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For whoever was in the lecture my wife has just given ( see previous transcript) I am in a position to go on. I'm sort of shrinking it a bit - I'm a "shrink" anyway! (*laughter*) Shrinking it to a theme that's more in the foreground, but with a basis on what has been spoken about by Louise in the last nearly two hours. It has to do with the basis that Louise has been talking about if you remember - the emotional body, and the physical and the mental capacities of the human being. The basic thing I want to tell you is how these - one could say "bodies" - of the person, the three bodies - the physical, the emotional and the mental body - build up in childhood.

As a psychologist I had practically from the beginning, when I also started to deal with astrology that is, to go into astrology, to wonder what it could give me as a psychologist, I wondered how the personal chart could tell about problems which have to do with the parents. Psychology stresses the point in various degrees, of course a different psychologist stresses the point that parents are very important. Parents do a lot to produce qualities in the child that later on, as a grown-up, become very important traits, the overall character. This pushes the point that many of the problems that grown-ups have actually derive from the relationship to the parents from the example that the parents, father and mother, gave to the child on how to tackle problems, and how to get on with life in so many different areas.

Parents do teach us how to go about life, how to approach particular situations, how to deal with different people and so on. They give us a lot of rules, they teach us handy stuff, they educate reflexes into us - our so-

called conditioned reflexes - by consistently telling us "Don't do it that way, do it this way". "Why are you doing it again this way?" etc. From the very first day onwards parents work in that way. So we do owe a lot to our parents, there's no question about that. The question is how much *good* we owe them, and how much not so good!

You know that different psychologists have different emphases there. Some say "The hell with those parents, they just do bad stuff", and some proudly say that they do educate an individual so that he can exist, is able to exist, and we have all the shades in between, a mixture of different viewpoints.

### **Traditional view**

If you take astrology - classical astrology for example - the literature that tells about astrology, the message you could learn from those books and teachers, you will find that it is not so easy to make a clear picture about the parent/child situation. You have, for instance, indications that the father might be the Sun. Other indications are that the father might be the 10th House. Still other indications are that it might be the 4th House. The same applies, vice versa, to the mother. But there you have a planetary correlation, that the mother must be the Moon. This seems to be pretty firm; in most literature you will find this.

You mostly find no other reference to a planet when it comes to the mother. But the positions of the mother in the House system - 4th/10th House - are seemingly reversible. It depends who you read or listen to! One author will say mother is 4th and father is 10th; another author will say it's the reverse - father is 4th and mother is 10th.

And some make variations according to the situation. It's therefore not so clear what the references in the chart are to the persons who were the parents. And strangely enough, there seems to be no indication what the child is in the chart, for example, *me* as a child. How did I live in the family? Who was I in terms of identity? What kind of role did I have in the family? There's no indication of that in the literature, as far as I know. There might be some in an old book which I don't know, but I haven't found any.

Now, this of course didn't give me much comfort because my basic training in psychology was along a Jungian line, and Jung speaks of anima, animus, male and female principles, their application at the different levels and situations of life etc. And with anima and animus, which would also have to do with the father and mother, it was not possible in a clear-cut way to establish what's what in the chart. This didn't just give me no comfort, it made me really uneasy. As a psychologist and therapist who wants to help people in my daily work, I find not just a few, but a lot of people who have problems with their parents, very often without being aware of this initially. But it turns out by working with them that they do have these problems - father problems, mother problems.

So this uneasiness drove me to the point where I said to myself "Well, you have to start from scratch and just try to find out what's what and who is what in the chart".

### **Family background**

Now...here's my chart (next page). I am the case in question. I did have father problems. I did have mother problems - I say "did" - OK, I still try to get out of it! Now, just to mention a real situation as I had it in my childhood, you can try, while I talk about it, to pinpoint it in my chart, the way you know about it, the way you can.

My mother was a very firm person. She, as a

matter of fact, ruled the family situation. From the sheer fact that she was working, working hard - she had her own little business, as a hairdresser - and my father, for years in my childhood, was without work. It was in the 30's you know, a big crisis, and he could not get any work. So he was in a dismal position family-wise. He was not able to produce that attitude which is expected from the father, to be patriarch in the family, the ruler.

So my mother said of course, that the man in the family is the ruler, theoretically. But there was my father who was not functioning as such. He was a nice fellow as far as I remember him. He sometimes came out with some very wise words about life, but he didn't show how life is mastered, how difficult situations are tackled and successfully solved. He wasn't very courageous, for instance. Whenever something dangerous appeared in the sphere of the family he would shrink back and have nothing to do with it. My mother would have to step in and say "We're going to do this, in this way". Father would then probably do something, but according to the orders of mother!

My mother was a very ethical person with a very strong ethical standpoint. She had her opinions about how people should relate to each other, what the order of society would have to be. She never made any fuss about it, but she stressed a point. Whenever I did something, she would judge it afterwards according to her own ethical standards. She was not a rough, hard "toughie" and was very reluctant to punish me or hit me - she never hit me actually - but she hit me with her words that judged my deeds. So that is my situation.

