

# Celestial Configurations of Africa and The Caribbean



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This is a first-class, must-read and must-have book for anyone interested in African history and astrology. It is as well written and well informed as any text of its kind that I have ever read. Whether you are an astrologer, a historian, or simply have a curious intellect about the sagas of Africa, you will find that this text richly rewards you.

—Basil Fearington, professional astrologer,  
author of *The New Way To Learn Astrology*,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

As Raphael tells us in the introduction, his work started out as a desire to collect the independence charts for all the African nations—something that had not been done with this thoroughness before. His journey transformed as it went along and became this major work that ensouls the Spirit of African Brotherhood and honors the great dramas that each of these nations and their noble peoples have gone through in gaining their freedom.

Raphael clearly shows that planets and aspects helped to shape these events, yet he urges throughout that Africans, now free, become the masters of their divine destiny. I especially enjoyed the fictional interludes and I look forward to his upcoming *Ahmad Jones* novels.

—Denis Ouellette, author of *Heal Yourself  
with Breath, Light, Sound & Water*,  
Livingston, Montana

The charts and their illumination by Raphael tell the story of Africa from the perspective of divine portents, revealing each nation's hidden connection with the ethical world. The story tells of an awakening, nation by nation, as if a divine finger had orchestrated their return to freedom, pointing out the appointed time for each nation against the divine ordering of the cosmic clock. And in so doing, hailing the dawn of a new African era.

—Ralph Douwe Raaths, AF&A,  
spiritual science lecturer and mythologist,  
Cape Town, South Africa

Raphael's book on the astrology of modern Africa and The Caribbean is a fascinating read for all interested in the sagas of these countries' independence. He has done a fine job of layering astrological charts over the history to create an excellent tool for novices of astrology and seasoned veterans alike. Through the birth charts for each new government, he reveals its true potential as well as its pitfalls. Definitely recommended!

—Pam Bell, author of *Love & Sex by the Numbers* and *Astronumerology*,  
Issaquah, Washington

For too long, the world has alternately abused, neglected or forsaken Africa. At the very least, she has been misunderstood or unappreciated. Yet the shining people, legendary wildlife, and vast treasure that is Africa deserves better. The time has come for the world to know the real Africa. With the heart of a mystic and the pen of a poet, Raphael Fitch takes the mystery out of the so-called *Dark Continent* and brings it figuratively and literally to light.

Whether you are a student of the mysteries, astrology or political history—or simply a lover of freedom—read this book and allow its message to expand through you. For true change comes first through perception, then emanates as inspired action. We can't afford to wait for the new inheritors of Earth to do this. We can't just vow to do better. We can only do, now, whatever we can. And in a way that ensures lasting and pervasive freedom. Thankfully, we have champions like Raphael to carry the torch for change—it's up to us to pass it on.

—Donna Ferri, visionary intuitive,  
author of *Who Heals? You Do!*,  
La Jolla, California ~ WhoHeals.com

Considering the recent uprisings in Northern Africa and the Middle East, this one-of-a-kind analysis of historical and astrological records of the freedom movements of all the African nations will garner the interest of social-justice advocates and spiritual visionaries alike. Fitch's insightful perspective captures the essence of and fosters a new Brotherhood of Man where national, ethnic and political rivalries dissolve and a new Africa emerges.

—David Christopher Lewis,  
Founder of The Hearts Center® Community,  
author of *Now, Zen, and Always*,  
Livingston, Montana

