

Is Astrology a “Sin”?

Addressing the Misinterpretation of ‘Astrology’ by Many Christians

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CONTEXT: In response to questions from Astrology Hub & Amanda regarding Biblical verses about secular ‘divinatory’ practices vs priestly ‘astrology’.

(NOTE: “Excuse the length. My Mercury is Gemini... *so just read faster*. We must get through the distortion FIRST, so we can see what is actually being distorted... Once the symbols and word open up it just flows... I feel that only astrologers (natural philosophers) have the ability to truly see G-d in FULL SPLENDOR!”)

INITIAL SUMMARY & NOTES: In one sense, the Bible is a test, ‘do you submit and obey to what you *think* you were once told to NOT do - *OR* - do you seek the hidden knowledge and then represent what you know is true.’

Astrology, horoscopic astrology, is nothing but a trifle compared to the wisdom and knowledge that the ancient cultures attained through their explorations of the heavens, which is the understanding of the nature of reality, the map of this reality and the source of it; and the individual’s path and collective participation with that source. This matter is much more important than the astrology of the self. In fact, horoscopic astrology only attains the height of its usefulness when cultivated from within by a collective spiritual philosophical framework. This is true integrated astrology.

Essentially, the further you go down the trail of knowledge things will become more challenging, as some ‘familiar spirits’ will be holding you back from truths. You need to listen to truth for yourself, and filter through both your accumulated spiritual & worldly knowledge and honor the journey with reverence. For those who came before us, those of us now, and those who come hereafter.....

Every king, every prince, every vassal state, each had their own court astrologers, interpreters, priests and metaphysical functionaries. This is well documented over many millennia, throughout the Mediterranean & the Mid-East; Israel and the Jewish people were no exception. Astrology is at the core of every religion and all spiritual practices. All is LIGHT...

AMANDA: “Can you see what Russell thinks about *these passages* in the bible? Which supposedly blatantly say astrology is evil and forbidden?”

RUSSELL: “Okay, let’s look at some of the basic premises of the Bible in regards to astrology, and we will look at the verses that you have sent in order to get at next layer truths & meanings, as well as the actual instructions within. (There are several more verses that refer to mystical practices in the Bible, as well as 200+ mentions of signs, omens, stars, planets, the “hosts of heaven”, etc, etc)” ***This overall explanation is just bit free-flow and ‘shooting from the hip’. (In the future, I will have to do a full breakdown of all of the verses and write up a paper.).* One really has to meditate on this and *religiously* study the languaging to better understand what is going on in the Bible when it comes to astrology. “To those who have ‘ears’...” Excuse the length; my Mercury is Gemini... *so just read faster.*

DISCLAIMER & Personal perspective: God consciousness and/or ‘Christ consciousness’ is the most vital force in our reality. It waxes and wanes throughout our daily lives, throughout the cycles, within nation & peoples. At certain times & most noticeably through energetic backdrop the environment of the Ages, it favors some over others and is only clear for those with eyes to see and ears to hear; most noticeably the Ages. It is not arbitrary. It is not linear. The concept of ‘christedness’ is embodied in Yeshua (Jesus) but goes by many different names and personifications in various parts of the world. It is also divided into many aspects. All of this is in correspondence with the planets which is actually what the entirety of the Bible is about at it’s essence.

Not everyone will or is supposed to understand these concepts. Many will reject these ideas, as they are not ready to accept this knowledge in their explorations or they not prepared in their meta-spiritual practices to understand the symbols. Much has been lost to time or convoluted in centuries of translations. Religion, *despite many misgivings*, serves its societal purposes of preserving this awareness (whether the practitioners who recite the prayers, sing the songs, read the scriptures or perform the rituals are truly aware of the multiple levels of meaning or not). The Bible is a even more of a spiritual test than it is a moral or ethical guidebook.

“The narratives of the Doctrine are its cloak. The ‘simple’ look only at the garment — that is, upon the *narrative* of the Doctrine; more they know not. The instructed, however, see not merely the cloak, but what the cloak covers.” - (The Zohar, iii., 152; Franck, 119.)

“The Mysteries of the Faith (are) not to be divulged to all. . . .
It is requisite to hide in a mystery the wisdom spoken.” - (Clem. Alex., “Strom.” 12.)

A SHORT ANSWER: NOWHERE IN THE BIBLICAL SOURCE MATERIAL DOES IT SAY THAT THE KNOWLEDGE OF ‘ASTROLOGY’ IS FORBIDDEN,

NOR THAT 'ASTROLOGY' IS FALSE or EVIL, NOR NOT TO UNDERSTAND OR STUDY IT; not in Latin, not in Greek, not in Aramaic, not in Hebrew. It does not say that in the Torah, the Talmud, Koran, nor any apocryphal Masoretic texts, nor does it make reference to being evil or false in the extant Egyptian, Chaldean or Babylonian works which much of the Bible is derived from. The presumptions that the Bible says "*astrology is evil*" are ALL misinterpretations (it has often deliberately been interpreted that way to keep the 'less worthy' away from it). ~~ **"Give not that which is Holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you."** – KJV, *Matthew 7:6*. (Pearls, can be seen as metaphorical divinity of the planets.)

INTERPRETATIONS: First and foremost, the Bible is an "astrological treatise". Like all sacred texts, it draws upon truths, and anthropomorphizes the creative and destructive works of nature's order.

