Eclipse!

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An Eclipse is an astronomical phenomenon that involves the Sun, Moon and Earth. It’s easy enough to recognize an Eclipse when one occurs, either the Moon blocks the light of the Sun from reaching Earth, or the Earth blocks the light of the Sun from reaching the Moon. When the Moon blocks the light of the Sun from reaching Earth, we call the phenomenon a “Solar Eclipse”. When the light of the Sun is blocked from reaching the Moon by the body of the Earth, we call it a “Lunar Eclipse”.

The study of Eclipses goes as far back as the beginning of human experience. Imagine the fear felt by ancient men and women when the Sun suddenly disappeared in the middle of the day. They did not know that it would come back! They feared the end of the world, everlasting night, imminent death. Since the phenomenon was not something that occurred often, and life expectancy in those times was short, many may never have experienced it before, so they had no assurance they would survive.

So what does an Eclipse mean to us today? What does it mean to those of us living in our modern worlds where we no longer fear the phenomenon, ECLIPSE!, but look forward to it? Does what the ancient astrologers of old believed about the energy of an Eclipse still affect us? Are
we now immune to the effect, protected by our homes, our electrical and electronic shields, our fuel-powered vehicles and machines, our civilized industrial environment, our destructive might? Or are we just as affected as our ancestors were in our individual humanity?

This book gives a glimpse into the past, as well as an outline you can use to help you understand how an Eclipse can effect your experience, using modern metaphysical insights, astrology techniques and interpretations to explore the possibilities. Study and enjoy the sections that appeal to you. Each Eclipse will effect your life a little differently than the previous ones you have experienced. If you check back to this book each time there is an Eclipse here on Earth (Lunar or Solar), over time you will understand the value of exploring how this energy can provide you with opportunities to improve the quality of your life adventure.
The Past

The desire to understand what was happening when the light of the sun disappeared, and to be able to predict when it would happen again was the reason people began the study the heavens. Because of the need to learn about the relationship between heaven and earth, people began to keep records. They had to create symbols and to
write language, in order to preserve the knowledge from one generation to the next. They created mathematical formulae that would allow them to calculate when future eclipses would occur, and to study eclipse patterns. In fact, the seeds of all scientific method and written language come originally from the primitive eclipse calculations of the ancients!

Thousands of years later we, the inheritors of the combined knowledge and skill of the ages, are still filled with awe when we see the phenomenon. We plan trips years in advance to be able to be in the part of the world where an Eclipse can be experienced to the fullest. We send our news reporters and photographers out to capture the momentous occurrence of a Solar Eclipse on film, to show to those of us who are not able to follow the path of an Eclipse on our own. Still today in these modern times, thousands of astronomers, scientists and astrologers observe and study the impact of an Eclipse on the lands and life on earth beneath the path of this wonder.
What is an Eclipse?
Zodiac Phenomenon and Symbolism of Sun/Moon/Earth in this Process.

**IMPORTANT**
*If you are planning to observe the phases of an Eclipse – do not attempt to do so with the naked eye. Call your local observatory or ask a medical professional how best to PROTECT YOUR EYES!*

In a Solar Eclipse the Moon aligns between the Sun and Earth, blocking the light of the Sun from reaching Earth. A Solar Eclipse challenges you to find new ways of expressing your ego in your own world. The symbolism of
the Moon’s participation in the equation is to demonstrate or highlight the emotional boundaries or blocks that may have kept you from expressing your ego in a manner beneficial to your personal growth and life purpose.

During the same lunar month in which a Solar Eclipse occurs, there will be an accompanying Lunar Eclipse. During a Lunar Eclipse, the Earth comes between the Sun and Moon, blocking the light of the Sun from reaching the physical form of the Moon. A Lunar Eclipse reminds you not to let ego get in the way of experiencing your emotional being, your relationship with your inner gifts or feelings. The Lunar Eclipse will offer opportunities to choose between old behavior patterns, which may have inhibited growth of inner perspective. It will offer an opportunity to find new perspectives that can lead to enhanced personal and emotional well-being.

Eclipses follow the movement of the Lunar Nodes. The South Node represents our past experience, feelings and habits, things, behaviors, and responses which make us feel comfortable and safe. The North Node offers the possibility of change and personal growth, and indicates the path to satisfaction, happiness and success for our lives. (See the Footsteps Series: Transiting Lunar Nodes to learn more about this topic.) When a New or Full Moon occurs within 18 degrees or less of the Nodes, Eclipse is
a reality. The tighter the orb between the Moon, Sun and Nodes, the stronger the entire experience will be.

