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Life without Pluto

Notes from the 11th House by Joyce Hopewell

On 24th August 2006 a group of scientists and astronomers got together in Prague and decided to demote the status of Pluto from planet to dwarf planet. Their decision came after a lengthy period of search for the definition of what a planet is.

On 16th August 2014 I visited the Jodrell Bank Observatory with two children aged 8 and 10. The Observatory has a brand new visitor centre and I was looking forward to seeing how they had reconfigured the site and displayed the old brass observational sextants and other instruments, including the famous mechanical orrery with its planets orbiting the Sun. I was very disappointed. All of these had gone, along with the Planetarium which had offered interactive quizzes and visual high speed trips across the galaxy.

In their place were two very modern buildings with slick display boards, often accompanied by a video but not much else. Equipment and fun experiments in the hands-on area for children had been reduced and the two children I was with soon lost interest as there was little to engage them. In one area, empty apart from displays on the wall and a large modern orrery suspended from the ceiling, we searched out and named the planets. Pluto, long demoted, wasn't there and I explained to the children why it wasn't there, also telling them it had been discovered in 1930. The new visitor centre may be state of the art, presenting bang up to the minute modern science, but all sense of the history of discovery behind it had been erased.

This got me thinking about how life, for those heretical beings amongst us who dare to claim we are astrologers, would be without Pluto. OK, so Pluto has been around a relatively short time and its discovery and subsequent inclusion in charts and interpretations is also relatively new. But its discovery, after lengthy research by Clyde Tombaugh, coincided with the start of an era of world war and disruption, brought to a halt by the dropping of the atomic bomb. Astrologically Pluto is often feared, or at least treated with due caution and respect as it can herald big changes and upheavals often leading to transformation. The Hubers, in their book *The*

Planets, describe Pluto as one of the three transpersonal planets saying, "The stimulation of Pluto's energy makes us experience an expansion of consciousness affecting all of our lives". Would we want to be without this?

How would it be to interpret a chart and give a consultation without including Pluto? What changes would it make to your own chart and your understanding of yourself if Pluto was no longer there? Pluto offers opportunities in life for us to transform ourselves and our ways of thinking and move on. It can encourage us to boldly go where we've not been before, sometimes plumbing our inner depths and spaces and demanding that we make ourselves anew. An Age Point aspect to Pluto can trigger this process, or a Pluto transit to another planet in the chart. With Pluto right on the AC in my chart, aspecting a significant personal planet, I'd feel a bit

lost, disempowered and diminished if it wasn't there. It's offered me many personal insights and that's what has helped me to change and grow. We'll come to grief if we try to use Pluto's energy to gain personal power and control over someone or something. But we can learn to use the energies of the transpersonal planets, not for ourselves, but for those things which affect the collective,

embracing change, transformation and the good clear out and spring clean that goes with it.

Reflecting on my disappointment that Jodrell Bank had changed and become more slick and glitzy, I can raise a smile at the thought of Pluto at work in this complete makeover. Gone is the old, the history and the links with the astronomical past. However, the best part of the visit was a guided walk around the enormous, and famous, Lovell Radio Telescope. Like following the stations of the cross in a church, we were taken to a series to display boards around the perimeter of the telescope. I learned more in the short talks at each than I ever have about – yes – the history of this impressive piece of engineering, once the largest radio telescope in the world but now demoted to the third largest.

In the makeover, the baby wasn't quite thrown out with the bathwater after all. I wonder – did Pluto get the last laugh here?

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Lovell Radio Telescope, Jodrell Bank, Cheshire

News and Comment

New APA Website

After some delays, the new APA Website is now published, thanks to the efforts of Jane Brooks with Joyce and Barry Hopewell. Here is one of the images featured on the front page.



Why have we changed it? Well the old site was becoming out of date and difficult to manage, and everything had to be done by our webmaster Jane.

This new site is produced under the modern WordPress platform, and enables people other than Jane to make changes. We've tried to simplify the content to make things easier and clearer. It will also look much better on the smaller screens of tablets and phones.

One possible downside is that any hyperlinks you may have to pages on the old site will no longer work. Also, we have removed little-used features such as the Huber Forum, AstroChat and historic articles. If we have missed out something you would rather like to be still there, please let us know!

The site also has an integrated blog, on which this is one of the first posts. This allows brief or longer articles to broadcast the latest news and thinking. We invite all members of APA to submit possible contributions to the blog, and you can also choose to make comments on blog posts.

We are also integrated with Twitter, and you can see the latest tweets from @astpsy on the right hand side of every page but the first one.

And do look at and comment on the 'slider' on the front page. Let us know if there are any key messages missing – and send any better images you may have.

Send your input to

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Future Issues of Conjunction

As your editor, I feel that it is important to highlight that recent issues of *Conjunction* are increasingly being sustained by a small number of contributors, which is the reason that I have for this issue broken my 'normal' rule of not including more than one article by any one individual author.

So my first suggestion to you the reader is that you consider whether you yourself might make some suitable contribution, perhaps based on your earlier course work, or on your current practice or interests. Or just write down your thoughts about a book you have read that is relevant.

The second factor I have to take into account is the relationship between *Conjunction* and the blog on our new website. The blog clearly gives the capability of publishing more timely information, whereas *Conjunction* is published with a more leisurely beat, but what this relationship is probably depends on the rate of input, and also on possibly emerging convergence technologies.

The third factor is my own involvement as both *Conjunction* editor and more recently maintaining content on the new website, which has inexorably followed the rule that people who volunteer to get things going often get lumbered! At the same time, I am going through a natural period of reassessment of priorities, as my Age Point passes through the 12th house Low Point and over the Crossing Point, preparatory to encountering Pluto on the AC in 2 years time!