SYNONYMS: '*The problem with synonyms*' is one of the primary issues with interpretations. Attempting to sift through centuries of uses and changes to find the truth of the meaning of any word is problematic for scholars, let alone laypersons or neophytes. English, particularly modern English, has been piecemealed from most all other cultures. In my opinion, English, on its own, is all but useless in determining the meanings of scriptural or ancient texts. A basic study of the phonetics of ancient languages Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Egyptian, etc and the shared Mesopotamian/Mid-East root lexicons is the first step towards the *means to meaning*. This process of cross-referencing so much material for deciphering the past, in order, to get closer to the true meanings of words, has only really been afforded to us more readily in the modern information era.

DISTINCTIONS: The Judeo-Christian texts, (Torah, Bible, apocrypha, Talmud, early Jewish and Christian commentary such as the Zohar, etc) are very 'precise' in their use of language for establishing subtle distinctions in meaning. In fact, the Hebrew language is a study in distinction, discernment, depth of meaning and symbolic interpretation — with every phrase, word, syllable, character and stroke. It is unfortunate that English translations particularly modern revisions have not preserved much in the way of original meanings of words and their connotative cultural concepts. There is much to be re-learned by returning to source material and by studying connections between other cultures that existed at the time of and prior to their recordings of these sacred texts.

LITERALITY: Any Judeo-Christian or cultural 'sacred texts' should be taken figuratively/ symbolically *first*, then explored for further meaning and truth. **To the devout Christians who question these connections, I say once you have studied the symbols, and if you still feel that it

is the *literal narrative* which holds the most meaning for you, then keep following that path. But, I do suggest that you keep your heart & mind open for those who believe otherwise – *and for yourselfto change your mind.*

ADHERENCE: What has been written in the Bible is both universal in scope and also very specific to certain groups and times, in it's adherence to practices and purposes. What the Levites and high priests of Israel where instructed to to do, was not the same as for the rest of the Israelites/Jews. What was written for the Jews was not the same for the Bnei Noach (those born between the time of Noah and the time of Moses (Age of Gemini), as well as subsequent Christianity. There are 613 mitzvahs (commandments) for the Jews as opposed to 7 laws for the Bnei Noach; 606 additional for the Jews, of which only 270+ are actually even practical to attempt to obey in a modern contexts. Just because the Bible records 'it', that doesn't mean it is all literally written for you to follow. In fact, that is what the Biblical 'Revelation' is about.. just when you think you get to a truth or think you know what you're supposed to do, *it all changes... hence why knowing astrology is actually getting someone closer to G-d's voice.*

COSMOLOGICAL INTENTIONS & ENERGETIC ENVIRONMENT: Each passing cycle (in Biblical terms these are Ages) has a certain role to play in the Evolution of Creation. There are different energetic environments which activate higher and lower processes for each Age or cycle. The Egyptians of the Age of Taurus, the Bull (Apis) is considered Egypt's unifying symbol, which gave way to Israel and the Age of Aries, the Ram which is considered Israel's unify symbol; just as has it has been for the Age of Pisces, the Fish being the Christian West's unify symbol. The symbols represent the energy and the characteristics of the environment and the 'celestial intentions' during that time, the backdrop of an Age... *and hints to what comes afterwards...*

LOST IN TRANSLATION

One of my hobbies, rather, one of my *passions*, is root languages. I have spent a good part of my research years just tracking words through global languages for true or original meanings. Tracking the names of the *planets, signs, elements*, and other related astrological terms has been a lot of that focus, and of course the actual terms/words for "*astrology/astrologer*".

ASTROLOGY vs (*insert other worldly metaphysical practice here*) – A BASIC UNDERSTANDING of the RELIGIOUS ISSUE: The Bible makes it clear in its use of EXACT wording of what is a '*distraction from G-d*' and what is 'aligned with nature' and the '*worship of G-d*'. The practices of *sorcery, personal divination, necromancy*, etc are all FOCUSED on mundane reality, the illusion of the material world, which takes us out of connection with true source; the source which is rooted in the spiritual reality.

AKUM: You've possibly seen this term used before in reference to astrology/astrologers: *akum* (עכו"ם) is an **acronym** of *A/Ovdey Kochavim U'Mazalot* (עובדי כוכבים ומזלות), literally "**worshippers** of Stars and Zodiac Signs". (Michael Erlewine has written about the use of this term, and how it has come in and out of favor at various times and for reasons.) Since it is still in use today, the average person who knows the term in Hebrew connotatively refers to it as 'the Gentiles who are allowed to prepare food for the Jews on Sabbath and other Holy Days'. Dig just a little deeper and you find it literally refers to those who "**worship**" (**keyword here*) the planets and signs; NOT those who *studied or practiced* astrology, who were essentially the priests, as it is in every culture. It is used as a distinction among groups within the Gentiles in common usage. **Point:** This term is sometimes connotatively used to mean "astrologer" but it is NOT its true meaning. Just as the role of a 'parishioner' who goes to church is NOT the same as the role of a *monk, priest, bishop, cardinal, etc*, simply because they read the same book and

ASHSHAPH 'aššāph: This term you may not be aware but was used throughout the ancient world as "astrologer" or priests of the temples dedicated to the order of the cosmos. Those who actually STUDIED the cyclical math of planets and their correspondences on Earth. It's root, **-asu-* also pertains to the *practices* performed by the functionaries of astrological priesthood.

(Horev/Chorev/Horeb is often used as well as others.... which can be discussed some other time...)

