



## Astrolocality Astrology

### A Guide to What it is and How to use it

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Have you ever noticed, or wondered why, you feel much more comfortable or aligned in some geographic locations and not others? Or, within your home, how changing the location of the furniture in a room, or modifying your use of the space, creates a greater or lesser sense of comfort or ease? Davis notes, 'psychological, natal astrology, [has been unable to identify] why an individual might have an inner experience in one place rather than another.' So why do we feel differently depending on our location? Essentially, this is what Martin Davis's book, and 'Astrolocality' in general, is all about.

In this text, three major locality techniques: Astro\*Carto\*Graphy (*ACG*), Local Space and Geodetics, are clearly and succinctly discussed. Each is independently presented and described, though Davis makes it clear that they can be effectively used in partnership. The appropriate applications and key steps are well laid out, serving as an excellent 'how to' guide and ongoing reference. Charts, graphs and diagrams are effectively used to aid understanding and provide a sense of form to the techniques.

It is important to note that this book is not just 'theory'. Early on the author shares that he has 'lived and travelled in many locations around the world, [so] the influences described by the [Astrocartography] maps were immediately apparent to [him].' The book, therefore, reassuringly reflects not just technical details and information about the tools but is underpinned by real-life experience to validate them.

While the natal chart is a representation of the heavens (or the sky) from earth, the Astrolocality map starts with a 'sky view from beyond the planets, looking down upon the earth.' Contemplating 'Astrolocality', or even 'Local Space', one might infer that we each need to consider (or re-consider) our personal perspective. Here we are in the twenty-first century and, now more than ever, our individual relationships to global events and environments are impacted in one way or another. Ideas of moving or travelling to a specific location, or leaving an existing one, may be on the minds of many.

However, as Davis notes, '...whenever we arrive at a new place, the one thing that hasn't changed is ourselves.' This harkens back to a quote often attributed to Confucious, '*Wherever you go, there you are!*' The goal with *Astrolocality* is, I think, not so much about trying to outrun or outthink one's position or location in the world, but to understand the potential and make the most of where you are, where you are thinking of going, and what has contributed to the experience of where you have been.

After reading Martin Davis's book, and practically examining some of the techniques, I can honestly say that I feel more grounded in my place and space, both within my immediate environment and the larger world experience. What a gift this is! *[LL]*