



Vocational Astrology

Finding the Right Career Direction

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Faye Blake defines success 'as doing your horoscope in the most positive and creative way possible. It has never been, is not, and never will be, about money!'¹ Vocation, she offers, implies an engagement of the heart, body, and mind for a true calling.

In the *Foreword*, Sue Tompkins states that 'good vocational advice requires much, much more from the astrologer than merely looking at the tenants and rules of the 2nd, 6th and 10th houses.' What Faye offers us here expands upon, and reinforces, this idea complete with valuable insights and practical tools.

What I love about Faye's approach is the way in which she, as an astrologer, reflects the practical world of work and vocation. Astrology is very clearly a tool with a purpose, and it is refreshing to see such a useful application come to life.

Astrologers and Career Counsellors can teach, guide, and assist, however one of the key discussion points in the material concerns the essential need for the client to be fully involved in the process. This is a 'hands-on' approach, and they must assume responsibility for doing the necessary work. The methodology provided fully supports the consulting professional by providing a clear, yet robust, process to help facilitate the client's efforts and guide them towards their vocation.

Well-organized, the book has a logical flow and is structured to develop a 'Vocational Profile'. The first section is an introduction, laying the groundwork and establishing a framework for what follows. Subsequent chapters individually address the key questions: '*Who Am I?*', '*What Can I Do?*', '*What Do I Want?*', and '*Now What?*'. A clear, and practical direction unfolds, supported through a single real client example, offering continuity while demonstrating the cohesiveness of the process.

Working through the material and piecing together the detail from a 'biography' in concert with a birth chart, we find that Faye has shown us how to draw together common threads and ascertain how they work in the client's life. A simple, yet effective, approach.² Summary tables and exercises are helpful tools and resources, adding to the practicality. The end result is a single reference document, summarizing all the constituent parts of the Vocational Profile, which can then be used in a multitude of ways. From business development and planning, skills development, marketing, interview preparation, and more, the work one does within the context of this exercise has broad and far-reaching potential.

As Faye says, there is a real need for astrology 'to be useful and lead to a result', and the concrete tools she offers can be easily applied.³ Vocational Profiling is a complete and

¹ Page 11.

² Page 72.

³ Page 121.

customizable endeavour, and the consulting astrologer is encouraged to draw upon their own style and base of experience, adapting the process to suit individual clients and situations.

Vocational Astrology – Finding the Right Career Direction is a practical, well-written, and immediately useful text. Whether you are a consulting astrologer with little career counselling background, or you want to elevate your practice by gaining greater focus and clarity on your area of specialization, you will find this is a valuable resource. A great compliment to any astrological library, Faye has offered us a wonderful tool to work with!

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