

Tom Lescher – New Paradigm Astrology, Learn Astrology, Webinar 1, September 1st, 2012

Welcome everybody, this is class #1 of the webinar for New Paradigm Astrology.

Let's learn astrology! So somebody asked if this was a basic course. It is pretty basic and that being said, **it never hurts to hear this stuff over and over and over again**. You never get it the first time around.

It's also like a transmission. Let it just come in and wash over you. You don't need to necessarily try to memorize and remember everything that I say. You may have heard a lot of what I said already, and you may already know everything that I am saying. You just hear it again, and it goes a little deeper.

Even though it's a beginning class, you may actually hear one or two things that you never heard before, and that could make the whole thing worthwhile.

How Astrology Transforms Lives

I am very excited about this because, there's over 70 people signed up. I would love to have 70 more astrologers on planet Earth working with astrology. Astrology is amazing. It has totally changed and transformed my life, and I know that it has changed and transformed many people's lives. **I see it as an evolutionary path towards awakening, towards enlightenment, however you define that...** One way that I define that is that it opens up my heart. It gets me past judgment. It gets me outside my mind, and it does this, number one, by looking out at the evening sky, at the night sky, looking at the stars, looking at the planets and being in a state of awe, a state of wonder at creation and at the infinite intelligence that has put this whole creation together.

When I look at the night sky, I feel like I am **looking at the face of the creator**. It is absolutely awe-striking. And then to actually be able to use these planets and stars; it's basically **an external objective validation of my inner experience**.

There have been many times in my life when I felt like I am going nuts (just kidding). You know, something happens, something goes on, something goes down, and you are like, "Whoa. What's going on?" And then you look at your chart, and you look at the transits, and then it's

like, “Aahhhhhh. Wow, yeah, no wonder. Well that fits into that. That happened 7 years ago when Saturn was square. Now it’s the same theme reappearing and coming back again and again.” **So there is this validation.** It helps calm you down. It helps to center you. It helps you to give an even deeper understanding of the event or the occurrence or whatever feeling, emotion, interaction or relationship. **It gives you another perspective.**

Astrology ties all different kinds of things together. So you get a house, or a sign, and it ties together sex, love, other people’s money, insurance companies, corporations (guess that sign!)

Other people who are not into astrology would not necessarily correlate or make that connection. So you end up also using astrology to be **connecting all different aspects, all different elements of life.**

Opening the Heart to Compassion and Understanding

Another thing that astrology has done is to help me, like I said, to open my heart. **I really feel like the evolutionary path is opening the heart; getting out of an egoic state of separation and into a heart space of unity.** It really does that for me. It has helped me get over a lot of judgment because you may have judgments about people. Let’s face it. We all do have judgments about people. In fact, **we all have judgments about everyone, including ourselves.** That goes without saying. So we all have these judgments but, “Oh jeez. I can’t stand so and so.” And then you look at their chart and you go, “Wow, ok, that makes more sense. I can see where they are coming from and what they are dealing with more clearly now. Everybody has a Saturn. Everybody has a 12th house. Everybody has things they have to deal with and we are all trying on some level as hard as we can.

Astrology helps you to **see and have compassion and understanding for what somebody is dealing with**, and as such, it can open this space of love and compassion and, of course, gratitude. Let’s get into the higher vibrations here. So these are the reasons, causes, purposes for getting into astrology.

Why Get Into Astrology?

I hope that this course inspires you to pursue this study, and **to bring astrology alive into the world and to your people and to your tribe; to create a greater understanding and acceptance of each other as frail mortal human beings.**

Get Ten Charts!

The last thing I wanted to say before we really get going here is this: If you're participating in this, I gave you the webpage **www.astro.com**. I might give out assignments/homework. If you are going to participate in this, **I want you to have at least ten charts.** Find ten people in your life: mom, dad, brother, sister, daughter, children, friends, husbands, spouses, whoever. Get ten charts! **The way that you learn this is by looking at the charts of all your friends and all your neighbors, by looking at this, by looking at that** like, "Oh yeah. Oh yeah."

Get it out of the theoretical and into the real, into the practical, ASAP.

So you can go to www.astro.com, and you can start going around to people..."What time were you born? I know your birthday. Give me the time. Give me the place and then we are going to get down." (Don't get too pushy about it, Sag! *laughter)

Outline for Today's Webinar

The outline for this seminar, the idea, was to spend three of the sessions going through the twelve mystery schools, twelve signs. **I am going to try to do four signs today.**

Basically, it gives us a certain amount of time for each sign. Two more for the planets, another one for the houses, and the last two webinars we'll take the signs, planets, and houses and we will put them together in chart analysis.

Other Uses for Astrology

The other thing that you can use astrology for is developing your intuition. Not only does it validate your inner experience, but it is a **path towards cultivating and relying upon your intuition.** These classes may not give you enough factual information, to say that you are an "official" astrologer by the time you are done with this class. It's a takeoff point. It's a starting point, and you also **trust and feel into each one of these signs, planets and houses yourself, and cultivate your intuition.** So I do expect and plan on doing these classes in several parts.

This is like a Part 1. Part 2 will deal with progressions, solar arch directions, transits, Part three and so on. Webinars will be continued, in 8-week sections, just to break it up. This will be the first part of a multiple series.

It's not all that you're going to get. We will do more interaction as the numbers go down in advanced classes. I will do what needs to be done, just so you know this is not all there is. There is going to be more information coming besides this first series.

