

News From The Astropoetic School

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Greetings from **The Astropoetic School of Soul Discovery** located in the heart of the galaxy on **Milky Way Farm** here in the beautiful Ozarks – where the blessing of midsummer rain takes us more deeply into the Green Mystery of which we are often such tender shoots.

Like winter, summer is often a time for dreaming here, as the heat induces a kind of trance state, where the lines between self and other, human and more-than-human, and everyday reality and mythopoetic dream space quiver in still air. Am I really the astrologer sitting in my aerial study among the trees, dreaming up books, and lessons, and workshops? Or am I instead a maverick spark of starlight flashing through some cosmic wormhole into this more pedestrian realm, studying this strange human creature who sits here for clues about how best to present itself in teachable form?

2nd Annual Tracking the Soul Workshop

Hearthaven Retreat – Willow Springs, Missouri
November 15 – 18, 2013

But don't worry. By fall, I'll settle back into a less loosely tethered frame of mind. To make sure I do, some part of knows I must get ready for the second annual **Tracking the Soul Workshop** in November.

Based on my book of the same name – **Tracking the Soul With An Astrology of Consciousness**, Tracking the Soul is an experiential workshop, integrating the exquisite spiritual psychology of the seven chakras with the intimately personal, image-based approach to astrology that I call astropoetics. The workshop brings the provocative theory of the astro-chakra system into real-life application in relation to core issues brought by participants.

Beginning with a timeline of significant events in your life, and then mapping your astrological cycles to it, we gradually work our way toward a story of the particular thread of your soul's journey you are inspired to track. The story then becomes a launching pad for insight and meaningful changes. Said one participant about the process:

Here, Joe's skills truly came to the fore. He helped us all to see just how unique and valuable our life experiences, as illustrated by our chosen pattern, had been to our souls. Despite the suffering our stories revealed, I think we all felt acknowledged, and honored, in the sharing of them. We gained clues to shifting old patterns.

Included with this workshop are 3 preparatory lessons, designed to teach the basic astrology necessary to get the most value from the 3-day experience of the workshop itself. Each lesson will be customized for each student, based on their current level of familiarity with astrology and the chakra system. Each will include a homework assignment, and a follow-up 90-minute Skype consultation.

Lesson One will cover the chakra system, a psycho-spiritual adjunct to astrology, great for understanding how consciousness is being channeled through life experience.

Lesson Two will cover basic astrology, as it applies to the chakra system, and specifically as it applies to each student's chart. This lesson will be customized to meet each student at their current level of knowledge.

Lesson Three will help each participant identify core issues, determine which issue will be their focus in the workshop, and work out the time frame for tracking the relevant soul story.

The workshop itself will be our opportunity to share these soul stories, and learn from them and from each other. Limited to a small number of people, the workshop provides each participant with ample opportunity to be the loving center of group attention, while allowing plenty of alone time for integration. To supplement our group work, there will be an opportunity for bodywork, individual sessions, and daily yoga classes.

**There are two openings left in the workshop.
One of them has your name on it!**

For more information, go to <http://www.astropoetics.com/2013/06/tracking-the-soul-workshop-november-15-18-2013.html>.

To register, email me at jlandwehr@astropoetics.com.

Looking for Some Light Summer Reading?

Included in the workshop fee is a copy of my second book **Tracking the Soul With An Astrology of Consciousness**. It's not actually light reading – sorry for the advertising hype – but if your passion is astrology's power to reveal the living soul at work in the details of a life, then you will enjoy it.

My other books are, of course, also available. For the month of July, you can have any of my books for 10% off. Buy two, and get free shipping.

The Seven Gates of Soul: a 600-year history of ideas about the soul, exploring concepts from religion, philosophy, science, psychology and astrology.

Tracking the Soul With An Astrology of Consciousness: an integration of yogic philosophy and astrology as a context in which to observe and map the evolution of consciousness.

Astrology and the Archetypal Power of Numbers, Part One: an exploration of Pythagorean number theory – weaving together personal experience, mythology, cutting edge science, history and politics to create a visceral sense of the spiritual psychology of numbers from 0 to 9.

You can order, and read the complete introduction and table of contents to each book, as well as reviews at my [Ancient Tower Press](http://www.ancient-tower-press.com) website.

