

Conclusion



Esoteric Astrology and the Pairs of Opposites

The Balancing Act



The swing of the pendulum between the pairs of opposites gradually adjusts until the point of equilibrium is reached, and man acts rightly because the law of love or of the soul directs from above, and not because either good or bad desire attract him on either hand.

(LS Page 391).

Three Pairs of Opposites

- We saw that the aspirant has three pairs of opposites to deal with as he progresses towards light and liberation.
 - **On the Physical Plane**
 - The dense and the etheric.
 - Fought out upon the Path of Purification.
 - **On the Astral Plane**
 - The well-known dualities.
 - Fought upon the Path of Discipleship.
 - **On the Mental Plane**
 - Fought upon the Path of Initiation.
 - The two great contrasting forces, the Angel of the Presence and the Dweller on the Threshold, brought together face to face and the final conflict takes place

(GWP Page 91-92).

Inner Orientation – Higher Values

On the Physical Plane

- The etheric force is brought into conflict with the lowest aspect of man, the dense physical body



- And the battle of the lower pair of opposites takes place with an emphasis on physical disciplines
 - Total abstinence, celibacy, vegetarianism, physical hygiene
 - Preparing the man for the true battle of opposites to come

(EP II Page 309).

Astral Plane - Duality



- The astral plane is the primary plane of duality

It is the interplay of these opposites

Plus the energies released by the individual

That has built up the world glamour.

(DINA I Page 403)

Soul vs Personality

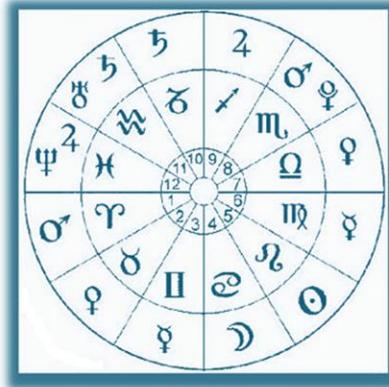
- As the violence of the personality life grows
 - The Soul (increasingly the recipient of the best of the aspiring personality has to offer)
 - And which has been slowly turning its attention towards the mind of the personality
 - Becomes also aware of an opposing factor to true Soul expression upon the outer periphery of life.
- Then the battle of the higher pairs of opposites begins
 - the battle between Soul and personality,
 - *Consciously waged on both sides.*
 - (That is the point to have in mind).

(DINA I Page 762-763)

Sun Sign vs Rising Sign



(EA Page 54-55; 207-208).

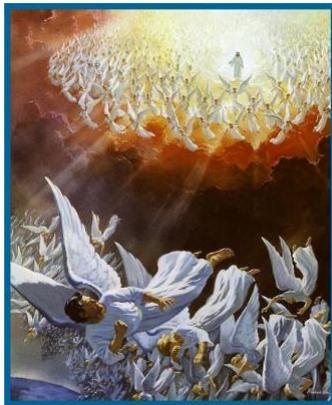


- When the energies of the sun sign and planets are perfectly directed and adjusted
 - The pairs of opposites are astrally regulated.
- When the energies of the sun and rising signs are blended,
 - the opposites are mentally regulated
 - Then another point of crisis emerges

Disciple – Mental Level

- Only the disciple can act upon the mental level of consciousness at this point
- Once he does the die is cast
 - He either moves forward towards the door of light
 - Where the Master takes his hand
- Or he drops back temporarily into the life of the lower man; glamour and maya settle back in
 - The Dweller on the Threshold inserts himself between the disciple and the light from the open door

(DINA I Page 91-93).



A Face Off Occurs
Between the Angel of the
Presence . . . and the
Dweller on the Threshold



Then the door stands open wide at the third initiation and eventually the light of the personal self fades out in the glory of the Angel.