-ASTROLOGER (PRIEST/SCRIBE/PHYSICIAN — also INTERPRETER)

- PIE root: *-asu-* or *assa'p* or *asipu* (physicians bring the realms energetic and spiritual, among who's ranks were those tasked to battle negative energies)
- Hebrew: *'aššāp(h)* (אֲשָׁפֵה), *mek'ašipu*, *mašm-aššu*
- Mesopotamian regional: *-āšipu* or *ashipu* as a "prophet"/"physician"
- Akkadian: *asipu* & *maš-maššu*
- ...you get the point of the syllabic root....

-Interpreter: interesting notes on the word, *interpret*, *inter-* (meaning between) and *-preter* (*above, over, open*) (also as in another meaning as 'father': *p(r)ater/prater* above (**between the 'father' Sky and of mother Earth**)). And this same idea is seen in Hebrew for 'interpret' *pathar* פָּתַר Aramaic מְפָרֵשׁ meaning "to open" or "to solve"; as well as, the connection to its Egyptian root of *Ptah* (*Father of the Gods*) (also referring to 'father' & 'sky' itself), *between the space above & density below*.

Divination – the Hebrew words are קָסַם קְסָמִים – "qosem q'samim," the root of which word we examined above. (This stems from the schism with the ancient god 'Qōs' was unifying principle god of many cultures (and the twin of Yahweh according to accounts in ancient texts), including Egypt and the MidEast. It is translated here as "divination" rather than as "witchcraft" because of the forms of the words. This shows to us the diversity of the meaning of this word. Incorporated in the meaning of this word is "one

who is able to foretell the future by miraculous means.” The number of methods that can and have been used to do this is astounding. All of it is an abomination to YHWH because it departs from seeking Him and His ways. It is the seeking of knowledge outside of what is acceptable in His (Yahweh’s eyes, the One Eye).

Augury – the Hebrew word is מַעוֹנֵן – “m’onen,” which means “to bring or read clouds.” Thus, it is “one who divines by reading or interpreting signs and omens.” Using images and bird signs in the clouds to divine. This is one of the Hebrew terms conflated with “astrology”.

***Side Notes Example:** Those with a religious viewpoint, one which is negative towards astrology, will sometimes conflate the modern context of an ‘astrologer’ with the word “conjuror”. You will often see these words associated in various Biblical versions which are attempting to translate similar Latin and Greek or Hebrew root words. Yet, when you go back to the earliest source English or Middle English translations and compare them with Latin, Greek and Hebrew texts these words do not appear to have related source roots in the manner in which they are currently being used. *What comes to mind when you think of the word ‘conjuror’? Usually a negative reaction as something you would oppose.* Now connect that negative connotative word to the words *occultists, magicians and astrologers*. In one simple shift in meaning, you keep can dissuade the faithful from seeking out the knowledge of how to translate their *own* true inner authority, which comes in handy for those who are in positions of governing claims of spiritual authority. (It’s a double-edged sword because on one hand, you can much more easily keep the masses in the ‘matrix’ if they don’t know how to interpret ‘the code’, and it is very easy if they don’t even think a code actually exists in the first place. Yet, the truth persists and it is always present in our lives and it’s knowledge/information drives the evolution of the Universe and it cannot be controlled for long. All things change.)

The word ‘conjure’ was first used in the 14th century, to mean acting “with *judicial* authority, or *jurisprudence*”. Literally, with the “acting as with the authority of the Jews, who claim authority of *Yahweh*, in the role of the tribe of *Judah (Yahudah)*. In religious terms, this means acting with as personal *judge* without the truth being derived from the knowledge of G-d; rather one who *presumes* to speak on behalf of G-d, without being held to the true measure knowledge of a ‘*prophet*’ or *high priest*. (The Age of Pisces is representative of this loss of the central truth of ‘*oneness*’; which comes from direct knowing of how to listen and correctly interpret the inner voice of G-d within you.) *Yah, yah.. sis boom-bah...*

(****Tangent:** Now let’s say you are a ‘*chosen people*’ (*psst, the Hebrews in Egypt, just to be clear*) and we are about to enter a cycle of two Great Ages of SHADOW (also called the Kali Yuga in the Vedic texts) where/when the Darkness will be confused and commingled with Light. G-d “tasks” you with creating the ‘*simplified version of written instructions*’ for guiding a people, protecting it through generations and *rectifying* the future world. You are to do this by passing down the sacred knowledge of the complex ancient world through what we know know as the fundamental five books of Torah (at the end of the Age of Taurus, no-less), “the teaching” – also “the pattern” – the *tabnith/tavnit*– so that this “knowing” will remain intact in the confused future world. And the information that is embedded in these essential sacred codes will *always* echo the

truth of frequency and the sound of G-d, when it is revealed to the right minds at the right times. The frequencies are also kept living in both the “oral and ritual traditions” by multiple groups of people simultaneously because the embers of truth live within all faiths, and all nations at all times. (Yet, each of us walk our own path with G-d, known only to us and to the hosts of Heaven.) The written laws of any people are united with oral traditions, for binding the frequencies of a people together, for better and for worse, in order to create and sustain a civilization. The Hebrew’s code carried with it the “instructions”, the patterns, for not just one but two future Ages. (You really have to plan ahead when writing your sacred texts and how to more consciously find the way back to truth. But the trick is you really can’t go wrong when ultimately it is ‘G-d’ who is writing the story to begin with – the ultimate *irony of ironies*.)

***ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION on the basic Biblical Distinctions of ‘Astrology’:**

Regarding **Deuteronomy 4:19**, the **Midrash HaGadol** (*14th century rabbinical text*) clarifies what is meant by the distinctions of those who *idolize* the planets (in a ‘pagan manner’) from the priests, teachers & students of heavenly messages and mysteries, who put G-d first, (in a structured orderly ‘*temple manner*’). *[And beware] lest you raise your eyes to heaven*, etc." It is hereby inferred that you are NOT to say '*since these stars and constellations govern the world, and they provide light unto the entire universe, and they serve before their Creator on High, it is fitting that we serve them and bow down unto them, just as the king would want [all] human beings to behave with respect towards his servants and ministers.*' AND HERE IS THE DISTINCTION- For this reason it says, **lest you raise your eyes to heaven**, beware that you DO NOT ERR in this manner, on account of what [is written], **which the Lord thy God hath divided unto all nations**. They (i.e. the astrological horoscopes) have been delivered into the hands of the Nations, so that they may live [thereby] and their beings be sustained [thereby], [without] suffering loss, as is the custom of the world. Without going further into this point, there are these clarifications 1) from pagan and temple worshipers, those who put the planets BEFORE the honoring of G-d, 2) the leaders of the Gentile Nations receive instructions from the planetary knowledge and are sustained by it’s counsel.

BIBLICAL VERSES:

TRANSLATIONS :

HEB- Hebrew Bible (Torah & Masoretic texts)

JPS- Jewish Publication Society Tanakh 1917 (Complete Biblical Texts in English & Hebrew)

OJB-Orthodox Jewish Bible Modern (*Hebrew & English*)

KJB-King James Bible (Or ‘Authorized’ 1611 AKJV translation)

GNV- 1599 Geneva Bible

WYC- The Wycliff Bible 1382 (First & subsequent editions)

COMMENTARY Methods: I’ll give a short **summary context** for the biblical book and/or the accompany verses, as well as look at some of the **keywords** through the ancient languages. Instead of breaking down *all* of the verses, let’s look at the first verse, then look at verses from several versions for similarities

and pick out the themes and words in question. The biblical authors often used the same phrases in a particular way to convey and repeat certain meanings to different peoples. The reminder we'll summarize from the Hebrew source material since these are sourced from Judaic texts.

The Book of LEVITICUS: Leviticus (*from the Greek Gr.*) from the Israelite tribe of Levi (the priests), sometimes called the “*Law of Priests*”; also Vayikra-ויקרא (Heb.) meaning “*And He (G-d) Called*”, the third book of the Torah, subsequently the Bible; also called the “*third book of Moses*”. *In Exodus*, Moses escaped Egypt with the Hebrew people, now Israelites, and is instructed by G-d to build the tabernacle. *Leviticus* takes place in a short period of narrative time, approximately **30-45 days**, before Moses departs Sinai in *Numbers 1:1*. It consists of discourses with God and Moses, and instructions for Aaron and the Israelite priests of the tabernacle before the building of the First Temple. The book is about staying in communication with HaShem (G-d) in the coming Age of Aries.

LEVITICUS 19: 26 is often used as the reference as a ‘negative’ mitzvah to NOT practice astrology (*‘negative commandments’ are to NOT DO a thing vs. to DO a thing, this was a common distinction in Egypt and Babylon as well, think ‘Thou shalt NOT vs. Thou shalt’*). The terms for ‘astrology’ are *particularly* avoided here, rather other words regarding *dreams, witchcraft* and *cloud omens* are used in older texts. Most Kabbalistic rabbi will also make this distinction, whereas most Christian teachers, preachers and priests will group all of these practices together, simply because they do not understand the differences. (***Interestingly, the actual misinterpretation or changing of words or meanings from their source is EXPLICITLY spelled out in the Bible as FORBIDDEN, whereas ‘astrology’ is not. More irony.*)

Chapter 19: Verse 26

כּו לֹא תֹאכְלוּ עַל-הַדָּם לֹא תִנְחָשׁוּ וְלֹא תַעֲוִינְנּוּ: 26 You shall not eat over the blood. You shall not act on the basis of **omens** or **lucky hours**.
~HEB

26 Ye shall not eat any thing with the dahm; neither shall ye practice **divination**, nor practice **sorcery**. ~ OJB

26:Ye shall not eat any thing with the blood: neither shall ye use **enchantment**, nor **observe times**. ~KJB 1611

26: Ye shall not eat *the flesh* with the blood: ye shall not use **witchcraft**, nor **observe times**. ~GNV 1599

26 Ye shall not eat flesh with [the] blood. Ye shall not make **vain divining**, neither ye shall keep (mind of) **dreams** (nor shall ye remember, or think upon, dreams) ~WYC 1382

COMMENTS: In the five versions of this verse, you can see a number attempts at translating these words into English at different stages in history and then to modern English. None of which actually convey the Hebrew concepts of 'astrology/astronomy' of the temple keepers.

19: Verse 31

לאֲמַלְתִּפְנוּ אֶל־הָאֲבֹתָ וְאֶל־הַיִּדְעֹנִים
אֶל־תִּבְקְשׁוּ לְטַמְּאָהָ בָהֶם אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:

31 You shall not turn to [the sorcery of] **Ov or Yid'oni**; you shall not seek [these and thereby] defile yourselves through them. I am the Lord, your God. ~HEB

COMMENTS: We will discuss the repeated terms for "sorcery", specifically the phrase "*Ov or Yid'oni*" below.

Chapter 20, 27

To bypass the later English transliterations of this verse., the phrase used in these verses is the same as Vayikra 19:31 in the Hebrew sources "Ov or Yid'oni (yidoni)".

COMMENTARY: These verses in Leviticus are a simple matter regarding 'prognosticating for Yahweh' vs. 'prognosticating for anyone else'. (*Pro-gnostic: forward 'inner knowing' of*).

