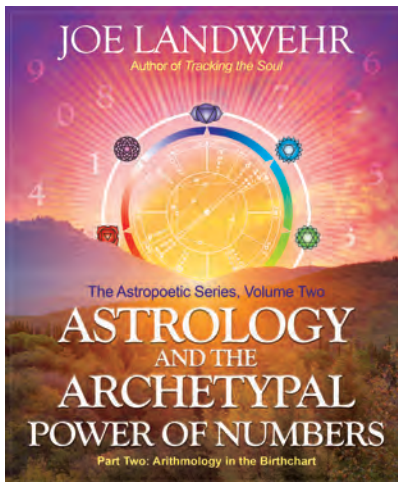


The Astropoetic School of Soul-Discovery

News From The Astropoetic School September 2018

Greetings from **The Astropoetic School of Soul Discovery** in the Smoky Mountains of western North Carolina, not too far away to be tickled by a serious hurricane named after my mother.

My New Book Is Available Now



*Which system holds the key to understanding the universe, astrology or mathematics? Planets or numbers? Probably the best answer is "Yes." And in **Astrology and the Archetypal Power of Numbers**, Joe Landwehr masterfully brings the two systems together in a kind of divinatory Unified Field Theory. His book is an impressive intellectual tour de force, with all the principles backed up by copious chart examples. I heartily recommend it!*

– **Steven Forrest**, author of *The Inner Sky*

The Pythagoreans understood numbers to be at the very heart of the evolutionary process by which the manifest world is infused with Divine Intelligence. Their approach to the study of numbers – called *arithmology* – was illuminated and updated for contemporary consideration in **Part One** of this two-volume series. In **Part Two**, I show how the evolutionary psychology of numbers – as understood by the arithmologists – is reflected astrologically within the charts of dozens of individual case studies and world events.

There are ways that will be obvious to any practicing astrologer, such as the gender of signs (2), the elements and modalities (each referencing both 3 and 4 in different ways), the 4 angles of the chart, and various harmonics, which point to their correspondent numbers. But there are also less obvious ways specific to the teachings of Pythagoras and his students.

Although the arithmologists did not consider number in relation to astrology, they associated specific deities from the Greek pantheon with each number, and most of these have astrological correlates.

In addition, the arithmologists considered the factoring of numbers (e.g. $3 \times 4 = 12$) to be suggestive of synergistic interplay between archetypal forces – a process called *engenderment*. Engenderment has implications in terms of orbital dynamics: the ways in which sidereal and synodic periods – both by themselves and in combination with each other – reference various whole numbers.

To this basic platform, I have added a consideration of planetary dynamics with reference to rulership relationships, and interchakra dynamics associated with each number, as worked out in **Part One**.

To illustrate the presence of the single-digit numbers 0 to 9 within the birthchart, I present over 50 case studies – including Bono, Joseph Campbell, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, Bob Dylan, Amelia Earhart, Albert Einstein, Gandhi, Bob Marley, Terrence McKenna, Sylvia Plath, Edward Snowden, Gertrude Stein, Robin Williams and Frank Lloyd Wright, as well as event charts for the fall of the Berlin Wall, the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and Nixon's resignation, and an extensive demonstration of how you can work with the material presented in the book in relation to your own chart.

The book is nearly 700 pages long, includes hundreds of illustrations, an index, and several useful appendices to encapsulate the interplay of complex factors related to each number, explained in much more detail throughout the book.

The book's author is one of the few who has the intelligence and commitment to rescue the invaluable kerygmas of the Great Wisdom Traditions that modernist and post-modernist perspectives have all but have erased from contemporary minds. He legitimizes the core ideas in astrology and numbers as archetypes by interfacing them with his profound knowledge of several schools of psychology, Eastern religions, mythology, and courageous self-exploration. Landwehr not only displays a wide range of speculation, he is a superb discursive writer.

– **Dr. Rockey Robbins**, Program Director
Dept. of Educational Psychology, University of Oklahoma – Norman

This book will not be available on Amazon or in local bookstores (unless you happen to be close enough to Asheville, North Carolina – where you can get a copy from [Malaprop's Bookstore/Café](#)).

Otherwise you can order directly from [my website](#). While there, you can also view the [Table of Contents](#) and read the entire [Introduction](#).

Tracking the Soul The Workshop 2018



I am deeply grateful for this experience. I know that much of the change is permanent, that my life is irrevocably altered – past, present and future.