The Dweller on the Threshold

- ◆ Sumtotal of all characters
- ◆ Personality as a whole prior to redemption and union with Soul
- ◆ Sumtotal of negative forces, vices, limitations of personality prior to illumination, inspiration and initiation
- ◆ The great impediment that blocks the door of initiation
- ◆ There are individual, racial, national, planetary dwellers; the confrontation of Angel and Dweller is re-enacted at multiple levels
- ◆ The light, love and will of the soul redeem the Dweller



The Angel of the Presence

- ◆ The Presence is pure spirit, the life essence within the Monad
- ◆ The Angel of the Presence is the Solar Angel, the Soul
- ◆ The Angel causes the Dweller to abdicate
- ◆ At each initiation the Dweller faces the Angel of the Presence
- ◆ The Angel does not “kill” the Dweller – it embraces it as character of the redemption process
- ◆ The Dweller is conquered when Soul’s light consumes and obliterates the light of matter

Opposites leading to Crosses



- Much light has been shone on the polar opposites.
- But they are a dynamic part of a Cross
 - So we want to consider the entire cross
 - How the two axes challenge each other
 - Until the full nature of the cross begins to work

The Cardinal Cross



**Aries Initiates Action – Libra Initiates Relationships
Cancer Initiates Feelings – Capricorn Initiates Accomplishments**

The Fixed Cross



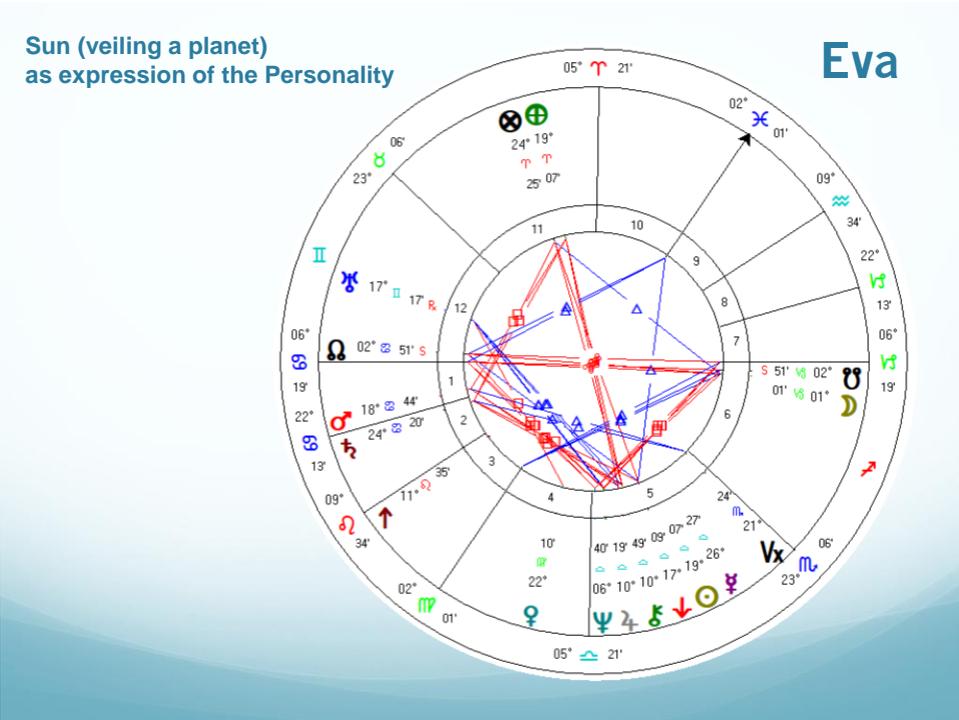
**Taurus Stabilizes Accomplishments - Scorpio Stabilizes Feelings
Leo Stabilizes Action – Aquarius Stabilizes Relationships**

The Mutable Cross



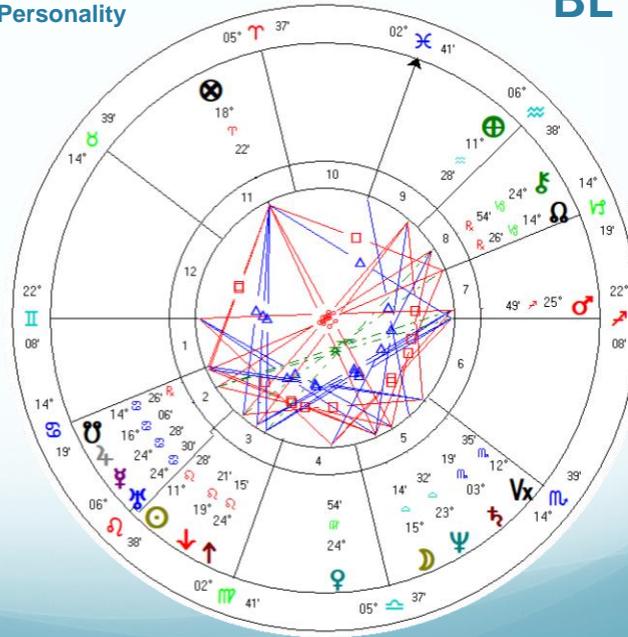
**Gemini Adjusts Relationships – Sagittarius Adjusts Action
Virgo Adjusts Accomplishments – Pisces Adjusts Feelings**