I, as a child, felt very minor, had little to say and my identity was very insecure - I wasn't quite clear where to get it from, or where to locate it. I hope you understand my English - it's also a Swiss English - in short "Swenglish" (*laughter*). I hope you get my text clearly - if not please tell me.



I remember that from a summing up of the attitudes or the evaluation I had of the two parents, that my mother was a good strong character, a very clean-cut character, someone you had to have high opinions about. And about my father, I had a strong feeling that he had neglected me, that he would not take care of me and that he was not loving me. He wouldn't care about me - that was my impression.

Now this is, in the long run, what turned out from my research which I carried out for years in order to find out who's who in the family from the chart. That is that the chart shows the subjective experience of the child, the subjective experience of one self within the family frame, so there is an identification of the subjective qualities of the child. And there is a subjective description of the father and of the mother. Please - a *subjective* description, not an objective description.

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In order to know who, as a personality, the father was or who the mother was, you would have to take the chart of the father or the mother. That would be objective. But important for the child is what the parents, the father and the mother, did to the child, because that forms the child. That may produce traumas, even conflict. The wrong or right those parents do to the child, the parenting they give to the child, all that forms the psyche of the child, in a state where the child is unable to comment on what the parents do or even to resist some of the stuff they do to it that harms it. It is highly impressionable in the first years of life, and at that time, as we know from psychology, the child is formed by its surroundings and of course in the first place by its parents. Or, I have to add, by those persons taking the place of the parents, in case the parents, or one of the parents, aren't there. The father or mother may be missed, in which case there must be a replacement

for the missing ones seemingly, because the child will project the missing father or mother on to some other person, or maybe a small number of persons if there is no real father or real mother. These are just a few thoughts as we enter the basic problem we are facing.

### **Subjective viewpoint**

Now, I am somewhat in a position to produce what Louise predicted this afternoon - I'm going to throw you into one of those Uranian crises, where you will probably have to leave behind some of your firm astrological beliefs, or where you will resist my suggestions and say "No - it's in the book. It's this way....everybody says it's this way". That's it! Your way, your choice. Anyway.....now, we have three planets in the chart that show father, mother, child. And we have a possibility to locate the hierarchical pattern in the family - that is, who was saying, and who was obeying. And we have a clear-cut possibility to see the relationship between the three. Between the *three* of course, as it was watched and realised by the child. Realised *subjectively* by the child.

Everything, you know, in the chart, is subjective. Nothing is objective, except the positioning of the planets which we can, of course, objectively calculate. But knowledge that we can draw from the chart is always the subjective view of the person of their own world. And so it is with the parents, so it is even with the situation that I, as a child, had in my family.

Now the three planets are the ones marked in red - the Sun is standing for the father.... hold your breath!....Saturn is standing for mother and Moon is standing for the child. This is not the result of a person - me - who wants to say something different (*chuckles*) just for the sake of being different. But it is the result of pragmatic research over something like fifteen years, until I became clear about it. Also I, having read a lot of books, did not believe what I found in the first place, because it shatters everything

that is in the books! Especially what you now see according to the planet Saturn and Moon, there is a fantastic difference from everything you can read in books.

Everybody knows that the Moon is the female, and in many books it's the mother as well. So how come? Saturn is mostly not mentioned but sometimes he appears as the father. Well, we'll see about this.

### **Real life family situation**

Now in this case, just to go back to what I told you about my own family situation. Now let's pinpoint it, just taking for granted that Sun is father, Saturn is mother, Moon is child, just trying to reiterate what I said about my actual subjective situation in the family. My father - Sun in the 9th House but somewhere lost towards the end of the House, not near the cusp, which shows that the father was in full power, not in full function. You have probably read one of our books, "The Astrological Houses", where we expand on the different strength of positionings within the Houses. Cuspal positions are very strong and there is a weakest or minimum point in every House - we call it the Low Point - which is slightly off-centre, after the centre - it's exactly the point where the Sun in that 9th House is positioned. It's exactly on the Low Point of that House.

The Low Point positioning of a planet means very little outward function, therefore not a successful positioning of the planet but one that can only work inwardly. For instance, for purposes of self - experience of self, realisation - but not, to put it simply, to make a show in the world. Those are not the planets you should try it with. Try the cuspal planets - they will function in that sense. That's just one of the laws we have to know in order to see that this Sun is in a weak position within that House.

But, it is high up in the chart. And this, according to my findings, is good for the father. The Sun is in the best position in the highest part of the House system. Houses 9

and 10 are preferred by the Sun, because that's the ruling position of the father as we see it through the ages now, the patriarchal pattern where the father is the ruling person. So that Sun would be, from its general positioning of way up high in the chart, very good. But from its location within that House where it stands, it's weak. It doesn't come out. And that exactly corresponds with what I said about my father who had no personal courage to sort of appear and push things, and move them the way he wanted. He was shrinking back from responsibility. He would wait until mother would say "That's the way to do it", then he would do it. That is typical for a weak Sun position.

