

Joseph Crane Lecture Topics 2008-2009

Most of topics can be adjusted to suit the time allowed by a standard evening or conference presentation. The presentations on Dante, on Hellenistic astrological technique, and any components of the Profiles series can be one-day workshops or weekend presentations.

Spiritual Astrology Series

The Spiritual Astrology of Dante in the Divine Comedy

Part I: Inferno and Purgatorio

In his first two parts of the *Commedia*, one of the great works of Western culture, Dante uses astrology to create sacred space and sacred time.

Part II: Paradiso

In the third part, Dante uses the heavens themselves, the planets and the stars and what lies behind, to profile the sanctified life. The *Paradiso* stands as the greatest work of spiritual astrology – ever.

Alice Bailey and the Twelve Labors of Heracles

The theosophist writer Alice Bailey brought together the life of the greatest hero of Greek mythology, Heracles, and the twelve signs of the zodiac as a universal pattern of life, and the path of spirituality. This lecture explains and evaluates Bailey's synthesis.

Hellenistic Astrology Series

Harmonics and the Origins of Aspects

In this lecture we will explore music and how music and mathematics presented the order of the universe for the Hellenists. Our current Western theory of aspects is strongly influenced by their grand conception of the universe. We will also discover how ancient and modern astrologers approach harmonics differently.

Practical Beginnings to Hellenistic Astrology: Planets, Places and Lots

This lecture assumes no prior knowledge of Hellenistic astrology or the history of astrology. Here we note the first formulations of modern astrology's symbols.

Love and Work in Hellenistic Astrology

Regardless of era, people have asking the same questions of astrologers for thousands of years. The concerns people have with career and relationship were addressed within the Hellenistic tradition, and there is much the ancient determinations can offer to today's astrologers.

Transits and Profecions in Hellenistic Astrology

You don't need a fancy computer program to do the basic work of yearly and monthly prediction. Here we will compare the ancient practice of transits, with their modern use, then we'll add yearly and monthly profecions, which give transits a context in which to work. Here is a powerful predictive system that does not require the modern planets.

Profiles Series

This set of talks utilizes the natal charts of prominent people in various life endeavors. Emphasis is on the astrology of extremely creative or exemplary individuals in order to illustrate how the natal chart can be actualized to its fullest potential.

Profiles of Poets

Profiles of Religious Leaders

Profiles of Philosophers

Ancient Wisdom Series

The Stoic Contribution to Astrology

The Stoics developed a set of values and attitudes that continues to influence Western culture in general and astrology in particular. This talk explores this contribution and the hidden assumptions we have as astrologers that have been influenced by the Stoic mind.

The Virtues of the Astrologer

Over the last decade many astrological organizations have written standards of ethics for professional astrologers. Instead of laying down rules, the ancient philosopher would say, cannot we work to develop the qualities that enable a person to be an ethical and wise astrologer? Ancient literature has many ideas to help us be the most ethical and helpful for our clients.