The Sun and Moon rendezvous in the Zodiac every twenty-nine and a half days, and a New Moon occurs. If you are familiar with the *Lunation Cycle*, and have studied *Lunar Phases*, you already know that the New Moon each month is the best time for creating or bringing new things into your personal reality. This is also the time to test and explore new concepts, perceptions, behaviors and habits. Usually there are two times each year when the Sun/Moon rendezvous takes the form of a *Partial, Annular or Total Solar Eclipse*, when the New Moon occurs within 18 degrees or less of the Lunar Nodes.

The Eclipse phenomena involves several hours where the Sun is slowly blocked from the perspective of Earth as they form a perfect alignment in space (leading to total darkness in the case of a Total Eclipse of the Sun), and then as the Sun/Moon/Earth move out of alignment. (Further along in this book you will learn more about the significance of the amount of time this process takes.) The Astrological Chart of an Eclipse is cast for the time when the Eclipse is at the height of its process.

When Earth experiences a Total Eclipse of the Sun—the most important of the Zodiacal phenomena—the Moon will totally block out the light of the Sun as seen from
Earth for several minutes. The darkness will actually be experienced in the countries or places on Earth where the path of the Sun and Moon and Earth through space coincide perfectly, and the light of the Sun is fully blocked out by the Moon.
Eclipse Guide

The metaphysical energy of an Eclipse is experienced as the need to combine the following—not necessarily compatible—forces of our nature:

1. Ego (specifically our desire to be special and personally impact our world)—represented by the Sun.
2. Emotions (especially issues that may have kept you from feeling good about yourself, the life you have created and are experiencing)—represented by the Moon.

3. Ability (especially our skills and the thought processes that we as individuals use to create our physical reality)—represented by the Earth.

This is the time to focus our attention on what we want in our lives (in relation to the specific goals we have identified)! We have all the wisdom we have gathered from our experience of living to this point, and every “tool” we have gathered over the years (tools = skills and coping mechanisms we have acquired as a result of the mistakes and experiences of our past). We can take the wisdom, the tools, our experience, our dreams of a better life, and use them to change the direction of our lives now.

Eclipses bring opportunities for change. Something in our lives will change whether we wish it or not as the energy of this Zodiacal Event impacts our reality. If all is good in our lives we can “go with the flow” and accept what the Universe brings to enhance our experience. If all is not well in our lives, we can effect changes now. We can make changes based on what we determine is necessary for us to happy and proud of ourselves, our accomplishments, and the lives we live!
Symbolically, the Sun represents our developing, growing and evolving individuality. The Moon represents the emotional and psychological expression of our inner being. The Earth represents all things fundamental and real—things we can touch, taste, hear, see and smell—often the focus of our life experience on this plane.

In a Natal Chart the zodiac sign of an individual’s Sun will offer a perspective for understanding the personality of the individual. The Natal Moon indicates the emotional and feeling nature, the sensitivity of the spirit. Earth is a point in the Natal Chart exactly opposite the Sun; it expresses the challenges and lessons the individual will be faced with in a very practical sense during their lifetime on Earth.
If Not Now, When?

Every time an Eclipse occurs, I tell my clients and my friends to think back in their lives to other times when they experienced a similar surge of energy. I tell them the years, so they will know what to look for as they go into their memory banks. Sometimes they want a plan or specific goal for the future, so when I suggest they think back, it is not something they really want to do.

I recently watched a television show on the subject of losing weight, a topic many of you talk with me about at one time or another (and one to which Eclipses tend
to bring our focus). One of the experts on the show said, “Nothing in your life will change until you begin to do different things. The question you may need to ask yourself is, ‘If not now, when?’ A year from now, you will be one year older whether or not you lose the weight. You can look back 10 years, and if you were overweight and unhappy then, and you are still overweight and unhappy now—what has changed? What is to say that next year won’t be like all the other years in the past?”

This expert meant that the likelihood of the future being different than the past is based on our willingness to change, and on whether or not we take determined action in order to facilitate change in our behavior and our lives. “Now this,” I thought, “Is why I always tell people to think about the past in connection to the Eclipse!” What I hadn’t realized was that I didn’t explain the reason the exercise of “looking back” was such a beneficial part of planning the future.

