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A few years ago I went online to an astrological forum and asked for help in order to collect birth data to conduct a research on first names of females; there were six names in all that I was researching.

Unfortunately, the response that I received was extremely negative and I was raked over the coals by many well-known astrologers — astrologers who you would have thought had a strong interest in research and its findings! I was actually told that I was stupid to do a research on names and that I wouldn't find anything. They went as far as to tell me that they would not waste their time to send me birth data. The negative remarks were just appalling.

However, in spite of it all, I went elsewhere to gather data and managed to collect over 285 timed birth charts of females named Barbara. Using AIR Software's Astro-Investigator Research Program, I conducted my research using these charts. What I found was amazing! The research showed that the charts of all the Barbaras had a very strong Sagittarian theme; the Sun, Moon or Ascendant in Sagittarius, along with Sun, Moon, ruler of the Ascendant in the ninth house, Jupiter in the first house or in the ninth house, the ninth house ruler in the first and more! I shared this information with Terry Lamb of the Ncgr, and she told me that this made a lot of sense because the named Barbara means barbaric or foreigner. Astrologically, we all know that the ninth house rules foreigners. **SO I DID FIND SOMETHING!**

THE MORAL OF THIS STORY is: Don't let any astrologer, regardless of their fame, status or title, discourage, prevent or inhibit you from doing astrological research.

I believe there are no "stupid questions" just as there are no unworthy topics for investigation. Even if your findings show no results at all, that is just as important to know as uncovering high correlations. Don't let criticism or expectations from others or even yourself keep you from exploring and researching the joys of astrology.

We should ALL be very open to new discoveries. Our intention is not to disprove astrology, but to see if we can validate traditional techniques. Here are some of the techniques that we found valid through our research.

VOCATIONAL INDICATORS

In his book, How And Why, Mark Edmund Jones stated that the planets rising before the Sun have an influence on an individual's career. He calls these vocational indicators. We tested it out and the 'gators research found that to be true. Again, using our AIR Software's Astro-Investigator software we found

that the charts of teachers, the planet Mercury rising before the Sun was extremely significant. With artists, as you might guess, we found that the planet Venus was rising before the Sun and for the managers, Saturn was rising before the Sun. All of these groups had a very high chi-square in the R test. That's one technique that proves to be true. God Bless Mark Edmund Jones for that.

HOUSE RULERSHIPS

Many people don't believe in house rulerships. **The Hartford Ct research group 'THE GATORS'** found rulerships to work for some of the professions that we researched. With teachers the planet ruling the third house was found in the Midheaven and the ruler of the Midheaven was found in the third house more times than just by chance. With artists we found that the planet ruling the fifth house was in the 10th house of the chart and with managers, the planet ruling the sixth house was found in the 10th house. Basic astrology assigns artists to the fifth house, teachers to the third house, and those in a managerial capacity to the sixth house. **So, it seems that the house rulers do work with these three professions.** Of course we need a lot more research on the topic, but this is a beginning.

PLANETARY PHASES

Viewed from the earth, each planet goes through phases just like the Moon. In our research we found that planetary phases work with these above mentioned careers. We found that teachers' charts show very high Mercury in the 6th phase. Dane Rudhyar noted the 6th phase is the teaching phase. The artists showed that Venus was high in the 4th phase, which Rudhyar called the building phase.

Isn't this wonderful that we can check some of the astrological techniques and obtain these findings?! Wow! We are not kidding ourselves --- we know these techniques work.

There are so many theories and concepts that need to be researched. Even if you are not concerned whether or not astrology is accepted by the masses, we do need to know if the astrology we use with our clients in counseling is reliable. REMEMBER, if you give incorrect information to your clients then you are accumulating an arsenal of bad KARMA. One person can't do all of this needed research alone; WE need help. A good research needs good data and good data in astrology requires accurate information. My Connecticut research group, **THE GATORS**, has a website to collect such accurate data. www.investigators.com

Please visit the Gator's site frequently and share your data. If you can help in any way, please send me an mail at alphee@alphee.com or alphee@comcast.net .

Thanks, Alphee