

## Chapter 1 : In Defense of Astrology by Rowan Morris on Prezi

*Defence of Astrology. January saw astrology being brought into focus as a pseudo science once more, but what about factual evidence? We know astrology has a bad name with many scientists but this is partly due to Sun sign astrology or zodiac signs, but this is a very basic guide and a proper natal interpretation of a horoscope, provides an absolute wealth of information.*

Discussions on astrology, homeopathy and superstition etc. Have I finally lost the plot? I like to doubt my own doubts from time to time, and critique my own sceptical beliefs. The whole calendar, and our sense of linear time, but above all the development of agriculture which enabled urbanization and eventually through surplus, the rise of technology and learning, is based on predictive study of the heavens. Astrology was a science back then, a science which enabled the Egyptians to predict the flooding of the Nile for example. In China, the Middle East, and probably India a great body of astronomical lore and observations were amassed, for entirely pragmatic reasons. From the earliest times, I guess people also marked important anniversaries – birthdays perhaps, or the solstices. They saw themselves age, and life events pass, and measured themselves against the passage of time, the seasons, and the stars. From these observations the astrologers with their maths developed a body of knowledge which they saw as predictive, which explained the fates of people, and came to believe in it. Of course there were a great many sceptics in the Ancient World – Rome was full of astrological sceptics, and today we would separate the Astrological nonsense from the Astronomical truth – but in the early days of Science there was no such luxury. By the first century BCE astrologers were pointing out, does the moon not influence the tides? How much more likely the subtleties of the human blood and spirit were bound by these same natural forces! In fact they were almost right. We know now that cosmic rays appear to seed clouds, or so I am told, and we understand that the same rays can cause mutations in our very DNA, or again so I believe is the case? The sun clearly is vital to sustaining our little system, and the moon really does cause the tides. Indeed they were completely right to see a causal relationship between the sun and moon and the seasons, which our science has long since explained. The planets really do effect life on earth, and maybe the remains of dead stars actually brought us some of the ingredients for this life? So maybe old Aunty Astrology, long since discredited by the Christian Church Fathers, vilified by sceptics, and abandoned by her wayward son Astronomy in her dotage, was not all bad. Without her we would probably still be hunter gatherers, and how much of our science in a millenia will look equally as dumb to an observer then looking back? I started working on this theory years ago, after I noticed that Freudian ideas, which I considered superstitious tosh, actually were far more effective in a clinical environment than they had any right to be, and there were some brilliant Freudian practitioners. I thought through all the possibilities – was Freud right after all? Was it all just chance and misperception on my part? I could be wrong – but I think it might work. Of course this will depend where you are on the planet, as the seasons of say Northern Finland are very different to those of Italy or Brazil, but it will be significant. The place and date of your birth may well in pre-industrial societies actually have a marked effect on your development? The ancients were maybe not so daft after all! So Aunty Astrology has been shown to be a gossipy old hag, but she was not without her uses. And then of course, we have the final and funniest thing of all. A few decades ago, a French husband and wife pair discovered what they called the Mars Effect – that is that Mars was ascendant at the time that sports champions as I recall, this is off the top of my head was ascendant, rising over the horizon at the moment of birth. Now a moments thought will show this is nonsense – why birth – why not conception? It was a scandal which actually besmirched the cause of Scepticism for years, an irrational refusal many felt to follow the facts when the conclusions were uncomfortable. In fact in the decades since there have been many positive replications, and a good number of papers which show why the original claims may well have been as flawed as was purported – but the matter is still not really in conclusively dealt with as far as I know. You can read up on this here – [http:](http://) However before one can dismiss it finally as pseudoscience, there is still a little work to be done – and if it was not for our dear mad aunty, we might still be out hunting now, and grubbing for roots, not playing on the net. That was the end of my original piece, written to tease RD on his forum after his

vilification of astrology on one of his shows. I decided I would make a case for it, and it was very easy. My friend Mo then said, you said "The place and date of your birth may well in pre-industrial societies actually have a marked effect on your development? And in post-industrial ones too, plausibly. Mental and emotional development in infancy is pretty tightly scheduled: Not through any mystical influence, but because they were likely to be the biggest and strongest in their school year and so channelled towards sporting success. Well, given that the birthdates of the Six Nations teams should be easily located, I think we can test this for statistical significance? This is exactly the kind of thing that I mean " perfectly ordinary seasonal variation, nowt to do with chakras and your neptune in trine, which just sounds painful"! OK I know nothing worthwhile about rugby, or who was educated in UK, but I find the following the cut off for a School year in most LEA is around September 1st Luke Narraway 7th Sep.

