imply being alive during these times is extraordinary! We really are transitioning into a new age, complete with its unique mix of flavors and remedies. The reflecting celestial themes help us to review and remember our collective common ground and goals.

For us as astrologers we see this in the language of Saturn in Scorpio, Uranus in Aries and Pluto in Capricorn and their communal dance, to mention only a few of the key archetypes in action now. At the end of this month OPA will experience its first Jupiter return, while transiting Jupiter trines OPA’s Sun at 12 Libra and the MC and Uranus at 17 Libra and 17 Aquarius respectively. This is mirrored in the manner in which we continue to make meaningful changes and grow so we can meet the needs of our current membership. There are a few other notable contacts happening as well. If you are interested, check out OPA’s chart! (OPA birth information - Oct 4, 2000, 01:45pm, Tallahassee, FL)

Jupiter has indeed influenced OPA. OPA is going international! We presently have three new OPA representatives; Dvora Weil in Israel, Dmitriy Paramonov in Russia and Smaro Soritaki in Greece. Welcome to the OPA family! This is an important direction OPA is taking in order to contribute to professional astrology worldwide. We are proud to be a small, but influential, organization dedicated to the advancement and excellence of astrology!

This year’s retreat is OPA’s 10th and we are happy that it is our largest to date. Our organization is now larger than ever before. We couldn’t be more pleased with these achievements! In 2002 OPA started offering small retreats for seriously minded professional and lay astrologers. Since then we have modified our program to meet the interests and needs of our community. We plan to hold our next retreat toward the end 2014 and hope to see you all back again! In the meantime, we will keep you posted as we begin to organize our next gathering.

In 2011 we launched the OPA Certification Program. [CONTINUED ON PAGE 12]
Jupiter is about higher learning, vision, wherein we take the everyday knowledge and expand it by hypothesis, theory, and, most importantly, our own experience. Jupitarian learning is experiential and broad, pushing the boundaries of what we think we know. Upon the wing of Jupiter’s eagle we take flight into new territories where the everyday Mercurial learning may have been different from own everyday learning. With Jupiter’s bolts of lightning we experience “ahas” of possibility that may split open for investigation what we thought we knew.

I choose to focus on Mercury and Jupiter between 2012 and 2013 because on two occasions these two planets were in mutual reception. Mutual reception means that Mercury and Jupiter were in each other’s signs of rulership. Not only were they in each other’s signs of rulership, but they were also in aspect to each other. This was especially noteworthy as it occurred in an opposition days before the 2012 Winter Solstice. The chart is constructed for December 17, 2012 at 2:15 pm for Washington, D.C. Mercury and Jupiter are 9 degrees, 20 minutes Sagittarius and Pisces respectively. Jupiter is retrograde.

Jupiter is particularly noticeable as the focal point for a Finger of God. Jupiter is also retrograde. When I first pondered this configuration I thought of a phrase that came into being many years ago, “Think globally, Act locally”. Recently I found that phrase was also used by Jessica Murray in her book, “At the Crossroads” as a description of this particular period in time. We are being called upon to stretch our narrow concept of home and community to a broader definition.

One could say that Jupiter in Gemini is asking us to expand our notions of how we define our immediate community. What if we changed our idea of community, given the communication resources we have at our disposal, to include close by countries, not just close by towns and cities?

Such an expansion of awareness does not have to be hard if we realize that Alberta, Canada and Billings, Montana are both on Mountain Standard Time. Thinking outside the box, we could say that our time zones are the community focus. The requirement would be to make our circle of inclusiveness larger.

Mercury in Sagittarius challenges us to think

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broadly, in big pictures, rather than in just everyday facts that we learned in our hometown schools. Often the culture of our communities defines what we learn, but if we broadened the definition of community would we not also broaden what we could learn?

There is a “pause” or an analysis to be considered for this mutual reception. Kevin Burk in his book, *Understanding the Birth Chart* notes that both J. Lee Lehman and Bob Hand say that when the planets in mutual reception are in the signs of their detriment or fall there can be “mutual deception”.

Perhaps just being in closer communication and redefining the geographical meaning of community is not enough. We need to have experiences that will bring us together. In this configuration Jupiter is retrograde, perhaps suggesting we are still pondering what an extended community actually means and beginning the adjustment as indicated by the Finger of God. The mutual reception of Saturn and Pluto in that figure adds possible weight to a structural transformation through Jupiter’s pondering.

On March 9, 2013 Mercury in Pisces squared Jupiter in Gemini at 8 degrees, 43 minutes. This is a waning square, a crisis of consciousness.

This time Mercury is retrograde and Jupiter is moving forward. As defined by Lehman and Hand, Mercury and Jupiter are still in “mutual deception”. But let us try to rent the veil and understand what is being communicated.

During this period the Pope stepped down from his office indeed suggesting his own “crisis of consciousness”. The news, Mercury, was about a spiritual figurehead, Pisces. I would suggest that this is just one more indicator that our thinking about spiritual matters and religious institutions needs to change before the ideal of an Earth Community evolves. We need to evolve on both the head, our thinking, and the heart, our spiritual values.

The following quote by Einstein succinctly speaks of an avenue of heart thinking to follow.

“The religion of the future will be a cosmic religion. It will have to transcend a personal God and avoid dogma and theology. Encompassing both the natural and the spiritual, it will be based on a religious sense arising from the experience of all things, natural and spiritual, considered as meaningful unity.” – ALBERT EINSTEIN

The astrological community is already ahead in the process of thinking in terms of “meaningful unity” and crossing geographical boundaries. It is noteworthy that AFAN, ISAR, and NCGR have worldwide representation on their boards and committees. UAC continues to be an example of astrological organizations working together to broaden the thinking of the international community of astrologers. All of this happened way before the energetic crises and continues to unfold.