The Horoscope Interpretation Guide

Look at the chart. We basically just want to say that, number one, we are dealing with the signs, and I sent you all a horoscope interpretation guide. Some of you know this already. I am going to be speaking to everyone as if they don't know anything. **On the horoscope interpretation guide, there are basically the four elements: fire, earth, air and water across the top. And down the side: cardinal, fixed, mutable.**

12 Mystery Schools

We have 12 mystery schools; 12 signs of the zodiac. **Each one of these has their own unique mystery, their own perception, their own angle of looking at the Al Mundi: external, objective reality.** So they each hold their own secrets, their own treasure, their own gems, their own jewels. So there are 12 knights at the round table, 12 months of the year, the ancient sacred number, 12 tribes of Abraham. It is three times four. That three times four is comprised of three modalities times four elements.

The Element of Fire

We start with fire. **It rises up, burns, transforms things.** Whether it's oil or wood or whatever is burning, it transforms it. It changes it. It leaves ashes or some other residue behind, but fire sweeps in and changes. It rises up, lights up, it illuminates. **It's yang; masculine energy that wants to radiate out.** So fire and air are masculine, and earth and water are feminine.

So we've got the fire. You know fire! **You get pissed off. You get angry. That's fire!** You exercise. You sweat. That's fire. It's heat. You get a fever. You are burning up inside. It's fire.

We know the element of fire. I don't need to explain all of this stuff. Feel it. Know it. You see it. You know it already. We're just giving words to it.

The Element of Earth

Earth, duh, (pounds the table). Earth! It's solid. It's solid as we experience solid to be. It's heavy. It condenses, stays still. **It's very, very secure and stable. It's as secure and stable as anything can get on planet Earth in this 3rd dimension.** This earth is predictable. It's reliable. It hangs in there. It creates nature. It is what we bump up against outside of ourselves. So this earth is very practical, 3rd dimensional, very here, very real, very tangible. **It deals with the five physical senses.** Earth. We know the earth. We have a physical body.

The Element of Air

Air. You are full of hot air. You're blowing hot air. The wind. The pollen flies through the wind. It pollinates. It basically fertilizes. It is a way of communicating, of bringing new ideas, of connecting different things together. It is changeable, especially in Chinese astrology. The air is change. **The air is ... here one day gone tomorrow. Change, change, change. It's intellectual, upper chakras, dealing with communicating, talking, thinking, sharing, networking, technology.** All these means and ways, the iPhone, and this webinar thing that's going on. Airy, airy, airy things that connect us all together, verbally, intellectually, using our communication. **And that is also yang, masculine.** Different from the earth, which is heavy dense, inner, feminine.

The Element of Water

And water. **Water seeks the lowest level. It seeps in. It makes things soft, squishy and fertile. Water...source of all life.** They say we crawled out of the primordial oceans. Water is the feeling. It's the emotion. It's the inner intuition. **Both fire and water have to deal a lot with intuition. Fire is this dynamic outward, upward intuition. Water is the inner feeling.** We can't really give it a word or a voice, but it's the gut feeling. Let's look at that also in terms of Shamanic astrology.

Chakras and Shamanic Astrology

The upper, middle and lower worlds then. **The upper, celestial world deals with the upper chakras;** the crown chakra, the third eye and the throat chakra. All of this is the upper. It connects us to the imaginative, to the outer, to the inspiration, to that which is above, to the light. It's light. It's outward. It's associated with the planets of Uranus and Neptune.

Uranus and Neptune take us up, up and away. Out, out, out. We'll get more into that later. We would also say that it's fire and air because we are dealing with elements now. **The heart chakra is the fourth chakra. In the middle is the balancing factor between the upper and the lower. It's the center, very powerful.** It's also Venus, but we'll get into chakras, planets, all that stuff later.

Right now we're talking about Earth and Water associated with the lower realms, **the lower chakras, solar plexus, the sacral and the base, root chakra.** This is the lower realms, in Shamanic astrology, the underworld.

That underworld, then, is associated with Pluto, Chiron and Lilith, the deep dark shadow knows. Pluto, Chiron and Lilith, and of course, then we also have the middle realm. **The middle world is that world of the ego, 3rd dimensional time, space, logic, rationality, duality, polarity.** It's where we are all making our decisions. Where we're spending the majority of our waking hours in this world of ego. Unless you are meditating 24\7. Raise your hand if you're meditating 24\7. I don't see any hands out there! The middle realm is ruled by Jupiter and Saturn.

Cardinal, Fixed and Mutable

Cardinal, fixed, mutable. I much prefer Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva. I don't know if that's on the horoscope guide or not. **Cardinal – Brahma, creative, outward going, initiative. Start, begin, create! Do it, go for it, make it happen. That's cardinal.**

Fixed – Vishnu. Maintain it, sustain it, keep it going just the way it is. It doesn't need to change. Deepen it, go inward, really make it fixed.

Mutable - Shiva is the destroyer, the mutator. Wipe this out so something new can come in. Take Rome and change it, demolish it. Greece rises up and merges into Rome. Rome rises up and merges into England. England rises up and merges into the US. US rose up and gave way to Japan. Japan rose up and gave way to China. We have this whole way of things coming and going, mutating. Power mutates, energy mutates, form basically mutates. So evolution is this process of mutating; of creating, developing something, and then changing it. You can see it in the passage of the year. The plant rises up, forms its firmness, its buds blossom, and then it dies and lets go in the fall. And the seed comes out, mutates, and then gives way to the next cycle of flowers.

Astrology is the study of nature, among other things. Human nature, nature-nature, inner nature, outer nature, the nature of color, the nature of humor. (laughter)

Shiva gives you the feeling of destruction, and the images of Shiva, Kali and Durga are rather threatening and scary to a lot of people. That's not to say that Gemini, Virgo, Sag and Pisces are not scary...they can be. I know some of them who are (just kidding!), but **this mutating does not have to be scary and dramatic and violent.** So the mutable signs also can be this chameleon that gradually changes colors, and it can be a very peaceful beautiful process of improvement, of growth and expansion through mutation. And of course Shiva also is a creator God. **So there is the new creation that comes out of the mutation.** After every death, we know there is a resurrection. **In astrology there is no death. There is only the transformation from one state of existence into another.**

We have gone through the four elements. We have gone through the tree modalities. We are going to start now with the signs.

