Character is Destiny

- "The goal of astrology is the alchemy of personality"
 - Dane Rudhyar, <u>The Astrology of Personality</u>
- "All anyone can see in a birthchart are tendencies that will become facts if he does not do something to alter them."
- Isabel Hickey

Astrology and Alchemy

- The birth chart represents the sum total of experiences gained in form up to the time of birth
- Astrology is the "Alphabet" of Alchemy and all occult sciences
- The metals of Alchemy are symbols for the qualities of the planetary thought cells represented in a chart
- The metals of alchemy are our life experiences

The Metals of Alchemy

- The ores lead, tin, iron, copper, mercury, silver, and gold comprise the seven alchemical metals
- They correspond to the experiences of Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Venus, Mercury, the Moon, and the Sun

The Reverberatory Furnace

- "The material alchemist works with the common minerals, such as copper, lead, tin, and iron, in the endeavor to change them into a metal more valuable. The mental alchemist follows similar principles; but the elements with which he works are his thoughts. He seeks to flux them one against the other, reduce them in the astral light, and recombine them in a mental gold that will attract to him ability, wealth, power and success..."
- "...The spiritual alchemist goes a step still further. In fact, he takes the highest step possible to embodied man. He uses as his metals the various experiences of life. If some are not at hand that are necessary for this transmutation he seeks them out. He purifies them, fluxes them in proper proportion, dissolves them in the spiritual light by the aid of a reverberatory furnace, and if the resultant transmutation is successful he comes into possession of a golden chariot in which his soul may wing

- its heavenly flight through boundless time and eternity."
- C. C. Zain Spiritual Alchemy

Raising the Vibratory Rate

Just as the heat of the furnace causes the molecules of the metal to move more rapidly, we must raise our vibratory rates in order to create a spiritual body

Dross

- Noun
- waste matter; refuse.
- *Metallurgy*. Impurities separated from metal during the smelting process.

Separating Pure Metal from Dross

- The metals, which represent life experiences must be purified and the dross removed
- "This reverberatory furnace of the spiritual alchemist is fed by an outpouring of love. Nothing raises the vibrations as quickly as love. It is the love of the oxygen of the air for the carbon in the fuel that gives the material furnace its intensity. Love operates on various planes. But only unselfish love affects spiritual substance."
- C. C. Zain Spiritual Alchemy
- "The attachment to appearances must forever be severed. When seen from this higher plane the things upon which more worldly people dote, and for which they ceaselessly toil and struggle, are recognized to be but the dross of life that must be skimmed from the various molten metals of experience and cast into the waste of perishable debris."

These very things that men set their hearts upon, when more closely scrutinized, are observed, to be but the scum that rises to the surface of life's purer metals when they are melted by the fires of the reverberatory furnace of their cosmic relations. This refuse must be skimmed from the pure and transcendent values that lie beneath it and cast to one side; but the metals themselves, thus recognized and separated from the dross, should be preserved with the utmost care as priceless spiritual possessions."

• C. C. Zain – Spiritual Alchemy

The Spiritual Alchemist

 "To become a spiritual alchemist one must take a very different view of life from that held by the rest of the world. Life and all its

- experiences must be considered from the inner plane of realities; for realities alone can be raised in intensity of vibration to the plane of spiritual substance and there persist as portions of the immortal spiritual body."
- C. C. Zain Spiritual Alchemy

Transmutation

- To change into another nature, substance, form, or condition
- In Alchemy, transforming base metals into gold
- Transmutation is achieved by conversions or antidotes

Alchemical Conversion

- From the Latin *conversio*, meaning "a complete change"
- Change in character, form, or function
- In alchemy conversion involves reconditioning the feelings associated with the problem metal to express only harmoniously

ት Alchemical Lead/Safety Urges

- Plants store water for times of future need
- Bees make and store food
- Squirrels hoard nuts for winter
- Some people save for "a rainy day"
- Compulsive hoarding becomes a mental illness

