

### A Living Geometry of Relationships

From the earliest sky-watchers to today, the urge to ascribe meaning to patterns in the sky has endured.

Yet the meanings that are derived depend upon the language that is spoken. When we consider the language of traditional astrology, for example, it usually starts with the sign — its temperament and psychological portrait. This “sign-first” approach can be insightful, but it is one-dimensional in its view of signs as fixed categories rather than as conduits of energies and relationships.

Esoteric astrology offers a different entry point, suggesting that the chart is not a static portrait but a *geometry of relationships* — a living interplay of forces that condition consciousness and guide its unfolding.

Esoteric astrology invites us to look at patterns — specifically, the interaction of triangles.

### The Transformative Power of Triangles

A triangle is much more than a geometric figure -- it is a pattern of relationship. Two points create polarity: push and pull, yes and no. Add a third point, and everything changes. Movement enters. Tension becomes creative. Polarity finds synthesis. A triangle transforms conflict into flow.

Triangles repeatedly appear throughout esoteric teachings, as they symbolize the interplay of forces through which growth happens -- how energies interact, tensions can be reconciled, and purpose can emerge from apparent contradiction.

Triangles remind us that evolution is not linear but relational, unfolding through the synthesis of energies that once appeared separative, opposed, polarized.

In our Triangles service work, we consciously participate in this geometry by linking in thought with two others, forming a living triangle of light and goodwill. That triangle becomes part of a vast planetary network.

This is not merely symbolic. It is energetic and very real.

### Choosing the Right Lens

When we read a chart through relational geometry, triangles become a way of understanding **possibilities** -- how energies may be synthesized for the greater good.

Interpretation must evolve as consciousness evolves. The same sign, planetary ruler, aspect, or life circumstance may communicate different messages on a higher or lower turn of the spiral.

Esoteric astrology suggests three interpretive tiers (or lenses) for understanding — each corresponding to a different stage on the path.

### **The Personality Lens**

Through the exoteric (or personality) lens, life is centered on personality concerns: relationships, family, work, security, identity, and so on.

Spiritual interest is often motivated by personal aims: “finding peace, “being happy,” and “living my best life.” The tendency is to look outward for guidance, toward “experts” and collective opinion. This tier may be characterized by separative tendencies, criticism, and judgment toward those who do not hold the same view.

Many, many people experience the world through this lens – and it is nothing to denigrate or disparage. It is a starting point. Much as we would not get angry at a toddler for not understanding complex math, so is the parallel, or correspondence here.

Through training in meditation, spiritual studies, and persistence on the path, awareness expands, intuition is awakened, and personality integration ensues, becoming an instrument through which the soul can work.

### **The Soul Lens**

The esoteric (or soul) lens begins focusing when “the old ways of the personality” are no longer satisfying. This may be experienced as a deeper longing or search for meaning, that emerges gradually over time, or suddenly through a crisis, when the rug is pulled out from under us.

Questions shift from “What do I want?” to “What is ethical, what is the right thing to do here?” and “How can I serve?”

This transition can be disorienting and, at times, lonely. Family, friends, and colleagues may not understand the change, the shift away from interests and activities that once seemed so important, but no longer hold much meaning. The reorientation can be dizzying, like the in-between step on a ladder, stepping away from what was, and up into the unknown.

The challenges, crises, and little earthquakes – while sometimes jarring -- are actually signposts of progress. This is why “right companionship” — groups oriented to service, meditation, and goodwill (like Triangles) are key at this stage, providing a steadying field for the soul’s impression to be intuitively recognized and trusted.

At this stage, the esoteric ruler is most significant, pointing toward the energies that can harmonize the personality and soul purpose.

### **The Initiatory Lens**

Through the hierarchical (or initiatory) lens, identity is no longer centered in the personality or even the individual soul, but in the group life and group service. Here, the personal will yields to divine will, as in, “thy will be done.”

Service is impersonal and steady, without drawing attention or seeking recognition.

This lens is not about personal development but the distribution and sharing of energy for the greater good.

### **Triangles as Catalysts for Growth**

In sociology, we say the “dyad is the most unstable of groups.” All it takes is for one person to opt out and you no longer have a group.

Triads introduce a third element: possible tensions and coalitions, along with a powerful dynamic for change. Wherever two forces oppose, a third can re-orient and reconcile.