The Archetypes

Let's look at the difference between the signs, planets and the houses. On your Horoscope Interpretation Guide you have each one of the archetypes across the top, fire, earth, air and water. The modes are down the side. If you look at Aries, cardinal fire, you will see that under Aries is Mars, the ruling planet, and the 1st house, which is the house that Aries rules in what we call the natural horoscope. **So there is this natural horoscope that connects these signs of the zodiac**

with the planetary rulers, planets that are associated with those signs. And then the 12 houses within the natal birthchart.

What we have is three manifestations of a similar archetype. So when I talk about Pisces, we can also look a little bit to Neptune. We can also look a little bit to the 12th house. But the way we want to differentiate these, and before I get into the signs, I want to make this very clear. The difference between Pisces, Neptune and the 12th house is basically, I look at it like a play. You have the light. **The light will be the planet - psycho-spiritual function.** The psycho-spiritual function of Mercury is our left-brain, analytical thought processes called the lower mind. The psycho-spiritual function represented by Mars is our urge to penetrate, to go forward, reproduce, our sexual urges, our impulses, our desires that drive us forward into the world. That's a psycho-spiritual function.

Each one of these planets is a psycho-spiritual function. We will get into the planets later, but that is like the light, and then the light is filtered. We have the color of the light for the play.

The color of the light is totally different. **We have 12 different lights, 12 different colors, 12 different shades.** So that we have this situation of Mercury in Pisces. **The way a person thinks with Mercury in Pisces is totally different than someone who has Mercury in Leo, or Mercury in Libra, or Mercury in Aries.** So each one of these psycho-spiritual functions (planets) are lights that have their own color (sign). So today and for the first three sessions, we are talking about the filters. We are talking about the colors. We're talking about how that psycho-spiritual function is working in us. **We created our charts.**

We are infinite spiritual beings that created our charts. How we **chose** to have Mercury reflect our nature through this planetary sojourn. **We have to take responsibility for ourselves in every way, shape and form.** As with anything outside of us, hopefully we know that all the planets and the signs and the stars are not doing anything to us. Astrology is not cause and effect. This is not Newtonian physics going on here. Carl Jung called it synchronicity. It's as above, so below. **It's the mirror effect. We are looking at the outer. It is reflecting the inner. We are not doing anything to the stars and the stars are not doing anything to us.** That's just immature (laughter). So back to the stage. **You have the planet as the light, the sign as the filter and the house is the stage; where it happens.** So today, we are going to deal with the

signs (how), and then the planets, and then the houses. Finally, we will put them all together. It's that simple! (laughter)

Pisces

We are going to start with Pisces because **Pisces is the alpha and the omega**, the beginning and the end. It is mutable water. It is infinite change. In the northern hemisphere it is just before the Spring Equinox (0 degrees Aries). Christ said that he was the alpha and the omega and he is associated with bringing in the Age of Pisces. This beginning and the end contains within it infinite potential.

Look at where Pisces falls in your chart, **what house Pisces rules in your chart. That's where you are connected to the infinite potential.** And then you can also look to the planet Neptune, and this **Neptune is going to give you indications about where you are connected, and how you connect to this infinite creative potential.** And you can look at the 12th house. Planets that are moving through, transiting the 12th house will bring up these types of things for you. But right now, today, we're looking at the general archetype, so obviously when we do the planets, I'll refer back to this, and when we do the houses I'll refer back to this - this archetype of Pisces, Neptune and the twelfth house.

When you have planets in the sign of Pisces, when you've got planets in the 12th house, the house that Pisces rules, these are the places where you are connect to your infinite self. **Pisces rules the crown chakra that** opens us to our infinite spiritual self. There is no form. There is no shape. There is no security. There is no logic. There is no human kind of understanding. We are talking infinite here.

So Pisces is chaos. **Pisces is infinite potential and possibility with no form. So it is the dream.** So many people that are locked into their own ego and this world are going to say it doesn't exist. "It is invisible. You're dreams are not real. Forget it! Get a job. Stop sitting around so much. Stop taking all those drugs." We are going to get to drugs because Pisces, Neptune, 12th house does have to do, then, with us wanting to connect, feeling that need to connect with our infinite spiritual being. Infinite. When we incarnate, it's unity because it's very powerful. Now because Neptune has returned to the sign of Pisces for the first time in a 165 years, and as of last February, it came into Pisces, and it's going to stay there for 14 years, **this is a very powerful**

time of us reconnecting as a species to the infinite spiritual nature of the human being. Absolutely beautiful, and when we take that first breath, cut the umbilical cord, and sometimes getma slap on the butt, get to cry, you are separate. You are alone. We came into this world alone, and we go out of this world alone.

At least in a physical dimension, you are alone. **So we all feel the sense of longing, the sense of separation, and the sense of abandonment.** This isolation can lead to the sense of emptiness if you are not in touch with, when we are not, I want to say connected: if you are not meditating, not praying, or in some way, shape, or form connecting with the invisible spiritual creative forces of the universe. I like the word infinite intelligence. It's a lot better than God. I got issues with God. (laughter) Anyway, but when we are in our ego, our separate self, there is this sense of longing and emptiness, a sense of just wanting to sleep and dream, to reconnect to that infinite source.

So Pisces has to do with all forms of addictions, our ways of filling that emptiness and longing that we all have to really feel connected, united with all that is. Not just my partner, my lover, my parents or children, or cat, or dog, or garden, but all that is. So when we look at addictions, there are socially accepted addictions like: work, books, the internet, movies, iPhones. These are okay addictions. In some cultures, there are relationship addictions. "You are not single are you? Cause if you're single, there's something kinda funny about you. We want you in a relationship. We want you dealing with what we are dealing with."

