

Some relevant perspectives in depth psychological astrology:

- 1) The dynamic relationship of conscious and unconscious is primary; the patterns reflected by the birth horoscope are expressed in different ways depending on the degree of the individual's consciousness of those patterns.
- 2) Birth chart patterns have a developmental quality; they are "going somewhere" or attempting to fulfil a necessity reflected by the nature of the pattern.
- 3) The birth chart reflects not only the individual, but also the psychological inheritance from the parental and family background, and also the collective or generational currents into which the individual was born.
- 4) There is no split between externalisation of the chart as events and expression of the chart as inner dynamics. Each birth chart placement is psychoid, i.e. it can express on many different levels ranging from mundane events to inner emotional states and even the kind of images expressed in dreams. Therefore the reliability of prediction depends on the degree of unconsciousness or disconnection from the psychic components described by the birth chart.
- 5) Progressions and transits describe the developmental movement of the birth chart, and reflect the individual in a state of becoming, rather than what will "happen" to that individual. The primary quality of progressions and transits is their cyclical nature, but their chief importance lies in what is "triggered" in the birth chart.
- 6) There is a constant movement toward consciousness which generates tension, energy, conflict and motion to the birth chart.
- 7) Life is unfair. The chart cannot provide answers as to why some people have more difficult charts than others. Philosophies and spiritual belief systems such as reincarnation are not inherent in the chart, but may be combined with the chart according to the individual astrologer's orientation.
- 8) The inherent patterns of the chart combine with early environmental influences to produce a highly individual chemical mix. The chart cannot describe the details of such early environmental influences, nor can it indicate the sex of the individual, the species, the national background, or other external influences which combine with individual temperament.
- 9) Consciousness has a transformative effect on the expression of the chart, giving it a "centre" and offering cohesion and the sense of an unfolding story.
- 10) Although astrology in itself is not a therapeutic system, it may be used as such. If so, the responsibility of the astrologer increases drastically, and some understanding of one's inner dynamics is essential if one wishes to avoid unloading one's own unconscious complexes on the client.
- 11) Astrology is a language, and needs to be amplified by other languages if it is not to crystallise into dogma.