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New horizons

Notes from the 12th House by Barry Hopewell

Joyce is not able to write her usual introductory 'notes from the 11th house', due to being in the process of cataract operations, so this seemed an opportune place to set down my own thoughts on where we are going with APA's website and *Conjunction*.

As I am writing from a position where my Age Point has recently passed over the 12th house Low Point and the Crossing Point of the moon node and natal charts, with the prospect of encountering Pluto on the AC next year, you would not expect my thoughts to be about 'business as usual'.

One trigger for change has been the recent decision by Jane Brooks to stand down as APA webmaster. Jane has run our website, in at least three different incarnations, since Beacon Centre days in the 1990s. She was also a leading member of the Manchester study group that thrived for some time, and I believe holds the record of the longest time taken to successfully complete the APA Diploma course!

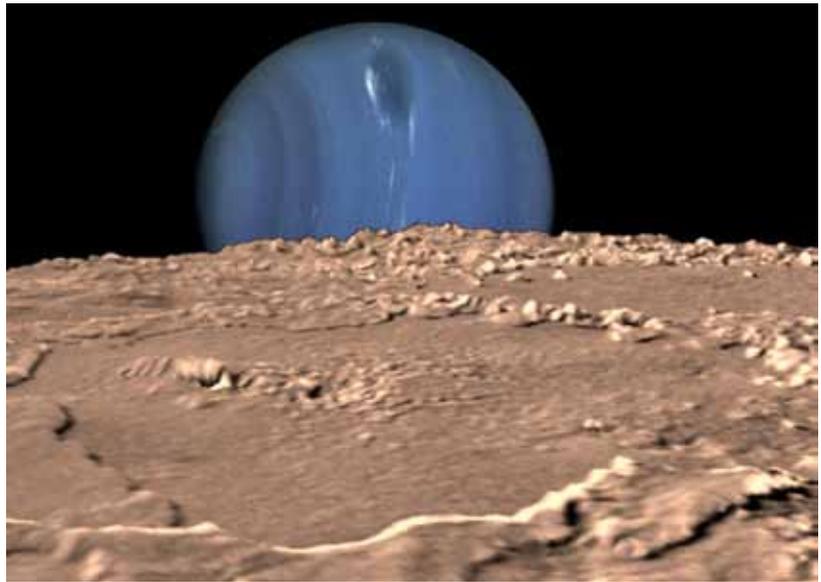


Jane at API UK Council Meeting 2006

We all owe Jane a huge debt of gratitude. It is unfortunate that recent poor health led to Jane taking this decision, and we all wish her well in the future.

Fortunately, in helping to establish the latest incarnation of the website on the Wordpress platform, I have been able to take over looking after the website fairly painlessly from Jane. This also means that it will be fairly easy for others to take on and own parts of the website, so I am looking for volunteers to help. If you're good with computers and editing, you could probably handle it; obviously, if you have website or blog experience, even better. Remember that the main content is mature, so there's not a huge amount of work to be done.

This brings me back to the question of the future of *Conjunction* and its relationship with the website, which I originally posed in the last issue. Looking after both at the moment, I am obviously in a good position to consider this, and I am aware that the work required to keep both in their current form is more than I am willing to continue to do.



Neptune on Triton's horizon, NASA

So I plan that *Conjunction* will become more integrated into the website:

1. **News and comment** already appear on our Twitter stream and the APA blog. Regular features such as 'Notes from the 11th House' and 'Maggie's Musings' can easily migrate to the blog.
2. **Articles and reviews:** shorter pieces are already appearing on the APA blog. Longer articles and reviews will be published in the Members' Area of the website when received, without the need to 'wait for the next issue'. Their appearance will be flagged on Twitter. The **Articles Index** and **Reviews Index** in the Members' Area will be kept up to date, so that you can find the latest.
3. *Conjunction* itself will be published as a blog entry every 4 months or so, linking to all significant blog items, articles and reviews that have been published since the last issue, something like page 3 of this issue. So those who like to just catch up occasionally on screen can operate in a similar manner to at present.
4. All the articles and blog items can of course be printed, but there will be **no nicely laid out printed issue** of *Conjunction*, as heretofore.

Friends, we are taking another step out into the virtual world. But I think old Saturn will insist we keep a hard copy of everything, just in case...

