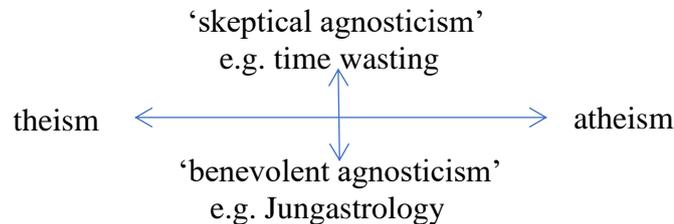


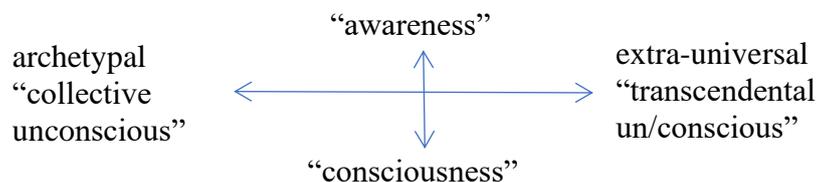
PSYCHO-QUADRATIC VA: EASTERN RELIGION

JUNG'S (... errrr, FREUD'S?) EASTERN RELIGION

Freud's atheism appears, at first, even more 'over-reductive' than his (already 'over-reductive') ego-sex '2 dyad' i.e. because the atheist's "disbelief" is still a "belief", the agnostic has every right to view the atheist as a 'photo negative theist' and, in turn, see little difference between the atheist who disbelieves and the theist who disbelieves in any other God beyond his/her own. Then, from a supraverted position, we can ask: is there a 'photo negative' agnosticism? and, if so, does it generate a quadratic...



... that, in turn, generates entry points to the East? e.g. the Buddhist Easterner is 'skeptically agnostic' insofar as s/he sees that worrying about the existence or will of g/Gods carries the worrier into ("malefic") illusion. The 'other pole' of agnosticism, 'benevolent agnosticism', is described by Jung, referencing Rudolph Otto's "Idea of the Holy", as "careful consideration" of inner experiences that have an overwhelming effect. The overwhelming force, the "numinosum", may not be 'benevolent' but that, of itself, won't prevent an individual (collective) from drawing back to a psychological distance that allows for the wedge of benevolence to be interposed. This 'psychological distance' is what Jung would call "ego consciousness". Freud had already drawn back from the terms "consciousness" and "the unconscious" and, as has been discussed in 'Psychodynamics', FA only continues to use the term "consciousness" if it is conceived as part of a dyad with "awareness"... the latter term denoting ignorance of the 'how' of superego construction e.g. is it built up via "reaction formations"? or; built up out of a "natural" growth of 'inner authority'? And, so, we arrive at another quadratic...

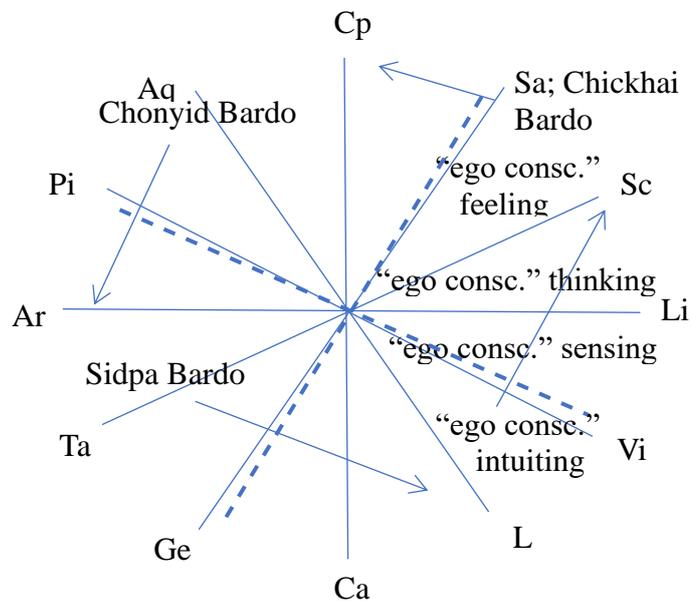


... noting that "awareness" is placed in a 'high' position because the "illusion" of the undifferentiated, "high minded" superego is that it gives its instructions without making this necessary preliminary distinction; and, as Jung noted without referencing Freud, the Westerner who approaches Eastern religion is prone to interpret it without first analyzing his/her superego and, as a result, falls into error about it. Westerners, therefore, are better off being Westerners. Then again, Jung did 'balance' his caution with occasional forays e.g. in "Collected Works: Vol.11", see his commentary on...

