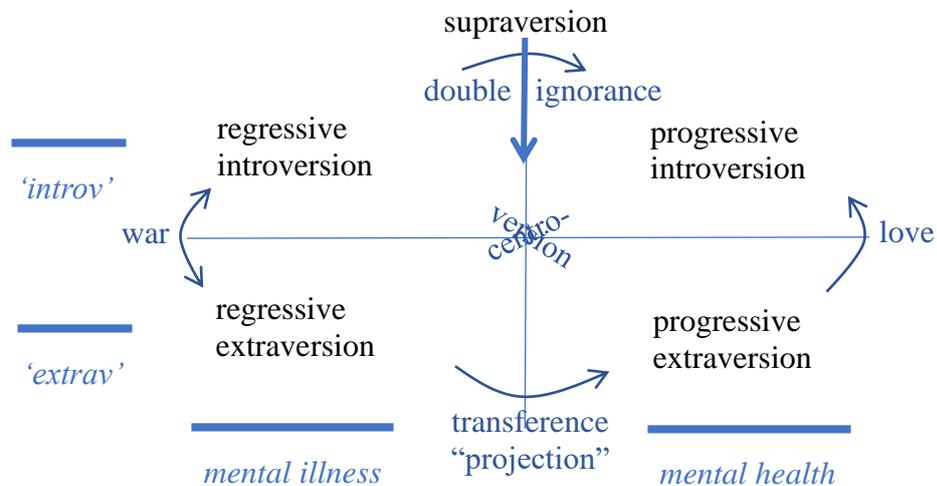


## PSYCHO-QUADRATIC IA: ATTITUDE TYPE

### JUNG'S "ATTITUDES": DARWIN'S OBJECTION?

It is possible, if unlikely, that, in 1913, Freud criticized Jung's, "A Contribution to the Study of Psychological Types" (see, 'Intro') for being 'over-reductive' i.e. rather than presenting three "attitudes" Jung only presented two. If Freud had done so, Jung could have replied that the third (his!) type, centroversion, was implicit... and, in any case, his "regression-progression" dyad was (is!) explicit insofar as it can 'expand' his "introversion-extraversion" dyad out to a 'psycho-quadratic', like so...



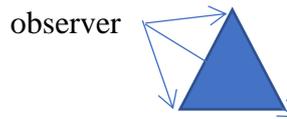
... and, if Charles Darwin had also attended Jung's 1913 presentation (and, noting that *Homo sapiens*' "regressive", 'wombizing', neotenic evolution had given it a survival advantage), he may have objected to our equation of "regression" = "mental illness". Still, Jung, noting that technological (r)-evolution is now outpacing biological evolution, could have replied that 'womby' war has (d)-evolved into a disadvantageous selection mechanism i.e. culture needs to 'overcome' genetics to avoid extinction.

For FA, however, Jung's reply lacks psychoanalytic finesse i.e. at this juncture, Jung was still "conflating" "transference" and "regression". Agreed, as we have noted in our 'quadratic' above, poorly understood "(negative) transferences" are significant contributors to war, but analytic understanding of "transference" builds a psychical 'bridge' from extraverted regressive illness (Freud's "hysteria") to progressive health. To this, we add a corollary: the lack of "(at least, positive) transference" in introverted, regressive, 'doubly ignorant' mental illness (e.g. Jung's "schizophrenia") prevents any psychical 'bridge-building' to progressive health... summarizing this in the terms of the schema above: psychical health is achieved via an anti-clockwise rotation.

It was the philosopher, Plato, who coined the term "double ignorance"... "not knowing that one does not know". In our current context, this refers to "not knowing that one doesn't know that introversion – the author of religious feeling – can be either regressive or progressive and, for the individual to g/know which religious feeling s/he has, s/he needs to establish a centro/supraverted (4 cornered, ego-ic) vantage point".

