CAN APPLIED ASTROLOGY REALLY GUIDE ME TO LEAD A HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL LIFE? AN EPISTEMOLOGICAL APPROACH TOWARDS THE APPLIED ASTROLOGY

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Abstract—In the present paper, an attempt will be made to understand the techniques and tools of astrology. Secondly, there will be an attempt made to understand it in giving and guiding us through our own birth charts a way or approach to lead a happy and satisfied life. In other words, one is able to retrieve the information from the birth chart and use it for a good life. It allows us to understand it in both reverse and in its original form. The network of numbers and their directions are known and with the help of numbers and planets, one is able to gain the knowledge. The paper tries to understand the knowledge of Applied Astrology. What is it? How can it help us to lead a good and happy life? How can the knowledge be applied to certain areas of life? How is it going to help us to make a better place to live on earth? Is there a bigger picture which may be understood through Applied Astrology? Is it known only to few individuals only or can anyone learn it? What is the utilitarian approach of Applied Astrology? These will be few questions that will be answered in the present paper.

1. INTRODUCTION

There are good number of discussions and references to the Astrology. In fact it is one of the necessary domains of knowledge as per the ancient educational system. The kings and royal family members were allowed to study the respective subject out of 64 subjects mentioned in their curriculum. It is said that the knowledge of a person is not complete till the studies on astrological systems are completed and understood as a part of their education. Thus, there are many schools of astrology in India. However, it is observed that there is a demand to know more about Astrology in the Western countries also. There are number of schools which are offering the knowledge of the astrology through online mode. A new branch has been introduced under the bracket of the Alternative Sources of Knowledge. This is known as Applied Astrology. As a subject, it helps in learning the subject under various levels and the manner it is applied in our own lives. This helps in eradication of problems and issues. It also helps in understanding our own nature and helps us to

tackle the problems and challenges of life. In this paper, an attempt has been made to introduce the Applied Astrology in relation to Numerology and Tarot Cards

2. TECHNIQUES & TOOLS OF APPLIED ASTROLOGY

As a subject under Alternative Studies, Applied Astrology involves the basic knowledge of the following areas also and these are

- a. Astrology
- b. Tarot Cards
- c. Numerology
- d. Gemology

Along with these subjects, there are other techniques also that help in the understanding of the human nature. These comprises of

- a. Enneagrams
- b. Meditations
- c. Sound Therapies
- d. Aroma Therapies
- e. Astrological Guidance through other systems like Chinese, Islamic, etc.
- f. Feng Shui
- g. Vast Shastra

These form the supporting subjects to dwell more into the subject.

3. BIRTH CHARTS

The basic thing that is required for the knowledge of life of a person is the birth chart. This is available to us and generated through online mode with the help of the following details from the person:

- a. Name of the person
- b. Birth Time of the person
- c. Birth Place of the person

Once these details are keyed in, the birth chart is generated and gives the status of the

- a. Stars
- b. Planets
- c. Their directions
- d. Time
- e. Relationship between them as per the birth time

4. ASTROLOGY & APPLIED ASTROLOGY

Astrology helps in knowing the past, present and future of a person with the help of the birth chart. It is the interpretation of the birth chart which further helps in drawing various conclusions about the person. One may observe that the astrological birth chart gives

- a. Details of the person's nature
- b. Details of the person's personal life
- c. Details of each and every day
- d. Details of the important events in the person's life
- e. Details about what may be avoided and prevented
- f. Details about what may be done as per the effect of the planets on the life of the individual
- g. Gain the knowledge of each aspect of life of the individual and seek the guidance from the effects of the planets

Thus, with the help of these knowledgeable points from astrology, one may move forward and make decisions in their life. In fact the birth chart may be regarded as the "assessment risk tool" to understand the person as a whole and guide him or her in the life accordingly.

Subsequently, there is introduction of the Applied Astrology. In other words, through the birth chart, one may apply the knowledge to make relevant decisions for the individual. It is another sustainable development aspect for the human being to know their life and make strategies for the future plans. It really helps and guides the person in many ways.

