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meanings across these highly-charged degrees.

Two Sun – Astrology and the Two Orders of Reality: Socrates, inspired since boyhood by a Phoebeean daemon, was accustomed to venerate the Sun above all ... but I would dare to affirm that Socrates, in his state of ecstasy, admired not just the visible Sun, but its other, hidden aspect: Marsilio Ficino De Sole Xil.

Reflected Light: Both astrology and photography rely on light to capture a moment in time. Each is a powerful medium for understanding life. Glenda will be looking at the links between these two disciplines as well as looking at the charts of some pioneering photographers.

Astrology and the History of Consciousness: The different schools of astrology (Vedic, Uranian, etc.) can be seen in the context of the history of consciousness. Each type of astrology emerged within – and reflects – a layer of human consciousness. Using art, architecture and images from contemporary culture, we will explore these diverse astrology.

Inside the Cosmic Mind – The Power of Archetypes: Archetypal astrology, as pioneered by Richard Tarnas and aligned with a 21st-century cosmology, is both the newest and the oldest form of astrology. Deriving from a lost pre-historic civilization, its astral mathematics inspired the sacred geometry of Neolithic monuments, while its wisdom was preserved for millennia in Egyptian temple libraries.

Jupiter and Saturn – The Cosmic Regulators: We'll explore the largest and slowest moving of the visible planets in natal charts and by transit. How does this pair of planetary opposites work together for the common good? What about when they are stressed? How can we use their cycles to understand the unfolding patterns of life?

Prophecy, Predictions and Transgressions of Limits: Throughout history, horary astrologers have walked a theological tightrope for fear of prosecution – never more so than when touching upon the powder-filled topics of politics or money. This presentation explores cautionary tales of historical practitioners, whose concerns impacted the development of astrological practice and remain sensitive issues for modern consultants.

Small Worlds: ... roughly 103,000,000 of them! These are the asteroids, of which 18,000 or so are named, comprising a whirling encyclopedia of detail that stamps every nativity with a unique ID on the Sun, Moon and angles. But be warned! Once you get asteroids there is no hope of a cure!

Armand Diaz: Ph.D., NCGR-N, is a consulting astrologer, consciousness researcher, writer and teacher with a practice based in New York City. He is the author of 'Integral Astrology: Understanding the Ancient Discipline in the Contemporary World' (2013), co-editor of 'Transpersonal Astrology' (2003), and has been published in many periodicals including 'The Mountain Astrologer' and 'The Astrological Journal'. Armand is on the Faculty of Hofstra University and Brooklyn College.

Sue Dilibah – speaking for The London School of Astrology (LSA) – has over 35 years’ experience as a practising astrologer. For many years now, Sue has run five groups a week teaching all aspects of astrology to her students in HU. She has also taught in Adult Education classes and given seminars for The London School of Astrology. A former Registered General Nurse, Sue has a degree in Social and Behavioural Studies.

Stevi Gaydon – speaking for The Faculty of Astrological Studies (FAS) – gained her diploma from The Faculty of Astrological Studies in 2009 and is now a Faculty tutor and Course member. Stevi is a professional consultant in Northamptonshire and is currently studying for an MA in Cultural Astronomy and Astrology at the University of Wales Trinity Saint David.

Ed Gillam first encountered astrology during the magical Uranus-Neptune conjunction of 1992-3. He has an enduring interest in the work of Dane Rudhyar, a spiritual philosopher and artist who redefined the creative and symbolic potential of astrology. Ed has written for ‘The Mountain Astrologer’ and spoken at AA Conferences. The astrological group he helped to establish in Exeter offers a focus for astrology in Devon.

Deborah Houlding specialises in horary astrology, for which she advocates a historical understanding and humanistic approach. She is Principal of the School of Traditional Astrology (www.sta.co), author of 'The Houses: Temples of Time' (2008 to 2013). She lectures, offers consulting, and 'A History of Pagan Europe' (with Nigel Pennick) are currently in print.

John Green: D.Psych.Astro. has been involved with astrology for over 35 years and studied at The Centre for Psychological Astrology, qualifying with the CPA certificate and diploma. He works as a consultant in London and teaches the online CPA courses as well as giving seminars. He is a writer of both fiction and non-fiction. He was Editor of 'The Astrological Journal' from 2008 to 2013.

