

Astrology is not a Religion.

Astrology answers the question, "What in the world is going on?" It's a way of peering within and collecting a clue or two about yourself psychologically. In other words, astrology is a tool designed to help with you with your life. It is not a way of "worshipping the stars."

The moment you took your first breath, you set an imprint (your horoscope) which symbolizes all sorts of things, such as emotional intensity, analytical style, aggressiveness or lack thereof, and, most importantly, why you, a spiritual being, incarnated. The astrological chart of birth indicates the direction you want to go in life and answers the question "What am I doing here?"

It's a proven fact in psychology that our happiness is largely determined by our reaction to circumstances not the circumstances themselves. And I believe the more deeply we know ourselves the more "positive" our responses to life will be. One gets a sort of bubbly inner feeling, like a kid happily splashing in a mud puddle.

Astrology is a study of you in an inner manner and I ask how a person could not be interested in learning such a thing? How in the world could "I'm not really interested." be your response to astrology?

What makes this even more interesting is that different areas of the horoscope are activated at different times. For example, if you are alone, the 12th house becomes activated. If you are working, making a wage by dealing with customers in a store, the 6th house of work is activated. When you are put in charge the 10th house is stimulated. To go a little further into this, using the 10th as a continuing example, the condition of the 10th house in your horoscope indicates what kind of boss you will be, how you will behave if you are in charge, what your demeanor will be if you pose as a parent figure with the power to hire and fire. So interesting. And so helpful if you are in distress concerning being alone (12th), have job issues (6th), or when responsibility is thrust upon you (10th).

But the point is that astrology is something you experience rather than believe in. If you were to look in the astrologer's brain it would be full of question marks. Going back to the previous examples you'd test what is stated: does a person really activate the 12th house when alone, does the 6th house actually describe the person's working style, and does the 10th house give clues concerning how the person handles being the one in charge?

As you can begin to see, this is like examining the automobile owner's manual, pouring over a crossword puzzle or "reading the water" on a trout stream. It's not religious; it's intriguing, experimental, and always a learning experience.

And astrology is so much fun, the deeper you walk into it the better it gets sort of like a psychological Disneyland.

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