Taking all these factors into account, I propose to change the frequency of *Conjunction* issues to 6-monthly, on an experimental basis. The next issue will therefore be in May 2015. If you don't like it, the answer lies in your own hands:

- volunteer to co-ordinate the blog
- offer to guest edit (an) issue(s) of *Conjunction*
- submit one or more articles or reviews!

Love to all,

Barry (editor@astrologicalpsychology.org)

CONGRATULATIONS!



The following students have successfully completed their studies:

Foundation Course 'B'

Miguel Malagrecia (Italy)

Free Huber Charts

Many readers will recall that there was for some time a 'free chart' facility available on the APA website, which linked through to a free facility provided by Cathar Software. As some users experienced problems, this facility was removed some time ago, pending resolution of the problems.

It has now come to our attention that a 'free Huber chart' facility is now available on www.astro.com (from front page go to 'extended chart selection', and don't forget to select 'Koch houses'). This provides free Huber-style natal, house and nodal charts plus chart data and age progression dates, which can be viewed on screen or printed off. The charts are not to the highest standards, and certainly do not have the flexibility of the Cathar Windows programmes *MegaStar*, *Regulus* and *AstroCora*, but they should prove adequate for many purposes. Some may find the glyph used for Pluto annoying, and it is not that recommended in the APA courses.

You can store the data for up to 4 charts without registering, or up to 100 charts if you register. There is also a range of subscription options for higher quality etc.

Even if you have Cathar software you might at times find this web-based facility of use, as you should be able to use it over WiFi from a tablet such as iPad or various Android/Windows/Web devices.

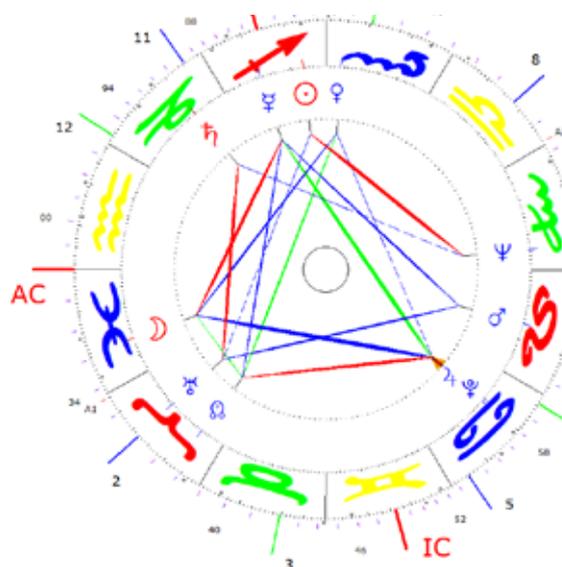
We would be interested to hear from any users of this feature, particularly if you find any problems with using it. If anyone feels like investigating it and reviewing it for *Conjunction* they would be most welcome.

The site also includes a vast array of other non-Huber chart formats and options for those interested in other aspects of astrology.

Of course, you probably know that www.astro.com also contains other resources, including the Lois Rodden database of birth data for well-known people.



Free chart produced by astro.com



The same chart produced by *MegaStar*

Goodwood Revival

In September Goodwood staged a memorable Revival event to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Air Force base whose outer perimeter road became the modern race track.

The 'West Sussex at War' parade involve more than 600 vehicles on the circuit, and Lancaster bombers, honouring the part the airfield and its surrounding towns and villages played in the Second World War.

APA founder Richard Llewellyn was among 25 D-Day veterans introduced to showgoers and honoured for their contribution to the war effort by Lord March.





Maggie's Musings

A Map of Happiness

Some years ago I went on a weekend course about Positive Psychology. I enjoyed it, filed away my notes and then forgot about it... More recently 'The Happy City' Project in Bristol began and a 'Happiness Habits' course was advertised. I enrolled and have to say it was one of the best practical eight week courses I've attended – and as a learning junkie I've attended a lot! So I've been working to develop happiness and wellbeing themes for my astrological coaching work.

Positive Psychology – an applied science – runs a Masters course in the UK and is supported by a growing research base. For example, it seems that whilst 50% of our outlook on happiness is set by inherited factors and early upbringing, 10% is down to circumstances. That leaves 40% which according to new understanding about neural plasticity suggests we can become more positive in our outlook given commitment and regular practice.

Where is happiness to be found in the Natal Chart and what exactly am I referring to? Positive Psychology describes two sorts – hedonism and eudaimonic happiness – and I have been focusing especially on the latter which is more than just about feeling good. There are many aspects to eudaimonic happiness such as discovering meaning, being hopeful, playing to our strengths and savouring the good moments in life: past, future and present; other aspects are building gratitude, connecting and giving.

How does this relate to the enormous problems the Earth faces at this time – such as environmental and climate change? Many believe there has to be a shift in consciousness one person at a time until eventually we reach a critical mass and there is a collective change. In fact Adrian Ross Duncan in his book, *Astrology – Transformation and Empowerment* (page 5) says that “when a (new) force is perceived and measured, it seems to have philosophical repercussions, which slowly sift down through society, until the fabric of collective consciousness is subtly reconstituted”.

I'm passionate about astrological psychology because it supports growth of self-awareness, especially the Natal Chart – and I'm sure the potential 'Happiness Factor' can be found here in many ways. For example, the impact of natal Saturn in the 5th in opposition to my Scorpio Moon had a big impact on me for many, many years. Now as I write this, Saturn is transiting my natal Moon and my awareness of how this affects me – especially physically and emotionally - is helpful when I consider practising happiness strategies to help nurture myself at this time.

I've wondered about trying to develop a virtual learning group around this and if anyone is interested in getting in touch, I would be very pleased to hear from them! I've just opened a Facebook Page called “Happy Astro Granny” and can also be reached easily by email.

Warmest wishes

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