It is not always possible to make changes in our lives. Many times circumstances in our lives and the needs of others seem to dictate how we live our lives on a daily basis. It takes a lot of intent, energy, determined action, focus and concentration to make a change in a familiar routine. A mere wish, hope or thinking (even feeling guilty) about whatever is bothering us will NOT make a bit of difference if we don’t take action.
Eclipses bring the possibility of action!
How Will This Eclipse Affect Me?
Interpreting the Astrology of an Eclipse

You will be able to identify some of the effects of an Eclipse on life in general, and find tools to help you gain insight into why, how, and what you can do to make life less stressful immediately before and after an Eclipse. Check the list of Eclipses in the back of this book and make a note of them in your calendar. Also, check your own chart to see the signs, houses and degrees of your planets. Determine if an eclipse point is going to make contact with sensitive points in your chart. It’s a good idea to discuss the possible effects of recent or coming Eclipses on your life with your Astrologer when you have your annual appointment, and are discussing the possible trends for your life during the coming year. This will help you focus your attention onto areas of your life being highlighted for growth and transformation.

How Can an Eclipse Affect Your Life?
An Eclipse creates a sensitive point in everyone’s life. By locating the degree of an eclipse and finding that degree in our individual Natal Charts, we can gain insight into the area of our life that has been/will be “sensitized” by an Eclipse.

Opinions differ with regard to how long the effect of the Eclipse is felt. Astrologers of old said that the effect of a
Solar Eclipse would be felt for as many years as hours the Solar Eclipse was in process. They said that the Lunar Eclipse point would be sensitive for as many months as hours of the Lunar Eclipse.

My studies lead me to believe that comparing the Zodiac degree of a Solar Eclipse with the astrological indicators of our individual Natal Charts shows where the personal impact will be felt in our lives for at least the number of months as hours of the Eclipse. When a Solar Eclipse occurs very close to one of our planets, or forms a hard astrological aspect (conjunction, square, opposition, inconjunct) to something in our personal Natal Chart, we will initiate important choices/changes in our lives.

In the months surrounding the Eclipse, we will have a peak experience—in relation to the symbol in the Natal Chart that was hit by the energy of the Eclipse. The choices we make and the changes we initiate during those months will reverberate in our lives for as many years as the hours of the original eclipse.

I have also found that comparing the degree in the Zodiac of a Lunar Eclipse with a Natal Chart indicates an internal, spiritual, and personal growth spurt—especially when the degree of the Lunar Eclipse matches the degree of an indicator in the Natal Chart. The effect of a Lunar Eclipse is slightly different to that of a Solar
Eclipse. It may be experienced in your relationships with others. This may allow you to learn from their experience or to participate in a mutual process.

The process of the Lunar Eclipse usually starts either just days before or during the Lunar Month following the Lunar Eclipse, and leads to many new levels of awareness and personal expression in the months that follow.

Not every Eclipse offers each of us a chance to change/focus the direction of our life. But every Eclipse brings an opportunity for change and growth on many levels to those who feel the need, and are ready for something different in their lives.

To find out if we need to change or shift our focus in life, we can ask ourselves:

1. Do I feel satisfied and proud of the job I am doing in my life, both with my career (to reach my career goals) and with regard to the people I love?

2. Do I have people in my life who nurture, respect and care about what’s going on in my life—and who help me in my effort to reach my goals?
3. Are my career, financial, interpersonal and residential circumstances ones I am satisfied with? Or, do I somehow feel restricted/blocked from being all I can be?

Once we know what we would like to change, we need to look back into our personal past. Think about things that were going on in your life 4–5 years ago and 9 years ago. Was that a better or worse time than now for you? In what way? Now think about where you were in your life 18–19 years ago. (Stretch your memory back to the 6 month period following the times I have mentioned.)

If nothing particular comes to mind about any of these times, chances are you are not one of the people who needs to work on the process of change at this time.

If memories come up for you when you think about these times in your life, consider what was going on and recognize the opportunity this Eclipse brings you to work on and finally resolve (or manifest) something you have worked on for many years.

Each Eclipse occurs in a specific astrological Zodiac Sign. This Zodiac Sign can provide additional information about kinds of things an Eclipse can bring to our attention: new beginnings, new ventures, new love, new ways of thinking, new experiences, new opportunities and new challenges.
For instance, an Eclipse in the astrological sign of Cancer brings up issues of security & danger, protection & exposure, trust & betrayal, nurturing & neglect, inclusion & exclusion. (Cancer is the sign that represents the concepts of family, clan, group, ethnicity, nationality and home.) An Eclipse in the sign of Gemini brings issues of multi-tasking & focus, commercial activity & consolidation, noise & quiet, friends & foes, choices, choices, and more choices! (Gemini is the sign that represents the concepts of travel, communication, exchanging information, multiplicity and interaction.)