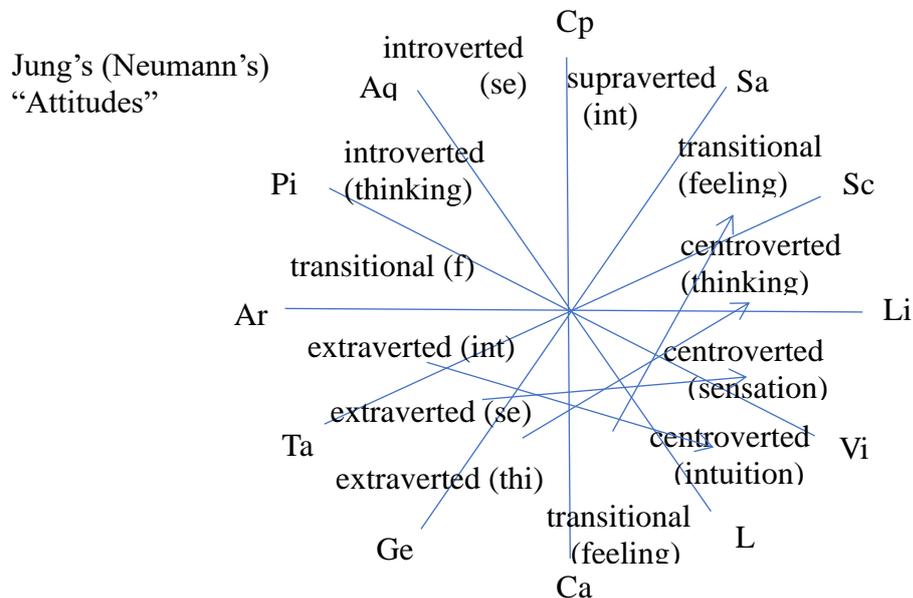
## ASTROLOGER'S ATTITUDES: OBJECTIONS?

The simplest 3-dimensional quadratic shape is the tetrahedron. If an 'observer' were to occupy one corner, s/he would 'see' a triangle. Like so...



... if s/he were 'mobile', s/he could move to another corner of the tetrahedron to realize that his/her original point of view was one of the angles of another triangle, a move that s/he could repeat twice more before returning to his/her original point of view. His/her journey would have helped him/her to realize that a tetrahedron is made up of  $(4 \times 3 =)$  12 angles. This shape emerges in nature when spheres are approximated i.e. 12 angles, like the 12 frequencies, contribute to the "music of the spheres".

It is difficult to imagine any astrologer objecting to development being reflected in the anti-clockwise character of the zodiac cycle. And, noticing (i) the transition from "sleep-hibernation-gestation" to "waking-spring-birth" is plainly symbolized 'down' through the 'left' hemisphere (ii) 'up' through the 'right' hemisphere, Leo is ruled by the 'central' body of the Solar system, Virgo deals with the 'centre' between psyche & soma, Libra "balances" thought at its 'centre', Scorpio is 'the' "re-centerer", it is also difficult to imagine any astrologer objecting to the following alignment...

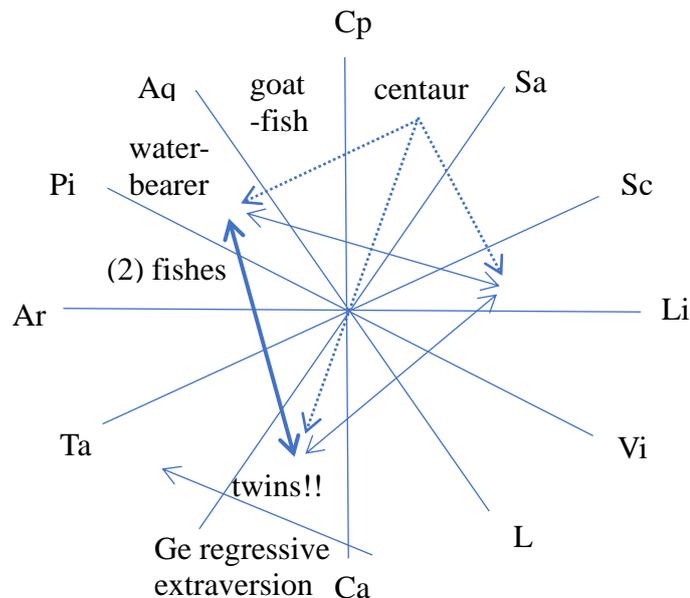


... even if there are a couple of talking points: (i) the feeling function needs to be relegated to 'transitional' because a reading of Jung's descriptions of "introverted" and "extraverted" feeling tells us that he is referring to, respectively, '8 Scorpio' and '12 Pisces'; and, this helps to explain why (ii) supraverted '9 Sagittarius' is well placed to see why the individual's "centroversion" needs development before s/he can claim that s/he isn't "doubly ignorant" about his/her "introverted" (religious) convictions.

## FREUD-(JUNG)-ASTROLOGERS' ATTITUDES

If we refer back to our 'Basics' essay (see the 'Basics' webpage), we have reason to worry about an apparent discrepancy – a 30° 'phase-shift' – between how an FA-er aligns Jung's three attitudes, 'extraversion-centroversion-introversion', and Freud's-(Darwin's) three instincts, 'hunting-mating-running'. As longstanding readers know, we confirm that the discrepancy is only apparent by virtue of our view that the third sequence, '9-10-11-12', is best conceived as bi-layered i.e. it symbolizes both gestation & (grand)-parenting. And, so, in the same way that the 'religious introvert' needs to establish his/her centroverted side to assess how "regressive" or "progressive" his/her religious convictions are, so it is that any introvert needs to establish centroversion to assess the degree to which his/her psyche is 'foetal' or '(grand)-parental'.