Putting it All Together



Sun (veiling a planet)
as expression of the Personality

BL



Soul Purpose vs. Destiny

“The horoscope built up around the rising sign, with the esoteric planets ruling, will convey the **destiny of the disciple**. As I told you, the disciple will later be responding to the influences of the twelve arms of the three Crosses as they pour their influences through the esoteric planetary rulers via the twelve houses.” EA 514

Purpose – “intended or desired result, something to be accomplished”

Destiny – “pre-determined course of events. The power or agency which determines the course of events.”

Macquarie Dictionary

The distinction between ‘**soul purpose**’ and “**destiny of the disciple**” is that purpose arises from the soul, and destiny is worked out upon the physical plane according to purpose.

Destiny is the creative freedom that the soul has to work out its purpose – it may only be an approximation thereof.

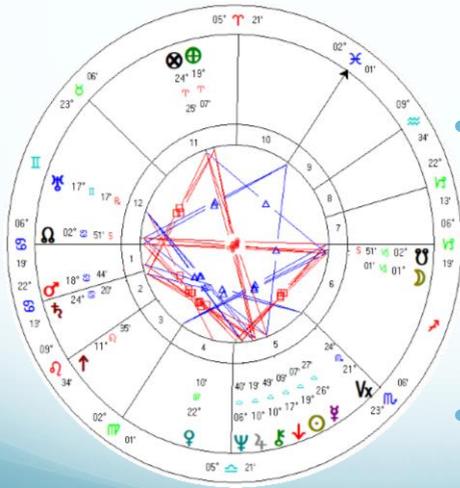
Destiny is therefore worked out in the areas of life experiences, i.e. the houses: The disciple responding to “the esoteric planetary rulers via the twelve houses.”

Therefore esoteric rulers of the **Cross of the Rising sign**, their aspects to each other and possibly more so their house placement, will indicate the **destiny**.

Steps to Determine Soul Purpose

- Sign of **Ascendant**, plus any prominent planet conjunct or within first house
- **Esoteric ruler of Ascendant**, by sign, house and conjunction if any, to other planets
- **Esoteric ruler of sign on the cusp** of the house containing the Ascendant esoteric ruler

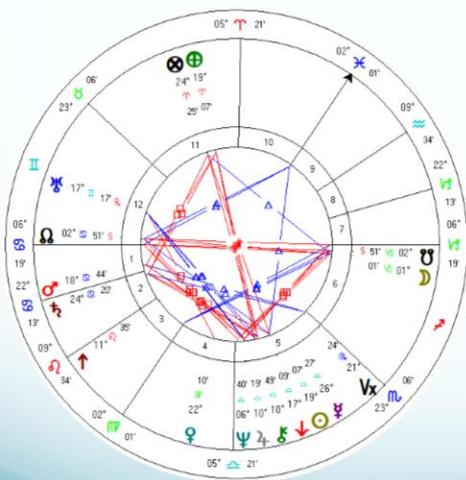
Steps to Determine Eva's Soul Purpose



- Sign of Ascendant, plus any prominent planet conjunct or within first house:
 - *Cancer Asc, Mars in 1st house*
- Esoteric ruler of Ascendant, by sign, house and conjunction if any, to other planets:
 - *Neptune in Libra in 5th house, conjunct Jupiter*
- Esoteric ruler of sign on the cusp of the house containing the Ascendant esoteric ruler: *Uranus*
- *Offering the Ageless Wisdom to the family of man (Cancer) with determination and mind.*

Possible Destiny for Eva

Esoteric Rulers of the Rising Sign Cross



- Neptune, Uranus, Saturn, Mercury (Cardinal Cross)
- Neptune square Moon:
 - emotional nature becoming refined, sensitivity to Buddhi, deeply empathetic.
- Neptune quintile Saturn:
 - realism and boundaries over illusions, sensitivities and dreaminess.
- Neptune square Ascendant:
 - opportunity for Buddhic refinement.
- Mercury square Saturn:
 - structure in mind, lack of flow in word expression.

