



THIS MONTH AT THE ASA

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2005

DON CEROW

Friday: The Astrological Ages

Saturday: The Bible: The Old Testament; The Book of Revelation

Friday lecture: The Astrological Ages

Like sands through the hourglass, we weave history and astrological insight into the paths humanity has traveled. Civilizations rise and fall, and they do so in step with the heavenly mandate. Beginning with the origins of agriculture in the Fertile Crescent, we wind our way through western culture, beginning with Sumerian roots on the banks of the Tigris and Euphrates and watching as the Egyptians emerge from the floodwaters of the Nile. Chapters from the Old Testament bear witness to trials by fire, while the Greeks and Romans vie with the Celts for supremacy. They all seized their moment in time, until absorbed by Christianity and Islam in cadence to the celestial beat. All in all, an amazing saga from across the centuries, and a wonderful example of the power of the stars at work.

Saturday workshop: The Bible **I. The Old Testament**

Historically, Judaism did not have the philosophical problems with astrology which Christianity later developed. Throughout the ancient world, there is a

tradition of working important information into a code which was read and understood by those who were in on the mystery. Join us as we unwrap some of the enigmas of the Old Testament, clearly and easily demonstrating how the fabric and structure of astrology is to be found in the original 'historical books' of the Bible.

II. The Book of Revelation: Timetable for Humanity

Revelation 4:1 - Then, in my vision, I saw a door open in Heaven and heard the same voice speaking to me, the voice like a trumpet, saying, "Come up here; I will show you what is to come in the future."

Building upon the themes presented in Myths, Stars and Dragons, Don opens the mysteries of this final book of the New Testament to reveal an amazing story of the future as foreseen in the first century AD. When the true message of the Letters to the Seven Churches and the Secrets of the Seven Seals is laid bare, a new enigma is revealed as we find ourselves currently standing at the gates of Omega, described by Revelation as 'the end'. Help us

unravel the threads of this, the most mythic book of the entire Bible.

Getting to Know Don Cerow



An astrologer since 1972, Don is known for the warmth and deep insight he brings to his counseling practice. Since 1983, he written a weekly column that is read by up to a quarter million people, on-line

and in local papers. He has also produced shows for radio and television, and taught and lectured at 8 colleges. For a number of years, Don has written "Predictions for the USA" for Astro Annual, a national publication. He recently completed a nearly full-scale reconstruction of one of the earliest models (Phase One) of Stonehenge - an observational site which marks the quarter days and the sun and moon cycles - which was featured in an article in the New York Times in August, 2002.

He has recently moved to Boulder, CO, where he produced a planetarium show entitled Stars, Myths and Dragons for the University of Colorado's Fiske Planetarium. This show was also run at the St. Petersburg College Planetarium in Florida. His outdoor Star*Myths program has been offered to the general public from coast to coast. Most recently it was conducted on the summer solstice for the Museum of Natural History in Santa Cruz, CA, where over a hundred people turned out under beautiful skies to watch Saturn, Mercury and Venus set in the west and Jupiter culminate at the Midheaven as the Full Moon rose in the east. You can read more about Don on his website, www.AthenasWeb.com

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Letter from the President!

Happy Birthday, September members!

Happy Birthday, ASA!

On September 20th, the ASA will celebrate its 31st incorporation birthday. We managed to finish a very difficult year, with many members moving out of state and some leaving us for good. On a more positive note, we also had the pleasure of being joined by new astrologers. Thanks to all of you who come out and support our group.

Our latest Board member is Sandy Sylvester, who really pitches in and helps. Thanks Sandy! Since I am in such a thanking mood, I would like to thank the Board members for really going well beyond their duty to make things run smoothly.

Astrology is becoming more visible on TV. I have been on TV twice, and a week ago we filmed three little segments that will be shown at some point in time. My goal is for Channel 3 to have a segment called "Is It In the Stars?" or maybe "The Astrologer's Corner." It should have recognizable logo and share information that would be really useful to the public. Channel 3 has agreed to all this, and they are working on a logo as we speak. On their website there would be an explanation of astrology, something about the meaning of the planets, signs, etc. They have also agreed to let me look over the script when they quote us so that what they say makes sense to an astrologer. Little by little, more specialised astrologers could be introduced as well.

One thing is for sure: the whole studio at Channel 3 knows about Mercury Retrograde periods by now!