- In relationships, “self” and “other” may clash -- until a shared purpose enters as the third point. Suddenly, “you vs. me” becomes “we.”
- In decision-making, thought and feeling may compete -- until intuitive intelligence reframes one path forward.
- In spiritual practice, the heart and mind find synthesis when the will-to-good anchors creative intelligence and love-wisdom in group service.

Consciousness evolves through relationship, through the dynamic interplay of forces that stretch beyond good/bad, right/wrong, either/or, black-and-white separative thinking. The third point of a triangle reminds us that growth is not linear; it is relational. Triangles invite us to ask: *What third point would bring balance, movement, and meaning to the two that are at a stalemate?*

### **From Polarity to Purpose**

We live in a time of sharp polarities: ideological, personal, cultural, and political divides that culminate in workplace conflict, family tensions, and online discourse marked by vitriol and division. Two forces pull in opposite directions. The triangle invites a higher question: *What third point could harmonize these forces?*

*What could reconcile this conflict or tension, to act as a bridge, rather than a barrier? Where might we find common ground?*

How might we reframe with empathy and nonjudgment? Can we consider another's perspective, without criticism? Can we find a shared purpose so that we are no longer in opposition, but on the same team, seeking the same positive outcome?

The triangle offers a way to move from reaction to response, from conflict to clarity, from personality preference to purposeful expression. It reveals the underlying pattern of energy and the next step toward synthesis.

Through the esoteric lens, tensions may surface as the personality clings to familiar patterns, attachments, and ambitions, while the soul calls for greater meaning, purpose and service.

Here, the same patterns of polarity might reveal a deeper question: *What is the soul asking of this situation? What value is being tested? What choice would harmonize the outer life with inner purpose?*

Intuitive insights emerge through meditation, study, reflection, and the evening review – the work of the Arcane School. Viewed in this way, the triangle can become a tool for reorientation and transformation.

Through the hierarchical lens, polarity becomes a path of initiation, shifting the questions from personal meaning to group purpose: *What action would best serve the greater good? What principle must be upheld?* Here, the triangle becomes a field of responsibility, clarifying the work of the moment.

## **A Living Geometry of Synthesis and Service**

In triangles, we see patterns of recurrent themes. Certain triangles become active during periods of crisis, aspiration, service, or initiation. These are experienced through recurring challenges -- same theme, different players.

Triangles reveal that growth is not random but patterned. Triangles demonstrate how tension can become clarity, how conflict can become strength, and how aspiration can become assistance. Triangles illuminate the subtle movements by which consciousness shifts from self-centeredness to alignment, and from alignment to group service.

When our interpretive language includes triangles, esoteric astrology becomes something far more than a descriptive system. It becomes a *geometry of consciousness*.

The three tiers of rulership remind us that interpretation meets us where we are. The exoteric lens supports integration; the esoteric lens reveals purpose; the hierarchical lens clarifies responsibility within the group life. Each tier is necessary, each has its tasks, and each prepares the way for the next.

The three orders of triangles — constellation, planetary, and center — reveal the pathways through which energy flows, how forces are mediated, transformed, and expressed through human consciousness. They remind us that we live within a vast field of relationships, and that our task is not to control these forces but to cooperate with them wisely.

And the developmental triangles — those recurring patterns of balance, choice, and initiation; of desire, conflict, and transformation — offer a practical key. They help us recognize the theme of the moment, the quality to understand, and the next right step on the path.

Triangles help us recognize the energies at work in our own lives and in the lives of others — not to predict or control, but to support the unfolding of purpose.

To work with these patterns is to recognize that every tension contains a teaching, every crisis a point of emergence, every aspiration a call to serve.

In this way, the science of triangles becomes a practical tool for transformation, from personality reaction toward soul alignment and purposeful service.

Triangles remind us that evolution, whether personal or collective, is relational -- one triangle, one choice, one act of alignment at a time.

### **In Closing...**

When we look to the heavens, we are not merely gazing skyward -- we are pondering the vast mysteries of life (and often, trying to make sense of it all).

As noted at the beginning of this talk, the true value of astrology may be in offering a shared symbolic language, communicating pathways of relationship, movement, synthesis, and understanding.

Triangles work gives us a way to *practice* that symbolic language every day. By actively participating in a triangle, we become part of a living network of light and goodwill.

Thank you for the opportunity to explore these ideas together. May our shared work in Triangles continue to support the unfolding purpose of humanity.