There are many different forms of addiction. Some people read a book, go to work, or do a variety of other things that fill our waking hours. **In some ways all activity that occupies our minds with something can be seen as a "distraction" from our essential Self. In that sense we all have addictions.** We're all addicted to something that gives us this sense of connection.

For me, astrology could be considered an addiction. It gives me a sense of being connected to the infinite. If I do too much astrology, I get way out there, and I may have a hard time relating ha ha! We will say that there are many addictions. **I like the Buddhist path of the middle way,** not doing too little or too much of anything but having moderation in all things. Yeah, you want to complete the whole spectrum, all 12 signs. Hopefully you've got 12 different addictions. And

you balance all of them! We do each one of them for 2 hours a day out of the 24. That would mean that you sleep 2 hours a day because Pisces is sleep and dreams (just kidding!).

Addictions: they give us that feeling of connection, however there are unhealthy addictions. So you know people with strong Pisces, strong 12th house, strong Neptune. **If you've got a lot of planets in Pisces, or a lot of planets in 12th house, or Neptune is on the ascendant-midheaven, conjunct the sun/moon, surrounded by a whole bunch of other planets, you have a strong Neptune.** If you have this archetype as a strong dynamic in your life, in your chart, then your tendency is that you may want to escape, want to connect, to reconnect, escape this mundane, boring, dull, earth! It's too mental, overly physical, overly emotional, too much! I want to go home! E.T. Phone H O M E.

This is Pisces. "Let me out of here, please!" They just got that going on. Now it can manifest in a number of different ways. It can be healthy for your body, such as jogging, yoga, meditation, or astrology. We do have these healthy addictions, and the not so healthy addictions. "I can't live without you and your body. I need money, money, money, money, money, work, work, work, don't have time for anything else." And then the other, bad addictions like drugs and alcohol. "Give me another shot, oh yeah, feelin' better all the time. I feel one with all of you."

So for these addictions and others, it may be better to not do them at all, period, because they break down your body. They break down your sense of self. And let's define that sense of self a little bit. Well, we have an ego. We need our egos. The idea of getting rid of your ego is like suicide. According to ...(obviously this is all my opinion.) Christ had a big ego. Buddha had a big ego. Martin Luther King, Ghandi, Joan of Arc. Anybody who's done anything has a big ego. **The ego is the control tower for this 3rd dimensional physical body. It keeps us alive. It maintains our health and physical existence.**

It's very Virgo/Capricorn/Taurus. It's this earth aspect of ourselves that keeps us jogging and eating and dieting and healthy and vibrant, and channels that spiritual energy from the infinite cosmic potential onto planet Earth, into 3rd dimensional reality, into our relationships. We've got to have an ego. **In Pisces, uh uh...there's no ego. There's no self. There's no me. Me comes later.**

Pisces is our infinite spiritual self. **No walls, no boundaries, no limits. As such, it can be pretty scary, pretty dangerous territory.** This is where we get into martyrdom. This is where we get into victimization. Christ was a martyr. He brought in the age of Pisces. Thank God we are saying goodbye to that! We can also say goodbye to martyrdom. We can say goodbye to victimization. You know what? **We don't have to suffer in order to connect with our infinite potential. We don't have to die. We don't have to be egoless. We don't have to really go thru victimization and pain and punishment in order to be spiritual.**

That was the old paradigm. Old school, old age. We're moving out of that stuff. But **when you've got a lot of planets in Pisces, you've got a lot of...there can be this tendency to not think of yourself.** Not be in your body. And not be in your ego. Kind of "Oh yeah, Whatever. That's cool. Hit me again! Oh you need some money, here's my money. Oh that's right, I can't pay the rent, dang!"

You can forget about yourself. You can forget about your mortality. You can forget about your ego. **That's why they call the 12th house in the old astrology...the house of self-undoing! It's because there's no ego there.** There's no real "self," there. You're like, "Oh yeah, we're all one. We're all beautiful. We're all spiritual. We're all immortal. We're never gonna die. I'm never gonna run out of money. If I run out of money, I'm sure somebody will give me some money, right?"

I don't think so. It doesn't always happen. **So Neptune and Pisces and the 12th house also deal with illusion.** Illusion. It's the rose-colored glasses. "I see what I want to see. I believe I see the best in you. I see the best in America. I see the best in Russia. In India. I see the best in Hitler. I see the best in Saddam Hussein. I see the best in Al Qaeda. I see the best, best, best." That's the rose colored glasses. "I see the best in my lover. Oh yes, my lover would never cheat on me, lie to me, sleep with someone else behind my back... Oh no, are you kidding? They're perfect. I love them." "What's that black eye you got there?" "Well they did lose it last night, but they're still a beautiful person."

This is the kind of stuff that can happen when we go overboard, when we go too far and forget about the ego. The self. The me. The my. On a physical level then, of course, this immortality, this egolessness, this beautiful heart and beautiful aspect is the immune system. **So if you have a**

strong Pisces, a strong Neptune, a strong 12th house, you also are very sensitive. You have a weak immune system. You don't have lots of walls, lots of boundaries. You don't have lots of, what are they, the white blood cells that say, "No, no way! You're not coming in here! I'm not gonna get sick. I've got walls! No parasites, no viruses. Nobody's gonna mess with this body."

The Neptune/Pisces archetype doesn't have that going on. C'mon in. We're one. I love you. And love is all there is." You can make fun of all 12 signs, alright? (laughter) It's whenever you get extreme, it's fun. Auto-immune diseases, most definitely. This is our immune system, and what you've got to do is, if you've got strong Neptune/Pisces/12th house... half doses of drugs, legal or illegal. Half doses of alcohol. A half a glass of wine is the same as one or two glasses of wine for everybody else. Just lying out in the sun, your skin will burn faster than other peoples. This immune system is very powerful, very important, and that's why Neptune's return to Pisces now, since 2012 until 2024... we're dealing with our immune system deficiencies.

