

**The Science of Planetary Signatures in Medicine: Restoring the Cosmic Foundations of Healing** by Jennifer T. Gehl, MHS (with Marc S. Micozzi, MD, PhD), Healing Arts Press, One Park Street, Rochester, VT 05767, 2017. Softcover—252 pp.—\$19.95 (ISBN 978-1-62055-498-2). Available from Amazon.

Jennifer T. Gehl's book was initially inspired not by her academic background — although she holds a degree in music and a master's in health sciences — but rather by her lifelong sense of “the presence of unseen helpers.” Although she practices a synthesis of her three areas of interest (“music, astrology, Chinese medicine”) in a healing art called Acutonics, her book has a broader focus.

Gehl was led to study the early roots of medicine and healing. This book is a summary of her exploration of the history of healing, which includes forays into ancient and modern cosmologies, music, philosophy, alchemy, Eastern and Western traditions, and more. The author is interested in “creating a more wholesome future of medicine,” and her book would be appreciated by those in the healing arts, or those in more conventional medical fields who may be looking to expand their understanding of their work.

*Planetary Signatures in Medicine* is an extensively researched book. Packed with information for reference and further study, it contains 100 illustrations, footnotes, a ten-page Bibliography, and an Index. This is not a book about astrological technique; Gehl places the celestial art within the long historical and cultural landscape that recognizes that “the universe is musical, undivided, and transforming in orderly cycles.”

**The Origins of the Shamanic Astrology Paradigm** by Daniel Giamario, Harbingers of the Turning of the Ages, 2017. Softcover—164 pp.—\$35 (ISBN 978-0-9969617-5-2). Available from Amazon.

In *The Origins of the Shamanic Astrology Paradigm*, Daniel Giamario tells the rich story of the development of his astrological system over the past nearly 50 years. Drawn as a young man to the study of archetypes, he conceived an astrological system that is informed by the night sky, along with an acute

awareness of the diversity of the appearance of the planets and the changing roles of the masculine and feminine in our moment in history. One central theme of the Shamanic Astrology approach is “de-emphasizing the Sun sign” and finding enormous meaning and value in Venus and Mars.

Giamario's ambition herein is to lead the reader “towards wholeness and internal union, known here as the Sacred Marriage.” The larger part of the book is the *Introduction to the Shamanic Astrology Divination Card Deck*, which is reproduced in beautiful color, on sturdy pages, by Roy Purcell. This book can also be used alone (without the set of cards) and includes the Twelve Mystery Schools, depicting the spiritual path (dharma) and yogas for each of the signs, and the Twelve Gods and Goddesses — the masculine and feminine archetypes for each sign.

**Astrolocality Astrology: A Guide to What it is and How to use it** by Martin Davis, The Wessex Astrologer Ltd, 4A Woodside Road, Bournemouth, BH5 2AZ, England, 2014. Softcover—182 pp.—\$15.99 (£13) (ISBN 978-1-902405-93-3). Available from Amazon.

This is a revised version of Martin Davis's classic book on locational astrology published in 1999. *Astrolocality Astrology* offers a complete explanation and demonstration of techniques that relate to our experience of place. The two primary methods are Astro\*Carto\*Graphy™ (ACG), the groundbreaking technique developed by Jim Lewis, and Local Space (LS) maps, initially conceived (and programmed) by Michael Erlewine. ACG maps, undoubtedly familiar to many readers, are comprised of 40 lines (that pair the ten planets and four angles). Davis describes the structure of the map, piece by piece, affording the reader a deep understanding of this popular tool for finding one's place in the world.

The author provides a similarly thorough description of the theory and technique behind LS charts and maps. LS, which is similar to Feng Shui, describes directional alignments on Earth related to planetary pathways, which are determined from one's birthplace (or from a relocated place). In practice,

LS and ACG can be used together, with LS fine-tuning the ACG maps. A further distinction is *combining* LS and ACG, which leads to what the author calls “destiny points” or “bi-parans,” another fascinating application. A third technique, the Geodetic chart, is explained as well, with admirable clarity about the chart's meaning and use. All of these techniques are demonstrated with many examples of mundane maps and events, including several from the author's life, which has featured lots of traveling and living in various locations.

This is a beautifully produced book, with nearly 80 charts and maps, an Index, footnotes, and extensive Appendices that contain essays by pioneers in the field. The new material in this edition — “prompted by the deeper knowledge that time and experience bestow” and edited for “a more comprehensive flow of ideas” — includes case histories of fugitives Edward Snowden and Ronnie Biggs.

The content of this wonderful astrology book is innovative and brilliantly explained. If you missed it the first time around (or even in 2014 when this edition was published), scoop it up now to add an invaluable resource to your library.

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