**Chapter 2 : In defense of Astrology? Have I finally lost the plot? : Pseudoscience & Rational Skepticism**

*Astrology is sexy. During the Summer of Love, I was wandering around Golden Gate Park, having hitched into San Francisco earlier that day. A tall, thin, long-haired fellow in bright yellow pants and a rainbow tie-dyed shirt approached me.*

One of the places people may choose to look for grand explanations of their personal experiences is by turning to astrology. Astrological horoscopes can easily be found in newspapers and magazines and consist of a list of brief words of advice categorized by titles denoting specific ranges of dates of birth. So if you were born between October 24th and November 21st, you would be known as a Scorpio, symbolized by a scorpion. However, if you were born between November 22nd and December 21st, you would be considered a Sagittarius, represented by a centaur archer. According to astrology, the date, time and location of your birth are all extremely relevant to how your personality develops and what kind of strengths and weaknesses you elicit in your lifetime. This is due to the fact that at the moment of your birth, the stars were in a specific configuration, affecting the energy of the atmosphere and thus the formation of your true inner self. Unfortunately, astrology has been given a bad rap in the modern world: But these are merely fluff, and tend to read like fortune cookie slips, sounding unspecific and universally applicable. In my experience, if you do your own research and experimentation within the realm of astrology, you may find that it actually deserves more credence than it receives. In fact, we all have many signs, including a moon sign as well as a rising sign. While your sun sign describes your core nature, your moon sign ascribes a personality to your emotional self and your rising sign, or ascendant, defines your outer shell, or how you immediately meet and are met by the world. This all may sound unnecessarily complicated to someone who has little to no interest in this field, but in fact the knowledge that is embedded in this means of understanding phenomena is actually a wonderful window into the self. On the surface, astrology can at the very least be used to describe the aptitudes and imperfections that a person has naturally been given at birth. While that may seem a rather deterministic way of living, astrology is merely information; it is up to the person what he or she does with the information after being given it. If a doctor tells you have an illness, you do not blame yourself for acquiring it, but it is your choice now whether you let the illness kill you or choose to work towards healing. The same logic can be applied to astrology. For example, a Libra may be told she is lazy by nature. It can describe your place in your family, your tendencies in romantic relationships, your role in friendships, your career interests and talents, and your thoughts about yourself, among other things. It can also tell you how different years of your life may have been experienced by you based on the movement of the cosmos in relation to your settings. While some people may hate to have a person tell them what to expect from life or what they cannot expect, it can actually be a very validating experience to have an astrologer or a book that helps you read your own chart tell you that all of these things that you have over-thought or tried to ignore about yourself are just there and were always meant to be, freeing you to move on from thinking you must be like someone else. What I find beautiful about astrology is that it is a remarkable way of showing us that each and every person, no matter what category they may fall into, or what sign they may be associated with, naturally comes with a balance of areas of talent and shortcomings. To me, the study of astrology provides a very real way of acknowledging the fact that we are all just pieces of a greater image. We each have different gifts to offer to the world and yet there is always room for growth, and space to learn from others. In other words, astrology teaches us that as a collective, we form one sustainable whole.