The first part is a repetition of one of the "Seven Noachic Laws" (laws given to all Beings at the time of Noah). The second two portions have to do with "soothsaying". These verses are saying "Do not trivialize spiritually to rely on things that are outside of the direct relationship and correspondence with the One True God or HaShem or source consciousness" – *all the same difference*. Astrology is the spiritual understanding that unites us and puts back in accord with nature and ultimately our own highest G-dself. If you are reading this, you have probably reached a bridge somewhere along the path; once crossed it activates the desire for *confirmation* of these truths, which you are already internally aware of, giving yet another layer of depth to our reality.

Comments on my Comments: Don't *risk* getting lost in these lower realities. Don't get led astray through other forms of "knowing". Do not get trapped in the mundane past or the future, by focusing on connecting to past lives, deceased relatives, distracting entities nor by the ways & traditions of the past (of which the *current* it trying to change). These are all levels of distraction which serves the self, the ego identity, and impede the fullest expression of G-d through you. The truth in the NOW can be only determined for what it is; and even that truth is too much for most individuals to comprehend or endure. The irony is... that truth is bound in every living being, every cell, every atom and the particle in the cosmos as a whole. Paradox... or I should say *Para-deux*. (*Para*-meaning "along the side of" as well as "against the side of"... which can be interpreted paradoxically opposite in itself.

The Book of DEUTERONOMY: Deuteronomy from the Greek "deut" meaning *two* for 'second law'). It is the fifth and final book of the Torah and Bible. *Devarim* (Heb.) דְּבָרִים, *Dabārīm*, is derived from *debār/dabār* meaning 'words' (also the sound of bees, and the name Deborah). The book pertains to the words and oral teachings given by G-d to Moses and passed on to the Israelites before they entered Israel (this astrological reference point is at the beginning of the Age of Aries).

Deuteronomy 18:10-12,14 9 ~ KJB 1611	
י לא-ימצא בך, מעביר בנו-ובתו באש, קסם קסמים, מעונן ומנחש ומכשף.	10 There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, one that useth divination , a soothsayer , or an enchanter , or a sorcerer ,
יא וחבר, חבר; ושאל אוב וידעני, ודרש אל-המתים.	11 or a charmer, or one that consulteth a ghost or a familiar spirit , or a necromancer .
יב כי-תועבת יהוה, כל-עשה אלה; ובגלל, התועבת האלה, יהוה אלהיך, מוריש אותם מפניך.	12 For whosoever doeth these things is an abomination unto the LORD; and because of these abominations the LORD thy God is driving them out from before thee.

<p>יד כי הגוים האלה, אשר אתה יורש אותם-- אל-מענגנים ואל-קסמים, ישמעו; ואתה--לא כן, נתן לך יהוה אלהיך.</p>	<p>14 For these nations, that thou art to dispossess, hearken unto soothsayers, and unto diviners; but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so to do.</p>
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COMMENTARY: This is an easy one, so I will not spend much time on it. These verses do not mention ‘astrology’ or any Hebrew word sometimes associated with ‘astrological practice’. Each concept arises from another *parallel* or *co-lateral practice* which astrology is often associated with— essentially because *you cannot hide the truth* that astrology, the “language of light” is ultimately the language of G-d that unites everything, everywhere, always, and through all time.

A few verses down in the same passage... G-d is saying, ‘There will be a/many true prophet(s) among all Nations, just as in Israel, and G-d will make them hear, and do the required bidding, regardless of understanding.

Deuteronomy 18:18,19	
<p>יח נביא אקים להם מקרב אחיהם, כמוך; ונתתי דברי, בפיו, ודבר אליהם, את כל-אשר אצונו.</p>	<p>18 I will raise them up a prophet (navi) from among their brethren, like unto thee; and I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.</p>
<p>יט והיה, האיש אשר לא-ישמע אל-דברי, אשר ידבר, בשמי--אנכי, אדרש מעמו.</p>	<p>19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto My words which he shall speak in My name, <i>I will require it of him.</i></p>

COMMENTARY: In verse 18 the word ‘navi.’ (נביא) is used. In the ancient Near East languages ‘navi’ (‘prophet’) is derived from the PIE root verb ‘nabû’, meaning ‘to declare’ or ‘to announce.’ The ‘navi’ are considered *interpreters* of G-d’s words for heaven just as ‘astrologer’ is considered the *interpreter* for the “hosts of heavens” or the planets. And in verse 19, basically we are told that ‘even if you don’t have the capacity to comprehend G-d or even to hear, you are going to do G-d’s will anyhow. Prophets ‘know’ the language of nature, whereas others do not, according to these verses.

Book of Kings Part II: The book of Kings chronicles the “biblical” history Israel and the Davidic succession. These books were written in the period of 7th & 6th centuries BCE. The 26 verses **Chapter 21** of Book II, goes over the ‘setbacks’ brought forth by reign of King Manasseh, “The Forgetter”. (I always love how the meanings of their names tell you about theme of their life. Coincidence? I think not.) Some of these ‘setbacks’ included the re-instatement of Asherah,

who was previously considered the feminine counterpart to Yahweh (interesting also is that, as I type this, even though it is ‘spelled’ word in the Bible, the most copied book in existence, the name ‘Asherah’, comes up as a misspelled word in ‘auto-correct’...hmmm, biased much? I digress.) The fact that the goddess Asherah/Astarte is mentioned here is a clue to other references in the chapter in the verses in question surrounding these particular practices.