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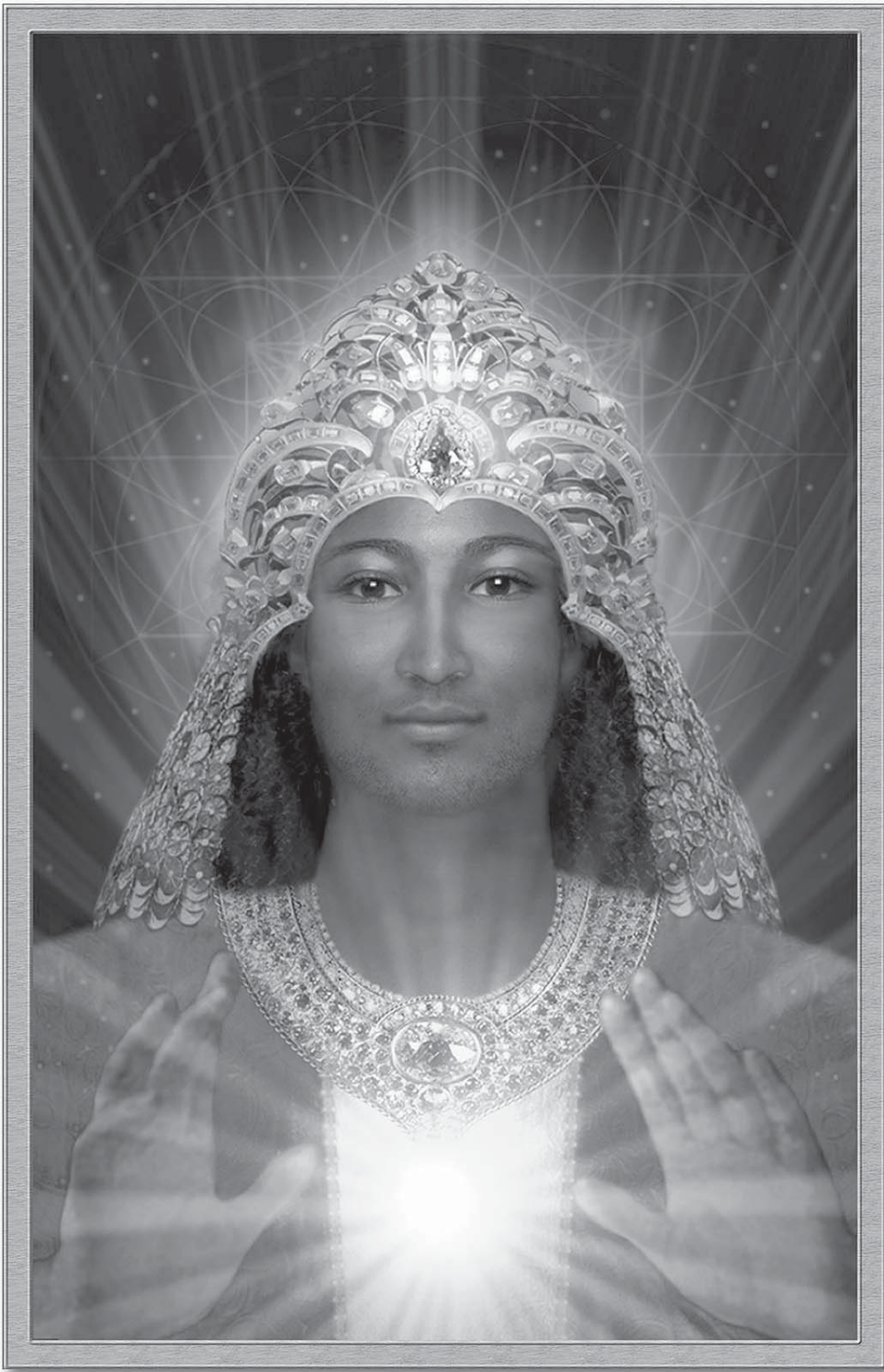
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Each of the 54 African nation-states on this map (also on the front cover) is numbered for easy correlation with the countries as listed in Part 2. (See the number in parentheses after each country name.) On this map, the numbers start with 1 at the top left and end with 54 at the bottom right.