The Dross of Lead 5

- Experiences of greed, selfishness, avarice, self-centeredness, covetousness, acquisitiveness, hoarding
- Fear, anxiety, dread, apprehension, worry
- Depression, melancholy, despair, sorrow, grief
- Poverty, lack, deficiencies, hardship, scarcity
- Illness, infirmity, sickness, frailty, debility, old-age

The Pure Metal of Lead 5

- Cultivate responsibility, conscientiousness, duty, reliability, accountability, reliability
- Foresight, prescience, planning, preparation, system, organization, structure, methods
- Safety, security, protection, caution, prudence, vigilance

Lead = Saturn Progressions

- † SATURN: Any progressed aspect of Saturn brings work, responsibility, and economy or loss.
- Major progressions of Saturn last fifteen or more years

♀ Alchemical Copper/Social Urges

- Some plants cross-pollinate
- Some create beautiful blooms to insure propagation
- Some animals mate for life and cannot bear to be parted
- Some animals find mutual benefit through living in herds
- As social animals most humans seek companionship

The Dross of Copper ♀

- Experiences of feeling unloved, loss or lack of companionship or friendship, jealousy
- Pliancy, inability to say "no", the "disease to please"
- Addictions, over-sensuality
- Laziness, sloth, idleness, indolence

The Pure Metal of Copper ♀

- Cultivate unconditional love and the giving of affection, ease in functioning in relationships, friendships and groups
- Create beauty and comfort in your environment

Copper = Venus/Neptune Progressions

- \$\textsq\$ VENUS: Any progressed aspect of Venus affects the emotions, the social relations, and the artistic appreciation.
- Major Progressions of Venus last for approximately eighteen months
- \psi NEPTUNE: Any progressed aspect of Neptune increases the imagination, increases the sensitivity, and attracts schemes

4 Alchemical Tin/Religious Urges

- Plants produce an abundance of seeds
- Seeds and nuts store food for future growth
- Wolves and dogs defer to a "pack leader"
- Domesticated animals have "faith" that their owners will return and feed them
- Some people have faith that authorities will make right choices
- Some people inspire others to benevolent action

The Dross of Tin 4

- Experiences of conceit, snobbery, pretentiousness, condescension
- Holier-than-thou attitude, religious fanaticism or extremism
- Overly-optimistic, excessive generosity, naivety, laissez-faire
- Excess, over-indulgence, gluttony

The Pure Metal of Tin 4

- Devotion, reliance on a Higher Power, spirituality, prayerfulness
- Generosity, good-will, charity, benevolence, munificence, compassion, sharing
- Optimism, buoyancy, cheerfulness, hopefulness, gratitude, thankfulness
- Abundance, wealth, affluence, prosperity

Tin =Jupiter Progressions

- 4 JUPITER: Any progressed aspect of Jupiter affects the individual through abundance, increased optimism, and joviality.
- Major Progressions of Jupiter last for approximately eleven years

¥ Alchemical Mercury/Intellectual Urges

- Some plants are sensitive to their environments
- Insects must remember their way back to their hives and breeding grounds
- Birds must navigate their annual migrations
- Animals must remember their feeding grounds and waterholes
- Animals must communicate the presence of danger

The Dross of Mercury ¥

- Poor communication skills, errors in spelling or inaccuracies in calculation
- Nervousness, restlessness, uneasiness, anxiety, neuroses, mental imbalance, mental ruminations
- Absentmindedness, forgetfulness, poorconcentration

The Pure Metal of Mercury ♥

- The ability to express oneself succinctly and articulately, language skills, good communication
- To critique, evaluate, and analyze
- Perception, awareness, mental acuity, observant, alert

Mercury = Mercury/Uranus Progressions

- Major Progressions of Mercury last for approximately eighteen months
- \mathfrak{W} URANUS: Any progressed aspect of Uranus affects through something sudden, through a human agency, and brings change into the life

Alchemical Iron ♂/ Aggressive Urges

- Plants produce thorns and spines for protection
- Insects developed both stingers and venom
- Animals have horns, teeth, and claws for both killing and defense
- Animals developed venom
- Animals will enter deadly combat to win a mate
- Humans develop tools to obtain food or create shelter
- Humans develop weapons to defend territory

