

Note on Contributors

Graham Douglas graduated in chemistry and became interested in astrological research after reading Michel Gauquelin, and then meeting John Addey in 1977. An interest in anthropology and symbolism led to the work of Levi-Strauss, Mary Douglas, Marshall Sahlins and Georges Dumezil. He has published 25 articles on empirical research into astrology in the journal *Correlation*, and on the CURA website, as well as three academic studies of astrological symbolism in the journal *Semiotica* (1997-99), and the essay, 'Physics, Astrology and Semiotics' (1983), and contributed to the *Radical Astrology Papers* (1986). Recently, he has returned to statistical research on the Gauquelin database, from the perspective of classical astrology, well as offering more clues for how solar and geomagnetic influences may play a part in the Gauquelin Effect.

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