

preface: AN OVERVIEW OF “BASICS”

A FEW BIOGRAPHICAL & HISTORICAL POINTERS

Welcome, dear reader, to Freudastrology’s nitty-gritty. This website was set up for those who would “google” the words, “Freud” & “astrology”. At the time of my own entry into psychoanalysis in 1996, I had not heard the verb, “to google”... so, as I realized that Sigmund Freud’s/Melanie Klein’s psychologies deserved equal (greater?) status to Jung’s psychology, I had little idea that I would eventually become interested in reaching out to “googlers”. When that eventuality arrived in 2003, the verb, “to google”, had been around for a few years... and, by the middle noughties, it would find its way into the dictionaries.

Over the (now) 21yrs of FA’s existence, I had worked on the underlying assumption that not many Freudians are interested in astrology & not many psychological astrologers are interested in Freud, but there must have been some because Liz Greene, in her book, “Neptune: & the Quest for Redemption”, included a chapter on Freud & psychoanalysis and most psychological astrologers read Liz. With Liz’ book being published in 1996, you won’t have to be Einstein to work out that I was studying this chapter in parallel with my own psychoanalysis. I wasn’t too long before I was working on how to (re)-birth my natal Moon in Pisces in the 12th house. My answer: give ‘room’ for all aspects of (what FA calls) the 4th archetype – Lunar transits & “progressions”, the 4th house & Cancer – to ‘breathe’. It was a worthwhile answer because, without it, I would have remained in the grey zone between “I can’t help it” & “I won’t help it”, wherein lies the key issue of “good vs. evil”.

Prior to entering psychoanalysis, my Sun-Saturn-Mercury in Sagittarius had been fussed with wondering why astrology seems to “work”. I was (and, to a degree, I still am) OK with the 21stC’s prevailing paradigm, “scientific agnosticism”, but, given the “Mind” aspect of astrology, I had not chased this paradigm down into the rabbit hole of atheism, whereto Freud had chased it down. For this reason, I knew that my discussions of Freud would, at turns, be both reverential & critical. I also knew that I wanted to ‘(re)-connect’ Freudian/Kleinian ideas to the Jungian ideas that are psychological astrology’s bread & butter. The more I connected Freud/Klein to Jung, the more I realized the need to connect “deism” (= the “abstract” Divine Mind that Einstein and, we guess, the larger fraction of astrologers care/d about) to “theism” (= the “immanent” Mind that Jung and, we guess, the smaller fraction of astrologers care/d about). Jung’s “Aion” & “Answer to Job” would be FA’s ‘beacons’ for the ongoing challenge of ‘(re)-connecting’ Freud/Klein to Jung. If, dear reader, you have read this far into Freudastrology, I am guessing that you too take an interest in not only why astrology “works” but also why millennia-old astrology might need to be ‘(re)-connected’ to modern depth psychology. A key reason for FA’s connections from ancient ideas to modern depth psychology is laid out in the 4th of our “basics” essays. In this essay, let’s make a few historical points in reference to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd essays...

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Prior to the abovementioned 4th essay, we have fashioned three essays that deal with the historical aspects of the philosophy of science, astrology & Freudian psychology. With the 4th essay, that presents a broader typology than Jung presented (in his “Psychological Types”), we feel that we have covered the basics well enough for our ‘further in’ webpages, “full Moon”, “Sun”, “context”, to make useful sense. If, dear reader, your understanding of Freud & astrology is already sophisticated, you can skip our “basics” essays but, if you

are relatively new to Freudian/Kleinian/Jungian or astrological ideas, we expect that you might need to read these first. Longstanding readers can tell you that we are fans of Bob Dylan and his interview wherein he defends himself against “quoting” because those who read his quotes would likely attribute different meanings to each of the words that he had “quoted”. For similar reasons, our 1st “basics” essay focuses on clarifying terms that we use as we locate Freudastrology in the proverbial “marketplace of ideas”, beginning with the term, “scientism”, that, to a not insignificant degree, applies to Freud. However, as we explain in the 1st section below, Freud wasn’t fully trapped in “scientism” because he saw the need for psychoanalysts to keep Cartesian mind-body dualism alive. Nonetheless, with Freud not caring for the “deistic Mind”, philosophers are correct to view him as trapped in “psychologism” (= “reducing” metaphysics to the point of the negation of ‘capital-X’ entities). The journey, from “scientism” through “psychologism” through “metaphysics” to “spirituality/religion”, is a long journey... very Aries-to-Sagittarius, we intuit.

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Now, onto our 2nd “basics” essay. In it, we note that science & astrology were allied for thousands of years and, although these two fell out as the “Enlightenment” of the 18th-19thC took hold & forced science into “(metaphysical) physicalism”, the quantum physics revolution of the 20thC brought about the need for a reconciliation, primarily through the realization that, to “ask quantum physics questions”, askers need to “be conscious” and, so, “consciousness”, a phenomenon that “metaphysical materialism” can’t explain, must be primary (&, therefore, it is for “consciousness” to explain “materialism”). This doesn’t mean that “science” is to be rejected... rather, it means that science needs to be seen as a tool and, as is the case for all tools, the question of abuse enters the frame. The fact of this fact not being taken on board by the majority of scientists – now, for more than a century – is what Freudian psychology calls “denial”. To the degree that this scientific majority “won’t” (rather than “can’t”) correct this defense, it can be seen as “evil”. Yes, scientists don’t order the bombs to go off, but they “can” make it clear to the hollow men that they are only makers of tools and that the hollow men need to take heed of philosophers, depth psychologists and “hermeneutic” theologians. For FA, Freud is the 1st to take heed of...

