The Foundation of Astrology: Introduction to Classical Natal Astrology

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This course has been designed to bridge the gap between 21st century astrology and its traditional roots. The course explores the fundamental principles that underpin Western horoscopic astrology and presents the student with practical and effective tools of chart delineation. It is for anyone who is interested in furthering and deepening their understanding of astrology and feel drawn to reclaim their lineage.

Astrology is about time; it hinges on the cycles of all planets. As the Sun rises in the East and set in the West defining day and night; so too do the planets move through their orbit marking the months, years, decades, that define the passage of time through our lives, through history and our existence on Earth. From our modern view point, traditional astrology may appear archaic, but its perspective is timeless. The past, present and future are forever connected through the movements of the Cosmos that is alive and conscious.

What One Gains by Understanding Traditional Astrology

The fundamentals of traditional astrology: signs, planet, house and aspects, are also used in modern astrology, however there are differences. These differences are at once practical and philosophical. The philosophical component of traditional astrology is very important; so much so that in the past astrologers were referred to as *philosophers*. Re-examining the basic astrological factors from a new, yet ancient perspective helps enlighten many core principles bringing more clarity and depth to our relationship with the symbolism of the astrological language. Coming to understand the rational on which horoscopic astrology is founded, deepens our understanding of why planets, signs & aspects signify what they do, clarifying our judgement of transits, returns, progression and profections.

What is Covered in the Course

The course covers all fundamental principles as they are applied to natal charts and from which more advanced techniques are drawn. Everything needed to do a thorough natal chart delineation is presented. You will also be introduced to predictive techniques including various time lord and planetary periods.

- **Qualities & Temperaments** – the basic building block of astrological delineation.
- **Angles & Houses** – how and where astrological factors are likely to manifest in the life.
- **Planets** – what are they and what is their relation to a life
- **Zodiac & Signs** – our connection to the greater cosmos
- **Planetary Condition: Dignity & Fortitude** – how this affects the native's life.
- **Aspects & Planetary Relationship** – are the planets speaking to each other?
- **Reception** – the key to understand the interaction of the planets.
- **Lots or Arabic Parts** – the meaningful extras
- **Almutens** – who else is in charge.
- **Planetary periods, Fidaria and Time Lords** – timing in life
- **Solar returns and Profections** – introducing prediction.

While the focus of the course will be on natal chart delineation, most of the principles learned can be applied to any astrological investigation, including: Solar return, progressed charts, mundane and horary. As each principle is presented it will then be applied to charts.

This is a chart driven and interactive course. The participants will be encouraged to explore and share their own natal charts with the group. It is expected that all participant will be respectful of privacy and feel confident and safe enough in sharing their insights with the group.

All relevant principles and techniques are presented within their philosophical and historical context in order to follow the unfoldment of astrological rationale and wisdom through the ages. As each principle is presented it will be applied to real charts in order to put into practice the newfound insights and to experience the beauty, profundity, and practicality of classical astrological doctrine.

At the heart of traditional Astrology
lies Philosophy.
Philosophy asks: why? It is the exploration and study of the nature of reality and existence.
The word **Philosophy** comes from
Philo – meaning the love of and
Sophy – meaning wisdom or knowledge.

Manner of delivery

The course is delivered online (via Zoom) in two parts per week: a lecture presentation followed a few days later by a practical and interactive session in which material presented that weeks is applied to charts, including those of the participants. Each week will build on the previous week's material. All sessions are expected to last approximately 2 hours.

The live presentation of the material will be held on Thursday evening; the day of Jupiter and at the hour of Saturn (7:00 pm Melbourne time). This presentation will be recorded for those who cannot attend or who would like to review.
The practical application session of that week's material will be held on the following Sunday, day of Sun and the hour of the Sun (2:00 pm Melbourne time). It is expected that all participant will attend these sessions.

The Material

Extensive written material is provided. Written introductory material covering the philosophy and brief history of astrology will be sent out on registration. All written material for the next lesson will be sent out following the practical session. All material is copyright and only for the personal use of the participants.

The first eight sessions cover all foundational astrological principles and their application to natal astrology. The last four session introduces material that is unique to natal astrology and various predictive technics. All material presented is subject to revision as new (ancient) evidence comes to lights. Like life, true knowledge of astrology is fluid.

As this is an interactive course it is expected that all participant will be respectful of privacy of feel safe enough and confident in sharing their insights with the group. The intention is to ensure that upon completion of the course each participant will come away with a knowledge of astrology that goes beyond opinion; and a sense of deeper connection and respect for the wisdom that is the legacy of our astrological lineage.

> ***" Nature has placed the truth in more methods than one and has separated the path which leads to herself, wishing The quest for her to be made along every path."***
> Marcus Manilius (10 AD) – *Astronimica 2.722*

Cost of the 2027 Course

- Small groups limited to 10 participants
- Thursday 7:00 to 9:00 pm & Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 pm (Melbourne time)
- Starting Feb 4, 2027
- **Cost of $1800 up front or $160 per week/session**

Schedule of the 2027 Course

The whole course consists of 20 lessons, consolidated into 12 sessions. There will be two weeklong break; one after session 7 for Easter and another after session 9.

- **Week 1 – February 4th & 7th -** Qualities & Temperaments
- **Week 2 - February 11th & 14th** - The Houses & Angles
- **Week 3 – February 18th & 21st -** The Planets
- **Week 4 - February 25th & 28th -** Zodiac & Sign Meanings
- **Week 5 – March 4th & 7th** - Planetary Condition: Essential Dignity
- **Week 6 - March 11th & 14th** - Planetary Condition: Accidental Strength
- **Week 7 - March 18th & 21st -** Aspects & Orbs

EASTER Break

- **Week 8 - April 1st & 4th –** Reception & Planetary Relationship
- **Week 9 – April 8th & 11th -** Fortuna, the Lunar ASC & the Lots

Week Break

- **Week 10 - April 22nd & 25th -** Almutens & Your Guardian Daimon
- **Week 11 – April 29th & May 2nd -** Prediction & Planetary Periods
- **Week 12 – April 29th & May 2nd -** Returns & Profection

Your Course Tutor and Author

Eve Dembowski runs her astrological practice in Melbourne, Australia. She has trained as a musician, flower essence therapist and astrologer. She was one of the conveners of the 2009 and 2010 Regulus Traditional Astrology Conference held in Melbourne.
Her ruling planet Jupiter directs her passion for reconnecting people to the power and magic of their astrological lineage through her teaching. In 2013 she became a tutor for the School of Traditional Astrology, presenting the horary certificate course online and in person in classes and residential intensives. In 2017 she wrote and has presented 'The Foundation of Astrology' course. As well as her Master's Level Diploma in Horary from the STA, Eve's astrological qualifications also include the Diploma of Applied Astrology from Astro-synthesis, a certificate in medieval astrology from Robert Zoller, and the FAA practitioners Diploma, in which she was awarded the silver medal of excellence for the Interpretation exam.
Eve consults, teaches, and frequently presents workshops and lectures on astrology and astrological philosophy. She has had many articles published in the FAA journal, The Mountain Astrologer and Astrolog.

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