Following any Eclipse, everyone on the planet will be conscious of the issues related to a specific Eclipse, and many changes will be happening all around us on a societal or global level in relation to these concepts. Sometimes around the time of an Eclipse, I suggest keeping an eye on the headlines in the newspapers, popular topics examined in newsletters, chat rooms, bulletin boards, magazines, on television and in the movies, to get a clear picture of what is happening around us, globally. We will all inevitably be part of the changes that will come—and we can all make any necessary changes in our personal lives that will allow our own personal expression of these concepts to be part of our overall experience.
Why Pay Attention?
Well, when you look back at your life in the year 2006 (or make your New Year’s Resolutions in January 2011, or check out your level of financial security in June of the year 2020), wouldn’t it be nice to think: “Because I took the time to focus on what I wanted during the Eclipses of 2001, and because I started to take action (i.e., make some changes), my life is something I am proud of today! My spirit is filled with the joy of achievement, and I have learned how to accomplish things that are important to me. I am living a life that feels “right” to me. And I will continue to use these tools to create an even better life than I enjoy today!

*Eclipses offer opportunities to plan your future—to create a life you want to live!*
Eclipse

Working With This Information

Wake Up!

Think of an Eclipse as if it were an “alarm clock” that awakens you to a new life and personal experience. Imagine you are sleeping in your bed, comfortable and relaxed. You have all you need for a cozy sleep—the mattress is just right, the pillows are fluffed and the sheets and blankets keep you warm and cozy.

However, sometime in the middle of the night you awaken slightly to a small sound you can’t even identify. You feel thirsty, so half asleep, you get up to find something to drink. You begin walking down the hall and you hear the bedroom door close gently behind you. Suddenly you find yourself in the dark, uncertain of where you are going. You forget your thirst and reach for the familiar doorknob to your bedroom, thinking you will go back to sleep and get a drink later.

When the alarm clock rings in the morning you awaken to find yourself in a different bedroom, different house, different world altogether. After the initial shock, you look around and find all the things in the room with you, indeed in this new environment as a whole, are exactly as you had imagined your life could be—without knowing how it suddenly got to be this way. The clothes in the closet fit. The refrigerator contains the healthy diet you
always thought you would eat if you could just find the time. You look in the mirror, and you are still you, but everything around you has changed. You can’t go back because you can’t find your original place, and you must move forward into this new life not knowing what surprises will greet you along the way.

There are two important words we need to apply to our experience when we think about an eclipse: emphasis and crisis. Several weeks before an eclipse, matters in relation to the area of our lives about to be changed seem very comfortable, nonthreatening and safe. In fact if we are asked about something related to this part of our lives, we would probably respond, “Everything is fine. No problems.” Often we cannot come up with any alternative to what we are experiencing in this area of our lives, so we continue to focus on other things that call for our attention.

An eclipse tends to bring matters related to at least one area of our lives to a crisis stage during the weeks and months immediately following the time of the eclipse. Everything changes, we feel challenged to transform and change all of the old, familiar things we have become accustomed to in important parts of our lives—we just don’t know how, yet!
Metaphysically speaking, if we can begin to work with issues relating to the affected house or planets a bit before the time of the actual Eclipse, we can ease the effect of the crisis.

The easiest way to work with the issues is to create a vision of how we would like things to be—if we didn’t have to think all the same thoughts we have been thinking for a while (if we weren’t “sleeping”).

Then, when the vision has been created, let it go out into the Universe. Forget about it, and get on with your life. Take advantage of the opportunities and chances offered to you as you make changes in your life!

Most of the time we don’t even notice the gradual crescendo occurring in our lives, as this sensitive area of our lives (reflected as it is in our Natal Charts) begins to change following an Eclipse. There are a few “bumps” that trip us up, and we may walk into a few walls as we make our way through the dark halls of our unconscious transformation process. Finally an internal “alarm clock” resounds, and we wake up, look around us, and all has changed!

The principles of life, as represented by the horoscope, are ones we are all familiar with (even if we cannot read
a horoscope). In almost every aspect of life we can trade, barter, exchange, or share with others.

In our individual charts, Eclipses are experienced in the house in which they occur, and through the *mirror* of the opposite house. In our individual lives, Eclipses are experienced in the areas of our lives in which they occur, and through the *mirror* of the other people, environments and circumstances we have chosen to be part of our experience.