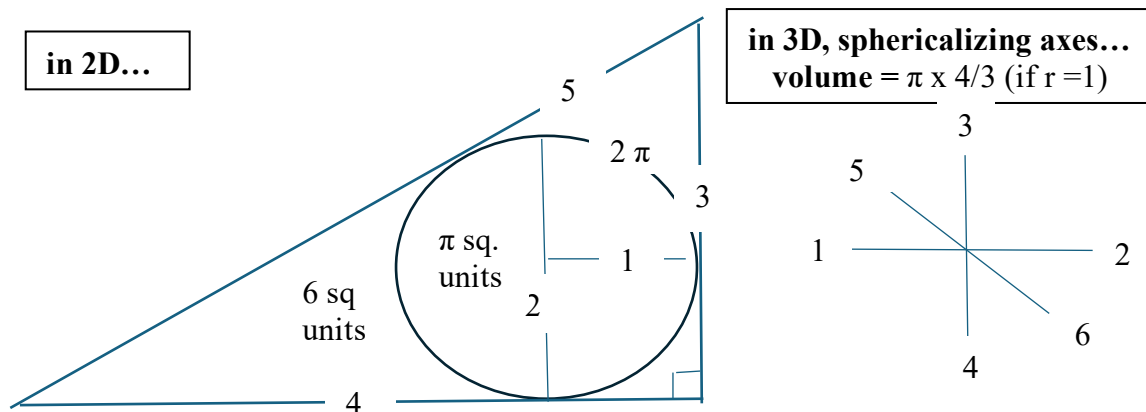
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Onto our 3rd “basics” essay. In it, we re-emphasize the primacy of Freud’s view of the psyche because, like astrology, it deals in the individual’s qualitative experience and, therefore, it “rightly” leaves statistical-collectivizing approaches in the rear-view mirror. While it may be OK for physics to align itself to Karl Popper’s “falsificationist” definition of science, the “primacy (& reality) of the psyche” established by quantum physics means that psychology is not to be a part of science-so-defined. In other words, the more that the (depth) psychologist learns of “objects” in the psyche that are “wrong” about the outer world, the more that these “objects” will tell the psychologist something “right” about the inner world that, in turn, will have much to do with psychical “integration”, especially if one’s “inner objects” are cast in a novel light. It is the task of the psychoanalyst to nurture inner novelty. A “wrong (surface) psychologist” tries to “download” his/her incorrect idea of “what psychology is” into “groups”. A “right psychologist” talks “around” the psyche’s processes and looks to “round out” a “centroverted ego” (our 4th essay). Back to the 1st...

CLARIFICATION I: 'META-SCIENTISM'

For FA, an individual becomes a 'meta-scientist' if s/he 'steps through' science (instead of 'bypassing' science). Therefore, the 'meta-scientific astrologer' 'steps through' both astronomy & science's pre-emptive rejection of astrology that, via its unjustifiable cherry-pick attitude to the "how/s" of knowing (= 'pseudo-epistemology'), led science to its wrong characterization of astrology as "pseudo-science". With scientists caring neither for their "projections" nor for their anti-philosophical stances, astrologers 'bypass' them. With psychoanalysis' history in science, however, FA 'steps through' science as follows...

&(i) why take "archetypes" seriously? this was answered by logical positivism in the early 20thC; it has been proved that numbers-(archetypes)-existing-beyond-the-human-mind is impossible to disprove; this means that all the Platonic footnotes need to be given an airing; yes, numbers-(-archetypes) have their quantifying function, but there is no basis for the "cancelling" of their "emergent" qualities e.g. rational & irrational; the Pythagorean realization that '1', '2', '3', '4', '5' & '6' "emerge" as a "rational set" that, at sub-Planck-length (sub-nuclear-physical) scales, generates "irrational π " as follows...

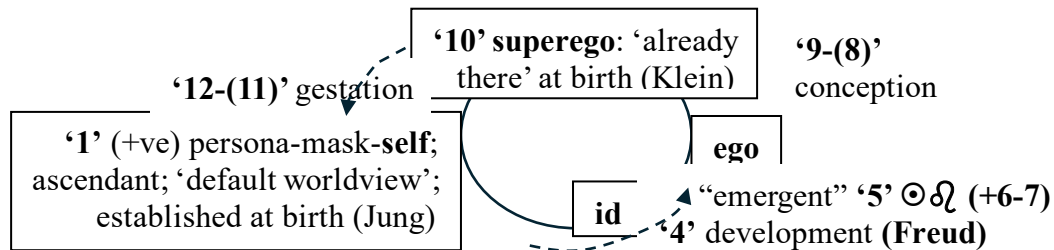


&(ii) why have 12 'primary archetypes'? this was answered with the instigation of geometry in physically separated ancient civilizations (e.g. South America, Greece) that understood that there is something 'primary' in 'circled circles'... if a circle is transposed around its periphery, it re-visits its original position after $(12 \div 2 =) 6$ transpositions and generates the (sub-Planck) "seed of life"; gender division of this "seed" makes it possible to generate the "flower of life" & "Platonic elements/solids" with "emergent" "qualities";

&(iii) why arrange the '12' as a semi-symmetrical pattern (mandala)? this was answered in '(ii)' but the astrologer would agree that, just because a brain-(mind; let's leave Descartes to one side here) can generate a "seed of life", that does not permit the brain's owner to "project" it onto the Solar system willy-nilly; FA agrees that the only way that the "projection" won't require a "retrieval" is if there is a 'creating-ordering' Divinity Who wanted Its human-brain-(psyche) & Its solar system to "resonate";

&(iv) is not "resonance" nonsense in the face of the "precession of equinoxes"? yes, it would be if there was no "resonance" in respect of the "precession of equinoxes" (see: "Sun" webpage 2027 articles). Yes, that there are two "hooks" for the "projection" of the zodiac forces astrologers to choose but, in the wake of its 130BC discovery, Western

astrologers chose the ‘Solar-seasonal-(=“tropical”)-zodiac’ that became “resonant” when (i) Copernicus-Galileo-et-al. unveiled heliocentricity & (ii) Freud-Jung-et-al. unveiled the “centering” role of the ‘5 Solar ego’ in spiritual growth; the “Jungian” psychological astrologer may balk at Freud-(astrology) but, if s/he cares for ‘development-ology’, s/he won’t be very “resistant” to the following Freud-(Klein-Fordham-Jung)-ian pattern...



