

Two Orientations

My world view has developed from my studies of Astrology, which in turn is developed from a long cultural tradition of orientation to the Sun and its path of movement in front of the Zodiac. Rightly so, I might hear you say, however with this acceptance comes a particular orientation towards the world, that has its own peculiar difficulties.

When I began developing circular images from my 'biodynamic' vortex diagrams, (which is only one small part of the spherical gyroscope), I was naturally drawn to the frame of reference presented in the Astrological birth chart. There is several millennia of reference material developed around Astrology, and so there is plenty of information to draw upon, to find the inner nature of the circle, and the to some degree also the gyroscope.

The birthchart commonly used today is however a very specific beast. I have written about its peculiarities at http://old.garudabd.org/books/4_6.html and emphasised how it is somewhat removed from the astronomical reality. The specific issues that concern us here is that the 'birth chart' is a map of where the planets are placed at the moment of birth, in relationship to the background of the Zodiac, as seen from the Earth.

When looking at the birth chart for indications of the activity of various 'spaces', it is useful to look to where the eastern horizon is at birth. This is determined from the birth time at a specific place. This allows us to mark off the 'houses'. These areas begin at the eastern horizon, and are marked off in an anti clockwise direction. As they are based upon the Earth related eastern horizon, the houses indicate the various physical areas of our life, that any particular planetary energy will emphasis, e.g. personal finances, home, work, societal interaction etc.

By marking off the path of the planets and the Sun, the ecliptic, we observe the path the planets take through the night, at the 'bottom' of the chart, and where they travel through the day time being the 'top' of the chart. Where the Sun reaches the highest point on the sky during the day, we call this point the Zenith. With this being the 'highest' point of the Sun's travel, we associate this with the area where we impact the most upon the world, Symbolically, this means that the Sun, which is the macrocosmic representative of our internalized spirit, is reaching it highest expression. Thus this is the place of an individual's direction, purpose and influence, which is often ones career, however it can also show as the husband's / partners career.

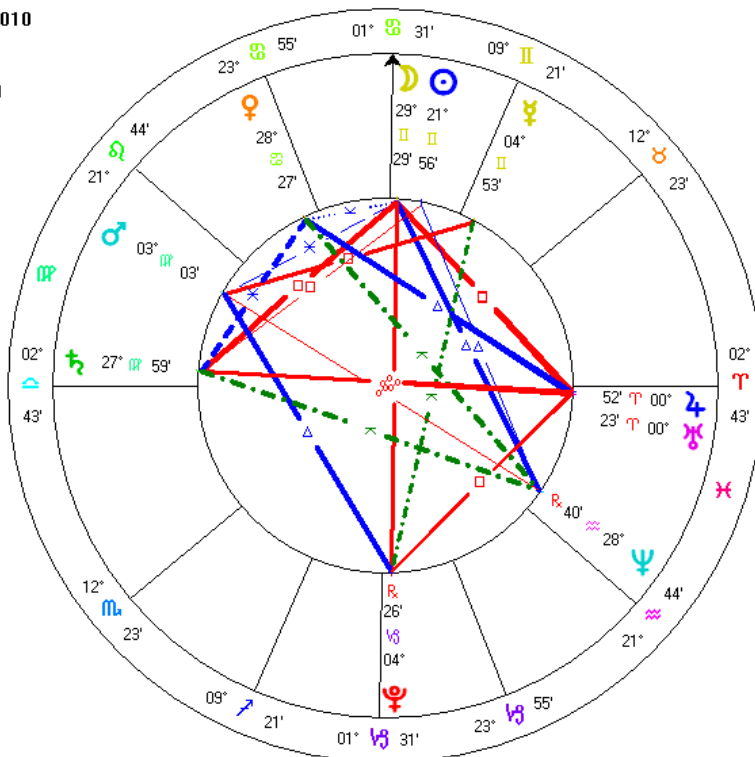
Given that we have marked off the Eastern horizon, we have therefore also marked the western horizon. From this we gain the image that the Sun's zenith, would be a 'northish' point, while the

night time point would be a 'southish' point. This is particularly easy to make this association when living in the Southern hemisphere as we look to the north whenever we look to the ecliptic.