## THE AFRICAN NATION-STATES

Algeria (2)	Malawi (43)
Angola (41)	Mali (8)
Benin (26)	Mauritania (7)
Botswana (49)	Mauritius (54)
Burkina Faso (23)	Morocco (1)
Burundi (39)	Mozambique (44)
Cameroon (28)	Namibia (48)
Cape Verde (15)	Niger (9)
Central African Republic (29)	Nigeria (27)
Chad (10)	Republic of the Congo (34)
Comoros (45)	Rwanda (38)
Côte d'Ivoire (22)	Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) (6) (Western Sahara)
Democratic Republic of the Congo (35)	São Tomé and Príncipe (32)
Djibouti (13)	Senegal (16)
Egypt (5)	Seychelles (46)
Equatorial Guinea (31)	Sierra Leone (20)
Eritrea (12)	Somalia (14)
Ethiopia (30)	South Africa (51)
Gabon (33)	Sudan (11)
The Gambia (17)	Swaziland (53)
Ghana (24)	Tanzania (40)
Guinea (19)	Togo (25)
Guinea-Bissau (18)	Tunisia (3)
Kenya (37)	Uganda (36)
Lesotho (52)	Zambia (42)
Liberia (21)	Zimbabwe (50)
Libya (4)	
Madagascar (47)	

