

## PSYCHO-QUADRATIC IIA: SOMATIC GENDER

### FREUD'S (KLEIN'S) 'INSTINCTUAL' GENDER

If there is any 'psycho-dyad' that is crying out for an expansion into a 'psycho-quadratic', it would have to be "masculine-feminine". If we stick to biology, we admit that XX-YX is straightforwardly dyadic but, as Freud explains (and, as "civilization" reveals to anyone who cares to look), the fact that there are not insignificant fractions of XXs who view themselves as men and XYs who view themselves as women tells (if not biologists, then psychologists) that gender also has its developmental 'quirks' and, in showing this, Freud did at least establish a somatic '(bio)-psycho-quadratic'.

Indeed, Freud would take the step, now notoriously controversial, of viewing gender as *primarily* epi-genetic i.e. due, perhaps, to an initial "identification" with the phallic nipple, all infants believe that they are little boys... meaning that little girls are faced with the "phallic phase" problem of discovering that they aren't what they had thought they were. And, perhaps knowing that he was dooming himself to be the most hated figure of "feminists", he went on to describe the "penis envy" that all little girls suffer from until they discover their vaginas... as the joke goes: a triumphant brother declares to his sister, "I've got one of these!", but his 'discovering sister' retorts, "yeah, but, with one of these, I can get as many of those that I want!".

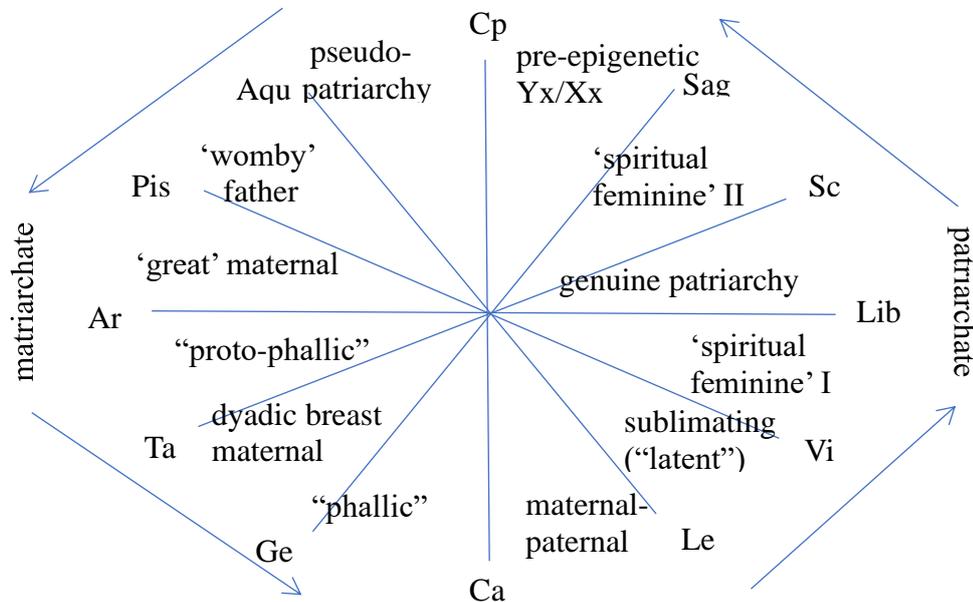
It wasn't only feminists who had criticized Freud's 'over-reduction'. A number of Freud's proteges would point out that the development of gender had a number of additional moving parts, both in the little boy and in the little girl, that Freud had not noticed. For example, Otto Rank, thought that the "loss of penis" (past history for the little girl; threatening future history for the little boy) was but a pale reflection of the "loss of womb" (and/or "loss of nipple") at birth (and/or in the "oral-to-anal phase"). Such additions are justified insofar as the closer to the womb the investigating analyst gets (even masterful Freud), the more s/he is "resisted" by the analysand's narcissism i.e. resisted by the psychical half that is 'inaccessible' to psychoanalytic investigation and treatment (noting, here, that development into the psyche's 'other half' – Eros – is required for 'access/transference' and, in turn, for therapy to become plausible).

The most enduring addition by Freud's proteges was made by Melanie Klein, who directed her attention to the womb-that-preceded and the breast-that-succeeded the nipple i.e. to the maternal mother rather than the phallic mother. As a result, Klein could see that the newborn not only "identifies" with the 'outer' "nipple" but s/he also "projects" his/her 'inner' state, hunger/satiety, into the 'inside' of his/her mother and, in turn, s/he phantasizes an attack on her 'insides'... and, as it is in the glass, the breast can be half full or half empty; the baby attacks a "good breast" in order steal mother's goodies and attacks a "bad breast" for taunting him/her with 'fool's gold'.