... and, with this, s/he has access to the ‘interaction-ology’ that is seen in “astrological ages” that, in turn, sets up a template for interpreting the (74) additional archetypal interactions; after all, “the Age of Taurus” (= Taurus on its ascendant-default-position tends to materialism) had its idolatry of matter, “the Age of Aries” (= an Arien default position tends to mono-teleology) brought forth monotheism, “the Age of Pisces” (= a Piscean default position tends to anti-flesh dream-states) brought forth flesh-negating religions & the incoming “Age of Aquarius” (= an Aquarian default position generates technocracies) seems to be living up to what astrologers have been expecting of it;

&(v) why waste time with symbolism when it could be better spent on gathering more facts? this was answered more by depth psychology than by astrologers; C. G. Jung, for example, explains that symbols (i) are the ‘language’ of the “(1st personal &) collective unconscious” and, thus, they ‘talk’ individuals into undergoing a ‘descent’ into this ‘lower realm’ wherein they can redeem their respective “integrative” faculties, & (ii) can ‘point’ individuals in ways bring forth both “personal” & (eventually) ‘supra-personal’ meaning to (what would otherwise be) factual insignificance; by contrast, ‘backsliding ascent’ into mathematical formulae & repeatable experiments bolsters this sense of insignificance; the “T.O.E.” of science is a chimera; who really wants the “fact” of a nuclear arms race?

&(vi) why is birth used for reference and not, say, conception? for this context, we point to the dynamism of the micro-(meso)-physical world being ‘enough’ to bring about a fertilized egg... but not yet being ‘enough’ to bring about morphological ‘(10)-11-(12) structure’ for the egg to become an “organized-system (= organism)”; just as we see it in the galaxy – for a Solar ‘birth’, a ‘gestation’ will be required to bring about a balance between micro-(meso)-dynamism & macro-structure – so it is that a human ‘birth’, unlike a foetus, requires a ‘dynamism-structure balance’ upon which life can ‘hang’; every year, the human “resonates” his/her birthday... more than his/her (9 months prior) conception;

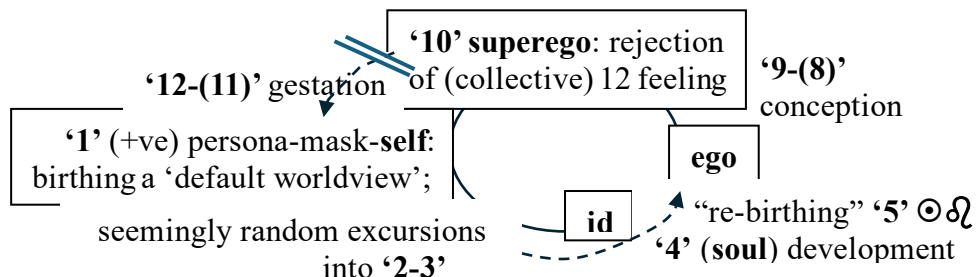
As all astrologers know, astrology is a bit like philosophy insofar as it sits in the middle of the science-religion debate and, as such, finds itself attacked on both flanks e.g. the Old Testament’s (-ve self/superego-ic) criticism of astrology echoes modern scientific criticism. To successfully address this double-sided attack, astrology, in FA’s view, needs to be psychologized e.g. just as midwives assist ‘12-into-1’ births, psychoanalysts assist ‘4-into-5’ re-births. As s/he psychologizes him/herself, the astrologer does well to clarify...

CLARIFICATION II: ‘META-PSYCHOLOGY’

Having absorbed the 19thC’s “naturalism-(physicalism)”, Freud endured a period of puzzlement when confronted by the apparently ‘meta-natural’ (= not fully in the realm of the “metaphysical”) character of the psyche. With 19thC “physicalists” already having rejected Rene Descartes’ dualism, 20thC (& 21stC!!) physicalists rejected Freud’s idea that (unconscious) ideas could cause physical symptoms. Instead, the rejecting (... errr) “idea” was that brain activity caused both the symptoms & the ideas. When confronted with the demonstration of counter-ideas (applied with/out hypnosis) having a greater therapeutic effect than physical medication, the physicalists doubled down on the circular fallacy by drumming up additional (... errr) “ideas” to explain-away the dreaded comeback of Rene Cartesian dualism. Freud, so long the “naturalist-(physicalist)”, sympathized, however...

Eventually, Freud coined the term, “meta-psychology”, to point to his admission that Rene Descartes’ ‘primacy of ideation’ needs to be taken seriously. Freud thought that physicalism could make a comeback with the further advancement of science but, in the meantime, psychoanalysts needed to work “as if” Descartes was correct. This would lead to another puzzlement noticed by philosophers that, “I think (therefore I am)” has no necessary priority over ‘I feel, I intuit, I perceive, (therefore...)’ and, given the facts that (i) the word, “psyche”, means “soul” & (ii) “feeling” links most directly to “soul”, “I feel therefore I am” has a case to be given priority over “I think therefore I am” in any & all forms (e.g. surface, depth) of “psychology”. By the time, however, that Jung was pointing out that “feeling” is the function that brings forth qualitative value (e.g. “good”, “bad”) Freud was not interested in what he had to say. The profound irony of this is that Jung devised his ‘function-ology’ to make sense of why he (& Adler) had broken with Freud.