Robert Hand (by Skype) has studied astrology for over fifty years and written a number of books. Currently he and his wife, Wendy, reside in India, whose aim is to expand awareness concerning the history and philosophy of astrology. Rob has a PhD in Medieval History from The Catholic University of America.

Deborah Houlding, Prudence Jones and Armand Diaz will present a range of horoscopes, talks, and consultations during the conference. Lynn Bell will explore the role of the mind in influencing human consciousness, and John Green will provide an overview of the different schools of astrology.
Christina Rose
Christina was due to speak on 'The Journey from Saturn to Uranus'; sadly, she passed away earlier this year. Out of respect, her speaker slots are being left unfilled.

Chris Mitchell
What Have the Arabs Ever Done for Us? Well, quite a lot on the face of it. Astrology blossomed in 13th-century Europe after the translation of astrological works from Arabic. There were exotic new techniques with Arabic names such as almutens, hylegs and Arabic parts. But how much of this was actually Arabic?

Jessica Adams
The Art of the Sun Sign Column: Sun sign columns are the most trusted form of astrology in the world. Using the work of R.H. Naylor, Evangeline Adams and Patric Walker, Jessica Adams looks at the solar sign house system and the rewarding business aspects of this professional path.

Anthoula Lioni
Relationship Transits: This talk will look at the most significant transits and Solar Arcs affecting the area of relationships. There will be also some discussion on other factors that are vital to predictions pertaining to relationships, which highlight the power of synastry and what the natal chart promises.

23.30 – 18.15
PLENARY Robert Hand
The Therapeutic Power of Astrology: No combination of astrological indications absolutely determines what is going to happen. There are multiple possible ways of dealing with anything. The idea is to come up with a ‘scenario’ that responds to these in a creative and positive manner. Examples will be given from historical figures and practice.

Alexandra Karcosetas
Empowering Astrolgers through Peer Work: Discover how peer participation increases confidence and knowledge, and creates bonds. After a short talk on peer work, we will participate in a discussion demonstrating different approaches are useful in their similarities and contrasts. Attendees should bring a copy of their chart.

Maria Luise Mathis
Twin, Triples, Quadruplets and More – Interpreting Multiple Births: The Combine is a successful method to interpret two or more, diverse personalities in one horoscope. Astrological studies on multiple births will be presented and discussed, and horoscopes of identical twins, non-identical twins, triplets and quadruplets will be used as examples.

Babs Kirby
Complexes: A look at how Jung’s concept of the complex develops in the psyche – demonstrating how, in early life, certain transits and progressions applying to natal aspects can trigger the process. This talk discusses how, once constellation, a complex affects an individual’s life for better or worse.

Pam Crane
Who Do You Think You Are?: In the search for identity, we astrologers hold a unique and powerful set of keys to the secrets of the psyche. But the one which, in its fine-tuning, most intimately discloses the thinking Self – the ‘I’ behind the eyes – is astrology’s natural fractal, the Dwad.

João Medeiros
The Power of Symbolic Directions: What is the most effective timing technique in natal astrology? In this talk, astrologer João Medeiros shows why Symbolic Directions is probably the best predictive technique – with outstanding results both at the psychological and practical level – and also the most useful tool for chart rectification.

10.15 – 11.15 Choose between:
Jane Ridder Pickard
The Healing Power of Astrology: This talk explores symtoms as communications of the soul. They speak in riddles that can be unravelled using astrological symbolism, which reveals the messages of the still, quiet voice within – a voice that constantly prompts us towards the way out of stuck places and into a fuller life.

Didier Castille
The Scientific Value of Astrology According to André Barbault: This talk will explore André Barbault, the main way of proving astrological hypotheses is statistical control. This is why a large part of his long career has been dedicated to supporting those who attempt to demonstrate the rules by which the art of Urania is ordered. Didier Castille will summarise all the experiments that have rooted this faith: social recognition, family likeness or collective sympathy.

Christina Rose
Christina was due to speak today on ‘Doorways, Gateways and Signposts. Recognizing and Accessing Entry Points to Self-growth’; sadly, she passed away earlier this year. Out of respect, her speaker slots are being left unfilled.