**First/Seventh House: Identity and Recognition**

We become aware that we need to grow, change the way we relate with other people in our lives. We may want a different “look,” so we might change our hairstyle, wardrobe, go on a diet, begin an exercise routine, take up a new hobby. We are tired of the way our lives are going, so we may change our home, work, recreation, personal relationships to find a new environment to express the *new me* that is being formed.

We want our opinions noticed and appreciated, our directions followed, and our abilities recognized by the people with whom we share our lives. The personal need to change and grow is so strong!

Sometimes we become aware that other people in our lives don’t like who we are, don’t love us, don’t think
the way we do, or don’t appreciate what we are doing. If we make this discovery about the people in our lives, we may temporarily continue our efforts to adjust to their expectations, but we won’t do it for very long! Ultimately if they don’t relate with and understand us, we will leave them behind. We will create new relationships that satisfy our need for acceptance and love.

Ultimately when the need to change becomes overwhelming, and while we continue to experience the “Can’t get no satisfaction...” syndrome, we begin to will change in our world (even if it takes months and years). We will trade in our current support network, find new people—even to the extent of divorce and separation from family, friends and all that is familiar—to come to a place in our lives where we perceive that our evolving self is appreciated.

Sometimes we see the people around us changing, asking us to support them in a different way than previously. If we make the effort to adjust to the new needs, we grow from changing ourselves, and we stay in one another’s lives. If we are unwilling to change or adjust to the new needs of the people in our lives, they will leave our lives (one way or another), and go on to find a replacement for us in their hearts. They will create new networks, friends, partners, etc. We will observe the process of change—and experience it ourselves—through them.
Second/Eighth House: Property and Sex

We feel an almost physical need to own, have, possess things. We feel how much we need more in our lives of everything: control, stuff, money, love, health—you name it! We are overwhelmed with the level of lack in our live; we lack the financial security we need to deal with the practical requirements of living. We lack the support of others. We lack closeness, trust, spiritual support. We cannot find the people or resources we need to continue any longer!

We want (physically need) to experience the intensity of passion and possession and physical connection with another. Money is high on our list of necessities, so that we can acquire the things we feel we need, things we have been deprived of owning, or have never felt we were entitled to have before now.

We want, need, demand... in a way we seldom feel so intensely. We see the value placed by others on the possessions and people that are a part of their reality, and now we are aware that these things are important and we want them, too!

Intimacy, sex, closeness and receiving love are also major issues in our life (we deserve all the physical pleasures life can offer) and if we can’t get what we need, we will do whatever it takes to change the picture.
We are placed in situations where we become uncomfortably aware of how much we need. We may be embarrassed, ashamed and feel depressed. We lose our confidence and our self esteem—and often we spiral downward, before we begin to reach out and ask for the support and help we need so desperately.

When we are finally able to ask, we observe the willingness of others to support and help us move in the direction we need to go to reach our goals, and ease our financial and emotional difficulties.

Sometimes we are offered opportunities to help and support others who are going through difficult times. When we are able to provide assistance or support, we feel a renewed sense of our own abilities and our own “wealth”. We grow in ability to support and sustain our lives and the others who share them.

Third/Ninth House: Ideas and Wisdom
Our minds are filled with ideas and possibilities. People are sharing their thoughts, involving us in interesting conversations (or gossip, as the case may be). Massive amounts of information feed into our mind at all times. We are either seeking the information by studying something that interests us, or it is supplied by TV and other media, day and night! What do we need to remember? What will we need to know in the future? How will this
information help us in the future? Who has the key to unlock the questions of the Universe? Perhaps the next person we talk with will provide that bit of lacking information that will make the whole project work just as it is supposed to. Which came first, the chicken or the egg?

With an Eclipse hit over these two houses, we no longer feel certain about anything! We just feel this incredible need to acquire all the information we possibly can, because we know we will need it for our future in some way, shape or form. Any profession using words as tools to impact the world is one we consider at this time. And if we don’t want to practice the word skills ourselves—well, then we will become involved with others who do: lawyers, judges, lawmakers, writers, journalists, media, publishers, teachers, mentors, ministers, travel agents, salesmen, artists, talented/gifted/smart/quick-thinking others. It’s up to us whether or not we want to be the person expressing these skills, or the one who needs a person who has them!

(Oh, yes, and did I mention that the 3rd house can represent our vehicle…? Sometimes we find we need to repair a vehicle; or we feel compelled to purchase a new one.)

