astro/quarterly/articlesto07/traditionalrevival.html>

Curry, Patrick, 'Grounding the Stars', in *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture*, 2007, Vol. 1 no 2, pp. 210-9.

<http://www.patrickcurry.co.uk/papers.htm>

Feher, Shoshanah, 'Who Holds the Cards? Women and New Age Astrology?', in Lewis, James R., and Melton, J. Gordon, *Perspectives on the New Age*, Albany: State University of New York Press 1992, pp. 179-188.

PDF

Head, Raymond, 'Holst - Astrology and Modernism in 'The Planets'', *Tempo*, New Series, No. 187 (Dec., 1993), pp. 15-22.

JSTOR

Diemert, Brian, 'The Trials of Astrology in T.S. Eliot's "The Waste Land": A Gloss on Lines 57-59', *Journal of Modern Literature*, Vol. 22, No. 1 (Autumn, 1998), pp. 175-181.

JSTOR

Nederman, Cary J. and James Wray Goulding, 'Popular Occultism and Critical Social Theory: Exploring Some Themes in Adorno's Critique of Astrology and the Occult', *Sociological Analysis*, Vol. 42, No. 4 (Winter, 1981), pp. 325-332.

JSTOR

Lehman, Lee J., 'Tiptoeing through the Method: An Historical Review of Empiricism in Astrology, 1990-1991', *Astrological Journal*, Vol. 36 no 1, Jan/Feb. 1994, pp 60-68.

PDF ON-LINE LIBRARY

Hansen, George P., "CSICOP and the Skeptics: An Overview", *Journal of the American Society for Psychical Research* 86 (Jan, 1992); online at

<http://www.ibmpcug.co.uk/~irdial/scicop.pdf>

Klass, Philip J, Crybaby

<http://www.skepticfiles.org/misc/text/crybaby.htm>

Pinch, T.J. and Collins, H.M., "Private Science and Public Knowledge: The Committee for the Scientific Investigation of the Claims of the Paranormal and its Use of the Literature," *Social Studies of Science* 14 (1984), 521-546.

JSTOR

Rawlins, Dennis, "sTarbaby", *Fate* (1981) 34(10): 67-99.

<http://cura.free.fr/xv/14starbb.html>

WEB SITES

A brief chronological summary of the Mars Effect controversy online at

<http://members.aol.com/kirving/marchron.htm>

And see <http://www.zeteticism.org/>

Optional Reading Print

Secondary Sources

There are few academic sources on the history of modern astrology. It is therefore necessary to rely on works in esotericism and occultism in order to develop the theoretical and explanatory frameworks which may be applied to modern astrology. For this see Joshua Gunn, Alex Owen, Lars Steen Larsen and Christopher Partridge, all below. Larsen is on line.

Butler, Alison, *Victorian Occultism and the Making of Modern Magic: Invoking Tradition*, London: Palgrave MacMillan, 2011.

Butler's topic is magic, but her ideas can be applicable to the history of astrology.

Christino, Karen, *Foreseeing the Future: Evangeline Adams and Astrology in America*, Amherst MA, Onereed Publications, 2002.

Curry, Patrick, *A Confusion of Prophets: Victorian and Edwardian Astrology*, Collins and Brown, London, 1992.

Farnell. Kim, *The Astral Tramp: A Biography of Sepharial*, London: Ascella Publications, 1998.

Farnell, Kim, *Flirting with the Zodiac*, Bournemouth: The Wessex Astrologer, 2007.
Deals with the development of sun-sign astrology

Godwin, Joscelyn, *The Theosophical Enlightenment*, New York: State University of New York Press, 1994.
Deals with the 19th century but provides important foundation for the 20th century.

Gunn, Joshua, *Modern Occult Rhetoric: Mass Media and the Drama of Secrecy in the Twentieth Century*, Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2003.
Contains almost no mention of astrology but very valuable for contextual discussion on occultism which can be applied to astrology.

Hand, Robert, 'Foreword' in Barclay, *Horary Astrology Rediscovered*, West Chester PA: Whitford Press, 1990, pp 13-18

Holden, James H., and Hughes, Robert A., *Astrological Pioneers of America*, Tempe, Arizona: American Federation of Astrologers 1988.

Howe, Ellic, *Urania's Children: The Strange World of the Astrologers*, William Kimber, London 1967 (republished as *Astrology: A Recent History Including the untold Story of its Role in World War II*, New York:: Walker and Company 1968.)

Larsen, Lars Steen, *Western Esoterism: Ultimate Sacred Postulates and Ritual Fields* Lund Studies in History of Religions, Volume 25, Lund, Sweden, 2008.

<http://lup.lub.lu.se/luur/download?func=downloadFile&recordId=1236319&fileId=1259363>

Long, Carolyn Morrow, *Spiritual Merchants: religion, magic and commerce*, Koxville: University of Texas Press 2001.