We need to become really aware of what is affecting our immune systems, how to build up, what our immune systems are actually doing. How our mental, psychological, spiritual, emotional state affects our immune system. **This is this whole cellular redefining, awakening, changing that's going on now. Our DNA, our immune systems are changing.**

So, let's look at the positive side of Pisces. Illumination, infinite love, infinite creativity. Pisces is in touch with its extra-sensory perception. It's the subtle energy. It's the psychic healer. It's the mystic. It's the medium. It's the one who knows. Who feels into your ..."Oh yes, I feel you have liver problems this morning." That subtle energy, that attunement to the subtle level. It's the "Om". "I'm feeling connected with this whole circle of people. I'm feeling connected with the whole planet, with the whole cosmos, more Oms please." It's absolutely beautiful! It's Nirvana. No walls, no separation, no boundaries, no immune system when you get into these states.

And that's why Kundalini yoga, the yoga that we do, strengthens the aura, strengthens the magnetic field. You do your yoga and then you meditate. You don't just do your meditation without yoga. You don't do yoga without meditation. Except in America. The whole purpose of yoga is to prepare the body for meditating, so to do yoga without meditation is like... Oh, don't get me started, I will talk for two hours on this. (laughter)

So Pisces is that interface between the self and the universe. It's to origin point of music, dance, art, of feeling inspired. Neptune and Uranus "rule" the upper world in Shamanic astrology. It's the upper world, the celestial world. "I am feeling connected, and that connection inspires me and gives me this painting inwardly. I just heard the music of the spheres. My name is John Lennon." He had a Mercury/Neptune conjunction... and when you come in with creative inspiration, it is coming from Pisces, coming from that collective intelligence. In a lot of ways, the gray matter of our brain is just a wound up antenna. **We are tapped into the collective thought, so Pisces/Neptune/12th House has to do with the collective unconscious.** A lot of strong Pisces/Neptune/12th House and you are connected to the collective unconscious, for better or for worse, in sickness and in health, 'til death do you part. (laughter)

You don't have the same kind of immune system, same kinds of boundaries, the same kind of walls of separation that other people have. **And the plus side of it is that you can be creative, artistic, and have a beautiful, big, open, loving heart.** Okay, downside of it is that you can forget about yourself and forget about your body, get taken for a ride and be an innocent sheep that is led to slaughter because you're so devoted and so compassionate that you don't put out any boundaries, laws, rules or restrictions. Or that you feel so disillusioned with the hard, cruel, tough world of 3rd dimensional reality that you shoot up and drop out and then die. We'll let that sink in. Just feel that polarity.

We could just meditate on each of these twelve signs and ask to feel that energy, that sign, and let's face it, just because you have a strong or weak... lots of planets in or no planets in, don't think, "I don't have any planets in the 12th house. No planets in Pisces. "Does that mean that I am never going to be creative or artistic? Or that I'm not connected, or that I have a big ego?"

NO... **because everybody has Pisces somewhere ruling some house.** We'll get into the houses later and you will see. And everybody has got a Neptune. Neptune is probably aspecting other planets. Neptune is in a house, so you can have Neptune in the first house. That is a strong Neptune. Or Neptune aspecting many planets etc.

The angular houses are considered the "strong" houses. 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th are the cardinal houses and they have to do ... They are very powerful, and **you can have Neptune in any of these houses and this archetype** is going to be dominant in your chart. And even though

you may not have any planets in the 12th house, planets will transit through your 12 house. Saturn will spend 2.5 years in your 12th house. The sun goes through your 12th house for a month every year. **So you may not have planets in your natal 12th house, but your 12th house even if it's empty can be activated.**

That is this archetype of Pisces, and I could obviously go on and on about Pisces this whole time, however, we have to move on to Aries. We have a schedule to attend to. We are not in infinite time. We do not have forever. The dream must end and it ends with Aries, Boo! Aries! (laughter)

Balancing Pisces with Virgo

Okay, so what happens is one sign gives way to another. One season gives way to another. One life gives way to another. So Pisces gives way to Aries. It's the natural flowing evolution of all that is.

“All that is... is all that is. There is nothing outside of all that is”

That is one of my favorite quotes from Bashar, an extra-terrestrial channel. Instead of saying God, you can say all that is, because all that is IS EVOLVING, and here we'll get a little shot of Virgo. Virgo/Pisces axis - we can also look at polarities, and will a lot more as time goes on.

One thing about the Virgo/Pisces axis is the desire for perfection. Pisces kind of envisions and visions and dreams that everything is perfect. Rose-colored glasses. You're perfect. I'm perfect. We are all perfect.

A Virgo will say, “Ok. That is not perfect. That is not perfect. We can fix that, and change that, and modify that, and I am going to get involved in making it perfect.” **But the whole thing is that all that is, God, Goddess, the creator, source is evolving. So perfection is evolving. What was just perfect a minute ago is no longer perfect.** This is perfect, and what's coming is perfect, but it's always going from perfect to imperfect back to perfect and back to imperfect. There is no steady state of perfection, and that is where Virgo can get a little lost. Seeking to get to a fixed state of perfection. **But once Virgo sees that God is evolving, perfection is changing, they can balance themselves with Pisces, and Pisces of course can balance itself with Virgo.**

So Virgo has to do with Earth. Mutable earth. These are both mutable signs. “I am going to change the Earth! I’m a sculptor. I’m changing it. I’m perfecting it. I am making it more beautiful than it was before I came along.”