No wonder we can’t stop thinking, and trying, and puzzling, and talking, and reading, and thinking... Who knows where all this will lead?
Fourth/Tenth House: Security and Public Standing

Usually we feel powerless in a very significant area of our lives: our career or our personal life. Our careers feel stuck, so we consider a career change, asking for a promotion, taking on additional responsibilities, taking on a course of study that we can use to leverage higher pay in the future. We feel the need to create security (a “nest egg”) that will provide for us in the future, when we no longer wish to work as hard as we currently do. We may start a business of our own, or at least make plans to be able to have one in the future.

We are tired of feeling stuck and powerless in almost any (or all) of the personal areas of our life. We feel that it would be a good idea to change our abode, to buy a larger home or move to a better part of town (or a new location altogether). Sometimes our personal circumstances change due to the birth of a child, a child going off to school, the illness of a parent or other family member, a member of our family leaving home to become independent—something that changes the personal interaction with intimate others. We know how much we have contributed to the others in our lives; we feel the significance of all of the intangible gifts we have shared with others. We feel that the love, support, caring and nurturing we have provided are a sacrifice we are no longer willing to continue without getting something back.
We need the support of the ‘family’ we have created, both in our homes and in our jobs or communities.

We need to receive that promotion, the recognition, the respect, the pure power of knowing that our life and choices have not been a mistake. When an eclipse hits these angles, we can clearly see how we have given too much of ourselves, and we become aware we may be ready to walk away if necessary... We will give no more unless security and personal recognition are a part of the bargain.

When an Eclipse hits these angles of our chart, we will experience endings, the completion of lessons we have been learning in our lives. It is an important time to take stock of our successes and failures, to make fundamental decisions—decisions that will affect our future path.

Fifth/Eleventh House
Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Happiness
This is the area of concepts and intangibles: dreams, hopes, wishes, children, love, vacations, hobbies, friendship, love, independence, cohesiveness, excitement, enjoyment, happiness, joy, fulfillment... When an eclipse hits these two houses we become consciously and painfully aware of the dreams that have never come true, the hopes that have not materialized, the happiness or fulfillment that is lacking. Frustration, anger, tension and
disappointment are the tools of reconstruction that come into our ‘hands’ during the following months (years) as we rebuild the structure of our daily lives.

Many people think about leaving jobs that no longer offer a challenge. Sometimes they go on a sabbatical, start offering their time and service to charitable organizations, or thinking about those less blessed in their lives. We want to help others, to contribute somehow to our society, our community, the environment, EARTH—to make it a better place! We are concerned about the world we live in, the world we are going to leave to our children and grandchildren; we want to make a difference.

Anything remotely representing the rules and regulations of our life is now suspect! No more do we accept something “because that’s the way it is,” or, “because that’s the way it should be”. We ask “Why?” and expect an answer. And if no answer is forthcoming? Well, we will create something, find a solution, work out a problem, discover a new approach, test and challenge, figure it out for ourselves!

We need to spend time creating things of beauty both in our mind and in our life. Perhaps we need to assemble a collage of colorful pictures that will express our hopes and dreams for the future. Maybe we need to dive into the creation of a new and exciting environment that requires
our attention as it grows into a vision of the future as it can be (as soon as you align all of yourself to creating it). We need to remember that the energy of DESIRE is the main tool of creation. Anything and everything is possible!

Sixth/Twelfth House:
Integration and Assimilation
Fear is the main weapon in the arsenal of an Eclipse, and when it strikes over these two areas of our lives, every unnamed and unrecognized fear we have will manifest its ugly head for us to consider as a potential reality in our day-to-day life. The methods fear uses are numerous: sleep deprivation, followed by vivid nightmares; health or physical disorders; death, loss, or lack; surprising accidents... Sometimes we have a strong desire to simply disappear from everything familiar, and start our lives all over again.

Habits, both good and bad, are often the focus of our consciousness for a time when an Eclipse occurs in these two houses. Sometimes we overindulge in something, and are punished (either by ourselves, or by society). This can force a change in our habits. Often we think about starting an exercise routine, taking up a new hobby or exploring a talent we know we have, that has been on the back burner for a few years due to the responsibilities we have taken on in many areas of our lives.
We may focus on our diet, and change our eating habits, seek out a self-help group; we may experience sleep disorders of some kind. We may need medical, hospital, dental or vision services. We usually feel very isolated, as if we were on an island (or home alone)—and that no one understands us. And, at the same time, we have no real desire to reach out to the world and become involved in the mundane activities we have devoted so much of our attention to over the past years.

We may start a dream journal, take up painting, photography, drawing, music or other creative activities; we want to find a reason for life and for living. We want to create a life that contains beauty in all its many forms. At the same time, we see how sad and empty and ugly so much of life is.

