

# Cosmic Views

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## **Astrology vs. the Law of Attraction Is There a Contradiction?**

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It all started with *A Course in Miracles*. As soon as the world became familiar with it, I started getting questions about how astrology could be valid in light of the “create your own reality” message there. It only escalated after the whirlwind impact of *The Secret* and the *What the Bleep?* movie. Then, of course, when I started writing about “thoughts becoming things” the questions multiplied.

I recently had an experience that brought all this to a head. My business was going into an unexpected direction. I couldn't see it in my personal chart, so finally, I looked at the business chart. I hadn't looked at it in about five years—after all, I'd picked a good date, and things had been fine for a long time. This chart was the most recent incarnation of the business, which started at the launch of the website eleven years ago. I was astonished to see that, just recently, solar arcs, transits and progressions had moved to positions *simultaneously* that would not have been obvious five years ago without doing some research. If I had kept an eye on it, I would have done things differently in recent years. The point is that I was **unaware** of what was going on with that chart. I didn't “think” about it, and therefore, did not “cause” it by my thinking. But it went on developing into what it manifested exactly as the chart indicated.

This kind of thing has been going on forever in other people's charts. I have done many, many home parties, for instance, in which people, who have never had a chart done, and in fact, had no idea such a thing existed, would be astonished when I'd tell them what their lives had been like in recent years. I did that so they would listen more attentively when I told them about what was ahead. If I could tell them these things when they were **unaware** that a chart even existed, then how could their thoughts have been the “cause” of their life events.

### **Well, It's Complicated**

On the other hand, when you read books like **The Field** and **The Intention Experiment** both by Lynne McTaggart, it is hard to deny that thoughts and their resulting emotional energy have a definite impact on reality. She is compelling in stating her case about the physics of it all. There is definitely something to it. It even explains why prayer is so effective. How in the world can both be right?

And then there is the inequity of birth. Many years ago in Atlanta (and forgive me if I've told this story before), I used to go to the Jesuit retreat house on Riverside Drive annually for a weekend of quiet meditation. While there one summer, I asked the priest who was counseling us how in the world we really had a choice about redemption. If we chose to be "saved," we were going to heaven, if we chose not to be saved, we'd go to hell (whatever that really is), and if we chose not to choose, we'd go to hell anyway. PLUS, some people were born non-Christian...what about their lack of opportunity? Some are born to ministers where the choices are easier. It all seemed "stacked" to me. There was no level playing field here.

And later, I questioned the inequity of personality and physical defects. Some are born natural optimists; others are natural pessimists. Some healthy and others severely challenged, like the Thalidomide babies. How does that help matters in creating a "good life?" However, these tendencies show up in the natal chart—not the circumstances of religious affiliation, but the tendencies of character do. After all, you can't tell the difference in a chart for a dog or a person, but a dog (or anything else for that matter) will have the characteristics of that moment in time when it was born. One time a lady at one of my Astro\*Parties had me do a chart which I *thought* was a person. It turned out to be the chart of her marriage, and she said I had described it perfectly as though it were a person. Even an event has a personality.

No one questions DNA. We have concrete evidence that DNA predisposes us in certain directions. It is my belief that the natal chart is like another version of DNA...a kind of "map" of it. And the progressions, transits, etc. are like the triggers that activate various patterns that were latent and waiting for the switch to turn them on. It would be a horrible cosmic joke, though, if we were just slaves to a chart with no ability to DO anything to change our destiny. What would be the point of living in the first place?

### **But Are They Contradictory?**

It would be so nice if there were a simple technique for making life perfect. But because of the predispositions of people, their challenges and circumstances, it cannot be simple. First of all, the Law of Attraction is based on your core belief. What you believe to be true **is** your reality. It isn't just a conscious thought thing. It's a belief in your cells...your unconscious **real** belief. Where does that come from? In fact, that begs the questions, Where does your chart come from? WHY is one person born rich into a family like the Kennedys and another born in a ghetto with brain damage? In 1969 I had just discovered astrology and these questions were driving me crazy. But, just when we ask, an answer is given—especially when it's an obsessive question.

