

INTRODUCTION TO THE SECOND EDITION

The Loner Girl is an Existentialist is volume two of the series *On Being*, an astrological case study in longitudinal, diary format. I am publishing the diaries of Ana Elizabeth Mizer with astrological charts and commentary to supplement her narrative, in an attempt to understand and show how astrology works in practical reality on a long-term scale. Ana's complete birth information is recorded, so tracking her transits, progressions, profections, etc., through time and in sync with her diary entries, is an excellent way to facilitate astrological research.

The first edition of this volume I published before I was ready and before I knew what I was doing and what I wanted *On Being* to be. The first edition is no longer available. It has no charts and Ana's entries are highly edited. This second edition is much better.

As I said in the introduction to volume one, I am using the software Astro Gold in the books of *On Being*. Please note that because the print version is in black and white, retrograde planets will be a lighter gray color, as they are shown in red in Astro Gold. The ebook versions of *On Being* are in color.

At the time of publishing, I am not an expert astrologer, and I am not a teacher. Rather, I am the eternal student. I am trying to ask as many questions as possible rather than stating anything definitively, because I am not sure how much of what I see is simply confirmation bias. I will leave that determination to the experts. They will see much more than I can from the charts I display. In this way *On Being* is a public, astrological research project.

My vision for this project is that Ana's birth chart and narrative provide the structural basis for a profound and intense investigation into astrology as a kind of synthesis of science and divination. How far does this metaphysical, symbolic language go? How deep into the details can one get? What are its limits, its capacity, its boundaries? If you have the birth chart and intimate, elaborate diary entries that span an entire lifetime, I think you can get pretty far.

I want *On Being* to assist in demonstrating how powerful astrology is as a tool to understand Reality. I want it to help in the restructuring of humanity's perception of Reality, because I believe a restructuring is necessary at this time.

Please, email me your questions, answers, comments, corrections. Or tag me on Instagram @jguzmanwriter. I am an eager student.

Yours,

J. Guzmán
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