I want to think in a positive mode that these two energies, Mercury and Jupiter, acting in mutual reception, have opened up possibilities for humanity to experience “meaningful unity.” However, with first Jupiter and then Mercury retrograde in the configurations, I sense that we are still in a pondering, reflective mode. Whatever needs to happen that will cut through the biases and narrow thinking has not yet happened. My hope is that bringing the possible message of new awareness hinted at by these two planets will open doors and windows of thinking. May it be so.
When I was 14, Jung’s autobiography, *Memories, Dreams, Reflections*, fell/was pushed out of a library shelf onto my foot. I read it and realized that I had found my vocation: I wanted to understand people, their motivations and the meanings of our lives. Following that revelation I focused on getting into medical school with the intention of becoming a psychiatrist but fortunately after two years of studying there ‘life’ [transiting Saturn sq MC ruler, Pluto conj Mercury, Saturn sextile Jupiter, Neptune sq Saturn] intervened and got me out of what would have been for me a blind alley as it didn’t include astrology. I am now doing the essence of what my 14-year old self recognized she wanted.

**How did you first start doing astrology?**

By 1982 I was a pharmacist but felt unsatisfied, so I started to train as a medical herbalist. During the training I met someone who did a short interpretation of my chart. I was hooked and started to read up on astrology voraciously. I was living in Germany at the time in a one-room apartment with a husband and two young children so used to get up in the middle of the night to read in the lavatory. Within six months I was practising all I could and people were even insisting on giving me money for it!

**What got you interested in Medical Astrology?**

With my medical and herbal background and my interest in health it was a natural combination to work with.

**What in your personal history prepared you for life as an astrologer?**

I’m not sure. Scotland is a much smaller country than England.

**Your Book “A Handbook of Medical Astrology” was first published in 1990, and supplied a real update of traditional medical astrology information. What inspired you to write this work?**

I was asked by an agent friend to submit a proposal for a book on health for a series which never got off the ground. My proposal included a curriculum vitae where I mentioned my work in astrology and in medicine and when the same publisher decided to produce a series of astrology books they invited me to write a volume of medical astrology. This later morphed into the Penguin/Arkana series edited by Howard Sasportas and included books by Liz Greene, Melanie Reinhart, Erin Sullivan etc.

**Do you plan on writing more on this subject?**

Yes, indeed! I’ve got several ideas bubbling away. Watch this space … But as a historian I’d also like to do something on the astrological cycles of history.

**How does the astrological community in Scotland differ from the community in England?**

Not so many, but Scotland is a small country - population about 5 million - and I’d say the practitioner numbers reflect that.

**Who was the most important influence on your thinking?**

Astrologically, Liz Greene without a doubt, and Rob Hand. Otherwise, Jung, Assagioli, Joseph Campbell and the transpersonal and process work psychotherapy movements.

**Do you earn your living doing sessions with clients? Is your work primarily medical astrology or do you also do more general type of astrology work?**

I earn my living doing a wide variety of things - mainly involving astrology. Client sessions do provide a substantial part of my income, now that I’ve given up working as a locum pharmacist. I also write a column for a Sunday newspaper. My books bring in a small amount too - but every little helps! About 70% of my client work until recently has been psychological astrology. I was only doing a limited amount of medical astrology while I was working on my History PhD, as there is a lot of extra preparatory work involved in medical charts but, now that the PhD is done, I’m able to take on much more of that kind of work, which is challenging and deeply satisfying, and I’m also starting to teach classes again.

**Are there many practicing astrologers in Scotland?**

Meeting astrologers - mainly at conferences - who use astrology in a wide variety of ways has been exciting, as has reading their books. Seeing basic chart factors from a different angle is often so stimulating - for instance I remember a wonderful lecture by Donna van Toen on the MC-IC axis that just threw a whole
new light on those areas, and I could give you a whole list of aha! moments like that I've had in lectures by great speakers. I'm not sure I've radically altered my basic method of chart reading, but it's certainly gone through a great many fine tunings over the years thanks to the insights I've gained from other astrologers, and also from the feedback of clients.

Could you tell us a little bit about your formal educational experiences as well as your inner process at each step of the way?

The inspiration to do a PhD came from discussions with Nick Campion. I agreed with him about the importance of the astrological community having some members with unassailable scholarly credentials, and therefore making it less easy for mainstream commentators to dismiss them in discussions about astrology. I had long wanted to investigate the history of astrology in Scotland, something that had never been done before, and I wanted too to engage in hard-core research on Latin manuscripts and where better than at Edinburgh University, a world-class university right on my doorstep. Well, be careful of what you wish for! It was a steep learning curve, but a deeply satisfying experience. I researched the period between the Reformation and early Enlightenment, and discovered how and why astrology lost its respectability during the seventeenth century, with repercussions that are still very much with us today.

Do you meet with other professional astrologers on a regular basis?

I used to pre-PhD and I now feel a great need for networking. It’s easy to become isolated and rather dry without contact with other professionals and I think OPA is doing a wonderful job of making connections and stimulating discussion. I’m certainly planning to take part in its activities much more in the years to come.

What role do you see in world culture for astrologers today?

I think the best role is in individual contributions. There are so many different fields and levels that astrologers work in and I think we each have a niche area of influence. By using astrology to become better people ourselves and to help our clients understand themselves and their connection with the cosmos, we are deepening and intensifying that positive influence. I think – at the moment – that astrology is at its most useful on the edges of the mainstream, free of official sanction with its vested interests and mechanistic worldview, with loose networks of practitioners committed to best practice.

Do you teach astrology classes locally in Scotland? What role does teaching play in your life?

I do, and teaching astrology is where I feel most fully alive. The main group I have now has been ongoing for almost twenty years and it’s a bit like having our own private alchemical laboratory where we can road test new ideas, share experiences, flesh out the bones of charts and experiment with lots of experiential techniques that make astrology more immediate and deepen understanding.