The November meeting will be at the Interfaith Unity Church in Mesa. Their address is 1731 W. Baseline Rd, Suite 108, Mesa, AZ
Phone: 480-946-9481

Directions will be in the October and November newsletters.

I hope you will continue to support us as in the past. Thanks again.

Gabriella

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Hi folks-

Whether you're a practitioner or an experiencer of the paranormal, I would like to extend our web site to you. Our new "unexplained" page was developed with the thought of providing you a place to share and explore.

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~The real trick of life is not to be in the KNOW, but to be in the MYSTERY. ~
—Fred Alan Wolf, PhD.—

Last month at the ASA Friday night: Anne Vick - Solunars

Anne passed out a handout with the following rules:

- * Set up a solunar where you reside. The chart is drawn up once a month when the transiting Moon conjuncts the place of the natal Sun.
- * Using a bi-wheel, enter your natal chart on the outer wheel. Note the natal house that appears on the solunar Ascendant. That house will be active for the month.
- * Note the placement of that house's ruler and the position of the solunar and its ruler.
- * Use only applying aspects. Enter the new and full moon for the month.
- * Check for any aspects forming during the month.
- * Chart can be progressed a degree a day.
- * You can use solstice points, Arabic parts, progressions, and any favorite degrees, such as prenatal eclipse, etc.
- * As the transiting Moon enters each house, it highlights conditions of that house.
- * Events are often triggered when the Moon conjuncts the planet that rules the Ascendant and sometimes when the Moon transits the Ascendant.

Instructions for setting up a solunar chart in Solar Fire were given in last month's newsletter and are on the ASA website under Meetings - August 2005 as well as in the online newsletter. A solunar is the chart generated each month when the transiting Moon returns to the Sun's natal place.

Anne used many examples, beginning with the natal charts from the Pentagon and World Trade Center, and the solunars nearest September 11, 2001. The World Trade Center was dedicated at noon on April 4, 1973. Its Ascendant was 0° Leo. There was a solunar on September 5, 2001. On that day, the Vertex was at 29° 53' Cancer, 7 minutes from the Ascendant.

The Pentagon was dedicated at 10:30 am on April 29, 1942. Its natal Asc. is 15° Cancer. The solunar nearest 9/11 occurred on September 7, and on that day the Vertex was at 15° Cancer.

As you can see, Anne considers the Vertex quite important, especially for fated events. The Vertex works to the angles. It's always on the west side of the chart. The Anti-vertex, opposite it, represents things we put into motion.

However, the solunar shows up in other ways as well. When Cardinal Ratzinger was elected Pope (April 19, 2005; 12:40 pm) his natal Moon was conjunct his solunar Jupiter. There was also a stellium in his solunar 11th of hopes and wishes.

Anne demonstrated how to use solunars to rectify charts, time events, and to do astrological research.

Saturday Workshop: Marta Morris Saturn in Leo

“Our responsibility for the next two years is to develop the creative potential within each of us. We are building hearts, constructing courage and training the inner child to apply its talents with commitment and dignity. Each of us is a potential

hero, the star of our own show who brings unique light to the human family. Don't shy away from your ego and the need to be noticed, but use it to make love more present in all of our lives." From an email Ms. Morris received.

To try to understand the current transit of Saturn in Leo, Ms. Morris researched the last two times Saturn was in Leo, the 1940s and the 1970s. She compared events of those two times (periods 1 and 2) and presented some likely scenarios for the next 2-1/2 years (period 3). Of course, the outer planets were different during those times, but there are already some startling similarities between our time and those previous periods in history.

In the 1940s (period 1), Saturn entered Leo on August 3, 1946 and remained there until September 18, 1948. It retrograded back into Leo between April 3, 1949 and May 29, 1949.

In the 1970s (period 2), Saturn was in Leo from September 17, 1975 - January 14, 1976; from June 5, 1976 - November 16, 1977; and from January 6, 1978 - July 25, 1978.

The current transit began as Saturn entered Leo on July 16, 2005 and will remain there until September 2, 2007. Since it moved right into Leo and will not retrograde back into Cancer, anyone with planets in 0, 1, 2, or 3 degrees will experience only one pass of Saturn. The same is true for degrees 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and for 26, 27, 28, 29 - these are the degrees beyond the retrograde "shadow points."

Ms. Morris identified the theme for these periods as "Reconstruction."

