

Abstract

A study "The Astrologer's Self-Identity Development and Social Relations" has these objects :

1. To study general characteristics connected with astrology in respect of motives for decision to engage in this profession and laying of rules of the organization .
2. To study training process and the astrological professional socialization technique and methods as well as attitudes toward and value of the astrological profession;
3. To study social relations between astrologers and clients, as well as other persons concerned and conditions and persuasive force leading to placing of confidence in predictions given by astrologers.

The study resulted in important findings. First, the astrology was originally a pure science that was not connected with religion or superstition. It was divided into 2 sections, i.e., a calculation section and a prediction section. Astrology in Thai society at present, however, contains many other sections. It includes also a retualism section. This has resulted from the belief of each astrologer which has been brought about by combining astrology with culture. That belief would be inserted in prediction. Secondly, creation of an image which is related to the original beliefs. These can be summed up in 3 steps as under;

1. The step of definition of the profession in advance. It is the primary belief in astrology that results in socialization and social experience is a factor that forces individuals to enter the training institution. The belief will have direct effects on the improvement of astrologer's self-identity development.
2. The step regarding training process is the learning of rules in astrology, customary practice, roles and duties. Astrologers will develop themselves until their status of astrologers are accepted among members. There is also a process of practicing of their role which is the heart of self-identity development
3. The step of serving as practitioners in the profession amounts work on the development of these practitioners into astrologers. Clients' expectations also play an important role in the development of astrologers. Lastly, clients' belief and expectations as well as their social situation in which the clients are in will have effects upon the clients' faith in predictions of astrologers and upon their views on astrology.