



The Archetypal Cosmos

Rediscovering the Gods in Myth, Science and Astrology

Keiron Le Grice

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The Archetypal Cosmos is a serious book, and I mean that with the greatest respect. Well-written and professionally researched, Keiron Le Grice is masterful in discussing archetypes in relation to astrology and, more broadly, the fields of Mythology, Science, Psychology, Mathematics, Philosophy, Physics, and Cosmology. The interconnectedness between these topics, as we come to understand, is astounding.

Le Grice submits that astrology begins with a 'picture' of the heavens, then dives deeply into the personal and individualized chart, facilitating an understanding of Self. Then, if one is so inclined, to contemplate what all of this means within the context of the wider collective, or the cosmos. Within the context of this material, which includes significant references (and theories) from Descartes to Jung and much more besides, we are bumping up against questions such as: "*Where, and How, do we fit in?*"; "*What is our purpose?*"; and, "*What is life's meaning?*". Through the course of the book the material becomes more complex, but it continues to be fascinating and thought-provoking, nonetheless.

In Chapter 3, Le Grice discusses the significance of Astrology and states:

"Having its basis in the structural patterns of the cosmos, there is one perspective that could provide the foundation of a new mythic perspective for the postmodern era, and potentially fulfil all four functions of mythology – metaphysical, cosmological, sociological, and psychological."¹ Referring to a lack of modern day mythology, he proposes that we "return to our beginnings, to the primordial intuition of the relationship of human existence with the patterns and cycles of the planets of our solar system. We might now look to that most ancient of all mythic perspectives: astrology."²

He further suggests the notion of astrology as a *meta-mythology*, stating that 'because it relates directly to the archetypes, astrology gives us a perspective that is beyond myth...a greater or higher view, a meta-perspective.'³ Reading this I began to 'feel' a sense of connectedness...the sense that each of us are inextricably linked, encapsulated by the Cosmos and, in turn, individually and collectively influencing the great whole.

There are meaningful astrological insights throughout the text, but I would suggest this is not just a book for Astrologers, or students of the subject. If there is one overarching message, it is that we are inextricably linked to something far greater than ourselves. The sooner we, as a collective, embrace the notion that we are 'all in the same soup,' the greater the possibilities for meaningful and purposeful coexistence. Although first published in 2010, the depth and meaning of what Le Grice has offered here is timeless. Well worth reading...and reading again!

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¹ P. 51.

² P. 51.

³ P. 57.