

HOW WE CAN CHANGE OUR LIVES, USING ASTROLOGY?

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The number of people today who consult all sorts of mediums and clairvoyants is overwhelming. It is enough to quickly glance through the pages of the spiritual newspapers and magazines and we will see hundreds of advertisements from people who claim that they can connect you to your angels, reveal your past lives, read your future or heal you from any diseases by using a variety of different techniques. The techniques used in the spiritual readings also vary greatly – Taro cards, palmistry, crystal ball gazing and so on. In recent time even some more sophisticated divinatory methods appeared on the market and some of them have so glamorous and sophisticated names that it becomes progressively more difficult to determine for certain what these people actually do and how they do it. Without fully denying the legitimacy of such readings, some questions still arise in the head of the potential customer: Where is the proof that the readings which I receive from one medium or another are accurate and true? Is the medium in question really willing to help me or he is just after my money? To answer these questions we have to take a tour in the history of humanity in order to see where the problem originated.

First of all we have to clarify for ourselves that mankind is constantly evolving and it will be very wrong to think that the ancient people had exactly the same physical, spiritual and mental organization as the modern man. People, who lived in the dawn of our era, approximately 7000 years B.C., did not need clairvoyants to communicate with the spiritual world, simply because in fact they were all clairvoyants. For the people living at those early times it was completely normal to perceive the aura of other people, animals and plants and therefore they did not need any proof of the existence of the spiritual world, neither they needed the services of clairvoyants to establish connections for them with the spiritual world, because they could observe it directly themselves.

The major difference, between us and them, however, is that they did not possess the analytical and conceptual thinking abilities, while for us this is the natural and normal way of existence. The human race was only able to ascend to this mode of thinking in relatively recent times. For example, today thinking logically we can say that if we work systematically towards our spiritual growth, then we can be quite certain that after several years from now we will become transformed and much more enlightened beings. Ancient people did not have to use such concepts, because they could *perceive* directly the auric field of another person. Since the auric field is in a way a prototype, where information about all future developments is coded, by observing it directly ancient people knew immediately what this person is today and into what he will develop in the future.

Although the ancient people could witness at first hand the spiritual reality around them, they could barely process the information in the way as we do today. Their minds were not designed to give a meaningful and rationalized interpretation of the spiritual reality surrounding them. Instead, they were living in a semi-conscious state, similar to the state of consciousness that we have today during our most vivid and colourful dreams. In such way, especially in the very beginning of our era, people were not really taking conscious decisions, as we do today. Instead, they were rather instinctively following the impulses coming to them from the spiritual world. The consequences of their actions happened in front of their own eyes and therefore they did not need to reason about what is good and what is bad. Quite naturally, they were trying to perform actions, which contributed proliferation, flourishing and

intensifying the spiritual life and avoid actions, which lead to demise, wilt and death. This was basically what drove them through their lives.

Even the basic concepts of mathematics were discovered relatively not so long ago; its founder Pythagoras lived about 500 B.C. It is hard for us today, familiar as we are with pure mathematical abstraction and with the mental act of generalisation, to appreciate the originality of Pythagorean revolutionary teaching. In fact, today we have become so mathematically sophisticated that we fail even to recognise 2 as an abstract quantity. There is a remarkable step from 2 ships + 2 ships = 4 ships, to the abstract result $2 + 2 = 4$, which applies not only to ships but to pens, people, houses etc. In fact, to see that the abstract notion of 2 is itself a thing – in some sense every bit as real as a ship or a house – is a huge evolutionary step. In order to make this step, however, mankind needed approximately 6000 years. That was the time required to progress from mere observation of spiritual reality to learning the basic mathematical concepts and associated with it logical thinking.