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This article has been peer reviewed by subject matter experts refereed by the publisher. The abstract has been revised for this posting. Students who write about astrology need to understand common problems that confuse the relationship between science and astrology today. Often, criticism of astrology is flawed by rational fallacies under the guise of "critical thinking. The statistical evidence of astrology to date has not been as widely recognized as it deserves, and discourse on astrological ranking and eminence effects has been conspicuously lacking on the part of skeptics. The limitations of both the astrological premise and astrological practice are not well understood by some researchers and this has led to unrecognized errors in the more widely publicized chart matching tests, which assume no limitations. This article attempts to delineate some critical hypotheses and guidelines for the proper evaluation of astrology within its limitations. Student essays on astrology at most universities are usually expected to demonstrate the weaknesses of astrology and this article has been named so students can easily find it when they write their papers. It offers criticism but is intended to transform what students should write about. Students should not rely upon rhetorical arguments against astrology, which are often expounded under the guise of "rationality" or "critical thinking. The new requirement, as advocated by this article, is that students should learn how to empirically evaluate astrology and to engage in discourse rather than rhetoric. Before one asks for evidence, one has to be able to evaluate that evidence. Science demands that knowledge of a subject must come before evaluation. At first, these lessons might seem unfamiliar, dubious, or even pointless to some students, but persistence and patience will be rewarded. As a key to these lessons, students should pay attention to the following tips. The first tip is that popular Sun sign books and columns misrepresent astrology by overgeneralization. The second tip is an ancient maxim that states, "The stars incline; they do not compel. Rational fallacies and astrology There are ongoing arguments between the astrological community and critics within the scientific community who call themselves "skeptics. Fallacies are rhetorical patterns that contain flaws in the logic of their assertions that can render arguments invalid. If these fallacies can be recognized and removed from the discourse, then there is an improved chance of resolving the disagreements. Some of the most common fallacies that students might see or hear concerning astrology are: These fallacies can be recognized as follows. Argument from ignorance - Just because Sun signs are popular, or used by the majority population, this does not mean that they are complete astrology or entirely true. Astrology is a richly detailed study, yet Sun sign books and columns divide all humanity into just twelve categories, based solely on the zodiacal sign that the Sun was in at birth. They attribute far too much to this single factor while all the other factors in a complete astrological chart such as the planets, houses, aspects, etc. Arguments and research that are based on the over-generalizations of popular Sun sign astrology, or that equate the zodiacal signs with the starry constellations that have the same names, are misrepresentations of astrology. These misrepresentations are fallacies that violate the rational criterion of sufficiency. Appeal to authority - A number of scientists have tried to condemn astrology based on their own authority. There was even an influential manifesto to this effect, "Objections to Astrology: A statement by leading scientists," which was published in *The Humanist* in This statement begins with the words, "Scientists in a variety of fields have become concerned about the increased acceptance of astrology in many parts of the world. Other leading scientists, such as astronomer Carl Sagan and philosopher Paul Feyerabend , although skeptics themselves, publicly repudiated this manifesto because of its authoritarian tone and sentiment. Appeals to authority are often cited as evidence against astrology. Yet an assertion is not true because of the position or authority of the person who makes the assertion. Appeal to authority is a fallacy that violates the rational criterion or relevance. Poisoning the well - Attacks on astrology addressed to an audience are often framed in derisive language and disparaging remarks. For example, astrology has been characterized by Richard Dawkins , author of *The Selfish Gene*, as an "enemy of truth," an "indulgence" in "pre-Copernican dabblings," and a "wicked fraud. A personal attack argumentum ad hominem against an astrologer or

