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Astrology

Steps in the Scientific Reading of the Horoscope

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The habit of superficiality is one of the gravest dangers into which the amateur astrologer is likely to fall. In his impatience to learn the secrets of the nativity, he is all too prone to try to interpret the aspects without sounding the tenor of the chart as a whole.

Due to our present limited understanding of the science, we must consider astrology as a science of probabilities. The Keyword System tells us that "any aspect, position, or configuration may represent any one of a number of possibilities; and the only way to get a reasonable line on which one of these will develop is first to ascertain the key to the chart as a whole."

Just as an error of a few hours makes but little difference in the configurations of the Sun, but makes a vast difference in those of the Moon, so by comparison does superficiality make but little difference in ordinary character delineation, but a vast difference in delineating the avenues through which the traits of character will manifest and determining where they will lead.

The probability of error is even greater when the would-be expert launches forth on the all too poorly charted sea of prognostic astrology without having found the key to the chart, for he will be lost in the maze of probabilities before he is nigh begun. To quote from The Keyword System:

"The key is usually found in some strong group of planets, or in the ruling planet. For instance, if a person has Pisces in the 12th house occupied by two or three strong planets, we know immediately that he is of the mystical type and therefore he will be interested in the mystical aspect of life. T