CT – 2018 workshop participant

In July, seven intrepid souls met to track tired, crusty, old, outmoded, dysfunctional patterns through a lifetime of experience to shift them in more conscious, creative, and empowered directions. If we look a bit altered in our group photo above, that is because we are.

Prior to the workshop, co-facilitators Julie Yeaman and I worked one-on-one with each participant in a series of 6 private 1-hour sessions – to identify patterns ready to be shifted, to track the stories of those patterns, and to begin to imagine what life might look and feel like at a higher turn of the evolutionary spiral.

The theoretical basis for this work was my book **Tracking the Soul With an Astrology of Consciousness**, which integrates psychological astrology with the spiritual perspective encoded in the chakra system of yogic philosophy. Since the book was published in 2007, I have continued to develop my ideas through the workshop and webinar class, and have learned a great deal through the application of theory to the real life concerns, predicaments, and aspirations of students.

At the workshop itself this theoretical scaffolding becomes invisible. Although the ideas presented in the book are helpful to anyone wanting to focus more clearly on specific life issues, the focus of the workshop itself was not astrology, but soul growth. At the workshop, we spoke about our patterns in plain English, while we worked (and played) together to embody our insights so they could effect deep and lasting transformation.

After a day to share our stories, we explored common themes among participants: the roles our mothers have played in passing on lessons from the patriarchy about what it means to be a woman (or a man) and the ways in which these messages have limited us. With women composing the majority of participants at this workshop, in general, these messages revolved around becoming smaller and more invisible than we really are; suppressing our emotions – particular fiery emotions like anger and outrage; and orienting ourselves around service and caretaking, instead of self-actualization.

Having identified these common themes through our mentoring with each participant, Julie and I then designed exercises to address them. We had a “show and tell” about our mothers – sharing their favorite music, our favorite photographs and stories about them, and the comfort food they prepared for us. We had a values “auction” bidding against each other with Monopoly money for the values we claim to hold dear. We raged at all the injustices in our lives and around the world, and sought to transmute this raw energy with movement, art exercises, and Heart Math meditations. We practiced speaking hard truths to others in our lives, who we felt needed to hear us. Lastly, we had a costume dance party that allowed each of us to step into an expanded identity and be seen and appreciated.

In short, we had fun – while exploring the possibility of living a larger life. In these troubled times, it is important for each of us to step up, do the healing we need to do, access and cultivate our creative resources, and dedicate ourselves to making a difference in the world. Our mutual desire to do this important work is what made it possible for everyone, and an actual opportunity to make a quantum leap for some.

If you find yourself resonating with these words, and you are ready to take a quantum leap, the **2019 Tracking the Soul Workshop** may be the opportunity you have been looking for. The workshop is a shared intentional space in which any troubling pattern ripe for shifting can begin to transmute into more liberated and empowered expression and a positive contribution to a world badly in need of the best you have to offer.

Details of next year’s workshop are still being worked out, but it is likely it will be held again at Spirit Matters near Almonte, Ontario, Canada in late July. If you are interested, you can read more about the workshop in general on [my website](#), and then email me at jlandwehr@astropoetics.com to hold your space.

We purposely keep these workshops small, so if you feel this experience might be for you, it is best not to hesitate. Take a leap. Mentoring will begin in the new year.

Here are some additional quotes from our 2017 and 2018 participants:

It was an honor to bear witness to the raw courage it took for each person to speak of his or her painful patterns.

This workshop helped me to see my pattern very clearly. Being in a group was like being in a family, which brought out my desire to run away and check out a bit. But because of how openhearted everyone was, I was able to overcome that feeling.

This second workshop was just as illuminating as the first one... The most luminous insight was to experience viscerally the divine connection that we all share. It made me feel huge, expanded and radiant. Hearing the stories, holding the space together, connecting with nature brought it home once again. I am grateful to have worked on shifting my pattern, but came away with much more.

It was profoundly deep work.

Tracking the Soul The Webinar Class 2019



I was deeply impressed not only with Joe's level of astrological/metaphysical understanding, and the system that he has birthed into form, but also his ability to assist us in gaining self-knowledge through weaving astrological cycles and personal history into a meaningful tapestry. If you're hungry for a deep dive in self-discovery, take advantage of Joe's webinar class - you won't be disappointed.