Thus, the baby, like those suffering "narcissistic psychoses/neuroses", lives in a very dyadic world i.e. there are no shades between "good" and "bad" (and definitely no quadratic). This leads to the "paranoid schizoid position", the position wherein the Kleinian therapist can do nothing but "be with" his/her analysand. Still, if the analyst has the "temperance", the analysand will, eventually, allow him/herself 'sink' into the "depressive position" without succumbing to the suicidal impulses that, up until then, s/he had been using his/her "paranoid schizoid position" to defend against them.

## ASTROLOGERS' 'INSTINCTUAL' GENDER

Having noticed the “phallic” (masculine) mother and the maternal (feminine) mother, those who would search for the ‘psycho-quadratic’ will turn their attention to the question of whether there is (or, in a Platonic disinterested search for Truth, is not) a ‘womby’ (feminine) father and a paternal (masculine) father. The Jungian astrologer could recommend ‘generic’ astrologers to read Erich Neumann’s “The Great Mother” and “The Origin and History of Consciousness” to locate this ‘4’ in the zodiac...

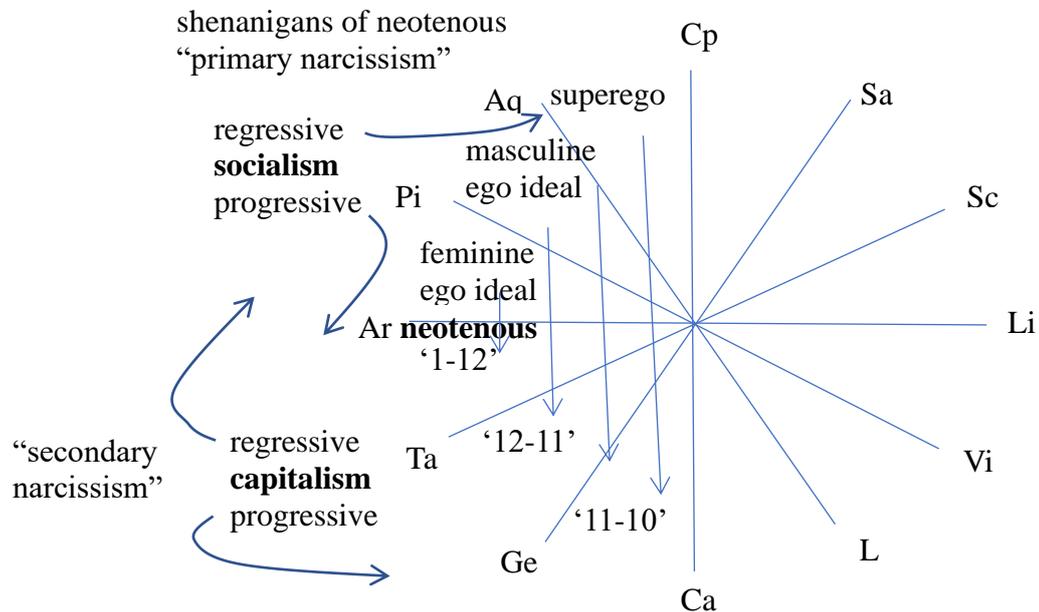


... although (what we call) the ‘left hemisphere’ (astrologers who don’t look at maps usually prefer to call this the “eastern hemisphere”) has three “masculine” signs, Aquarius, Aries and Gemini, the Freudastrologer still groups all six signs under the banner of “matriarchate” because, (i) as was discussed in ‘Basics’, the 4<sup>th</sup> quadrant is more often a symbol of ‘gestation’ than of a (grand)-parent, (ii) the Greek counterpart of the ruler of Aries, Ares, is born parthenogenically (father-less) & (iii) the Geminian, pre-family romanced, “narcissistic flower boy” is a boy who has yet to learn that the only thing worse than Oedipal defeat is Oedipal victory i.e. even if, Freudianly, he does manage to sidestep his father’s castrating ire, his sidestep usually carries him straight into the Jungian-Neumannian jaws of the phallus-munching, Great Mother; and...

... although (what we call) the ‘right hemisphere’ has three “feminine” signs, Cancer, Virgo and Scorpio, we still group all six under the banner of “patriarchate” because, (i) the father makes his definitive appearance in the 4<sup>th</sup> (i.e. Oedipal phase) house of the horoscope, (ii) the Virgoan Maiden’s destiny is to be abducted ‘up-away’ from the lower hemisphere that is home for spring-summer-phallic, Taurean Demeter and, (iii) by marrying Persephone, the Roman counterpart of the ruler of the eighth, feminine sign, Pluto, draws the Virgoan Maiden ‘up’ to her queen-ship; even Jupiter, the ruler of Sagittarius – and, insofar as he is the parthenogenic father of (what could be called) Libra’s ‘semi-ruler’, Athene – isn’t able to over-rule this ‘sacred’ union.

