

# Astrological Aspects of Black Holes

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In my astrological work with black holes, I used Philip Sedgwick's *The Astrology of Deep Space*<sup>1</sup> as a foundation and built upon it with over a decade of work with my clients and students.

In my view, black holes are powerful portals of transformation. Astronomers now believe they are at the center of most, or possibly all, galaxies, providing form to those galaxies through their intense gravitational flux. Metaphysically, I believe that they are ensouled by advanced hierarchies of light-beings who are responsible for shepherding life throughout their galaxies and beyond.

While working with clients, I became aware that black-hole energy flows both into and out of the physical plane and can be both constructive and dysfunctional. I have never bought into the idea that energy falling into a black hole never escapes—I have always favored the "wormhole" theory wherein they are doors to other dimensions or shortcuts to other locations in the space/time continuum. I was not a bit surprised when recent research led astrophysicists to suspect that black holes do not just eat galaxies, but birth them as well.

People who have planets (especially the faster ones) or other important points in their charts actively relating to black holes seem to live atypical lives. (I loosely call these folks "black-hole people.") On the positive side, they may be very creative, out-of-the-box folks bringing fresh perspectives to life. Indeed, I have found black-hole activity common in charts of historical figures who changed the course of their professions. The outflow of black-hole energy is dynamic, and many black-hole people are dedicated workers who have an inner drive to work hard. However, a challenge of this energy is its relative invisibility—the effort these workers expend may be invisible to their supervisors,

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<sup>1</sup> Birmingham, MI: SEEK-IT Publications, 1984.



who may only perceive their prodigious output and give the workers more and more to do, milking the cow, so to speak, until the workers burn out. (These folks also need to learn not to push themselves to burnout.)

This powerful outflow of energy from black holes can prove problematical if a person is not centered and reasonably self-aware—it can “slosh” around the aura and hit others like tidal waves. Such folks tend to be crazymakers, keeping others off balance with their intense emotional outbursts and unpredictability. This can knock energy out of others’ auras, which is then sucked up by the crazymakers’ auras via the inflow function of the black holes. Based on observation, it is my opinion that crazymakers’ black-hole energy works through the subconscious and emotional body and that crazymakers are often unaware of the devastating effects they have on others. Yet it is also true that they often use these tirades, or the threat of them, to manipulate others. The addict-enabler codependency model fits here, with both people having porous boundaries which need healing. (Weak or collapsed boundaries are a black-hole issue.)

Like the outflow, black holes’ inflow of energy can manifest both dysfunctionally and constructively. In addition to the crazymakers, who may be unhealthy but not necessarily ill-intentioned, there are those who intentionally use black-hole magnetism to suck the life force from others. Hitler and Lenin are prime examples. Think Chancellor Palpatine and “the dark side of the Force” here.

On the positive side of black holes’ inflow, I have come to understand that many of us are used by Spirit as “vacuum cleaners,” absorbing negative energy from the environment for transmutation, i.e., reversing the negative spin and restoring the energy’s natural positive, healthy spin. The trick with serving life as a vacuum cleaner is not to react or hold onto the dark energy as it is passing through. If it gets lodged in our auras instead of passing into the black holes for Spirit to transmute, it can make us ill and/or depressed. I believe that this is one of the *bodhisattva* functions some of us have offered to provide, but it takes practice and patience to learn how to effectively do this without becoming burdened by the energy. I have noted that this service to the collective may function alongside a personal crisis, resulting in our cleaning up both our own and collective energy simultaneously—the tipoff is that the quantity of the energy feels way out of proportion to what seems logically ours.

Philip Sedgwick once commented that in charts, planets lining up with black holes often act as if they are invisible. I have found this to be a key concept, adding that, paradoxically, they may seem exaggerated as well. (As Philip has pointed out, paradoxes are central to black-hole themes.) People



who have a particular planet aspecting a black hole may feel weak regarding its archetype. Those around them may also perceive weakness or may see an exaggerated expression of which the person is unaware. But instead of weakness, I feel that the planet's expression is primarily nonphysical, i.e., located in other planes, and that if the person turns inward, he/she can connect with it and be able bring its strength into the physical.

Examples: A person with a black-hole Aries sun may be tentative rather than unthinkingly charging into situations (a typical Aries trait), thus seeming uncharacteristically weak for an Aries—but this person may instead wisely ask, “Which way is forward?” before committing to a course of action. Someone with a black-hole Mercury may speak wisely but not be heard or understood. Black-hole Venus folks may struggle with self-esteem and financial issues until they discover their own innate worth. Women with black-hole Mars may feel weak and attract macho abusers who dysfunctionally outpicture the women's Martian energy, but when the women connect with their own inherent power, they begin to attract healthier partners. Folks with black-hole Saturn may have had fathers who were alcoholic or absent or may have grown up in chaotic households, but they may evolve into wonderful mentor-teachers and parents. Those with black holes on their ascendant, the chief environmental point in a chart, may feel invisible throughout their lives and yet may make a quiet but huge impact on society behind the scenes.

In addition to the black-hole characteristics of invisibility and collapsed boundaries (which can be both problematical and useful), black-hole people frequently also experience time-warping. The Greeks held that there are two types of time: *kronos*, clock time, and *kairos*, subjective, non-linear time. *Kairos* is black-hole time. Interacting with a black-hole person can be like entering a place where the clock has stopped. Hours can pass while intimately sharing in this womb-like environment; indeed, transformation can occur. While such experiences can be energizing, productive, and growth-inducing, it is also true that such time-warps can be disruptive to others, particularly when interacting with crazy-makers, who drain their energy as well. Black-hole folks themselves often find meeting deadlines and being at places on time very challenging and tiring, as their energy patterns flow according to *kairos*, not *kronos* (unless they have Virgoan or Capricornian characteristics that offset this).

The keys to living a constructive life as a black-hole person seem to be (1) balance, keeping centered as much as possible so that the energy flows through in a relatively steady manner without causing tidal waves (particularly given that some black holes emit erratic pulses of energy); (2) self-awareness, both to arrest dysfunctional patterns operating out of our subconscious and to find the gold of our inner Self; (3) not overextending ourselves either time- or



energy-wise, scheduling in unstructured blocks of time to engage in the black-hole processes of self-discovery, healing, and creativity (“going down the rabbit hole”); and (3) trust that there are positive reasons why we are different from others and that those differences are opportunities Spirit can teach us to utilize to most effectively serve life.