Construction/reconstruction:

Period 1: Marshall Plan for Europe and the GI Bill of Rights for College and Housing Loans

Period 2: Developers became powerful, and farms were turned into subdivisions or strip malls and parking lots

Period 3: Haliburton, et al - what will be constructed?

Population:

In 1946, US population was 194 million

In 1975, the U. S. population was 220 million.

Now: U.S. population is 297 million.

Legal proceedings:

Period 1: 1945-49 Nuremberg Trials

Period 2: Watergate hearings had just ended with Nixon's resignation in 1974.

Period 3: Will Saddam Hussein come to trial? He could say a lot of things the U.S. government might not want to come out.

United Nations:

In 1946, Rockefeller donated an \$8.5 million site in NY for the UN.

Now? Bolton's recess appointment as Ambassador to the UN. He has stated that if the top 10 floors of the UN Building were removed, it wouldn't make any difference at all.

Military:

In 1940, Franklin Roosevelt signed the Selective Service Act in 1940, and it continued until 1973, when it was replaced with the all-volunteer military.

Today, we are having problems meeting recruitment goals. Will there be another draft?

Israel:

In 1948, the UN established the Partition of Palestine decided by UN. Israel became a state when Saturn was at 16° Leo.

In 1975, UN delegates approved an anti-Israeli resolution and allowed the PLO to be seated in the UN as observers. This discredited the UN in the eyes of the Israeli public and paved the way for the spread of settlements.

Now: Some settlements are being removed and land is being given back to the Palestinians.

Energy:

Period 1: In 1946, oil replaced coal as the world's most popular energy source.

Period 2: OPEC raised oil prices 10% due to the the Yom Kippur War. 1977, power outage in New

York City resulted in 3,700 persons being arrested for looting, 500 fires. Prudhoe Bay 800-mile pipeline.

Period 3: Oil prices are going up due to Iraq. Pressure to open Alaskan wilderness to oil pipeline.

Arts and culture:

Period 1: Benjamin Spock's "Baby and Child Care" (1946)

"A Streetcar Named Desire" (Leo = desire)

"The Young Lions"

"1984" was written in 1948. /Now? One-world government as opposed to the 3 "regions" contained in the novel.

"Martian Chronicles"

Maria Callas made her Italian debut in 1947./She died in 1977 (period 2).

Opera: "The Medium"/Now: the popular TV show by that name.

Period 2: "Star Wars"/Déjà vu: weapons in orbit are the current real scenario.

"Saturday Night Fever"

"Oh God."

Cults:

Period 2: The Jim Jones Cult Murder/Suicides - 917 people died.

Period 3: We can anticipate another cult story.

Finance:

Period 2: Dollar plummeted against Yen and Mark. Gold at a record high.

Period 3: Déjà vu

The Saturn Returns

If you were born in Period 1, you'll be having your second Saturn Return. Where is Saturn located and what happened the first time? Is natal Pluto conjunct Saturn? If you handled it well the first time, then this will be easier. It will limit you in whatever house it is in, but should not be as difficult as the first time.

BUT if Saturn and Pluto are in the first 11 degrees of Leo, then Saturn will conjunct Pluto during the same time period.

Saturn conjunct Pluto = one door closes and another door opens.

If you were born in Period 2, you're learning the lessons of responsibility through love, romance, children. Feeling restricted. Your Pluto is in Libra, so you can feel that parental obligations put stress on the marital relationship. However, that Pluto sextiles Saturn.

Obviously, Saturn in Leo is difficult for any Aquarian planet and perhaps more so for Taurus and Scorpio. Early Scorpio will be helped by Jupiter in that sign later in the year. 0, 1, 2, 3 degrees Scorpio will get a 5-6 week visitation that will be followed by a conjunction from Jupiter.

The signs that will benefit from Saturn in Leo are Aries and Sagittarius, and to a lesser degree Gemini and Libra. Late degrees of Libra will benefit from Jupiter and then later from Saturn.

Capricorn and Pisces get the inconjunct.

Chiron will be in an out-of-sign opposition until Labor Day. Then by Thanksgiving we get a T-square - Saturn in Leo, Jupiter in Scorpio, and Mars in Taurus - that lasts through December. By the time Chiron again opposes Saturn it will be in Aquarius-an easy interpretation-the limitation of the ego, or greed. Ego versus humanity. Chiron wants to heal humanity but there is a tug of war between the 2 energies. The Volcker quote comes to mind. (Paul Volcker said that the U.S. middle class will have to adjust its expectations downward.) It's a race to the bottom. By this time Jupiter and Mars will have moved out of orb, so no grand cross. And in 2007 there will be a trine between Saturn and Pluto.