The Dross of Iron ♂

- Anger, aggression, hostility, violence, cruelty, brutality, bloodlust, strife, rage, fury, destructiveness, resentment, antagonism
- Impulsiveness, impetuosity, rashness, hotheadedness, recklessness
- Lust, desire, longing, addiction, misdirected passions,

The Pure Metal of Iron ♂

- Active, dynamic, energetic, initiative, motivated
- Constructive, productive, industrious, protective, defensive
- Self-control, directed passions

Iron = Mars Progressions

- of MARS: Any progressed aspect of Mars brings strife, haste, and increased expenditure of energy.
- Major Progressions of Mars can last for three to four years.

D Alchemical Silver /Domestic Urges

- Some plants endow their seeds with means of finding new favorable environments
- Birds build nests
- Animals build lairs and dens
- Animals protect their young

Animals and humans nourish their offspring

The Dross of Silver D

- Moody, sulky, glum, petulant, temperamental
- Passive, submissive, compliant, docile, meek.
- Negative, pessimistic, downbeat
- Fickle, inconsistent, changeable, capricious, vacillating
- Gossipy, scandalous, rumor-monger

The Pure Metal of Silver D

- Cultivate harmonious moods and feelings
- Use music to uplift
- Care for other life-forms
- Nurture the less-fortunate
- Contribute to a food bank

Silver = Moon/Pluto Progressions

- MOON: Any progressed aspect of the Moon affects the mental attitude, the domestic life, and the everyday affairs.
- Major progressions of the Moon last approximately 50 days
- PLUTO: Any progressed aspect of Pluto affects through groups, through subtle force, and brings coercion or cooperation

⊙ Alchemical Gold/Power Urges

- Plants with vitality can live thousands of vears
- Some insects reserve special privileges for reproduction
- A stallion will dominate a herd
- A male lion protects a pride
- Humans assign status based on bloodlines or special ability
- There are advantages gained from authority

The Dross of Gold O

 Arrogant, vain, self-important, domineering, officious, bossy, authoritarian, tyrannical, despotic, dictatorial, superiority complex, grandiose, pretentious, pompous, and showy

The Pure Metal of Gold O

- The proper use of power, authority, selfesteem, self-worth, confidence,
- Respect of self and others
- Cultivate pride in a job well-done

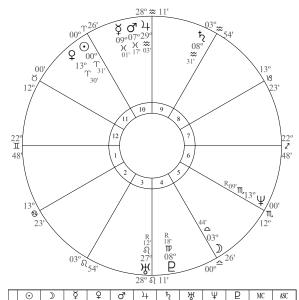
Gold = Sun Progressions

• ⊙ SUN: Any progressed aspect of the Sun affects the vitality, the significance, and the authority.

Major Progressions of the Sun last for approximately two years

Alchemical Exercise

- 1. Choose a discordant progressed aspect that is coming up in your chart, or that is currently in orb.
- 2. This might be a progressed square or opposition, an aspect involving Mars or Saturn, or a harmonious aspect that involves a planet that is discordant in the birth-chart.
- 3. Write down your "worst-case scenario," or what might happen if the aspect is allowed to express either unchecked or undirected.
- 4. Use your very best powers of negative thinking.
- Now write down your "best-case scenario," or what might happen if the planets and houses involved expressed only their best energies available.
- 6. Assuming that the best possible outcomes could arise during this window of opportunity, write down a realizable goal you might like to accomplish while this aspect is in orb.
- 7. Using antidotes or conversion, write down the mental attitudes that you might cultivate for the best possible results while this aspect is in orb.
- 8. Write down what action steps you can take to help bring about the most constructive outcome to this aspect.
- 9. Write down what resources (persons, services, skills etc.) might be available in your environment during the period that this aspect is in orb.
- 10. Now write an affirmation or positive thought statement that builds an expectation for your desired outcome. Use keywords associated with the planets and houses involved in the progressed aspect.
- 11. Repeat this process over the next few months with other aspects that are entering orb. Create a person journal or workbook
- Roseann (Rosie) O'Donnell
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