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**Topic:** Astrology

→ TO INFORM THE AUDIENCE OF THE 2016 AP PSYCHOLOGY SYMPOSIUM.

**General Purpose:** ~~To inform~~ TO PROVIDE COLLEAGUES INSIGHT FROM OUR RESEARCH FOR THE PSYCH SYMPOSIUM.

**Specific Purpose:** To give a general overview of astrology to my audience

**Thesis:** The 4 main components of astrology are the planets, zodiac, houses, and aspects

(Rogers-Gallagher, 2009) (IN REAL LIFE YOU WOULD NOT HAVE A CITATION FOR A THESIS STATEMENT; IT SHOULD BE YOUR OWN IDEA.)

## Introduction

I. Astrology is not astronomy (Bakich, 2004).

a) Astronomy is the science that studies celestial objects.

b) Astrology is a belief that celestial objects in the cosmos influence individual lives here on earth.

II. Astrology is not a science, it is a philosophy or mythology ("Astrology: Is it;" Bakich, 2004).

a) Astrology is a combination mythology and magic (Bakich, 2004).

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III. Much of the symbolism and correspondences of astrology come from ancient mythologies, notably Roman and Greek (Bakich, 2004; Gillet, 2011).

a) For example, because Venus was the Roman goddess of love, the planet's influences on humanity are related to love.

b) Astrology uses the theory of magical correspondences (Bakich, 2004).

IV. Correspondences are relationships between things; they make use of the connectedness of things (Holland, 2008).

ii. If you don't believe in magic, you can think of correspondences as another type of mythology.

V. Astrology is geocentric based (Gillet, 2011).

a) This means the universe is viewed from earth, not space.

b) The definition of geocentric is "with the earth as a center" (Webster's new world, 2000)

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- i) I'm pretty sure everyone here knows the earth revolves around the sun, but from our perspective here on earth everything in the sky seems to move around us, this is the principal of the geocentric view ("Apparent motion of;" Gillet, 2011; Webster/'s new world, 2000)

VI. Astrology is highly symbolic.

- a) If I say a zodiac, planet, or house represents death, for example, this death is usually a symbolic one, such as the "death" or a relationship.

VII. The aspects of astrology are the planets, zodiac, houses, and aspects (Gillet, 2011; Rogers-Gallagher, 2009)

- a) Each represents a different level of human existence (Rogers-Gallagher, 2009)

*Transition: I will explain these aspects now.*

## **Body**

I. The planets are the first main components of astrology (Gillet, 2011; Rogers-Gallagher, 2009).

- a) They are believed to represent or influence the many general aspects that make up our lives and personalities.
- b) Astrology does not include earth because of its geocentric principal, but does include the Sun and the Moon, in addition to the old and new planets.
  - i) The old planets are ones our ancestors knew before the existence of advanced technology.
    - 1. The old planets are Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn.
  - ii) The new planets are the planets that were discovered more recently, within the last couple centuries.
    - 1. The new planets are Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto

- iii) Unfortunately, I don't have time to go into detail on what each of the planets represent, so I included that information in the handout I'm going to pass out after my speech.
- II. The zodiac signs are the second main components of astrology (Rogers-Gallagher, 2009).
- a) The zodiac signs are sections of the sky, each is 30 degrees, and are believed to describe the behavior a planet or house will use to express itself.
  - b) Every zodiac sign is assigned its own set of key concepts, or types of energy.
    - i) The first of these energies is a sign's polarity (Gillet, 2011; Rogers-Gallagher, 2009).
      - (1) The polarities are masculine and feminine, not to be confused with male and female.
        - (a) Masculine energies are those that are active and assertive.
        - (b) Feminine energies are those that are receptive and passive.
    - ii) The second concept is a sign's quality (Rogers-Gallagher, 2009).
      - (1) The qualities are cardinal, fixed, and mutable.
        - (a) Cardinal energies are those that initiate change.
        - (b) Fixed energies are those that are thorough and unstoppable.
        - (c) Mutable energies are those that are flexible and changeable.
    - iii) The final concept is a sign's element (Rogers-Gallagher, 2009).
      - (1) The elements include earth, air, fire, and water.
        - (a) Earth energies are those that are solid, practical, supportive, and reliable.
        - (b) Air energies are those that correspond to the intellectual and mental aspects of life.
        - (c) Fire energies are those that initiate action and creation.
        - (d) Water energies are those that correspond to the emotional aspects of life.
    - iv) The specific key concepts of the zodiac signs will also be included in the handout (Gauding, 2009; Rogers-Gallagher, 2009).
- III. The houses are the third main components of astrology (Gillet, 2011; Rogers-Gallagher, 2009).

- a) The houses represent different areas of our lives, or the various circumstances and encounters we may face.

IV. Aspects are the final component of astrology (Rogers-Gallagher, 2009).

- a) The aspects are angles that represent the relationships between planets.
- b) In my opinion, the aspects are the hardest to understand, so I'm going to explain these personally.
- c) The main aspects of astrology are conjunctions, sextiles, squares, trines, quincunxes, and oppositions.
  - i) Conjunctions occur when planets are within 0 to 8 degrees of each other.
    - (1) Planets in conjunction are believed to operate together.
  - ii) Sextiles occur when planets are 60 degrees apart, and link planets of compatible elements, meaning earth and water or fire and air.
  - iii) Squares occur when planets are 90 degrees apart, and the relationship between them is tense and uncomfortable.
  - iv) Trines occur when planets are 120 degrees apart, and are usually between planets of the same element.
  - v) Quincunxes occur when planets are 150 degrees apart, and join signs that don't share a quality, element, or gender.
    - (1) Their relationship is difficult, like that of two strangers who don't speak the same language trying to communicate.
  - vi) Oppositions occur when planets are 180 degrees apart, and are believed to work against each other.

*Transition: Now that I have touched on astrology's main components, being the planets, zodiac, houses, and aspects, I'm going to bring up birth charts.*

## **Conclusion**

- I. Your birth chart is where all the components I just went over, the planets, zodiac, houses, and aspects, come together (Gillet, 2011).
  - a) More specifically, your birth chart illustrates the location of these components at the moment of your birth, based on your location.
  - b) A birth chart looks kind of like this.
    - i) The planets and zodiac are represented by symbols
    - ii) The houses are often represented by roman numerals, starting here (point)
    - iii) These crazy lines in the middle are the aspects
  - c) In a minute, I'm going to give out these handouts.
    - i) They will contain more detailed information on the planets, zodiac, and houses than I would have been able to give in 10 minutes.
    - ii) I also included a website where you can get your own birth chart for free.
- II. On that note, I will conclude my speech. Thanks for listening.

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