We admit that a section of astrologers will reject our view that this 'bi-layering' transforms triadic instincts, life-cycles and attitudes into quadratics (c'est la vie!). We would still point out to this section, however, that the symbols for three of the last four signs are, indeed, dual, as below...



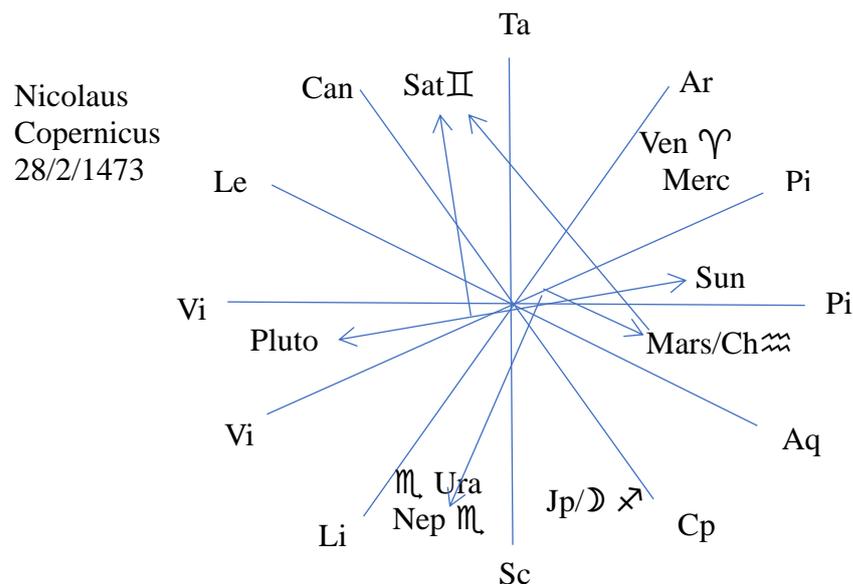
... and, even the odd man out, the water-bearer, contains a duality insofar as it is flanked by 'watery' beings i.e. the goat-fish & the (2) fishes appear to be the 'water' that '11' 'bears'. The 'tetrahedral' centaur 'expands' this air-sign-incongruity insofar as it 'observes' another duality, the twins, being the symbol of the extraverted air sign, Gemini. To be sure, the Jung of 1913 would be happy with this incongruity insofar as he saw "regressive extraversion" in Freud's "transference neurosis" but, as noted at the outset, this opens Gemini's can of 10,000 worms (we'll come back to this).

Because there are so many developmental variables, we don't like to "type" an individual based on his/her birth horoscope. However, we can identify (what could be called) the 'root type' by inspecting the ascendant, even if the ascendant, of itself, has its 'generic' extraverting influence e.g. Jung's 'root type' is "introverted thinking" i.e. he had Aquarius on the ascendant (heading for "centroverted intuition"; Sun Leo).

## FREUD'S SELF-STYLED 'TRIUMVIRATE', RE-VISITED

At this point, the individual who has a centrovverted sign on his/her ascendant may well ask: "by achieving 'generic extraversion' and 'root centrovversion' (especially as the Sun transits my ascendant), is it important for me to 'observe' the transit of the Sun across my I.C. around-up to my descendant?" FA's answer: because the signs on the I.C. and on the descendant are likely to be introverted/extraverted, it is just as well that you have a 'centrovverted' outlook at the beginning of your next lower hemispheric journey; it is something that you can refer back to... you'll need it! Especially if there are 'difficult' planets placed in your lower hemisphere e.g. our 2<sup>nd</sup> example (below).

In 'Psycho-quadratics: Introduction', we returned to our opening "Whiggish" quote by Freud that revealed his self-image as a 'continuator' of Copernicus & Darwin and, then, we went on to examine Darwin's credentials as an (Sun in) Aquarian 'hero'. It makes good sense, therefore, to follow this up with an examination of Copernicus' credentials for 'heroism'. This time, however, we need to consider its (Sun in) Piscean version...