researcher has a similar intent but typically has a more subtle delivery. Argumentative devices such as these, or red herrings and straw man arguments, are fallacies that divert attention away from the issues at stake, and this violates the rational criterion of rebuttal. Fallacy of many questions - Probably the most scientific-seeming of the skeptical arguments is the one that asks astrologers to explain how astrology can work when the gravitational and tidal influence of the planets exerts a much weaker force on the new baby at birth than the gravitational influence of the obstetrician who delivers the baby. The fallacy of this argument is that it is based on a loaded question, which already presumes that gravity causes astrology. This presupposition is like putting words into the mouths of astrologers that astrologers do not agree with. Despite what individual astrologers may claim here or there, astrologers in general do not claim any relationship, either positive or negative, between astrology and the established theories of physics. Arguments such as this one, which pose an improper question, also violate the criterion of rebuttal. Fallacy of denying the correlative - Another well-known argument is that natal astrology incorrectly denies using of the time of conception instead of time of birth. For example astronomer Andrew Fraknoi, in his article, "Ten Embarrassing Questions to Ask Supporters of Astrology" asks, "Why is the moment of birth, rather than conception, crucial for astrology? What natal astrology claims to have found, and has documented in its literature, concerns the personalities, interactions, and adaptations that are experienced in this world that we all know and share together as individuals. This world begins at birth. Few astrologers would argue against using precisely timed conception charts, if they were available, but that would be a different world than natal astrology. Astrology uses many different charts and techniques for special purposes, and charts of conception could hypothetically be used for some special purpose, such as for the world of genetic issues focused on life at the cellular level. Lack of an astrology based on charts of conception does not invalidate the literature or empirical methods of natal astrology. Arguments that contain a faulty inference of denying an alternative are errors of logical structure. Burden of proof fallacy - The assertions that astrology should be explained by a conventional causal mechanism such as gravity or magnetic forces, or that astrology should use the time of conception instead of the time of birth, are attempts to argue that view A conventional mechanism and time of conception is to be preferred to view B testable, falsifiable operations drawn from astrology texts. The logical fallacy in this case is that the burden of proof laid on view A is raised to an impossibly heavy level, and furthermore would not prove view B either. Preference for view A further leads to the false attribution that astrology makes extraordinary claims, and that no evidence of view B is sufficient because extraordinary evidence is required to prove view A. This argument makes a faulty inference of proof and is another error of logical structure. Why are these rational errors made? No doubt the theories and applications that scientists are familiar with do not explain how astrology works. Yet no theory can be used to either support or deny what astrology actually claims in its texts. To rely upon theory before evidence is, epistemologically speaking, to put the cart before the horse. Before astrology can be explained, or explained away, it is necessary to understand and evaluate its claims. All researchers, whether they agree or disagree with the claims of astrology, need to immerse themselves deeply into the empirical observations made by astrology. Without evidence, all arguments go down a slippery slope of rational errors. Astrologer Rob Hand asserts, "We should not be trying to explain astrology by means of science as it is, but there is no problem with trying to explain astrology by a science that has not yet come to be. If students do not completely understand these fallacies, and end up matching wits with their professors in arguments over astrology, then their courses might be in jeopardy. Yet students who successfully pass through the gauntlet of these fallacies will have integrity. On this point, a special notification is in order. Students who have read this article this far have already taken the first step of this challenge. So which will it be, integrity or not? Statistical evidence of astrology Some researchers have successfully passed through the gauntlet of rational fallacies and have explored astrology like a lost city. They have taken with them modern tools that enable them to evaluate astrological claims, and they have found both interesting and puzzling things. To understand how these researchers have been able to evaluate astrology, we must examine one of our tips, which was handed down to us by the 17th century leader of the scientific revolution, Francis Bacon, who in wrote: Yet it tells us more. We can further deduce that the inclinations of the stars all celestial objects are quantifiable, for example by using modern statistical methods, even though no outcome will

happen by necessity. This logic serves as a guidepost, along with the fallacies of popular Sun sign astrology and so on, to understand how astrology can be evaluated. To properly evaluate "inclinations," it is necessary to compare astrological charts. Not just one or two charts, but numerous charts. Leading researchers in astrology have understood the statistical potential of astrology and have published evidence of correlations between astrological patterns and features of behavior and character. This research has followed normal scientific methods and the findings to date tend to support some of the traditional understandings of astrology, while raising questions about others. The following summaries give examples of some of these findings.

**Birth planets linked to eminence in professions** - The most rigorous hypothesis relating the planets to professions was postulated by Michel Gauquelin, who himself was a strongly empirical skeptic of astrology. This hypothesis states that the higher the rank of professional eminence, the more pronounced the correlated planetary effect would be Gauquelin, . This postulation of eminence was objectified by Suitbert Ertel with the help of citation frequencies, a sensitive procedure that Gauquelin had not used himself. The application of citation frequencies is an objective procedure in principle. It minimizes sampling bias the unintentional screening of a sample for a favorable outcome , which had been a major skeptic concern. Besides the eminence evidence, Ertel and Irving have replicated the presence of an eminence effect by re-analyzing data collected independently by the US and French skeptics. For over 20 years, it has remained the task of the skeptics to refute the presence of the detected astrological eminence effect in all of the samples of data, including all of their own samples, which they have conspicuously failed to do. Within the body of his work, Gauquelin has statistically linked Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, and the Moon to achievement in various professions as both indicators and counter-indicators. The importance of the astrological eminence studies is that they are objective, unrefuted, and support the traditional astrological properties of the planets involved.

**Seismic activity linked to aspects between planets** - Earthquakes appear to be more likely to occur as planets approach major aspects to each other. Preliminary evidence of this was statistically reported in a study by Brian T. Johnston of hundreds of earthquakes using precise data from the U. Geological Survey, mainly between the years and Johnston found that seismic activity is significantly associated with all major aspects, whether "hard" or "soft," when they are applying. This research needs further replication, and it would be useful to provide correlation with seismic magnitudes, but appears to support the traditional astrological association between applying aspects and the timing of critical events.