Problem of Disciple: **Eva**



When the Sun sign (with exoteric rulers) is worked out in a chart, the rising sign (with esoteric rulers) is also worked out

When the two are superimposed upon each other,

The problem of the disciple in any one incarnation will appear. EA 514

Note 'rulers' (plural), i.e., rulers of the Cross Sun / Asc are on.

Exoteric rulers of Cardinal Cross of Libra Sun:

Venus, Saturn, Mars, Moon

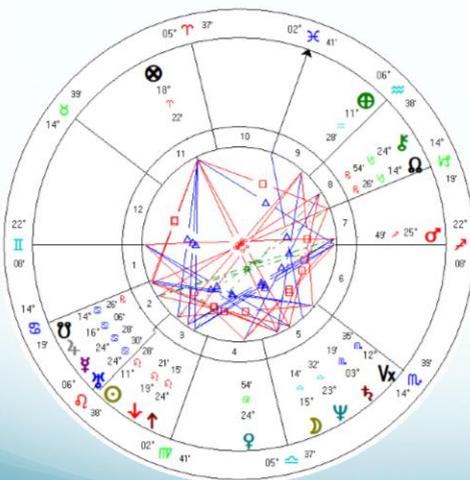
Esoteric rulers of Cardinal Cross of Cancer Rising:

Neptune, Uranus, Saturn, Mercury

Saturn is the planet with the most relationships to the exo and eso rulers of the Sun and Rising Signs respectively.

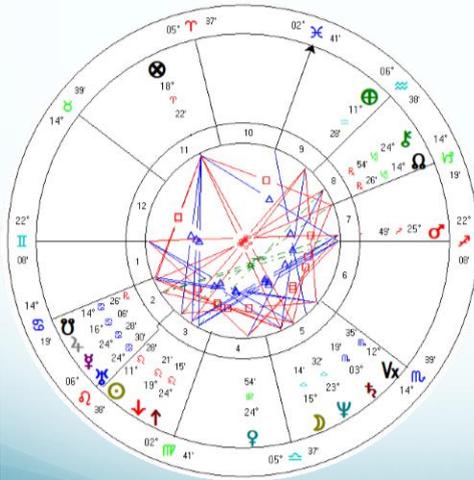
Saturn conj Mars, squares Sun, squares Mercury, sextiles Venus

Steps to Determine BL's Soul Purpose



- Sign of Ascendant, plus any prominent planet conjunct or within first house:
 - *Gemini Asc*
- Esoteric ruler of Ascendant, by sign, house and conjunction if any, to other planets:
 - *Venus in Virgo in 4th house*
- Esoteric ruler of sign on the cusp of the house containing the Ascendant esoteric ruler:
 - *Moon veiling Vulcan or Neptune*
- *Acting as the go-between the higher and the lower with precision and harmony.*

Possible Destiny for BL Esoteric Rulers of the Rising Sign Cross



- Venus, Vulcan/Neptune, Earth, Pluto (Mutable Cross)
- Venus square Ascendant:
 - refining soul approach to right human relations
- Venus square Mars:
 - refining emotions, finding balance between forcefulness and softness
- Earth trine Moon:
 - ability to stabilize past patterns
- Neptune quintile Sun:
 - dissolving and refocusing personality at a higher spiral
- Neptune square Uranus:
 - learning to awaken spiritual intuition
- Sun, Vulcan, Pluto in Leo:
 - Developing personal will to transform the inner self
- Pluto trine Mars:
 - energetically helping others to dig deep through Astrology

Problem of Disciple: BL

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Exoteric rulers of Fixed Cross of Leo Sun:

Sun, Mars/Pluto, Uranus, Venus

Esoteric rulers of Mutable Cross of Gemini Rising:

Venus, Moon veiling Vulcan/Neptune, Earth, Pluto

Venus, Mars, Pluto, Uranus, Neptune are all at 23-25 degrees, so all form relationships to each other and the rulers of the Sun / Asc.