I was expecting my last child and wanted to visit Atlanta one more time before the baby was born. I flew to visit a friend, and as I was about to board the plane to fly back to New York, she pushed a book into my hands to read on the plane. It was **The Sleeping Prophet** by Jess Stern...the story of Edgar Cayce, a new name to me. There were all the answers! He even mentioned astrology! It made perfect sense. We make ourselves into who we are by choices we made in past lives. We have a plan for each life (that we co-write – that's another anecdote for which there is no room here) that is designed to teach us what we need to know to develop into a higher spiritual being. But, we have choices. We can choose to do or think whatever we wish within the context of our life plan. If we have written a script of our life that needs to have specific events, then no amount of applying the Law of Attraction will take them away. **We have already "attracted" that event by past choices.** We all have unfinished business that we want to experience. We may not like it right now when

we're in the midst of the drama, but it may be exactly what we wanted when we were in spirit planning this life.

I do believe that the Law of Attraction is alive and well. It can help or hinder our progress. It may even be the ultimate life lesson. After all, when in a past life we made an unfortunate choice, we then “attracted the consequences.” It's just a much bigger picture than we realize. The chart shows where we are now in our evolution, what the challenge is in this lifetime, and the movement from birth on is the timing for the unfolding of the life drama. *Within that framework*, the Law of Attraction keeps on working, just as it had already been working, to bring you to where you are now.

While in your life drama, each minute of your life, you can choose how you will respond to whatever happens, and you can choose your default attitude. How well each unfolding event ends ultimately depends on how you have approached and dealt with it. And what you dwell on does expand your experience of it. For instance, if you talk about, read about, think about illness most of the time, you will attract illness. If your talk, thought and energy is about love and service, you will have abundant opportunity to be of service in a loving way. Like a boomerang, what you send out, comes back to you. But there is much more to it than that simple statement. You have karma—your unfinished business from other times. You have a soul memory in your cells that goes back eons of time. It's not going to disappear after a few affirmations. It takes constant, repetitive attention to what you think and feel when you're not “thinking”—and then changing that habit if it's negative and keeping you stuck in a repetitive pattern you don't like.

But, most of all, most of us have a core problem. Something we can't seem to solve. For some it's a health issue. They cannot imagine being healthy. For others it's a relationship issue. They seem to just attract one disastrous relationship after another. For others, it's money. They don't feel worth much, so don't attract much in material things. These core issues are usually chronic and stem from a major conflict in the character or past life habit patterns. Until you know what that is and are willing to change, it will continue to be a problem. It takes more than just “thinking” differently; you have to “feel” differently about it, and that takes a lot of work. But the chart is the one *dependable* diagnostic tool that is there for you as a guide to help toward this end. And the timing (when the symbolic DNA is switched on) is one of the greatest gifts an astrological chart can offer.

### **And the USA Chart? How do we apply the Law of Attraction there?**

We are a huge collective entity, and we have a chart. The USA is not a perfect “person;” we have conflicts and flaws. Right now, we are coming into a period where once again our “DNA” is being switched on concerning power issues. I've gone on about this before, so will not repeat here. But, you ask, what can we do in applying the Law of Attraction? We can collectively feel differently about the way we give away our power. We are where we are after eight years of unbridled power by the Bush administration and before that and now, by the Federal Reserve. We are reaping the inevitable results of that. We can collectively influence far more by what kind of energy we send out. I know I've been just telling you what is coming if events follow the last time these alignments came into being, but we know more now about metaphysics than we did then. What you talk about, think about and feel about things is the power behind it all. Make an effort to talk about abundance, talk about possible solutions, concentrate on the good news you hear and “feel” things getting better. If it were a national effort by everyone, it could happen quickly. However, the

majority of people are not “into this” so more than likely, the default mode will happen for the majority.

The good news is that you can make your personal life better by following the principles of the Law of Attraction. I’ve noticed that when I think fearfully (hard not to do sometimes), I get what I think about pretty quickly. It doesn’t cost anything to experiment. In fact, it can make a huge difference when the energy finally kicks in and the tide turns. But, look at your chart. Some times are much easier than others. We’ve been given this marvelous tool to help us not only diagnose what we are working on, but also it’s a clock to help us tell when our timing is better than at other times.

## Special of the Season

Everyone is offering discounts, and since most people are strapped with buying things for the new school year (and Christmas is coming), I’m offering these two things:

- 1. Is it your birthday month? Then the usual annual forecast is \$100 for you instead of the usual \$125.**
- 2. Do you like the idea of getting an annual forecast free? Have an Astro\*Party! The guest rate (usually \$30) is now \$20 (and recorded). Guests must number between 4 and 6. After six the quality is not as good, so I limit it to that number. Not hard to get that many. And THEY get a coupon worth \$20 off a longer session. This is in force until the New Year and can be done by mail no matter where you live.**

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