ASTROLOGERS' EASTERN RELIGION

The *Bardo Thodol* (“The Tibetan Book of the Dead”) is a book of instructions for the dead and/or dying wo/man as s/he negotiates the 49 days of “Bardo” existence between death and re-birth. Because the content of these instructions is so strange for the Western psyche, Jung recommends that it reads this book backwards i.e. the third phase of the Bardo existence, the Sidpa Bardo, the “Bardo of Seeking Re-birth”, bears resemblance to Freud’s description of the infant psyche; the second phase of the Bardo existence, the Chonyid Bardo, “the Bardo of the Experiencing of Reality”, is at least comprehensible to Western philosophers who know of the “realist/nominalist” dyad; the first phase of the Bardo existence, the Chickhai Bardo, commences at the moment of death and reveals “the effulgent blue light of the Dharmadhatu, the Buddha-body, which glows in the midst of the mandala from the heart of Vairochana; ‘consciousness’ weans away from all forms and attachments and karmic illusions cease” is the sphere of instruction that, so far as Jung was concerned, is too strange for Westerners to link to Freudian and/or philosophical Western conceptions.

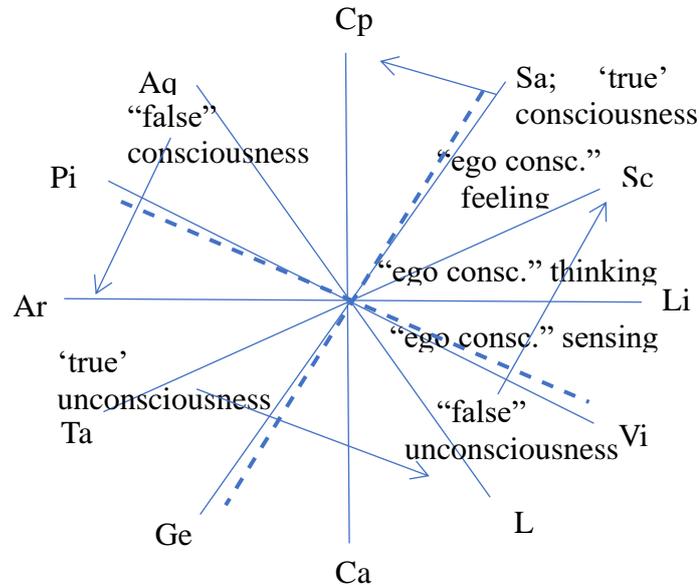
The Chickhai Bardo is not too strange, however, for Western astrologers. There is nothing that prevents them from reading the *Bardo Thodol* forwards and, in reading so, they will go on to notice that the West’s “feeling ego consciousness” and the East’s “transcendental consciousness” ‘overlap’ in the realm of ‘8 Scorpio’, as below...



... and, in the same way that our ‘creation-hero-transformation-reincarnation’ forms an overlapping quadratic in the zodiac (see, ‘Psycho-quadratic VIII’) so we also notice a degree of overlap when we apply the three Bardo states and a ‘4th’ i.e. Western “ego consciousness”, to the zodiac. Indeed, the overlapping ‘quality’ of this quadratic helps astrologers to see the value of anti-clockwising development e.g. the further into, say, Cancer that the Sidpa Bardo reaches, the more effectively the Westerner will feel the link between the Buddhist East and the Freudian West and, in turn, the more the Jungian ‘East-West integrator’ will want to form another quadratic out of the term...

FREUD-(JUNG)-ASTROLOGER'S RELIGION (East)

“Consciousness”, as noted above, is one of those words, like “love”, that means different things to different people and, in any case, was downplayed by Freud. Jung, however, not only kept the term, he expanded on it by bringing in “true” and “false” versions that bear some resemblance to the *Bardo* states, as follows...