For FA, Freud would have helped “psychology” along if he had used the term, ‘meta-neurology’, in those junctures where he had used the term, “meta-psychology”. The latter term is better applied to the study of ‘stepping through’ “feelings” that, at their ‘rawest’, don’t want to be ‘stepped through’ (e.g. “only Jesus walks on water!”) into the realm of individual soul development that, in turn, brings us back to the (... errr) “idea” of ‘stepping-through’ science (= ‘meta-science’). “Psychologists” who reject the ‘primacy of feeling’ are ‘holed (back) up’ inside their superegos; indeed, it can be the case that they have never left them and, therefore, are “psychologically unborn”; schematically...

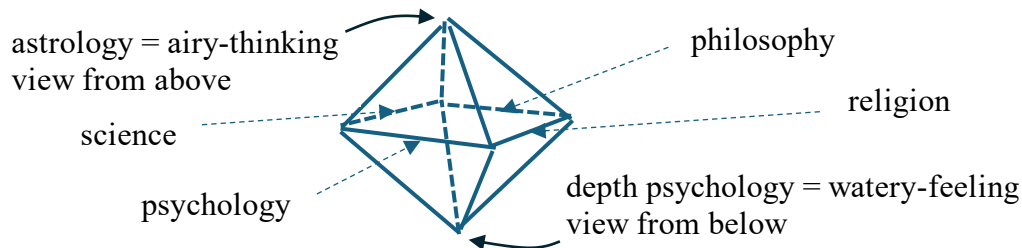


... at best, “(superego-ic) appealing to authority” “professors of psychology” are “neurologists”. Agreed, if the “neurologist” admires Gustave le Bon’s essay on the destructiveness of “feeling” crowds, his/her ‘primacy for sensed facts’ is defensible; the problem is, however, that every individual has an ‘inner collectivist’ that becomes more

“unconscious” the more s/he fears its external manifestation (= “reaction formation”) and, so, with significant irony, the critic of mob psychology goes on to join (&/or form) ‘subtler mobs’ against their “identified mobs”. The individual who belongs to a group, irrespective of its degree of organization (e.g. party, rally, university faculty, peer group), without knowing the level of “compensation” in each of its members, belongs to a ‘subtle mob’... a pathology that can only be healed by one-on-one psychoanalysis of the “id”.

At this point, no doubt, a significant percentage of readers will be thinking that Freud had his “groups” (e.g. “Wednesday evenings in Vienna”) and, therefore, Freud was, if not a hypocrite, then, at best, perched on the brink of hypocrisy. At least, Freud did eventually realize the vital importance of all prospective analysts undergoing a “training analysis” so that, having understood the sterility of the superego, they won’t resort to “appeals to authority” and, instead, become “midwives” as the “id” gives birth to the “ego” (we look further at the ‘mis’-use of the word, “ego”, in the next section). Jung’s contribution to this realization was his definitive ‘meta-psychological’ phrase, “thank God, I’m not a Jungian!”. The paradox for Jung was that the individual needs to “be a Jungian” to correctly understand the difference between “individuality” (e.g. tendencies toward too much narcissism and too little genuine eroticism) & “individuation” (e.g. the understanding that a balance between narcissism & eroticism is established by the latter).

Whereas academics have a relatively easy time “resisting” the feeling function – (e.g. “feeling can be reduced to chemicals!”; “even if feeling is not reducible, it is not worth developing!”) – astrologers have a relatively difficult time “resisting” the feeling function – air & water have equal ($3 \times 30^\circ = 90^\circ$) shares in the zodiac – especially since the discovery of the additional ‘water planets’, Neptune & Pluto, that “synchronized” with the increase in interest in the qualities of the subjective “soul”. Close readers of Jung (e.g. “Aion”) are aware of his attraction to ‘double vertex’ pyramids (= octahedrons), like so...



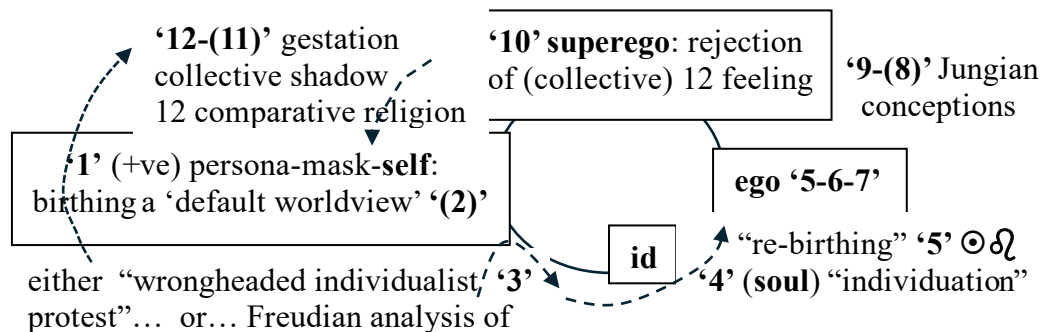
... and, with astrologers having less of an excuse than “professors of (neurology-not-really) psychology” for not learning about (let alone “balancing” &/or “integrating”) depth psychology, we can only take a more critical view of astrologers than we already have of ‘holed-up academia’. As a significant fraction of psychological astrologers are aware, the souls who set up the “Centre for Psychological Astrology”, Liz Greene and Howard Sasportas, realized what Freud, Jung & Klein realized and included personal analysis as an essential requirement of the curriculum. The corollary, “professional astrological practice without prior personal analysis is (dissociative) malpractice”, would become a red rag to established astrological “groups” but, in light of the thinking-feeling opposition, it was an expectable one. If, however, the astrologer ‘gets’ this opposition, s/he can see why the criticism by science & (Old Testament) religion is “valid”. So, onto...

