

PREFACE: 'meta-science'

Freudastronomy tries to keep neologisms to a minimum but there are junctures when we deem them necessary. To tolerate our first neologism, 'meta-science', readers might prefer a few notes on its source words that already exist in the dictionaries...

"-science", the study of nature using observation and, when do-able, repeatable experiment has, over the centuries, undergone a narrowing of its definition. Early on, science meant knowledge, however it might be accrued. Later on, science would still permit "phenomenologists" – studiers of direct experience (e.g. Freud, Jung) – to view themselves as "scientists". Today, however, this is no longer the case. More worryingly, however, with (at least, a part of) the psychological world seeing itself to be (a part of) "science", and despite the fact that psyche means "soul"(!), figures like Freud & Jung are not even "psychologists". With Freud having no aim to be counted a "philosopher" or "theologian", it appears that he now belongs to the indistinct sphere of inquiry that is located between "science" & "art" e.g. "humanism", "anecdotal anthropology".

"meta-", the prefix that implies 'beyond-ness', is notably used by philosophers who travel beyond "science" to "metaphysics". If Freud is not to be called a "scientist" then he is definitely not to be called a "metaphysician"! How, then, might Freud have felt if he knew that he is now being called a 'meta-scientist'? FA takes the view that he would have approved of this term because he had a lifelong intention to "reduce" his "meta-psychology" 'down' to neurophysiological correlates. In the later 20thC, it may have been 'correct' to position Freud "beyond science", yet there may also be a 21stC or a 22ndC day when his work will drop 'back down' into "science's" catechism.

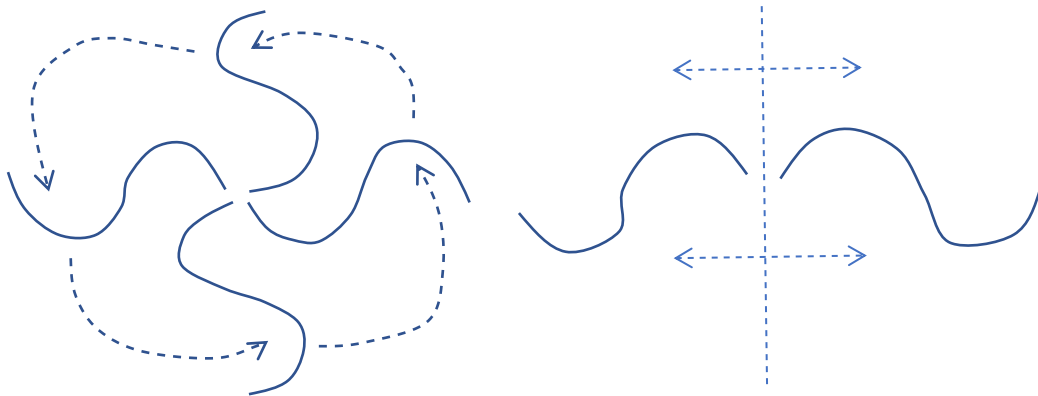
If Freud had lived a consecutive 2nd block of 83yrs, from 1939 to 2022, he would indeed have noticed that "(surface) psychology" took two steps '(back) down' towards psychoanalysis: (i) from "behaviourism" to "cognitive psychology", and (ii) "cognitive psychologists", 'against' (early) 20thC philosophy, have admitted that "unconscious" vectors need to be reckoned with. Freud might not have cared to receive support from 19thC philosopher, Georg Hegel, yet they both saw the tendency of "scientists" to count chickens before the next century hatches. The 'meta-scientific lesson', therefore, is not to get caught up in sterile contemporary debates. Indeed, the 'meta-scientist' is better off travelling along longer paths that are paved by promising, fertile coherencies.

What might one look for over the 2022-2105 span? One could pay attention to another (even though he didn't count himself as a) "philosopher", C.G. Jung, who also thought that the "unconscious" has its own trans-century attitude to 'timing' and, so, one does best to address the yet-unborn generations. Jung didn't have a "randomized, double-blind, controlled, placebo-ed" data base, but he had good evidence that future generations would still 'get' his reporting of "unconscious products" and the 'timing' of their 'upward' encroachment into "consciousness". For Jung, the most interesting "products" were "mandalas" – (semi)-symmetrical images/patterns – that 'emerge' as if they are meant to "compensate" for asymmetry that has dominated "consciousness" for too long. With mental illness being full of "(not quite) conscious" asymmetry, Jung realized that the most observable data-base for such 'emergences' were ill individuals.

As he matured and his practice moved beyond the asylums into the workaday world of the common man in search of meaning, Jung would build up an additional data-base of mandala images that had 'emerged' in individuals who were able to hold

down a job. In these cases, ‘emergences’ tended to be less hypnagogic visions and more dream images and/or emotional reactions – “projections” – to ‘outer’ images that, at first, seemed to ‘surface’ with “random=chance” ‘timing’ but, when they were located within the context of a biographical search for “order”, they would subsequently give individuals that which “science” pre-emptively strikes off as invention: “purpose”. In turn, individuals ask: are individual mandala images connected to collective mandala images? if so, could they be pointing to collective illness & the collective’s inability to see “purpose” in the biosphere and/or universe? if so, could they also be heralding the “transformation” of (i) “negating-eliminative science” into “reductive science” and, then, (ii) “(non-negating, yet still) reductive science” into “teleological science”?

The first ‘basic’ distinction of symmetry is “point vs. line”; point symmetry is characterized by rotatability; line symmetry is characterized by foldability; drawable as...



... the crucifix, for example is a ‘line symmetry mandala’. For the “reductive” thinker, there is nothing special about the crucifix insofar as it merely copies the shape of the human body – human legs extend further below the heart than the human neck & head reach above the heart – but this assessment isn’t inclusive of ‘timing’. Further, the crucifix’s ‘line symmetry’ can interact with the (even) cross’ ‘point symmetry’ by injecting asymmetry into its ‘rotational’ dyad i.e. anti-clockwise \neq clockwise. Because ‘timing’ and ‘rotational asymmetry’ are astrological ‘basics’, astrology is a study that makes (if not a “science”, then) a ‘meta-science’ out of mandalas. In this way, astrology is characterizable as a sub-discipline of the broader study, ‘mandala-ology’.