... noting that, unlike Darwin (but, this time, like Freud), Copernicus's natal Sun was placed above his descendant. And, with astrology being closely studied in the 15<sup>th</sup>C, we are confident that Copernicus 'root type' is "sensation" (Virgo), pointing to why he was something of a Persephone 'abducted' by his Pluto in the 1<sup>st</sup> house and, in turn, intensely 'married' into the Scorpio sector of his 3<sup>rd</sup> house to spend many hours making astronomical observations and gathering astronomical '3 information'.

Nicolaus' '6 theme' crops up again when we notice that the 3<sup>rd</sup> housed planets (in Scorpio) – 'astronomically rebellious' Uranus & his Sun-ruling Neptune – form a square aspect to his 6<sup>th</sup> housed planets – assertive Mars & Chiron – in (Uranus-ruled) Aquarius. The Mars-Uranus conjunction of the 6<sup>th</sup> house is trine Saturn in Gemini in his 10<sup>th</sup> house that, itself, is part of a T-cross configuration with the already-introduced Pluto in the 1<sup>st</sup> house and the already-introduced Sun-(Mercury) in the 7<sup>th</sup> house.

The pre-Copernican establishment view that the Sun orbits the Earth sounds crazy these days but, to 15<sup>th</sup>C-ers who had a simplistic view of centrifugal forces, the

idea of being flung off the surface of a very fast-orbiting Earth would have been more compelling than the idea that the Solar system's epicyclic quirks should be ironed out. The fact that Nicolaus had written the first draft of his heliocentric view 29yrs before he published it tells us that his Saturn in Gemini in the 10<sup>th</sup> house – a placement that points to a reluctance to appear foolish when making appeals to authority – may have been more 'relevant' than his natal Sun in the 7<sup>th</sup> house... to a point where one might wonder if the 'heroic' transit of his Sun through his lower hemisphere and, then, the (further) "progression" of his Sun into Aries-Taurus may be only a minor player.

Then again, we can return to the fact that Nicolaus' natal Sun formed a square aspect to his natal Saturn, meaning that his Sun would have been mixed up any transit to his natal Saturn. And, when we inspect the specifics of his "progressed" Sun-Moon inter-cycle, we note that his 2<sup>nd</sup> "progressed" new Moon in Aries – and the subsequent "progression" of the Moon up-across to Saturn – coincided with the span when he was giving '1 birth' to his views on heliocentrism.

The astrologer who is unconvinced by our view of Nicolaus' natal Sun-Saturn square having significant input into his famous astronomical simplification may want to point out here that a 'heroic' Sun in Pisces should be a "mystical dreamer" who is interested much more in the cultural ramifications of the collective unconscious than in macro-geometry and, therefore, it would be more accurate to see his Sun remaining in his "unconscious" all his life and, therefore (again), "projected" onto any number of "hooks"; his natal Sun was in the 7<sup>th</sup> house of "projection", after all! To this, FA-ers will reply that, yep, a Sun in Pisces is the "mystical dreamer" but it also symbolizes a 'talent' for 'gestation' i.e. the capacity to allow things to ripen in their own good time without having to enact a 'Caesarian' upon it. This capacity can be called the 'positive' version of the much more common 'negative' desire to cling to idealisms and, as such, to remain psychologically unborn e.g. Uranus in Pisces and/or the 12<sup>th</sup> house.

And, if we consider the 30yrs that expired before Nicolaus published, we do get a sense of a 'talent' for 'gestation'. When the Sun does "progress" into Aries & Taurus, there will be a feeling of natural-ness that may 'feel' better than the get-up-and-go of a natal Sun in Aries (& Taurus). Nicolaus' biographers do note that he got involved in the financial affairs of his native Poland... pointing to his "progressed Sun" achieving some level of "consciousness" as it 'supported' his natal Taurus on the M.C. Overall, then (and without a time machine), the 'hero's jury' jury may have to remain out.

Even so, when dealing with a natal Sun in Pisces client (just like FA itself!), we would put Nicolaus' (and his 'lion', Galileo) forward as examples of Piscean heroism insofar as Pisces is the phase of the 'hero's journey' in which so much can be achieved in respect of the ultimate dissolution of the superego and "(11'-back-to-10') reaction formations", the latter being the most difficult psychodynamic to treat analytically. In consequence, a Piscean 'inner', ego-making planet, whether it is found in the analyst's, analysand's, analyst-analysand combined or 'current' horoscope will be an important ally in the treatment of (what are now called) "borderline" analysands or institutions. In many ways, the rejection of the heliocentric view by the Church was the epitome of "reaction formations" that are a dime a dozen in end-stage authority. The great irony is, of course, that there is no easy way for our readers to know whether this paragraph, so written (i.e. our own appeal to authority!!), is also a "reaction formation". Aw...

