
THE ARIZONA ASTROLOGER
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THIS MONTH AT THE ASA

DAVID POND

Friday: THE ASTROLOGY OF REVOLUTION
Saturday: SPIRITUAL INDICATORS IN THE BIRTH CHART

FRIDAY LECTURE

Pacific Northwest Astrologer, David Pond, will give a lecture entitled "The Astrology of Revolution" on Friday, April 19, 2002 at the monthly meeting of the Arizona Society of Astrologers. The ancient Chinese curse "May you live in interesting times," seems very appropriate for our current global situation. The Pluto/Saturn opposition of this year has precipitated upheaval in the global theater of politics. In this talk we will explore the ramifications of this transit and put it into context of other ongoing transits, particularly Uranus and Neptune in Aquarius. Collective karma, over and above personal karma, is dominant at this time, and to navigate these times it is wise to get a view of the big picture impacting all of our lives.

We are told, "Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it." With this in mind, we will explore these transits historically to see the ramifications of previous encounters with these transits. To further our inquiry we will look at the astrology of major political upheavals, wars and

revolutions throughout history to search for parallels.

To complete our discussion of the Astrology of Revolution we will explore the natal charts of famous revolutionary leaders in history. We will certainly look into the political revolutionary figures, but also explore the charts of spiritual, artistic, and scientific revolutionaries as well. The Lecture will be held at the Scottsdale Senior Center at 7374 E. 2nd Street in Scottsdale. The doors open at 7:00 PM. Admission is \$4.00 for members and \$10.00 for guests.

SATURDAY WORKSHOP

On Saturday, April 20, 2002 David Pond will conduct a 4-hour workshop entitled "Spiritual Indicators in the Birth Chart." We are in the midst of a spiritual awakening that has beckoned many to pursue the deeper meaning of their lives. As astrologers, we are often asked by our clients to help them find the right spiritual path that fits with their birth charts. After the worldly questions of career, health and relationships, the

question of connecting with the needs of the soul ranks right up there as a dominant issue in people's lives. In this workshop we will explore the astrology chart in depth as to where to direct our clients for food for the soul. That which is difficult for the ego is often the best place to look for spiritual growth. The water signs and houses, the outer planets, retrograde and intercepted planets, the quincunx and the Yod are all particularly difficult for the ego and thus provide a wealth of guidance for the spiritual seeker. We will explore these themes as to why they are difficult at the personality level, and how they can be utilized for growth of the soul for those on a spiritual path. We will also explore the charts of famous spiritual individuals to see what clues we can find in their charts that led them to the spiritual path. David will also be sharing information from his upcoming book *Western seeker, Eastern Paths* as to sources outside of astrology to direct clients in their spiritual quest. We will cover some of the practices and beliefs from Buddhism, Taoism, Hinduism and Tantra that can be helpful for clients during difficult outer planet transits. The Workshop will be held at the Scottsdale Senior Center at 7374 E. 2nd Street in Scottsdale. The doors open at Noon. Admission is \$10.00 for members and \$15.00 for guests.

ABOUT DAVID POND

David has a BA in Education and a Master of Science degree in "Experimental Metaphysics" from Central Washington University. He is a national speaker and has been a professional astrologer since 1976. His books *The Astrology of Relationships*, *Chakras for Beginners*, and the *Metaphysical Handbook* are known for taking complex ideas and making them accessible. He has completed his next book, *Western Seeker Eastern Paths*,

and it will be released by Llewellyn later this year. David also maintains a rich family life and maintains a lifelong practice of yoga and meditation. His website is www.ReflectingPond.com

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BOOK REVIEWS

By Bonnie Wilson

Predicting Events with Astrology: by Celeste Teal

This book by Celeste is almost encyclopedic with the ground it covers. She touches upon Health and Wellness as well as Money and Success, using the chart of a \$50,000 Lottery winner. Of course no encyclopedia is complete without finding love and marriage, accidents and misfortune, death and bereavement. Celeste uses the solar chart of Susan Smith and the natal chart of Michael Smith. Michael, along with his brother Alex was drowned when their mother Susan Smith drove to a boat ramp in South Carolina and watched as her car slipped under the water with the two young boys inside.

Celeste covers the riots at Tent City,' an alternative prison in Phoenix, AZ. Originated by the controversial sheriff Joe Arpaio. She does most of her work

using progressed planets to the natal chart, but she also covers her techniques using solar and lunar returns and converse progressions. She includes the data of Eclipses and the lunar nodes from 1900- 2050.