** Without getting into it, the early Hebrew ‘mythologies’ (most of which has been written out the primary narratives, such as *Gog & Magog, Lilith, Asherah, Qōs, Sophia*, etc) deal with the ‘separation of feminine’ (an effect of energies of the masculine which became more concentrated as civilizations approached zero-point Aries) which is reflected in the fall of the First Temple and the rebuilding of the Second Temple (past events which are now coming back into play as we enter in the Aquarian Age. The episode of the 55 year reign of king *Mēn-aššuh (Manasseh)*, and his return to practices, which honored the feminine, is explained as the

II Kings 21:6	
<p>וַיַּעֲבִיר אֶת-בְּנוֹ, בְּאֵשׁ, וְעוֹנֵן וְנֹחֵשׁ, וַעֲשָׂה אוֹב וַיִּדְעֻנִים: הַרְבָּה, לַעֲשׂוֹת הָרַע בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה--לְהַכְעִיס.</p>	<p>6 And he made his son to pass through the fire, and practiced soothsaying, and used enchantments, and appointed them that divined by a ghost or a familiar spirit: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him. ~ JPS Tanakh 1917</p>

6 And he made his son pass through the fire, and **observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards**: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the Lord, to provoke *him* to anger. ~KJB 1611

COMMENTARY: You see here a **conflict** with the translations. The words used for ‘soothsaying’ & ‘observed times’ is vague in English and specific in Hebrew. The source appearing to be the same as previously mentioned.

Book of ISAIAH: This book pertains the ‘latter prophets’ in the Hebrew context. Chapter 8 in particular is dealing with the Assyrian invasion (G-d’s judgment) on a the “Children of Israel” (rather than “the People of Israel”).

Isaiah 8:19

19 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have **familiar spirits**, and unto **wizards that peep, and that mutter**: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the **dead**?

Isaiah 47:13

13 Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the **astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators**, stand up, and save thee from *these things* that shall come upon thee. ~KJB

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13 Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy etzot (counsels). Let now stand up the **hovrev Shomayim** ('the dissectors of the heavens), the **chozim bakochavim** ('stargazers'), the ones that **predict the future by Rosh Chodesh**, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee. ~OJB

DANIEL

Daniel 2:27

27 Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the **wise men**, the **astrologers**, the *magicians*, the *soothsayers*, shew unto the king;

Daniel 4:7

7 Then came in the magicians, **the astrologers, the Chaldeans**, and the soothsayers: and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known unto me the interpretation thereof.

19 Then Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, was astonished for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spake, and said, Belteshazzar, let not the **dream**, or the **interpretation** thereof, trouble thee. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, the dream *be* to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine enemies.

COMMENTS on these remaining verses: This is a turning over of astrological Ages and the changing of metaphysical authority, from one Age to the next. And a recognition of that mystical authority, seen in the gods of Taurus (The Egyptian, Assyrian & Babylonian Bull culture periods), failing those old mystics in favor of the "new" God of Israel. Daniel here is the new interpreter of words of Yahweh, as the Babylonian empires begin to falter. (The same thing happens as knowledge of the Egyptian (Apis Bull) spiritual authority is concentrated in the story of Moses (who is found in the Ark of the Bulrushes) who takes Aaron back to Egypt where his staff gobbles up the kings mystical authority, the two staves into One. Aaron's staff is then placed into the Ark of Covenant along with the tablets and made the heart and soul of the temple, uniting the old Ages with the New under the Sign of the Ram. The Blood of the Ram/Lamb is eventually transferred thru the Jesus (who is rejected by the Jewish (Aries) hierarchy) shortly before the collapse of the Second Temple. The coming Age will reveal much of destruction of what has been created during the Piscean period, and what changes in world consciousness that have already begun in order to rectify it. The fact that we are even able to talk about this in multiple terms is probably significant in itself. The symbols tell a story that by now we in the astrological community are all familiar with, that the Egyptians, Babylonians, the

Indias, the Greeks, and the Hebrews are all familiar with, one the heavens and the earth connected in the cycle of Precession.

CONCLUSIONS - *Some Thoughts*: As with any controversial issue, you have to CHOOSE what you believe. Earth is a school for growth; not a playground for those mired and lost traditions they no; longer understand... Yet, in the past, every king, every prince, every vassal state, each had their own court astrologers, interpreters, priests and metaphysical functionaries. This is well documented over many millennia, throughout the Mediterranean & the Mid-East; Israel and the Jewish people are no exception. But today when discussing astrology with a common rabbi, you are just as likely to get “astrology is bunk”, as when asking a Southern Baptist preacher. Yet, with a properly trained rabbi (rather than one who may have socially or politically motivated perspectives) “*Who was the Greatest Astrologer?*”, the answer you will get back most often is “Abraham”... because it is well known that the Kasdim or Chaldeans (Calendar) were the true astrologers. ***in fact on for the words used for ‘astrology in other Judeo-Christian writings for the word ‘astrologer’ is ‘kasdim’ (and hidden in that word are even more clues to what is actually happening in the rest of the stories...)***

A phrasing found in "Idra Rabba" of the Zohar, that underscores the importance with which Judaism views the influences of the horoscope”

“Everything is dependent upon *mazal* (= astral connections), *even* the Torah scroll in the Heikhal” (הכל תלוי במזל ואפילו ספר תורה שבהיכל)

On one level, the Bible & G-d are telling you, that if you are an idiot or an egotist, “stay away from astrology...because you will just *idiot it up* — with your vanity, ego and focus on self, while polluting or missing the point that it is the true language of G-d (and this is a legitimate problem in the everyday practice of personal astrology...) Well-meaning yet misinformed religious laypeople are telling you the same thing, for they think if they should fear it and aren’t smart enough to understand it, then you should fear it and aren’t capable of understanding it either.