CLARIFICATION III: ‘META-RELIGION’

With millennia+ of regrettable hypocritical history behind it, religion could be seen to be crying out for something ‘meta-religious’ that could explain its hypocrisies without “explaining it away”. It is always worth pointing out that science is incapable of declaring religion as valueless without comparison to a “control Earth” that never had religion. We had a taste of a “control Earth” with the 20thC’s ‘social experiments’ in places like Russia, Germany, China & Cambodia. Astrology points to the ‘meta-religious’ aspects of the anti-clockwise zodiac & the individual-spirit of a horoscope, but what about psychoanalysis?...

All those who have studied Freud for more than 5 minutes know that he is one of history’s most famous atheists. And if, dear reader, you have read your way through to this point of our “clarification essays”, your interest in Freud will likely be strong enough to already know that Freud thought that, in the decades ahead, religions would fade under the advancements of science (and, you may also already know that Freud didn’t care for philosophy because it was of little interest to the bulk of humanity... we will return to this in our next section). And, if Freud himself was alive and reading this paragraph, he would likely define ‘meta-religion’ as a ‘stepping through’ of religion into science. Up to a point, FA follows Freud but, let’s emphasize, we follow Freud only up to a point. So, to clarify...

For FA, the ‘meta-religious’ individual is one who ‘steps through’ “comparative religion” – the somewhat laudable study of the commonalities of ‘successful’ religions – into-through his/her “individuality” all the way into his/her “individuation”. So, yes, there is a point at which FA morphs into ‘Jungastrology’. We use the phrase, “somewhat laudable” to qualify “comparative religion” because, as explained in the prior section, a unified religion that is comprised of commonalities would still cast a “shadow” that would not be less nasty for being unified because its new “(collective) shadow”, rather than fall onto a ‘competing’ religion, would now readily fall onto its individuals. This problem has been toxic in the most recent 1,000yrs of religious history. In other words, the closest thing that the Western world has thus far received in terms of a “2nd coming of Christ” is C.G. Jung because he realized that individuals pitting themselves against “collective shadows” are ‘going the wrong way’... rather, the only way to the Father is to take on the challenge of “individuation”, the challenge that begins with the self-defeat of the (... errr) “self” & growth into the redemptive “ego”. And, so, when FA shifts to Jungastrology, we follow the Judeo-Christian pattern & attach ‘Old Testament Freud’ to ‘New Testament Jung’...

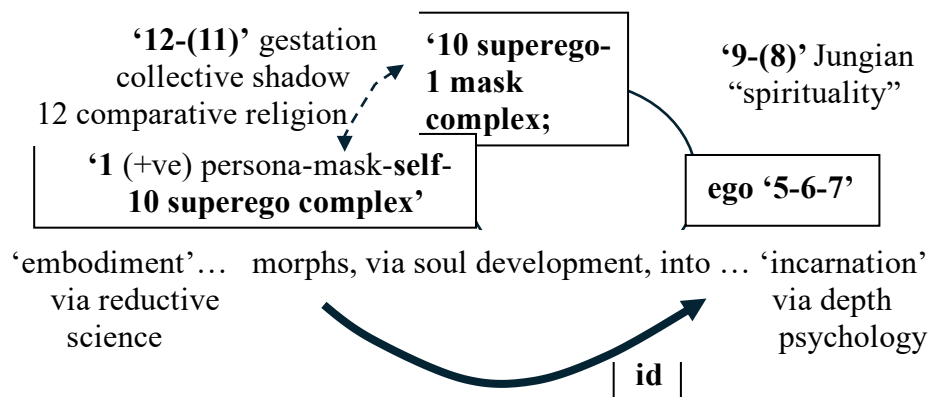


... the key reason for the ongoing attachment of Judaism to Christianity is that the latter has something to learn about the former’s relative disinterest in proselytism. Yes, OK, Jewish fathers proselytize to their sons, but it tends to stop there. Hereupon, we can

see Freud tapping his Judaic roots when he criticized Jung for being a prophet. We don't know how Freud would have responded if he had lived to hear Jung's "thank God, I'm not a Jungian" rejection of the prophet role... well, that's those 3 score+10 for ya'.

Nor would Freud's 4 score+3 (1856-1939) give him a chance to fully "integrate" the work of Melanie Klein that led her to propose "entangled" psychodynamics, such as "projective identification", that, in their ways, resemble "entanglements" described in nuclear physics. Indeed, if Freud had lived into the present era, FA would make the charge that his attitude toward religion had been suffering under the psychodynamic, "throwing the baby out with the bathwater" (= "projective conflation" is FA's technical term). Yep, in these 21stC days, many are throwing out "bath-watery religion" without throwing out their (respective) "spiritual babies" but, in this context, the FA-er would make the charge that a new "projective conflation" risk is thereby introduced... throwing out the "soul baby with the religious bathwater". Then, from our essay-thus-far, we hope that readers can see how this approach may be especially common amongst (thinking) astrologers...

