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My Background

I grew up in the west of Ireland and my interest in astrology began in the early 1970's. I graduated from Trinity College, University of Dublin, with a Master's in Engineering and in 1975 I moved to London to take a position as a Research Fellow at the City University. While in London, my interest in astrology continued to consume my spare time and I received my first consultation from Howard Sasportas. Meeting Howard set me on a path of study and much of his interpretation and prediction has since manifested in my life. Howard insisted that I pursue the study of astrology and I had the good fortune to be able to attend his classes at the Theosophical Lodge and elsewhere. I was even more fortunate to be able to attend the classes of Liz Greene and Ronald Davidson in those years.

In 1977 I received an offer from a corporation in Philadelphia and was excited to be able to move to the USA. Once I had settled in my new location, I immediately contacted the local astrological groups and once again had the good fortune of attending workshops with Isabelle Hickey and Ray Merriman in the late 1970's.

I received instruction in meditation from an Indian Guru while living in London and my interest in Vedic India became all consuming. In the early 1980's, I began reading the works of B.V. Raman, the famous Indian astrologer, and sought out teachers from that tradition. Since that time I've been a dedicated student of Jyotish (Vedic Astrology) and after a successful career in computers and engineering in both the academic and corporate worlds, I became a professional astrologer in 1992. I have studied with many famous astrologers from India (Dr. Charak, KN Rao) and in 1999, I met Jyotish Guru Sanjay Rath, a brilliant young astrologer and author from Orissa. Sanjay has revealed many of the secrets that were taught to him by his grandfather, a famous traditional astrologer in that part of India. Soon after meeting Sanjay, he requested that I become a teacher at his Sri Jagannath Center in Delhi, Indian and the USA and since that time I continue to have his close association as a student and professional colleague.

One of my specialties is medical astrology because parallel to my interest in astrology, I also pursued training in naturopathy with a specialty in classical homeopathy and ayurveda.

I am a founding member of ACVA (American Council of Vedic Astrology) and SJC (Sri Jagannath Center) and am a faculty member of both organizations.

I also hold a M.A. degree (1996) in archetypal psychology from Pacifica Graduate Institute and am a regular teacher/presenter on mythology and depth psychology at the Washington Society of Jungian Psychology for the past eight years.

I have a full-time practice in Rockville, MD and my work is well known in the USA, Europe and India. I write articles for international magazines on vedic astrology and have been a regular presenter at both national and international conferences for the past ten years.

I am the founder of a popular yahoo-group called 'parasari_jyotish' and the on-line community has a diverse and international student body that serves as a forum for discussion on the practice and principles of the science of vedic astrology.