Astrology, *horoscopic astrology*, is but a trifle compared to the wisdom and knowledge that the ancient cultures attained through their explorations of the heavens, which is the understanding of the nature of reality, the map of this reality and the source of it; and the individual’s path and collective participation with that source. This matter is much more important than the astrology of the self. In fact, horoscopic astrology ONLY attains the height of its usefulness when cultivated from within by a collective spiritual philosophical framework. This is true integrated astrology. This is why we need a return of “*knowledge of astrology*” as part of spiritual practices.

TIMES, they are a’ changin’. G-d’s law is infallible... G-d, both inside & outside of time, is ever-present and changeless Yet, G-d’s laws for humanity evolve as the complexities of humanity evolve, one step at ‘time’. And as such, G-d’s character *within* the story of time is also always changing. Once

humanity did not know itself from God; Man (Adam) did not know himself Woman (Eve) nor as different from the natural world. G-d became God, then gods...(Genesis & in pre-Genesis stories). Humanity was expelled from this state of consciousness awareness with G-d, then from God's, then all the gods, and then, even from G-d's agency and voice through the prophets also diminished. (There are several 'G-d level distinctions' taking place in a cycle within the scriptures, which few scholars have debated but not taken proper note of, which are key to astrology in general; these distinctions match astrological patterns, particularly the Precession of the Equinoxes)... Communication with G-d became sporadic, to only when times/ages/cycles were changing, as with stories of Noah, the Exodus & Moses, the other prophets (and eventually through the Jesus narrative.) G-d changes.... sometimes appears to be childlike, other times warlike; sometimes inclusive, sometimes exclusive. God *appears* at times to favor some over others (another illusion to pass away the *time*). G-d also 'speaks' to the other 'gods' (a lot of people like to skip right over or explain away Genesis 3:22, wherein lies a subtle clue to our entire astro-metaphysical dilemma. G-d/God/gods changes names, El Shaddai ('the breasted one'), Adonai ('lord'), El/Elyon/Elohim 'god(s)', Kyrios ('lord' Gr. Septuagint) HaShem, (The 'Name'), Yahweh (to be, becoming), etc.. *Who or what is G-d now, then becomes a real question for another time...*

TESTament: It's time to testify. What all of this begins to reestablish, is that the Bible reflects the truth of Astrology and that Astrology reflects truths in the Bible. Knowing that there is a natural code (code of light) hidden in plain site in the texts is the first step, *the first "test"*. Figuring out what the *integrals, phonetics, cycles, and processes* of that code is the next part of *"the test"*. Then bridging that scriptural version of the code, with modern rational understanding, back to the natural world, are the next levels the test... revealing our reality, one step at a time. Determining what those truths are to be for you individually, is *your* part to play in "the Great Mystery", all which is to be revealed at the *end of the story* – your story, our story, the One story, at the endlessly reflective 'end of time'. It's the experience that we each share either at the moment of our repeating death/birth cycle – or through the eternal striving towards the perfection of the divine being you are within. It's your choice - but who are we fooling, that's really NOT much of a choice when you think of it, now is it. We are each doing G-d's will, if we know it or not. *"Can I get a witness up in here?"... End of line... lol.*

****I may have skipped over a few things I was writing above... And is only understood by those who are meant to understand it... the Kabbalist Rabbis will back me up on much of these ideas which I am telling you and are shown clearly through the "math in the Bible" If you have a link to Egypt, you will see it by meditating on words and symbols through the 'heavenly lens' of Astrology.....let's do a series about it...! The Bible is still the Word of G-d...*

BIBLE FOLLOW-UP To AMANDA (20MAY23-

I wanted to add a caveat to what I have said about going back to the source-works of the Bible, the Torah and the Masoretic texts regarding Astrology. When the texts are read carefully and within the narrative of a larger framework, they do not, in any way, say that ‘astrology is evil’; in fact, they venerate it. There are numerous mentions of astrologers, magi-priests, planets, signs, constellations and the like, throughout the Bible. The Zodiac is also part of the code within the design of both the Ark of Noah and the design of the Ark of the Covenant; could be considered the “rainbow covenant”. As well as Joseph’s brothers, the tribes of Israel, the Breastplate of the Priests, the colors, the stones, etc, etc. The Jewish Rabbis, the Kabbalists, all know that astrology is the divine blueprint for the vessel, the container for the energy of G-d, as well as the pattern for the cycles by which God operates. “The *tav*’nit”, the “*tab*-ernacle”, also ‘the *tablets*’ within the Ark are all referencing “the Pattern”, of the words, the ‘image’, the Light of G-d of the Heavens. It is *all* about Astrology, the science of nature’s correspondence with G-d, with itself...

That being said, the way that the knowledge of Astrology is currently being utilized, outside of the context of temple life and structure, with no proper basis for it within the larger spiritual framework of society, is considered blasphemy. I know some people, particularly practicing secular astrologers, don’t want to hear that part. The knowledge of astrology is necessary to awaken the self but if/when that becomes a self-serving practice and does not evolve to assist others collectively, organismically, along a path to ‘source’, then it keeps the mind and thoughts centered on individuation, the distractions of Maya, the Duat, the illusions of the G-dless world, the realms of lower vibrations... the ego self. At this time, in our society there is no ‘container’ for these practices other than those veiled within the established religions -or- those practices of the mystical orders and secret societies, which revere these cycles and energies for what they are, the elemental natural forces at play, the geometric merger of material and the spiritual realities. To the point, it’s not, as if either side can fully claim a victory in this argument, its more to the point that astrology has not re-matured within its reawakening from our ancient past; it is still reforming. Remember, the Bible is the “living word” and its works are still not concluded. The destruction and restructuring (death and re-birth) brought about by this are processes of the Revelation, which we awaken to find ourselves in.