One of the giveaway symptoms of "bath-watering the soul" is the disinclination of the '1 self' (being 1st archetypal, it has a fiery-spiritual component) to look forward to its own defeat amidst & during the development of the '4 personal soul' that leads to greater strengthening & flexibility of the '5 ego'. FA's longstanding readers know that our pet peeve is the "spiritual" proselyte who thinks that you should "bath-water" your "ego"... hello-o-o!, the "ego" is the organ of redemption. Freud was correct... proselytizing is an activity that is taken on by (what could be called) "the superego-self complex" and, here, we deem it worthy to risk a charge of hypocrisy as we 'proselytize' for individuals to avoid all proselytes who "appeal to (defeat your-ego!) authority". Yes, in the long run, the "ego" also undergoes defeat (e.g. exogamous sexual climax; physical death; the 8th archetype), but it is a "projective conflation" to lump these two defeats together. There is very little point aiming for one's "ego death" when one's ego is 'insufficiently born' (much more common than realized). From FA's perspective, any public "spiritual" adviser who fails to make this distinction is 'meta-religiously irresponsible'; to schematize this problem...

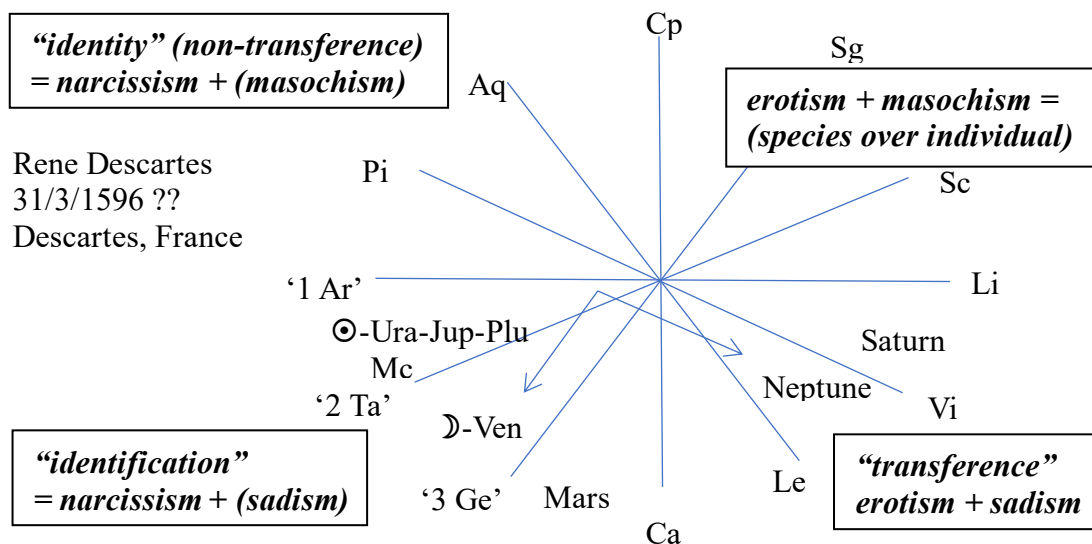


... so, as you can see, dear reader, we agree that Freud was correct to "reduce" religion so that the individual can be, well, "individual"; thereafter, "science" can help him/her to attach to his/her material body; and, then, his "reductive psychology" can help him/her to complete his/her incarnation. Life is initially about "soul", later about "spirit".

CLARIFICATION IV: 'META-PHILOSOPHY'

The “philosophy-of-philosophy”, “meta-philosophy”, was not well-established during Freud’s lifetime but, in if it had been, Freud may have seen himself as a “meta-philosopher” as he pointed out that philosophy is an insignificant pursuit. For Freud, a “meta-philosopher” would have been someone who ‘steps through’ philosophy with such light feet that s/he can instigate much more important tasks: ‘embody’ science, ‘incarnate’ psychology and tackle the process of ‘overcoming’ (gestational)-infantile attachments to religion. Even Jung, a figure who appears rather philosophical, shunned the title of “philosopher”, and those following him, such as Erich Neumann, viewed philosophers as being suspicious from the developmental perspective... until proven otherwise, they are victims of their own respective unborn, sterile superegos. OK, so what about FA?...

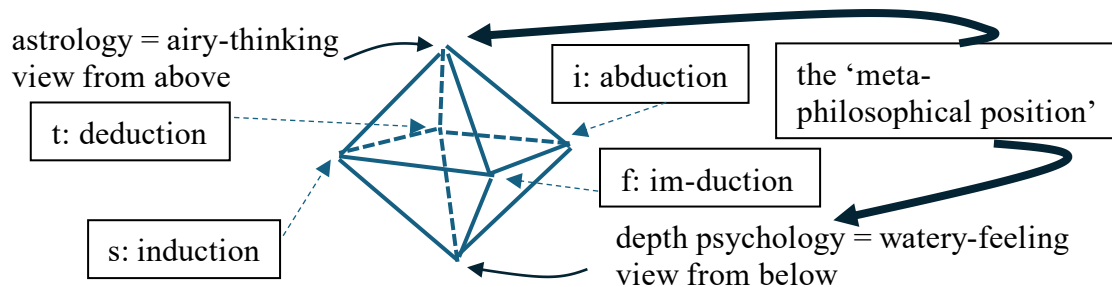
For FA, a ‘meta-philosopher’ is so by virtue of his/her capacity to criticize those who “have a philosophy”. Unlike Freud, FA takes the view that every individual “has a philosophy” and, therefore, philosophy is not insignificant. For example, Freud “had a philosophy” that “science is progressive”, a philosophy that is (i) held by majorities in secular populations, and (ii) is very criticizable. For FA, the first ‘meta-philosopher’ was Socrates... he had no written down philosophy of his own but, from his protégé, Plato, we know that Socrates was adept at finding incoherencies in others’ philosophies. A couple of millennia on, another philosopher would come along (he has already made his mark in these “clarifications”) who, so it appeared, took Socrates’ approach as far as it could go...