After the break Ms. Morris looked at the U. S. Gemini Rising Chart (equal house) and used the Saturn transit to experiment with forecasting. Saturn has completed the transiting square to the Vertex and Part of Fortune on the 6th house cusp. This was self explanatory--the decline of good-paying

jobs and the declining recruitment figures. Saturn conjunct the north node in the 3rd house deals with censorship of the news--trying to prevent more of those news leaks, and of course, the restricted travel due to high gas prices.

Ms. Morris distributed handouts for the U. S. Solar Return and gave a quick explanation of the year so far.

Interceptions by progression

She then discussed interceptions by progression, using the charts of President Bush, who has gone from an intercepted Gemini/Sagittarius to no interceptions at the time of the 2000 elections (since circa 1984). His most significant aspect since 2000 is progressed Uranus and the north node conjunct the progressed MC trine a Libra stellium in the 2nd house.

Laura Bush has an intercepted chart (Leo/Aquarius) that moved out of interceptions at age 1. At about age 12, the chart went back into interceptions--this time Taurus/Scorpio--12th house and 6th house! Sometime between November, 2005 and November, 2006, her chart moves out of interceptions with an Aries MC!

Al Gore, with the same natal interceptions as President Bush, also had moved out of interceptions in his progressed chart at the election of 2000. Progressed north node in the progressed 9th house was a missed opportunity to do a total Florida recount. The progressed Sun in the progressed 9th house squared by Mars was an unfavorable legal ruling! His current progressed 9th house Sun favors his new media enterprise.

Hilary, like Laura, has an unintercepted natal chart which at age 1 went into interceptions. In 1972 it went out of interceptions and back into interceptions in 1987. Right after the 2000 election, her progressed chart moved out of interceptions with a Taurus MC. All of us noticed a problematic Saturn square the nodes of the progressed chart. Chiron was conjunct the south node.

When you are born with an unintercepted chart, you can easily form a "strategy" in life for dealing with your natal aspects. When that chart moves into interceptions, your strategy may no longer work; and before you move out of those interceptions, you may have to deal with different ones within just a year or two, which can be very disconcerting. Even when you finally get an unintercepted chart back, it will mean developing a new strategy since your Ascendant and MC will be in different signs.

Hellenistic Astrology, or Did the Greeks Know Something We Don't? By Doug Noblehorse

I had the privilege of attending the ISAR 2005 Biennial Conference, held from August 17th through the 22nd in Chicago, Illinois. Many, many astrologers attended. There were lectures from twelve "Dynamic Tracks," including Financial, Psychological, Research, History, Vedic, Mundane and several others. I suppose it's fitting the conference was held in Chicago, once known as "Slaughterhouse to the World," as many astrological sacred cows were skewered, particularly in the History track, which covered Hellenistic and Classical astrology. Lecturers in this track included Robert Schmidt (who is currently engaged with Project Hindsight), Robert Hand, and Demetra George, as well as several others. The techniques and terminology of the ancient Hellenistic astrologers are foreign to modern astrological thought, yet at the same time quite familiar. This is because modern natal astrology's very beginnings are rooted in Hellenistic astrology.

The astrological Hellenistic (which refers to the Greek empire after Alexander the Great) period began roughly about 200 BCE and lasted until around 500-600 CE, around the time of the fall of the Roman Empire when common knowledge of the Greek language was lost. Contrary to what many astrologers were taught and have assumed, natal astrology did not evolve over many millennia of empirical observations. This is the first of many basic assumptions that I've held about my craft that appear to be incorrect. Rather, natal astrology

seems to have appeared quite rapidly over the course of 100 to 150 years, beginning about 200 BCE. It was then refined into a coherent mainstream of astrological practice, with proponents such as Valens and Ptolemy (to some extent). With a center of learning based in Alexandria, Egypt, astrology was further refined until the fall of the Roman Empire interrupted the development of Western civilization. The Arabs subsequently kept astrology alive (after receiving it from the Persians) and then passed it back into Western civilization through Spain during the early Medieval period. Much was lost though, due to translation difficulties, misunderstandings, and religious bias. Hellenistic astrology survived more or less intact in its spread eastward to India, where it apparently became the basis for the astrology we know today as Vedic. Of course, the major difference between Vedic and Hellenistic is that Vedic uses the Fixed, or Sidereal Zodiac, whereas Hellenistic and the Western astrological tradition uses the Tropical Zodiac.

