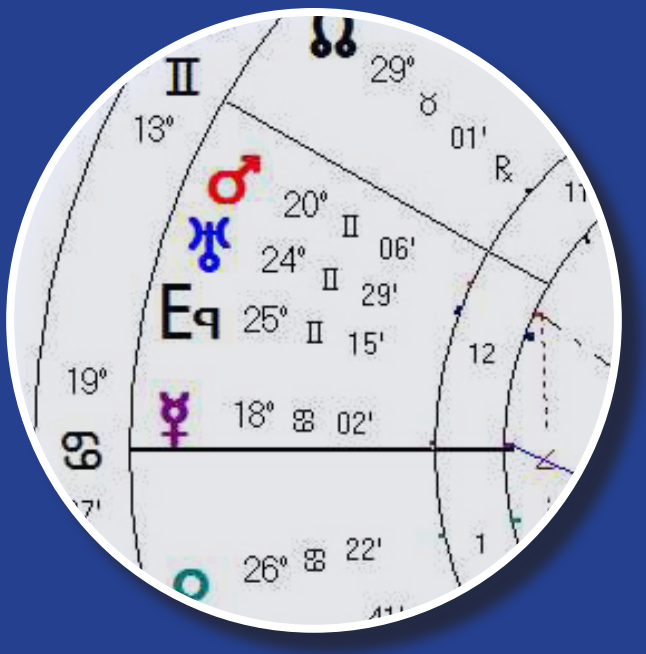
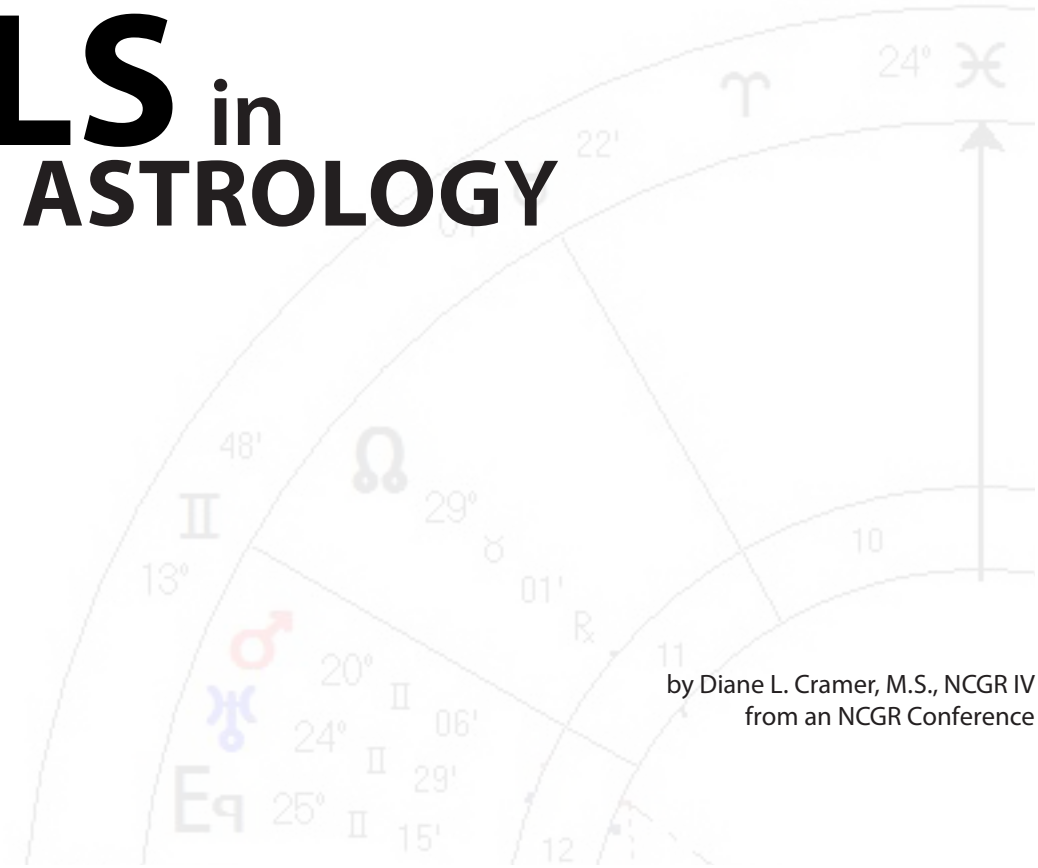
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