The only weapons we can use to fight the fear are: recognition and faith. As long as we are unwilling to recognize we have a fear, it will eat at us from the inside. When we recognize it and face it, with the faith to know we are willing to do whatever it takes to deal with it, fear turns around and says, “This is no fun any longer. I’ll find someone else to bother.”
Planets and Angles of the Chart:  
Stress and Struggle

When Eclipses aspect planets in the houses, they emphasize the energy of the houses inhabited by the planets, and the growth and developmental processes we experience through the planets. When Eclipses aspect the angles of
our charts we feel the need to explore our relationship
to others in our lives in a different way than previously.
Here are some key words to describe the main expression
of the energies of our planets and angles. Now imagine
how the experience may manifest for you if an eclipse
aspects any of them.

SUN: Personality and ego expression/personal
growth and success.

MOON: Emotional/psychological nature,
personal and physical needs.

MERCURY: Communication and interaction with
others. Multitasking and thought processes.

VENUS: Love, relationships with others,
luck and money.

MARS: Masculine energy, action, drive,
purpose and determination.

JUPITER: Expansion, growth, idealism, belief system.

SATURN: Consolidation, structure, foundation,
reality, authority.

URANUS: Change—expect the unexpected!

NEPTUNE: Clarity, consciousness, dreams,
visions, unconscious responses.

PLUTO: Life/death, birth/rebirth, good/evil.
NORTH/SOUTH NODE: Purpose or path of your life.

MIDHEAVEN: Recognition, status, respect, career focus.

IC: Hearth and home, endings, relationship with nurturing others/family.

ASC: Personal appearance and goals, health & physical expression, how we relate to others.

DSC: Others (nearest, dearest, friends, enemies), love & war, battle & compromise.

Now that you have an idea of what to expect from the energy of an Eclipse, be creative and spend some time and thought on how best to benefit from them!
Additional Suggestions for Students of Astrology

Beginning Astrologers:

Most Ephemeris offer a *Phenomena Section Explanation* either at the beginning of the book, or at the end of it. Your Ephemeris will show the symbol used to indicate a Solar Eclipse and the symbol used to indicate a Lunar Eclipse. Usually there is an alphabet letter next to the Solar Eclipse symbol, indicating whether the eclipse is
Partial, Total or Annular, etc. Lunar Eclipses are also labeled with letters, for Annular, Partial or Total Lunar Eclipse.

See if you can find the two Solar Eclipses that will occur this year in your Ephemeris and note the zodiac sign, degree, date, and type of eclipse which will occur on both occasions. Some of the excellent calendars with astrological definitions and phenomena will list the year’s eclipses, and the time involved in the process of each eclipse. If you have one of these calendars, you can easily find the number of hours and minutes the eclipse process will take on each occasion.

You will also find one or more Lunar Eclipses during the month surrounding the Solar Eclipse day. You may want to note the signs, dates, times and degrees of these eclipses as well.

My studies lead me to believe that if a Solar Eclipse positions within 5 degrees of a conjunction or opposition to a natal planet, or aspects an angle in your chart, it will affect our lives intensely for the number of months indicated by the hours of that eclipse process. Then the energy will continue to reverberate in our life for as many years as the hours of the original eclipse.
In addition to the houses of our natal charts affected by the eclipse transit, aspects may be formed between the Eclipse and our personal planets. When aspects are formed, issues pertaining to the planet hit by the Eclipse point are brought into consciousness, however briefly, for us to deal with in whatever way we choose. If a Solar Eclipse occurs in a house, forming only square, trine, sextile or other aspects to natal planets, angles, or house cusps, the effect will linger for as many months as the hours of the Eclipse.

Locate where in your Natal Chart an eclipse is taking place. To do that, locate the signs of the Solar and Lunar eclipses you noted on cusps of the houses of your chart. Compare the degrees on the cusps of your houses with the degrees of the eclipses to determine which side of the cusps will play “host” to the eclipses this year. Check out the information in this book for possible effects of the coming Eclipse in your life. Add what you know about your chart and the planets that aspect the eclipse points for the year. Extrapolate possible specific things that may occur in your life.
Beyond Beginners

In addition to the techniques identified in the previous chapters, calculate all of the hard aspects (semi-square, square, sesquiquadrate, inconjunct, opposition and conjunction) occurring between the eclipse points and planets in your Natal Chart. Give these aspects a 3–5 degree orb, and delineate the effect of the eclipse to these
points. Consider whether an eclipse forms a conjunction with any of the angles of your chart, or with any other house cusp (give the eclipse point a 3–5 degree orb). *Note: The tighter the orb, the stronger the effect of the Eclipse on the indicator receiving the aspect.*

See if the eclipse points form aspects to any Secondary Progressed or Solar Arc Directed planets or angles. (A one or two degree orb can be considered for aspects formed to these planets and angles from eclipse points.)