However it is all somewhat more complicated than this. Astrology has developed over its 5000 year history in the northern hemisphere. In the northern hemisphere, the ecliptic, or the Sun's path, crosses in the southern part of the sky. Thus to read a birth chart, or work with any zodiac orientated perspective, generated in the universally accepted north hemisphere orientation, we must first face to the south. Then we have the eastern horizon (Ascendant) on our left and the western horizon (Descendant) on the right hand side. So this 'northish' point is actually pointing to the south.

Transits Jun 13 2010
Event Chart (3)
 Jun 13 2010
 12:57 pm NZT -12:00
 Tauranga, New Zealand
 37°S42' 176°E10'
 Geocentric
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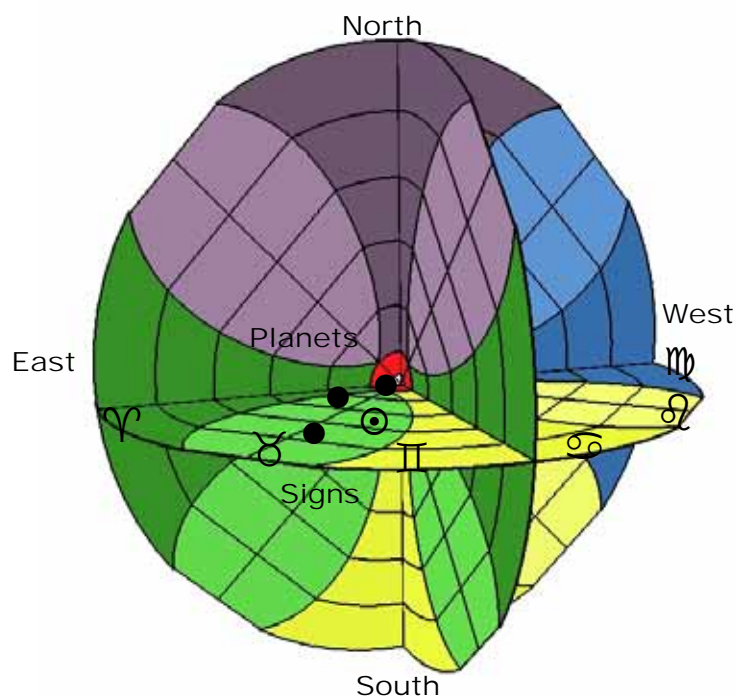
Ascendant
in the East



So to read this chart correctly you must first face to the South pole.

Birth charts are two dimensional diagrams drawn on paper. Therefore we do not experience the three dimensional reality of the gyroscopic solar system. We do not see the different distances the planets are from the Sun, nor do we see the different inclinations from the ecliptic that each planet has. So we do not have to really confront the reality of what the birth chart is. In fact ,we take a tremendous amount for granted, when we accept the western birth chart, as the 'normal' point of reference. I am not saying it is wrong, just that it is a very specific document that gives us very specific information.

So how does the birth chart relate to the gyroscopic sphere?



Within a gyroscopic sphere we have three planes, we have the circle of height, the circle of depth, and the circle of width. Thus we have two vertical planes and one horizontal plane. The vertical planes are orientated off the magnetic north point, which we call North. Therefore we have South opposite. If we stall the gyroscopes spinning movement for a moment, we can also identify a East point and a West point at ninety degrees to the vertical axis. The third plane is across the horizontal plane. So while this horizontal plane can have a east and west point, it can never face North or South, as it is always 90 degree to the axis that defines North.

This reality becomes significant when we realise that our planets are all manifestations of the horizontal plane of the Sun's gyroscopic nature.