There is so much information in this book; you will want to refer to it again and again.

Charting Your Career by Stephanie Jean Clement, Ph.D.

Stephanie has studied the philosophers and has a little different slant in her writing and interpretations. To paraphrase she believes we come into this lifetime with a greater part of our character in place. The happy soul is the one who finds their calling.

She uses chart examples with geocentric planet placements as well as heliocentric. This book covers elements, planets in the signs they rule as well as detriment, exaltation, and fall. She covers all of the aspects and houses and planets in houses. She takes us through transits to all of our planets and houses. She covers all of the elements, an abundance or lack, as well as solar arc directions, transits and progressions to the Mid heaven.

With your chart in hand as you read this book, you will get much “self awareness” and hopefully find the career that will put your life on track and make you happy that you found your life purpose and you can smile while you work. Free chart offer inside.

Bonnie Wilson is our May, 2002 speaker.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Readers, Thank you Philip, for a wonderful two-day presentation in March. You never disappoint us.

What do our members think about switching our monthly meeting place? We are currently booked at the Scottsdale Senior Center through June 2002. It would certainly be smoother sailing if we had an equal turn out at the Saturday afternoon Lecture as at the Friday evening Lecture. Actually the majority of our expenses for rent and Speaker fees occur for the Saturday program.

Would you like to see the entire Friday evening devoted to the Guest Speaker presentation with our Education segment during the first hour on Saturday? Our Speakers would appreciate that change. Almost every one of our Speakers mention they do not have enough time on Friday evening and additionally that they are too taxed with the length on Saturday.

FYI our rent at the Senior Center runs from 6:30 to 9:30 on Friday and from 11:30 to 4:30 on Saturday. We are grand fathered in on the time frames and rates. We cannot change those hours without increasing our rent beyond what we are able to budget.

My e-mail address is kaetowne@juno.com or share with any board member at our April meetings.

Many of you would like tables set up for the lectures and most of us on the board

are not physically fit enough for that chore. We would welcome volunteers to set up and take down the tables and chairs. Good exercise for the able bodied.

Would the Members like to bring a brown bag lunch or fast food takeout on Saturday at or after 11:30 AM and socialize prior to the meeting? We just must not neglect to clean up after ourselves and we must be sure to sign in at the gate and pay the treasurer for our admission. This could be a great way to get to know one another and form lasting friendships if we can manage to do it in an orderly fashion.

We are going to do our best to have liquid refreshments ready upon your arrival both Friday evening and Saturday. Refreshments will be kept very simple. Your welcome to bring your own bottled water of course. We are each responsible for leaving the meeting rooms clean and the chairs placed back around the perimeter of the rooms.

Do you love to share through the written word? We are in need of a Scribe. Penny Wilier has resigned after doing a wonderful job for us in these past months. Your talents would be most appreciated. The Scribe's duty is to write up the guest speaker's presentations and e-mail to our newsletter editor for publication in our monthly newsletter. You're welcome to tape the presentations so that you might refresh your memory when doing the write up. I am happy to provide a tape recorder, if need be, at the meetings. As Scribe, your admission into both monthly meetings is waived.

In a few weeks we will be appointing one of our Members in good standing to oversee the upcoming Nominations and Election for the 2002-2003 Board of Directors.

Be sure to check out our web site, azastrologers.org and tell all your friends to check it out too!

See you April 19 and 20! Bring a friend or two. Your 2001-2002 President
Kathe Smith

DID YOU KNOW?

Uranus is the 7th planet from the Sun. It is the third largest planet of the gas giants, although less than half the diameter of Saturn. One feature, which puts the planet in a class of its own is the tilt of its rotational axis at 98 degrees to its orbital plane. Uranus has 5 main satellites orbiting in the plane of its equator. The largest is Oberon with a diameter of 1,630 km, Titania (1,600 km), Ariel (1,330 km), Umbriel (1,110 km) and Miranda, a mere few hundred km across.

Like Saturn, Uranus possesses a ring system. They have a completely different appearance however, being black as coal and are considerably thinner than Saturn's rings. Minor moons have been discovered on either side of the outermost rings and perform a shepherding action similar to that seen in the Saturnian Ring System.

Due to its great distance from the sun, and the fact that it has very little internal heating, the planet's temperature is so low that methane condenses above the clouds.

There is a considerable magnetic field around the planet which is offset from the centre, and is inclined at 60 degrees to the rotational axis. This magnetic field extends far out into space and envelopes all the Uranian satellites.