## African Union Charts (Africa's Continental Charts)

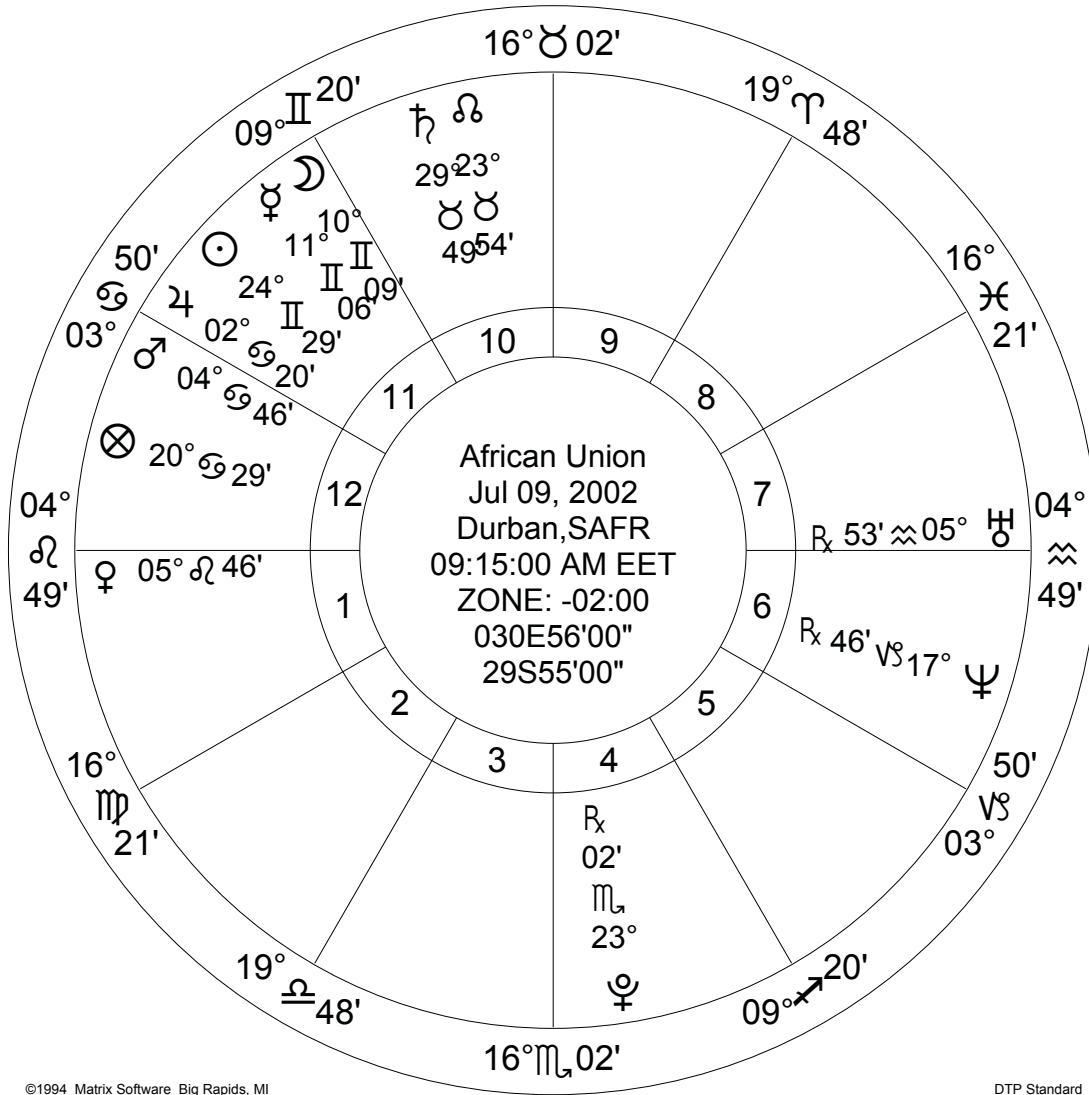
The African Union (AU) came into being on Tuesday, 9 July 2002. (*Xinhua News Agency-CEIS*, 9 July 2002, page 1) The chart of the African Union plots the energies that are now contributing to the shaping of a new Africa—energies of freedom and brotherhood—energies that began to increase as far back as 23 July 1900, when Henry Sylvester Williams, a lawyer from Trinidad, organized the First Pan-African Congress demanding an end to colonial rule and racial discrimination, demanding human rights and equality of economic opportunity. That was only 15 years after several European nations assembled in Prussia to attend the Berlin Conference resulting, three months later, in the signing of the General Act of Berlin, on 26 February 1885, that established rules for controlling Europe's African territories. (See Interlude for more on the Berlin Conference.)

