

# Cosmic Views

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## *Success and Prosperity*

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This is supposed to be an astrological newsletter, but every now and then I feel it's necessary to gain a little perspective and put it all in context. That is, put life and how astrology fits into it in perspective. It isn't true that all of life is pre-ordained by one's chart and that an astrologer can tell us exactly how things will turn out; but on the other hand, it is also not true that astrology has no validity and can do nothing for us. It is simply a tool that can make life so much more organized and fulfilling.

The most frustrating thing I run into with clients is their "traps" that they get caught up in and cannot seem to escape. Whether it is relationship endless loops, financial quagmires or endless illness, certain people seem to have perpetual problems about one area of life. What I've noticed in spending a little time with various people, is that they dwell on their problems in a long litany of explanation, complaining or just verbally observing "what IS" in their lives. I understand that it is hard to ignore one's core issues, but I've grown to understand also, in the last ten years, that what we *dwell on emotionally* the most, is what we create for the future.

### **The Roots of Matters**

After studying astrology and practicing it professionally for more than thirty years, I'm quite convinced that Karma is real. What "goes around" *does* "come around." What you send out, you get back. If you lie, you'll be deceived. If you cheat, you will be cheated. It may not be exactly in the manner you did it, but it will happen. It may not be in this lifetime, but in another. And, what is happening to you now could be the result of behavior in a past life you don't remember consciously. What could be more *fair* than that? It's undeviating universal justice. And it doesn't have to be actual behavior. What you do in your heart or imagination counts.

But just as fair is the concept of prayer. Prayer is not pleading and informing God of your problems. It is affirmation of belief. The Bible spells it out over and over, but we don't seem to "get it." What you ask for, and *believe* you already

have, manifests. This is not superficial belief. It's belief on a cellular level. It is a statement of gratitude, and *gratitude* is the key to success.

### **What we “feed” grows**

Where do you expend energy? Is it in complaining or is it in positive expectation? Whichever it is, it is reproducing more of the same. There are laws in the universe. One is that like begets like. Energy and vibration are all that is really in existence. Everything, without exception, is made of these. (Consult Einstein's theory of relativity.) Wherever energy is placed, growth occurs. If you give energy to being grateful, you will “grow” more things to be grateful for! If you expend energy complaining, moaning and griping, you will “grow” more things to gripe about. Every word you say, every feeling you have, every action you take sends out a vibration that finds and *mates* with vibrations that are attuned to it—much like a radio signal finds a receiver set at its frequency. This amplifies its effect and changes your life for better or worse. We attract what we send out. This is how the law of attraction works. (For more on that, go to [www.tut.com](http://www.tut.com) and get the DVD, *The Secret*.) It isn't easy. Our unconscious selves are operating all the time and often bear no resemblance to who we appear to be. But persistence is the key to this.

### **The word “success”**

This word is from the Latin, *succedere*, which literally means to “keep on going up.” It is the idea of keeping on keeping on, or following through. It isn't the destination, but the **process** of putting one foot in front of the other and being persistent until reaching the top. If you start one thing after another and don't persist until it is finished, or if you put one idea into action and don't follow through with it (when you see the first sign of difficulty), then success, as we define it, might very well elude you.

No where is this more important than the persistence of changing habitual patterns. Just a few positive statements in the mirror each morning will not change your life. It's a matter of being vigilant moment to moment all day and *choosing* where you will expend most of your energy, passion and emotion. When you meet a friend for lunch or a drink, do you immediately start complaining of all that has gone wrong that day, or do you speak of what has gone right? Do you compliment people or do you groan about others' weaknesses and mistakes? I'm guilty of these things, but whenever I find myself slipping, I try to correct it as best I can, and now most of the time, I'm positive. There are still slip-ups, but I know I'm succeeding because my life is changing for the better exponentially.

### **Where Does Astrology Fit In All This?**

You could easily say, “Well, what's the point in getting a chart done if this is all there is to it?” Your astrological chart reveals where in your life you will most likely get into difficult circumstances and also where your assets are to help you with it. It also has a clear picture of your karma and life lessons. A natal analysis is really the most important thing astrology offers, but most people are under the impression that a “forecast” is the thing they need because, erroneously, they

believe it will “tell the future” for the year, and that it is in concrete. That is somewhat true, but not exactly.

A forecast is like a weather report. It feels like I’ve written this a thousand times, but as long as people seem to forget it, I have to repeat it over again. It is true that if you continue to live your life in “default” mode—that is, not improving your character, but insisting or hoping others will improve theirs—then a forecast will seem to accurately predict the year (or more) ahead. When you improve your character by becoming mostly grateful, positive and happily expectant of great results from whatever you do (on a subconscious level as well as conscious), then you will unerringly attract different circumstances. The so-called “negatives” in a forecast will manifest, but so mildly that you hardly notice them. The more severely they manifest, the more you have to learn. So a chart’s forecast can be a good measuring tool to show you how well you are doing.

### **Forgiveness**

Besides gratitude, forgiveness is the cornerstone to the law of attraction. I have watched people become isolated, alone and bitter because of their grievances against perceived “wrongs” that others have done to them. It’s hard to suspend judgment and understand why some people have a need to ‘apparently’ hurt us. I say *apparently* because usually it’s not intentional. I know it’s hard because in my own life there has been a succession of people copying or taking credit for things I have created and done professionally, and it is hard to see them getting accolades and profit from my ideas and work. It’s a bitter thing. But, I have had to choose to see it as **sad** that they had to resort to that. There had to be forgiveness for my own well-being. Karma will take care of it. Besides, how do I know I didn’t do it to them in a past life? It’s entirely possible, if not probable. Since I don’t know for sure, the best thing to do is to let it go. If one truly believes in universal, undeviating justice, then it’s not my job to judge anyone’s behavior. I can be surprised by it. I can be astonished at it, and I can also choose not to be in those people’s company, but I don’t need to dwell on it or become bitter. Forgiveness is always the safe and higher road to take.

### **And now....**

Back in May 2005, I told you all I had a project to do here in Maryland. It was always a temporary move. It is finished, and now I’m looking for a house in Virginia Beach (have been pre-approved for the mortgage), so will be back where I belong in the next month or two. It is all part of the wonderful, positive things unfolding in rapid fire order. Nothing could be more fair than having the power to create your life, yourself, by simply understanding how the universe works energetically.

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## **‘Tis the Season!**



However you celebrate it, gifts are involved.

I love the opportunity to introduce Astrology to new people, and a gift of a chart on CD from a friend or relative is a great way to do it.

This Christmas/Hanukkah I’m doing something different. Instead of the regular charts offered on the website, I’ve developed a hybrid of the detailed forecast and the “party” chart. It will comprise a



synopsis of the person’s character and an overview forecast that uses *not only* transits, but also solar arcs and secondary progressions. No “jargon” will be mentioned. Because all three systems will be combined, it will be very comprehensive in giving your giftee the core indicators of the coming year. What could be more valuable than knowing what the agenda is for 2007?

The holiday season is busy for all of us, but if I’m creating personalized gifts for people, I need time in which to do it. So, if you think this is something you want to give to anyone, please let me know as soon as you can.

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