Venus squares Mars – Ascendant axis, forming a Mutable T-square:

Understanding the importance of right human relations

Neptune squares Uranus – Chiron axis, forming a Cardinal T-square:

Adjustments being made as the mystic learns to become the occultist

Conclusion

Path of Light or Dark

- The Disciple must face one of 3 decisions
 - He can no longer vacillate between higher/lower decisions.
 - The personality can do nothing, for at this point both the physical and astral vehicles are simply automatons
 - Waiting for the disciple's decision, functioning in his mental body.

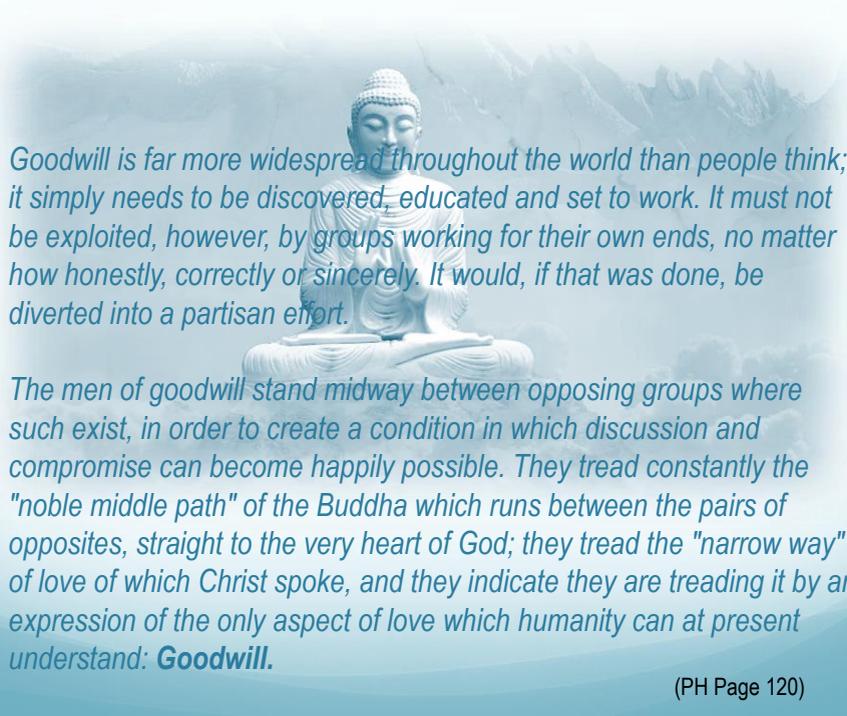


(DINA I Page 91-93).

Conflict for All Humanity

- In the last analysis, and from the standpoint of the Hierarchy, the present conflict between
 - the personality of humanity (expressing the material values as the dominating factor in life experience)
 - and the soul of humanity (expressing the spiritual values as the dominating factor in human affairs)
 - is identical with the conflict which takes place within a human being's consciousness when he has reached the stage of discipleship
 - Humanity is facing the problem of the pairs of opposites.

(ExH Page 136-137).



Goodwill is far more widespread throughout the world than people think; it simply needs to be discovered, educated and set to work. It must not be exploited, however, by groups working for their own ends, no matter how honestly, correctly or sincerely. It would, if that was done, be diverted into a partisan effort.

*The men of goodwill stand midway between opposing groups where such exist, in order to create a condition in which discussion and compromise can become happily possible. They tread constantly the "noble middle path" of the Buddha which runs between the pairs of opposites, straight to the very heart of God; they tread the "narrow way" of love of which Christ spoke, and they indicate they are treading it by an expression of the only aspect of love which humanity can at present understand: **Goodwill**.*

(PH Page 120)

D.K. Meditation on the Pairs of Opposites

- Consider the pairs of opposites that the personality faces
 - Picture them as high mountains separated by a narrow pass
 - One mountain is in the shade, the other in the light
 - The narrow pass between is a golden pathway
 - As the Soul, observe the personality along the middle way
 - Reflect on the following seed thoughts
 - I stand in light, the One Who can observe
 - The distant, wandering one, who is my little self, I call to me
 - Between the Pillars of the Way, I pass. I leave these twain on either hand
 - The Middle Way leads to a bridge and on that bridge I stand
 - And on that bridge I meet my Self
 - And thus the two are one and harmony is now established

(DINA I Page 258-259)