Some say that the African Union is another step in the fulfilling of the late Kwame Nkrumah's vision of a United States of Africa. Countless symbolic references to unity pervade the AU chart, such as Venus, the planet of brotherly love and cohesion, conjunct the Ascendant (the AU itself), as well as the Sun in the Eleventh House (of group consciousness, fraternal organizations and a shared vision for the future) in this case, the social and economic integration of Africa.

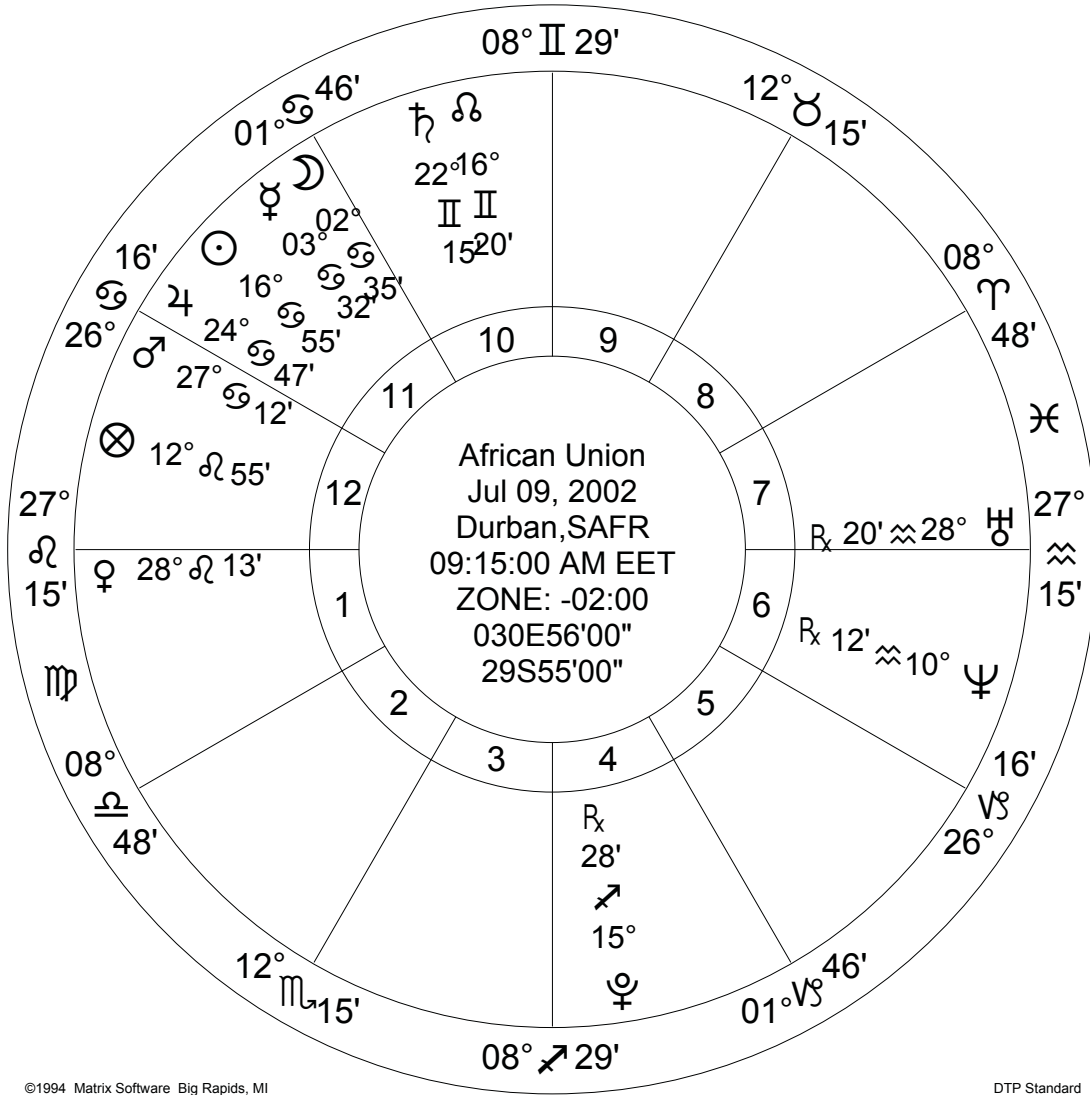
Chiefs-of-state, heads-of-government and representatives of 52 African countries entered the International Conference Center (ICC) at 45 Bram Fischer Road in downtown Durban, South Africa, to formally move forward with a new plan for Africa that was forged from the embers of the *Organization of African Unity* (OAU). Bram Fischer Road is lined with palm trees about every 15 feet for several blocks. It is a one-way street with four wide lanes—a mundane reminder that the ship of Africa and all its constituent parts are intended to move in the same direction while preserving the diversity of its peoples.

At the ICC Durban, the torch passed from the OAU to the AU as the sidereal Sun was in the fluid sign of Gemini in the Eleventh House. The constant communication requirements, the multiform nature of a union of 53 African countries, and the task of constant contact and talking through of important matters facing each government require all the versatility of this preeminent mutable sign. Also, the diplomacy required for the union's success is indicated by the Leo Ascendant. The AU's destiny and future (Ascendant) is one of true spiritual camaraderie between national leaders whose mission is to be the example of selfless service to their people and to help them realize the union of over one billion brothers and sisters. The Aquarian-ruled Seventh House, with its retrograde Uranus opposed by Venus, amplifies the call to all the nations that even though they are composed of thousands of ethnic groups, they must remember their innate brotherhood. Rather than just seeking to attain an African Union, they must think, feel and act from the standpoint of that unity achieved now!