... whether or not astrologers ‘zodiacalize’ this resemblance as we do, Jung tells us that “false” states of consciousness are more pathogenic than “true” states of consciousness e.g. “false consciousness” is reflected in the “everybody knows!” aspect of the raw animus and, therefore, can be linked to the ‘high’ ‘9-10-11’ sequence; “false unconsciousness” is seen in the analysand who has the developmental ‘platform’ to go through his/her endogamous urges to reach his/her exogamy and, in not acting on it (usually via “rationalization”), s/he is throwing gasoline on his/her neurotic fire; the “true” Virgoan analysand won’t ‘accept’ his/her neurotic symptoms and will always strive for a symptom-free, “body-mind integration” (= FA’s ‘earthy sublimation’).

If there is a problem for the “true” Virgo, it is that s/he has yet to differentiate the ‘deeper’ aspects of time i.e. s/he has easier access to ‘12’s ‘feeling’ of timelessness and ‘2’s (Demeter’s) ‘sense’ of valuable materials than to ‘8’s immaterial values that become evident with thermodynamic degeneration; in other words, for Virgo to avoid being abducted by forces that cleave the body from the soul-spirit, s/he needs to ‘keep going’ to ‘7’, the location between ‘6’ and ‘8’, wherein the material-worth/immaterial-worth dyad can be ‘balanced’. This would allow ‘I/Love’ to be ‘realized’ at ‘8’.

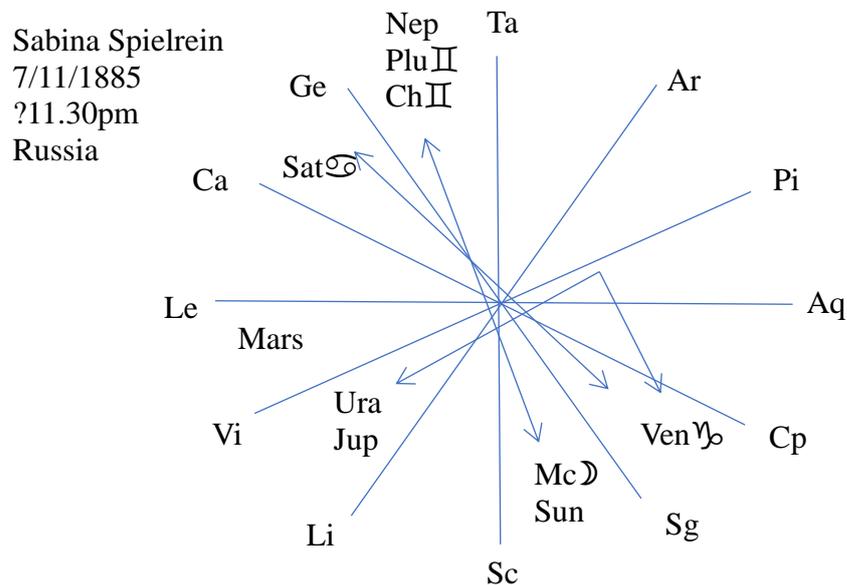
When this occurs, the “ego” can now complete its “transformation” because it can now access the (up until then, “unconscious”) border between Freud’s “personal” and Jung’s “collective” unconscious. In other words, the “ego”, the “ego’s Self” & the “collective’s Self” can be ‘triangulated’. Because this can’t be done in one “three score & ten” lifetime, FA disagrees with Jung’s advice to Westerners to stick to their own tradition and, instead, advises for East-West integration! Along what path, then?...

IS RUSSIA THE 'MID-POINT' OF THE EAST-WEST DYAD? Ex.X

It might be the crudest of analogies, but the most basic of 2D geometric dyads, the straight line & the curve-(and when long enough, circle), aligns with, respectively, the Western & Eastern religions i.e. the West's thermodynamic time, being conceived as a line, links directly to the idea of the tangent. Once clear of the circle, the tangent can look back at the circle (e.g. the daily/yearly cycle of life) and lament with Macbeth, "tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow, creeps in this petty place from day to day, to the last syllable of recorded time; and all our yesterdays have lighted fools the way to dusty death. Out, out, brief candle! Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player, that struts and frets his hour upon the stage, and then is heard no more. It is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing". Perhaps, then, the Easterners are right when they counter Macbethian Westerners that something can be signified when the soul can finally live a (re-incarnated) life without ambition. And, so...

