

THE ARIZONA ASTROLOGER
The Newsletter of the Arizona Society of Astrologers

THIS MONTH AT THE ASA

PHILIP SEDGWICK

Friday: SEEING AROUND THE BEND - A GALACTIC VIEW OF 9/11

Saturday: BUSINESS ASTROLOGY

FRIDAY LECTURE

Scottsdale Astrologer, Philip Sedgwick, will give a lecture entitled "Seeing Around the Bend" on Friday, March 15, 2002 at the monthly meeting of the Arizona Society of Astrologers. Presenting a "Galactic" perspective on current events, Philip will discuss the opposition of Saturn and Pluto aligning with one of the most powerful galactic points known as the "Great Attractor" at the degree of 14 Sagittarius 02. Find out how this body helps us see beyond our immediate circumstances. Follow a retrospective view to date of how the events leading to 9/11 might have been seen. Best yet, what can we do about it all now? 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, March 16, 2002 Philip Sedgwick will conduct a 4-hour workshop on Business Astrology. This

workshop focuses upon the nature of using astrological consulting for the business environment. He will discuss the business chart, solicitation of clients, disclaimers and releases, timing techniques, solutions to problems, advertising, relocation, personnel hiring and preventative maintenance. Case histories from mergers, successes, failures and explosive success stories are covered. This topic covers the basics of what an astrologer needs to do and know to effectively and competently work in the business sector with companies ranging from sole proprietorships to Fortune 100 conglomerates. 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 PHILIP SEDGWICK

A Scorpio, Philip Sedgwick began his study of Astrology in 1969 while serving in the US Navy. Since that time Astrology has become the main focus of his life. He has been consulting professionally since 1975.

established his career as a full time astrologer in 1981. Presently Philip writes a weekly column for the *Science Fiction Channel* online entitled *Space Scopes*. He also writes regularly for www.StarIQ.com as a writer of articles, transit reports and the now popular, "Spirit Report".

Mr. Sedgwick has lectured internationally, and has conducted classes at several United Astrology Congresses and American Federation of Astrologers conventions. He has also presented lectures for the American Institute of Astrology, International Society of Astrological Research and the National Council of Geocosmic Research. His expertise extends beyond Astrology into metaphysics and parapsychology. Philip's latest research passion involves the investigation of the unusual Centaur and Trans-Neptunian objects found invading our Solar System from the depths of space.

LECTURE/WORKSHOP NOTICES

Phoenix Astrologer, Philip Comi, has offered to e-mail notices of our monthly lecture and workshop to those who are interested. Please contact him at starspj@aol.com to place your name on his e-mail list. Please do not send any links or pictures.

MONTHLY INGRESSES

Mars enters Taurus on March 1, 2002 at 8:05 AM MST. Venus enters Aries on March 7, 2002 at 6:42 PM MST. Mercury enters Pisces on March 11, 2002 at 4:34 PM MST. Sun enters Aries on March 20, 2002 at 12:16 PM MST.

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Astrologers

We are blessed with a wonderful line up of Speakers for the year. Judy Collins was fantastic in January with her annual forecast just as we expected.

Susan Miller was ever so sweet and upbeat in February. How refreshing to hear such a positive take on the "Planets and Possibilities". Susan's book by that title is available in most bookstores, or can be ordered over most Internet Book Stores at a discount.

This month we will welcome back Philip Sedgwick on a subject that I believe will be a first for us, Business Astrology. How great it will be have the know how first hand that an Astrologer uses to advise big business. With the knowledge gleaned perhaps your clientele will benefit which will of course be a benefit to you:

Whether you use what you learn at ASA for personal understanding or in helping others, I am sure this year's line up of Speakers will give you greater insight. Looking forward to seeing everyone at this month's meetings. Bring a friend.

Your 2001-2002 Pres Kathe Smith

IS ASTROLOGY PRACTICAL?

By Jan Spiller

It is not necessary to have a belief in astrology in order for it to be of value to you. Astrology, if explored from a psychological or scientific level, has nothing to do with belief. It's practical. It has to do with gaining knowledge and doing experiments. Are the psychological profiles offered by astrology useful tools of self-knowledge for you? Are the

timing predictions astrology can make (when based on your full birth chart) helpful in using your time more effectively?

In evaluating the truth of the material presented, it is important to listen to your own inner knowing and past experiences. Regardless of what others may think, only you know the nature of your own internal battles.

Compassion Through Knowledge

When astrology is approached from a level of true open-minded understanding, it leads directly to unconditional love. When you fully understand a person's inner mechanics and where their "glitches" are, how can you be angry with them? We are all doing the best we can with the light we have and seeking to overcome our imperfections. Why? Because it's practical. The glitches 'get in the way of getting what we want. We are all in this together.

Sun sign astrology, such as the horoscopes covered in daily newspapers and magazines, are predictions that take into account only the sign position of the Sun. Full natal astrology takes into account the sign positions of planets (the Sun and Moon are considered planets in this context, as the galaxy is seen from the point of view of its effect on the earth), the axis that was active when the individual was born, and several other points: the Nodes, Eclipses and so on. In fact, each of is entirely unique; a birth chart is not duplicated for 25,000 years because all the planets are traveling at different speeds around the Sun.

In the moment you took your first breath, all of humankind -all the people alive at that time ^{passed} through that moment with you. Everyone did the best they could to make the moment joyful for themselves, but then the next moment came along and humankind had to handle it -and the next moment and the next, on into the current moment. But the moment when you were born was stamped on the cellular level of your very being, and it remains a part of you.