Both Freud & Jung emphasized the “natural-ness” of unconscious “products”. For this quality, both pioneers realized the need to be nothing more than a “midwife” for their analysands. They might say, “push! push!”, but that was a long way short of using forceps. The last thing to do would be to push “unconscious products” onto their analysands in the first two trimesters... an action that would undermine their healing effect, especially the healing effect of (semi)-symmetrical images. Freud & Jung would have partly drawn their realization from 2nd Millennium history: the Inquisition.

These days, unfortunately, we live in a very “artificial” world that is likely an errant offspring of (a) millennium(s) of wrongheaded proselytism. Freudastrology is “conscious” of its own proselytism risk. To be sure, we assume that the individual who plugs “Freud”+“astrology” into a search engine is well into his/her ‘3rd trimester’, but we assume with caution. For everyone else, our advice remains: “resist” us. So, onto...

META-SCIENTIFIC BASICS

FROM COSMOLOGY TO ASTRONOMY

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth” (at an opaque point in ‘meta-time’, the “symmetry” of super-intense unified Energy “broke” into types of space, matter, and time; 20thC philosophy ‘proved’ that types could be archetypes).

Genesis 1:1 (+ a cosmologist’s translation)

The history of science is an odd tale of apparent successes and profound ironies. Its most alarming example was the celebrated discovery of micro-scalar physics in the 1930s leading to the October 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis that threatened the survival of (if not humanity, then) civilization. Not so alarming but no less exemplary was-(is) the pursuit by micro-scalar physicists/macro-scalar cosmologists of the “Holy Grail of Physics” (a.k.a. “Theory of Everything”) ‘against’ the historical fact that Kurt Godel, in 1931, proved that all mathematical theories (unlike mandalas!) must be incomplete.

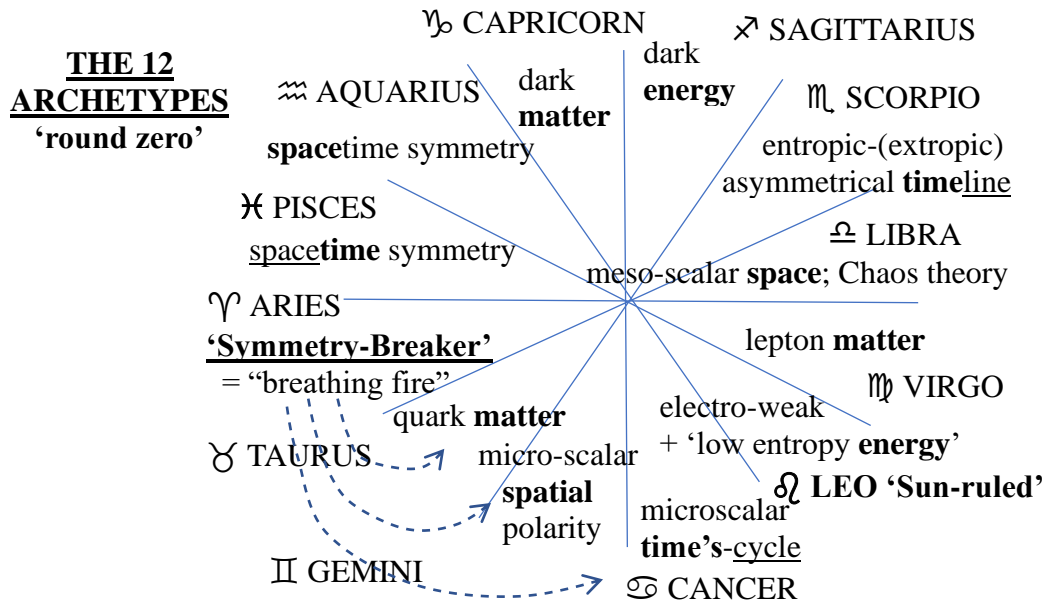
In the present day, of course, we have the irony of science proceeding under the assumptions that there are no “purposes” in the universe and Homo sapiens is nothing more than a chance outcome of random mutation... yet finding itself wondering how to convince the non-scientific world to “be purposeful” about climate change. Indeed, with Einstein’s equations making it clear that ‘flowing time’ was/is/will-be an illusion, the apparent fact that the world needs to “be purposively Lamarckian” and act within an illusory flowing time-frame is also an illusion. Call this, ‘double profound irony’.

Rolling back to the 19thC spilling into 20thC, with Biblical statements reducing in value and Nietzsche pronouncing the death of God, many were taking the view that the universe always-was/is/will-be a beginningless, “steady state” phenomenon having no need for a “creation”, let alone a need for a “Creator”. By the 1930s, however, the irony was there for all to see... the most famous “steady stater”, Einstein, was the most responsible for the demise of the “steady state theory”. The combination of $E = mc^2$ (Energy = Matter x speed-of-light/Space-per-Time²) & Hubble’s galactic observations brought back “in the beginning, God...” to cosmology in the form of a “Big Bang”.

