

# Archetypal Astrology and Alchemy as a Guide to Psychospiritual Transformation

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Astrology was of lifelong interest to C.G. Jung, both professionally and personally. He employed it as an aid to his analytical work with his patients, and saw it as the “sum of all the psychological knowledge of antiquity.” The burgeoning interest in the field in the late nineteenth century and beyond was a compensatory response, Jung thought, to the rationality championed after the Enlightenment and to the decline of religion in the modern Western world. For astrology offers something the modern age is sorely lacking: the sense of participation in a cosmic order, in which individual lives—even the intimate depths of our personal experience—are meaningfully related to the universe at large, mapped by the shifting cycles and configurations of the planets.

Over the last thirty years, my work has helped to establish and develop an archetypal approach to astrology. At the same time, I have been especially

interested in understanding experiences of deep psychospiritual transformation in the context of the evolution of consciousness and civilization. In this series of lectures, these two areas of interest are brought together. In the accompanying book, *The Lion Will Become Man*, I share details of my own experience of a period of psychological crisis and transition, which I approach chiefly through a Jungian understanding of alchemy. In the lectures, in reference to the book, I will then explain how one might use astrology to illuminate experiences of psychological transformation. The overarching aim is to convey something of the potential value of archetypal astrology as a cosmological perspective that can offer a source of mythic and psychological orientation for our lives.

[Interview: Murray Stein & Keiron Le Grice](#)



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