

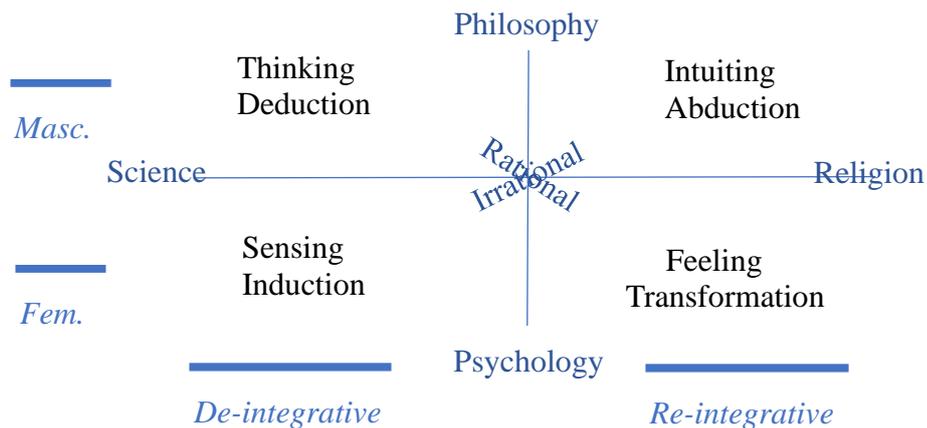
PSYCHO-QUADRATIC IB: FUNCTION TYPE

JUNG’S (DARWIN’S/EINSTEIN’S) FUNCTIONS

In ‘Psycho-quadratic IA’, we referenced Plato’s query, “One, Two, Three – but, where is the fourth?” Fast forward 2,000yrs and we come to Rene Descartes’ reductive adjustment, “One – but, where is the second?” In other words, Rene ‘thought’ that the ‘one’ certainty was his existence as a (doubting-negative) ‘thinker’. Although Rene could sense all manner of outer phenomena and intuit all manner of inner visions, he could not think/intuit positively about them... he couldn’t be positive that they existed, let alone be positive that they were ‘true’ e.g. “random mutation & natural selection”.

Then again, there were thoughts that Rene could take a positive attitude to. All he needed to do was roll the clock back 2000yrs to ponder (pure) mathematical proofs e.g. Pythagoras’ theorem. Indeed, he could use such positive thinking as an inspiration to be positive about outer phenomena (in the same way that Empedocles was positive about the four elements, fire-energy/earth-matter/air-space/water-time; and Einstein was positive that energy=matter was couched in spacetime) and about inner noumena (in the same way that Pythagoras/Plato saw the “square nature of the soul”; and Jung saw the interplay of archetypes in dreams and psychotic hallucinations). The fact that he couldn’t be certain about where knowledge stops and speculation starts meant that, like all true philosophers, he had no choice but to ‘keep thinking’...

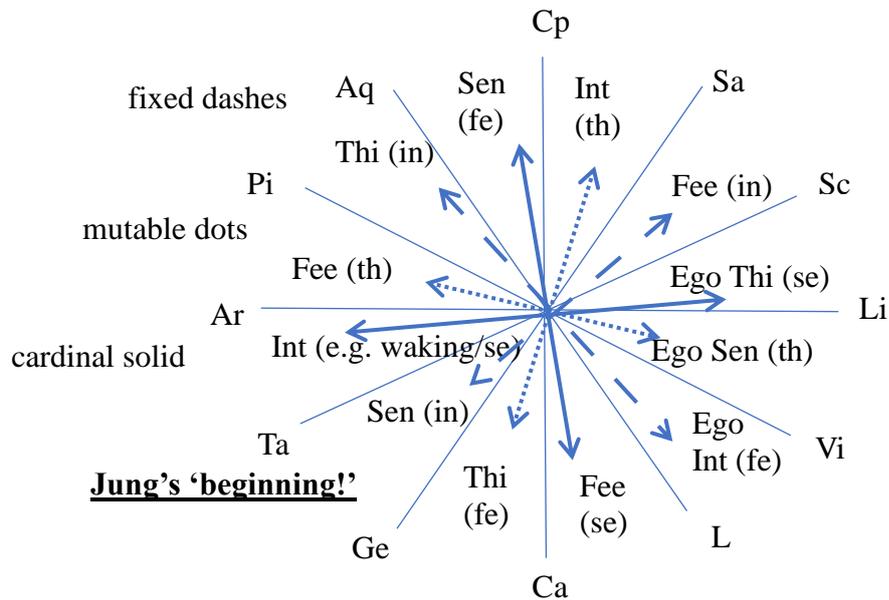
Jung saw that scientists had ‘stopped thinking’ about how Homo sapiens goes about accruing knowledge i.e. they had answered Descartes, “the second is the sensing of the outer world but there is no third or fourth (or fifth...)”. In 1920, Jung published “Psychological Types” his ‘keep thinking’ cornerstone i.e. through philosophical (and, even, scientific) thought, if a thinker comes to ‘value’ intuition, s/he may realize that his/her capacity to ‘value’ is a function of his/her 4th (... errr) function, as follows...