Gyroscopic physics states that as the 'Sun' gyroscope spins, it sucks in matter and forces in its north and south poles, and then squirts matter out along its equator. The Sun's magnetic fields then organise the matter into rings, which over time have organised themselves into gyroscopic balls, we call planets. These in turn suck in cosmic

dust and any other Sun 'garbage' through their north and south poles, consolidating this into its planetary substance. Thus we have the planets, lined out along the horizontal plane.

In a perfect solar system, all of the planets would move along one horizon line, however they do not. Mostly though they do move within 5 degrees either side of the horizontal. One significant thing we need to consider is the Earth being 23 degrees tilted off its true North South axis. So in our daily orbit, we see the Sun's plane move higher and lower in the sky, while to a greater extent throughout the year, this angle provides us with our seasons.

This then brings us to the Zodiac. The Zodiac is that band of stars, in front of which the Sun and the planets moves. Therefore the Zodiac is the band of stars wrapped around the horizontal plane of the Sun's or the Earth, gyroscope, depending on which orientation—Heliocentric or Geocentric - you choose to use.

So while we identify the Sun's midday point as the highest part of the Sun' path, and identify its 'northish' qualities, it is in fact not really true. Firstly in the Northern hemisphere you will be looking South, and even in the Southern hemisphere, the north pole is still 90 degrees away from the point, we are looking at when we see the Zenith.

A secondary problem arises for the northern hemisphere as well. As we are looking south to see the Sun, this places the east on the left, and west on the right hand. Thus we have the birth chart placed the way it is. From this orientation, we then develop a reference system based largely upon the astronomical and natural observations. We extrapolate that the daytime (above) of the chart indicates an extrovert personality, when a predominate number of planets are placed there. While

the night time area, with planetary predominance, suggests a introverted orientation. We then follow onto the quadrants of the circle, being divided into collective and personal areas of life, which leads us to all the house definitions, and so on. This is all very well and many fine things have been developed from this reference, over the last few thousand years. The key thought though is, this orientation is towards the Sun's horizontal plane.

This is all very well, however there is another very worthwhile orientation to consider when living as a being upon planet Earth, and this is to reference ourselves off True Magnetic North.

As electro magnetic beings, we have a natural north south polarisation within our magnetic field — head to the north, feet to the south — and some say that being aligned to the Earth's magnetic field, especially during sleep, is a beneficial experience, which helps to realign the static electricity within our bodies, back into a naturally harmonic resonance.

When we look into the Earth sculptures of ancient cultures, foremost of which would have to be the gothic cathedrals, we find they are aligned through the North / South, East / West axis, with an emphasis of their main hall often, along the East West axis. More ancient cultures, like the American Indians, with their medicine wheel, the Buddhists mandalas and the Mayan Calendar also orientate themselves off the Earth's North South axis. This makes very good sense, as we are primarily Earth beings and therefore why not orientate off our environment.

How did we get from facing North to facing South? Of course the Sun's warmth caught our attention, but it appears not really until late in the Egyptian period.

But back to some orientation things for a minute. When we orient off the North pole, it does not matter where you are on the planet, you will always look to the north, and therefore East will be on your right hand and west will be on your left hand. While this is not a problem for the people living in the southern hemisphere, it is a problem for the people living in the northern hemisphere, as they have to turn around and look to the cold north, instead of the warm south. It also messes up the orientation of the northern hemisphere orientated birth charts and all that is deduced from it. Not in the value and meaning of the information, but in the orientation of that information primarily to the switching of the left and right hands, especially when we place emphasis on the left being intuitive and the right to our rational conscious qualities.

This orientation issue was not a problem, while I was developing my diagrams within the one particular reference. However once I started to find this same gyroscopic reference showing up in the artwork of past cultures and in Earth monuments, such as cathedrals and especially in the Chartres Labyrinth, then this issue of how to place the astrological referenced information with the Earth orientated structures, became a problem.