It’s the supermodel. “I’m looking good. I’ve got the perfect body. I don’t eat anything.” Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, so this idea that I am going to work at it, I’m going to put forth effort. We’re saying that Pisces, when egoless, passive, dreamy, no will forces, no self, needs to balance itself with Virgo. “I’m gonna do it. I’m gonna make it happen. I’m gonna use my mind.” It’s ruled by Mercury. “I’m gonna use my thoughts and my thinking, and I’m gonna figure this out and I’m gonna go for it and I’m gonna make it happen.” So we want to balance out the Pisces – Virgo axis. Not get too lost in either pole. **Not become obsessive compulsive, like the Virgo can do, and not become the dreamy, nomadic, starving artist that Pisces can do. Balance, take the middle way.** One way or the other. Along comes Aries.

Aries

Aries is all about starting, beginning, separation. Aries is ruled by Mars, and associated with the 1st house. So if you’ve got strong Aries, like the Moon in Aries which says you’re coming from Aries, or Aries rising, which says you’re going toward Aries, or a strong Mars, like Mars on the Ascendant etc. this archetype is for you! **This Aries archetype is cardinal fire, Brahma fire, creative fire, that starts, begins, penetrates, charges, goes forward into the new. “I am done with Pisces. I am emerging out of the infinite primordial chaos, and I am defining myself. I am cutting the crap!”**

Mars and Aries have to do with the sword quality, the scalpel, the surgeon, that cuts. Doing surgery here! It is the soldier, the warrior, or the scout that cuts with the machete through the jungle making a path. So this cutting, **Mars/Aries energy cuts loose from that chaos of Pisces, from that infinite potential and emerges. It has to do with birth.** It is the impulse towards individuation, towards separation, towards the new beginning. It is desire.

Mars is what they call in astrology the lower octave of Pluto. We’ll get into the planets later, but Pluto has to do with the soul. Pluto is symbolic of the soul in evolutionary astrology. Mars being the lower octave of Pluto is desire. We know that we have a soul because we have desire. Mars taps us into Pluto. Our desires tap us into our soul. Our soul has a dual nature, according to

Jeffrey Wolf Green, one of my teachers. **The dual nature of the soul is the desire to separate from the source that created it, and other dual, co-existing desire is to return to the source that created it.** Like a wave upon the sea. The wave comes up, separates, individualizes, and then returns back down to the primordial ocean of unity.

We, infinite spiritual beings, come down. Let's say we come up! Like the wave, we come up out of the ocean of primordial unity, and we break into white caps, huge breakers, like on the beach, where the foam and the white comes out, and chunks of water separate totally from the ocean before going back in. **That is the Aries impulse, the desire to separate, the desire to individualize, the desire to experience myself in a new way.** We are each part of creator. As we evolve, creator evolves. So each life that we have, the more freakish, unusual, inventive, innovative, and creative we can be. It's like we are the fingers of God, reaching out to expand into the unknown. The more into the unknown each of us goes, the whole fricken thing goes. We will just see where that goes. Getting philosophical here, phew! This is just astrology! (laughing)

Separation and desire. Mars/Aries, the archetype of Aries is the beginning, the separation, pioneer, start, penetration. And so what are we doing on another level? Let's take it to another level. Like I say, we come up out of this spiritual infinite potential, into what? Separated, physical bodies. Animal bodies. We come down onto planet earth, and we've given ourselves bodies. These bodies are animal, and we've got instincts. And we've got impulses. We have sexual instincts, sexual impulses. We get hungry, thirsty, and we want this, and have this desire, and we have these instincts, and they originate from the soul Pluto.

But Mars is the desire. So we've got these desires. **Mars/Aries/1st house is this yang, masculine energy that wants to come out to hunt, reach out and take what is mine.** "And it may have been yours, but it is mine now because I am stronger than you." I mean let's face it, on some level, this animal world is prey and predator, and we come into this world out of Pisces, out of the infinite, into this world of polarity, into these physical bodies. We are in a 3rd dimensional world. There is polarity. We are either alive or dead. It is or it isn't.

Aries comes in, and it is this powerful impulse. So it is the sexual desire. **In particular, the planet Mars has so much to do with the expression of our physical sexual impulses and**

instincts. Not only sexual, but also hunger, also the desire to penetrate into the unknown, to initiate something new. **This is a very important aspect of Aries, 1st house and Mars. It is very primal. It is very unconscious. You get into the other future signs, planets, and houses, you get more consciousness, more ego-awareness, more self-consciousness.** We are here at the instinctive, instinctual level, and so here we have to give a plug for Aries, just like we want to give a plug for Pisces. We want to encourage Pisces to dream, to be the artist, to be the musician. With Aries, we actually want to give them a plug, and say, “Yeah! Follow your instincts, and show us how!”

This is the mystery school of will. Of want. Of how to make it happen. Yes it does have to do with anger. “I don’t like this the way it is, that’s it. I want to change it, I’ve had it. I’ve had it with you and you. I’ve had it with this, that. I’m outta here. I’m gone.”

Something new, something different. That is how America got discovered. Columbus, I don’t know what sign he was, but I’m sure he had a strong Mars. **Mars is the military, Mars is the officer, the captain. Mars is General Patton. It is this soldier. It is the charge, the conqueror.** Go into the unknown world and discover! The gold miner. We wouldn’t have anything new going on if it wasn’t for Aries/Mars in the first place. This would be a dull, boring planet, without all that stuff. **They can be seen as bulls in the china shop; unconscious, narcissistic, egotistical, impulsive, unconscious thugs that just smack you, and give you a shot in the face, and think about it later, talk about it later.** But face it, we all have a Mars somewhere. We all have a 1st house. There is an instinctive, impulsive aspect to each and every one of us. **The idea is not to suppress it, deny it, avoid it, call it unspiritual, judge it as ignorant, but rather to understand it and integrate it.**

I like the picture of the deer. The deer is an animal. The deer is instinctive, but it’s graceful, beautiful, gorgeous, and it follows its instinct. It reminds me that animals are also in acceptance of death. They don’t have the ego. They don’t have the fear of death. This instinctive hunter conqueror Aries energy that just charges, in some ways has no fear. The quality that it brings is the quality of, in some ways, trust. Just as the deer and other animals will follow their instinct to the water, to the green pastures, to the food so too will they will accept that if there’s a drought, there’s no water, there’s nothing to eat they will accept their death.