... from his ‘root type’, introverted thinking, Jung would take the ‘downward de-integrative’ path, through science, to sensing and, then, the ‘rightward feminine’ path, through psychology, to feeling. Later in life, he took the ‘upward re-integrative’ path, through religion, to intuiting to, thereby, rightly claim that a psyche can develop all four functions without needing to be (as Jung claimed not to be!) a philosopher.

THE ASTROLOGER'S FUNCTIONS

In 'Psycho-quadratic IA', we had to exercise a certain amount of (supraverted) intuition to step up from '3' to '4' and, as with most things intuitive, we are defenseless against the familiar charge of anything-can-mean-anything. In 'Psycho-quadratic IB', however, '4' is already given. Yet, as depicted in our prior schema (scroll up), '4' can, in any case, be stepped back down to '3', via axes, (i) gender, (ii) de/re-integration and (iii) ir/rationality. Moreover, as we also found in 'Psycho-quadratic IA', the problem of 30° 'phase-shift' is still present, except that (now scroll down), it runs in the opposite direction i.e. in the zodiac, Jung's 'aphorism of function', "sensing tells me that a thing (as Descartes would say it, probably) exists, thinking tells me what it is (isn't), feeling tells the thing's value and intuition tells me whereto it is going", begins at the 2nd sign, Taurus...

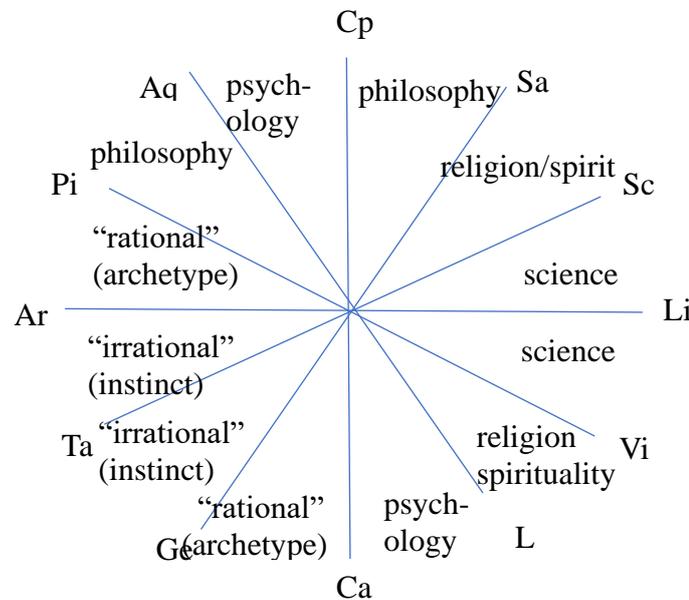


... to solve this 'phase-shift' issue, we could place intuition at both ends of the sequence i.e. "Aries' fiery-intuitive will tells me to sharpen my attention (e.g. open my eyelids), Taurus' sensing tells me that a thing exists, Gemini's thinking gives it a name, Cancer's emotion-feeling imparts its value, Leo's intuition tells me its purpose i.e. the 'building' of the ego (as opposed to superego, self or pre-ego formation)".

If we wish to 'step-4-back-down-to-3' in a 12-sectored-circular context (rather than in the quadratic-block context of our opening page), we need to 'extract' its three crosses; astrologers know these crosses as "quadruplicities"; they are, (i) cardinal: the first signs of each season, Aries-Cancer-Libra-Capricorn, have a 'subtle Empedoclean earthiness' insofar as Easter's Aries-Libra full Moon invokes the 'incarnating' aspect of the Cross, (ii) fixed: the middle signs of each season, Taurus-Leo-Scorpio-Aquarius, have a 'subtle Empedoclean fieriness' insofar as they are located at the 'centre' of the seasons & (iii) mutable: the last signs of each season, Gemini-Virgo-Sagittarius-Pisces, have a 'subtle Empedoclean airiness' insofar as they have a birdlike facility to fly into the new season (see parentheses). OK, so what about 'subtle Empedoclean feeling'?...