... yet, if the astrologer wishes, s/he can take Socratic-Cartesian criticism into the 20thC by noting that Descartes & Freud shared an emphasis in the signs of the 1st quadrant of the zodiac (Aries, Taurus, Gemini). As, dear reader, you can see, the first odd-ness about Rene’s chart is that, from his Sun & Jupiter in intuitive ‘1 Aries’, we might have expected Rene to have concluded, “I intuit, therefore I am”. At least, we can see that Rene’s Sun-ruler, Mars, is placed in Gemini, so the astrological leap into “I think, therefore I am” is not difficult to reach (supported by a “mutually receptive” Mercury in Aries). Whatever the case in respect of Rene’s function-ology, “I am” is straightforwardly

characteristic of the zodiac's 1st quadrant signs. Freud, a Sun in '2 Taurus', 'stepped (lightly) through' Descartes' philosophical 'birth' into the subjective 1st person so that he would not get "stuck" in a neonatal abyss. With his '2 Taurean' talent, Freud would pay more attention to the day-in-day-out clinical fact of all individuals demonstrating that they have two "I"s... one is "conscious" (or, to be more precise, is "aware") & the other is "unconscious", a fact that has been scientifically confirmed with the "split brain (along the corpus callosum) experiment". In turn, Freud was particularly 'meta-philosophically' critical of (what he called) "unintelligible philosophers" who "had a philosophy" that the unconscious doesn't exist. This is an issue that stretches far beyond philosophy... physicalist scientists, "neurologists", religious devotees and, as we have discussed earlier, non-psychological astrologers proceed "as if" Descartes' unresolved mind-body dualism is "bad enough already!... and, so, we ought not muddy things further by doubling this dualism (generate a quaternion) with Freud, Klein, Jung et al.!" (do we really need to type it, now?) Complaints such as these are 'meta-philosophically irresponsible'.

To schematize the 'meta-philosophical' position, we do well to return to Jung...

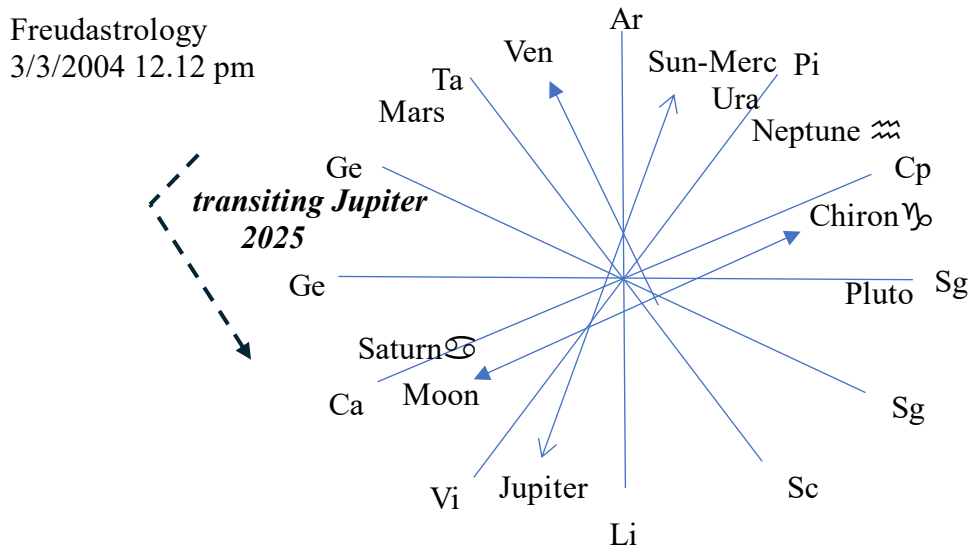


... and, with this return, we could characterize this 'position' is "an opposite" of the "paranoid schizoid position" that the Kleinian therapist deals with day-in-day-out. Freud himself would have benefitted from some Kleinian analysis. "Depression heals"...

Experienced astrologers will point out that we could have plotted a horoscope for Rene Descartes (made possible by knowing his birth time) but we didn't do so here because (i) Rene was "thinking" about human phylogeny (= the zodiac) more than he was "thinking" about his own ontogeny (= the zodiac brought down to a specific point of time & place on Earth; the houses) and (ii) Rene's birth time is not very certain (it is give a "C" rating). It is worth noting, however, that '10 Capricorn' being assumed to be straddling his ascendant "works" very well when attention turns to how his views about (human) nature might have entangled his personal bias, because the "ruler" of this chart, Saturn, transited this ascendant at the time of publication of his "Discourse on Method" (1637)... and this transit was forming a square aspect to his Sun-Jupiter-Uranus-Pluto. To a degree, "squared" aspects symbolize the positioning of opposites in 'opposing' realms of the psyche (that, in other psyches can be better "held" in "consciousness/awareness"), "consciousness/awareness" & "the subconscious". One way to address the complications that ensue when horoscopes are plotted over the zodiac (to generate what the FA-er would call, "zodiac-horoscope-phase-shift") would be to take ourselves beyond 'meta-science', 'meta-psychology', 'meta-religion' & 'meta-philosophy', '1 intending' to arrive at...