And if we could only stop here, if only it were that simple...but it isn’t. So we have to try not to see “blasphemy” in terms of good and bad, right and wrong and not through the traditionally religious lens... We are ‘commanded’ to not blaspheme, (which means to speak against the name of or in ignorance of)...yet, in essence, every deed outside of or away from the mind of G-d is blasphemy in some way). Adam & Eve (*aspects of G-d*) were told not to eat of the Fruit of the Tree of Knowledge (*seeds of G-d, the awareness of G-d’s distinctions*). Along came the serpent (*psssst... also G-d*), who told Eve it was okay to eat it. G-d designed them to be curious, to seek knowledge, to ‘rebel’ against ignorance, so they did and that is when he knew they were ready to be born into the reality of the harsh world. They left a world of primordial *ignorance*, which G-d provided, the preverbal garden of Eden, for the harsher world of conscious awareness, a deeper dive into temporal reality. They had been warned, yet they made the ‘choice’, if there is such a thing. Then that energy of ‘rebellion’ was made manifest as Cain (as G-d willed it), who

was tested by G-d to kill. He did so by ‘killing his brother’, it was then G-d knew Cain had the strength to survive what comes next in the harsh uncivilized world of the un-evolved...Like a crab holding on to the safety of a rocky shore, that was the true entry into the Age of Cancer from Leo, Cain is seen as capable of holding his own, alone in the world cast away from G-d, just as his parents were cast out of the Garden. Metaphorically, Cain is the first human born of the Mother of Earth, Eve...

In the texts, at various *times*, many tests are put forth by G-d for people to overcome or to submit to. G-d, as Yahweh, put the Babylonian & Egyptian diviners and astrologers to the test (*through Daniel & Joseph, and through Moses (warrior) & Aaron (priest), remember its Aaron’s Rod placed in the Ark not Moses’ Staff; all this is significant to astrological wisdom and the knowledge of God*). As those two Bull (Taurus Age) cultures shifted from high points towards decline, the metaphysical ‘rites’ and knowledge were handed over to the Yahweh-ists, the Kabbalists to be protected by the Hebrews & subsequently, the Israelites... And this is the way it is, for a time, during the Age of Aries, and also as it has been through the Age of Pisces. Now we have entered the Age of Aquarius, the age of knowledge/perception itself, and again we are faced with the test of pursuing or not pursuing truth through assimilating higher knowledge and then seeking the wisdom of the planets, to come to the awareness of what G-d is...

Do you heed the warning and STAY AWAY from the TRUTH of what is all around you? Do you pretend not to hear the voice of G-d being spoken in all nature? Or pretend not to see G-d staring you in the face, in every Star, through every flower, in every smile and through every eye..? *Do we really deny that truth? Or is it a so-called choice...?* I feel personally (my ego, that is), that I was designed both *to know* what we are, and also *to rebel* against those who lead me in directions away from truth, even those who claim to speak on behalf of G-d *or* with the authority of Yahweh. Those truly suited for the tasks of these curious pursuits will ‘eat the fruit’; and with an open heart, venture through a fiery guarded gateway of understanding where the intellect is just the starting point, on the journey back to finding the protected fruit from the other ‘tree’, the Tree of Eternal Life. And once we’ve fought our demons and learned from the angels, and we arrive at the Tree of Eternal Life only then do we discover that it is the same as the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, in the Garden of Duality that we currently find ourselves in, right here, right now... and that you, G-d, everything is One.

MY NOTES:

Etymology for Yid'oni.. (the same root is used to refer to the "other gods" in Genesis 3:22) *yd*"Know"

From the root *y-d-* (y-d-'). Cognate with Arabic *دعا* (*daʿā*, "to call on for help, to seek directions, to find the means or a way") by metathesis, Aramaic *ydy* ("know"), Phoenician *𐤎𐤃* (*ydʿ*, "know"), Akkadian *edûm* ("to know"), Ugaritic *𐎎𐎍𐎏* (*ydʿ*, "know"), and Qatabanian *𐩦𐩣* (*ydʿ*, "find out").

In Hebrew, *yid'oni* is rooted in "to know" *ydy* - 'yeda'; *יְדֹנִי* is a familiar spirit; soothsayer. [Prob. from *ydy* and lit. meaning 'knowing', 'wise', or 'familiar', 'intimate'. *יְדֹנִי*.]

יְדֹנִי f.n. NH **conscience, consciousness.** [Formed from *ydy* with suff. *ִנִּי*.]
-hovrev Shomayim

Divination – the Hebrew words are *קסמים קסם* – "qosem q'samim," the root of which word we examined above. It is translated here as "divination" rather than as "witchcraft" because of the forms of the words. This shows to us the diversity of the meaning of this word. Incorporated in the meaning of this word is "one who is able to foretell the future by miraculous means." The number of methods that can and have been used to do this is astounding. All of it is an abomination to YHWH because it departs from seeking Him and His ways. It is the seeking of knowledge outside of what is acceptable in His eyes.

Augury – the Hebrew word is *מְעוֹנֵן* – "m'onen," which means "to bring or read clouds." Thus, it is "one who divines by reading or interpreting signs and omens." Using images and bird signs the in clouds to divine.