Eve Dembowski – speaking for The School of Traditional Astrology (STA)
Traditional Medical Astrology and the Use of Medical Horary: A medical horary chart can identify critical conditions, effective treatments and reveal the underlying cause of an illness. This lecture will explore the history, philosophy and doctrine of traditional medical astrology and place it into a modern context in which the medical horizon becomes a powerful and practical guide to healthy living.

Louise Urch
Astrology, Power and Politics: In times of peace and especially in times of war, rulers and heads of state have employed astrologers to advise on matters of government. We’ll look at the key contributions astrologers have made in history as special advisors, kingsmakers and power brokers.

13.30 – 12.30 Choose between:
Victor Olliver
The Quest for Happiness – and How Astrology Empowers Against Passivity: Governments the world over have tried to measure and define happiness – by materialistic, economic and political criteria – but with little success. Astrology takes the uniqueness of the individual as the starting point for empowering self-empowerment and the key to proactive wellbeing – the opposite of dulling passivity.

Laura Andrikipoulos
The Madness of Astrology and the Astrology of Madness: The continual existence of astrology in a post-Enlightenment world may be considered madness by some. As astrology has declined in respectability, so ‘madness’ has increased. We’ll look at their relationship, and how astrology can inform our understanding of those who have apparently gone ‘mad’.

Glenda Cole
Missing: Glenda will demonstrate her method of looking at last-seen and missing people, and will show how astrology can be used to describe their condition and location. With a number of chart examples, we will discuss this method to see how and if it works.

Sue Tompkins
Exploring Pluto: ‘Power’ is a keyword often attributed to Pluto, and the body certainly operates along the power-impotence continuum. Pluto is powerful on the collective level. Yet in personal terms, it often describes feelings of invisibility, incapacity and powerlessness, as Sue will explain while exploring its natal meaning and influence.

Demian Allen – speaking for The British Astrallogical and Psychical Society (BAPS)
Uranus, Aries and the Polarity of Uranus in Libra: The transit of Uranus in Aries has connections to when Uranus travelled through Aries’s opposite sign of Libra. We’ll look some of the gender roles that have changed during these periods, and how Uranus could have an impact on the masculine role in society in the coming years.

13.30 – 14.30 Choose between:
Melanie Reinhart
Chiron, Neptune and Nessus in Pisces: From 2014 to 2022, the Minor Planet Nessus (The Buck Stops Here?) will be in Pisces, accompanied by Neptunus and an undated Chiron from 2011–2018. This Piscean undercurrent was also present during the Uranus–Pluto conjunctions in the mid-1960s, when Chiron was last in Pisces, then followed by Phaethon. Melanie explores these themes.

Rick Levine
The Beauty of Illusion – Venus and Neptune: Venus symbolizes personal love; her higher octave planet, Neptune, represents spiritual love. What is the inextricable relationship between them and the magic of the Golden Mean (Divine Proportion)? Travel into the worlds of art, beauty and fantasy as we delve into the myths and practical applications of this duo.

Chris O’Givie
Pluto in Capricorn’s Spotlight on Professional Ethics: Pluto in Capricorn challenges professions (e.g. bankers, journalists, police, nurses) for its standards, ethics and right use of power. Astrologers hold huge knowledge and power when working with clients which can be consciously and unconsciously abused. What principles do we hold to deal with the unique ethical issues that astrology encounters?

16.00 – 16.45
PLENARY Lynn Bell
Master, Slave, Servant: Slavery is back in our consciousness, thanks to Pluto in Capricorn. While all of us serve, some of us give our power away to money, to sex, or to the emotional needs of others. The 6th, 12th and 8th houses in our chart and the signs on their cusps have much to say about where we lose or take control.
in Horary in 2009. She has a BSc in Mathematics, BA in Theology, and MA from astrology she is a team editor on the ‘Kids’ Night In’ series in aid of Childcharit featuring J.K. Rowling.

Israel Ajoje D.Psych–Astro – speaking for The Astrological Lodge of London (ALL) – is a dedicated student and teacher of astrology, a transpersonal therapist and consultant, and the director of Astro-Mental, a school of thought that incorporates astrological elements of Jungian psychology and various philosophies. After completing his diploma with the CPA, he became a full-time practitioner of astrology and tarot. Other practices include cosmology, mythology, occult sciences, Kabbalah, shamanism and divination.