THE FREUD-(JUNG)-ASTROLOGERS' FUNCTION

A close inspection of the zodiac on the prior page (scroll up) will reveal that, in the manner of water draining into 'holes', 'subtle feeling' is inserted in those positions where a 'double up' would have occurred... and, when we combine this zodiac schema with our first block schema (scroll further up), we can make the following associations with the signs of the zodiac (now, look/scroll down)...



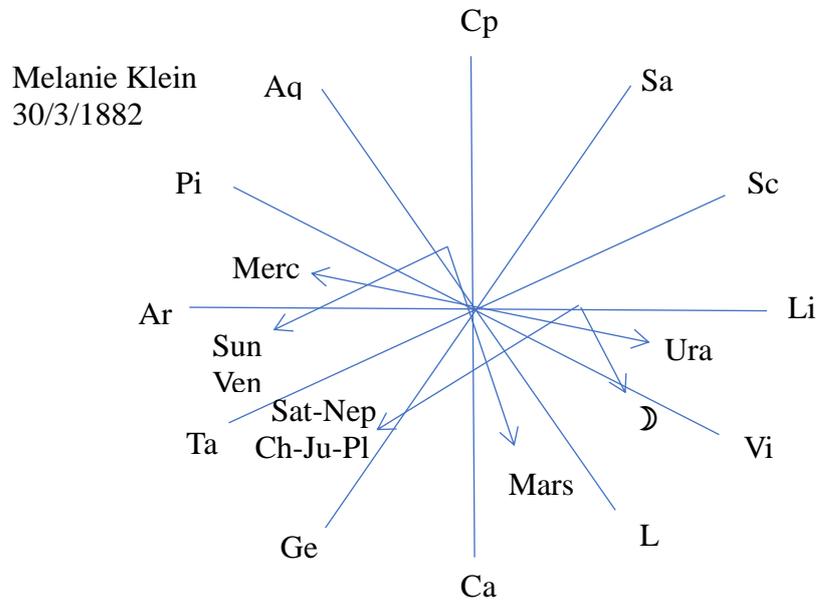
... leading to the following talking points (i) philosophy; is the discipline that is most at risk of 'foetal' "arrest/regression" (ii) psychology; is another discipline that is at risk of 'foetal' "arrest/regression", especially if it restricts itself to the Capricornian superego e.g. J.M. Charcot's "hypnotherapy", B.F. Skinner's "experimental control", Alfred Adler's "masculine protest (against the pseudopatriarchal world)" (iii) science; to be practiced well, its practitioners do well to prepare with a full lower hemispheric development (iv) religion; risks becoming the dead letter, spiritless creed if its devotees renege not only on their respective lower hemispheric development/s but also on their respective 'right' hemispheric "transformations". As for (v) and (vi)...

Jung saw the archetypes as a form-sans-content matrix of "patterning". Given that biologists define "instincts" as "patterns of behavior", Jung realized that there is an "archetype-instinct spectrum", one end of the spectrum having a "rational" quality and the other end having an "irrational" quality. Although it appears odd to scientists that feeling (along with thinking) is (are) "rational", Jung steps in to remind them that feeling is the 'result' after an emotion is "transformed"... and, so, we realize that the (even anti-clockwise = developmental) passage through Pisces and Gemini involves a significant risk whenever there's no 'right' hemispheric "transformation". As Jung also pointed out in "introverted intuition", 'feeling values' have a very significant role in the development of the individual's "moral compass". Hence '8' precedes '9'.

As noted in 'Psycho-quadratics: Introduction', Freud saw that Homo sapiens was/is "irrational". With Freud's natal Venus in Aries/Sun in Taurus, we see that,...

FREUD'S QUADRUMVIRATE?

In order to maintain thematic consistency, Freud's 'Copernicus-Darwin-Freud triumvirate' needs an addition. Whom might Freud have chosen as his 'fourth'? If he had looked to the sources of his skepticism & atheism, he would likely have chosen the 'father' of skepticism, Rene Descartes (see, opening paragraph). We, however, prefer to keep the timeline rolling forward and, as such, we choose the psychologist who did the most to help us understand the psychology of Homo sapiens' neoteny...



... and, in the same way that Sun in Aquarius Darwin comes after Sun in Pisces Copernicus, so does Sun in Aries Klein come after Sun in Taurus Freud. (In passing, we note that Rene Descartes was also a natal Sun in Aries). For FA, there is a sense in which Melanie is the 'mother equivalent' to the 'father' of the Age of Aries, Abraham. Either way, not having her birth-time, she is seen by us as a phylogenetic (rather than an ontogenetic) figure for astrologers... and, so, we draw the "0° Aries" chart.

