

Saturn at 6 Libra: An Illustration of How Your Experience is Structured by the Productive Imagination

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BOOKS QUOTED FROM OR REFERENCED:

- Henry Corbin, *The Man of Light in Iranian Sufism*
- Marc Edmund Jones, *The Astrology of Concepts*
- Marc Edmund Jones, *The Sabian Symbols in Astrology*

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- FIGURE 1982 0626-1-AB. Three Levels of Cosmos Inside and Outside Dragon.
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- AB class notes have been appended because they contain diagrams, and also for completeness. Retyped from Classnotes AB 1982 0522 to 1982 0626.PDF. All capitalization and punctuation corrected, all abbreviations, astrological glyphs, and one number spelled out in AB class notes.
- Paper: All spelling, punctuation, and capitalization errors have been corrected, some abbreviations spelled out, the meaning of other abbreviations added in square brackets.

SATURN AT 6 LIBRA: AN ILLUSTRATION OF HOW YOUR EXPERIENCE IS STRUCTURED BY THE PRODUCTIVE IMAGINATION

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Imagination

For an illustration we take the function of self-apperception or the senex, and try to see in a couple of examples how the self-apperceptive function which the individual is always operating with must be working according to the degree that the Saturn is sitting on and is further objectively manifesting a content according to the opposite degree. According to the Vedanta explanation the subtle mind goes out and grasps the intelligible, and then has to make a representation for itself of what it went out to -- of what the intelligible or reason-principle is like. In the first example we have Saturn at 6 degrees Libra, and the opposite 6 Aries. Can we see here how the 6 Libra with the Saturn represents the structure of the subtle mind grasping the Idea, and the opposite degree its concretization or outward representation?

6 Libra -- A pilgrim sits on a bench and one by one watches his ideals take form before him. [Note: This is Anthony Damiani's natal Saturn degree.]

Here the person cannot be satisfied with a purely abstract or idealistic understanding of himself, but must bring the understanding into a very concrete and practical application. There is a recognition of what constitutes him and his ideals only as this is substantiated -- in this person's case particularly through the science of Astrology, and its application to the human condition.

6 Aries -- A black square stands firmly, illumined red on one side.

In the opposite degree, we find that the way the inner self-apperceptive organization is objectively portrayed is that the "material reality" seen just in itself without the expression of the higher ideals or meanings being seen in it cannot be given any real power. But insofar as the sensible reality *is* truly revealing something of his higher ideals, or is seen to validate them, then it does take on the highest importance. If astrology can reveal the true or inner meaning of the world experience, then the experience can be seen to be meaningful, and not just a show. Insofar as "material reality" is an expression of inner intelligence, the person's experience will express his self-apperception, his view of his own ideals.

The senex or self-apperception represented by Saturn is being organized according to the degree it is on. This applies to every category, and taken in their totality the way we perceive the world is determined for us according to the way these categories are organized. We have to get a feeling of how just beyond the self-apperception which we operate with continually is the reason-principle which organized it and went into its constitution, which is a particle of light or intelligence seeking its own being. This structures the tropical matter of the Dragon in such a way that you must perceive the world as you do.

Take the elements of the earth -- the F, E, A, W [Fire, Earth, Air, Water] as the stuff being worked with. You breath in and out and the cosmic principle of Air is getting individualized by your breathing, and the air element will then contain the traces of your individual organism functioning. The same for the other elements -- which are thus seen to have a highly organized system of life traces. When this matter with traces is brought together by a superior (i.e. soul) function to form your body there will be a pre-existent organization of life traces in your body which the higher reason-principles will have to operate through. Both the higher and the lower will be present to some extent -- the matter organized to function in a self-apperceptive way, of a feeling way and so on, and the reason-principles working through these.

The way you perceive yourself in your experience *is* based in the way your senex is organized, (and) your self-apperception must conform to this. The way we experience self-apperception is already after the fact of the a priori categories that we have to try to get to, which are in their totality constituting the way you experience. Some a priori intelligence is organizing the whole trope system: THE ANIMA, HOW YOU FEEL IS ALREADY determined for you; how you think is already determined for you. The various aspects to the function may aid or obscure the way the reason-principle is going to unfold, but right in the very way the imagination is organized as our experience is a reflection of the prior principles.

Is this prior reason available to you in the embodied image? We would have to say yes if the thinking or reasoning actually becomes an organ of perception, the way the eyes are for physical perception. An organ of thinking to do this would mean that you have some access to the soul powers which are outside of the imaginative re-presentation.

[Note: See FIGURES 1982 0626-1, 2 for the following.]

If we correlate the chart symbolism to the cosmos, the 6 degrees of Libra, the reason-principle is part of the sidereal zodiac. We take Saturn as the function which is going to embody the reason principle and the elements FAW [Fire Air Water Earth] as belonging to the planet Earth. The Saturn, which is a true knowing organizes, together with the other functions, the reason-principles and inserts them into the FEAW, this is constitutive of your psychosomatic organism. Then these organizing principles will reappear *within* the imagery, in the reproductive imagination, which you now call the circumstances of your experience, or the house. The Saturn is organizing the FEAW into an organism according to the intelligence of the 6 degrees Libra. The idea is thus included in the substance of your organism, organizes how it will function and then will reappear in the world projected as your experience.