A very sensitive point in your chart is associated with the Solar Eclipse sign and degree that occurred just before your birth. You may want to check your Ephemeris to find the *Prenatal Eclipse Point* indicating this sensitive area of your life, and consider the effects/influence on your life this Solar Eclipse may have had.

The Prenatal Eclipse Point is vulnerable to challenging experiences at the time of every Solar Eclipse, but especially so when a square, opposition or conjunction (up to 5 degrees of orb) occurs during a current Solar Eclipse.

We often find our personal prenatal Eclipse point involved in some significant way in the charts of important people and events in our lives. These may indicate parts of lessons we need to keep us growing and transform-
ing as we move along our life paths. Little information is available in the astrological literature on this topic, and I mention it as an interesting anomaly I have encountered in my work, and I encourage you to draw your own conclusions from your experience.

The information I have included in this booklet can be applied to many types of charts: Return Charts, Event Charts, Composite Charts, Davison and other types of relationship charts, Horary Charts, Mundane Charts, Dials and many other techniques you may use in your study of Astrology.

In addition to locating the current Eclipse in your Natal Chart, study the chart of the Eclipse itself. Have, if possible, an Eclipse Chart erected for the place where you live. Place your natal planets and angles into the Eclipse Chart and study all of the aspects being formed between Eclipse planets and your natal planets, as they occur in the Eclipse chart.

Study the houses where your natal planets fall in the Eclipse Chart to gain added insight into the variety of tools and opportunities that are going to present themselves for you to use in the future. The chart of the Eclipse shows where you can expect to express, experience or manifest the issues which will arise.
Thirdly, study the Fixed Stars, to ascertain whether an Eclipse is occurring in connection to any of them. Remember that Fixed Star energy is unchanging and eternal. If an Eclipse is in the pathway of the rays of these stars, you will feel the energy of the stars.

Our ‘forefathers’ (and ‘foremothers’), the Astrologers of old, risked their lives and the lives of the people depending on them when interpreting the energies of Eclipses. When you study them now, using all of the tools of a modern world, send a thought of appreciation to the ancients, and to all of the following generations of astrologers. Use your skill to find and support positive use of the energy of the Eclipse.
Reference Materials I Like

Three of my own favorite books, ones I use when studying the energy of Eclipses, are: *Interpreting the Eclipses* by Robert Carl Jansky; *The Power of Fixed Stars* by Joseph E. Rigor, and *An Astrological Mandala: The Cycle of Transformations and its 360 Symbolic Phases* by Dane Rudhyar. In addition to these, I recommend: *The Fortunes of Astrology* by Robert Hurzt Granite; any books you can find on the Fixed Stars. Study the Saros Cycle of Eclipses, and as many translations as you can find from the astrologers and scientists of our historical past. I also recommend visiting April Elliot–Kent’s Web Site at http://www.bigskyastrology.com and studying her work on the subject of Eclipses.

Most importantly, keep track of your own experience of the Eclipse phenomena. Make observations from the charts of friends, clients and others—and be aware of the “happenings” in your world. The best way to learn anything is to experience it, to explore the process of life, to recognize opportunities for growth and transformation as the lessons of our souls.
Solar and Lunar Eclipses, 2007 - 2016

Here is a list of the dates and Zodiacal degrees/minutes of both Solar and Lunar Eclipses for the years 2007 to 2016. Your local newspaper will list specific times in your location, or, you may find additional information about the eclipses in an astrological calendar or online.

Key:  T = Total Eclipse  
     P = Partial Eclipse  
     A = Annular Eclipse

2007
Lunar Eclipse (T)  March 3  13 Virgo 01  
Solar Eclipse (P)  March 19  28 Pisces 07
Lunar Eclipse (T)  August 28  4 Pisces 46
Solar Eclipse (P)  September 11  18 Virgo 24

2008
Solar Eclipse (A)  February 7  17 Aquarius 45
Lunar Eclipse (T)  February 21  1 Virgo 50
Solar Eclipse (T)  August 1  9 Leo 32
Lunar Eclipse (P)  August 16  24 Aquarius 17
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