



David Pond on The Art of Relationships

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David Pond is a master of relationships. He is living proof that interpersonal relationship skills are more valuable than money in the bank. He has been married for longer than he wishes to tell and now enjoys a gentle life surrounded by family and friends. David's ability to use Astrology to understand the spiritual and relationship needs of people is legendary. Here is a small sample of Saturday's lecture, starting with Mars' energy and anger.

Mars Energy & Anger

David said, "Learning to express anger at behavior and not individuals seems to be the key." For example, when a child makes a mistake, "Tell them that you love them but that you are mad at the behavior that just happened." This works like magic on both children and adults, David said. Getting mad at the person only confuses the issue and often leads to feelings of resentment. So, focus your anger on the behavior, and give the offender an opportunity to change.

David said, "I would say that Mars-type resentment is something most of us need to work on. Resentment is the number-one most futile energy. Why? Nothing moves." "If I resent you, I don't even tell you, so how is it going to get resolved. It will not. It accumulates," David said. "Eventually this leads to war of some kind." And of course, war is the stuff of Mars. "Some of us have Mars in a fire sign and we carry flashing swords. Some of us have Mars in water signs and we have little daggers. We all engage in

Mars battles one way or another." How do you do battle? The goal is to learn to engage your Mars energy in an open and honest way.

Scorpio Type Resentment

Then there is Scorpio type resentment. "They say that Scorpio is not an expressive sign. I tell you that Scorpio is the most expressive sign emotionally. Have you ever NOT known when who is a strong Scorpio is mad at you? Is that expressive or not?" David asked.

At least with Scorpio, the resentment is out in the open where it can be dealt with.

Retrograde Planets

When a planet is retrograde it appears, from earth, to be going backwards. With retrograde planets in a birth chart, David said, "In spiritual-based astrology, you can assume the person has somehow misused, over-used, or under-used that planetary energy in a most recent previous life."

Our culture typically teaches abuse and control. David used the following example. "If I'm talking about the controlling, domineering, manipulative jerk down at the office, who is it? It's the boss. We reward those people. We give them a pay raise. This is not a good thing but it is true. In our culture, with the "direct" manifestation of Mars (aggressive, hostile, and forceful) you seem to get ahead."

"I picture Mars retrograde people as NOT being able to use Mars in a way the culture typically teaches." These people are different. "They must find a way to become strong without becoming

insensitive; to become direct without stepping all over people; to be in touch with their passion and still be mindful of other people."

Soul-Mate Love

Venus retrograde people may have experienced soul-mate love at the perfect level in a previous lifetime. So, in this life they will not play the childish games that build trust and establish rapport. After having the best they do not want to start at the bottom again.

David said, "It can take these people half a life to figure out that it is important to engage. If you want that soul-mate love again you can not start at the top. You have to start where the people realistically are." "If you wait patiently for the right and perfect lover to come along, you will develop patience and nothing else," David joked.

Mercury retrograde people communicate in a retrograde manner from what culture typically teaches. In a previous life they probably were over engaged in the gathering of information. For these people, "The soul in this life is only going to sanction specific avenues of intellectual development," David said. This can lead to gaps in their knowledge base.

David Pond has used astrology to unlock the mysteries of life. Applying the knowledge of astrology will allow you to enjoy a happier, healthier and more productive life. David Pond is a living example of that fact.