Little was known about Uranus until its encounter with Voyager 2 in 1986. Voyager was able to return to earth highly detailed images of each of the major satellites, and also revealed the presence of 10 more which were previously unknown.

www.harmsy.freeuk.com/urans.html

From March 26 to April 17, 2002 Uranus is at 27 degrees of Aquarius. According to Philip Sedgwick, Uranus is crossing over the black hole Cygnus X-3 which is located at 27 degrees of Aquarius. Uranus will again be at the location of this black hole July 20 to August 15, 2002 and again on January 16, to February 3, 2003. This phenomenon brings energy to Earth that is dynamic, shocking, accelerating, catalytic and provocative.

OUR CONDOLENCES

Go out to Ann Vick who lost her son in March. We all express our sympathies.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

www.azastrologers.org

Thank you, Penny Willer, for your contributions to the Newsletter as Scribe. Penny's write-ups for the lectures and workshops have been very professional and easy to read. Here is her write-up for February 2002.

Notes from the February 2002 Presentations of Susan Miller

On Friday night, 2/15/2002, we were treated to a short interview between Ken Hopkins and Susan Miller, serving as both the educational portion of the evening and an introduction to our guest speaker. When Ken asked Susan about herself, she told us that her mother had been an astrologer, but had not encouraged her to follow in her footsteps. Her mom had the opinion that to understand astrology well, one must commit to many years of study before attempting to do any interpretations. Susan's interest arose because her mom predicted that Susan's horrible illness would end when her progressed Mercury went direct at about age 14. The story was more elaborate than there is room to recount here; however, her health issues continued to stimulate Susan's interest in astrology so that she studied in secret for a long time.

The topic for the Friday night talk was Eclipses. Susan described them as super new and full moons, being like opera, very dramatic, so that you can feel them. She said that the events of 9/11 were completely drawn from eclipses. Themes repeat at 10 and 19-year intervals. In 1991, we were involved in Desert Storm. Eclipses string together like pearls on a necklace. The purpose of eclipses is to cleanse, to throw out from underneath, like a geyser. Last year's eclipses on 6/21/2001 at 0 degrees Cancer and 7/5/2001 at 13 degrees Capricorn (day after the US birthday) were "Big Mamas" according to Susan. Zero Cardinal is symbolic of life force and very powerful, and the middle of any sign is strong and pure. If an eclipse occurs on or close to your birthday, the following year will be a different experience. George W. Bush's birthday is 7/6, and the

eclipse was at the midpoint between his and the US birthday. Susan wondered if any intelligence was picking up something in July. If nothing happens on your birthday, then wait for a trigger planet, Mars or Saturn, to transit in hard aspect to the eclipse. Susan had told her readers of her columns to watch 9/8 \pm 3 days in their lives. Mars is represented by digging around, firemen, or inspectors. We were destined to get hit, to find out what is going on under the surface. The next full moon was in the tenth house in Aries with a Gemini Ascendant. After the hit, we rallied our allies. Around all full moons, allow \pm 4 days for action to occur. Only watch the outer planets. Do not initiate anything on an eclipse. It is okay to respond to others. Even a regular full moon is there to clean something out. Take eclipses seriously. They always indicate a change of status. The job of an eclipse is to deliver truth, like a volcano. It provides whatever you need. You may make a decision sooner than you wanted to. They involve Life events that are hugely important, like a new job, a wedding, or a death. Solar eclipses are ruled by Leo, and lunar eclipses are ruled by Cancer. These signs feel the eclipses more than others. Eclipses show you that you can do more than you thought. They can give great, out-of-nowhere opportunities. Whacko things occur on eclipses or trigger dates later. They show strengths you did not know you had. If there is an eclipse of the Sun, it may involve a man, father, brother, son, etc. If there is an eclipse of the moon, it may involve a woman, mother, sister, daughter, etc. How do you know whether an eclipse will be strong or gentle? Its intensity will be shown in the Ephemeris or on some calendars. Examine its tightest aspects two weeks before to two weeks after the eclipse to see what

conversations are occurring. Eclipses involving fixed squares are brutal and mean. Those of mutable signs allow room for negotiation. Eclipses are like birth pangs or a kick in the pants when people get too comfortable. Princess Diana married, had first baby, and died on eclipses. Susan encourages us to take notes about how eclipses effect the charts of people we know. The orb of influence is +/- 10 degrees, but usually only 5 degrees. If the Sun or Moon are hit, it may effect the person's health. The ruling planet of the eclipse gives its characteristics, not the constellation. For eclipses ruled by Jupiter, issues are financial, moral, legal, favor from higher levels, or travel. Think of planets as little people at a cocktail party. Get a picture or movie of an eclipse. The current full moon is troublesome; however, Jupiter trine the Sun is a mitigating influence. In doing astrological interpretations, whenever you take people "into the briar patch," always show them how to get out by giving an answer or solution. Susan feels that the progressed Sun and Moon are the most important. She cautions us not to overload. She uses only the Ptolemaic aspects. Her motto is "Save the sweetest energy for the greatest good." One of this summer's eclipses will conjunct Saturn. Susan interprets this as a big commitment combination. In general, Susan reminded us that the Moon only reflects light. New moons are for beginnings, and full moons are for endings.