In our diagram of the cosmos, the inerratic, planetary, and elements are all part of the productive functioning and organization, all of which combine to produce the primal image, with you as an empirical person within it. In this person are reflected all the primal structures, and within his experience and the circumstances represented by the houses, is a representation of the reason-principles. If you could develop an organ of reason, you could get beyond the representation to the meanings and intelligence operating concomitantly with it. This world *is* the real world in this sense -- with all the metaphysical principles within it. The discussion of the metaphysics without the world is only an abstraction.

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APPENDIX: AB CLASS NOTES FOR 1982 0626

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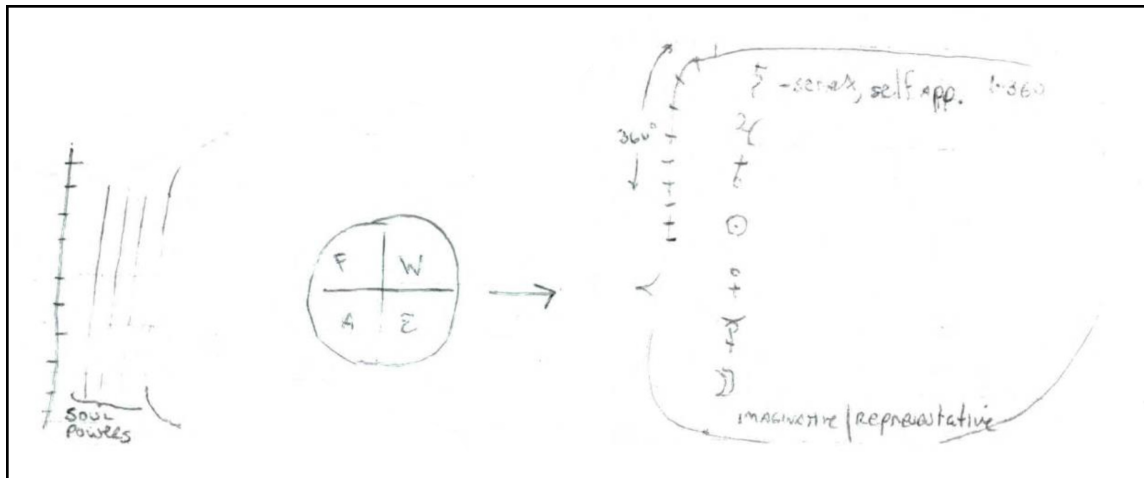
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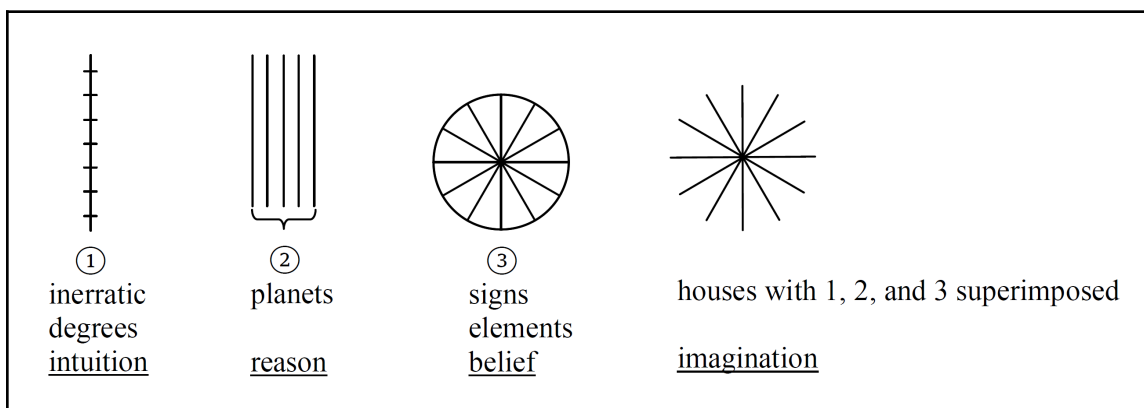
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[FIGURE 1982 0626-1-AB. Three Levels of Cosmos Inside and Outside Dragon. A E W F = Air Earth Water Fire; Self-app. = Self-apperception. Facsimile scan from AB class notes.]



[FIGURE 1982 0626-2-AB. Divided Line and Levels of Cosmos Mapped onto Natal Chart. Computer generated by IT and NT from Classnotes AB 1982 0522 to 1982 0626.PDF.]

Can you see how one planet/degree functions on all these levels?

Anthony's Saturn --

The self-apperception is organized by a degree (6 Libra) and the opposite degree. [Libra 6, "A pilgrim sits on a rustic bench and one by one his ideals in a sort of trance-vision take form before him." Aries 6, "A black square stands firmly, illumined red on one side."]

What is the organization or plan of the self-apperception: Saturn in Libra -- the intelligible complex; Aries degree -- the sensible grasping.

How is *the way you perceive* (Saturn) the world organized by these two degrees?

Always attempting to see how the internal ideals (pilgrim) are being actualized materially (Aries degree).
[Note: There is a smudge here or possibly the symbol for Uranus, not clear.]

The houses represent the perceived world in your reproductive imagination.

A satori takes you beyond nature so that you see what structures your constitution -- it is not (as Jung says) an insight into your constitution or your nature.

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