



## HORARY ASTROLOGY CONSULTATIONS WITH **DEBORAH HOULDING**

### ADVICE TO NEW CLIENTS

Deborah Houlding is an internationally respected practitioner of horary astrology. She has over 20 years experience in practicing horary, and has dealt with a wide variety of questions from a broad range of clients. Besides her own practical experience, she has a detailed knowledge of traditional horary technique. She is the principal of the STA School which instructs and qualifies astrologers to work at a professional level. Through intensive courses, and seminars and workshops held around the world, she has helped to develop the knowledge of many of today's active horary practitioners.

**This document describes Deborah Houlding's professional approach to horary consultations and should be read carefully by all new clients.**

**Horary astrology is for specific questions which relate to a matter of significant concern. It is not recommended for a general assessment of behavioural patterns or upcoming trends in the future. Nor does it offer a quick, easy answers to your life-problems. Horary is used to answer specific questions that arise from or relate to your personal actions and individual circumstances. An appropriate question is one that has been thought about sincerely, and where the client is genuinely committed to looking at the problem honestly, being willing to make changes or accept necessary losses. Under the right circumstances horary can demonstrate the root of the problem and explain something that has already happened, and it can offer guidance on what is likely to happen next and what can be done to make the situation more promising.**

The philosophical premise of horary is that the question is prompted by stirrings of the soul, in accord with astrological movements. The chart is cast for the moment that the question is asked by the client (termed 'the querent') and understood by the astrologer. The chart uses the locality of the astrologer who acts as the interpreter, mediating between the astrological indications and the querent's need to know. Knowledge of the birth chart is not usually necessary for horary astrology: the chart is entirely focussed upon the issue asked about in the question. The astrological response will go straight to the heart of the matter and the advice will be detailed and specific in this regard. The experience of all horary astrologers has shown that the more sincerely the querent seeks an honest answer, the clearer and less ambiguous the chart will be.

This point is stressed because the querent's approach to the consultation is important. Horary is not a reliable technique for impersonal questions, or for questions based on curiosity rather than a personal need to know. It will not, for example, prove reliable as a way to tell someone what an ex-partner is up to, or what relationships that person is engaged in. In such a situation the chart will still place the focus on the person who asks the question, so it may speak much more about the querent's own insecurities than it does about things that are not directly related to the querent's own life. It will however, give a relevant answer if the question concerns the prospect of reconciling with an ex-partner, because this directly concerns the querent and impacts upon his or her own future.

Nor is horary reliable for questions about future sporting victories (unless the querent is personally competing) or to find a good time to purchase a lottery ticket. People are naturally curious about these things, but our lives do not suffer or feel suspended without knowledge of the answer. Issues like this are therefore unlikely to demonstrate the emotional and mental focus that a clear and reliable horary chart depends upon. Some astrologers may attempt to use horary for these issues, but they are unlikely to get good results without alternative or at least additional techniques, and even under then the results will peak and trough from chart to chart, hopefully producing good results over time. I prefer to deal with issues where I know that horary can be used to reliably offer a useful answer every time.

But horary can be useful for concerns that appear to be of a mainly practical nature. This branch of astrology has good techniques for dealing with questions relating to investments, financial concerns, property purchases, or the wisdom of entering into a business deal or partnership. Although apparently materialistic, these issues relate to your own personal circumstances and often give cause for anxiety, worry or apprehension. If the problem generates any of those emotions, it is likely that a horary consultation will be able to highlight the cause of concern, and indicate a sensible course of action.

In every case it is expected that you care enough about the issue to have made your own efforts to resolve the problem, and that you take full responsibility for any decisions made before and after the horary consultation. There should be nothing in a horary report that does not 'feel right to you' or which contradicts your own reason and common sense. If it does, it should be ignored – the premise of horary is that the question is rooted in the soul and the answer lies there too, as mirrored by the cosmos of which we are a part. Horary can raise matters that seem to lie outside our conscious awareness but there is an expectancy that the subconscious mind has a more extensive memory of the past and a more informed knowledge of the future than most of us appreciate. The useful guidance of horary should generate an internal recognition of truth which settles emotions and creates either a sense of confidence, or a calmer, steadier acceptance of where the matter is leading – so that suitable preparations can be made. Sometimes the horary analysis makes such perfect sense that it in hindsight it all seems obvious; other times it can come as a great shock to realise how your vision of the situation is impaired by false hope and blind illusions. Even in the latter case, as the information settles it should (and in my experience does) feel entirely appropriate. You should reflect carefully upon your horary report, remembering that ultimately it can only inform your decisions, not make the decisions for you. If, after reflection, the advice does not 'feel right' then horary has failed in its attempt to bring assurance of mind and you should remain wary of acting against your own instincts.