In clarifying this difference I am not making one orientation right and the other wrong, I am just clarifying they are different. The significance of the difference will be investigated further, with some reference to Dr Steiner's comments on this matter. (See the chapter 'The Three Dimensions of Space')

My diagrams

The implications for my diagrams however is relatively significant. My present interest (2010) is to apply the organisation of the gyroscope to the Earth and to the existing 'earth monuments' we find in things like the Celtic stone circles, the Chartres Labyrinth, the Gothic Chapter Houses, and many of the other Templar structures dotted about Europe. These 'forms of earth power' can be easily created anywhere, with any circle or octagonal form being a manifestor of these organisational forces.

This means the next step is to change many of my diagrams, from the orientation of the Zenith to the orientation of North. Thus when you face to the north, the 'old' diagrams need to be flipped horizontally. The North South pole stays the same. East and West switch over. I began this process from the 21 March 2010. My earlier diagrams are not wrong, they are just a little difficult to use, when applying them to the Earth sculptures. The information that has been generated from them is still relevant in itself, but we need to be conscious, it is developed from the ecliptic as seen from the northern hemisphere.

The journey I have taken, from the astrological to the Earth based reference systems is in the opposite direction to that walked by humanity throughout its history. Humanity first came to the northern orientation, with reference to many different stars in the heavens. It was much later, that 'we' moved to a Sun related orientation. Various cultures, orientated initially off the Pleiades, Sirius,

Vega, Canopus, and so on, all stars NOT in the zodiac.

The story of the Egyptian pharaoh "Akhenaten indicates the difficulties this change to the Sun created. He was (a Pharaoh of the Eighteenth dynasty of Egypt, ruled for 17 years and died in 1336 BC or 1334 BC. He is especially noted for abandoning traditional Egyptian polytheism and introducing worship centered on the Aten, which is sometimes described as monotheistic or henotheistic. An early inscription likens him to the sun as compared to stars, and later official language avoids calling the Aten a god, giving the solar deity a status above mere gods." - Wikipedia) . Upon his son's death many references to Akhenaten were removed from the hieroglyphic record, and polytheism was re-instituted in Egypt.

What does Humanities Change of Orientation Mean

With reference to several of my earlier articles, I draw your attention to one of the process of duality. This being wherever we find two things set against each other. Tropical Signs—Sidereal Constellations, Geocentric— Heliocentric, The Cancer / Leo Zodiac as opposed to the Aries / Pisces zodiac and so on. (see Spiral Astrology) I have suggested these 'differences' mirror the duality of Spirit and Matter, or Force and Substance. The more we work with what is astronomically real, the closer we are to the archetype or primal vibration, and thus the closer we are to spirit, while the further we move away from the real astronomical phenomena and move towards something concocted by Human perception, such as the Signs of the zodiac, the closer we move to Matter, or some abstract aspect of matter. In the case of the constellations versus the Signs of the Zodiac, the archetypal information, of the constellations, will describe very unconscious and even collective aspects of the human, e.g. our biological evolution and function, while the more abstract reference, e.g. the signs, in particular, will talk not so much to our body's organisation , but more to the human's psychological organisation, which is a very abstract thing, in the context of the physical universe.

With the two orientations of this article, we have one focused upon the magnetic northern pole of the Earth and the whole starry heaven, and the other is focused upon the apparent path of the Sun around the Earth, and the small ring of stars behind it. The key feature of this change, is from the Earth in relation to ALL the stars, thus the Cosmic Spirit, to our single Star, the Sun, which defines the World Spirit sphere and metaphorically, our internalised individualised spirit. This process of humanity focusing upon our Sun as THE deity, reaches a peak when we move from polytheistic religion to monotheistic religion, with the single God, being considered a Earthly representative of the Sun being. While Akhenaten had a go at this, (and Judaism has non solar monotheistic tendencies) it was not until Christ's incarnation, and his reference as a solar deity, that Solar monotheism really took hold.

The evolutionary significance of this change, is the reorientation of our focus away from being humans at the mercy of the Gods, (Greek polytheism) to us as individuals, firstly in direct relationship with THE God, (post Luther Christianity), and then to us now as direct personal representatives of THE Solar internalised God. We have moved from the collective to the personal. In correspondence with this development, we can track that we have moved from a empathic 'clairvoyant' consciousness, to the more rational scientific and defining consciousness. Thus we have moved away from the Earth within the Cosmic dome, to the Sun as its own central reference.