You and I met at an astrology conference in Ireland many years ago. There was a wave of international interaction through various groups in Europe and America through the 70’s 80’s and 90’s; where is the “center of gravity” for the greater astrological community in the 21st century?

I’m impressed by how much more tolerance there is now between different schools of thought. To me this implies a greater maturity of vision. Also, with the internet, emails and social networking, exchanging data and reflections can be almost instantaneous and it allows many more people to link up and take part. I’d say we’re in the era of the ‘global astrological brain’.

Dr. Jane Ridder-Patrick gained her PhD researching astrology in early modern Scotland at the University of Edinburgh. She is trained in pharmacy, naturopathy, herbal medicine and Rogerian and Transpersonal psychotherapies and lectures and gives workshops in Scotland and internationally. Her specialities are medical, experiential and proactive astrology. Jane is author of A HANDBOOK OF MEDICAL ASTROLOGY as well as the 12-volume ZODIAC CODE series.
This is a good book. This is actually a very good book. It is one of those books that change how you think and by the time you have finished it you will look at a chart in a different and more productive way. You'll find that this book is useful for your own self-growth as well as in working with clients. You will feel educated, and relieved that this is not just another astrology book, one that maybe you could have written. The book is enjoyable to read and hard to put down. It is one you will keep on your desk for future reference.

Those reading this who are acquainted with Greg Bogart know that he is a kind man, gentle but strong, quiet but forceful, soft and solid. Humor glints from his eyes and he says so much to you with those eyes. His aura of spirituality encompasses him and you feel that this is a man you can trust. His years of experience and hard work have brought him to this point of writing this excellent book. Greg says in his introduction:

“I’ll consider this book a success if it activates you, brings your path into clearer focus, and helps you become committed to your own potentials”

Greg puts himself into the book. He shares his life experiences as examples of what he is writing giving an honest and humble disclosure of his life. As we read the details, we get to like him more and more. His core of spirituality colors his words and his thinking. We see how he lives a spiritual life and how he is an example of one’s level of consciousness influencing one’s work as an astrologer. In his words:

“The biggest lesson: that the power of astrology doesn’t come from techniques, but from the clear consciousness, wisdom, and articulate words of the astrologer.”

Greg shares his dreams with us and in doing so really walks his walks as a therapist.

Although the title has the word “predictive” in it, this is not a book about predicting. Greg makes a clear distinction between predicting what a transit may bring and being proactive on how to best use the energy of that transit. He urges his reader to look for meaning in a possible event and to anticipate trends, then to prepare instead of acting and reacting. He teaches the active approach, not the passive view that things happen to us. Greg wants us to store water, buy extra food, and secure all outdoor furniture instead of sitting by and letting the big storm come and cause problems. Greg turns the lens so that we see prediction from a different perspective, one of process.

“Predictive methods enable astrologers to anticipate trends and prepare in advance to meet life’s challenges. But it’s not just about predicting, but also about acting, and responding to the planets.”

Greg gives techniques from his book Astrology and Meditation to help the reader walk through this process.

And, he has a whole chapter on Dane Rudhyar! Greg knew Rudhyar and corresponded with him and he shares Rudhyar’s words and thoughts with us. Rudhyar is hard to read. Greg translates Rudhyar’s teaching so that one who has never heard Rudhyar speak or who is not familiar with his writings can understand them. Dane Rudhyar’s work is valuable and Greg has given us a gift in making an excellent summary of the themes and making the concepts easy to understand.

There is so much more in this book. Greg teaches us about astrology and mental health, he gives us tips on astrology and psychotherapy and the pros and cons of using therapeutic astrology. There are chapters on crisis counseling, couples counseling, and how to use transits and progressions with his personal descriptions of the planets in action. [Continued on Page 7]
He cites the books of other astrologers as references, generously mentioning their titles and telling the reader to read them to learn more on a topic he is discussing.

As Rudhyar said:
"Astrology does not predict "events"; but only phases in a person’s development .... Astrology can define the limits, but it can only suggest the freedom."

Greg gives us much information to use in finding the freedom in the chart.

I give this book a five star recommendation and do so with pride and honor. As an “elder” astrologer who has been reading astrology books for many decades, it’s hard to find a book that blows me away and makes me want to keep it by my side. I go back to it again and again since I was so sorry when I finished it. I wanted to keep reading Greg’s words. I have told many colleagues to read it. I urge you to read it, trust me, you’ll be glad you did.

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When the rays of the sun are made to pass through a prism, they get dispersed and become separate owing to refraction. If each of these rays had consciousness, it would consider itself as being separate from the other rays, forgetting entirely that at source and on the other side of the prism it had no separate existence...”
- Meher Baba Discourses Vol. I page 37

During my first year of practice as an astrologer while I was living in Chicago, I had a most unusual experience. My phone rang at 3 am. A client at the other end of the line had just awakened suddenly in the middle of a dream. She decided that since I was her astrologer, of course I would want to know about her dream. Immediately. This wasn’t an emergency mind you. She just thought I would find the information useful. Unbelievable. Because she felt my deep genuine concern for her in our session, it never occurred to her calling me as crossing a boundary. I listened to her dream but asked her not to call again in the middle of the night. I needed to find out about boundaries, and establish some with my clients, so I could provide a working environment for them to safely and effectively get what they needed, while at the same time maintaining some separation between my professional and personal lives. As powerful as astrology is, its benefits as a tool of human development are lost unless we can adhere to some basic defining behaviors.

What are Boundaries?
‘Boundaries’ is a term describing the duality necessary for illusion to exist. If we deny the benefit of recognizing that life is characterized by facing boundaries and using them for our advantage, then we are denying the basic structure of creation. In its most simple and basic sense, life’s primary boundary is the self; the I, me, my, and mine of the ego. Without this “I” we lack the ability to distinguish ourselves from others. Without this there can be no sense of the individuality and uniqueness necessary for meaningful communication. All relationships by definition assume some primary sense of self. The greater our sense of self, the more we can communicate and share with others. Paradoxically, self is necessary for communication with others, which in turn, leads to a greater feeling of oneness with others. It is during moments of union when the boundaries of self are transcended.