So we have this impulsive nature, the unconscious nature, the will to penetrate, the desire body, the sexual nature. Let's look at anger and heat. This frustration. Mars has to do with anger, but I don't say that anger is only Mars. Mars has to do with the natural impulse and the natural instinct. When you connect Mars with Saturn, which is suppression and contraction and duty and responsibility and external authority and judgment, restricting and judging and suppressing and denying that natural instinctive impulse, that's when you get anger. **Mars does not have to be angry. If we all were fully integrated, natural beings, Mars would simply be our instinctive desire to begin, to start, to change, to initiate something that has not been before, or something new that we need in our lives.**

Today, Mars is conjunct Saturn. It still is for a little bit here. We are really dealing with that, so when you connect these two archetypes of Mars/Saturn, also Aries/Capricorn, Saturn in the 1st house, but we will get into combinations of these things a little later on in the process. The **bad rap of Aries is that it's selfish, narcissistic, it's all about me.** And it is. The first house is about me. I, me, my, my identity, who I am. I am. I simply am.

I exist. This is the first house. This is Aries energy. The dominance of that energy, the predominance of Aries, dominance of planets in the 1st house. Strong, strong Mars on the south node of the moon, north node of the moon, aspecting Pluto, aspecting the Sun/Moon/rising sign, etc. Strong Mars energy is - I am, I exist, I am going to take or I want. "I'm going to start to initiate. I'm a conqueror, a hunter. I go. I am a racecar driver. I'm Paul Newman."

It's the race car driver, the athlete, and it's about winning, and it can get into competition. It's also the surgeon. So even healing, healers can have a very strong Mars quality. We all need this Mars quality. When you get too much of it though, and here's where I always encourage people with a lot of Aries, a lot of first house in Mars energy, basically to **attach your will or your desire, your Mars energy, to something that cannot be accomplished in this lifetime**, yeah? End world hunger, make sure everyone has a home, get rid of the homeless, fight cancer, join Greenpeace. Take your individual personal will and hook it onto a collective need. This is a great use of Aries energy.

Aries is also the guard at the gate, the protector. A very positive, strong use of this energy is to protect those who can't protect themselves, feed those who can't feed themselves, clean up the planet, things the artists or the dreamers aren't always so good at. If Aries does not have a larger will or a larger cause to fight for, then they will simply fight for themselves. That's where selfishness comes in, where danger and karma can come in too. If you aren't going for something bigger than you, than you are out for yourself, and can be very narcissistic, selfish, all about I, me, and my. I am in my center and "to hell vit you" - to quote one of my favorite actors, a Martian actor, Conan the Barbarian, Arnold Schwarzenegger... "to hell vit you." (ha ha!)

Libra, as the opposite sign from Aries, is the other, the spouse, the partner, the business partner, the enemy. It's taking into account the other. Aries can get too lost in itself. Libra is ruled by Venus, and it has to do with the fact that there is somebody else out there besides yourself. **So you're self-centered, impulsive, instinctive nature needs to be balanced by a sense of cooperation, compromise, listening. Aries acts, Libra listens.** Libra is balancing the scale between my 'self' and the other. So we will get into Libra when we get to Libra.

Taurus

So, Aries gives way to Taurus. The fire of Aries, cardinal fire, gives way to fixed earth, Taurus. Like we say, **Vishnu, sustain, maintain, endure, persevere, uphold, get it together. I mean if Aries is the hunter, Taurus is the feast.** Aries brings down the antelope, and Taurus absolutely enjoys and loves the taste of flesh. (For the vegetarians out there, I won't get too carnivorous. I'm sorry. There are other visualizations. It doesn't have to be violent.)

Let's say that the knight on the white horse comes and saves the maiden, and that is Aries. The knight on the white horse saves the maiden, and they come into Taurus, and they enjoy each other's presence and physical bodies. Boy, using great examples today! **So Taurus is the five physical senses.** That's what I was getting to. I was just trying to be interesting. Five physical senses, what are they again? They are touch; primarily Taurus is touch. But it's also, taste. Taurus is 'muah'! The fine wine, and the connoisseur of the fine foods. And smell. The aromatherapy, the wine taster. This is your Taurus. They slow down, take their time to smell the flowers. That is touch, taste, smell... hearing... These senses (and seeing). Taurus is ruled by

Venus, by Aphrodite, the standard of beauty. Aphrodite did not try to be beautiful, she simply was/is the standard of beauty. “If you want to be beautiful, try to look like me”. That’s Taurus.

Taurus is self-sufficiency. “I have my act together. I take care of myself. I don’t need you. I don’t need this. I don’t need that. I will find my own resources, my own talents, my own capacities. I am it! I gather, I receive.” It’s Venus, it’s a feminine sign. The I-ching says the masculine is creative, the feminine is receptive, **so Taurus is this earthly, physical, feminine self.**

We all have Taurus/Venus/a 2nd house, so people that have a strong emphasis on this archetype are very physical, and they are also very self-sufficient, and it gets into... I think of Madonna, the Material Girl. They like their money. Taurus can like sensual, sexual pleasuring. This is where it can get also a little sticky because it is so physical. You put Mars in Taurus or something. Here you have a non-stop, constant, sexual impulse, instinct, desire, whatever. It’s there. It just keeps happening.

If anything, **Taurus can get stuck in the rut, doing the same old, same old, same old.** You put Mars in there, and the other aspect of this is that its Earth. It’s physical. The physical sensation. When you mix Mars and Taurus, when you mix sex with bodies, Taurus in particular, is the physical aspect of sex. Which some will call hedonism, or judge as being profane sexuality.