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But mother said "The father is the important person in the family". That was the theory, but he was never able to be it. That's shown by the positioning of the Sun like this. The mother, we take it, is Saturn - yes? - is in the 11th, in its own Sign Capricorn which is probably a good addition. And it is, as you can see, relatively near to the cusp of the 11th, not far way from the cusp like the Sun. So that shows that the mother can function better outwardly. She has more handy tools, more knowledge of how to go about doing things in order to be in a position to actually rule the situation in the family. Maybe Capricorn helps her to take this attitude forward, and of course the 11th House has to do with ethical ideas, ideas about how relationships between human beings should be. Ideals of human relationships are located in the 11th House. So that describes the mother.

And the Moon, you see, is in the 1st House, which means in practical terms in the way we interpret charts, that I've been thrown back to myself. The 1st House has to do with myself, my own person, my self-

presentation. But as you see, it's a Piscean Moon, which is very shy, and it's somewhere in the middle of the House and is already far away from the cusp. Therefore the output of self, of "I", is not so easy for a Piscean Moon. Of course not, and for a not-so-well educated Moon that is not a child that has been educated to say "Hello you! Here I am! See me?" You should do this sort of thing if you have a 1st House planet, but if it's not been told this.....for instance, my mother said the reverse. She said to remain in the background, never expose yourself as this is dangerous. You might run into danger, you might get into difficult situations and so it's better to keep back somewhere behind the others. Then you are on the safe side. That was the advice of my mother so she never told me how to present myself as an "I". And this is shown by the Moon situation.

#### **Planets on the left and right side**

Now here, of course, I have already applied a number of rules which you don't know yet. Rules that have to do with hierarchy in the chart, rules that have to do with the High Point/Low Point situation in every House, etc. The chart seems to be a locational scheme of the life situation of a child in its early years. It shows how I stand in life and what my immediate surroundings are. We do have those orientations in space, orientations in the house system. We have a left side and we have a right side, which of course means left is not bad and right is good, though we may think it from these terms. You know, a leftist, not taken politically, is a person who does "left" or using the Latin, *sinister* things ("sinister" means left, not "dark" in the way that we use it). There it is shown generally in astrology that "left" has a meaning of "bad", or "dark", or "hidden", or "strange". "Do right" says enough - it's good.

That of course is not true. Left means inside, right means outside. That is the real meaning. No value judgement, you know? Astrology doesn't put value judgements in that sense, it just says where is what! If you

have planets on the left side, those are of a more introvert quality. These are the qualities that remain, to a high degree, within the sphere of my personal intimacy. Those are planets that I don't show so much to the surroundings. And if the surroundings want to know about them they have to knock carefully on my door and ask for entry. I can push them back, I can say "This is my private affair - hold off, go away!"

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Whilst with planets that you have on the right, you have extrovert qualities. These planets are interested in contacting the surroundings, the situation, or people, whatever, and you cannot withdraw them from the questions and demands of your surroundings. If you do something with a planet on the right, you have no right to not tell about why and how you did it. It is being judged by your surroundings and they are right to do it.

The Meridian, the MC and IC, the line that divides the two halves, is also the dividing line of the surroundings and my inner world. This is, psychologically speaking, my introvert space, my inner space, my privacy, my intimacy etc.

We have an up and down section to the chart. The horizon cuts it in two, the upper is the conscious space, the lower is the unconscious, or reflective space, where *reflexes* work, not thoughts, not directing will, but reflexes. Now these values are basic to astrology. You can imagine man standing in his chart with his back turned to you, to the onlooker, so he's looking in the other direction towards the south, and he has his head where the MC is. His legs are standing somewhere near Houses 3 and 4, where the IC is, and his hands - left hand near the Ascendant, right hand near the Descendant. That's how the person stands in life. And then you have those planets that are directional forces, the capacities of the

person. Some, like the ones on the right, are directed towards the surroundings, and some are directed towards the inside of myself. They are there for myself only, and with those planets, I live.

The aspects which we have in our way of drawing the chart clearly show the link-ups you have between those capacities you call planets. Like a pattern, say, in any electrical appliance, you have a number of elements that function - some lights, some knobs, a loudspeaker, a blinking light or something that makes sounds, or volume controls and so on. These are all functional organs, and they can be compared with the planets and the wires that lead there from some kind of integrated circuit. That's the aspect pattern. You can combine the wires in different ways to those organs that function in that apparatus, and you will have different effects from the machine. That's how human beings are built - it's much the same. In every chart you find a different basic pattern that links up the planets in ever-changing ways. So different planets work together, others don't, others may co-work, are at an angle and so on. Of course the type of aspect then shows the kind of cooperation between the planets, as we know.