PS If there's a budding editor who wants to resurrect the printed magazine, do step forward. You will be welcome!

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News and Comment

Recent Blog Items

Story Time

Barry Hopewell on story and meaning in astrological psychology.

Astrological Psychology, Western Esotericism, and the Transpersonal

Sue Lewis's recently published book.

Critical times of life and dreamwork

John Grove on age progression and dreams.

Just Imagine!

Marilyn Burnett on chart image.

Spanish Introduction

Sue Lewis reviews Rosa Solé's new introductory book (Spanish).

In Memory of Bruno Huber 1930 – 1999

Wolfhard König's appreciation of Bruno Huber.

Falling Upward

Barry Hopewell reviews Richard Rohr's book.

Joyce's Blog – An Astrological Resource

Joyce Hopewell describes her long-standing blog as an astrological resource.

Using the APA Blog

How to use the APA blog.

In the depth of winter

Iris Schencks on the Dynamic Energy Curve.

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Recent Twitter Highlights on @astpsy

APA publications/booklets now available for members to access online in Members' Area of <http://www.astrologicalpsychology.org>

"The Moon Node Chart in Huber Astrology" - Sue Lewis speaking at the AA Conference [http://astrologicalassociation.com/pdfs/conferenc ...](http://astrologicalassociation.com/pdfs/conferenc...)



Rare early picture showing Roberto Assagioli and Bruno Huber at a CGM workshop in the early 1960s

Bruno Huber's call to arms - final remarks at his last seminar in England, in 1998: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Txu9tKlz42A>

First 25 years videos reissued without music: 1. Origins: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NOxP_CyDaiI, 2. establishment of API UK: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ov_FI6HFoG0

Social icons at top of front page <http://astrologicalpsychology.org> - go to our Twitter homepage, go to YouTube channel, subscribe to blog feed (RSS)

At the bottom of website pages on <http://www.astrologicalpsychology.org> you can find links to the latest comments on blog entries.

Beyond the 'Wall of Silence' – Psychosynthesis inside and out: <http://tinyurl.com/ogzjqpm> - interesting blog by Keith Hackwood re Assagioli

Advice on Huber software on our website has been updated. See <http://astrologicalpsychology.org/resources/software-for-huber-style-charts/> - let us know if you have better information!

You can now enrol on our courses using PayPal, as well as cheque or card. See <http://astrologicalpsychology.org/our-courses/enrolment/>

Don't forget that you can comment on recent entries in the APA Blog <http://astrologicalpsychology.org/apa-blog/>

See Will Parfitt on subpersonalities and The Self - on the Psychosynthesis Trust blog: <http://www.psychosynthesis-trust.org.uk/will-parfitt-doubt-daily/>

Louise Huber's granddaughter reports that, in retirement home at 90, she is peaceful, relaxed and strongly connected with the cosmos

Conjunction Articles Index now extended to cover articles in Conjunction since around 1990 - see Members' Area of <http://www.astrologicalpsychology.org>

Sad news: Catharine Collier recently died. Many APA members will recall her presence at workshops and articles in Conjunction.

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Forthcoming Events

London Astrological Psychology Group

The London Astrological Psychology Group, facilitated by Sue Lewis, reconvened on Saturday 18 April to consider aspect figures, unaspected planets, and the central visual picture of the chart. Future meetings are scheduled for the following dates, from 2-5pm on Saturday afternoons in Battersea, just south of the Thames in London SW11:

9 May: Comparing natal charts and house horoscopes

6 June: The Intellectual Planets: Mercury, Jupiter, and Saturn

11 July: Working with transits

A group of 8-10 people gather in her flat, and the meeting is conducted in confidence. No recordings are allowed. For the first hour there is an informal PowerPoint presentation, during which questions and comments are invited. This leads into discussion, often including reference to the charts of those present, which are set up in MegaStar and beamed onto the wall to invite contributory thoughts and exploration. The afternoon rounds off with a brief meditation.

Coffee and a choice of teas are served at the start of the afternoon, purified water is available throughout, together with biscuits and fruit, and there is a cover charge of £6.00.