My chapters on the 'Birth Chart' indicate just how far we have traveled, in the process of identifying our personal consciousness' karmic life, here on Earth.

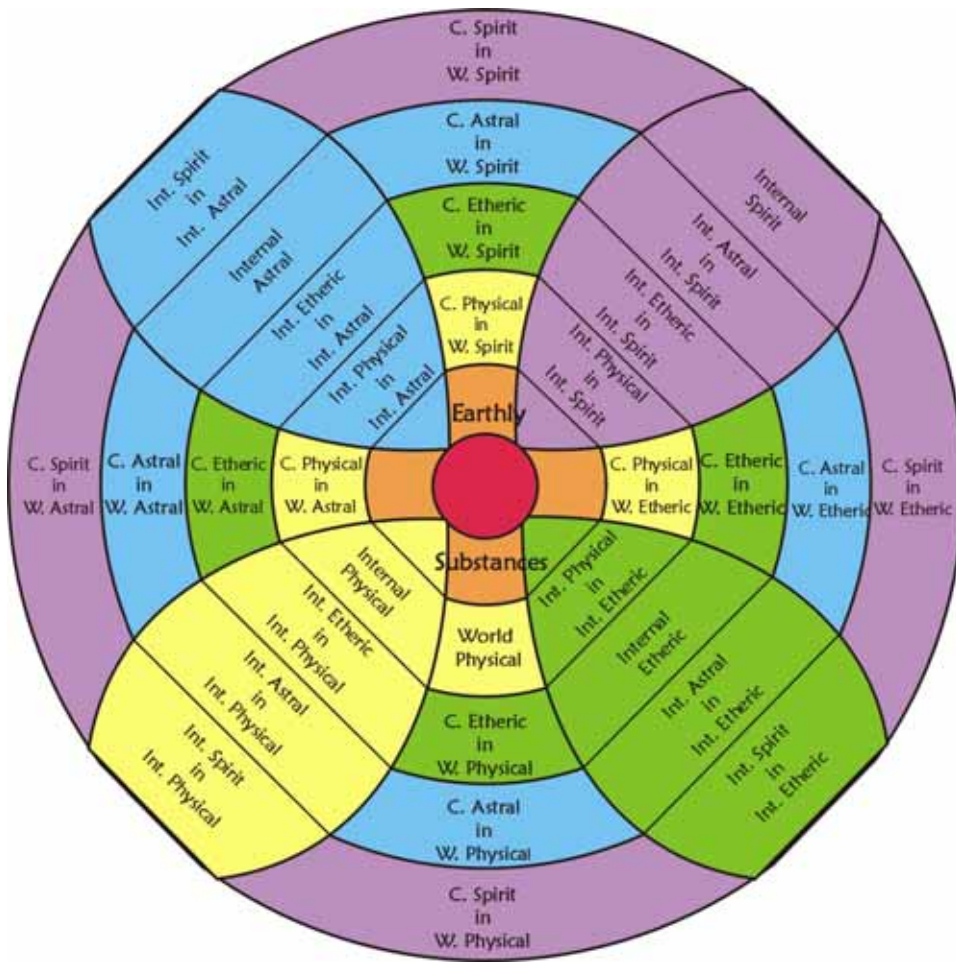
Stepping 'back' to an Earth orientation, is therefore a step back to a collective consciousness that functions regardless of our awareness of it.

My interest in this is two fold. Firstly, we have the energetic reality of the Earths electro magnetic field. This is a free source of energy, that is always present, forever being regenerated by the mere process of the Earth moving through space. Thus this is an energy field at our disposal, 24 hours a day anywhere on the planet. Why not make use of it, as a energetic recharging source for the unconscious processes still active within our bodies, and especially for the beings still embedded fully in this matrix, the soil, plants and animals?

