A handout of key concepts so you do not need to take as many notes.

Illustrations and additional material to make these ideas clear are given in the lecture. In this handout we only summarize key points.

1. Ancient astrologers often used an “As Above, So Below” way of interpreting zodiac signs. We see a humorous example of this in the book *The Anthology* by Vettius Valens.

2. Modern astrologers often interpret zodiac signs as mythic stories. We see an example of this kind of interpretation.

Modern astrologers introduced this deeper level of meaning because they claim it works more consistently. The archetypal story is more consistently true than the “As Above, So Below” interpretation. I agree with this.

3. There is another layer below the archetypal and mythological story! This next deepest level works even more consistently. In fact, I suggest that it always works!

Let’s look at the chart of people with a huge amount of a zodiac sign:

Jean Piaget, famous psychologist: **Leo**!
Steffi Graf, famous tennis player: **Gemini**!
Clint Black, famous country singer: **Aquarius**!

How are these zodiac signs being expressed through these people?
Does the “As Above, So Below” work (i.e., give us insight into the people)?

Do the archetypal and mythological stories work?

**Does the spiritual process underlying these 2 levels work?**  
Yes! :)

**The nature of zodiac signs:** The spiritual process is an existential fact and a reality which everyone needs to deal with. Each zodiac sign indicates the tendency to view the world through a lens in which this existential fact and the challenges of it are highlighted in our lives. We have a deep connection to viewing life through the lens of the zodiac signs. Surprisingly, tropical zodiac signs are essentially spiritual in nature and they are stages in a cosmic life cycle.

We explore the power and importance of each of these stages to the extent that we are able to in the limited amount of time available. Within the constraints of the available time we also see how typical personality traits, behaviors, and life narratives develop from the inner and higher spiritual purpose of the zodiac sign and how other unrecognized or overlooked personality traits, behaviors, and life narratives develop from the spiritual process.

**By overlooking the spiritual process of zodiac signs we trivialize them and overlook their deeper significance and importance.**

Aries: Fierce honesty and directness, piercing through socially accepted beliefs. Leaving the crowd. Alienation. Qualities of Aries that are often recognized and some that are often overlooked.

Taurus: Unfolding, the Tao, listening, plants, attunement to chi/life force/prana, waiting, “stubborn”. Qualities of Taurus that are often recognized and some that are often overlooked.

Gemini: Curiosity. The elixir of life and solution to all problems. Qualities of Gemini that are often recognized and some that are often overlooked.
Cancer: Forming a permeable shell. Developing a soul. Protection. Qualities of Cancer that are often recognized and some that are often overlooked.

Leo: OMG, I exist! Now what do I do? Individuation from universal consciousness. Qualities of Leo that are often recognized and some that are often overlooked.

Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces: We may have to just mention the process of these briefly depending on how much time we have.