Astrologers usually think of this paradox of unity and diversity of self as the interplay of Neptune (as the symbol of infinite oneness of reality) and Saturn (as the symbol of all finite and defining limitations). Because astrology can be a spiritual path for the astrologer, it is necessary to understand the inverse ratio of fear (Saturn) and faith (Neptune). As the fear side of Saturn strengthens, the faith side of Neptune weakens. As faith goes up, fear goes down. Boundaries are a pure Saturn principle. Boundaries are the principle of differentness. Acknowledging, then working within our differences allows the astrologer/client relationship to become a positive growth factor in each other’s lives. When discipline and patience (Saturn) are used correctly, the astrologer climbs a ladder of empathetic bonding (Neptune) with the client to achieve union or direct knowledge of the real self.

When we think of boundaries we usually conjure up a picture of what we can’t do. Some form of limitation comes to mind. We think that a constructive use of boundaries is to accept them, then to look and see what can be done within them in order to have a fulfilling life. Physical mortality is a limit or boundary, what we would call a natural boundary, like the land mass of a continent. However, some boundaries are self created, like deciding how long a session should last. These limits are created out of what we feel we should do.

Boundaries that we as astrologers create are limits and measurements our understanding imposes on our behavior, thereby strengthening our role in our clients’ lives. (e.g. Limiting access [CONTINUED ON PAGE 9]
to us helps our clients value our advice. Truly creative astrologers, in the long march to self understanding, are constantly reevaluating and interacting with their created boundaries, rather than just reacting to them. This creativity requires asking ourselves some important questions in order to deal authentically with basic fundamental situations in our professional lives. Asking the right questions is more important than coming up with “correct” answers.

Just as Saturn rules fear and limitation it also rules discipline and structure. Fear is responsible for creating continuity through the urge to be safe. This allows a foundation for growth to develop. Limitation allows us to set priorities. It is not possible to do everything. The limits of time, money, ability, energy, understanding, allows us to determine what is most important. Boundaries are mental clarifiers. Thus, prioritizing and discipline are necessary for us to develop as people and to accomplish any task. As important as structure is for any real growth or development we often experience structure as inherently a limit, a fear, a big “No”. However, saying “no” to one thing, allows us to say “yes” to something else. As astrologers, it is the establishing of our priorities that allows us to see clearly the boundaries unique to our field.

**Why are boundaries important?**

By recognizing and dealing with boundaries creatively and correctly, we build and defend the potency of the work of our clients and help them inadvertently to value and respect the astrological work and also themselves. The dynamics of the astrologer/client relationship becomes a more conscious tool of the astrologer. This allows our relationship to our clients to have a deeper and more meaningful impact on our lives and the lives of our clients. The river needs banks (boundaries) as well as water to flow toward the sea. When boundaries and substance are correctly balanced, significant force is created in the work, propelling us toward sustained personal growth. Too many banks (boundaries) and the river is dammed up. Too much water (contact) and the river overflows, the banks wash away, and the water loses direction; the ocean is not reached by the water. In the astrologer/client relationship, the boundaries set by you, the astrologer, to restrict clients’ access to you, helps maintain focus and direction so the work has a deeper impact on their lives. You set the banks of the river aiding the water on its journey to the ocean. In the astrologer/client relationship, astrologers carry most responsibility for setting and maintaining the boundaries - because they have greater power in establishing the context of the relationship.

**What are the different types of boundaries?**

We can easily split boundaries into two types; natural and created. Natural boundaries are objectively measurable. Examples of natural boundaries are separations of time and space i.e. two people living on different continents or in different centuries. Created boundaries are subjective and not easily externally measured. These are “rules of thumb” or conventions people use to facilitate social interaction. Examples of created boundaries would be rights of property ownership or rights to privacy. Laws, rules, and principles of behavior are created boundaries. We can have as many of these types of boundaries as we find useful. Time and Space are natural boundaries. Conventions and rules around their limitations are created boundaries.

We have the responsibility to be reasonably disciplined with time. This practice assists our work to flow smoothly as clients can then rely on our punctuality with starting and concluding each session. How do you deal with a late arriving client? Or, someone refusing to let you conclude a session in a timely manner? Experience itself teaches us the practical procedures for handling problems of time. And through our experience, we come to understand why time is such an important boundary. Ultimately, we as astrologers render our services by apparently selling our time. However, even though time is the mechanism through which we sell our services; we are not selling our time, we are selling value. Through our work we add something meaningful to our client’s life. But, our time is a necessary vehicle for the delivery of this value, and time is a limited commodity. How time is used becomes foundational to our effectiveness. Time wasted is not regained. Once time is invested, that time is gone. You have a responsibility to make sure that your time is used properly. When either the client or astrologer is late for an appointment, or wastes each other’s time, they throw the other person’s day off schedule, which in turn, inconveniences many other people.

When clients waste your time they are not only stealing from you, they are stealing from themselves. The same is true for you as an astrologer. When you waste a client’s time you are stealing from the two of you. This doesn’t mean that in a search for greater economy of time you are to be impolite, brash, or unnecessarily hurried through each session. Just be aware that time is limited and remains your most valuable commodity.

At the begin-
ning of my practice, I was undisciplined with time. At the end of a day of seeing clients, I would frequently be running as much as two hours late. When working with new astrologers today I see their inability to control and properly plan time increments is so often the culprit ingredient, prohibiting the expansion of their practice. This is something to fix early in one’s career life, if at all possible. The genuine desire to do a good job, over involvement in the immediate situation in the life of the client (which makes you loose perspective), and feelings of inadequacy encourages functionally deficient time habits in the daily work of inexperienced astrologers. My work improved immensely when my clients came to know that I would be available when I said I would, and only then.

