

## **Ben Dykes *Traditional Natal Astrology* Course Fact Sheet Capella Students (2024)**

### **Instructor:**

Dr. Benjamin Dykes, a leading traditional astrologer and translator of traditional texts from Arabic and Latin.

### **Format:**

Each lesson (41 total in the course) lasts 2 weeks:

- Downloadable PDF lessons (and other documents and videos) on a dedicated course server, with assigned homework.
- Assigned readings in two course books.
- Weekly, live lessons and interaction on GoToMeeting (recorded).
- At least one personal 1-1 with the instructor.

### **Structure of Course**

Three Parts, each taught and purchased separately, must be done in sequence:

- Part 1 (20 lessons): Principles of astronomy and astrology, and basic chart interpretation.
- Part 2 (8 lessons): Predictive techniques.
- Part 3 (13 lessons): All topics in natal astrology, from matters of birth and early upbringing, to family, marriage, children, friends and enemies, death, and more.

A Certificate is offered for each Part completed, or a Diploma at the end. Students who want time off can join the next Part whenever it is offered.

### **Cost for Part 1 (20 lessons):**

20 lessons @ \$50 per lesson = \$1000. Contact [benjamin\\_dykes@msn.com](mailto:benjamin_dykes@msn.com) with questions about paying in installments.

Lesson 1: Introduction

Lesson 2: Historical overview

Lesson 3: Chart basics

Lesson 4: Astronomy 1: Reference Frames

Lesson 5: Astronomy 2: Zodiacs, models, chart calculation

Lesson 6: Fixed stars

Lesson 7: Elements and signs

Lesson 8: Planets 1

Lesson 9: Dignities

Lesson 10: Planets 2 - Sect

Lesson 11: Places 1: Templates of meaning

Lesson 12: Practical planet and house interpretation

Lesson 13: Dynamics and divisions

Lesson 14: Configurations, looking, aspects

Lesson 15: Aversion

Lesson 16: Planetary conditions from the Sun

Lesson 17: Configurations 2

Lesson 18: Lots

Lesson 19: Triplicity lords and joys by place

Lesson 20: Victors

**Start Date for Part 1 (Live interaction):** Saturday April 27, 2024, 10:00 AM Central Time.

**Requirements:**

- Course text: Sahl b. Bishr, *The Astrology of Sahl b. Bishr*, Vol. I (Minneapolis, MN: The Cazimi Press, 2019)
- Course text: Abu Ma'shar, *On the Revolutions of the Years of Nativities* (Minneapolis, MN: The Cazimi Press, 2019)
- An astrology program. Janus is preferred, and students will receive a discount after purchase. But most will do. Morinus is a free alternative.
- The free astronomy program Stellarium.