It is also important that you have a clear understanding of what you are asking, and the consequences of asking for a frank report. Please think carefully about how your emotions may be affected, because if you are feeling excited by what horary can potentially do, and yet are only prepared for the consequences of a positive answer, then you may end up not only disappointed, but also quite distressed by such an honest appraisal of your situation. Do not ask about anything for which you are not currently prepared to accept a negative answer.

I do not personally accept questions regarding situations that cannot be changed where a horary consultation will serve no useful purpose. For example, I will not try to predict in advance the result of a test or interview which has already been sat and will soon be officially revealed. In horary, timing is everything, and the traditional techniques show certain inhibiting conditions in the chart when the question has been asked too late or too early. Because I provide this information about how I work I rarely get these inhibiting conditions – they usually appear in questions based on curiosity or impatience, rather than a need for advice; or where the question has not been properly thought through, so that the querent has not focussed on what the problem is, or correctly identified what is most helpful to know.

#### **How the question is answered:**

Although there is no ‘typical’ horary question, the list below shows a selection of questions that I have successfully answered through horary. I use the word ‘successfully’ to indicate that my assessment on what was going to happen proved correct, or I was able to describe the situation in enough detail to give the querent complete satisfaction and confidence to make a change. I do not have a ‘percentage success rate’: I have never known horary to be wrong or inappropriate when the correct approach to the question is taken. The detail of what can be judged from the chart may vary however, depending on the complexity of the situation. I have no standard length of report because every horary question is unique. The consultation is complete when, through written report or personal conversation, I have relayed all the useful information I can.

- Will I get custody of the children?
- Will we get the contract we have tended for? When will we hear?
- Is my son dead or alive? If alive, where is he, when will I see him again?
- Should I take my husband back? Will we be happy together?
- Is it worth another attempt at IVF? What are the indications of success?
- Should we extend into new business premises? Is expansion a good strategy now, and is the property in mind a good one?
- Is the rumour true or is someone lying? Are my suspicions correct?
- Should I take this matter to court? Do I stand to lose more than I gain?
- Where is my missing pet? What should I do?
- Will my friend repay the money he owes me, if so, when?
- Should I accept this new job offer or am I better staying where I am?
- Will I need to have the operation?

- What has happened to my engagement ring? Has it been stolen?
- Will my brother be cleared or found guilty?
- Will he ever commit to me or am I wasting my time?
- Is this the right house and will our offer be accepted? Do we need to offer more to secure the purchase?
- Will sell soon for a good price? Is the buyer genuine?
- Will the appeal rule in my favour?
- Can I trust this person to be a good business partner?
- Will we get the loan? Will we be saved from bankruptcy?
- Will the problem with the neighbours continue? Is it best to move?
- Will he ever leave his wife for me?
- What was the meaning of the dream?

When you give me the details of your query, it is a good idea to encapsulate your question in one or two sentences, as shown above. This helps you to focus on what it is you really need to know, and helps me to identify the best technique by which to approach the judgement.

In addition, please be prepared to give me as much information as you can to describe the problem in general, and how it has arisen. Astrology is a symbolic language, and before I can trust what the symbolism says about the future I have to place what it says about the past, and check that you are fully aware of what has already happened. Explain your problem to me, in general terms, just as you would if you were consulting with any other kind of advisor. Describe the other people involved and the known pros and cons. It is sometimes useful to get some basic information on physical descriptions, especially when considering the involvement of other people or alternative locations. Try to offer some basic information on yourself, and other people. Think of words such as young, old; short, tall; well-built; lean; blonde-haired; pale-complexioned, and so forth. Just the general features should suffice.

Upon receipt of your question and explanation of what you want to know, I should be able to give you a very quick answer as to whether I believe I can help or not. If I feel that the question is inappropriate, or for some reason I am not able to help within a suitable timeframe, I will either explain why the question is unlikely to benefit from a horary review, or will pass on details of another reputable horary astrologer who is more likely to give you a better service than I can at that time. (This is most likely to be the case when I am lecturing overseas or during national holidays when my time is spent with my family). I do however, try to accommodate all of the most urgent requests, especially if there is concern over somebody's well being.

The rest of this document will answer any remaining concerns about how to order your horary consultation. Below I have provided answers to the most frequently asked questions concerning my horary practice.

