

(From Wikipedia...Indra's net: an infinitely large net that hangs over the palace of Indra, king of the Gods. The net has a multifaceted jewel at each vertex, with each jewel being reflected in all of the other jewels.)

Jessica: You can make your image of Indra's net whatever colors you want and however big you want. It shows the interconnection of all beings, each one a jewel. Each one of your souls is a jewel in Indra's net that reflects the light of all other beings. We're starting with this image because, for me, this is what synastry is when we take it all the way in.

Okay, here we go. Call in your soul, as radiant and vast and expansive as that is. Now take the image of your birth chart and bring it in to view. Take your soul and move the energy field through the vibrational pattern of your chart. It might be a feeling. It might be an image. It might be a sound. It might be a feeling in your body. Whether it is one of these things, a combination of them, or something else altogether, however you process it, take your soul and filter it through the energetic vibratory nature of your chart. As soon as you have that there, hold it, and now think of just one other person in your life, one you really love, someone that's really special to you, and know that that perfect resonance of your soul through your birth chart this lifetime is perfectly aligned and fits together like a puzzle piece with that person's soul expressed through their chart, as their soul vibrates through their unique birth chart and that your chart and their chart fit together in harmony. Just like the jewels in Indra's net, you are both radiating your light and reflecting one another back to each other.

Now take another person in your life that you really love or is special to you in some way and do the same thing: have that experience of their chart and your chart also simultaneously perfectly fitting together.

Now go backwards in time through your ancestral line and bring in your parents and see that your chart, also, perfectly fits with each of their charts and by "perfectly" I mean that the souls are coming together at this moment in space and time just so.

Now extend it out to your grandparents and your great-grandparents, and then, if you have any siblings, see that your chart also fits with their charts. If you

have children or grandchildren or great-grandchildren, extend the line in that direction too. And if that weren't enough in this great chain of being, include every single one of your friends, and every single person that you've ever met, whether for one moment or a lifetime. Now include the great poets and authors and dancers and musicians that have changed you, have made you, and see how your chart also perfectly fits with all of theirs.

You can see how, spread out both in space and time, going backwards and forwards, as local and karmic as you can go, this image of Indra's net is so fitting because there's nothing left untouched in all of your relationships, past, present and future, as seen in how your birth chart fits with every other soul's birth chart. This is the order of magnitude that we are humbly going to try to take in during our time together. This is the very fertile ground upon which we are going to birth our understanding and interpretation. It's how I hold myself and how I hold each of you. It's how I hold each of us and our relations and how I hold you and all your relations.

This is the place that I'm ultimately coming from. This is the place I want to hold in sacred space and time. This is the place that I want to do my best to return to at any point when I feel in need of re-grounding inside this cosmic truth that transcends every single one of us. This is where I return to when I get overwhelmed. This is where I return to when I feel confused or lost. This is the place you can always return to in any moment on this journey because this is the ultimate truth that is holding you here and what synastry is actually showing you. Unlike any other modality or practice of astrology, synastry takes you to this place.

Remember, you are always doing your part to weave together the greater whole as all the jewels of our souls come together at the nodal points of the web of Life, reflecting the light of one another and building something much greater than the sum of our parts. Birthed out of the One, you become an individual and come in to relationship with others to weave the One back in, in a new manifest expression that has never happened before, completely unique and unrepeatable, and that can only happen through the possibility and opportunity of your unique individual soul, dreamed/birthed in to existence by the One, while coming in to relationship with one another which is what happens when you incarnate in space and time as you get to live the paradox

of being one amongst the many, being individual and being relational, being independent and dependent. Through your soul's evolving process, you grow and stretch and learn how to hold the paradox, these multiple truths, at the same time. The image of Indra's net gestures towards this.

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The movie, *Mindwalk* (free on YouTube), is based on a book by quantum physicist, Fritjof Capra, called *The Turning Point*. He also wrote a more popular book called *The Tao of Physics*. Two of the main characters in the movie are a politician and a quantum physicist. The politician who looks at the world "piecemeal", giving in to something over here to get something over there, etc. in his legislative compromising. The physicist sees the world as one big energetic patterning. From an exchange between the two:

Jack: How can you talk usefully about a tree without talking about its leaves or its branches or its bark?

Sonja: Well, I could, without even naming the parts you mentioned. A Cartesian would look at the tree and conceptually take it to pieces but then he would never really understand the nature of the tree. A systems thinker would look at the tree and see the seasonal exchange between tree and earth, earth and sky; and would see the annual cycle, which is really one big breath of Life that the Earth takes through her forests, providing us with oxygen, a breath of Life, linking the earth with the sky and us with the Universe. A systems thinker would look at the tree and see the life of the tree only in relation to the life of the whole forest and see the tree as a habitat for birds, a home for insects. But if you look at the tree and try to understand it as something separate, you will be bewildered by the fruits that it produces during its lifetime. Only one or two trees will grow from those fruits. But if you look at the tree as a member of a larger, living system, the abundance of fruits will make sense because hundreds upon hundreds of forest animals and birds will survive because of them. This is interdependence. And the tree cannot survive on its own, either. To draw water from the ground it needs the fungus that grows at the tip of each root and the fungus needs the root to survive and the root needs the fungus. If one dies, the other dies. And there are millions of relationships like this in our world, each depending on each other for Life. Systems theory recognizes this web of relationships as the essence of all living

things. Only the uninformed would call such a notion naïve or romantic because this interdependence is a scientific fact, the web of Life itself. The theory of living systems provides you with an outline of an answer to that age-old question: What is Life?