### **Motivational Structure**

But the whole pattern is something like a motivational structure within the human being. A very deep-rooted function in the human being, and one we normally, without having dealt with or understood ourselves in any great depth, know very little about. Motivations can assume the basic importance of life. "I want this" and "I'm aiming at that" and "I'm seeing those values in life" and "This and that is bad for me" and "Forget about this or that" - all that comes from the aspect pattern.

Now in this way, taking again Saturn to be the mother, Sun to be the father and Moon the child, you can also make out the relationship between the three in the family. There is a relationship of the child (Moon) to the father (Sun), to the mother (Saturn)

and there is a relationship between father and mother which the child sees, watches and judges. And these have different functions. If you have a relationship from the child to a parent - father or mother - you have a link up, a way to that person, and it's mostly very easy to learn from that person. If you have no link up, it's more difficult to learn from that person.

Now a direct way would be an aspect between the Moon and either the Sun or Saturn. That would be straightforward link up. So if you have an aspect between your Moon and one of the parent planets, Sun or Saturn, that means that you had a direct link to your father or your mother and that you did learn a lot. It doesn't say whether it was good or bad, though! Or whether it felt OK or if it felt hard, it doesn't say this yet. That depends on the kind of aspect that you have between Moon and Sun or Moon and Saturn.

### **Colours of linking aspects**

Of course, what we call a blue aspect, a sextile or a trine, which normally are called "harmonious" aspects ( a term which I don't just accept in that way....) but anyway, they are substantial, easy-going aspects. They show a substantial link up with that parent.

A red aspect - that's squares and oppositions - shows in the square either some labour, some effort that is needed to establish contact, or the reverse, that there might be hardship coming from that parent. Like they demand so much and you must do something, or you must prove yourself before that parent in order that the parent accepts you and lets you have that real contact. So that is not so easy, of course, as for blue aspects. But also you can see, with a square for instance between Moon and Saturn or Moon and Sun, that the child rather early on in life may start to criticise what that parent does, or resist that parent. While with a blue aspect as a link to the parent planet, you will have no resistance and you will experience that the child will find everything that that parent says, does,

shows and instructs, seems to fit. It's logical, there's no way of criticising it, therefore there is mostly no *idea* of criticising it or what the parent does to educate the child. It is an uncritical state, so to speak.

If you have green aspects, a semi-sextile or a quincunx, then you have an ambivalence of relationship. You may make a contact, or you may leave it. It may be difficult at times, easier at others, but you are also not sure of that contact. There's always the situation where you fear it may not be possible any longer to establish a contact, but when you try it then mostly it's no problem. Mostly these relationships have either an emotional quality or a very mental kind of relationship like talking to each other. It depends on the planets that surround the other aspects, and of course the Houses and Signs where these planets are located. That shows the relationship of the child to the parent. This does a lot to the child.

### **Dependency on parents**

The relationship you have to a parent, as I said before, enables you to learn a lot from that parent. That is, the forming intensity of that parent on you as a child, who is not yet formed, is very strong. If you have direct link up between Moon and a parent planet, then you can watch this psychologically clearly, from case to case it will recur to be the same, that you do not have a pronounced relationship and also not a dependability. Because a direct aspect - that is a disadvantage probably - a direct aspect between Moon and Sun, or Moon and Saturn will produce a dependability on father or mother. And that of course means that it will not be easy, when you grow up, to free yourself from that dependability and to go your own way, lead your own life.

So that phase, somewhere between sixteen and twenty-five, where normally young people go their own way, withdraw their roots from home, will be a difficult time, probably not even a successful time. Some

people have to get their roots out of the family home and dependency on the parents, mother or father, at the age of eighty when the very old mother finally dies! They never really do it at the given time. They always have strong aspects from the Moon to the parent partner.

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So it's easier to have no direct aspect, but of course you cannot learn so much from that parent. This is actually the case I have in my chart.....you see, Saturn is not linked directly with Moon, Sun is not directly linked with Moon, but you find ways around via the other planets. If you follow the lines, you will finally find link ups indirectly through the aspects. Sometimes one, sometimes two, even three planets at in between stations until you reach from the Moon going to the Sun. That is an *indirect* link up which means it's basically a functional relationship model between the child and the parents, in which the child grows up. The forming is never so strong as in the case where you have link ups shown through direct aspects between the Moon and the parents. It is easier for a child with indirect link ups to go its own way when growing up.

Now you have a third case. You have the case where, through following the aspect lines all around from the Moon, you can never find a link up with either of the parent planets. That is, there is no possible link up, and that means that you have no inner relationship to that parent. It was not possible in childhood to really substantially reach that person. You may have a functional situation, especially if you find a Moon with Saturn in the same House or in the next House. That is a functional situation by way of the circumstances of the family that came about in life. Of course there was some sort of cooperation and some here and there touching each other, but that didn't guarantee a substantial relationship. And

that is normally felt to be a disadvantage. There is something missing for that child. It feels left out by that parent partner. This may not be remembered later when they are a grown up person because it is not according to the pattern as it should be. A family should be a good functioning family according to the pattern of society. If something goes wrong, like it is shown that you cannot find a real substantial relationship to your father or to your mother, then your unconscious during childhood or at the latest during puberty, makes a correction to that. That is, it will change your memory to the degree that you can say, "Oh well, it was a good relationship". And you will forget the missing links that you suffered from in early childhood. This is a normal correction that the psyche, especially the unconscious psyche, of the human being does.