### **When is the right time to ask the question?**

When it occupies your mind to the extent that you cannot concentrate on anything else. At that time you can either call me (I will answer if I am available), or write a letter or email. The time that I receive and understand your question is the time I use to create the chart. Don't worry about missing the 'right moment' – life has a way of putting us through hoops to ensure that the time is correct, and one of these hoops might be the delay that sometimes occurs before I receive your question. It is inexplicable how a question asked under the right circumstances will find a way to generate the most appropriate chart, so just follow your instincts and ask your question at the time that it weighs most heavily on your mind.

If you write, and I feel that I need some more information or clarification, I will ask for this before I cast the chart. Or I may suggest that we speak on the telephone so that I can get a better understanding of what you want to know.

### **What form does the consultation take?**

*Long distance consultations* are offered by telephone or email. It is usually best to email me the details of your question. If I do believe that more details are necessary I will arrange a good time for you to call.

It is only after I understand your question and cast the chart, that I can make a commitment to judging the question. Providing the chart seems appropriate, which is usually the case, I will then send an invoice for payment whilst I prepare the report. The report is emailed upon completion, after I have received payment. Allow 3 or 4 days for the report to be completed unless the matter is particularly urgent, in which case I will try (though cannot guarantee) to give it immediate attention. When you receive the report, if there is anything for which you need clarification, you are welcome to call me for a follow-up conversation. I allow 15-20 minutes for this which is ample time to tie up any loose ends.

The charge is less if a written report is not required. In this case, once I receive full details of the question, I will send an invoice for payment and make an appointment for a telephone conversation to take place as soon as payment is received. This allows for a telephone conversation of 30-40 minutes to be conducted at your own cost. Please note that I do not have the facility to make tape-recorded consultations, so if you wish to have a formal record of the consultation you should tape at your end or order a written report.

For written reports please state whether you are familiar with astrological terminology and wish to have the astrological factors explained, or whether you would prefer to have my judgement in mainly non-astrological terms. I always provide a copy of the chart I have referred to, although this is unlikely to mean much to someone who has little knowledge of astrological technique.

*A personal (in attendance) consultation* will consist of the chart being drawn up and analysed in advance. For a first consultation I allocate 1hr and 15 mins. This is more than adequate and allows for introductions and a period of relaxation. Subsequent consultations are allocated 45 mins which is ample time to review all the necessary issues.

### **How much does the consultation cost?**

A written report (including a short telephone follow-up as explained above) - £75

Telephone consultation of approx. 35 mins (no written report) - £45

One to one, personal consultation at my address, new clients (1hr 15mins allocated) - £85

Personal attendance consultations for existing clients (45 minutes allocated) - £50

One to one, personal consultation at your own address, please enquire for details.

The times connected to the prices shown above do not reflect the preparation involved in creating the judgement prior to consultation. In commissioning a consultation the payment is made in respect to my time, and for the judgement that reflects my knowledge and experience in this subject. I do not commit to give you an inevitable prediction of what is going to happen in the future as I do not see the future as inevitably pre-determined. If it were, there would be no point in seeking a horary consultation.

### **How is payment made?**

For UK clients I accept sterling cash, transfers, cheques (made payable in sterling and drawn on a British Bank) or credit card payment through Paypal.

International clients can arrange a bank transfer or make credit card payment online through Paypal.

#### **About Paypal:**

Paypal is a very easy and secure method of transferring funds over the internet. You will be sent an invoice by email, which will provide a link so that you go straight to the Paypal site to make a secure payment, either using your own existing Paypal account or through the option of using an existing credit card. This has the advantage of allowing instant payment for consultations that need an urgent response.

Payments are taken in Sterling. If you live outside the UK, Paypal will make the necessary currency transfer for you and indicate the exact cost to you in your own currency. If you want a quick, general indication of the equivalent in your own currency, you could use one of the easy online currency converters such as that at [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com).

### **How confidential is this service?**

Any information which passes between us adheres to a strict bond of confidentiality. I guarantee to give no personal or identifying details of your question, or my judgement of it, to anyone else but you.

As I run a school which trains astrologers in the use of horary, I do, from time to time, draw upon my own case histories to demonstrate the techniques for judgement. These reveal no personal details and are generally innocuous straight-forward assessments of the typical approach to typical questions, where the client is referred to as 'the querent', with great consideration to the fact that no delicate or identifying details are given away. Under these terms, please specify if you are

opposed to the anonymous use of your chart for this purpose, or would consider it providing you could see how it will be referred to in advance.

I hope this document provides you with a good understanding of what horary is useful for, and the way that I work. If there is anything else you need to know please contact me using the details provided below.

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