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Vocational Astrology *Finding the Right Career Direction* by Faye Blake Reviewed by Rozlyn Noble

What do you want to be when you grow up? What are you passionate about?

We are often still asking these questions long after childhood has finished and as astrologers, questions concerning career direction or finding meaning in our daily life are frequently asked. Everyone wants to know if they are on the right track. Many people spend a life time aspiring towards the dream job or searching for purpose and validation in their work environment.

Astrologer Faye Blake has tackled this subject with her book 'Vocational Astrology – Finding the right career direction.'

Many astrology books take a very simplistic view of looking at career issues, focusing primarily on the 10th House with a few side glances at the 6th and 2nd Houses. However, Faye takes the reader into a far deeper analysis to finding the right career direction for clients.

Faye is a highly experienced astrologer and brings a pragmatic and practical approach to helping clients work through a structured process to gain knowledge in vocational guidance. She combines her knowledge of business and human resources and her experience working with hundreds of individuals and business clients to produce an analytical method for helping clients find their vocation. Faye has combined in-depth astrological research to produce vocational insights. This in turn produces a practical plan to help clients get their lives into perspective to produce tangible and concrete results.

Faye's approach is very 'client centred'. She encourages active dialogue and participation rather than 'a reading'. She believes in involving clients in their own charts, resulting in practical interactive dialogue.

Faye introduces the reader to a real client, 'Jackie' and as the book unfolds, the reader learns of this young woman's vocation and motivation, her style, image, goals and values. We learn of her talents and how she earns money. Blocks are investigated and finally her personality comes together in a vocational profile.

Three chapters are dedicated to finding out 'Who am I?'. This involves finding the vocation and motivation through the Sun in your chart. Recognising style and drive are looked at through Mars and being able to express an authentic image is by looking at the Sun, Ascendant and MC.

The next three chapters ask, 'What can I do?'. This involves discovering talents and ways to make money. Defining communication skills and clarifying blocks helps people to understand their obstacles.

The final chapters involve determining goals and defining norms and values. This concludes with finding the ideal environment to work and looking at 'what's next?'

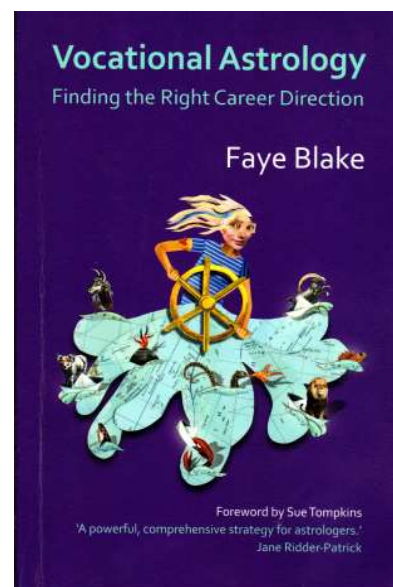
Faye presents all the personal planets to give insights into a client's vocation. The Sun looks at the all-important question 'Who am I?' The Sun's house can show the area of life in which a person can shine. Looking at the Sun through a vocational lens can be used to discover what makes the heart sing and what it is we really want to do in our lives.

Mars is introduced to discover style and drive in a person's makeup. The sign and house position of Mars can indicate how something is done. It tells us how we might approach our career and vocation.

Venus indicates how we discover our talents and also ways to make money. Venus is an indicator of what we love and what we enjoy. Venus also highlights how we are valued particularly in our relationships with other people.

Mercury defines our communication skills. Communication can be difficult if the Sun and Mercury are in different signs. Mercury Retrograde can show the attention shifts inward or that the client has a different way of learning and thinking.

What is holding you back? What issues stop people from following their true calling? Saturn is looked at to clarify blocks and Faye writes that astrologers should have basic counselling training to help clients define the blocks in their lives and how to acknowledge and move through this. To turn a Saturn block around, Faye



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writes that clients need to take responsibility for their Achilles Heel, to acknowledge their fears and insecurities. Saturn is often said to be an indicator of profession and can describe where goals might lie. Other blocks include Chiron and its aspects plus the 12th House. An example such as Mars in the 12th house can indicate a block over knowing your direction in life.

In determining goals, the MC can represent how we feel useful in society. *“There is a subtle difference between goals (MC) and what our heart desires (Sun)”* Page 87. Jupiter is the planet that defines the norms and values, belief systems, assumptions and culture of the client. Jupiter by House, sign and aspect define where faith and philosophy of life lie. Faye also discusses finding the ideal environment in which to work, as this has a great deal to do with how happy someone is in their working life.

In conclusion, this book is organised into a highly structured methodology. This strategy results in looking at all the parts that come together to produce the vocational profile. This acts as a guide for future decisions regarding career, work or vocation. ‘Jackie’s’ input throughout the book provides real and tangible insight into how this approach actually manifests in real life. It makes the book authentic however also puts the onus back onto the client to be actively involved in their own future and therefore much more in touch with their own inner calling.

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each planet and angles. This helps describe what might be happening between solar arcs and the natal planets; particularly poignant are the conjunction and opposition.

In Part IV, (the main section of the book), Frank details over 40 charts and their life stories. Frank is very perceptive and his descriptions of people are highly engaging and entertaining.

This section is well set out with the natal chart overlaid with the solar arc chart on the left and the narrative on the right. This layout is more important than it sounds because as you read the description your eye needs to constantly flick across to the chart to see what is actually occurring. This layout ensures this can happen easily and simply. It also means you are not constantly looking back over pages to synchronise what is happening on the chart.

The Solar Arc Handbook gives clarity about the method of using this technique, practice in how to apply it and tools to go out and use it yourself. Frank easily blends methods and details into a rich narrative that is enthralling. The level of research he has undertaken is truly inspiring and adds a great deal of authenticity to his interpretations.

I would highly recommend this book.

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