5. UTILITARIANISM AND APPLIED ASTROLOGY

The traditional school of Utilitarianism is known through the popular slogan," Maximum happiness for the maximum number of people" as propounded by John Stuart Mill and others. This may be expanded to the realms of the Applied Astrology and a new philosophical theory may be stated under the heading of "Applied Astrological Utilitarianism". According to this, it is observed that there will be maximum happiness amongst the people once the knowledge of the Applied Astrology is shared with others also. This has been observed amongst the individuals who had been attending and participating the online webinars of Applied Astrology.

6. KNOWLEDGE OF ASTROLOGY-EPISTE MOLOGICAL STUDIES

The Epistemological Studies informs one about the various ways in which one may gain the knowledge about something and this may be expanded to know things like animal minds, consciousness, other minds, philosophy through films, philosophy through the technology, etc. On the similar lines, one may study "Philosophy through Applied Astrology". Thus, one is able to come up with various topics under this title and these may be:

- a. Utilitarianism and Applied Astrology
- b. Caring and Applied astrology
- c. Moral Life and Applied Astrology
- d. Happiness and Applied Astrology
- e. Satisfaction and Applied Astrology
- f. Transformation of life as per Applied Astrology
- g. Justice and Honesty Through Applied Astrology
- h. Business Ethics and Applied Astrology
- i. Corporate Governance and Applied Astrology
- j. Audit Governance and Applied Astrology
- k. Sustainable Development of Companies and Organizations through Applied Astrology
- I. Financial Performances of the Corporates and Applied Astrology
- m. Organizational Behavior, Top Management Members and Applied Astrology
- Relevance of Birth Charts, Risk Assessment Scores and Applied Astrology
- Frauds and Scams and Applied Astrology

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7. HOW CAN KNOWLEDGE OF ASTROLOGY HELP ME TO BE HAPPY AND LEAD A SATISFIED LIFE?

According to the lessons learnt from the Applied Astrology, it is observed that one may gain the knowledge through it to lead a happy and satisfied life. The basic steps are

- a. Draw and generate the birth chart
- b. One must know the Mid-heaven
- c. Through the knowledge of Mid-heaven, one may know their career prospects
- d. One must be able to observe the position of the Ascendant and the Sun in the birth chart and this will help in knowing about the differences between the soul and ego of a person.
- e. One must know the position of the Saturn as it will help in knowing about the manner in which one is disciplined, work ethics and determination to complete an assignment or a project or an activity in one's life.

These five points are more than enough to know about the life of a person. These will be able to point out the direction in which an individual has to further in order to be happy and satisfied in life. In case there are any kind of discrepancies and reversed signals, then these may be taken care of with the advice of the experts and prevent the calamities or wrong activities or mishappenings taking place in the life.

8. CAN I HELP OTHERS ALSO?

With the knowledge that is gained on Applied Astrology and with the help of the birth charts, one may indeed help others and save individuals from unhappy and unsatisfied life. Infact the tools of the Applied Astrology is being introduced in various schools like

- a. Judiciary Studies
- b. Cognitive Sciences
- c. Criminological Studies
- d. Management Studies
- e. Gynecological Studies
- f. Psychological and Neurological Studies
- g. Financial and Accounting Studies
- h. Artificial Intelligence
- i. Credit and Fraud Investigations

8.1 Future Scope

There are recommendations and suggestions for the future scope of the study of the Applied Astrology. Some of them are the following:

- a. **Managerial Implications**-The Managers may use the birth charts to know more about their team members. This may be useful in knowing their team members more and build rapport with them accordingly. With the help of the charts, the Managers may assign certain assignments and tasks to the respective team members and explore their talents in the team work. The immediate implication will be that there will be improvement in the team performance in the company or the organization.
- b. Theoretical Implications-With the help of the birth charts, the prisoners and criminals' behavior and attitude may be understood and comprehended very well. This knowledge will help in improving their lives in the prison and guide them properly to sustain their future lives. The frauds and scams may be detected very well in advance after the initial study of the birth charts. These will allow the auditors and others to detect the frauds and identify the signals beforehand and prevent them to take place at the professional and personal lives of the individuals.

8.1.1 Recommendations.

It is worthwhile to introduce the basics of the Applied Astrology in some of the cores at the Colleges and Universities. This will certainly help the students to know about their lives and decide accordingly about their future careers and develop them accordingly.

Moreover the faculty members may know their students beforehand; they may take the precautionary measures and prevent the wrong happenings and incidents taking place in the lives of the students. They may guide and mentor them accordingly and make them lead a happy and satisfied life.

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