In order to gain the abstract, analytical thinking, which we all take for granted today, humanity had to lose its clairvoyant abilities first. It was impossible for man to develop his analytical mind as it is today, if he was still so closely connected to the spiritual world. It was imperative that the man gradually descended deeper and deeper into the matter, lost connection with the spiritual world and had to have the feeling that he was left to cope on his own. Only under such circumstances could he achieve an independent, original and logical mind, coupled with the ability to think in concepts, as he does today. This moment is allegorically depicted in the Bible as the banishing of Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden, because they tasted the fruit of knowledge.

Today we live in times when already the opposite process has initiated. Having acquired by now the conceptual and analytical thinking, man conquered to a great degree the physical reality around him, in order to make his life easier. Think about what primitive tools the ancient people used, how difficult their lives on the material plane were. Nowadays, using the newly developed capacities of our minds, people develop technologies which make their lives much easier. We don't even think today what it is to live like without running water, electricity, transport or telephone. Yet, that is precisely how people in the ancient times used to live. They were rich spiritually, because they were able to perceive the spiritual reality surrounding them, and they were in fact living in this reality, but their physical bodies suffered and had to endure great difficulties in life.

Today, we experience very comfortable lifestyles physically, because we are surrounded by thousands of pieces of technology, all of which are making our physical life easier, but in the process we lost our ability to perceive the spiritual world. The call of the time today is to regain this ability again! We must learn how to see once again the spiritual world. This time, however, we must see it in full consciousness, using all the achievements of the modern man's mind – conceptual thinking, logical approach and mathematical abilities. This will raise both our world and the spiritual world to a completely new dimension and it will give our existence an entirely new meaning – collaborating together in order to build a better reality!

We live in times, when the energy of the world is ascending rapidly. We live in times, where more and more people regain their abilities to connect with the spiritual world. Some of them decide to do this for a living. And while we all need money to survive on the physical plane, there is a very fine line between the benevolent desire to help other people and the danger of being sucked into a moneymaking business. How to distinguish who is who in the mediums world? Most people trust their intuitions. They have the "gut feeling" that one person can help them, while another one will not, and most of the time they are right. It is marvellous that people trust their intuitions and it is admirable if they develop them even further.

But if their intuitions are strong, why then do they need to pay money to somebody else to do the reading for them instead of doing it themselves? The straightforward answer to this question is that in

most cases they are wasting their money. They are paying for somebody to obtain information from the spiritual world for them, instead of trusting and developing their own psychic powers. This is a vicious circle, because the more money they spend for readings, the less effort they put for developing their own psychic powers. The less time they spend for developing their own psychic powers, the more they become convinced that they need a clairvoyant or some kind of a “guru” to establish the connection with the spiritual world for them. The more convinced they become that they need another person in order to receive information from the spiritual world, the more money they spend for readings. Thus, the vicious circle is closed.

Today, the only prerequisites to achieve connection with the spiritual world is an open heart, love towards everything that surrounds us and sincere desire to gain such abilities not only for the development of the Self, but for the good of Mankind. I personally do not know anybody, who possesses the above mentioned qualities and for whom the spiritual world did not open its doors! For some, this opening will be quite tangible and they will feel physically the presence of the spirits next to them, for others the opening will proceed somewhat subconscious and nebulous, but nevertheless the end results will be concrete and visible. The results will manifest mostly in the nature of the man of question, who will start changing his attitudes towards life and will display much more humility, love and understanding. The energy is here; all we need to do is learn how to tap to it. This is an unprecedented moment in the history of the humanity, when such an abundance of spiritual energy is available to man. It would be a terrible waste of resources (both spiritual and material) if we do not answer the call of our times.

This is where we can take advantage of astrology in order to start changing our lives. The primary difference between astrology and all other types of divination is that astrology is the only spiritual teaching, based on science. In any other form of divination we are greatly dependable on the skills, perceptions, experience and personal interpretations of the medium. For example, two different mediums examining the same cup of coffee may see different figures and interpret them differently. Even if they see the same figures, their interpretation may vary greatly, based on their personal perception. If the person, consulting these mediums has another cup of coffee 10 minutes later, the shapes in the second cup will differ from those in the first cup and thus the interpretation will be different again and so on and so on. In contrast, the birth chart of a person can be calculated by a computer with extraordinary precision and it always will remain the same during the life of the individual in question. Of course, two astrologers can use different words to interpret the same birth chart, but the birth chart itself will remain unchanged. This is similar to the way two people will tell you the story of the same movie. The wording may be different, but the main plot will remain the same.