Susan teaches astrology under the life, improvement category at www.barnesandnobleuniversity.com She also has an E-book called [A Year Ahead 2002](#).

Susan Miller's Saturday workshop was taken mostly from her book, [Planets and Possibilities](#). She began

by discussing the zodiac wheel, with the first six signs describing Inner development and the latter six signs outlining activities in the social world. She said that each sign makes up for the previous one.

Aries people need to be self-absorbed. They have to imprint their will on the landscape. This life stage is the baby.

Taurus people use terms like "want it, have it, mine." They are the most sensuous sign and are symbolized by the toddler life stage.

Gemini people ask "Why?" "When are we going to get there?" The twin relationship precedes the mother-child relationship.

In the sign of Cancer, the child meets mom and the family unit.

In the sign of Leo, the child meets the father. He goes to kindergarten and gets creative.

The Virgo stage represents real school, daily habits, pets, and responsibility.

Libra represents partners. Scorpio takes the money of Taurus and finds ways to make it live.

Sagittarius and the ninth house is where you have to reach out to make the next step. It is the traveler coming to a community, the wise person bringing news. Publishing is a natural expression of this sign.

Capricorn and the tenth house give back to society. The little goat with the tail of a fish climbs to the top of the mountain to teach others about creation.

Aquarians are becoming so wise that they are their brothers' keepers.

Pisces have trouble figuring out where they begin and others leave off. Jung refers to the sea of creation.

Susan began discussing various myths which she feels characterize the signs and their rulers.

Aries must get out his creative ideas or get a headache (birth of Athena from Zeus' head). Jason and the Argonauts show the Aries qualities of aggressiveness and fearlessness. Mars originally had a role as protector of the land in agriculture. Later he became the chief warrior.

Taurus is described by Midas with the golden touch. Also, the story of King Minos and the Minotaur shows how Tauruses can be torch bearers for significant others. This story also points out that Tauruses are often not fully appreciated by the beneficiaries of their assistance.

Mercury (in Gemini) schemes and charms his way into his father's graces by stealing Apollo's cattle, making the cows walk backward, and shape shifting to trick a farmer.

The story of Oedipus shows how Cancer is tied to generational patterns and karma in an unconscious manner.

Leo stories include Hercules in combat with a Lion with special impenetrable skin. Icarus flying too close to the Sun warns of the hazards of too much will.

Virgo symbolism is the harvest which needs to be sorted. This also includes the healing qualities of Mercury in that the mind can go wherever it wants to go. Mercury was the only god not confined to a specific place.

Venus in Libra is illustrated by the Judgment of Paris where all the gods and

goddesses were at a wedding when a golden apple was thrown down to be given to the most beautiful. Hera promised Paris the world. Athena offered power. Aphrodite gave herself.

Libra is also illustrated by the story of Cupid and Psyche, the moral of which is that after romantic disillusionment, a relationship can be revived and sustained by disciplined effort.

Scorpio is obviously connected to the story of Persephone and Hades. The water signs are good at dealing with ambiguity.

Sagittarius is connected to the story of Chiron sacrificing his immortality in order to release Prometheus.

Saturn, ruler of Capricorn, was an agricultural god. The sickle yielded a horn of plenty. There are themes of material abundance and karma.
"As you sow, so shall you reap."

Ganymede is one representation of Aquarius.

Neptune, ruling Pisces, is the god of the sea, arts, music, inspiration, and compassion.

Uranus, as the higher octave of Mercury, synthesizes ideas. Neptune, as the higher octave of Venus, brings love to a spiritual level. Pluto, as the higher octave of Mars, focuses energy inward for transformation.

Regarding the Pluto/Saturn opposition, Pluto is the planet of passion; Saturn is the bean counter. The slower moving one wins. Along the way there is compromise and cooperation. Susan said that it does not have to be bad. It can make us more realistic.

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Non-Members \$10

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