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Uranian Spirit

Notes from the 11th House by Joyce Hopewell

As I write, Uranus is in the last few degrees of Pisces, on track to move into Aries on 12th March. In their book *The Planets*, The Hubers call Uranus “The World Improver”. The Uranian qualities of improvement through change via the overthrow of old, rigid, undemocratic systems have all been evident in recent dramatic events in the Middle East. Revolution in Tunisia sparked and fired revolution in Egypt. Demonstrations against outdated regimes are now taking place in Bahrain, Algeria, Yemen and Morocco. The current situation in Libya is dangerous and chaotic.

These events are ongoing, almost as if Uranus, at the end of Pisces, is agitating the fishes’ tails ahead its imminent move into Aries, with its ram’s head ready to butt. This suggests there could be more to come and that the hunger for change is still in its early days. Aries is symbolic of new life shooting forth, and it rules the head too. The transit of Uranus through Aries could be a time of fruitful and creative new ideas, as reforms are sought and creative new ways of providing security are tried out. Of Uranus on the mental level, the Hubers say it “symbolises the power of the independent spirit that pushes forwards over the habitual boundaries of thought and into the transpersonal realm, from worldly to universal thinking”.

The Uranian Spirit is about maintaining security, and people are often surprised by this. They perhaps only know about the revolutionary qualities associated with this planet, it’s ability to turn things upside down, create chaos and move on to the new. Yet Uranus brings about change in order to gain more security in the future – the old and outworn is discarded in favour of new ways of doing things which enhance and improve the living conditions of all. Uranus is associated with technology, and it was interesting to see just how powerful the use of mobile phones and the internet networking sites was in the recent Egyptian revolution. So threatening were these to the authorities that access to them was shut down at one point, proving that the power of instant communication is undeniably mightier than the sword.



“Spirit Houses, Alaska” by Maylis Curie

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The spirit of Uranus thrives on opposition. Its calling is to right wrongs and improve conditions, seeking divergently to find solutions to problems. Creative intelligence is brought into play and original ideas are put forward to bring about reforms. Uranus is concerned with finding the perfect world, and this it does through research, knowing that there may be no final solution. The search itself is what is truly important. Uranus at its highest level can tap into the pure creativity of the universe, the place where sudden brainwaves come from, and that elusive “a-ha!” moment.

CONGRATULATIONS!



The following students have successfully completed their studies:

APA Diploma In Astrological Psychology

Ralph Wakker (Netherlands)

APA Foundation ‘B’ Certificate

Maria Amelchenko (New Zealand)

APA Foundation ‘I’ Certificate

Dorothy Unwin (USA)

News

The Low Point and the U-bend of life

The Economist (18th December 2010) recently published an article on why people tend to get happier as they get older. It says that rather than life being a slow decline of misery as ageing takes us over the hill, there is an upturn and a U-bend which leads to us being generally happier and more contented with our lot. Not surprisingly, the words “mid-life crisis” come into play early in the article. Life is described as being cheerful when adult life is embarked upon, with things going steadily downhill until middle age is reached. But after the doldrums of the mid-life crisis something surprising happens. In spite of a decline in vitality, mental sharpness and looks, people gain what they have spent much of their life pursuing, namely happiness.

Much data has been and is being collected on this throughout the world, in the form of a Gross National Happiness assessment. Countries researching this include the US, China, France and now Britain. President Sarkozy of France has commissioned two economists to come up with a broader measure of national contentedness other than GDP, and PM David Cameron has said that the UK government will collect figures on well-being.

How does this relate to the Low Point? When reading the article, my eye was caught by the highlighted quote “People are least happy in their 40’s and early 50’s. They reach the nadir at a global average of 46”. Age 46 is the 8th House Low Point

and when using Age Progression, it is the Low Point of the whole chart.

This is the point in the Life Clock journey around the chart when, if we were going through life keeping all the balls in the air, we begin to drop them. After a period of introspection, often spent doing an internal “stock take”, we start to look for a new orientation in life which will bring more satisfaction, meaning... and yes, happiness. In my experience of working with clients, the 8th House Low Point is frequently the point at which people seek a consultation in order to gain a better understanding of how to move on. With information gained from the chart about themselves, and more knowledge of their personal strengths and weaknesses, the Low Point period can be navigated positively and successfully.

The Economist article quotes Laura Cartensen, professor of psychology at Stanford University, as saying of older people “They come to focus on what matters now – such as feelings – and less on long term goals... older people know what matters most”. This concurs with what the Hubers say in *LifeClock*, when speaking of the period of life after the 8th house Low Point: “Now the human being may begin to recognise that there are more important values in life than money, possessions and status. At best, these are guarantees for existence but not necessarily guarantees for fulfilment”.

Joyce Hopewell

Top of the Pops 2010

Worldwide, the most popular purchases of books on astrological psychology in the year to end January 2011 were as follows:

1. *Aspect Pattern Astrology* by Bruno & Louise Huber
2. *Aspect Patterns in Colour* by Joyce Hopewell
3. *The Living Birth Chart* by Joyce Hopewell
4. *The Planets and their Psychological Meaning* by Bruno & Louise Huber
5. *Moon Node Astrology* by Bruno & Louise Huber
6. *The Cosmic Egg Timer* by Joyce Hopewell & Richard Llewellyn

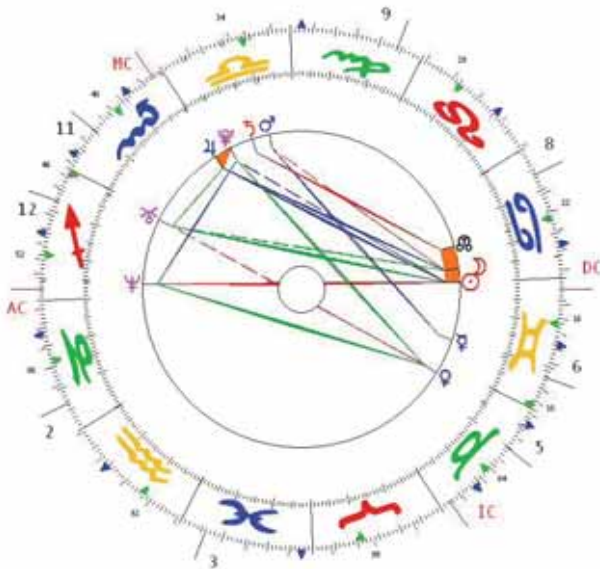
Astrology is nonsense?

