

SOLSTICE  
Midsummer Night's Dream  
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Well this is Midsummer Night, the shortest night of the year and the longest day. From this day on the Sun moves southward toward autumn and winter. Of all the kinds of holidays, celebrating the solstices has always been my favorite, at least since I grew up.

The inclination of the North Pole is inclined (as in "I am inclined") toward the direction of the center of our galaxy and all of the deep cosmic matter at the galactic nucleus. The center of the galaxy (GC) has always fascinated me astrologically. For years I contemplated, analyzed, and even dreamed on what is the meaning of the galactic center? I couldn't figure it out.

Then one day it simply dawned on me. It had been right before my eyes all the time, locked in the traditional meaning of the two signs that define its direction, Sagittarius and Capricorn. If you combine the direct candor of Sagittarius with the practical qualities of Capricorn, you have the meaning of the galactic center. It has been there all the time embedded in plain sight in the traditional interpretations for these two signs. I finally got it and really began to study the galaxy center.

Over time I came to associate the GC with the Judeo-Christian religions and theism in general. That in itself is worth some contemplation, but there is another direction of importance besides that of the galactic center which some of you might like to know about. I don't want to get too technical here, but if you will bear with me I can tell you something that was, for me, a revelation.

As mentioned in earlier posts here ALL of the near matter in the surrounding universe is in the direction of the center of our galaxy in the last degrees of the tropical zodiac sign Sagittarius – most everything. In other words, the majority of all information that streams our way comes from the GC. But there IS one other far greater center and by "greater" I mean really big and that is the local supergalaxy.

The center of the Supergalaxy is in the direction of one degree of Libra. It is remarkable that the center of the galaxy at roughly one degree Capricorn is almost exactly 90 degrees (Square) from the center of the supergalaxy at one degree Libra. Think about that when you can.

Just as the mass of the local galaxy extends from the middle of Sagittarius to the middle of Capricorn, so the much greater mass of the supergalaxy extends from the middle of Virgo through the middle of Libra. Now let's consider the scale of all of this.

Our Sun is toward the edge of the disk of our local galaxy in the direction of late Gemini in comparison to the center of the Milky Way. In other words, if you look toward (tropical zodiac) Sagittarius-Capricorn the sky is filled with matter, but if you look toward Gemini-Cancer there is virtually nothing there, relatively speaking. Now let's look at the supergalaxy.

The local supergalaxy (and there are even more distant supergalaxies) contains tens of thousands of galaxies massed in the direction of Virgo-Libra, with the center being at one-degree Libra. It is in this direction where an incredible amount of mass exists, but it is very

distant from us. In fact it is so distant that our galaxy is not even in a bound orbit around the supergalaxy center but is detaching itself from the gravitational attraction of the supergalaxy. I hope you get the idea.

And the meaning of the supergalaxy is as easy as combining the meaning of the tropical zodiac signs Virgo and Libra, the care and gentleness of Virgo and the even tranquility of Libra. And just as I associate the center of our local galaxy (Sagittarius-Capricorn) with the theistic Judeo-Christian religions and view, I associate the center of our local supergalaxy (Virgo-Libra) with Buddhism and a non-theistic view. Thinking on this brings great rewards.

It came as a pleasant surprise to me to discover that the traditional zodiac that we know so well, whose signs we have memorized the meanings of, do not just come from nowhere. Instead, they encapsulate and represent the structure of the universe in which they reside. This is worth really thinking about because it gives you another view of the nature of the zodiac signs.

And the fact that the galactic center and the supergalactic centers are orthogonal or at right angles (Square aspect) to one another is nothing less than amazing! These two great centers and approaches are set Square to one another and behave so. There is so much that could be discussed here, but so little space.

A lot of this is written out in my book "The Astrology of Space" which was first published in 1976 and is available free as an e-book here:

<http://astrologysoftware.com/books/index.asp?orig>

I welcome your comments and Happy Midsummer Night!