If you have conditions where it is not easy to live and this constantly brings you problems, then your unconscious tries to correct your memory in order to make you able live through life in a good way. So you behave like you had a good relationship with that parent. But of course, there is no question that this produces problems that don't show up in that area, but somewhere else. The problems are an undercurrent in a different area of your character, and work themselves out there.

#### **Importance of the father and mother**

So we have three states of relationship, and this relationship is very important because you learn certain things from father, and you learn certain things from mother. I think it is now time to define why it is so important that you have a father.

What is the meaning of this to any child? And what is the importance of having a mother? What does it mean to a child? What does it bring the child to have a mother? What can the child learn from the mother?

It is two different things. They have do with the roles these two parents play. A man

normally, if he marries and has children, is a father and a woman a mother. This the pattern of our society. From nature this is also seen. We're built that way, physically. Today we have youngsters who try to reverse this thing: fathers behaving like mothers doing all the business with the baby. Mother going working etc. OK, they'll find out how it works out later for the child. Nature seems to have a pattern here that is not artificial, but natural.

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This, of course, is the important thing, not what society thinks. Like for instance the judgement that the man is more important than the woman, the father is the patriarch, the ruler of the family, and the mother is nothing, she just has to obey - that's the old pattern, that's the evaluation of society which we're trying to overcome now at the present time, and which really may change in the course of decades or centuries to other values.

#### **Roles**

We had other values. If you go back 3,000 years we had the rule of mothers, the matriarchy. The fathers we just sort of delivering what they had to do to get the babies - that was it! They had roles to play which were given to them by society, but they had no individuality as fathers should have. Now these are society patterns, and these do change in the course of time, and they may be different in cultures that exist at the same time in different places throughout the world. We can see that.

The values concerning father and mother roles in our world, in different societies and different cultural spaces of this world, are already different. They have been changing and changing again throughout history. So that's not what I mean. What is a father in a real sense as nature means it to be? What is

a mother in the real sense? That is important to the child because the child seems to know at the age of zero what a mother and a father *should* be. It can judge, later on through the first years of life, through the experience of father and mother, whether the father and the mother functioned well and even exactly to what degree they functioned according to the natural roles fathers and mothers have. They have that judgement built in. They know it from nature.

### **The Sun and the father**

Whenever a father or mother do not behave in the way that nature wants them to, we can see it as a defective structure in the chart. A father, according to his being represented by the Sun in the chart, is a strong, autonomous individual with a relatively high degree of self-awareness, and with the capacity of will developed. The capacity to carry responsibility; the capacity to initiate new things, to create new situations, initiate movements according to insight and from there the driving will of that individual. In particular there is the courage aspect towards the surroundings: "I am going to do it this way because I find it right. If the others say it's no good, it's their problem. You will see from my success that I am right" - this is a typically fatherly function, as nature wants it, because the Sun in us is the expansive quality. In the largest extent, it is the life force itself. And I must add here, all of you, be you man or woman, have this Sun in your chart. It's not a preference that just men have it, otherwise you would have to cut it out in female horoscopes! And we don't!

So, every woman has will power, as every man has. But from the physiological build man has, he's more apt to live that quality in a more expounded, more present, more visible way. He seems to be, from nature, the more extraverted type, and we know from practise that so many men are quite the reverse. They behave more female, so they are, in a sense, more passive and defensive in their lives.

Now if you go into the charts of ten men, five of them you find from looking at them, talking to them or making psychological tests with them, that they are typically extravert as you would have expected from a man. And you take five others of these ten, and they are sort of female types. They are the sensitive sort who tend to appease with the world and adapt to situations, never take a too-strong stand otherwise they might get into difficulties and so on.

Now if you look at the charts of those two times five people, you'll find strong differences in the location of their Sun. And you can easily tell, without knowing the ten, which of the ten are the five with the typical male behaviour and which are not. You can tell this from:

- **Where the Sun is.** Is it up high? If so, you have more chance to be a "typical" man or a typical father. If it is down low, you have less chance.
- **If you have a cuspal Sun** anywhere in the chart, you will have more extraversion and more efficiency in that extraversion - that is more success in what the person does - therefore again more typically male behaviour.