## African Union Charts (Africa's Continental Charts)



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Ra - Mo	Tue	04-09-2013
Ra - Ma	Thu	10-09-2014
Ju - Ju	Tue	10-27-2015
Ju - Sa	Fri	12-15-2017
Ju - Me	Sat	06-27-2020
Ju - Ke	Mon	10-03-2022
Ju - Ve	Sat	09-09-2023
Ju - Su	Sun	05-10-2026
Ju - Mo	Fri	02-26-2027
Ju - Ma	Tue	06-27-2028
Ju - Ra	Sun	06-03-2029
Sa - Sa	Mon	10-27-2031
Sa - Me	Mon	10-30-2034

“Accept nothing that is unreasonable; discard nothing as unreasonable without proper examination.”

*Attributed to Gautama, “The Buddha”*

## Preface

“Should I, master? I don’t believe in astrology.”

Sri Yukteswar said, “It is never a question of *belief*; the only scientific attitude one can take on any subject is whether it is true. The law of gravitation worked as efficiently before Newton as after him. The cosmos would be fairly chaotic if its laws could not operate without the sanction of human belief.”<sup>1</sup>

The above exchange occurred in a quiet place in Northern India, where stillness reigned supreme. Sri Yukteswar, a master of Jnana Yoga (Divine Wisdom) exhorted his disciple, Paramahansa Yogananda, to have a special astrological bracelet made to wear on his upper arm. It was to be composed of certain jewels and metals and, like a talisman, purposed to ward off the approaching rays of certain planets, which were going to be “unfavorable” to him.

Belief in astrology is not required in order to gain useful knowledge from this book. Each African and Caribbean country that breathed its first breath of political independence is generally presented within a frame of empirical data, such as effective astronomic measurements, along with documented historic facts, citations, footnotes, and references. Because of this, I believe that the facts, herein presented, will be much easier to understand and follow by astrologers, historians, and maybe even the non-astrologer and non-historian. I do not discount the fact that the sensational nature of the subject may still arouse in you, my readers, some deep mental reservations. I have kept this in mind.

At first, I planned to write this book only for astrologers. Then, I began to look at ways to broaden its appeal and simplify its basic ideas, that is, to lay out the facts in a clear way, and to illuminate the charts with their correlating snapshots from history. While a healthy skepticism when encountering new approaches to learning is natural, William John Warner (Cheiro) in his books on Palmistry, said, “People are only skeptical because they do not know.” This is why I took great care in presenting the facts in this book, in the hope that they will appeal to your higher reason and evoke a response from dimensions beyond your circumspect mind.

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<sup>1</sup> Paramahansa Yogananda, *Autobiography of a Yogi* (Crystal Clarity Publishers, CA, 2005, p. 162).

For those of you not familiar with astrology but interested in what this book has to say about the planets' relationship to the births of 64 African and Caribbean states, please consider the possibilities presented here. This book is not just about the astrology of certain nations' births. It is about life and its lesser-known inner laws. The first two of the three narratives that are included are all based on real planetary positions, during recorded historical events. They offer another level of reading that will aid in appreciating the fact that all have "spiritual resources which are not subject to planetary pressure."<sup>2</sup> This was the lesson that master Yukteswar conveyed to his disciple, as the events in the life of Swami Paramahansa Yogananda unfolded.

We begin our exploration into each country's birth data with a description of the gathering of many thousands of people at stadiums or racetracks, usually at night, when floodlights were trained on colonial flags for the last time. Then, after a few blinks, the crowd's eyes were trained on a new African (or Caribbean) flag, followed by clapping, shouting...euphoria. The physical conditions surrounding a country's independence are explained in a larger sense, through the conditioning of time and its concomitant celestial activities and energies within which that breath of new life, of the birth of a nation, was taken. In this book, I invite you to a new appreciation of the interrelationships between the internal and external dimensions so dramatically outplayed during these moments of political independence and new birth.

As you are reading this, consider that our earth and its planetary neighbors—our sun and its solar system and galaxy, and for that matter, the entire field of space—are connected through lines of force, or a web of energy streams. There is an African word that may fit this web of energy streams, perfectly: *Tawaangal*.