As for bringing back a “Creator”, we look to another 20thC irony of biography ... Stephen Hawking, the most famous proposer of the universe being a beginningless, “no boundary hypersphere”, became the ‘Godel 2.0’ for those who were in pursuit of the “Holy Grail of Physics”, “even if there is a theory of everything, it is only a set of rules and equations; what is it that breathes fire into the equations to make a universe for them to describe?” At first, in order to avoid the scent of “purposive” theism, many scientists were answering, “a deistic Being could have ‘breathed some fire’ at the Bang but, in accordance with deism, He would have taken no further part”. Later, however, the answer proposed by Martin Rees led cosmology forward to its irony of speculating ‘beyond’ what is observable i.e. in order to account for “fine tuning” of our universe’s constants, Rees has proposed a ‘mother-Multiverse’ that gives birth to every possible species of universe... and ‘she’ separates her ‘children’ at birth so that they are unable to know what is going on in any ‘sibling universe’. For example, a universe might only have one dimension of space and, as a result, it would not be able to generate “life (as we know it, Jim)” but, in any case, we could never find out. This species of speculation ‘beyond’ what is observable, however, is usually rejected by ‘non-ironic science’. For

example, science takes little interest in Plato’s non-observable “archetypes”. Because 20thC philosophy ‘proved’ that archetypes ‘cannot be disproved’ (i.e. ‘better’ than the Multiverse), if science opens the door to the Multiverse then, to be “fair & balanced”, it would need to open its door to the archetypal aspect of energy, matter, space & time i.e. the fair-minded scientist would invest 50% of his/her time in Platonic Ideas.

Freud’s atheism is noted. To be a Freudastrologer, however, one won’t get very far without entertaining a ‘Symmetry Breaker’ with the capacity to bring “acausality” and, therefore, “synchronicity” into the world, symbolized by the zodiac as follows...

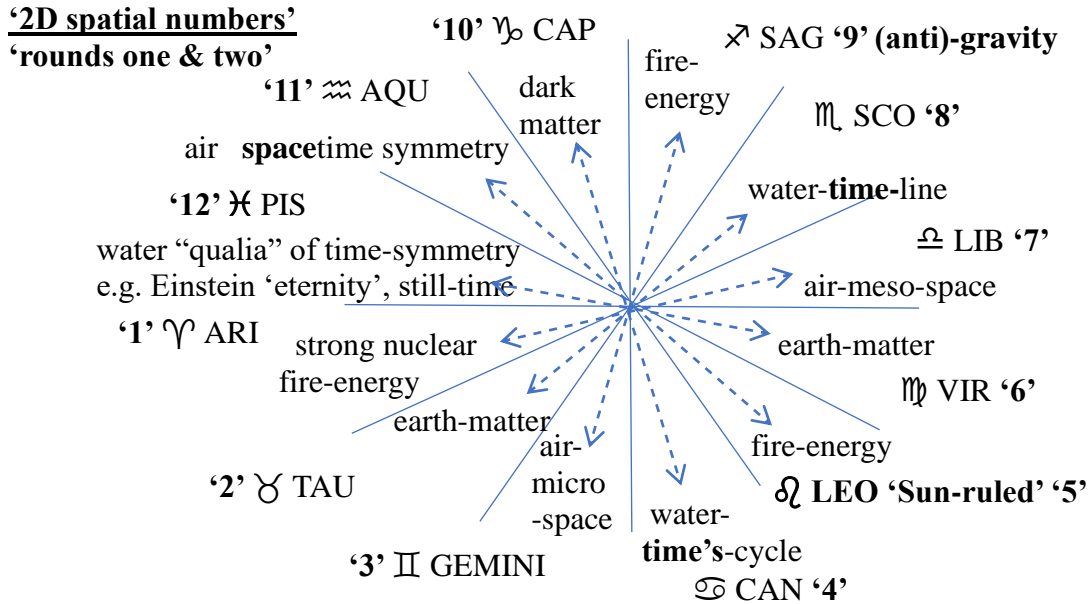


...we use the term, ‘Symmetry Breaker’, because cosmologists now realize that, because (i) “cause” is a function of the thermodynamic timeline (past ≠ future), (ii) there was no thermodynamic time at the “Big Bang”, there was no “causality” at the beginning of the universe. In turn, all cosmologists can say is that there was-(is) a break in the symmetry of ‘meta-time’ to produce three ‘types’ of time: (a) micro-scalar “(semi)-symmetric” time (past = future; but only if accompanied by (ai) symmetry of charge in protons/quarks and (aii) symmetry in the left-right handed spatial polarity), (b) meso-scalar “asymmetric”, thermodynamic, entropic time-line, (past ≠ future; e.g. the chances of spilt milk pouring itself back into the bottle are essentially zero), & (c) macro-scalar “symmetric” non-flowing spacetime (past = future; i.e. the scale wherein Jung’s “acausal connecting principle” – “synchronicity” – has more explanatory value than thermodynamic “causality” e.g. although random mutation & natural selection “causes” “origins of species” at the meso-scale, it may not do so at the macro-scale).

In summary, not only is it ‘Godelianly’ out of reach to mathematically “reduce” energy-matter-space-time to a “unity”, but to aim so would also come at the cost of (i) psychological “conflation” of instructive universal phenomena and (ii) illegitimate elimination of fields of scientific-observational interest that aim to surpass (or, at least, match) religions that survive the centuries because, by taking symbols of wholeness as ‘basic’, they appeal to the psyche’s aim for ‘meta-Godelian’, “holistic” fulfilment.

FROM ASTRONOMY TO THE SUN-EARTH AXIS

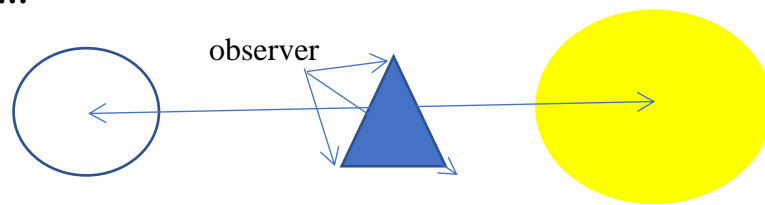
Having applied “symmetry breaking” to Time, our obvious next step is to move across to the universal ‘element’, Space, that best helps us to understand the concept, “symmetry”. First, we see the 2D zodiac geometrically expressing “symmetry breaks” insofar as its diametric-opposing signs are not of the same ‘element’ e.g. ‘1 Aries’ fire-energy looks across to ‘6 Virgo’ earth-matter ‘feeding up’ to ‘7 Libra’ meso-spatial air. These “breaks” run all the way around the zodiac, as per the dotted lines below...



