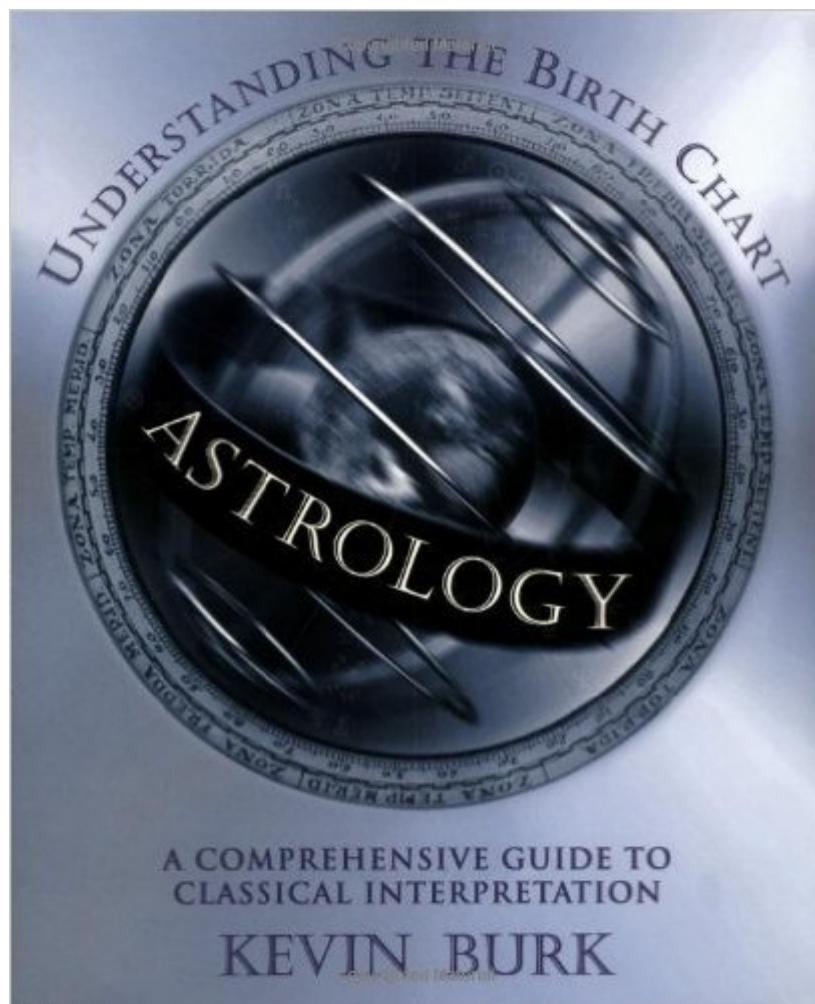


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Astrology: Understanding The Birth Chart



Synopsis

In *Astrology: Understanding the Birth Chart*, Kevin Burk takes you step-by-step from the core basics to the finer complexities of chart interpretation while avoiding sidetracks into obscure techniques and fuzzy thinking. As a teacher, Burk also understands that a real grasp of the subject entails more than just learning the techniques—it also involves grasping the underlying principles that make those techniques valid. *Astrology: Understanding the Birth Chart* is designed to be useful to all students of astrology, from beginners to more advanced practitioners, and will help you develop an integrated, synthesized approach to understanding the birth chart. You will discover how classical astrology can enrich your understanding of the planets, signs, and houses. You will explore the meaning of the Lunar Nodes, eclipses, the angles, retrograde planets, and aspect patterns. You will also learn how to identify key themes in the chart, and how to relate the different aspects and elements together to gain a holistic understanding of the birth chart—and of the individual. An up-to-date listing of astrological organizations and software programs is included that offers a wealth of resources for any astrologer. In short, this is a well-designed course that provides a solid foundation for anyone who is interested in practicing astrology quickly and with confidence. While many books at this level simply give you a set of techniques and ready-made interpretations, this book will give you a deeper grasp of an art and science that has its expression in the world around us, but its roots in the invisible world of primal origins.

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Customer Reviews

Kevin Burk is one of the students of Dr. J. L. Lehman. He holds a Level IV NCGR (National Council

for Geocosmic Research) certification in astrological counseling. This book is an introductory book on astrology, which combines both modern and classical methods. Those who want to learn classical astrology, but are reluctant to read the old "Christian Astrology" written by William Lily, would be pleased to find such a nice book. After explaining basic meanings of planets and signs, the author picks up the "Essential dignities" in the following chapter, where he describes the meaning of Rulership, Exaltation, Triplicity, Term, Face, Detriment, Fall, and Pregrine. Then he interprets the combination of planets in signs based on the essential dignities. This is one of the most important differences from textbooks of modern astrology. In the beginning of the chapter that explains aspects, the author writes: "aspects were counted by sign, not by degree" in ancient astrology. But now we have to look at two factors when examining the aspects, that is, the sign relationship and the harmonic relationship. Such a consideration can be important when we interpret the out-of-sign aspects (for example, Mars at Cancer 1' and Moon at Pisces 29'). Another point to consider is whether an aspect is applying, partile, or separating. Partile aspects are the most important, and applying ones are the next most important, while separating are the least important, the author says. One of the most interesting explanations in the book is about "mutual reception".

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