*Tawaangal* is a term used by the Fulani of Jelgobe, who live in West Africa, Northern Burkina Faso and Niger. Author Paul Riesman, who lived with the Fulani, wrote that it means: "That which is found, or that which one finds around one." Riesman asserts that the Fulani, from birth to death, must understand the *Tawaangal*<sup>3</sup> within every stage of development. The reality principle—the properties of the surrounding physical or social world—are observed and must be learned and applied in order for an individual to play an integral part in the community. All traditions and customs expressed by the Fulani of Jelgobe come under *Tawaangal*, but even to them, this term is more all-encompassing and includes the ways of the Sun and Moon, the rain, and all phenomena that come within and beyond the range of this people's outer perception. To me, *Tawaangal* includes the whole field of space with its contents and includes our inner perceptions as well our spiritual senses.

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2 Ibid., see note 1, p. 162.

3 Paul Riesman, *Freedom in Fulani Social Life, An Introspective Ethnography* (The University of Chicago Press, Chicago, IL, 1974, p.9).



This vastness of inner and outer space is where this book has its focus. The properties or *Tawaangal* of the planets, the Sun, Moon, constellations, and the cosmos, in conjunction with the *Tawaangal* of the political, social and other physical circumstances surrounding independence, all play an important part in the historical and developmental phases of the 64 nations that we will briefly study.

My initial idea for this book occurred in 1994, within a four-and-a-half-hour period spent in Maryland. From then on, the inspiration of that short period directed the arc of the book's development to its completion. I wish to thank Dr. Floyd W. Hayes III, Ph.D. in Political Science at Johns Hopkins University, who had suggested during those important hours that certain books would widen my political and historical perspective.

At Floyd's invitation, I drove from Mount Vernon, New York, to Baltimore, Maryland, to attend a symposium. I remember that it was a sunny day as I parked a short distance from Baltimore's harbor, one of America's oldest seaports. Floyd was presenting a paper along with other professors and graduate students. Philosophers and writers of great depth of thought, such as Frantz Fanon and Søren Kierkegaard, the Danish Christian philosopher, were quoted in the delivered papers.

During the brief interval between the last papers given and my return to New York, Floyd suggested I read the one book that contained the elemental concepts that grew into this present volume. It was *The Wretched of the Earth*, by Frantz Fanon, a revolutionary thinker, author and psychiatrist. He was born in France's overseas department of Martinique and wrote with remarkable insight about the moral and psychological effects of colonialism. This book provided my first shock of recognition of the mental and emotional effects of colonialism.

Later, I desired to read other books by Fanon, and found *A Dying Colonialism*, whose subject was Algeria's independence from France. It was then that I became aware of a binary world—one was composed of astrological facts, the other consisted of historical facts. Both types of facts are based in time.

Since 1980, I had been engaged in astrological practice as a consultant, with an emphasis on the branches known as Natal Astrology (casting individual horoscopes) and Horary Astrology (giving predictions based on the moment of time when a question is asked). Here is a case of the latter:

I worked for an architectural firm in White Plains, New York; around 1981, three years after the time I first became acquainted with the discipline of astrology. It was there that an opportunity came to me. It augmented my point of view regarding astrology's usefulness as a tool to enhance self-understanding.

I was at the firm one sunny afternoon; around 2:30 pm, just a few hours before quitting time. I was prepared to hop into the company car, to deliver some blueprints to a client.

With prints in hand and almost out the door, a fellow employee intercepted me and asked, “When is my baby going to be born”? That question probably came about because I casually mentioned the subject of astrology in a conversation with my immediate supervisor. I figured she must have heard that I was “into astrology.” I noted the time of the inquiry and told her that I had to calculate a horoscope, based on the date, place, and time of her question. “After a few days,” I said, “You will have an answer.”

After careful analysis, I was ready to “deliver” the answer. I told her she would have a boy and the exact day it would be born. According to the chart, the baby would emerge two weeks beyond the date given by her pediatrician. I assured her that the chart suggested a safe delivery.