**Naturally red hair linked to Mars rising at birth** - Subjects with naturally red hair were found more likely to be born with Mars within 30 degrees of the ascendant and not within 30 degrees of the descendant. With the exception of a sample of British test subjects, who produced results "in the correct direction of the hypothesis," all large combined groups of red-haired test subjects achieved levels of significance. This evidence supports the traditional associations of Mars with red hair and the ascendant with physical appearance. This evidence supports the traditional association of fourth harmonic planetary aspects with difficulties and challenges.

**Chapter 4 : In defense of Mercury Retrograde : astrology**

*Astrology was born in India, discovered by the Vedic rishis. It is based on an intimate understanding of the correlation between planetary movements and terrestrial happenings. The Facts of Science and Astrology.*

He who fights with monsters might take care lest he thereby become a monster. And if you gaze for long into an abyss, the abyss gazes also into you. Beyond Good and Evil The dark side. The lurid pit of human depravity. Torture, violence, and murder. Regions beyond the safe boundaries of the civilized. The territory of the forbidden and taboo. These are some of the realms of the zodiacal sign of Scorpio and its planetary ruler, Pluto. Scorpionic passions " which bubble away like hot, flowing magma underground but are often expressed as intense, icy detachment " reflect an almost morbid fascination with power and its Plutonian uses. Magnetically drawn into arenas where angels fear to tread, the Scorpionic archetype does not merely observe this feral underbelly nor simply acknowledge that human beings are capable of nightmarish brutality and mayhem. No, Scorpio does more than that. It immerses itself in the horrors and then, paradoxically, reveals sacred truths that have been corrupted, lost, and buried within the profane. Nature has her own dark side. Everything eats everything else. Watch children playing near a tide pool. They are fascinated with dead and dying things. Children can also be cruel, which is equally Scorpionic. Some transcend that cruelty as they grow up. Scorpio trains its x-ray vision on those masks to reveal whatever lurks within. Men shed blood in war. Women shed blood in menstruation. Blood is Life and Death in the great cosmic transfusion. Blood is passion, as in the phrase, "his blood was up. Scorpio swims in that crimson river. Good versus Evil In this first decade of the 21st century, good and evil have been resurrected into the popular lexicon of public discourse concerning morality and immorality. We are polarized, divided amongst ourselves. In part, this is due to the rise of religious extremism, also indicated by Pluto in Sagittarius, so that the sacred and the secular are now profoundly disturbed and in conflict. In keeping with this theme, U. He then further polarized the event by stating that other nations must be either with us or against us in regard to terrorism. This way of seeing the world " as a clear division into absolute and simplistic black-and-white versions of good versus evil " is often prevalent during periods when Saturn aligns with Pluto, especially in opposition, as occurred from to Scorpio embraces the extremes but not their separation. In the modern epoch, nations that would make war have always used propaganda to stir up hatred of the enemy and desire for vengeance among the populace. Wars cannot be started or sustained without this invocation. Whether real or imagined, evil must have a spotlight cast on it for the champions of goodness to become aggressively self-righteous. To make soldiers fight, kill, and die and to keep their families and the rest of the public in support, the cause had better be a crusade. The problem, of course, is that, once defined and polarized, good and evil inevitably morph back into each other. The United States invaded Afghanistan in search of al Qaeda and deposed the Taliban; almost immediately, that country descended into chaos, and the world opium trade limited under Taliban rule ratcheted back up dramatically. The mythology of war is Arian. Mars exults in glory, courage, and the nobility of the warrior code. The reality of war is Scorpionic. Pluto goes down and dirty into the barbarity of death and destruction on a mass scale. Consider the troubles that beset us in Iraq. In a postmodern techno-war against guerilla insurgencies, innocents will be killed " not just rarely or as an aberration, but often and in large numbers. Scorpio knows what happens when we put soldiers into dangerous and stressful situations where comrades are killed by an invisible enemy who blends into the landscape, indistinguishable from ordinary civilians. Rage overcomes discipline right up the ranks. Shoot first and ask questions later. Atrocities involving the murder of innocents are not merely the result of "a few bad apples," whatever the Pentagon asserts. We may cover up, whitewash, or even justify these crimes as unavoidable, but the dark-side reality remains. Scorpio has no illusions about it. Distinctions between "good" and "evil" are certainly not erased and may occasionally be highlighted in Scorpionic consciousness, but here the gates between those contrasting fields of moral judgment are flung wide open. The levees that normally separate good from evil are breached. Like the symbol for the Tao, where small yin is contained within large yang, and vice versa, Scorpio ferrets out the hidden truth that apparent good often contains seeds of evil, and gross evil may at times spark