Using time correctly in session takes practice. This is a skill worth the learning. When entering a session, your subjective experience of time can suddenly become quite different. When immersed in your client’s chart, it is as if you are transported into another dimension where time becomes quite elongated. Keeping tight boundaries of time around the work generally helps it to be most powerful and thus most helpful to your clients. Therefore, know what you want to achieve before entering a consultation. Have a picture of what type of information you need to extract from the client in order to accomplish your work. Make a judgment as to how the process will generally go with this person. These preliminary considerations help contain usage of time to some plan. Accept that your clients act like their charts. Will the client refuse to share; correct you or deny your offerings; will they be resistant, hostile, in avoidance; will they be excessively verbal, telling you rather than letting you give them information? All of these things happen. When they do, your time is effected, the rhythm of the session is thrown off. Your time together can be misused. To prevent this, your skills in counseling must be up to the task. Keeping within the boundaries of time is daunting, but rewarding.

If your work is offered in different time increments, make sure your client asks for the right amount. It is very difficult to please a client when they want two hours of work condensed into a thirty minute time slot. Or, when they ask for two hours of your time and the real work is completed in thirty minutes.

When in session with a client you have an obligation to keep the space quiet and private in order to facilitate a relaxed atmosphere. Your client needs to know that you are really with them and that their confidence is not being compromised.

Another aspect of this boundary is the correct use of physical space in the consulting room. Both the study of body language and feng shui gives us information on the way that boundaries either help or hinder the flow of communication with a client. It is always appropriate to examine where you sit and where your client sits. Are there objects like a table or desk between you? Is the distance between you close enough to make you feel comfortable with each other – connected yet not smothered? Do you make physical contact with your clients when they arrive and when they leave? Finding the correct use of the physical space between you is another language that can reinforce or diminish the potency of your work. Correctly used, boundaries of space allow your client to feel connected with you without feeling invaded.

In the beginning of my practice as an astrologer, I knew that it was important to have a place for early arriving clients to wait. Occasionally, this hasn’t been possible while seeing clients in another location other than my home office. But this is an important boundary consideration. My work suffered when I was not able to supply a comfortable waiting area for clients. The exact layout, design, and general atmosphere of the place you see your clients (just like your manner of dress, personal appearance, and hygiene) will have a subtle yet important impact on the work. At home I have a waiting area for clients that gives them a feeling of relaxed safe comfort. Although unless I’m running appointments back to back, my clients seldom need to use it.

As telephone consultations become a more common mode for us to deliver our service, many of these issues of the correct use of space seem to collapse. However, when talking with a client over the phone, it is important to make sure that they are in a comfortable place which is quiet and private. The ideal is that during session your client can safely be oblivious to their outer circumstances. It is good to ask your client about their physical surroundings if you have any doubt. Further, it is important to inventory your own space. Do you have privacy, comfort, and acoustical insulation. These factors are necessary in order to focus exclusively on your client. Keep in mind that even when you can’t see them in action, spatial considerations for both astrologer and client are still important. These boundaries need to be maintained, when and where they apply.

You as an astrologer have a responsibility to tell your client how much you are charging, and what they will receive for that fee. Further, you have a responsibility to deliver the “what,” and that your client is clear on when and how they are to pay you.

Money operates as a significant boundary because as professional astrologers we charge money for our work. Money (being a limited commodity) forces our client to prioritize. Resistance to spending money for an appointment allows a client (or a potential client) to evaluate whether their circumstances at present really merit the expense of seeing us. This barrier can prevent us from having our time and energy wasted by a client’s overreaction to trivial circumstances. In other words they have to invest money (as well as time) to have a consultation. This act alone, of investing money in an astrology session, has the unconscious effect in the client of conferring some value on the act. In order to invest
the time and money the client had to see themselves and their problem, difficulty, or issue as being worth it. The sacrifice of money encourages a higher level of commitment from the client. This higher motivation can contribute to the work being more successful.

Astrologers sometimes create an artificial boundary of money by overcharging or undercharging for their work. When an astrologer overcharges for their work they are unavailable to the people that they could potentially help. When they undercharge, they may end up with a full schedule, burnt out, and no time to see the people who matter most in their lives. When your schedule is completely full it sometimes happens that clients who really need to see you can’t because you have no time. Furthermore, when undercharging (or overcharging for that matter) you tell the world what you think your work is worth.

Money is often a boundary for astrologers either by having too much or having too little, or fearing that they will have too little. With too much money, astrologers who do not have any financial pressure to develop a practice may hold themselves aloof and unavailable to their clients. Too little money can slow down or even prohibit a person from entering the field of astrology, as it takes some money to open a practice. Fear of too little money, or income too irregular, can prevent otherwise very talented astrologers from entering the field altogether. In either case, their potential clients suffer by their absence.

Early in my career, clients would sometimes ask for time payments, or an IOU, or a loan. Other than the inconvenience of the money itself, there is a boundary issue. When you loan money to a client you form a boundary of money by overcharging or undercharging for their work. In either case, their potential clients suffer by their absence.

While in session, astrologers operate from a higher level of consciousness. We require a loftier code of conduct in our professional role than we expect from ourselves in our personal lives.

Relationship — these fall into two distinct categories. One, boundary issues that focus on the dynamics of the astrologer/client relationship while in session. Two, boundaries or limits that govern this relationship outside of session.

In session, simple things like how you dress and where you sit and how the furniture is placed are important considerations. Boundaries must be set and maintained by the astrologer. Boundaries either facilitate the work or oppose it. Naturally, you want your external boundaries set in a way that promotes comfort, openness, and safety for your clients.

While in session there are certain psychic boundaries that need to be maintained. It is important that your clients know they have your complicity in sharing whatever they want, freely with you. However, there are some “common sense” boundaries surrounding how and what you share.