Astrology is also useful in this respect that it reveals to people the real motives for their actions. Most of the time, people are not fully aware why they do the things they do, why they attract always certain people and events in their life and why they are making continuously the same wrong decisions. Although they think they know themselves, the truth is that most of them don't. Thus, they are driven through life on a subconscious level to head in one direction or the other. Most of them do so, without even knowing that in fact they are simply like puppets in the hands of great and powerful planetary influences.

However, the only way the man can become truly free in his actions is to understand how exactly he is controlled during his lifetime, which are the forces participating in this controlling process and what are the principles under which they operate. Only after learning this information, man can decide if he wants to continue the course of action, taken previously or if he wants to change his direction, using his will-power. As Goethe, the great mystic, said:

***"From every power that holds the World in chains,
Man frees himself when self-control he gains."***

Sometimes, there are people that come to me and request their birth chart done, but they put the condition: “Don’t write there about the bad things of my character, write only about the good things!” I tell such people that they are not ready to have their horoscope done, and I am sending them back home, regardless of the amount of money that they are prepared to pay. If one does not have the courage to look into the depths of his psyche in an objective and impartial manner he is defeating the purpose of having the horoscope done in the first place. The main purpose of having the astrological report done is to find out how the man is built up, what are the ingredients there, how they interact with each other and what they produce as an end result.

Sometimes it may be painful to obtain and deal with such information, for the person may find, for example, that great pain in the present time is stemming from the early childhood. This could be some form of abuse, neglect or lack of love and appreciation. As children we are not well equipped to withstand such powerful influences and sometimes they can deflect our personalities in a way which later as grown-ups we may find highly undesirable. Other people may find out that the problems that they experience in this lifetime are not even consequences of childhood experiences, but are results of inappropriate actions from previous lifetimes. It is not easy to face such information. Nevertheless, until the individual learns all about him or herself in details he or she will remain a puppet in the hands of powerful, planetary influences.

In this way applying astrology and gaining greater understanding about ourselves we can become more spiritual and enlightened. Unfortunately, a lot of people still believe in the cliché that spirituality has to be demonstrated with some striking psychic abilities, such as the ones that we see in the “Charmed” serial screened on TV. People are believed to be really “spiritual” if they can control the weather, produce lightning with the tips of their fingers or move objects with the power of their thought. This is a major misconception. Spirituality may come to us in a very unassuming way, when we least expect it. In fact, many people already have such abilities, but are still largely unaware of them. They may have important dreams, sudden unusual thoughts may lead to significant insights or they can have strong premonitions which later prove to be true. These are all signs of increasing connection with the spiritual world. These people have to learn how to trust their intuitions more and more and remember that the doors to the spiritual world always open sooner or later to everybody who has an open heart, love towards everything created in the Universe and his or her motives to gain such abilities are sincere and not egoistical.

In conclusion, I would like to say that we may chose to give money every week to different fortune tellers to tell us what the future holds for us. Alternatively, we can choose to have our horoscope done only once and study it with great care. If we chose the second path, the self-knowledge that we would gain would be enormous. The astrology report reveals who we are, where we are coming from and what our main strengths and weaknesses are. Better still, we can understand what is expected from us to achieve in this lifetime. Gaining greater knowledge about ourselves can also help us to change our course of direction in life, if we happen to have deviated greatly from the original plan. By doing so, we can better integrate our will with the will of the Creator, elaborating willingly in this way to fulfil our own destiny and the destiny of mankind!

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