

## MOVING -- THE ASTROLOGY OF LOCAL SPACE

[This blog is for astrologers and relocating. It will be hard enough for astrologers because it is technical, but if you are brave, give it a go. This is also about the Dharma Protectors, Local Deities, and Earth Lords for those interested.]

Of course, my deciding to NOT make the move to Traverse City, MI, found me (the astrologer) examining what I call the Local Space around my birth. Local Space is an astrological relocation technique that I developed in the mid-1970s and that has become quite popular and part of most modern astrological software programs. I believe astrologers forget to thank me for the many years of work I did on this technique, but that's life.

I don't have space or time to explain Local Space here, but I have written an entire illustrated book on Local Space that is free for the downloading here:

### THE ASTROLOGY OF LOCAL SPACE

<http://spiritgrooves.net/pdf/e-books/The-Astrology-of-Local-Space.pdf>

What this technique reminds me is that at my birth, if my dad picked me up as a newborn and walked outside, the Sun, Moon, and planets would be in particular directions in the sky, but those lines in the heavens ALSO have a precise direction across the land and Earth's surface in what are called Great Circles.

For example, in my birth chart it would draw a line from Lancaster, PA where I was born through the

planet Jupiter within about two degrees of arc exact. The Indian word for the planet Jupiter is Guru and so Jupiter has always been the guru or guide to our life-path, our vocation. And Jupiter in my chart was also within two degrees of being exactly conjunct the city of Ann Arbor, Michigan. And this is where I grew up, discovered astrology, music, and many other things. In other words, the line extending out to Jupiter in the heavens also runs through Ann Arbor on the earth. Jupiter and Ann Arbor are the same direction. How fortuitous.

Another very important place is where I live now (and have lived for 40 years), which is Big Rapids, MI. Within two degrees of being exactly conjunct to Big Rapids, are three planets (all exactly conjunct with each other) the Moon, Uranus, and Saturn. And the group of those three planets (as measured in azimuth) are located at:

Moon = 146-degrees, 56' of arc.

Uranus = 146-degrees, 27' of arc.

Saturn = 146-degrees, 07' of arc.

That my friends, is a very tight orb. And Big Rapids, Michigan is located at 148-degrees, 52' of arc, very close. And Big Rapids is closest to the Moon, next to Uranus, and farthest from Saturn. By moving to Traverse City, Michigan, I would shift the emphasis in the group of three from the side toward the Moon to the side toward Saturn. That's just something to think about.

I was also struck by a comment recently from a Tibetan lama about my stroke (and I checked if he was joking!) that the dharmapalas (dharma

protectors) and the local deities may not want me to move away from this dharma center and home we live in here in Big Rapids, Michigan. I thought sure he was just kidding me, but when I checked he was not joking, but serious.

## THE TIBETAN "EARTH LORDS," DHARMA PROTECTORS, AND LOCAL DEITIES

Some years ago I wrote a little book (free to download) about what are called the "Tibetan Earth Lords:"

<http://spiritgrooves.net/pdf/e-books/Tibetan-Earth-Lords.pdf>

According to the Tibetan and the Chinese, every place, that is: every mountain, stream, and canyon is something more than just the sum of its physical parts and whatever beauty it may or may not possess in our eyes. There is some kind of force or energy connected to the way things have come together in this or that spot to make it what it is. In other words, there is such a thing as an energy or indwelling nature spirit - whatever you want to call it. From this point of view, locations are not just atoms of rock and water, but there is some subtle and perhaps indescribable energy that makes a particular valley or forest "beautiful," a place where you can sense a power or presence that takes our breath away, if only for a moment. We intrinsically sense that some places are special. What makes them special?

The Tibetans tell us that these special places (and most places are special to someone) are power places, and that to wantonly destroy or deface them is not without consequences to us. If we mess with these power points, the energy bound there can be unleashed and

perhaps react to actually harm us. Of course, this sounds like superstition, but the Tibetans don't think so.

Of course, I am tip-toeing around here a bit, trying to describe all of this in as "scientific" and abstract a way as possible, while the Tibetan and Chinese just come right out and say that many places are governed and cared for by a variety of spirits who protect them. The Earth Lords protect the land against any form of disrespect or harm. There you have it.

Whether the local deities and earth-lords fit into my whole moving scenario, I can't say. I have found myself very carefully putting our dharma-center back together again and even putting special care in keeping everything up to snuff.

As you can see, all of this is very complicated for someone going through the throes of a health crisis, but nevertheless there it is. You can see in my natal Local-Space chart that the City of Big Rapids is close to the exact conjunction of the Moon, Uranus, and Saturn, just as Ann Arbor is conjunct Jupiter in my Natal chart. There are other fascinating facts like that the planet Jupiter is within a few degrees of being exactly conjunct the horizon in altitude, and others. However, I don't want to confuse folks.

These are all factors that feed into my situation.

“As Bodhicitta is so precious,  
May those without it now create it,  
May those who have it not destroy it,  
And may it ever grow and flourish”

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