One of the biggest differences between the foundation of our astrological craft and current practice is the subject of Houses, or House Systems. Debate has raged for hundreds of years over which quadrant house system is the correct one - Placidus, Regiomontanus, Campanus, Koch, etc. Further debate has raged between proponents of any one or all of these quadrant systems, and those who prefer equal house systems. I myself have drifted among Campanus, Placidus, and others - and finally settled on the Porphyry system, largely for philosophical reasons. I liked the idea of Equal House - after all, we divide the Tropical Zodiac into 12 equal Signs of 30 degrees each, so the idea of dividing Houses into 30 degrees each has a certain philosophical elegance. However, like many modern astrologers, I preferred to see the Ascendant and Midheaven angles at 90 degrees when looking at a chart, so in the end I settled on Porphyry as the most appealing compromise between quadrant systems and equal house systems.

In the last few years I've become aware of the Whole Sign system - where your first house begins

at 0 degrees of your rising sign, with your second house beginning at 0 degrees of the next sign following your rising sign, and so on around the wheel. As a result, each house in the chart corresponds to a whole sign. This is what Vedic astrologers use as the basis for their houses. After investigating some of the history of the beginnings of astrology, I felt that the earliest astrologers must have used Whole Signs as the best method available until they could accurately calculate the Ascendant degree - which gave rise to the Equal House system most of us are familiar with. From there it was a logical progression to the Porphyry system, which divides each quadrant between the angles equally.

However, at ISAR 2005 I found my assumption to be untrue. Hellenistic astrologers continued to use Whole Sign houses (or "places," which is a more accurate translation of the ancient texts) - even after their mathematical calculations allowed them to determine the exact degrees of the angles. The Equal House system, while known to the Hellenistic astrologers, was not used very much, even by Ptolemy, despite what we've always assumed. The Porphyry system (which predates Porphyry by over a hundred years, being first described by Valens, who attributed it to an unknown astrologer named Orion) was used by the Hellenistic school - but only to determine the relative strength of the planets! Where an astrologer looked for the affairs of life was only shown through the Whole Sign system! This practice of using two concurrent house division systems continues today in Vedic astrology, but apparently became lost through misunderstanding and/or reinterpretation in the Western world shortly into the Arabic period of astrology, around 1000 AD.

If one accepts the Whole Sign system as the valid basis of looking at Houses/Places, then the House System/Quadrant/Equal debate that has raged for so many years completely evaporates and becomes moot! Plus, it restores the philosophical elegance to Houses that the Zodiac Signs have retained over the years - and perhaps goes a long way towards explaining why quadrant systems work in some

instances, but not really well in others. Try looking at your charts in Whole Signs; keep an open mind about how the planets work through the houses - while at the same time using Porphyry to determine relative planet strength.

Signs, houses and planetary rulerships have also come down to us in a somewhat garbled fashion. Modern astrologers think of signs being ruled by planets, i.e. Cancer is ruled by the Moon, Scorpio ruled by Mars, etc. This implies that planets have dominion over signs, while apparently the Hellenistic astrologers thought just the opposite. To them, planets spoke for the signs, acting as an emissary or a representative. Adding in the concept of Places (Houses), a planet in a particular House would look to the planet that spoke for the sign on the cusp of that house for guidance. Using the Whole Sign system then, a planet needs to look to the planet that speaks for the sign that the first planet is in. For example, Mars in Taurus would have to look to Venus for help and/or cooperation in influencing the affairs of the Place (House) that Mars is in. Of course, the quality of help Mars receives depends on the condition of Venus. Above all, though, it is the Sign that colors the affairs of the particular Place that it occupies. For example, with Virgo rising, Virgo obviously colors and conditions the first house affairs of body and appearance, personality, etc. Mercury is Virgo's steward, so the sign and condition of Mercury in the chart adds further characteristics coloring that particular chart's Ascendant. Finally, any planets found in the First Place would then add more indications, depending on how well they might cooperate with Mercury.