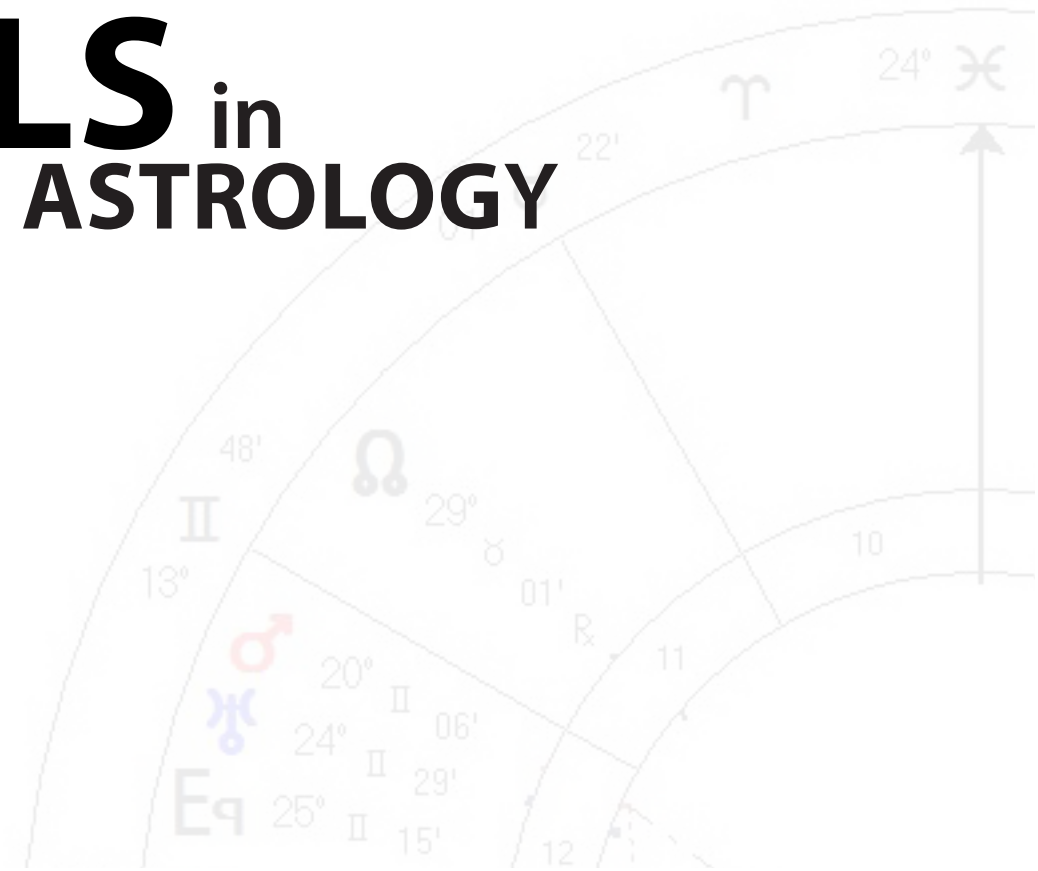
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TOOLS in MEDICAL ASTROLOGY