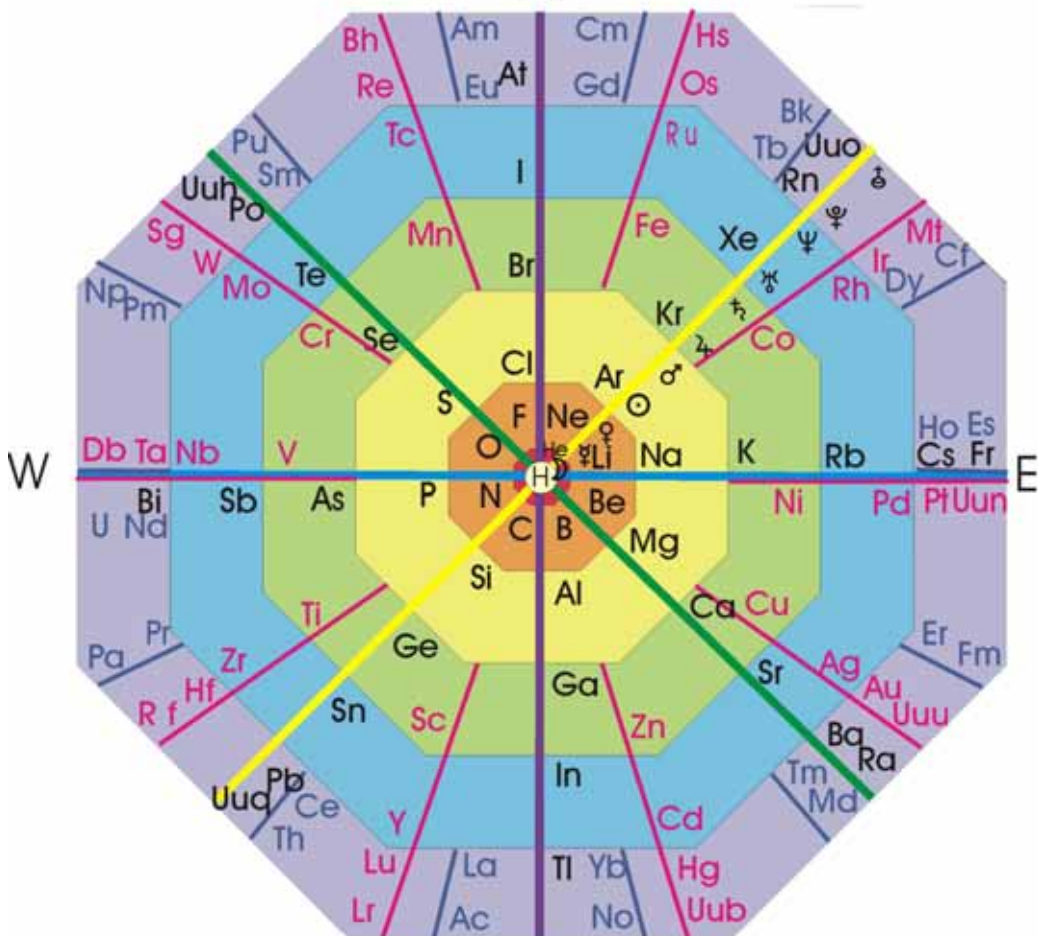
Secondly, because we have many Earth orientated structures, dotted about the planet created by past civilisations, who knew of this 'free' power. These ancient places are placed on points of intensified earth energy, which makes them especially worth visiting. The biggest problem though is we do not have much conscious information about what these places are, and what they can do.

The archetypal organisational reference, I have developed along the Astrological Biodynamic journey, is directly relatable to the Earth magnetic field, and therefore it provides an interpretative image of the organisation existing within these Earth structures. Thus we now have an image of the function of the complex of energies present, anytime we draw a circle or an octagon.

With this in mind I can now provide my 'spiritual activities' diagram and my Periodic table, orientated to the North pole. I trust this will be of a positive value to us all.



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