profound goodness. As a code of conduct, any moral or ethical framework is an ideal. Scorpio, however, is not idealistic, but pragmatic. Morality is also vulnerable to hypocrisy, and Scorpio hates hypocrisy. Knowing that good and evil too often morph into each other, Scorpio is more comfortable as an amoral archetype. Rather than basing action on concepts of right or wrong, effectiveness is the Scorpionic ethic. Scorpio wants to gather power, conserve and concentrate it, then use that intensified power to maximum effect. Morality has nothing to do with it. Rather than making war openly, Scorpio would have made secret war. Not through invasion, but through infiltration. Not with soldiers and tanks, but with spies and assassins. Covert, quiet, and stealthy. Such a strategy would have pleased neither hawks nor doves, of course, and did not suit the geopolitics of the neoconservatives who are, after all, idealists in the extreme. Corruption A subtler expression of the dark side occurs through corruption, usually through venality — theft or ill-gotten gains. As such, corruption is a moral issue. People in positions of cultural power or social authority are particularly vulnerable. Consider some common examples of moral authority betrayed: These and similar examples involve falls from grace. Most people who suffer public disgrace did not start out as cynical or enslaved to the dark side. No, they probably began with aspirations of goodness leavened with ambition. Along the way, they were gradually corrupted, eventually collapsing into major moral breakdowns. Scorpio has no morality to break down. Its amorality is a strength rather than a weakness. Despite headline-grabbing scandals, the dark side of human nature is mostly neither crude nor spectacular and remains private rather than public. Much corruption involves a subtle, passive, or even invisible loss of integrity. Consider the corporate middle manager who oversees a project he knows to be flawed but remains silent so as not to displease his boss or endanger his place in the pecking order. The need for security and social approval or the wish to curry favor influences millions of lives every single day. Notwithstanding our fascination with ruthless historical figures such as Adolf Hitler, he did not start World War II all by himself. Hitler rode on the shoulders of countless others who contributed, in one way or another, to the onset of that global conflagration. Most often, we do not leap into hell; we go there by inches. Collective responsibility for the dark side is not correctly within the province of Scorpio, however, and though worth mentioning, it is not a proper subject for this essay. Still, whether we discuss an individual psyche or group dynamics, the dark side tends to operate in an insidious fashion, akin to the invisible radioactivity that can slowly poison an animal body. Unseen and unfelt, the full effects of radioactive exposure may take decades to show up as leukemia or other cancers. In the metaphorical force field of our collective Chernobyl, fear and hatred are the emotional equivalents of radioactive toxins. Like a psychic Geiger counter, Scorpio is especially sensitized to these poisons. Denial and Projection Within the language developed by modern psychology to describe certain mental disorders are the terms denial and projection. These terms address in part the paradoxes of I-and-Thou, the Self and the Other: As general concepts, however, their application goes far beyond the strict confines of a clinical diagnosis of mental illness. They spill over into the ordinary realms of day-to-day life: In this, the terms represent new definitions for age-old problems of human existence. Denial is the more obvious of the two processes, defined as the refusal — either conscious or unconscious — to acknowledge some quality of the self that is or may be true. In the step method of recovery, the first step is admission of powerlessness over compulsive behavior, which amounts to stepping out of denial. Unlike most animal species, who accept reality at face value, we humans are capable of denying literally anything — thoughts, feelings, attitudes, beliefs, actions, facts, etc. Examples of denial outside the self might include the claim that human industrial activity does not contribute to global climate change, or that the Holocaust never occurred. What I mean by that will become clear in a moment. Projection is a more complex process, a spin-off defense, where what threatens the self from within is denied, then externalized. Something too painful to recognize in oneself is seen as a threat coming from the outer world. Usually, we project onto other people, either individuals or groups, who are perceived as possessing or manifesting the very quality denied within the self.



