

ASTROLOGICAL ARCHETYPES

With Fairy Tales and Mythological Stories

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For all my loved ones who inspired me...

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Foreword

Imagine being lost in a country where you don't speak the native language. You have no map, nor anyone you can ask anything. What would you do? You would probably look around, try to recognize your surroundings in order to understand where you are, develop judgements with your senses, and continue trying to find your way. In this life, we all get lost—albeit not in foreign countries—but in our own inner worlds. Most of the time we cannot make sense of what we do, and why we do them. We struggle to understand not only ourselves but also the people around us. However, we have an ancient knowledge in our hands to solve this chaos: astrology!

For the people of the ancient times, the rising and the setting of the Sun, the Moon's transformation from crescent into full, and the motions of the other planets were more than just visual feasts. The sky was quietly trying to tell them something. They listened to it and discovered the following: Everything which took place on the earth was flowing in harmony with the sky. Whatever was on the ground was also in the sky. ("As above, so below") The people of the ancient times developed the language of astrology by observing the stars that twinkled in the sky. However, as the people of the modern world, we have cast astrology away amongst the obsolete. Because of the lights of the cities, we can no longer see the lights of the sky, nor can we notice its quiet language. As we assume we have mostly figured nature out and we can rule over it, astrology is now merely a decoration in the newspapers' fortune-telling sections. It may please you to look at your daily newspaper and read sentences such as "Today is your lucky day, make the best of it," that correspond to your sign. These result from popular culture. We have internalized the instruction to "use, discard, and think no further on it," so much. Whereas astrology is far too precious of a knowledge to be popularized.

We expect astrology to form sentences containing certainty about the future. What will happen tomorrow? What sorts of things await us this year? And many such questions about the future. But there far more important questions; questions which require courage to ask, such as

“who” we are. Actually, I’m sure everyone has many opinions about themselves. As we say “I’m like this and that,” we don’t know the facets of ourselves that remain in the dark. And we forget that what we call destiny is a game which is presented to us by our selfness which has been left in darkness. Things happen to us because we cannot face our shadow sides. Perhaps your unknown world is causing you to be unable to quit your job even though you don’t like it, or fail to reach your goals even though you bend over backwards to succeed. Or just cannot be in a healthy relationship. Such stories of discomfort can be diversified. All of this tells you something isn’t going right in your life. It is at this point where the same question must be asked: “Who are you?” The answer to this question is what will bring solutions to the ever growing crises of the modern person and take them one step further in their inner journey. Knowing who you are and knowing yourself means to ask yourself what you are, how you will live, and how you will be happy. For this, one must seek ways to defeat the darkness. And at this point, astrology is an excellent guide: It sheds light on your hidden aspects and your unknown world, thus unveiling the motivations behind your actions.

We all know our sign. As it happens, what we know is our Sun sign, in astrological terms. You can find stereotypical information about your sign anywhere. All you need to do is type your sign into a search engine. Or you can read a poorly contemplated astrology book. A bunch of words will probably be listed about Geminis: quick, practical, witty, cheerful, restless... However, the questions that must actually be asked are: Why are Geminis restless? Why are Cancers docile, or are they really docile? Unlike what is mostly written, why are some Aries so insecure and fainthearted?

I have written about the signs in order to discover the answers of these questions. My path led me through fairy tales, legends, mythos, and stories. Peter Pan has shed a light on the actions of the free-spirited Geminis. And understanding Taurus has required a visit to the peaceful life of Heidi in the Alps. It has been fun to come across Sagittarius in the humorous, meaningful words of Nasreddin Hodja. I have also discussed the legends of the man-made Gods, who are similar to us. These may seem like products of imagination to you. But fairy tales and mythos are our living realities. That knight from that fairy tale is actually one of us. Hansel and Gretel take over from us as they feel desperate upon having been abandoned by their parents. They are more

than just imaginary characters of your childhood, they all breath like us and still live amongst us. In daily life, as you watch an Aries go after what he wants without giving it so much as a thought, what you are actually looking at is a hero from a fairytale.

Now close your eyes! Think about the stories your mother would tell you when you were a child, stroking your hair and starting with, “Once upon a time...” I don’t know which fairy tale character’s story would put you to sleep, but you will find yourself in the stories and fairy tales that I will tell you about. As you begin to map out your inner world, you won’t care about tomorrow. When you turn and face the reality of today, now, and this very moment, you will be more understanding towards yourself and your loved ones. I hope you get to re-encounter yourself once more through realities that feel like fairy tales...

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Sound of the natal chart

Pay attention to the call of the sky!

From a Sumerian text

Before we begin to explore the signs of the zodiac, let's get to know astrology better and analyze its developmental process. The first written information about astrology comes to us from 4000s B. C Sumerians. We also know that the Babylonians, the Egyptians, the Chaldaeans, and the civilizations of the Far East have also made use of astrology. The people of the Archaic era arranged their agricultural activity in accordance with the movements and the eclipses of the Sun and the Moon. They have set up dams to prevent flooding instead of letting the flood destroy fertile soil. Astrology, which is based on the sky, played an important role in the formation of civilizations.

This ancient science was first used for providing exclusive information to kings. Kings of the era would consult astrologists before every important move. Astrology was the art of prophecy. Future events could be foreseen by the careful observation of the sky. These events would usually be things such as the death of the king, war, famine, the quality of agricultural produce, and contagious diseases. At 410 B. C, the Babylonians began recording the positions of planets at the moment of birth to determine children's fates. On one hand, they took the ideas about the child's fate as an inalterable verdict with a determinist point of view, and on the other; after determining the celestial configuration, they interpreted it as a warning and took precautions. Their preferred method of precaution were rituals. Through these rituals, they challenged destiny. I prefer to use astrology the same way the Babylonians and Assyrians have used it. The solution is clearly not through rituals, but through creating awareness. At this point astrology is a total solution partner; it expands one's perception. And as one's awareness increases, their destiny changes directions.