Another area of difference between Hellenistic and Classical/Modern astrology is the subject of aspects. Aspect means "to gaze upon" or "to see," and this is literally how our Founding Fathers interpreted aspects. While we tend to classify aspects as malefic or benefic, or perhaps facilitating versus challenging, the Hellenistic astrologers tended to see all of the Ptolemaic aspects as a workable thing - even the squares and the oppositions. While they certainly understood and delineated the differences between

malefic and benefic aspects, to them the worst of all possible aspects was no aspect at all - what we currently understand as the inconjunct (which Robert Hand points out is an oxymoron - he prefers the term disconjunct) and its relative, the quincunx (the term inconjunct for the 150 degree aspect is an incorrect usage). We understand these two aspects as having no shared basis between signs - signs in inconjunct or quincunx share no elemental or modal or gender similarity. This understanding by the ancients carries over to their view of the Houses/ Places in relation to the Ascendant sign - which signified life. As a result, in Hellenistic astrology, the second, sixth, eighth and twelfth houses are unfortunate in nature. Modern astrology is still invested in this viewpoint by noting the sixth concerns illness, the eighth death, and the twelfth imprisonment and/or undoing. It's a bit unclear why the ancients viewed the second as unfortunate - speculation is that the second house concern with material items and/or possessions becomes a trap for the spiritual soul.

As modern astrologers, we're somewhat familiar with the concept of rulerships - i.e. the Moon rules Cancer, etc. As noted above, this isn't exactly accurate, as the planet represents the Sign, not the other way around. Additionally, rulerships cover so much more than what we've grown accustomed to. Other types of rulerships include what we think of as exaltations, detriments, and falls - as well as trigons (triplicities), bounds (a more accurate description than terms), and faces. Those of us familiar with these dignity systems are also probably familiar with the point system, i.e. +5 through -5 as a way of determining relative strength. This point system was unknown in Hellenistic times, and in fact was unnecessary. The point system was apparently invented during the Arabic period, and was an attempt by the Arabs to understand and express rulerships, dignities and debilities. However, its effect was to focus the astrologer's attention simply on those planets with high or low scores. In fact, the Hellenistic dignity system was intended to provide a reference scheme showing the resources to which each planet in a chart can turn to for help and assistance.

For instance, take Mars at 23 degrees Leo, occupying the seventh Place, or House. For help and assistance in influencing the relationship affairs of the chart, Mars would turn to the Sun, whose domicile (a more exact translation of the ancient Greek) is in Leo. There is no exaltation dignity for Leo. Let's say that the chart is a nocturnal, or night chart, meaning the event or native was born with the Sun below the horizon. Jupiter, as trigon/triplicity ruler of Leo would also be of help to Mars. Jupiter is also the Bounds (or Term) ruler of 23 degrees Leo. And finally, Mars itself is in Face at 23 Leo. So while Mars in the Arabic scoring system would only pick up 1 point for being at 23 Leo, the Hellenistic astrologers originally intended the dignity/debility system as means of determining which planets would aid this Mars in its endeavors - in this example, the Sun and Jupiter. How much help Mars receives of course depends on the conditions of the Sun and Jupiter in this example chart.

And finally, timing. The Greek astrologers used a wide array of systems called Time Lords - some of which survive to this day in Vedic astrology, known as Dashas. This whole array of prognostication systems is an article in itself, best left for another time and place. Secondary progressions and solar arcs as we know them didn't exist, as they are relatively recent inventions. The Greeks were aware

of transits and used them to some extent, but did not consider them overly important.

There is an old game played with a group of people where a simple story is concocted, and then told quietly from person to person in a line, individually. The object is to compare the original story with the ending person's story to see and demonstrate how much changes in the retelling. So has astrology been - especially Western astrology through its many language and tradition translations. Until recently, within roughly the last ten years, just how much has changed from natal astrology's origins during the Greek Hellenistic period was very poorly understood by modern astrologers. Through the efforts of Project Hindsight at translating and understanding this ancient material - and through Kepler College's addition of Hellenistic astrology to its curriculum (thereby schooling a rapidly approaching new generation of astrologers in the history of their craft) - Western astrology has the opportunity, in my opinion, to regain balance by understanding its origins. It's only by knowing how we began and where we've been that we'll properly understand where we're at now. This understanding will allow us to evolve a vital, living astrology with greater confidence as we adapt to humanity's rapidly evolving understanding of the Universe.

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