## FREUD-(KLEIN)-ASTROLOGERS' 'INSTINCTUAL' GENDER

Returning now to Freud's over-masculine take on the infant psyche and Klein's re-balancing, feminine 'correction' of Freud, we note that she also 'corrected' Freud's view of the superego i.e. whereas Freud thought that it emerged *de novo* from the trials and tribulations of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Oedipal phase, Klein saw it operating in the neonatal phase. This pointed to the possibility of it being established during gestation... and, of course, the astrologer who notices the links from (i) "repression" to the 10<sup>th</sup> archetype and (ii) the "ego ideal" to the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> archetypes and (iii) follows FA in taking the neoteny of Homo sapiens as highly significant, won't have any trouble seeing the matriarchate being 'interconnected', like so...



... Freud's metaphor for all this was the marine landing i.e. the admiral orders the marines to land but his ideals turn him into something of Ouranos wanting to stuff the failings of the attack back into the womb... until such a time that his pragmatism orders his inner Chronos to 'castrate' his Ouranian idealism; the admiral is definitely no patriarch... he is a pawn of the '12-(11)-10 Great Mother'.

At this point, the horoscopist will want to know how all this effects the 'zodiac-horoscope-phase-shift' and, of course, we have to admit that all this makes something complex into something uber-complex. In our prior example of ('150° phase-shifted') Donald Trump, however, the above-described 'extension' of the 4<sup>th</sup> quadrant into the 1<sup>st</sup> quadrant is 'already there' i.e. he has Taurus on the M.C., Uranus in the 10<sup>th</sup> house, Saturn in the 11<sup>th</sup> house and Neptune in the 2<sup>nd</sup> house... so, perhaps in other ways, it is simpler. Either way, he is the admiral pawn of the Great Mother in need of a "bigger boat". Then again, Trump needs to be seen as no more than a symptom... democratic majorities are also without a clue of what 'spiritual femininity' looks like.

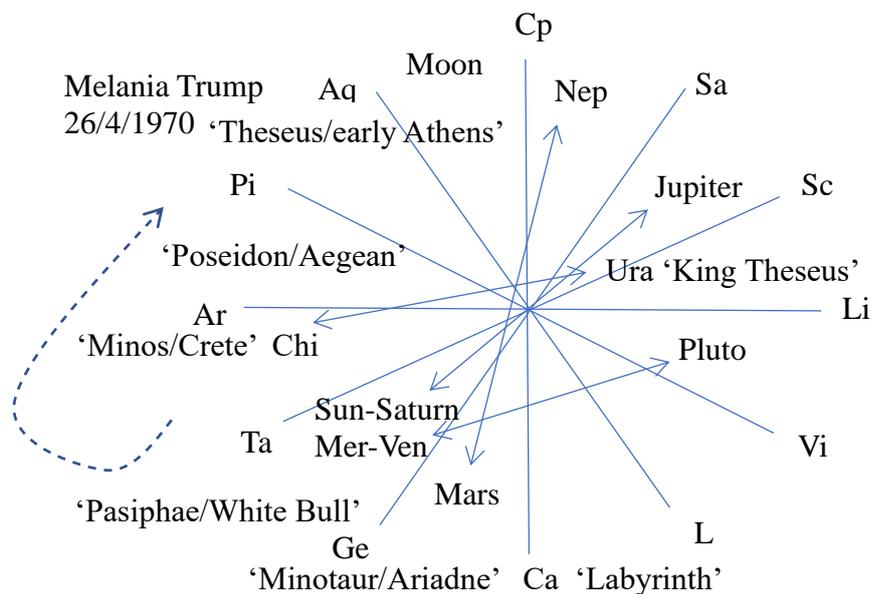
When we 'go global' like this, we ask ourselves: can Kleinian theory "be with" a "paranoid schizoid world" until this "world's depressive position" is achieved?...

**IS THERE SUCH A THING AS ‘POLITICAL HEROISM’? EXAMPLE IV**

If there is any ‘political psycho-dyad’ that is crying out for an expansion into a ‘psycho-quadratic’, it would surely be “socialism-capitalism”. And, if one accepts that socialism comes out of the introverted-collective attitude and capitalism comes out of the extraverted-individualistic attitude, then the obvious way to expand the dyad is to re-apply Jung’s “regression-progression” dyad (scroll back up) as we had done in our ‘Psycho-quadratic I’. In this way, we are able to see that, although infantile capitalism is a developmental ‘advance’ on gestational socialism, this assessment isn’t sustainable if we compare ‘regressive capitalism’ to ‘progressive socialism’, something, of course, that never goes through Trump’s mind. If one wants to be a political ‘hero’, s/he would need to find a way to “progress” his/her way out of both socialism and capitalism and, then, chart a path across Freud’s “family romance” (and the rest of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quadrant) to find an exogamous, diplomatic home in Venusian/Athenian ‘7 Libra/7<sup>th</sup> house’.