If you look at my chart you'll see what kind of a mixture I am! I have the Sun high up - OK that's fine - but I have it on the Low Point and that is non-cuspal and weak, which means that I first have to learn for myself how to behave like a man through life, because it wasn't taught to me. Of course, mother was strong in my life, father was weak. I had no examples in my father, so mother had to tell me how a man is strong. Of course, it completely missed me. It was a female, motherly formulation. She didn't know. She could only tell me clichés, which didn't really help me. I had to learn it later on, the hard way, of course. Anyway, that shows the difference. Now to the mother.

### **Saturn and the mother**

The mother has a more defensive, passive

attitude. The attitude is “Let things come and we will deal with them; we’re not rushing at them”. Or “We’re not trying to do something beforehand, before it’s even happened.....so it runs our way, but we’ll wait until things come near, then we can closely watch them and do the right thing.” Mostly, this “right thing” will be a defensive act - a typical motherly function. Now if you look at the mother, what does she do to the baby? She does a few very basic things:

- **Firstly** she nourishes it because it is not able to nourish itself in the first months.
- **Secondly** she takes care of the physical functionings of the body of that child.
- **Thirdly** she protects the child against any dangers occurring. And from these three things a fourth is derived.
- **Fourthly** she teaches the child how to care for itself on these three points - how to nourish yourself, how to keep your body OK, healthy, hygienic and so on, and how to protect yourself.

So it’s natural that mothers in the first place have to give advice and rules on how to behave safely in life. Safety is in the foreground. It is of the utmost importance. If you don’t incorporate that enough, as a mother, your baby has only a minor chance of survival. So it’s important. This is a basic, inner reflex in every woman. As soon, at least, as a baby turns up, even if it’s a foreign baby, not their own baby. Motherly instincts react that way. This is a natural reaction. This is not what is meant by our society. Our society has added a lot of things to it - a lot of funny things, of course! Especially things that made the mother very dependent on the man and all that goes with it.

This motherly function has nothing to do with a lack of identity, with a lack of strength or anything like that. The female or motherly function, in that sense, is as strong as the male or father going at things,

expounding the energies, directing them at goals and all that stuff. It’s just two different, clearly opposite ways of using their own energy. One is *offensive*, one could say, towards life - the male attitude, and the other is *defensive* towards life.

But you all know, be you man or woman, that you can be the other way round. That is, you all know this from your life experience. Say you are a man, you know there are situations where you have to be purely defensive otherwise you will not succeed in the situation. A situation of that kind only allows defensive attitudes, otherwise you won’t get through. In that moment, you are Saturnian in an astrological sense, or you actually behave like a classical mother in protecting yourself. Also, you will find if you watch yourself carefully in that situation, that you will do things by reflex, a lot of the things that originally your mother told you or showed you. So a man needs motherly qualities as well as fatherly ones.

The same applies for the woman. A woman finds a situation in practical life where she has to be expansive, even going at things, using energy, directing things somewhere. That would be a fatherly function. Life requires it in that situation, and the mother or woman does have that because every woman has a Sun in her chart. Right? So our role over-emphasis we have in our society is of course, somewhat funny because it doesn’t allow the man to be a bit motherly and female sometimes. And it doesn’t allow the mother or woman to be a bit male, active and fatherly sometimes. It has - or at least it had up until a few years ago! - a clear cut distinction. Man is man; woman is woman. Father is father; mother is mother. It has turned out, in the last few decades, that this doesn’t always work. That life demands different reactions from men and women and the roles they normally play.

Now I think, just pin-pointing a bit more, Saturn as the mother, which I’m sure to a greater number of you is still something very uncomfortable to think about because

you always go looking for your Moon in your chart - yes? Come to think again of what Saturn is in the way you know it. I just beg you to forget about the ugly malefic which is in the old books, and which you still find in some of the newer books which gives me the creeps up and down my spine! Really, if you are reading that sort of stuff now.....he's not a malefic, but he is very conservative and tends to produce fixed forms in situations, things and persons too.

### **Saturn's stature**

If you have, for instance, a type of person who has a certain kind of stature. They have an earnest look, not in a bad sense as they can be very friendly, but it's solid, there is this quality behind it, one feels. There is this stature - chest out, straight back and the air of "Here I am - watch me and be impressed". Right? This is Saturn, the Saturnian attitude. He's not beaming like the Sun does. The Sun beams, it comes in and makes a show, it appears by beaming energy to the surroundings.

Saturn is a posture; sometimes it's something like a statue or monument that has legs and can walk, but you see no movement in the person because it's always the same posture. So you can really see men and women that are strongly Saturnian. This attitude secure certain things. If a person like this walks in, it may be that you don't always see the person in the first place, especially if there are other people about. But then you will find, say during the party, that one of those Saturnian-stature types turns up you will see that in the course of the evening you have more than one look at that person and see it again. He's still even, he's still nice and friendly, but he's sort of cultured, stylish - not always stylish though; that's gimmicky stuff, that would be Uranian, you know! - solid, well-established, safe and sober style. That's Saturnian.