... during the 50% of his/her time that a 21stC philosopher spends on numbers-as-discoveries, s/he will turn to the problem of why the 12 archetypal numbers ‘arrive’ in the human psyche as a 2D ‘zodiac clock’. Why not, say, as a 1D ‘string’? The answer is that this may be happening in another realm of the “multiverse” but, in our universe of shining stars and galaxies, the macro-scale is “fine-tuned enough” to permit one of the ‘flanks’ of macro-scalar energy, gravity (shaped by “dark matter”), to draw down the ‘clouds’ of Hydrogen & Helium and form objects that have their own ‘Mini-Bang’, the “1st generation” stars, wherein Aries’ strong nuclear energy & Leo’s electro-weak-magnetic energy are given a new lease of life. This sense of (‘reincarnation-al’) cycling is additionally emphasized in the “2nd (3rd, 4th...) generation” stars that have planetary systems e.g. our planet, Earth, is made of material created in “parent stars” that have undergone supernova explosions that were energetic enough to create atoms such as Carbon, Oxygen, Iron, Lead, Silver & Gold. Our ‘Sun-Earth axis’ could be described as a ‘symbolic bridge’ from our Sun to our “parent stars”. Its yearly cycle ‘raises’ it from a 2D ‘cyclor’ up-to a 3D spacetime ‘cylinder’ (i.e. so that our Earth doesn’t bump into itself at a completion of an orbit). In this spirit, our ‘Sun-Earth axis’ ‘raises’ to a Platonic, ‘immaterial standing wave’ with 12 ‘nodes’ and generates a ‘zodiac cylinder’ in an analogous way that bisecting an orange reveals its 12 compartments.

When we ‘experiment’ with 3D nature, we note that the shape that is generated when two spherical fields are approximated is Plato’s simplest solid, the tetrahedron. Although a tetrahedron is not a ‘cut-fruit-cylinder’, it still points to the zodiac insofar

as its 3-triangular/4-face/12-angle character draws on the 1D numbers that ‘build up’ into the 2D zodiac...



... leading the ‘(keep)-thinking-intuiting’ scientist to wonder (i) if the orbit of the Earth has a ‘flattening’ effect on the tetrahedron that, in turn, produces the ‘clock-face’, (ii) what this ‘Sun-Earth axial field’ might be made of, and (iii) if there is a way of observing & measuring the field. The trouble for this kind of ‘scientific’ process is Plato’s reminder that ‘immaterial’ also means ‘non-measurable’, even if Platonists do get some pushback from the statisticians who confirmed the “tenacious Mars effect”. Although we will go further into this later, we downplay statistics because statistics, in their own turn, downplay the phenomenon that is most vital to psychological health i.e. the individual’s individuality-into-“individuation”. This is a significant reason why astrology deserves (indeed, requires) the descriptive term, ‘meta-science’.

Returning, now, to the tropical zodiac, the zodiac that is orientated in space by locating its ‘1 Aries beginning’ at the spring equinox, the fair-minded intuiter-thinker will want to know why ‘1 Aries’ is aligned to it rather than to, say, the winter solstice. We draw our answer from two sources (a) “symmetry breaking”; if the day-length is equal to the night-length, there is a “temporal symmetry”... that will be, if only mildly, “broken” on the day after the equinox, & (b) this “break” ‘1 initiates’ the psyche into the basis of life’s complexity i.e. if days were always equal to nights – if our Earth, like Mercury, wasn’t tilted – there would be no seasons and, in turn, insufficient movement of water for complex life to survive. Indeed, it has been realized by astrobiologists that the most likely planets that could ‘1 initiate’ life (as we know it, Jim) elsewhere in the galaxy/universe are those that, like our Earth, are blessed with a medium tilt.

At this point, experienced astrologers will be aware that we have been ignoring the astronomers’ zodiacal map of the constellations i.e. the sidereal zodiac. This is true. For Freudastrologers, however, the so-called “precession of equinoxes” is something to be addressed within a ‘Jungian’ psychological-religious context rather than within the ‘Freudian’ scientific-philosophical context that is our current concern (if you wish, you can find a note on this in the concluding section of our 2nd ‘basics’ essay), because, as noted in our prior paragraph, discussing this runs the risk of enabling psychological “regression” into the pathogenic collective. For FA, it is axiomatic that psychological growth proceeds from ‘1 (Aries)’ with ‘1’s anti-clockwise ‘1 intentionality’. And...

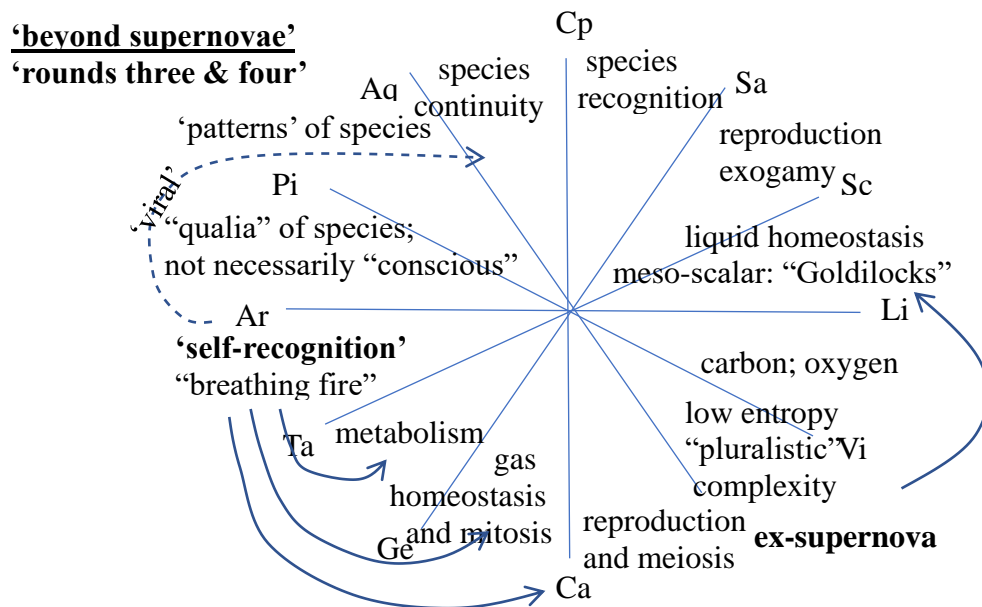
If astrology’s “purpose” is to help buffer the psyche against “regression”, then Aries, the 1st fiery intuitive sign, will ‘1 begin’ to intuit a purpose in the number series i.e. rather than ‘reduce’ to ‘1’, the psyche’s purpose is to ‘helically expand’ up-out to ‘1-(2-3-4-becoming)-5/9/13-17/21/25-29/33/37...’. If so, the psyche ‘begins’ a liberation from the ‘other 50%’ and from the ‘wrong(!)100% view’ that numbers and symmetric geometric shapes (e.g. mandalas) are “nothing but” convenient human inventions.

