

Practical Approaches to Medical Astrology

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Today we are going to look at the components in a natal chart that can point out a health problem right away so you don't have to spend a lot of time searching. Obviously, you are not going to get all the answers without *some* searching but some problems are very obvious and some techniques are very simple to use such as the elements, which we are going to start out with. Other techniques are not so easy to use, and that's when you have to sit down and do a lot of research. But the purpose of this lecture is to show what can be seen very quickly that will point out a potential health problem.

Noel Tyl recently wrote a book¹ describing how you can look ahead and use predictions as you think, "maybe I should get a checkup; I've got some difficult transits coming." Why wait until you have difficult transits when you can start looking at your chart at as young an age as you want to see your strengths and weaknesses? You *can* do this with medical astrology. That is one of the good things about it. Then you can see if there are some measures you should take. If you don't have enough fire, for instance, then increase that, etcetera. So that is what the purpose of this lecture is. What can we see right away? However, I always start a medical astrology lecture with a disclaimer...

First of all, I am not a doctor. I have not been to medical school and I get very confused myself on anatomy and physiology even though I have tried to read books on these subjects. I never claim to any client that I know anything the way a doctor knows about the body because I don't, and neither should you unless you *have* been to med school. Be

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AUDIENCE: *Do you look at the sixth house?*

DC: The sixth house I would look at if the Sun were there.

AUDIENCE: *What if Neptune were there?*

DC: If Neptune were there, I might think you have allergies, possibly.

AUDIENCE: *Misdiagnosis?*

DC: Yes, and misdiagnosis. What I've learned in medical astrology is that the sixth house and the twelfth house show up in illness but an emphasized sixth or twelfth house show up in the charts of health care workers also. I know many people who work in hospitals who have planets in the twelfth house.

AUDIENCE: *I have the rulers of the sixth and twelfth houses conjunct one another. And when Neptune came along and opposed Jupiter and squared Neptune I was sick to death and tired.*

DC: You had Jupiter square Neptune square your Sun?

AUDIENCE: *I have Jupiter square Neptune natally and Neptune came along and squared Neptune.*

DC: The thing is we don't know how it is going to turn out but there seems to be more of a problem if there is a first and sixth house connection. Ruler of the first in the sixth—that sort of thing. The Sun in the sixth house. But I still find malefics afflicting angles to be the most difficult. Go back to Nancy Hastings's chart. There were malefics afflicting all of her angles. When you look at her chart, and she did not survive cancer, you see a very difficult chart. A grand cross with malefics. What can you say to someone? She was an astrologer. She knew she had this chart. This chart was in Lee Lehman's *Classical Astrology* book.⁶ And it has got to be problems in health. I am sure it made her a hard worker and a good writer as she used the energy that way. But what are you going to do?

AUDIENCE: *She had Neptune on the rising square the MC, her closest aspect; this made her an astrologer. But with Neptune on the rising you frequently can't see what is in front of you.*

DC: Yes, that is a good point. And what if you know all this stuff? What can you do about it? I think to a certain extent be very rigorous if you know you have a difficult chart. Look, I am going to have to be very disciplined during my life. And sure I would like to eat all this stuff. I am reading the biography of Andy Kaufman written by his best friend. He died of cancer in his early 30's. Apparently, he was a chocoholic and lived on chocolate. And when he was dying he said something like,

REMEMBER...

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