Now mothers, returning to that theme, teach the child all those things that are firmly established in society, in that society where

their family lives. All that is firmly established solid knowledge, value-judgement, style. That is what the child must know in order to fit into that world. It may be a very expansive character later on, pioneering even, but if you want to pioneer and don't know about the style of this world you will not be successful because you will run up against walls. If you come up with a great idea of reforming the world, you will probably be told that you've missed the point because this world is built differently. That's it - you'll have no success.

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If you present it in a form that this world can accept then they will also listen to the substance you bring. If the form presentation is not right, you will not be successful. So mothers are right! You have to learn the language and style of this world where you're going to live. And to the degree where you don't learn it or are unable to be it because the mother is not able to teach it to you because she doesn't know enough, or because you resist it and don't accept it, to that degree you will be unsuccessful in this world. Your chance of surviving is diminished in reversed proportion to your forming through your mother.

So mothers have a very important function. They structure you in order to make you able to live in this world because this world is formed, has rules, has value-judgements, has things of importance, has a certain language and a certain style, and so on. If you don't know it, it's not easy to move in it because you keep running up against those existing and established forms in this world.

Well, the father has to teach you to use your energy - the energies you have - to get ahead in life, to reach goals, to grow yourself. That is the counter-force; protection is *defensive*, it's introverted energy, so to speak. Using your energy, going forward, rushing along into the future, forming your world is

*offensive* to the existing world. It means change.

Now even if you just build houses, you will change the landscape because here there used to be this nice meadow with a few nice trees. That's what happens when houses are built - the landscape is all messed up. Some people say that this is lousy, bad. I have experienced this when there was a fast road built into the beautiful landscape alongside Lake Geneva. It was a gigantically beautiful piece of architecture, but most of the people living there said Lake Geneva is out, it's finished, the landscape is ruined now because of this piece of technology. But it is a beautiful piece if you look at it, but not through the eyes of your existing picture of Lake Geneva, but with through the eyes of a person who knows nothing, and who just sees a landscape and sees the fabulous line of the road, like an airplane gliding through the air. It's beautiful, it really is, and they did a good job building, but it depends on which standpoint you take.

### **Sun and Saturn viewpoints**

If you take a Saturnian point of view - the world was this way, I know that world, I'm feeling at home in it, I know all the tricks in it, and now there's this disrupting line running through the landscape. Messes it all up! That's the Saturnian reaction. Or, you are the one who has built it, or somebody who just likes it, and you say "Great! That is a masterpiece". It depends on your standpoint. The latter one is a Sun point of view. "The world is ever in change, and if it isn't going to change by itself I'm going to change it", says the Sun. But Saturn says "The world may not be taken apart. You must keep some constancy in this world otherwise people go to pieces". And of course this is true as well. So these two forces have to balance each other. Growth and movement may not be too strong; they have to be braked by conservatism, by keeping to what there is. Only the art of being positively Saturnian is to keep the good stuff and dismiss the bad one. We tend to keep all the stuff, everything, all the bad stuff.

And then, of course, Sun comes and hammers on it and says "That's rotten! Forget it! Throw it away! Kick it to pieces!" And then you have the fight between being conservative and being progressive. And in the last 3,000 years we had a dominance of the Sun principle, living in a patriarchal society. So, progress is everything, *any* progress; because it's progress, it's good. If a business doesn't grow from one year to the next, it's not a good business, and that is not good. If it's static, it's moving backwards, and that's the same.

Now from a Saturnian point of view, a business that remains stable is a good and solid business. It's OK. Everybody can earn his living - fine! What's the point of going into turmoil, difficulties or fighting to make it grow? Different points of view. And you can see that battle in classical families, where the role playing of father and mother is very pronounced. You will always have those battles. They may be friendly or there may be fisticuffs! The father may need expansion, freedom, and need some way to express his personality - like showing the family around on Sunday or something like that, you know, here's me, big family, beautiful wife, all that stuff - or having a big business.

And the mother, who keeps the household and must manage with the money that's available. Of course she fears that the man is going to do some crazy experiment that costs money, and this brings insecurity into the family. So these kinds of fights will take place. Or the father does something unique, original, special, individualistic and mother says "Now look, what are the Smiths next door going to say if you do that, or talk that way, or wear this?" This is the kind of contradiction that you find in families.

Again here one should find a way to get the balance in between. The best way is not to find some kind of a compromise between the typically fatherly standpoint and the typically motherly one. That is, or has been, the solution in the past. Marriage and family

life in the past was, to be sure, just 90% one big compromise.

### **Experiencing the masculine and feminine**

The real solution for the future surely will be that man and woman, within the marriage or the family, live their own way and experience all of themselves - the female *and* the male parts. And they should have the capacity and the possibility to live them and be accepted in this by the other partner. It's great fun to change roles sometimes! Some of you surely have this experience? Suddenly, the man becomes female and reverses roles in all kinds of situations in life. It can be great fun because suddenly you have the possibility to experience a part that otherwise has been lived by your partner.