FROM ASTRONOMY TO BIOLOGY

This ‘invention vs. discovery’ question of numbers applies just as equally to the “Creator” i.e. atheists hold the one-sided view that religion is a human invention, not a human discovery. Because atheists conveniently ignore the 21stC fact that philosophy has ‘proven’ the 50-50%, it is atheistic one-sided-ness that is the invention. To be sure, a lot of invention goes on in religious life but the more correct and incisive question is: if there is a crescendo of religious invention, is this a ‘sign’ to the intuitive-thinker that the invention-laden religion is readying for a “transformation” that, in the ‘yin-yang’ manner, would permit it to return/flip-back to discovery? Whatever that case...

About 10 billion years after the “Big Bang”, there was another species of ‘birth’ in the universe i.e. a/biogenesis. This ‘birth’, like the “singularity” of the “Big Bang”, was/is opaque. Although attempts to (i) ‘Frankenstein’ life out of amino acids and (ii) defy Fermi’s paradox and discover life elsewhere in the galaxy go on but, at this point in scientific history, the opaqueness remains. Then again, if the universe was ‘born’ in accordance with an archetypal sequence, there is every reason to consider life’s ‘birth’ to also have occurred in the same manner... maybe things aren’t so opaque, after all?

If we stick with the “symmetry breaking” idea, we do get a sense of it applying to a/biogenesis insofar as life (a-w-k-i, J) requires oxygen in its ‘wet’, ‘flowing’, H₂O, liquid form i.e. the two Hydrogen atoms lean to one side of its water molecule to render “asymmetry” to its charge. If also, the planet on which water settles remains liquid by virtue of the planet orbiting at the meso-scalar, Goldilocks distance of 8± light minutes to its star, a/biogenesis has its chance. The zodiac makes the holistic contribution...

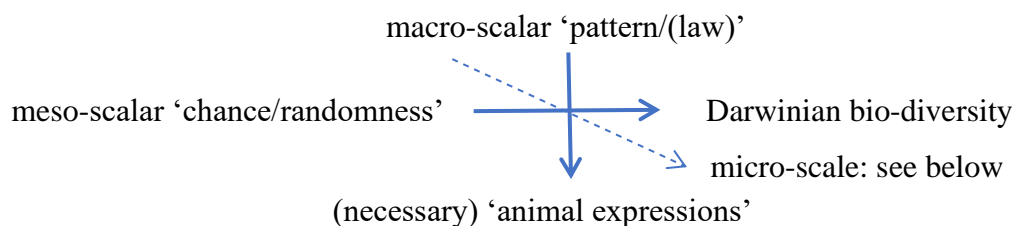


... and, in doing so, it emphasizes the need for life to have a ‘self-recognitive’ capacity at the beach-head of its definition for, without it, the head of a living creature would eat its own tail rather than the head-body-tail of another. This self-recognition, of course, becomes the basis for the self-aware organisms that have the capacity to ask the Hawking-esque question: “what is it that breathed fire into life’s vital elements to make them complex enough to ask this question?” Notice also that, to do justice to its

own complexity, a being would have to ‘absorb’ all 6 (& ‘7’) of the ‘lower hemispheric’ archetypes. It is only then that a being would, even if “unconsciously”, reach ‘9’ and notice the species to which it belongs (and, later, become “conscious” of the ‘Darwin-Lamarck dichotomy’). If, alternatively, a being ‘chooses’ to live ‘life’ as a non-complex virus (i.e. the dashed arrow), not only does it not do justice to its O₂-complexity, many biologists would dispute that this ‘zombie’ was-is a living being in the first place.

Upon moving forward (in thermodynamic time) from abiogenesis to evolution, we take on the issue of “genesis (origin) of species”. The possibility of different species is a function of mutation but, because this is in/directly “caused” by low entropy Solar radiation, those who can intuit fiery “purpose” in ‘Solar 5’ will wonder to what extent mutations are “random”. The answer may be anything from 1-99% but, whatever the answer, by the time we get to ‘9’, an organism would do well to take the step ‘beyond’ ‘1 self-recognition’ up-to ‘9 species recognition’ i.e. eat the head/tail of another species might be better than eating the head/tail of one’s own species, especially when there is need for “safety of numbers”. This new dichotomy, ‘intra-species/inter-species’, feeds into all ‘species’ of “viral”, collectivistic psycho-pathology... if the anti-clockwise steps from ‘7’ to ‘8’ to ‘9’ aren’t taken and “regressive”, collectivistic awareness takes over, the cycle moves silently through ‘10’ and is superseded by another species with an ‘11 pattern’ that it more attuned to holistic mandalas e.g. Spielberg’s-(Kubrick’s) “A.I.”.