As is highly consistent with natal Mercury in Pisces opposite Uranus (in Virgo) and Sun in Aries closely square Mars in Cancer, Melanie Klein had a highly 'intuitive' grasp of Homo sapiens' hunting instincts. Without knowing anything about the zodiac signs of neoteny (Pisces) and birth (into Freud's "oral phase") (Aries), she recognized the primary role that "idealization" and "aggression" play in the neonatal psyche. Of course, this is the point where the psychological astrologer would 'complain' that she was "projecting" her individual psyche into the psyche of mankind-in-general, but the fact remains that, despite her lack of education, her gender and her manner, she made enough sense to enough of her colleagues that "object relations" would thrive in the post-Freudian depth psychological environment.

Melanie was in her early 30s – when she was coming up to her 2nd "progressed" full Moon (that was 'picking up' Freud's Taurus-Scorpio/Sun-ascendant axis) and her "progressed" Sun was coming into its conjunction with Saturn-Neptune (in Taurus) – when she would have read Freud's "On Narcissism" (1914). She had already been in

her own analysis with Sandor Ferenczi for post-natal “depression” at the time of her (1st) Saturn return. Depression – or, as Freud called it, “melancholia” – was one of the “narcissistic neuroses/psychoses” that was, like the others of this classification (e.g. bipolar, dissociative schizophrenia), psychotherapeutically ‘inaccessible’. The fact that Melanie was having a measure of success in her own treatment led her to disregard the classifications. In other words, instead of seeing clients as either ‘accessible’ insofar as they would form “transference” bonds with their analysts and ‘inaccessible’ insofar as they didn’t form “transference” bonds, she saw all clients as moving back and forth between “positions”... during the phase of his/her “depressive position”, even if it is a long time coming, what at first may appear to be a “narcissistic” client may reveal an, if paltry, “erotic/transference” capacity and become psychotherapeutically treatable. Therefore, the most essential quality that the Kleinian analyst needs is patience.

As, we are sure, the great majority of Kleinian analysts will tell you, the place wherein they had learned patience was in their own respective (“training”) analyses. Because this form of analysis takes careful notice of “countertransference” feelings in the analyst – many years of his/her own analysis are often required to allow the analyst to differentiate his/her own emotions from the emotions that his/her future analysands will be “forcing into” him/her (because the analysand can’t bear them him/herself) – s/he has a markedly different view of “countertransference” than that taken by Freud, who had taken it always to be a sign of an overly-truncated training analysis. In other words, the Kleinian analyst will wait for his/her analysand to enter his/her “depressive position” before, very tentatively, entertaining the possibility of ‘feeding back’ his/her “countertransference” to his/her analysand... aiming for emotional “integration” in the analysand that helps him/her to take the next step toward emotional maturity that is signified by his/her embrace of (thinking-sensing-feeling-intuiting) complexity. This is something that analysand’s mother wasn’t able to do in the neonatal phase... but it is no reason to “parent bash” because, as Gene Hackman’s movie producer counsels (we can call her) ‘Carrie Fisher’ (Meryl Streep) in Mike Nichols’ “Postcards from the Edge”, this stuff goes “all the way back to (Taurean) Eve”.

With these ideas, we begin to see something about the Sun in Aries ‘hero’, even if, strictly speaking, Melanie is a ‘heroine’ (we will examine the quadratic of gender in our next essay) because she provided the psychological world with invaluable insights into the ebb-and-flow between Homo sapiens’ running and hunting instincts. To take but one example, her term “projective identification” is a masterful (“1’) integration” of wombly “identity” and neonatal “projection”. Freudastrology is especially grateful to Melanie insofar as it helped us to understand the difference between the ascendant and descendant i.e. although “projection” occurs at the ascendant, into the 1st and 2nd houses, it appears to an outer observing astrologer that the individual is “introjecting” the qualities of his/her 1st and 2nd houses leading to an “identification”. By contrast, the 7th house (especially in phases prior to a rounded ego construction) is experienced in a more straightforwardly “projected” way e.g. the “open enemy”.

With and after Klein, psychoanalytic “progress” would involve greater interest in nursing mothers but not at any great expense of the fathers. This idea underwrites the Kleinian term, “the primal scene”. The most primal of “primal scenes”, of course, is that of Aries-Adam + Taurus-Eve. Before, however, we delve further into religion...