If you are not already on the mailing list and would like to join this Saturday afternoon group, please email sue69lewis@btinternet.com

Woking Astrology Group

On Friday evening 5 June, from 8-10pm, Sue Lewis will give a talk to the Woking Astrology Group on 'The Alchemical Mind: Mercury and the Transpersonal Planets'. The format of the evening is a one-hour lecture illustrated by PowerPoint slides, followed by a tea break and question time.

Astrological Lodge

On Mondays 29 June and 6 July, Sue Lewis will give sequential talks at the Astrological Lodge in the second part of the evening, from 8.30-9.30pm. These reflect the founding of the Astrological Lodge 100 years ago by Alan Leo and draw on material from Sue's recent publication, *Astrological Psychology, Western Esotericism, and the Transpersonal*:

29 June: *Astrological Psychology I: From Alan Leo's Esoteric Astrology to Bruno and Louise Huber's Astrological Psychology.*

6 July: *Astrological Psychology II: Interpreting the Aspect Figures of Roberto Assagioli's chart.*

Monday evenings at the Astrological Lodge start with a beginners class at 6pm. There is a self-standing lecture from 7-8pm, a half-hour tea break, and a more interactive talk in the second part of the evening, so these illustrated talks by Sue will aim to present some key facts and invite discussion from the floor. You can find out more on the Astrological Lodge website.

Astrological Association Conference

This year's Astrological Association Conference at Wyboston Lakes, from 11-13 September 2015, is on the theme, 'Appreciating the Past and Creating our Future'. The programme contains a mix of traditional/historical talks and sessions focusing on topics such as karma and memory, and [details](#) can be found on the Astrological Association website.

As usual, the programme is very with a few plenaries, but most speakers, including those representing APAE student tracks, are in contention with three other speakers for their audience. Sue Lewis, speaking for APA, has a slot from 9-10am on Sunday 13 September, and she will be talking about Moon Node astrology as a key to the past and demonstrating how, when we place the natal and nodal charts side by side, we can identify karmic themes we need to work on in this life.

CONGRATULATIONS!



The following students have successfully completed their studies:

Diploma in Astrological Psychology

Christine Le Blein (Canada)

Tatyana Caidheann (UAE)

Foundation Course 'B'

Alan Plenty (UK)



Maggie's Musings

No relaxing Chick-Lit for me! I've been dipping into Naomi Klein's book, *This Changes Everything* which I found stimulating, scary and provocative. She focuses on the immediate danger of global warming to the earth and also refers to mass movements in the past such as the Abolition of Slavery, the Workers' Movement in the thirties and of course the rise of Feminine Power in the sixties saying that each didn't quite complete the task for economic reasons. Is this an over simplification? Maybe it's a variety of factors, a process and of course, the context of the times.

Musing about this, I had an image of an angel standing before an enormous mountain range; he had great wings but they were filled with lead and he couldn't get off the ground. I, of course, associated this with the boundaries of Saturn, emotional buried baggage and of course, Lead!

Given the wisdom of sages and prophecies from past times like the Mayans and Jainism and Astrology, we are said to be at a point of evolution. The human species has survived and developed because of its ability to adapt but this evolutionary leap could be very different indeed. Hypothetically it's shift or leap of consciousness, from growth of personal awareness... to a collective awakening.

The archetypal energy of Uranus is about sudden awakenings and manifestation of the unexpected. The 'leaden' wings were, I intuited, all about those buried unconscious patterns from the past like pain, rage, grief, guilt and especially powerlessness and fear that were weighing down individuals and thus the collective.

And of course, doesn't this holding on come back ultimately to the whole process of change, the Low Point in the Chart, the Mutable Zone and that final uphill struggle at the end? Change really is about letting go and so perhaps forgiveness and waiting in trust for those new shoots to appear. Yet fearful unconscious patterns seek to protect and urge us to cling on!

My own experience at the moment is that there is an urgent and global need for greater psychological awareness and education. Perhaps the hope is this would ultimately lead to empowerment rather than 'power over', and greater self-responsibility rather than an attitude of 'you help me' and powerlessness.

There is that wonderful quote* of Guillaume Apollinaire: "*Come to the edge,*" "*I can't, I'll fall*", "*Come to the edge.*" *I went to the edge and God pushed me... And I flew.*" Maybe once the lead is released, the angel will indeed fly!

Have a great summer...

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