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New Book Excerpts

Summer is also my writing time. Well, I'm always writing, but I seem to have more uninterrupted time in summer and winter. This summer, I'm working on my new book **Astrology and the Archetypal Power of Numbers, Part Two**. Part Two takes the spiritual psychology of number theory and shows how it reveals itself in the birthchart. Here are a couple of excerpts from [Chapter Seven: Planets in the Realm of Three](#).

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Excerpt 1: The Spiritual Psychology of the Number Three

The number Three makes the potential inherent in the Realm of One tangible in manifest form, where it can be discerned by a conscious mind capable of perceiving order within chaos. Within the Realm of Three, consciousness arises as a simple, but powerful awareness of polarity, which in turn provides perspective, self-awareness and the capacity to initiate change along any continuum to which consciousness is applied. This capacity for consciousness and change make explicit the notion of choice, built into the very fabric of a conscious universe.

To read more, go here: <http://www.ancient-tower-press.com/planets-realm-of-3.html>.

Excerpt 2: Mercury's Role in the Realm of Three

It is within the Realm of Three that consciousness first arises as an awareness of polarity. Mercury is the planet most astrologers associate with awareness in general, and in particular with the kind of analytical perspective that arises through comparison and contrast, applicable in this case to our perception of all polar opposites. It is through the psychic function associated with Mercury that we not only sense the difference between hot and cold, male and female, light and dark – but also find some way to articulate these differences to ourselves and others. Throughout the articulation process, we sift and sort, examine, explore, reflect upon, weigh and measure, associate, integrate, gradually gain a relatively objective perspective – or at least some psychic distance from the object of our scrutiny, and then lastly move toward the possibility of conscious, deliberate and intentional choice.

To read more, go here: <http://www.ancient-tower-press.com/mercury-realm-of-3.html>.

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Where Your Life is the Classroom

Despite the basic nature of these excerpts, the book I am writing now is actually for those with a fair amount of astrology under their belts. For those who are just starting out or in midstream, I still have openings in my correspondence course.

This course is not meant for those who wish to become practicing astrologers. Instead it is for those – including practicing astrologers – who wish to use their knowledge of astrology as a pathway to self-healing and personal growth.

Says one student about the course:

I have a tendency to not always open up, but in these lessons, I've been able to just say what I'm thinking. It's been interesting, because I don't think I've been able to have that kind of transparency before. – M. H., Republic, MO

and another:

Joe, I feel so grateful for these lessons and what I am learning. You are definitely a "gifted medicine man." Your sacred work is a goldmine of spiritual wisdom. - S.G., New Westminster, British Columbia

If you want to deepen your understanding of astrology while you explore your own soul's journey, perhaps this course is for you. You can listen to an audio interview with me about the course at:

<http://www.astropoetics.com/interview.html>

Astrological Consultations

Although my focus these past 20 years has been on writing my books, and teaching students to use the language of astrology as a guide to self-reflection, I am also available for private consultations.

I am not interested in doing general readings to satisfy curiosity about astrology, and I do not predict the future. But I do believe that astrology can be helpful for approaching life's challenges with greater awareness, and I am willing to guide you in this use of it.

Says one recent client about my work:

Thank you so much Joe, your work is so beautiful . . . I am so grateful for your dedication and sensitivity and the palpable love pouring through your work...what a blessing you have given me. – E. P., Stanley, NM

To learn more about my consultations, go here:
<http://www.astropoetics.com/2011/03/astrological-consultations-with-joe-landwehr.html>.

Unsubscribing

Since you are on my mailing list - which means you were at one time interested in my work – you are automatically subscribed to this e-letter, which you will receive periodically (not more than three times a year). In it, I will share the latest news from **The Astropoetic School**, and my publishing company **Ancient Tower Press**.

Hopefully this news will be of interest to you, but if it is not, please just let me know, and I will take you off the mailing list.

If you know anyone else who might be interested in this newsletter, please feel free to pass it on. But please also be discriminating and do not simply broadcast it to your entire list. No one likes spam, and in no way do I wish to generate it.

Please do let me know if I can help you discover the green (and still growing) mystery at your core through my workshop, my books, my course or a consultation.

Be well,
Joe Landwehr

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Quote for the month: *Stories make us more alive, more human, more courageous, more loving. Why does anybody tell a story? It does indeed have something to do with faith, faith that the universe has meaning, that our little human lives are not irrelevant, that what we choose or say or do matters, matters cosmically. – Madeleine L'Engle*