### Chapter 5 : In Defense of Astrology | Lesley Public Post

*I remember being slammed against a locker in high school by an annoying dude, and it was one of my few friends (a Scorpio Sun) that helped me pick my self back up.*

Defence of Astrology January saw astrology being brought into focus as a pseudo science once more, but what about factual evidence? We know astrology has a bad name with many scientists but this is partly due to Sun sign astrology or zodiac signs, but this is a very basic guide and a proper natal interpretation of a horoscope, provides an absolute wealth of information. Astrology a belief system Also astrology is viewed as a crank belief by many people who usually have no or little understanding of it at all. We also know astrology can never be a true science, no more than true existence can be truly proved. However, why is it so strange when science has proved that the Moon has an effect on the tides and human behaviour? Hospitals and the police know more violence is committed on a Full Moon, and increase its workforce to accommodate this. So why is it so unreasonable to assume other planets may not have similar effects? Astrology and Astronomy Astrology and Astronomy once went hand in hand until science started to be more factually based, so from that time astrology and pure science went their separate ways. Nowadays quantum physics and science are connecting with astrological thinking and may once again in the future merge once more. As above as below The ancients believed the study of stars is a study of the inner workings of the human mind. In astrological terms a timing of birth gives us a true blue print of some ones nature, which can be accurately used in interpret valuable life skills and talents, and utilised to maximize good times and limit the difficult ones. Nowadays many psychologists use astrologers as a quicker and more accurate way to understand their clients. Astrology and the brains trust Evidence proves that many prominent thinkers, philophophers and scientists such as Golen, Paracelsus, Tycho Braha, Galileo Galilei, Carl Jung, practised or significantly contributed to astrology. Although astrology needs to be based on statistical validation for which there is no or little funding available. Astrology the facts Michael Gaugelin the French psychologist and statistician devoted his life in the attempt to demonstrate the validity of certain fundamentals of astrology. He wrote that he had found certain correlations between some planetary positions and certain traits in their chosen vocations, which was far more than coincidental. As the Full Moon or New Moon approached the murder rate rose sharply, it distinctly declined during the first and last Quarters of the Moon. The report provided evidence that the Full Moon marks a peak in various kinds of psychotically oriented crimes such as murder, arson, dangerous driving, and kleptomania. The study was replicated using murder statistics in Ohio, Cleveland. Once again the statistics revealed that murders do indeed occur at the Full and New Moons. Astrological Analysis A well known astrologer Carolyn Reynolds analyzed charts of twenty people and was asked to identify four serial killers from their natal charts. Not only did she pick the correct people, she supplied additional information of each killer that proved correct. Astrology and mental health Another psychiatrist Dr. Michele E Gibson recently conducted a study of astrological charts and developed new techniques for predicting mental illness. Three marker aspects were prominent in every chart, which could be easily identifiable to anyone without astrological knowledge. The Moon and infant gender The monthly lunar cycle can help in choosing the timing and gender of babies. The Southern California hospital discovered that out of 11, births over a six year period. Buehler analyzed 33, births and discovered there was a significant preponderance of male births during the waxing Moon. It also appears conception is easier at this time. Astrology and Knowledge All scientific theories have been created by man to explain the universe around him, so astrology, astronomy, quantum physics, philosophy, meditation and religion are basically the same thing.

### Chapter 6 : To the Ardent Atheist: In Defense of Astrology & Tarot – THEFIREBRANDWITCH

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### Chapter 7 : In Defense of Prediction, with Adam Elenbaas

*Look, I didn't set out to be a disciple of Saturn. And, let's be honest, as planets go, Saturn has never been astrology's favorite son. He is the planet of old age, maturity, limitations, restriction and other fun things like lead, bones, and dentistry. He's both the archetype of Father.*

### Chapter 8 : Defence of Astrology

*In Defense of Astrology. April 27th, was a uniquely pleasant day in San Francisco. Apart from the typical San Francisco outings of lounging in Dolores park, sailing through bay, and standing.*

### Chapter 9 : In Defense of Saturn – Empowering Astrology

*Astrology remains implausible in the extreme, the functional equivalent of magic. The evidence offered to support astrology is flawed and weak. The excuses offered to explain the flawed and weak evidence are invalid and unconvincing.*