We remind ourselves at this point that, in discussing species and collectives, we have returned to the scale where Darwinism doesn’t have the support of meso-scalar “causal-thermodynamic” time. Then again, if we stick to the view that bio-complexity comes from anti-clockwise rotation, we could say that Darwinism ‘adds into’ this third section of the zodiac. By the (... errr) time we get to ‘12’s qualia of ‘11’s patterns – i.e. “what it is ‘like’ to be a pattern” – we can ‘1 begin’ to understand why the zodiac is, indeed, a zoo-diac i.e. animals ‘like’ rams, bulls, (human) sibs, crabs, lions, (human) pre-maritals, homeostatic balances, scorpions, centaurs, goats, water-bearers and fish ‘express’ the universal elements in the biosphere because they, or something with their qualities, would have evolved no matter what degree of randomness had underpinned the rest of the evolutionary story. In other words, macro-scalar pattern & meso-scalar chance aren’t mutually exclusive. Rather, they too are a “(semi)-broken” symmetry...

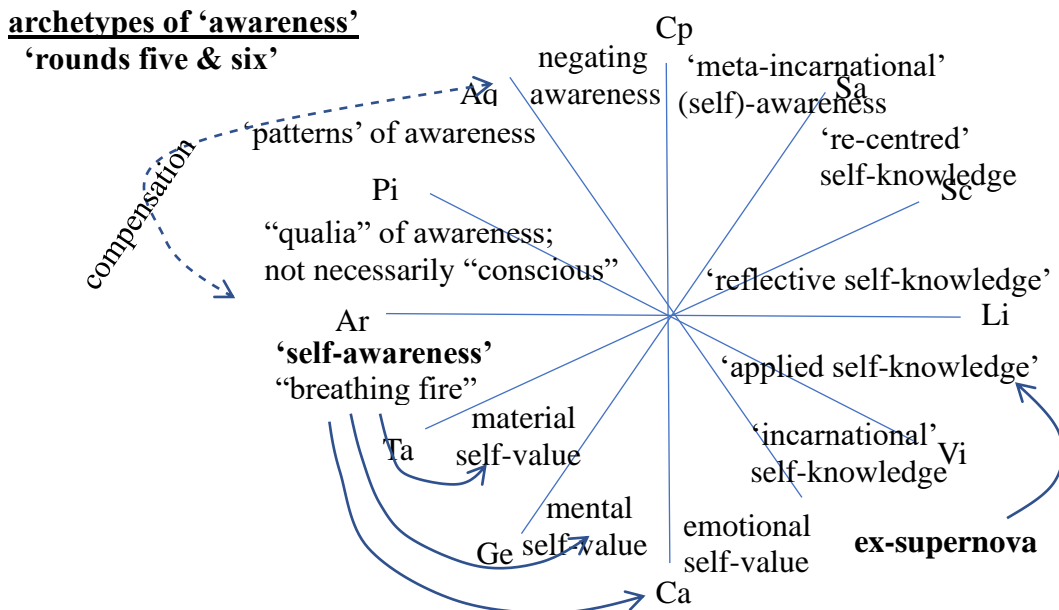


... and, of course, if we ‘go 3D’, we could add another non-mutually exclusive axis to these cartesian co-ordinates for the micro-scale (the dotted arrow). This would be an edifying move because it expresses Einstein’s famous mistake “God doesn’t play dice!” i.e. ‘chance/randomness’ belongs to the micro-scale, leaving the meso-scale to find the ‘(5-6-7)-8 centre’ between micro-scalar chance & macro-scalar necessity. This centre, as discussed earlier, will ‘necessarily’ have a complex evolution towards...

FROM (self-recognizing) BIOLOGY TO (self-aware) PSYCHOLOGY

In the prior section, we lamented the over-reduced, ironic and fuzzy character of the definition of (science and) life. With the term, “consciousness”, our lamentations continue. Indeed, this term would become so problematic for Freud that he was forced to re-formulate his theory in 1923’s “The Ego & the Id”. Over the subsequent century, the problem of defining “consciousness” grew plenty of Hydra heads and, these days, we have a number of respectable philosophers (e.g. David Chalmers) putting forward the view that “consciousness” may be as fundamental as energy-mass-space-time and, therefore, it may be a part of universo-genesis that, as noted, has a significant opacity – the “event horizon” of its “black-hole-in-reverse” – that science’s lights can’t breach.

The problem, here, for the developmental psychologist is that “consciousness” does seem to be a phenomenon that, if in fits and starts, “emerges” over the course of collective human evolution and individual human lives, pointing to the possibility that it “emerges” in the universe as well. So, perhaps like Freud, the FA-er would do well to leave the term with philosophy and ‘1 begin’ with “awareness”. If so, we can go on to propose the following ‘11 pattern’ being “(semi)-broken” at ‘1 Aries’ like so...



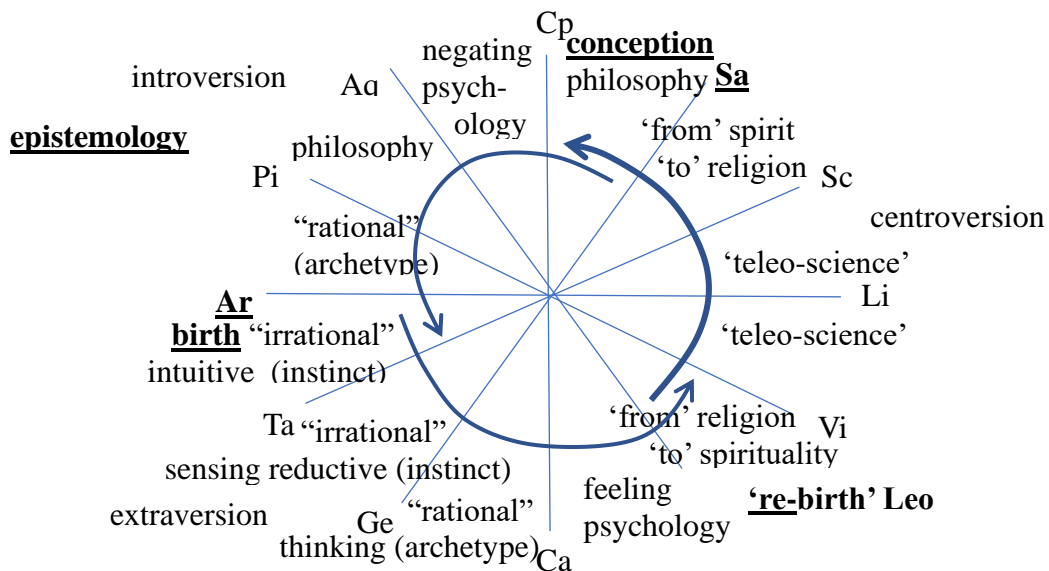
... noting that the key addition to our prior diagram is the dotted double ended arrow from Capricorn-to-Aries. Longstanding readers know that this inclusion symbolizes the interweave of neotenous evolution into the “emergence” of awareness in Homo sapiens that has led to “compensations” in ‘self-awareness’. Specifically, on the side of “over-compensation”, ‘self-awareness’ becomes the be-all-and-end-all and, as a result, the very idea of sacrifice is (as we have noted, ‘Trump-ishly’) rejected; on the side of “under-compensation”, ‘self-awareness’ is deemed illusory and, therefore, the idea of sacrificing something that doesn’t exist is deemed absurd.

