

The Healing Potential of Archetypal Astrology and Non-ordinary States of Consciousness

This course offers a rigorous and integrative introduction to the intersection of archetypal astrology, depth psychology, and non-ordinary states of consciousness through the archetypal cosmological perspective developed by Richard Tarnas and Stanislov Grof.

Taught by Chad Harris, with special guest participation from Richard Tarnas, this 9-class course is designed to lay a strong foundation for ongoing study and practice within the archetypal astrological tradition. The course places particular emphasis on the relationship between archetypal complexes and non-ordinary states of consciousness—including psychedelic, holotropic, and spontaneous experiences—as well as the role of personal transits in clarifying periods of heightened psychological and spiritual transformation.

As the healing potentials of psychedelic medicines are increasingly explored, the question of how to engage these powerful modalities with depth, discernment, and care becomes ever more important. This course approaches that question through a symbolic and cosmological framework, emphasizing alignment with archetypal processes rather than control of outcomes.

Participants will learn to:

- Identify archetypal dynamics in natal charts and transits
- Recognize how archetypal complexes manifest within non-ordinary states of consciousness
- Apply foundational principles of transit work to periods of psychological intensity and transformation
- Integrate archetypal insight into personal and professional contexts

The course combines technical training, philosophical depth, and experiential reflection, offering both conceptual understanding and practical methods for working with archetypal processes.

Archetypal astrology is a living symbol system—a language, a form of Logos—that illuminates the inner life of the psyche while also providing a framework for understanding the timing of significant life experiences. Approached with rigor and empathic discernment, this perspective can support a more conscious participation in

the archetypal dynamics that shape the individuation process, especially during periods of transition and transformation.

This 9-class course will meet bi-weekly on Saturdays at 11:00 AM Pacific Time, beginning June 6th, 2026.

Course Materials

Required Materials

Astro Gold, Solar Fire, or comparable astrological software which allows you to create, save, and share charts, Astro.com account will suffice.

Subscription to the Archetypal Explorer program.

Required Texts

Cosmos and Psyche: Intimations of a New World View, Richard Tarnas (C&P)

The Way of the Psychonaut Vols. 1 & 2, Stanislav Grof (TWTP)

Handbook of Archetypes, (PDF Handout) Richard Tarnas (AH)

Archetypal Astrology Guide (PDF Handout) Becca Tarnas (AAG)

Re-Visioning Psychology, James Hillman (RVP)

Planets in Transit, Robert Hand (PT)

Recommended Texts

Horoscope Symbols, Robert Hand (HS)

Classes with Richard Tarnas #1, #4, #5, #10

Course Schedule

<u>Class #</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Exercises</u>
Class #1* June 6th,	Synchronicity Archetypes Planetary archetypes	Read prior to class #1: TWTP Vol #2 pg. 29-57 C&P pg. 80-101	Homework for class #2: Memorize all glyphs and order of the Signs Draw natal chart (AAG)
Class #2 June 20th,	The Natal Chart Aspects Three Forms of Correspondence	Read prior to class #2: AAG pg. 1-11 AH pg. 3-11 C&P pg. 50-60 C&P pg. 102-108	Glyph and sign quiz Homework for class #3 Memorize natal chart
Class #3 July 4th,	Grof's Cartography of the Psyche, Perinatal Matrices, Review of the natal chart Introduction to transits	Read prior to class #3 TWTP Vol #1 pg.103-188 PT pg. 15-20	Class instruction Basic Perinatal Matrices Begin personal transit calculations and journaling
Class #4* July 18th,	Healing Potentials of Non-Ordinary States of Consciousness and Planetary Complexes (Part I)	Read prior to class #4 TWTP Vol #2 Epilogue pg. 289-320	Class instruction Planetary combinations 1-18 Neptune and Saturn w/all planets

<u>Class #</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Exercises</u>
Class #5* August 1st,	Healing Potentials of Non-Ordinary States of Consciousness and Planetary Complexes (Part II)	TWTP Vol #2 Epilogue pg. 289-320	Class instruction Planetary combinations 19-36 Pluto and Uranus w/all planets
Class #6 August 15th,	Healing Potentials of Non-Ordinary States of Consciousness and Planetary Complexes	Supplemental Video Psyche & Cosmos I Rick and Stan case histories Flora & Karen	Class instruction Case Histories Alex Grey & Rick Doblin transits for 1 st LSD experiences
August 29th, NO CLASS			
Class #7 Sept. 12th,	Honing the Archetypal Eye Personal Transits Archetypal Explorer Timing sessions	Read prior to class #7 RVP pg. 113-164 C&P pg. 109-125	Cultivating a transit practice Personal transit calculations Examples Timing sessions

<u>Class #</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Exercises</u>
Class #8 Sept. 26 th ,	Personal Transits Archetypal Explorer Timing sessions	PT pg. 14-20	Personal transit calculations, examples, timing sessions,
Class #9* October 10 th ,	Personal Transits Archetypal Explorer Midpoints		Personal transit calculations, examples, timing sessions Review