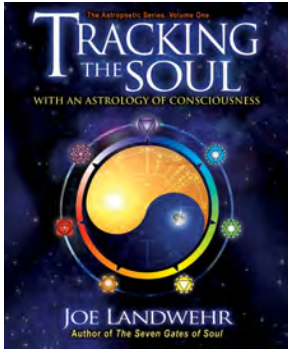
JF - 2017 participant

For those with a working knowledge of astrology, interested in learning the astro-chakra system as discussed in my book **Tracking the Soul With An Astrology of Consciousness**, the 2019 **Webinar Class** will begin as soon as there is sufficient interest (with the exact date and subsequent schedule to depend upon the availability of participants).

The Webinar Class is both a small group learning experience, an interactive exploration of your own chart, and a personal growth opportunity. As with all offerings of **The Astropoetic School**, your life is the classroom, and what you learn can be applied to whatever real life concerns and questions you bring to the class.

What I love about your work and your insights is how they clarify astrologically what I am living. More importantly, they show proof that this very internal and "felt" process, which at the same time informs and includes the mind - so important - represents what I wish to actualize.

JY - 2016 Participant



The Webinar Class is 20 2-hour sessions – based on my book **Tracking the Soul** – with homework assignments, and the opportunity to get my input between classes via email. In the first hour, I generally introduce some new principle or technique, and in the second hour, we apply what we are learning to one or more charts of class participants. We explore the astrological dynamics of each chakra individually; learn how to feel our way into a deeper understanding of each pattern; and then identify astrologically-based strategies for working with and shifting patterns toward clearer expression, greater creativity and increased self-empowerment.

The class is kept purposely small (no more than 6) to allow maximum opportunity for each participant to be the center of group attention. If you wish to be a part of the 2019 Webinar Class, you can sign up [here](#).

New: Private Couples Intensives

My new partner Anyaa McAndrew and I are now available to work with couples. [Anyaa McAndrew](#) is an accomplished psychotherapist, shamanic astrologer, and ordained priestess with an extraordinary set of skills that nicely complements my own. In our work we use a variety of modalities to identify and clear patterns, customizing our approach for each couple. We are available for 5-day minimum intensives at Isis Cove in the Smoky Mountains of western North Carolina (an hour from Asheville) or at your home.



Here is what a recent couple had to say about their experience:

Five stars! Working with Joe and Anyaa has been delightful. I was a skeptic at first as this sort of thing is a bit woo woo for a rational, scientific guy like me. And I was pleasantly surprised at the insight and wisdom that I received every day from Joe. Anyaa followed up each day with breathwork, past life regression, and an Enneagram, which dovetailed nicely with the work I was

doing with Joe. And if you have the pleasure of dining with them, know that Anyaa makes delicious food that's really good for you. I enjoyed working with them so much, I invited them to come to stay at our home and have Joe work with my wife, while Anyaa taught us about sexual healing as a couple, and provided some well-timed EMDR therapy for my wife. These are caring, loving, and highly professional practitioners, and I highly recommend them.

Email me at jlandwehr@astropoetics.com for more information and to chat about the possibilities. You can also contact Anyaa at anyaa@goddessontheloose.com. Due to our busy schedule, we need plenty of advance notice to schedule Couples Intensives.

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Quote of the Month (from my new book)

Pythagorean number theory – called arithmology by those who practiced it – was not, strictly speaking, presented in an astrological context by Pythagoras and his followers. Instead, each number was associated with multiple gods/goddesses from Greek mythology, as well as numerous secondary characters, and often by correlation with the planetary references of astrology. Both mythology and astrology were part of a mythopoetic worldview prevalent during the time of Pythagoras, and his theories were inescapably marinated in this worldview. To speak of the gods at all – whether in reference to number or mythology or astrology – was to enter a world of participation mystique in which humans, gods, plants, animals, stones, clouds, rivers, mountains and planets all interacted and conversed on a daily basis.

As we move through the numbers from Zero to Ten we observe a process by which Spirit enters ever more deeply into Matter, manifest as consciousness, available to humans and in some way unknown or unrecognized by science, to all living things. As suggested in Part One, consciousness is hardwired into the living fabric of the manifest universe itself. This omnipresence of consciousness can be understood as Divine Intelligence, evidenced everywhere within the natural world as an ordering of reality according to principles that are at once pragmatic and archetypal. These ordering principles can be understood through a reference to number and through an observation of the patterns in which they appear. The patterns themselves manifest in many ways; some that can be observed and measured by science and others that must be intuited through the kind of metaphorical language that astrology provides.

In this book, I will examine how number underlies the construction of the birthchart – both in general and specifically within a particular chart – so that we can better understand how Spirit, or the gods and goddesses of the mythopoetic worldview, enter into our experience.