During the course of dialogue you may entertain impressions or judgments which, while seeming pertinent, are really purely personal. This occurs when your client triggers some issue for you. Particular feelings or thoughts pointing to your own internal process surface in your consciousness. These psychic contents are best noted by you, but kept private. Maintaining this psychic boundary allows you to stay as fair witness, a trusted consultant for the client, while insulating them against your own emerging process. Naturally, you still want to share any insights or strategies that occur to you. Many times my best ideas didn’t occur while studying the chart alone, but while in dialogue with the client.

The danger of inviting clients into your inner life, by sharing your personal impressions, is that the work ends up becoming more about you and less about them. The purpose of your professional relationship is for the clients to deal with their own issues. You don’t want to be in collusion with them, inadvertently giving permission to avoid their own issues, while focusing on yours. There are guidelines for sharing personal information with clients. I take up the complexities of this type of boundary in other works. Here the point it to be aware that you can’t be a healing tool for your client if the focus shifts away from their situation to your own inner process.

It is prudent to recognize that the very nature of the astrologer/client relationship places some obligation on astrologers, as therapists, to monitor (even avoid) contact with clients outside of session. Generally, it is considered unethical in the helping professions to have any other relationship with a client. One type of relationship will impact another. This is why some service professions caution against accepting a person as a client where any prior relationship exists, i.e. a family member, friend, business associate, someone from whom you receive a service, etc. Further, it is often suggested to not develop a relationship beyond therapy with a client.

In some professions it is considered unethical and a violation punishable by license suspension for certain types of boundary transgressions.
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We are very proud of this accomplishment. As of our last retreat in November 2011, the certification program has been offered three more times, meeting with great success. Even if you are not committed to obtaining OPA’s certification, the process alone is rich, educational and deeply rewarding! We will be offering the program again at various locations nationwide in the year ahead. The certification groups are very small, three to five people, and fill up quickly. Furthermore, if there are astrologers in your area who would like to participate in this unique program, we can bring OPA to you! Please let us know how we can be of assistance.

The OPA monthly phone lecture series has been very successful and will continue to be available exclusively to members. We are currently updating the 2013/14 lecture schedule which will soon be posted on OPA’s website. Also, check out the OPA on-line web forum and please contribute to the ongoing discussions. You will also find OPA’s audio lectures to download, and lots of other good information.

Don’t forget about the OPA E-news which presents thought provoking questions and answers from our membership about astrology and its purpose in our life. Remember that OPA is our organization. We invite your participation and want this organization to be member supported as much as possible.

Finally, we are always looking for good material addressing the professional practice of astrology (articles, poetry, comics, food fun, etc.) for publication in OPA’s Career Astrologer newsletter. We welcome your participation and creativity. Please send submissions to our editor, Twink McKenney, at mrmckenney@att.net.

Wishing you a vibrant spring!
Alexandra Karacostas, OPA President

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These rules usually involve having either a financial relationship or a sexual relationship with anyone who is a client.

Clients have a right to expect that you have their best interests at heart, that none of your own personal needs will act as motivators, while in session with them. This is why it can be meaningful (even if a bit rigid) to encourage astrologers to have simple and singular relationships with clients. You can say, “Never socialize with clients. Never encourage a client in a direction which you might in some way financially benefit.” In this way your own happiness as a human being, and success in the market place, are kept separate from anything that can have a direct impact on the real work with your client. In short, it is inadvisable and unethical to have a business relationship with a client or to have a romantic relationship with a client.

When I first started practice as an astrologer I was in graduate school, single, and very locked into a fairly scholarly and hermit-type of existence. I avoided doing work for my immediate family, partly because I felt it uncomfortable, and I tended to lack objectivity. Not socializing with clients was easy because I didn’t have a social life.

Through the years it has been more complicated, in the area of relationships, to determine what boundaries impact the work with clients. I’m a follower of Meher Baba. I have not found it necessary to refrain from taking on other followers of Meher Baba as clients, even though I may run into them in India, the Meher Center, or other places associated with Meher Baba.

I have had numerous discussions along the lines of boundaries with other astrologers. I have noticed that those astrologers who do not see a boundaries issue in having dual relationships with clients: 1) Don’t see astrology as a therapy, 2) See their clients at most once a year, and 3) Assume astrological work impacts clients without impacting the astrologer.

Some people will not take on a client who is related to an existing client or in close relationship with an existing client. Other astrologers will only take on clients that are referred by an existing client. I assert that neither approach is better or more ethical and neither approach implies a transgression of boundaries. Nonetheless, here are a few simple guidelines that I have found useful to keep good boundaries with clients:

1. Don’t talk about anything having to do with the details of professional work except in session or in your own therapy or supervision. When in session, be out of session. When you are out of session, be out of session and put all the details of your work with the client out of your mind.

2. Don’t read one person’s chart for another. If a clients wants you to tell them about their spouse, look at the person’s seventh house, not their spouse’s chart. If people ask you about their parents, child, friend, boss etc. look at the houses and other indicators that symbolically represent the person in that relationship to the native. The information so presented is fair and safe. However, avoid looking at this other person’s chart unless this individual is present and the purpose of your work is to aid in their relationship. The details of how to work this way systematically are beyond the scope of our discussion here, but it is important to acknowledge the principle.

There are two notable exceptions to the rule of not looking at an individuals chart for a third party, personnel work and children. When employed to do personnel work for a company it is justifiable within guidelines to look at the charts of employees or potential employees. When parents of new born or very young children come to have their baby’s chart done, there is a way that it can be handled with respect for the infant. When the parents are interested in information in order to be better parents, I try to bring them around [CONTINUED ON PAGE 13]
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to working with me on their own lives, using their own charts.

If you adhere to these two principles and let your inner guidance speak to you, the boundaries of relationships for you as a professional astrologer become much easier.