Whilever, like Freud, a Westerner wishes to leave the world a better (for Freud, a better educated) place than how s/he found it, s/he does better to leave behind time's line & embrace time's circle. Zodiacally, this means playing down Sagittarius' impulse to 'transcend' the cycle and, in turn, it means embracing Capricorn. In further turn, it means rolling forward the vertical axis of the zodiac in the manner of the traditional planetary double ruler-ships (see 'Psycho-quadratic: IVA') i.e. Scorpio 'begins' the 3rd quadrant and, as such, it becomes the 'right (transformational) hemisphere's' centre.

With this in mind, let's now turn to one early candidate for the '4th' who wanted to leave the worldly Darwin-Freud-Jung (Aquarius-Taurus-Leo) sequence in a better place...



... and, in keeping with the sequence of fixed signs, we note that the first significant female analyst, Sabina Spielrein (i.e. Sabina pre-dated Melanie Klein), had her natal Sun placed in (from Aquarius) the '4th' of the sequence.

Sabina's story surfaced in a book by John Kerr, "A Most Dangerous Method", that was subsequently screen-played by Christopher Hampton and made into a David Cronenberg film. Sabina would arrive at the Burgholzli clinic as a patient in 1904 but

would subsequently become her therapist's – Jung's – lover and colleague. When Jung subsequently met up with Freud, he sought his own therapy for his "(very) unresolved transference". Despite this dodgy state of affairs, it would be Sabina who turned out to be Freud and Jung's best chance of "integration". This chance was not taken up by Jung, who was in the midst of stirring the flames of their 'fantasy child', "Siegfried", and not caring much that Siegfried is one of mythology's doomed characters. Sabina wrote, "you can understand Freud perfectly well if you wish to... you should have the courage to recognize Freud in all his grandeur, even if you do not agree with him on every point, even if in the process you might have to credit Freud with many of your own accomplishments. Only then will you be completely free, and only then will you be the greater one. You will be amazed to see how markedly your entire personality and your new theory will gain in objectivity through this process". Jung's counter was sour, "Freud's opinion is a sinful rape of the holy. It spreads darkness not light... only out of the deepest night is a new light born. Siegfried is that spark. I lit in you a new light for a time of darkness. Surround this inner light with devotion".

In the same way that we had nominated a Leo ascendant for Michael Fordham, we now do the same for Sabina. Her capacity for florid self-mythologizing sounds very Leonian to us... and, so, we have drawn her natal horoscope with a Leo ascendant and Mars in Leo in the 1st house rather than the 12th house (thus, we have guessed 11.30pm for her birth time). This birth time would not upset many Freudastrologers because it sees her natal Sun-Moon-Mercury in Scorpio land in the very-often-paternal 4th house and the difficult collection of Neptune-Pluto-Chiron in the very-often-maternal 10th house. Her "anal phase" masochistic 'enjoyments' – she 'enjoyed' her father's beating her buttocks – could, with this birth time, be traced to Mars in Leo 'feeding down' to her Jupiter-Uranus in the 2nd house.

However, as Freud would discover as he moved further into the second half of his life, 'mother' looms large in the little girl's life even more than she does in the little boy's life and, therefore, a Freudastrologer can't immediately put Sabina's masochism down to the relationship with her father i.e. she might well have been "displacing". In turn, we can look to her mother's biography and note that she had decided to withhold all sexual knowledge from little Sabina possibly because, as a little girl herself, she had experienced similar enjoyments that had quickly led to overwhelming senses of guilt. Sabina had not experienced guilt, however... rather, and this may have something to do with the planets in Scorpio in the vicinity of her house of "family romance", Sabina experienced a burning desire to learn about everything, including sex. This tallies with Freud's view that a compensated attitude to learning can be the result of frustrations with sexual learning during infancy. Saturn transited her 3rd house at about age 7yrs.

Another factor of interest is that Sabina was born in Rostov-na-donu, a city in Southern Russia not far north of the Caucasian mountains. Although this city is north of the Silk Road, it still has a symbolic value whenever the issue of "integrating" East and West becomes topical. Sabina, therefore, is psychoanalysis' first "personification" of this value. Indeed, we will look closer at a myth that sources to Southern Russia as we explore the 'other side' of religion in 'Pt.B' of this essay. Moreover, having advised Westerners to take Eastern religion more seriously, we will, in 'Pt.B', return our own serve and advise Easterners to take the Western religion more seriously, as follows...