Even if there is no “compensation”, a Freudastrologer still considers ‘1’ with a dash of caution because ‘1 beginnings’ are different to ‘5 middles’ and/or ‘(8)-9 ends’. As we have noted elsewhere, the world first appears to “be” ‘1’ but, in fact, this ‘1 first impression’ is ‘11/12ths wrong’. Thus, the FA-er needs to add the term “ig” to Freud’s

“id”, “superego” & “ego”. Therefore, “compensation” is ‘icing’ on ‘1’’s already-there tendency to reject ‘sacrifice’ and hallucinate itself as ‘8/9 conclusive’. Psychoanalysis, whether Freudian, Jungian or Kleinian, is about dealing with ‘1 anger’ that surfaces after a prejudice has ‘set in’ e.g. induction-deduction/sensing-thinking/science deemed more valuable than feeling-intuition/art. Psychoanalysis is often “called for” at ‘4’ i.e. the ‘time’ that ‘arrives’ for an understanding of one’s superego-(ig)-id interaction.

In the prior section, we made the claim that ‘self-recognition’ deserves a place at the very forefront of the definition of life. In the same way, the intuitive ‘coherences’ of ‘self-awareness’ deserve a place at the very forefront of a definition of epistemology (& development towards ‘self-knowledge’). To achieve what it deserves, however, the ‘self-recognizer’ has to “integrate” (seeming) ‘not-so-coherent’ definitions of intuition. If we go to a dictionary, we find something like, “the faculty of attaining to knowledge without evident thought or inference”; if we go to Jung, we find, “whereto a thing that has been sensed, thought about and felt is going”; and, when turn to the zodiac...

In our ‘Psycho-quadratics: Function Type’, we noted that the zodiac & Jung’s quad-phasic function aphorism are ‘not-so-coherent’ i.e. the zodiac begins at intuitive, ‘1 fiery’ Aries, whereas Jung begins with sensing (at, say, ‘earthy’ Taurus). So, for the sake of ‘coherence’, FA proposes that astrology ‘quintizes’ Jung’s aphorism by adding a ‘leading’ intuition e.g. “Aries tells me to ‘begin’ extraversion”. If, in turn, we focus on the tri-phasic division of the zodiac, we will see a ‘bi-layering’ of intuitive signs e.g. Leo is not only the sign that “tells me whereto something sensed (at Taurus) is going”, it also is the sector/sign that “tells me to ‘begin’ centroversion, so that my centroversion Virgoan sensing (of a thing) exists and my Libran thinking can tell me what it is...”. Note that, if it follows ‘5’, “science-properly-defined” includes intuition, as follows...



... then, at intuitive Sagittarius, Platonic introversion takes over and we can ‘conceive’ the great problems inherent in the collectivized psyche. This seems to be an issue that concerns senior citizens, yet senior citizens might not have developed their epistemology ‘well enough’ to properly clarify the meaning of “collectivation” or...

FROM “INDIVIDUATION” TO (HOLISITIC) FULFILMENT

The word ‘conception’ is very applicable to fiery-intuitive Sagittarius, because it is the first sign of gestation (the ‘amniotic sea’ of Pisces is the last sign of gestation). The issue of meiotic recombination-fertilization – the (... errr) ‘time’ of the life-cycle when the D.N.A. fingerprint is determined – brings us to one of the key questions that a fair-minded scientist would ask of astrology: why use the individual’s ‘birth-time’ to determine the individual’s ‘immaterial D.N.A./reference chart’? FA’s answer: if the (... errr) ‘individual’ was completely ‘collectivized’, it follows that a ‘conception chart’ might be the best ‘reference chart’... yet, with the individual having (i) a ‘9-10-11-12 epigenetic’ chance to grasp his/her 1st person-ness, (ii) this grasp is what s/he needs to “breathe fire” into his/her quest for holistic fulfilment, and (iii) his/her quest requiring the development of abilities to devalue the over-valued ‘9-10-11-12 collective’, his/her ‘birth-time chart’ will speak more to him/her than will any ‘conception-time chart’.

Let’s note that the other possible location of fiery ‘birth’, ‘5’ sphere of ‘birth’ into one’s centroverson, could also have a (say, heliocentric) ‘birth chart’ drawn for it... but, by the time the individual has gained self-knowledge of his/her “inner child”, s/he may not need any reference item because, by definition, the inner child is creative enough to heal itself without analytic back-references to ‘immaterial D.N.A.’.

