

MA IN THE CULTURAL STUDY OF COSMOLOGY AND DIVINATION

BACKGROUND READING LIST

Here are some suggestions for background reading before the course begins. You will be given further recommended reading lists relating to core course topics and a general bibliography for Cosmology and Divination at the beginning of the course, as well as a substantial number of papers and articles on relevant topics. There is a cosmology and divination resource page with much source material, available to registered students (i.e. you will only be able to access it when you have a log-in and password).

Asterisks denote highly recommended.

Cicero *On divination and the nature of the gods* (Prometheus Press, 1997)

Plato *Timaeus* (Penguin Classics)

*Tom Cheetham *The World Turned Inside Out: Henry Corbin and Islamic Mysticism* (Woodstock, Conn.: Spring Pubs. 2003)

*Henry Corbin *Mundus imaginalis or the Imaginary and the Imaginal* (Ipswich: Golgonooza Press, 1976) at www.geocities.com/Heartland/Woods/4623/mundus.htm

*Geoffrey Cornelius 'Is Astrology Divination and does it Matter?' in *The Mountain Astrologer* no.81 and at www.cura.free.fr/quinq/01gfcor.html or www.hubcom.net/coa

Geoffrey Cornelius *The Moment of Astrology* (Bournemouth: Wessex Astrologer 2003)

Nicholas Campion & Patrick Curry (eds) *Sky and Psyche* (Edinburgh: Floris Books 2006)

Patrick Curry (ed.) *Astrology, Science and Society*, editor (Woodbridge: Boydell and Brewer, 1987).

*Patrick Curry & Roy Willis *Pulling down the Moon: Astrology, Science and Culture* (Oxford: Berg, 2004)

Patrick Curry and Angela Voss (eds) *Seeing with Different Eyes: Essays in Astrology and Divination* (Cambridge Scholars' Publishing, 2008)

*Patrick Harpur *The Philosophers' Secret Fire: a History of the Imagination* (London 2002)

*Peter Kingsley *In the Dark Places of Wisdom* (Golden Sufi Press 1999)

M. Loewe & C. Blacker (eds) *Oracles and Divination* (Shambhala 1981)

G. Luck *Arcana mundi: Magic and the Occult in the Greek and Roman Worlds* (John Hopkins UP 1985)

Roderick Main *Jung on Synchronicity and the Paranormal* (London: Routledge, 1997) see <http://www.essex.ac.uk/centres/psycho/publications/Rmpapers.htm>

Jacob Needleman *A Sense of the Cosmos: the encounter of modern science with ancient truth* (Doubleday, NY 1975)

Garry Phillipson *Astrology in the Year Zero* (Flare 2000)

Gregory Shaw *Theurgy and the Soul* (Pennsylvania UP 1995)

*Neil Spencer *True as the Stars Above* (London: Orion 2000)

*Arthur Versluis 'What is Esoteric? Methods in the Study of Western Esotericism' at <http://www.esoteric.msu.edu/VolumeIV/Methods.htm> and 'Part II: Mysticism and the Study of Esotericism' at <http://www.esoteric.msu.edu/VolumeV/Mysticism.htm>

*Angela Voss *Marsilio Ficino* (North Atlantic Books: Western Esoteric Masters series 2006)

*Angela Voss 'The Astrology of Marsilio Ficino: Divination or Science?' in *Culture and Cosmos* vol.4. no.2 (2000) or at <http://cura.free.fr/decem/10voss.html>

Angela Voss 'The Music of the Spheres: Marsilio Ficino and Renaissance Harmonia' in *Culture and Cosmos* vol.2 no.2 (1998)

*Angela Voss and Jean Hinson Lall (eds.) *The Imaginal Cosmos: Astrology, Divination and the Sacred* (University of Kent, 2007) copies available from Angela Voss or Midheaven Bookshop

Michael Wood *The Road to Delphi* (London: Pimlico, 2005)

Website with useful cosmology links by Joseph Milne:

<http://www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~alfar2/cosmos/greekphilo.htm>

Online Journal on esoteric traditions (many extremely relevant papers)

<http://www.esoteric.msu.edu/Contents.html>