(Because this development requires a modicum of Jungian understanding, FA prefers Jung’s “individuation aristocracy” to Plato’s “intellectual aristocracy”).

Now that we are at ‘Example V’ and that Freud is our ‘quintessential (even if, as it was for Charles Darwin, he wasn’t a full ) hero’, we could, at this point, return to our ongoing interpretation of Freud’s horoscope... but, in light of our current theme of gender equality, let’s go to a feminine version of the Taurean ‘hero/heroine’. When it comes to the current/recent 1<sup>st</sup> lady of the U.S.A., very few would think of her as an example but, if those who don’t think of her this way are correct, we can yet reply that (i) it is never too late to embark on a ‘heroic journey’, (ii) the globe may benefit if she does so, and (iii) this is one of the ‘most Taurean’ charts we have encountered (even if, as it is for Melanie Klein, we don’t have her ontogenetic house placements)...



... indeed, we can expand ‘(iii)’ by pointing out that, with Moon in Capricorn & Pluto in Virgo trine her Sun-ruling natal Venus, Melania is ‘very earthy’.

Being born in 1970 in Slovenia, we could propose that her Moon in Capricorn was ‘comfortable enough’ living under a socialist system but her collection of planets

in Taurus – noting, here, that although Taurus is an “introjector”, it is still ‘facing’ the external world and, therefore, it is “extraverted” – are ‘striveful enough’ to outweigh her Moon and provide the impetus to migrate to an opportunistic system. Her ‘trump’ card to this end, of course, was her classic, “cow-eyed” Taurean beauty... it took her to NYC in 1996 wherein, as Saturn rolled towards its 1<sup>st</sup> return, she began to date her future husband, the epitome of a character for whom “sacrifice” is just another word for “ridiculous action”.

Depth psychologically, however, “sacrifice” is an action that, when heartfelt, is a “head-shrinking” process that is a necessary prequel to emotional-spiritual growth. The fact that “King Minos” of mythical ancient Crete is unable to sacrifice to Poseidon means that he fancies himself as much more god than human (noting that it is the task of kings and queens to find the halfway place between the g/God/s and men so that, in turn, they can lead their ‘subjects’ through endogamy to exogamy). Translating this to the modern Freudastrological political context, we can say that Trump’s “inflation” has led him into the ‘regressive capitalist’ mindset that threatens to ‘hook up’ with the ‘regressive socialist’ mindset that, in due course (and, usually, sooner than later), leads to tyranny. While Melania may not care about political theory, it is fair to assume until proven otherwise that she cares about ‘7 equality’ and a fully exogamous marriage.

Melania might not care about ‘Melanian’ (Kleinian) theory either but, into this possible breach, a “classical Jungian” would wonder if, upon hearing about the story of ancient Crete, she “identifies” with the (half)-sister of the “Minotaur”, “Ariadne”, hoping to encounter a hero for whom she can provide a thread. In the story, as shown in the horoscope above, “Theseus” was originally one of the ‘children’ that was meant to be “sacrificed” to (not Poseidon, but now) the Minotaur but, of course, his liaison with Ariadne would be the reason that he was able to (i) defeat the Minotaur & (ii) be a better king for Athens than “King Aegeus”, his father, had been.

The “classical Jungian”’s job would not be complete until s/he could convince Melania that all mythic characters are within i.e. she would need to explore possible “unconscious identifications” with Poseidon (the astrologer would step in here to show Melania her natal Neptune-opposite-Mercury-Venus-Mars), “Queen Pasiphae” and, eventually, the story’s masculine characters. As things stand in April 2021 (this essay is being written 9 months earlier i.e. before the next U.S. election... but even if Trump loses, he will probably continue to agitate), Pluto is transiting the concluding degrees of Capricorn and, therefore, ‘picking up’ (by grand trine) her natal Pluto-trine-Venus and her “progressed” Venus about to shift from (i.e. connect) queenly Cancer to kingly Leo. Meanwhile, her “progressed” Sun is making its way through the near-concluding degrees of Gemini, giving her the chance to ‘sum up’ this part of the heroic journey... and the recent book about Melania tells of sibling rivalry with Trump’s children from an early marriage. Sometimes, individuals begin to “individuate” without ever having heard of Jung or the terms he coined. FA calls this ‘falling-into-one’s-“individuation”-backwards’... certainly a lot better than ‘climbing-clockwise-into-Babylon’.

The background issue of whether the “classical Jungian” therapeutic approach is ‘better’ than the “developmental (Freud-Klein-Fordhamian ) Jungian” approach is an important one. With Michael Fordham having, like Jung, natal Sun in Leo, we will return to it in 3 (& 8!) months. But, first, back to some Jungastrological ‘basics’...