Welcome to this session in which we will discuss some of the tools that are available to us in medical astrology. In the lectures that I have been giving over the years, I always show how to read a chart from the perspective of medical astrology. Today, I want to introduce you to some additional techniques that you might not know about.

We are going to explore three separate methods:

1. ***Anatomical correspondences***.
2. The ***Decumbiture Chart***—a chart for when you get ill.
3. The use of ***eclipses*** with respect to health.

ANATOMICAL CORRESPONDENCES

You will get an introduction to several techniques that many astrologers know nothing about. Let's start with the anatomical correspondences, from Aries to Pisces. The anatomical correspondences used to be on the NCGR Web site and hopefully will be listed there again. They can be found on the Internet simply by searching for "Anatomical Correspondences." The Geocosmic Journal *The Best of NCGR, Spring 2006* also lists them.

There are many sources for interpretations of degrees of the zodiac. If you go into the *Nicolas Devore Encyclopedia of Astrology*[1] you will find information from zero to three hundred and sixty degrees for each degree of the zodiac. The degrees we are looking at were done by Ebertin and translated from German by Mary Vorchek years ago, with the information in parentheses given by Charles Carter. So what you are seeing is information that is strictly medical although there are many other ways of finding out what each degree of the zodiac means.

Some of this information goes back to William Lilly. The decumbiture chart goes back to the 1600s. What is all this stuff and what do you do with it? Supposedly, every degree of the zodiac relates to a part of the body, a bone in the body, a disease or anything you are prone to. I am going to give you an example in one of the charts on your handout and I'll show you how you can use them.

The degrees of the zodiac have been used as far back as William Lilly and Culpepper. If you want more information on them, look at the *Encyclopedia of Psychological Astrology* by C.E.O. Carter.[2] In your handout, anything in parentheses is by C.E.O. Carter. Notice that it says 13° Aries, and in parentheses it says "nerve fibers and rheumatism." That is from Carter. Ebertin is responsible for all the other information. And as I said, the information was translated from German by Mary Vorchek many years ago. Read all the information that C.E.O. Carter says about the degrees of the zodiac. There are many degrees that correlate with various diseases. That's in his book *Encyclopedia of Psychological Astrology*. The *Devore Encyclopedia of Astrology* has information from zero degrees through the whole zodiac. Some of them are medical, others are just natal chart meanings.

A Handbook of Medical Astrology, by Jane Ridder Patrick[3] has an entire chapter with degrees of the zodiac, and she also has information on the decumbiture chart, but more on that later. My first book, *How To Give An Astrological Health Reading*,[4] is on how to go through a chart with respect to health. If you want to get more specific information on the degrees, you can find it in the Ridder book. The example I'm going to give you is from Eleanor Kimmel's book on cosmobiology.[5] She has a whole section using the degrees of the zodiac. So there you have it, there are different sources for information on this topic. I recommend that you investigate them and see if they work in your own chart. For now, I'm going to show you what Eleanor Kimmel does with them.

What to Look at in a Chart

The example I am going to give you is from Eleanor Kimmel's book.[5] The question to ask is, what should you look at? You should take your Sun sign and the exact position of the Sun in your chart. Then look to see if you have any of the health disorders related to that degree. Your question to me might be, "What degree do I use?" It starts at one and goes to thirty for each degree of each sign. So it seems that 0° in your chart would equate to 1° and 29° in your chart would equate to 30°. If you have a planet in 29° you look at 30°. If you have a planet in 0° you look at 1°. But there is no agreement among astrologers. Jane Ridder Patrick mentions this, and she says that

HOW TO CALCULATE A MIDPOINT—Do you know how to convert to longitude? Let me give you a quick example.

We'll do the Saturn-Neptune midpoint. For instance, Saturn is at 29º Scorpio. Scorpio starts at 210º so we add 29º to make it 239º. We'll forget the minutes. Then we look at Neptune, at 28º Libra. Libra starts at 180º so we add 180º plus 28º to get 208º. We add the two together, divide by 2 to get our Saturn-Neptune midpoint: 228º30'. This is equal to 18º30' Scorpio.

You have to also know your near and far midpoints. The midpoint could be Taurus or Scorpio. Literally, the midpoint is the point between two planets or angles in your chart. You use the near one but you can use the far one also.

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