There have recently been several instances of astrology being debunked in the media in both the USA and UK. Notably, in the last twelve months, astrophysicist Professor Brian Cox of Manchester University has twice stated on BBC programmes that astrology is ‘a load of rubbish’.

Your intrepid editor has written to Professor Cox asking him to set down his reasons for this apparently dogmatic statement – which a scientist should surely be willing to do. He has not so far deigned to reply.

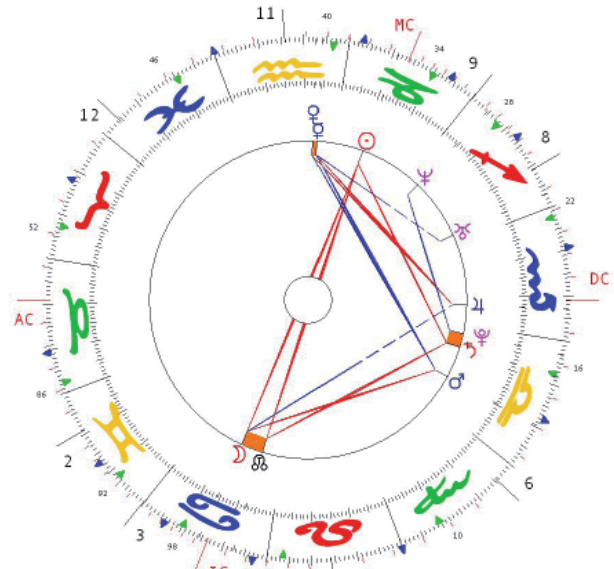
For details of the Astrological Association’s campaign against the BBC’s apparent media bias, see their website: www.astrologicalassociation.com

There is also an excellent answer to the various ‘criticisms’ of astrology on Deborah Houlding’s website: www.skyscript.co.uk



Prince William

21.06.1982, 21:03, Paddington, England



Kate Middleton

09.01.1982, 12:00, Reading, England

The Prince and the Commoner

Kate Middleton became engaged to Prince William on 16th November 2010. After 8 years together, including a split, the couple have decided to wed. The news has been long-expected. Middleton's chart is set for noon as no time of birth is yet available*.

Middleton's chart offers some interesting speculation on the kind of underlying motivation she might have. With only red and blue aspects (there's an absence of green aspects which offer greater awareness and a more balanced use of the energy available), Middleton will tend to have an either/or approach to life with low emphasis on half measures or shades of grey.

Her chart shaping suggests she is flexible and can adapt well to changing situations and circumstances, something which will stand her in good stead as she learns the ropes of the family firm she'll be marrying into. It also shows considerable restlessness and the capacity to move on to new things. Again, this could stand her in good stead but it may also be a source of frustration if she feels tied or bound by her duties as consort to the future king.

Her chart contains one complete aspect figure, the all-red Efficiency/Achievement Triangle. This is interestingly pinned by ego planets Sun, Moon and Saturn. These relate to body (Saturn), feelings (Moon) and mind (Sun) and when all 3 are found in the same aspect figure they can often perform well together. Middleton may be able to balance out the needs of all 3 ego planets, but it's more likely that one of them will dominate. With Saturn at the apex of this figure, it's likely that she will have a strong awareness of duty, structure, organisation, and an ability to be just and fair (Saturn is in Libra) as well as have a certain power and strength



(Saturn is conjunct Pluto) which may as yet be untested. Certainly, as a possible future queen, these could be strengths to draw upon.

Her Capricorn Sun says a lot about her ability to wait patiently for William to pick the right moment to propose. Capricorn is the sign which bides its time, carefully making its way towards its goal, in no special hurry to get there. It's also the sign which we could associate with a family business where the younger generation inherit and run the show when the generation above them retires. She comes from a family who run their own business and will be marrying into the royal family firm, taking on a high profile role.

Her red/blue chart is complemented by William's more green chart. He will bring more awareness and sensitivity to their partnership; she will provide initiatory energy and "doing" capacity. They share Cancerian Moons and William's Sun is also in this sign, as was his mother Diana's. Cancer and Capricorn are opposite signs but have the ability to complement each other well. The watery emotional Cancerian drives can find grounding in the earthy practicality and organisational abilities of Capricorn. She could prove to be a rock for William, and an important source of support and encouragement. With no time of birth available, it's hard to say in which area of life she might be expressing her Saturn at the apex of the Efficiency triangle, but I'm reminded here of the present Queen's chart which has an Efficiency triangle with apex Saturn right at the very top of the chart.

* Note that the discussion on Middleton's chart is somewhat speculative, as her real aspect pattern could be different, depending on the actual birth time. [A similar piece appeared in <http://joycehopewell.blogspot.com>]

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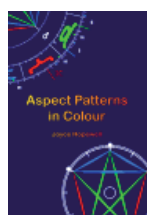
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