

With regard to astrology and past lives I was recently asked an interesting question:

Q:

Can you 'read' so to speak a querent's total past life history in their chart? If so how?

A: no ...

Astrology is a language that employs symbols rather than literal facts. A chart can point to a past life of, for example, persecution, but it will not state in what form. ie.

a European Jew persecuted in the holocaust

or, a Nazi persecuting a Jew

or, a mill owner persecuting a child worker in 1817

or, a child worker being persecuted by a mill owner ...

You get the idea; the permeations run into thousand and thousands of possible forms of expression. It would be possible to speculate on every single possibility and list them all, but it would take many hundreds of hours.

Some people use other tools to gain specific information regarding the adventures of lives past, such as psychic skills or mediumship.

Personally, I prefer to refer directly to the soul/inner-being/higher-being/unconscious of the individual. I use past life regression; a direct exploration of the person's own memories brought to the surface by deep, guided, relaxation.

A chart can be used to get the tone of lives past. The details are another matter entirely.

In life readings I always attend to lives lived before this one at the very end. By this time a client will have spent 6 to 8 days with me exploring this life in great detail and to a certain extent one can say that the conditions and orientation of this life are themselves reflections of the sum total of lives we have lived before. If one knows how to look at the furniture of one's life, and one's inner landscape of dreams and daydreams, interests and emotional reactions, it may be possible to discern pathways of the past ...

There are astrologers who focus on past lives and karma through various techniques, such as Draconic astrology. As far as I am aware, these still only illuminate the tone of orientation of past lives and do not provide explicit detail such as being able to tell that someone was a pig farmer in 14th century Europe. If anyone knows of an astrologer who can glean such information from the chart alone, I'd be very interested to hear about it.

The main factors I look at for past life indications and karmic pathways are:

Pluto, the Nodal axis, 12th House, retrogrades, Neptune, Pisces and the Septile series of aspects, plus; all aspects derived from divisions of 10, 11, 12 and 13; Decile series, Bi-Decile series, Semi Sextiles and the Pyradecem series ...

I am, however, inclined to take a leaf from Sasportas and say that since the entire person is formed from the past, then the roots of our being may be signified by the entire chart.

hope this is helpful

love

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