We must remember everyone is created in their own unique ways. As stated by the explorer of the collective unconscious C. G. Jung, as a wine expert is able to detect the age, harshness and cellar of a wine

sample, such is the case for humans. We all carry the qualities of the year and season in which we were born. The natal chart, created in accordance with the information about your time and place of birth, is uniquely yours. Each and every person is created in unique perfection. Each minute, second, even split second carries a different potential. And each natal chart entails a different reaction. To clarify it with an example, imagine that you have planted a garden with all kinds of seeds. One day, those seeds will grow. If you have planted fig seeds, you will have fig trees. You know that a peach tree will not give you figs. But you also observe this: each fig tree that grows in your garden will be different. Some will have branches that point towards the earth, and some will have branches that almost reach towards the sky. In fact, even the roots which you cannot see are different; some will want to go deeper and deeper into the earth, and some will barely have roots.

We are not different from those seeds! We cannot be everything, so we must try to be whatever is in our core. Believing anyone can be anything, which is one of the popular self-help statements of our day and age, is as ridiculous as expecting a fig tree to grow peaches. In order to know what you will become you must know what your seeds are, that is the only way to predict what you will produce. As A. Ruperti—who is amongst the astrologists that stem from humanism—states: One isn't free to change their existential potential, however, one is free to decide on how one will use this potential." From this perspective, we stray further from the idea of the future which is associated with astrology and we focus on what we are. Besides, today's world is not determined; the slightest change in the equation may change the outcome completely. Therefore, it will be more accurate to focus on potential instead of making certain and clear statements as we analyze the symbolic language of astrology.

With the age of enlightenment, humanity has parted ways with astrology. Humanity's repositioning of itself in the universe within the new formation which begins with the Renaissance is one of the root reasons for this. Although Galileo and Kepler, who are amongst the greatest scientists of the seventeenth century, have respected astrology; with Copernicus' heliocentric universe model, astrology was hit by a lethal dart, consequently having to step off the stage for quite some time. Astrology's reappearance on the stage occurs with approaching it psychologically. The charts, which are interpreted as good or bad in

classical astrology, tell us that even the judgements we interpret as bad will improve us in the modern understanding. With this point of view, astrology comes in handy in solving the language of psychology. This is because of the consistence between one's temperaments and behavior, and the celestial configurations.

Astrology is a life guide. Although our Sun and rising signs give us a lot of insight, our unique natal charts are actually the ones that have the say. In order to create the natal chart, you must know the date, time, and the place of birth. The constellation that rises on the East horizon at the time of your birth determines your rising sign. Besides the Sun sign, another thing that must be evaluated is the houses and placements of the Moon and eight other planets at the time of your birth. These planets are Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. Each planet has a meaning, and each one is the indicator of a basic trait; they determine your needs and motivations. How do we form relationships, how do we love, and in which behavior pattern are we comfortable? How do we think? Besides all the other functions, the things we fear, hold in reverence, and suppress are also apparent within the chart. Basically, everything related to being human. The evaluation of the chart is possible through the consideration and synthesis of many factors. Astrologists perform their art by interpreting technical data upon evaluating them, in a similar way to how a doctor diagnoses an illness. And the resulting painting is "you".

Everything in your external world such as your job, your spouse, your friends, even your dog has a place in your chart. Because as Einstein has stated, everything is related to one another. Although we may appear to be moving inside a perfectly arranged piece of machinery, you mustn't think we are just some puppets, like Pinocchio. Things that happen to us in the external world create the processes in our inner world. Things that befall a person who says "I just cannot have the relationship I desire," and is stuck inside a vicious cycle, are not fate. These incidents show there are some things in this person's inner life yet to be illuminated. Life may seem complex, but it is actually fairly simple. What must be done is defeating the darkness. Hercules, the hero, had achieved victory by defeating dark powers with light. In order to do this we must confront the unknown without fear, get closer to ourselves, and listen to our inner voices. I understand this is difficult for the people of today. Because we have denied our roots and cut our ties with the nature, and consequently

we were made to become alienated to ourselves somehow. We are hoping the artificial world we have created will serve as an ointment. I say let's turn our eyes towards the sky, towards "astrology" like we used to in order to come across ourselves.

Astrology offers answers, but keep in mind that it must not bring one to the point of "I cannot help it, it's just the way I was created." To put the blame upon the stars is a great error. In the words of one character in a Shakespeare play: "The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars / But in ourselves, that we are underlings." Although the stars may line up differently for each person, it is the person's power of will that can break the wheel of fate.

When my clients ask me if they should do this or that, I leave them to make their own choices. What's important is their energies in the process and how they utilize them. For example, if the person is under an intense Mars energy in that moment, they may express this energy through exercise or through engaging in a rage-filled fight. It is their decision, and they are the ones who will live with the consequences. However, most people don't want to face the consequences of their decisions, they avoid owning up to their responsibilities. Because it's just more convenient that way. What astrologists must do is to leave the decision up to the client upon an objective reading and evaluation of the client's chart.

Life is a tough craft for us mortals, but more often than not it is us who make it so difficult. Ever since leaving the safety of the mother's womb and drawing in our first breath, we are all passengers on the journey of finding ourselves. Although we assume we are more sophisticated and more knowledgeable than the primal human, but we fell behind our ancestors as we grew apart from the nature. Let's do as our ancestors have done in order to become closer to ourselves. Let's carry astrology from 'yesterday' in which it was abandoned, into 'today' to do-well by the part we play in the world stage and begin exploring!