If we look at the devil card in the Tarot. What is the devil? The devil is considering matter, the physical, as all there is, in one way, shape or form. This is my take on the universe. It’s that this is all there is. The one with the most toys wins. This is the Satan. This is the devil. **It’s just material, it’s just physical, so there is that quality to the Taurus where sexuality can be just physical.** “Aaah that feels good! No, I don’t need a commitment. No, this is not love! Are you kidding? We just had a great orgasm together. That doesn’t mean that I love you. Wait a minute!”

Scorpio – the opposite of Taurus is water, emotion, the emotional body union and connection. So this Taurus, like I say, if we look at the **down side of Taurus, we would say that this selfish, self-centered, I, me, mine, my resources, my talents, my body, my money orientation, can be possessive in relationships.** “I got a new car, I got a new house, I got a new partner. They’re mine. They do what I want. I do what I want with them.” Out of hand a little bit.

I think of Taurus as the castle. We all have a Taurus. We all have a 2nd house. We all have a Venus. We all need a certain amount of self-sufficiency. We all need to get our act together, and we do need to receive. But let's look at the castle. "I have got the treasure. I got the goods. I have the culture, the commerce, the business, the money." The castle is like the center of the kingdom where things are happening, things are held and protected.

So that's Taurus. The danger of Taurus is closing the gate to the castle. Scorpio is Robin Hood and his merry men and the forest, where there are wild animals. There's wild things that can come in and threaten the castle. That can maybe take over the castle. Things that are bigger than the castle, so the thing about Taurus is it's the castle, and in an unhealthy manifestation of that energy, the gate is closed. Sexually it is masturbation. "I take care of myself. I don't need anybody sexually, financially, emotionally." The down side of Taurus is the castle under siege where it runs out of juice..... water, fresh produce, new ideas from outside the gate.... This equal stagnation.

The upside of Taurus is Yeah! You drop down that gate. You let in... change. You let in Scorpio. You let in the renewal, the new energy, the transformation, and then you balance that out, and your sexual union can become sacred because it's not just about your orgasm, and your two bodies and how good it feels. But you are connecting on all chakras, and you have got eye contact, you are feeling the other person's soul and you are uniting spiritually. And it becomes more than just this animal act. So this is the Taurus – Scorpio union or balancing out.

Other aspects of Taurus... Again we are still in the first quadrant. If you take the zodiac and you break it into four quadrants, Aries, Taurus, Gemini. This is kind of... **Carl Jung had the four types: instinct, feeling, thinking, and sensation. So the first quadrant is instinct.** Aries, I talked about Aries...being just kind of instinctual. Well, Taurus is the next best instinct to Aries, and Gemini is pretty darn instinct, too. What I'm saying is there's not a lot of consciousness in this first quadrant; self-consciousness, self-awareness. 1st, 2nd and 3rd house – Aries, Taurus, Gemini.

The idea is that the bull is the symbol of fertility, lays out in the field chewing it's cud. It has the horns that are connecting it to infinite space. But there is also this like the bull in the china shop... you've got Aries - can be very impulsive and unaware that there are people outside of

itself, and Taurus also can be very self-oriented and narcissistic, not taking into account other people. Other people's needs, other people's values, other people's concerns. So it needs Scorpio. The good side of Taurus obviously is it's the Garden of Eden. Scorpio is Hell, the battlefield, and conflict. Taurus, ruled by Aphrodite, is wanting beauty and peace and that bull just sits in the field.

It's content with the simple life. Taurus can be very much associated with simplicity. It doesn't need a lot. It's self-sufficient; takes care of itself. Aesthetics yes. Simple beauty. Taurus learns to walk, to eat, to grab things. And Taurus is also the builder. Taurus wants to take the Aries impulse and vision, the pioneer, and ground it, make it real. Think of the wild west. **The Aries wagon train goes out west, and then Taurus comes and says let's build some cabins, let's get established.** The positive side of Taurus is King Solomon's Temple. It's the architect. Taking that impulse and forming it into something that's going to last, that's stable and secure and it's going to feed us, house us, and keep us warm for some time to come.

Jupiter Transits Through the 2nd House

As an example, we can look at a chart, you've got Jupiter transits. Jupiter goes around every 12 years, so it spends about year in your 2nd house. Every 12 years you get Jupiter coming through the 2nd house, and I say to my clients, "You've got Jupiter going through the 2nd house. This is a great time to receive a lot of abundance. You can bring in the money, you can bring in the new talent, the new capacity. Let go of old ways of making an income, old receiving, old talents and develop something new. And don't blow it! Don't think it is going to last forever."

Jupiter is here in your 2nd house for a year. It is giving you the nourishment, the support, the fuel to last the next ten years. Jupiter comes through that 2nd house, and it says, "Here, take this money and get out there and go for it." It's like the gas station, Jupiter in the 2nd house. You pull up to the gas station, you get a full tank, and then you take off, and there may not be another gas station for a while. Not to say you only make money one out of every 12 years, don't get me wrong. There's lots of different factors.

As part of this webinar, I highly suggest you read the Inner Sky by Stephen Forrest. In it, he goes through the signs, the planets and the houses, and then he goes into aspects. Besides Stephen Forrest, the Inner Sky, for me, one of my bibles of astrology has been Jeffrey Wolf

Green's Pluto Volume I, The Evolution of the Soul. The guy is phenomenal, and I think it's back in print. But he goes through the 12 basic archetypes. He talks about Pluto, and I use his methodology of chart interpretation along with some other additions of my own. Some people have a hard time reading it, but give it a shot. His Volume II is also awesome. Those are the three main books I would recommend for you to start with. Thank you and let's get together again next week!

Aloha, Namaste. So much love.

End of part 1