



## The Soul Speaks

### *The Therapeutic Potential of Astrology*

Mark Jones

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I first read *The Soul Speaks* in 2018, drawn by the title's reference to 'Soul.' I appreciated it then but recently, with a further 6-years of astrological experience and research having broadened my perspective, this second reading evoked a powerful depth of resonance with the material.

Mark Jones is a skilled writer, sharing complex and esoteric ideas in a way that makes them accessible. His ability to weave together the disciplines of psychology and astrology, within the scope of this work, reflects his unique approach and highlights the value of a client-centred practice. This book offers both practical and intellectual elements. Thought-provoking and with new insights, Jones enables us to make a powerful connection with the craft of astrology from an evolutionary point of view.

For the practicing astrologer, new or seasoned, tools and tips for approaching a 'reading' are simple, clear, and filled with potential to elevate the consultation experience for both client and practitioner. But *The Soul Speaks* is far more than a "how to." It was easy for me to become immersed in the psychological background referencing pioneers of the discipline like Freud, Jung and Assagioli. And Jones's discussions around the 'knowing field' stirred something within me that I can only say resulted in an enhanced understanding of some personal past experiences. This was 'mind-blowing.'

It is a testament to Jones's skill as a writer and practicing therapeutic astrologer, that he has produced such a rich and meaningful text. I am deeply grateful for this profound and insightful work. Any further comment here seems almost superfluous. However, to summarize, in consciously applying therapeutic awareness during the chart reading and consultation we enhance 'our perception of the soulful encounter, [by] acknowledging the process with the respect and awe it deserves.' I wholeheartedly share Jones's view - 'Astrology's real potential is so inspirational.' [JL]