Owen, Alex, *The Place of Enchantment: British Occultism and the Culture of the Modern*, (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2004).

Provides valuable wider cultural context within which the history of modern astrology may be better understood.

Parker, Derek, *The Question of Astrology: A Personal Investigation*, London: Eyre and Spottiswoode, 1970.

This book is of its time – 1970. It's both a good history and a valuable source book for the history of astrology in the mid 20th century.

Partridge, Christopher H., *The Re-Enchantment of the West*, Vol. 1, London, T & T Clark Ltd, 2004

A very important book. It touches only briefly on astrology but deals with the wider phenomenon that Partridge calls 'occulture'.

Partridge, Christopher H., *The Re-Enchantment of the West*, Vol. 2, London, T & T Clark Ltd, 2005

Not as important as volume 1 (above)

Perkins, Maureen, *The Reform of Time: Magic and Modernity*, London: Pluto Press, 2001.

Phillipson, Garry, *Astrology in the Year Zero*, London: Flare Publications 2000.

Phillipson's was the first volume of interviews with astrologers to be published and is the major work on what astrologers in the English-speaking world thought at the turn of the century.

Primary Sources: Print books

Rudhyar, Dane, *The Astrology of Personality*, New York: Lucis Trust 1936.

If any book can be considered the foundation of modern psychological astrology, Rudhyar's *The Astrology of Personality* may have the best claim.

Goodman, Linda, *Linda Goodman's Sun Signs*, London: George G, Harrap 1970.

This was not the first sun-sign book, but it was a best-seller which dealt with the personality types of the zodiac signs in greater detail than any previous work.

Other Astrological Texts.

Influential astrological authors in the modern English-speaking world include John Addey, Charles Carter, Rob Hand, Manley Palmer Hall, Max Heindel, Isabel Hickey, Margaret Hone, Charles Jayne, Marc-Edmund Jones, Alan Oken, Sepharial, Vivian Robson, Howard Sasportas. There are of course, many more. For the purposes of investigating attitudes to astrology amongst astrologers, 'non-influential' astrologers may be important.

A number of books on the nature of astrology were published in the 1980s and 1990s. These included:

Elwell, Dennis, *Cosmic Loom: The New Science of Astrology*, revised edition, London: Urania Trust 1999.

Greene, Liz, *The Astrology of Fate: Fate, Freedom and Your Horoscope* (London: Thorsons, 1996 [1984])

Greene, Liz, *Barriers and Boundaries: The Horoscope and the Defences of the Personality* (London: CPA Press, 2002 [1996])

Greene, Liz, *The Art of Stealing Fire: Uranus in the Horoscope* (London: CPA Press, 2004 [1996])

Greene, Liz, *Apollo's Chariot: The Meaning of the Astrological Sun* (London: CPA Press, 2004 [2001])

Greene, Liz, *The Dark of the Soul: Psychopathology in the Horoscope* (London: CPA Press, 2003)

Harding, Michael, *Hymns to the Ancient Gods*, London: Penguin Arkana, 1994.

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Clark, Jerome, "The CSICOP", pp. 56-59 in Clark, Jerome (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Strange and Unexplained Physical Phenomena* (Detroit, MI: Gale Research, Inc., 1993).

Culver, Roger B., and Ianna, Philip A. (1988), *Astrology: True or False? A Scientific Evaluation*, revised edition, Buffalo, New York, Prometheus Books.

Curry, Patrick, "Research on the Mars Effect", *Zetetic Scholar* 9 (1982) 34-53, 78-83.

Dean, Geoffrey, "Attribution: a pervasive new artifact in the Gauquelin data", *Astrology Under Scrutiny*, 13:1 & 2 (2000); including comments by Suitbert Ertel and reply by Geoffrey Dean.

Ertel, Suitbert and Kenneth Irving, *The Tenacious Mars Effect* (London: Urania Trust: 1997).

Eysenck, Hans and David Nias, *Astrology: Science or Superstition?*, Pelican, London, 1982.

Gauquelin, Michel, *Cosmic Influences on Human Behaviour* (London: Garnerstone Press, 1974).

Gauquelin, Michel, *The Truth about Astrology* (Oxford: Blackwell, 1983).

Gauquelin, Michel, *Written in the Stars* (Wellingborough: Aquarian, 1988).

Gauquelin, Michel, *The Truth about Astrology* (1983)

Seymour, Percy, *Astrology: The Evidence of Science*, Luton: Lennard Books, 1988 (2nd edn., London, Penguin-Arkana 1990)

Seymour, Percy, *The Scientific Basis of Astrology: Tuning to the Music of the Planets*, London: Quantum, 1997.