If you are a man and you have a female side, as every man has, and you dare not live it because it's not "male" enough or it doesn't fit your patriarchal image, then you have to delegate all those feelings, functionings and traits to your wife. Probably that's the reason you have a wife....to delegate your female part. And vice versa, females do the same with their man.

That is a situation which I call, psychologically, immature. It has been *the* condition in society in the past, but it's coming to an end, so the developments show. I think there's still quite a lot to learn in the future about the totality of the human being that by the way just happens to be a man or a woman, because of the physical condition. The psyche does not necessarily correspond to the sex of the body. The psyche may be reversed, or it may be very complex, an intricate pattern of both things. We can see that from the individual chart, and we will see how the family pattern will develop in the future - whether these strong pronunciations of mother and father roles will remain, or whether they will be changed to this or that degree. We can watch it in practise, sometimes to the degree of reversal. This shows in the charts of children

where there are reversed roles. If the father is a "house husband" and remains at home and takes care of the baby, and the mother goes out to work, the chart clearly shows it.

For instance, through the fact that the Sun in that child's chart is way down in the 4th House, or in the 3rd, and Saturn is way up somewhere in the 8th, 9th, 10th or 11th. This means that mother was the active ruler in the family and papa was the mother. Look at your own chart, it tells you a lot. You may have been in the same situation, only it probably wasn't official in your time. Nowadays, it's official! That's the whole difference. Because we have this situation where the mother really was the father, and we have the situation where the father, just for appearances was the father and played the patriarch, but in reality was the one who was coming from the security point of view and was always caring about things happening safely. He was not active, initiating - nothing like that.

That of course is like a riddle for the child, and later it has to solve it. It is not easy for a child to develop proper self-awareness, self-assurance, or a proper identity if you have those reversals or those weaknesses of parents. They will not help the maturing process of a child into a mature grown-up state.

### **Hierarchy in the chart**

There is not enough time to go into practical instances, but just one final thought....I haven't said anything about the hierarchy in the chart. In the chart we have two lines - the horizontal line, which has to do with contact. "I" stand on the left, on the AC; you, the "You", stand on the Descendant and we meet on that line. It's also the line of equality. People are equal on that line - me and you - we're all equal.

But we have the individuality line - IC and DC - where, when you are freshly born into a family, you are part of your surroundings which is shown by the area around the IC, the 3rd and 4th House, for instance. And

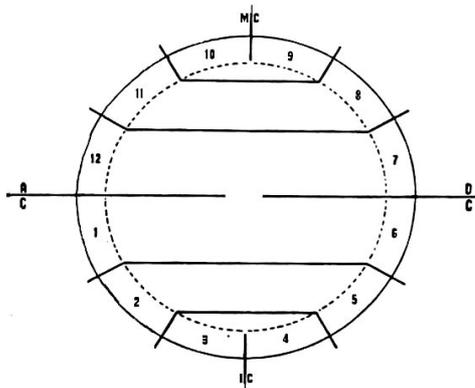
then you climb up your individual ladder by developing your individual characteristics, and you come out as a strongly pronounced individual up there.

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Now the more individual powers you are able to assemble in yourself, and the more ably you handle them, the more you will be in a situation to control your world. And this is shown in the chart by the fact that the Sun is high up.



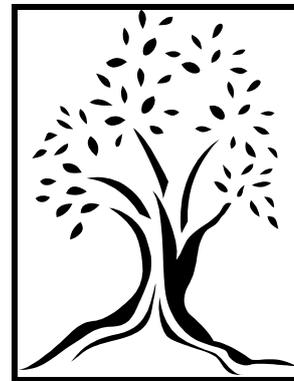
We consider the importance of the height the Sun, Moon or Saturn stands, and we always count from IC to MC in this scheme, where we have six possible layers: one level is Houses 3 and 4, the lowest possible layer, then Houses 2 and 5, Houses 6 and 1, 12 and 7, then 8 and 11, 9 and 10. The highest layer is therefore 9 and 10 and this is the grand rulership over your situation, your world. It's the highest hierarchical position. Whichever of the two parent planets you find *higher* in the chart in this scheme and way of looking at the chart, you can judge for sure that was the person, be it father or mother, who was ruling the family. It may also be the child.

Look at the chart and assess its hierarchical order. For example: "Highest is \_\_\_, second

is \_\_\_, third is \_\_\_" using the three major planets we are discussing. Then you will have the order of importance of the three family members. I say "importance". It may be that a child, for instance, can't be ruling the family in the sense of laying down the law, but it may be of major importance in the family. Everything turns around the child, for instance, and then you have a Moon up in the 10th or 9th, or even in the 8th, and Sun and Saturn somewhere in the lower regions. The parents just live for that child. That's it!

This is just a last hint for you to have something to look at afterwards in your charts, but we will have a workshop tomorrow where we'll do practical work on charts and more refined things will come out of this; these are just the principles I wanted to expound.

I thank you for listening. *(Applause)*



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