



Dear Abbe

Dear Readers,

Herr Abbe is on vacation this month searching for his Inner Microscopist at a ski retreat in Kitzbühel. Instead, he presents insights from his Psychic Advisor, Iris Dikroik. Please continue to send him your queries and quirks, posers and peccadilloes for when he returns via his personal assistant at jshields@cb.uga.edu.

Microscopy Astrology

Immersion Oil (Dec. 22- Jan 20) Although you appear to be a slippery individual, you have the ability to clarify situations by applying yourself to the problem. You work well with Glass Coverslips. You can be too helpful sometimes causing you to spread yourself too thin. Avoid Condenser Apertures and Water Immersion Lenses.

Nosepiece (Jan 21 – Feb 19) Always into other people's business and changing your viewpoint as the situation warrants. Many times you find that life is a carousel and you just want to get off. You can be a well rounded individual who could pursue excellence, but life's objectives get in the way. People tend to push you around. DIC Analyzers could shed some light on the problem, or cause problems, depending on your attitude. Avoid Iris Diaphragms and Condenser Apertures.

Motorized Stage (Feb 20- Mar 20) You are a supportive individual with the ability to get things moving. Unfortunately there are some that put tasks upon you that are difficult to see without help. Consequently your contributions are often overlooked or undiscovered in a timely manner. Develop relationships with Objectives and Oculars. Avoid Condenser Apertures.

Ocular (Mar 21- April 20) Possessed of great vision and imagery you can peer deep into the heart of things and, if properly corrected, can see for infinity. Expanding horizons is your forte but when paired with an eyepiece micrometer you become merely a tool. Avoid thumb prints, paper towels and Condenser Apertures. You work best when paired up with Water Immersion Lenses.

Condenser Aperture (April 21- May 21) You tend to be very narrow in your view of the world and can be a bit possessive, narrowing even more until your positive attributes are obscured. You need to open up a bit more, allow others to see you for your good qualities. Find an Iris Diaphragm to complement your personality. Avoid everyone else, including other Condenser Apertures; let's see them try to get along without you.

Iris Diaphragm (May 22 – June 21) Most of the time you are shut down so tight you would give Koehler an aneurism; but for

the right individual you can really open up and let the sun shine through. Sometimes confused with Aquarius. If you're out of alignment you'll cause problems but if properly centered can create an even illumination. Treated as a sphincter by Motorized Stages. Avoid Condenser Apertures.

Glass Coverslip (June 22 – July 23) You are a stiff individual, having a tendency to be brittle and cutting if people approach you wrong. This is just a ruse however, as it hides your inner self. Once someone gets to know you, you tend to become very transparent and emotional. You can work well with Water Immersion Lenses and Immersion Oil when the conditions are right. Lens Tissues usually rub you the wrong way and can shatter your tranquility. Motorized Stages will just push you around. Avoid Condenser Apertures.

Water Immersion Lens (July 24 – Aug 23) Always looking for the smallest things to enlarge, you tend to either magnify other's flaws or tout their talents. Although you are always ready to swing into action, sometimes your help is considered too much. Be careful what medium you choose to associate with as some will cause you to lose a clear focus. Avoid Immersion Oils, Condenser Apertures and Motorized Stages. You are most compatible with Nose Pieces and Oculars.

Fluorescence Filter (Aug 24 – Sept 23) Yours is a darkened world punctuated occasionally by brilliance and elegance. Your emotional life is filled of peaks and valleys and is not always appreciated. You have an artistic side but everyone wants you to be more analytical in your approach to life. You tend to avoid Analyzers and Diaphragms. Build relationships with Coverslips and Lenses. Avoid Condenser Apertures.

Lens Tissue (Sept 24 – Oct 23) Not to be confused with other more "course" wipes - you are of fine moral fiber and will only scratch if abused. Most compatible with Immersion Oil but known to also associate with coffee, other spilled drinks, and runny noses. You are easy to get along with to a degree, and you are a good friend. Unfortunately, you are so popular it is sometimes hard to find you which can lead some to associate with less desirable companions. Avoid Condenser Apertures.

Focus Knob (Oct 24 – Nov 22) Like Nosepieces and Oculars, you feel like you're being used. Some people believe you are too sensitive, but they just don't know you very well. Your personality tends to bring concepts and goals into sharp view and can be very helpful. You work well with others only if they see things your way. Look for someone with good hands and a keen eye for quality. Avoid Condenser Apertures.

DIC Analyzer (Nov 23 – Dec 21) You can be superficial and judgmental if provoked. However the right person can bring out an amazing amount of beauty and refreshing candor in you. Your views are sometimes polarizing, but often necessary to see the other side of an argument. Avoid Fluorescent Filters and Condenser Apertures. Iris Diaphragms are helpful and Nosepieces can help you find the right partner to bring fulfillment to your life.