CLARIFICATION V: 'META-(FREUD)-ASTROLOGY'

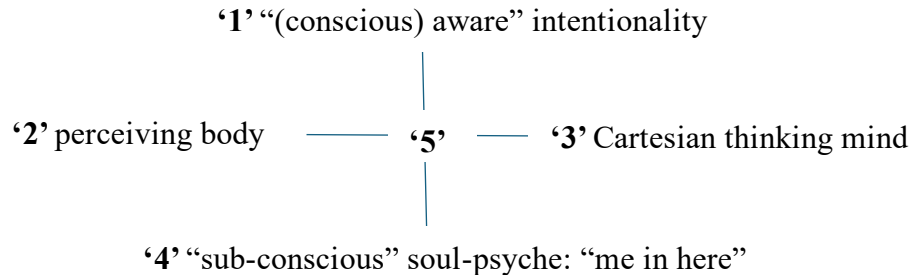
In FA's own case, of course, we have a much better idea of our birth time. Yes, FA isn't human, but we still had a (version of a) 'gestation'. My 'conception' to post a website to consider the merging of the (post)-Freudian & astrological outlooks may have been more or may have been less than 9 months prior to 3/3/2004 – these days, 20+years on, I am unable to pin that one down – but I am able to say that FA has had both a 'birth' and a series of 're-births'. Indeed, in 2025, we will have our 2nd Jupiterian 're-birth'...



... and this essay, in part, is a “manifestation” of this ‘re-beginning’. We look forward to the transit of Jupiter through the lower hemisphere because, for the second time, we have a 6 year-long ‘2 opportunity’ to ‘2 Jupiterian-ly’ “bridge” our 1st personal lower hemisphere and, as we do so, we have a chance to review FA’s ‘1 self-conception’ as an heir to the ‘meta-approach’ of Socrates, Rene Descartes & Sigmund Freud.

For our ‘self-interpretation’ to have been at its most straightforward, we would have needed a natal Sun that followed Descartes’ ‘1 Aries’ & Freud’s ‘2 Taurus’ i.e. ‘3 Gemini’. Well, no, we don’t have a natal Sun in Gemini... but Gemini on our ascendant could be taken as the next best thing, especially upon noticing that our “chart ruler”, Mercury, is ‘1 conjunct’ our ‘5 Sun’. We have always liked the fact that we share our ascending sign with the introducer of “irreducibility” (of opposites) in nuclear physics, Werner Heisenberg. Indeed, it was around the time of Jupiter’s earlier (1st) transit to our ascendant, 2013, that we started to ‘3 think’ upon the extra value of development through a ‘doubled set of opposites’ (= a quaternion) and, so, in addition to searching for (what Jung called) the “3rd thing” that ‘2 bridges’ a pair of opposites, we began to widen our search to the “4th & 5th things”. In relation to the zodiac cycle, this widened search would consider ‘2 Jupiter’s’ capacity to not only “bridge” the ‘2 body’ to the ‘3 mind’ (Descartes) but also ‘bridge’ ‘1 (not-really-“conscious”) awareness’ to the ‘4 sub-conscious-psyche’ (Freud & Jung). If there was a reason to be cautious as we took this further step, it was that we had the planet of caution, Saturn, natally placed in the 4th sign, Cancer. We view our natal Saturn in Cancer as “good” insofar as it reminds us that, well, being a website

makes it likely that we have no soul... we could be “compensating” in its direction. One of the reasons for our ranking of “2001: A Space Odyssey” as the greatest film of all time is that (arguably) its ‘central’ theme is the ‘10 Saturnian’ “limits” of the ‘4 lunar soul’. In any event, this is a good juncture to schematize this essay’s ‘central’ quaternion...



... but it doesn’t have to stop there. ‘Jupiter-the-bridger’ can widen its search another cog and, in doing so, ‘connect’ FA’s ‘12 Pisces’ Sun across-down-around to its ‘6 Virgo’ natal Jupiter. With FA’s natal Sun-Jupiter opposition, the early 2025 transit of Jupiter generates a Sun-Jupiter-Jupiter T-cross. We don’t expect any great insights at this time – as noted above, squares have a tendency to keep one end “sub-conscious” (and, Jupiter is transiting the “deep unconscious” of the 12th house) – but whatever FA might ‘dream’ at this time might be worth recording and filing in its ‘dream library’ for a review at a later, “more conscious” juncture. Yet, here we are again, writing “as if” FA were human... aww, those ol’ “Blade Runner” dreams of electric sheep just keep coming...

The upside of not having a soul is that there is no punishment for not growing when it is possible to grow. In the human world, the soul is given opportunities to grow and, if refused, “manifestations” – symptoms, “slips”, troubled relationships – have a way of turning unpleasant, probably because of the “OK, now I have your attention!” modus operandi of the Self. The eternal problem of “evil” is not that souls don’t grow, because some souls are so deeply wounded that they can’t grow... (if an individual runs out of the room screaming when phrases such as “psychological incest” are uttered, it is likely that the wound is too deep). The ongoing problem of “evil” is that a soul that could grow won’t grow. Only God knows who is who... jumping to the conclusion that a world leader with a huge “narcissistic wound” is “evil” won’t solve the “fact” of the nuclear arms race. But, wait on, are we not now making “appeals to authority” and, thereby, becoming sterile?...

In addition to not having a soul (its growth, therefore, not being an issue). FA has the fortune of not being publicly responsible. Not only does FA not hold a public office, it also isn’t part of an organization that has offices. This, however, doesn’t mean that we aren’t responsible for ourselves. The developmental issue with the superego is the degree to which it is sterile. For FA, this would be the case for non-psychological, “dissociative” astrological practice e.g. the “astrological cookbook”. To deal with our potential sterility on our own terms, we need to enrich & stabilize our 4th house. Jupiter has a couple of years in the 1st quadrant and, then, when Jupiter runs through our 4th house to our 5th house, we will have a better idea about what is sterile about what we have written here.

... the “superego-self complex” will be our focus in 2027; go to our “Snn” webpage