Gary P. Caton is an eclectic astrologer who embraces an organic process-oriented approach of spiritual exploration via the living sky. Gary has studied spirituality for over 24 years. In 1993, after exploring Shamanism and the Tarot, he became an astrologer with a particular interest in astronomy and astrology. He has created a detailed plan for his eventual retirement as an astrologer, and is the author of several books and articles on the subject. He is currently working on a new book about the relationship between astrology and spirituality.

Gary Caton The Central Place of Mercury in the Hermetic World-view: The Renaissance era alchemical literature is littered with arcane figures with Mercury in a central place. Close examination of these figures reveals both classical astrological and literal astronomical correlations, including the six-pointed Star of David which Mercury traces in the sky.

Laura Andrikopoulos The Uses and Abuses of Astrology: Astrology remains a powerful means of enquiry in contemporary life, yet it also has the potential to do harm to both clients and astrologers themselves. We’ll explore these dangers and consider how astrologers can weave their way through the precarious territory of practising their art in 21st-century life.

Sue Dibnah – speaking for The London School of Astrology (LSA) Taking on the Big Guys: Saturn and Pluto transits can coincide with some of the most testing times of our lives. Forced to face ourselves, we discover what truly lies within us. The results can be both liberating and empowering. In this talk, Sue will offer seven steps to exploring and understanding these processes.

11.30 – 12.15

PLENARY John Green I Want to Live: Power, Corruption and Lies: Psychotherapist Alfred Adler said, ‘The striving for personal power is a disastrous delusion and poisons man’s living together.’ What astrological signifiers show up in those who seek power in the world, and how fine is the line between a psychopath and a power-hungry businessperson?

12.15 – 12.30

The Astrological Association CIO AGM – all members welcome

12.45 – 14.45

15.00 – 16.00 Choose between:

The First Planet and the Natal Chart: Exploring the astrological associations of the first planet in natal charts and by direction and transit. This talk will provide an overview of the First Planet and its influence on a person’s life, taking into account the position of the Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto, and Eris. The presenter will focus on the way the First Planet interacts with the other planets in the chart and how its placement affects a person’s life.

The Astrological Lodge of London (ALL) – all members welcome

16.15 – 17.45 Choose between:

Didier Castille: A Trip Through Astrological Imagery: From his many trips through Europe, Didier Castille has gathered hundreds of pictures of planets, stars and zodiac signs that he has unearthed in churches, parks, museums or buildings. This selection of his most original pictures will take you travelling in the land of astrological and artistic inspiration, from antiquity to modern times.

17.45

Kenneth Bowser, speaker for The Astrological Lodge of London (ALL). Western Sidereal Astrology: This talk will provide an overview of the history and rationale of western sidereal astrology – one that employs the Babylonian zodiac, which reached its final form in the first millennium B.C. It is the original form of the twelve-fold equal division zodiac used today.

Henry Selzter The Astrological Eris: Eris, named a ‘dwarf’ planet in 2006, is the same astronomical category as Pluto. I will present information – dozens of natal and transitting examples – that I have uncovered regarding the Eris archetype in Western astrology from material accumulated for my forthcoming book (to be published by The Wessex Astrologer).

Alexandra Karacostas Illuminating Relationships: Learn how astrology offers insight into compatibility and timing in relationships, helping us to navigate the depths. We will explore how habits, values, attraction, and karmic connections are reflected in the interplay between the Sun, Moon, Venus, Saturn, the angles and Nodes, along with other factors.

Babs Kirby The Stages and Ages of Life: This talk will look at the way our natal charts are expressed over the various stages and ages in life, from youth to old age. We will explore how different factors in the chart change over time and how they affect different areas of our lives, such as relationships, career, health, and spirituality.

Chris Olugbile Astrology’s Healing Power: The horoscope offers a unique insight into the soul of the client, and their current and future needs. Understanding the client’s natal chart and how it affects their life’s journey. In what ways can this information be translated into healing and positive change? This reflection from both draws from professional and personal experience.

18.00

Sue Dibnah – speaking for The Astrological Lodge of London (ALL)

The First Planet and the Natal Chart: We all have what is known