A month or so later, I left the company and eventually forgot all about the little shaver. Months later, I received a call from this woman. She had given birth to a healthy boy. His birth was on the precise date I calculated. I could have fallen on the floor! I resolved in that moment that there really was something to astrology worth investigating.

Getting back to my plans for this book, I had not ventured very far into its main subject, the astrology of organizations and nation-states (Mundane Astrology) except for a brief introduction from my astrology mentor in the mid 1980s, but some ideas nested in my mind for some time. I outlined several facts about Algeria’s independence within the larger context of astronomical cycles. I learned that the indispensable thing for understanding the astrology of any nation-state was a general grasp of the political, social, environmental, and economic actualities that were experienced in the here-and-now and the day-to-day lives of the people. This was a challenge for me, as I had no formal training in historical research.

Many years had opened and closed when I realized that I had never seen a book on the astrology of Africa or the Caribbean, that is to say, an entire book dedicated to one, or the other, or both.<sup>4</sup> There are indeed books on horoscopes of the world that include Africa and the Caribbean, such as: *International Horoscopes* by Glenn C. Malec, *Mundane Astrology* by Michael Baigent, Nicholas Campion and Charles Harvey, *The Book of World Horoscopes* by Nicholas Campion, and *Accurate World Horoscopes* by Doris Chase Doane, to name several, but no published works dedicated to the astrology of Africa and/or the Caribbean.

Later, in December of 2007, my ideas for a book had evolved from hurriedly written notes on several slips of paper, into a definite plan and research program. Instead of writing just

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4 This was true until the first week of November in 2010. It was then that I saw an advertisement for *Horoscopes of Africa*, by Mark Penfield. The American Federation of Astrologers published Mr. Penfield’s book on 26 May 2009, more than a year and a half after I began research for my book.

about Algeria's independence I desired to write a simple introduction to the 54 African horoscopes. The book was to be called *African National Horoscopes* and would just contain tropical horoscopes with a few pages of brief introduction. That was it. In execution, the enterprise promised to be simple enough. Later, after the first rough draft was completed, I felt that I could bring this to a larger audience that would include not just esotericists and students of astrology, but students of politics and world history. I concentrated on the concrete and dramatic events in the modern, new lives of these African and Caribbean countries; introduced some fast facts about each country that included its longitude and latitude, capital, neighboring countries, and the date and time of its coming-into-being. I was still not satisfied, even with the additional material.

I then added highlighted map silhouettes for each African country, along with a larger political map, and a large map of the African Continent near the beginning of the book, with a number key that would make finding the countries under examination easier. Still, that was not enough, so I decided to write a short paragraph for each country and describe some of the astrological correlations. Along with the Tropical charts, I added the Sidereal and Vedic equivalent charts, and phonetic pronunciations for each country; included ten Caribbean countries because African slaves, taken mainly from West Africa, were brought there to work the sugar plantations—an important episode in the overall saga of Africa's on-goingness in the Diaspora.

In 2009, I rewrote this material in a format more accessible to a mainstream audience—not just astrology hobbyists, students and academic professionals. In that year, I came up with an outline (as I was writing this book) for a fictionalized tale depicting the spiritual discoveries and mentorship involved in the production of this current volume. While based loosely on my own experience, I added tenets from my lifelong practice of the deeper interactions with God and his enlightened emissaries. I knew that divine direction, will, and heart have always underpinned the long saga leading to Africa's freedom and somehow, the charting of Africa's modern independence status and emerging brotherhood started to frame itself as a spiritual journey undertaken by the main character (Ahmad) under the guidance of his teacher (Onua, pronounced oh-NU-ya). Thus, the facts and astrological charts compiled here also form the scaffolding and factual material of a novel to be released in 2013, entitled:

*Brotherhood: Charting the Freedom of Africa—An Ahmad Jones Novel*

I have included original material as a Prologue, Interlude and Epilogue in this present volume to introduce readers to the feeling and tone of this exciting story soon to be available in print.