There is another aspect of this boundaries issue. You may have the best brain surgeon in the world come to you for professional advice. Does this preclude you from ever using their professional services? Several times through the years someone very skilled has come to me for my professional services, where I definitely was interested in using their skill as soon as I recognized it, actually as soon as I saw their chart. It was only during my own therapy, and work with a supervisor, that I was able to understand the necessity and the manner to put the therapy with my client first without neglecting my own personal and professional needs. Here, as in many places in our work, the correct answer depends on the exact circumstances. Generally you are better off not doing “turn around” work with a client or anything that leads to an exchange. The guiding principle here is that you, as an astrologer, have a responsibility to protect the primary structure of the astrologer/client relationship. Allow your clients to do the work on themselves that they came to you to do. Avoid being in any situation or further relationship with them that will potentially get in the way of this work.

A friend of mine is a psychiatrist and I have known him to leave a party because a patient of his was present. I’m not certain that this is a necessary boundary for most astrologers, but your own inner guidance can dictate whether you are on dangerous territory with the boundaries between you and a client. Usually when a client sees you in a social setting, it will reduce the potency of the work.

Personally, I have had the experience of a client seeing me at a party and expecting me to remember the details of his chart and be happy to pick up the discussion with him right where we left off in session. Seeing me in a different context, weakened rather than strengthened our professional relationship.

I think it is worthwhile noting, when in session astrologers are required (like any therapists) to be unconditionally open to every offering of their clients. Even though this is an artificial state of receptivity for most of us, it can, and is, learned by everyone doing profound work in the field. While in session, astrologers operate from a higher level of consciousness. We require a loftier code of conduct in our professional role than we expect from ourselves in our personal lives. When clients see us acting in our ordinary state of consciousness, their faith in us can diminish.

It’s important to remember, only seeing clients in session protects astrologers. Seeing clients out of session puts us in a dilemma; we must either disappoint them by not being the all receiving astrologer at the moment, or be forced into our working role. If this happens, we end up absorbing negative as well as positive ingredients, from our client, the way we are required to in session. Clients often become extremely disturbed (without knowing why) when they are not the center of our universe, the way they are while we’re working. In this sense, avoiding dual relationships is a deep self-protecting step taken by astrologers.

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Reflecting on Astrology in Greece

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When I decided to leave my job - and fat paycheck - working in a multi-national to take up astrology, my mother cried her eyes out for a period of about three days. Naturally, her reaction did not suffice to keep me away from what my inner voice was crying out: that I had finally found my destiny, the work I was born to do.

Since day one as a professional astrologer, I have expressly stated what my profession is and refused to be included in the ranks of mediums or column writers where astrologers are usually placed. However, I soon realised that - from her own perspective and in her microcosm - my mother was right about one thing: every time I would proudly declare I am an astrologer, I would hear the following question: “how could such a well-educated and cultured person, such as yourself, become an astrologer?” I decided to always answer “it owes precisely to the fact I am educated and cultured”... Ultimately, my professional journey was graced with much success, and my mum forsook her initial stance once and for all and became again the reassuring mother she had always been. But, as I was beginning to realise the low standard of those who worked on astrology in Greece, disappointment started growing within me. Unfortunately Astrology’s exploiters, people who habitually use it to advertise their ‘spells’, ‘jinxes’, ‘charms’ - and anything lowly that lack of education and awareness can bring upon man - live and prosper and still constitute a strong majority.

Another niche of astrologers are the ‘nice’ ones; those who do not sprinkle a pinch of astrology on cards, tea leaves and hocus-pocus, but still lack a wider cultural understanding, and continue teaching and standing for an astrology complete with malefic and benefic planets, good and bad aspects, ominous horoscopes etc.

In Greece, the educated and refined astrologers who exercise astrology in the manner it deserves - treating every natal chart as a unique, god-sent being - are still too few. We have recently come together, in October 2011, and founded an association of astrologers and enthusiasts of astrology, under the name PAME ASTROLOGIA, while in November 2011 we held the first major conference of Greek astrologers.

Today, this association numbers few members and needs much work, patience and effort to be purged in order to support astrology’s true face. The goal is that astrology be elevated and assume the place it deserves in the minds and consciousness of all Greeks. Let’s hope it shall be attained despite all resistance.

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Alexandra Karacostas is the one who has told me about OPA and passed on her enthusiasm for an organization that can highlight astrology as a worthwhile profession - a cause that aligns precisely with my own dreams and needs.

Biographical Note

I love Astrology and astrologers but I disdain those who exploit Astrology, and false prophets in general. I cherish teaching astrological symbolism and its application, and I dream of the day that Greece will be the astrological navel of the Earth. Since I was a child, I was attracted to esoterism and that is what led me to study Astrology. Astrology’s magical world impressed me as it helped me realise there is a complete system to know oneself and simultaneously interpret the Universal Law. Regardless of schools and teachers that helped me in my course, I feel that the greatest part of my knowledge has come from my personal research, from studying and examining horoscopes, and from recovering astrological knowledge from within.

My career begun in 1990 and in that time I have worked for numerous Greek TV shows, and for many Greek and Cypriot astrological magazines. Moreover, I have edited in whole, and co-authored the first Greek astrological encyclopaedia that was published in Greece in 2012. Today, I write for the Cypriot magazine ‘O’ and the astrological website astrol-o-gy.gr, as well as my personal blog smarosotiraki.blogspot.gr, and I pen the video passages for the TV show ‘Stars System’ where I also often appear.

In my personal sessions I focus on the psychological, esoteric and karmic aspect of astrology and specialise in relationship counselling. However, I mostly enjoy teaching and helping my students trace the links between archetypal images and astrological symbolism.