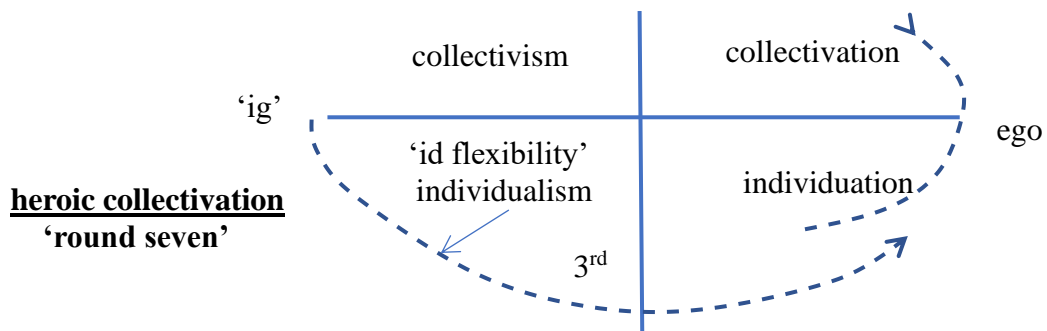
This leads us to another begging question: why not draw a heliocentric chart at the individual’s birth? Here, the answer is quadripartite: (i) given that a full Moon is also a heliocentric Earth placement, we get a sense of the heliocentric Earth (at least at the full Moon) without having to draw it, (ii) the subsequent ‘dialogue’ between the diametrically opposed signs is, in any case, found ‘on Earth’ as the ‘dialogue’ between its Northern & Southern hemispheres, (iii) Jupiter, Saturn & the outer planets won’t, in any case, be far from where they are already seen from Earth, (iv) when we consider the psychological health that “emerges” from an individual’s appreciation of his/her individuality-(leading-to-“individuation”), much will be gained from the ‘immaterial standing wave’ that is generated by the Earth’s rotation i.e. “the zodiac brought down to earth” house system, and (iv-b) the ‘interaction’ of the Earth’s two ‘standing waves’ – Earth’s orbit and rotation – what we call, ‘zodiac-horoscope-phase-shift’ – generates and reflects that critical O₂-quality that characterizes human life, complexity.

Indeed, as even the novice astrologer is aware, the house system ‘leads the way’ when a birth horoscope is drawn i.e. the chart is orientated (not around ‘1 Aries’, but) around the beginning of the 1st house, the ascendant. If the birth chart is the reference chart for the life, then the ascendant (& the sign that straddles it) is the reference point (& arc) for the chart itself i.e. it is the ‘symbol of birth’ within its ‘birth chart’. Agreed, with the fact that there are only 12 possible ascendants, natal astrology doesn’t appear to offer much to the individual who is interested in becoming psychologically healthier by learning about his/her uniqueness. When, however, ‘time’ is introduced in the form of (i) the transiting ascendant, over the first 24hrs, conjuncting the ‘other 359°’ of the unique-looking overall birth ‘pattern’, and (ii) over the months, years & decades after the first 24hrs, these ‘natal planets’ that are located in the ‘other 359°’ will transit, by conjunction and/or aspect, the ascendant in a ‘unique’ sequence, a stronger sense of a ‘map’ for the individual’s “uniqueness” and his/her healthful “purpose” is availed.

Thus, we arrive at FA’s view of astrology as ‘meta-science’ i.e. the “reduction” of the individual that results from the ‘statisticalization’ processes that are par for the

course in science and academic psychology are unable to address mental health issues that come thick & fast when the individual begins to think of him/herself as a statistic. That there is no statistical evidence for astrology (the “exception proving the rule” has already been noted) is vital to its health-making capacity i.e. there are mental illnesses, damn mental illnesses and statistical mental illnesses.

To conceive “collective vs. the individual” in an ‘over-reduced’, dyadic way is to make the mistake of everyone except the Jungian who knows the difference between “individualism” and “individuation”. Freudastrology makes the same distinction for the collective’s “-ism vs. -ation” and, in doing so, generates the ‘psycho-quadratic’...



... and, yes, Freud may not have subscribed to Jung’s ‘expansion’, but he was focused on the individual in any case. In his writings, we can read why he thought that pursuing (either confirming or refuting) statistics wasn’t worthwhile. If Karl Popper wanted to call what he was doing “pseudoscience”, Freud would have thought that he was calling it so (only) through his negating (to that degree, ‘unborn’) superego. Freud would have wanted to know how well Karl, or an individual/group agreeing with him, had developed a flexible ego-structure. In upcoming essays on “hermeneutics”, we will discuss Popper in relation to his ‘anomaly-hunting’ usurper, Thomas Kuhn.

The scientist who wishes to ‘be scientific’ about religion, would probably accept that a fully human bloke did walk about 2,000yrs ago and spoke eloquently about the ‘how’ of living. Even if he wasn’t divine, his story of “sacrifice” of his superego, ig and id is an interesting one, especially to the individual who cares to know something about him/herself ‘beyond’ his/her ‘statistical-ness’. The individual is faced with the task of sacrificing his/her negating-pathogenic superego, his/her over-narrow-11/12ths-wrong ig and, to a lesser degree, his/her emotional id-‘base’ in order to ‘redeem’ the ego that his/her (both ‘material’ &) ‘immaterial D.N.A.’ had ‘written’. This is ‘how’ a scientist would be able to “transform” the “reduct-o-science” of Taurus-Gemini into the “teleo-science” of Virgo-Libra. Then, s/he might be able to let his/her “reaction-formation-o-science” of Capricorn-Aquarius be the sleeping dog that it needs to be for the ego to grow enough to understand some of Homo sapiens’ ‘thornier’ 4-letter words...

There once was a pop star who thought of himself as something of a superegoic ‘policeman’. After a chunk of time studying “Synchronicity”, he decided to put away police-ish things, hoping that something else would grow (yeah, OK, he was flush, so maybe his sacrifice wasn’t much to write home about). Either way, he did manage to write a lyric that summed up what we have been driving at here, “♪ all the saints up in heaven, ♪ and the stars up above... ♪ it all comes down to ♪ L-o-o-o-♪-v-v-v-e”.