I have written two books 2012-Truths and Lies, and The Astrological Archetypes of Love that were both published by IntroBooks.
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New Approach to Political Forecast
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The coming US presidential election in 2012 and their wide discussions have brought me here. Let me share the outcome of my research. My research in contemporary political forecasting started in 2008 due to presidential elections in USA. I paid attention to the fact that forecasts of my colleagues are based on the synastry of the presidential candidate with the chart of the country, Zodiacal Releasing, Pauline profections, Duodenary method of progression, Dasha system of prognostics, and other techniques. It was the time when I noticed some other patterns. Now I am ready to share my findings with all those interested in the ancient celestial knowledge. The idea of publication is to test the approach and accumulate statistics for the benefit of the astrological community.

The transit technique is one of the pillars of my approach. However, the key to a successful forecast is the date of concerned transits. There are quite a few signifiers of the winner in a political competition. In this article I am going to focus on two major steps critical for political forecast.

1. Consider current transits of two planets: Sun and Jupiter. They have a direct association with power and fame and their celestial interaction forms the date culminating any presidential campaign – inauguration – a kind of enthroning ceremony. The day when Sun and Jupiter make aspects of 0°, 60° and 120° presidents are inaugurated regardless of the country. For example:
   - Russia 2000: Vladimir Putin was inaugurated to presidency 07.05.2000 (SU 0° JU);
   - Russia 2004: Vladimir Putin’s second term inauguration was held 07.05.2004 (SU 120° JU);
   - Russia 2008: Dmitry Medvedev was inaugurated 07.05.2008 (SU 120° JU);
   - USA 2009: Barack Obama was inaugurated 20.01.2009 (SU 0° JU);
   - UKR 2010: Victor Yanukovich was inaugurated 25.02.2010 (SU 0° JU);
   - Russia 2012: Vladimir Putin was inaugurated 07.05.2012 (SU 0° JU);
   - France 2012: Francois Hollande was inaugurated 15.05.2012 (SU 0° JU);
   - US, 2012: Inauguration is scheduled for 20.01.2013 noon, the public event will be held 21.01.2013.

2. Compare the aspects that Sun and Jupiter make with the charts of presidential candidates. Here I would like to underline that neither the place of birth, nor the accurate time are critical, even the time of birth set at noon works with the suggested approach. For example:
   - RUS, 2000. V.Putin (07.10.1952) tr.SU & JU 0 JU radix;
   - RUS, 2004. V.Putin (07.10.1952) tr.SU 0 JU radix, tr.JU 120 JU radix;
   - RUS, 2008. D.Medvedev (14.09.1965) tr.JU 120 SU radix, tr.SU 120 SU radix;
   - RUS, 2012. V.Putin (07.10.1952) tr.SU & JU 0 JU radix;
   - USA, 2009, Barack Obama (04.08.1961) transit SU and JU conjunct with his radix JU vs. D. McCain (29.08.1936) transit SU and JU made no aspects to his radix. McCain lost the elections;
   - UKR 2010 Victor Yanukovich (09.07.1950) transit SU and JU conjunct with his radix JU. His foe was Yulia Timoshenko (27.11.1960) and transit SU and JU 60° with her radix JU. This is a case worthy additional comments. Both presidential candidates had benefic aspects of transit Jupiter to their radix Jupiter. V.Yanukovish had 0°, Y.Timoshenko had 60° and we see an obvious proof of the power of conjunction over sextile;
   - • France, 2012: F.Holland (12.08.1954) and N.Sarcozy (28.01.1955) both had similar indicators – transit SU and JU 60° with their radix JU. Forecasting for such cases requires additional techniques to decide on the winner/looser and it can be a separate discussion; USA, 2013: transit SU and JU 120° with radix JU of Barack Obama. Transit SU and JU 180°(!) with radix JU of Mitt Romney.

In the US 2013 inauguration transit Jupiter forms 120° to radix Jupiter of Barack Obama. The same day the planets have a negative aspect with radix Jupiter of Mitt Romney, or in a softer scenario with reduced orbits, there will be no aspects between them, i.e. Mitt Romney has no chances to win the coming election (as a reconciliation he will have a rather positive period of life in November 2013).

Conclusion: The recent inauguration cases support the suggested approach. The examples show that the winner will be the very presidential candidate whose radix Jupiter has stronger positive aspects of transit Jupiter and Sun. The stellar configurations seem to happen for candidates who most probably stay in office for two terms and/or leave a lasting legacy.

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In 2000, Dmitry completed a special course in “Esoteric Philosophy and Religious Studies,” so his arsenal of esoteric practices includes astrology, the esoteric impact of sound on human’s life, the transcendental the influence of symbols, and the ancient practices of divination, such as Tarot, I Ching and Buttons. In 1998, Dmitry began the practice of integral yoga, with a focus on meditative techniques for knowledge and creativity.

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Since his student years and to this day, Dmitry is actively involved in the astrological community. He is engaged the organization of training, workshops, meetings and conferences. He is the author of reports on the topic: “Mysticism of Sound”, “Magical Alphabets” and “Astrology - the tool of man’s evolution.” It is published in print and television media, acting as an expert in the field of astrology.

A special place in Dmitry’s professional life takes participation in organizational activities “OPA Russia.” He is convinced that astrology is a powerful tool of evolution, so mankind needs knowledgeable specialists who aspiring to a ideals of high level who can expand human consciousness. Dmitry believes that humanity needs professional astrologers and that the astrological community should consciously shape the image of a professional astrologer, devoted to his profession; astrologers, who understand their individual role in the development of astrology and who are making every effort to raise the level of professionalism in astrology.

Dmitry teaches techniques of astrology, which allow students to master the art of reading a horoscope in a relatively short time. His method of teaching can bring students to some degree of mastery in just 3 months. Astrologers who work on his system, to identify the key points in the horoscope spend no more than 20 minutes. This effect is achieved by the fact that he focuses on students’ understanding of the philosophy of astrology and develops in his students the ability to read the non-verbal section of information from the horoscope. He believes that reading the astrological chart is a creative flight, in which astrologer not only reads characters, he begins to feel characters, he thinks by symbols, he lives by characters.

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