With that connection, you took charge of purifying that moment for everyone else on the planet, and you alone have the power to perfect the moment of your own birth. It's as though you took that sliver of time, slowed it down, and stretched it out to last an entire incarnation. And as you begin to work with that moment, taking parts of your "wiring" that are not working too well and adjusting them - ^{thus} creating happiness, laughter, and joy in your own life - the positive energy of these changes affects everyone else. Through your own personal life you are essentially altering a moment that occurred in the past and when you change the past, it changes the present for everyone. I've heard many spiritual teachers say that the best we can do for others is to work on ourselves. We are all interconnected on the deepest level - We're One.

Internal Wiring

The astrology chart itself is actually a schematic: a graph that shows people's "inner wiring". The wiring in each of us is different. It's not "good" or "bad", it's just wired the way it's wired. Your birth chart provides a picture of the inner

wiring you were born with, but what you do with that wiring is up to you.

When you can objectively see the patterns of your own behavior, you can make adjustments for more efficient results and better performance. When any miswiring is corrected, the result is a more smoothly operating life (first internally, and then externally). By having a clear picture of your inner wiring, you can become aware of the built-in "glitches" and you can choose not to continue behaviors that are not working for you.

For example, if a person knew objectively (from seeing the graph of their birth chart) that they had a tendency to assume they already know the answers to everything, and thus become impatient and display a self-righteous attitude that isolates them from others (as would be the case if they had the North Node in Gemini or in the 3rd House), knowing about this tendency would allow him or her to consciously take more time to respectfully receive the factual input of others before venturing his or her own opinion. That single adjustment would make a major difference in the person's social interactions.

We all have the tendencies that lead to inappropriate behavior and feelings of isolation and unhappiness. The trick is to discover our own glitches and empower ourselves to avoid them. With this objective knowledge, we are no longer operating in the dark, not understanding why life keeps giving us feedback that makes us unhappy. Life is too short to walk around blindfolded.

You are not just the sum total of your chart. The chart is a picture of your personality structure, but you are the factor that lies behind the chart and have the power to use the personality (the energies depicted in your birth chart) in any manner you choose. Whether you allow the personality to operate unconsciously, or you take charge and purify the energy so that life flows to your advantage, is up to you.

JUDY COLLINS' LECTURE NOTES

At the Saturday workshop on January 19, 2002 Judy Collins presented material on Karmic Astrology. Following is her notes on Retrogrades. (Note this material is copy written and is not to be reprinted without Judy Collins' permission.)

RETROGRADE PLANETS

What They Show About Past Lives By Judy Collins

What does a natal retrograde planet say about our past life? What is its interpretation for the house it occupies? What does it say about the house it rules in our chart? When we first started to study astrology, we were taught or we read a planet retrograde in our chart was "different" in some way rather than one being direct. There are various delineations given to these planets, depending on the teacher or author. Some people feel that the planet works on a more subconscious level than a direct planet. Others give the planet such a maligned interpretation that it makes individuals feel inferior in some way. Retrogrades are probably the most confusing aspects in astrology. In this lesson, we will explore some of those concepts and uncover meanings with regard to past lives. Retrogrades are a wonderful guide to discovering more past life information. It will show us how we are more in tune with the Universe.

What is a retrograde planet? When a planet is on the other side of the Sun away from Earth, the planet is said to be retrograde and moving backward. The backward motion of a planet is only relative to the position of earth. In reality, the planet has not or never will move backward. For that very reason, I believe, a retrograde planet has been miscast in astrology. Individuals who study astrology always talk down about their retrograde planets. They treat them as some "step-child" in their chart. Only through viewing the retrograde planets in a new light, can we work with them in our chart on a different level. This lesson is designed to help you better understand how that can be done.

The sign and house position and aspects of a planet retrograde would add more to the interpretation. But if you just only focus on the planet's energy, retrograde planets point to the areas of concern. The karma expressed in a retrograde planet is energy we are familiar with from our past life.

Since the Sun and Moon are never retrograde in a chart, the first planet that we will consider is Mercury.

MERCURY — A retrograde Mercury at birth denotes a person who has come into this incarnation with a “knowing” of some sort. It may be viewed as a gift of insight into any subject. They need to use their intuition in life and go with their “gut instincts”. Often they are labeled as slow thinkers or someone who cannot retrieve information quickly but they basically take in knowledge and disseminate it differently. They have had experiences in their past life that are more helpful for them than to a person with a direct Mercury at birth. Karmically they have brought over in this life the instinct to “know” how to respond in the best manner for them. What they do learn in this life, in the form of new communication or learning skills, will be carried over into the next life. Then if Mercury is direct natally in that life, they will be able to express it in the usual accepted manner. The house occupied by Mercury shows the area where you had this prior knowledge and your choice of environment where you wish to play it out in this life.

VENUS — A retrograde Venus gives the person the ability to be more subjective in their desires, who and how they love and concerns for financial freedom. The’ past life conditioned them in these areas to accept a different approach than others. Who and what they attract in their lives will suit them perfectly. A Venus retrograde only asks to “do their own thing” and to have no judgment placed on them. When society does place rules in the area of Venus, the person can feel like an outcast. Their karma in this life is to find freedom of their choices as to who and how they love and how they meet their financial needs.

MARS — A retrograde Mars will always take a different course of action in life. Past life karma has afforded them the instinct to get through this life in a different manner than individuals who have a direct Mars. The person is not as direct in their actions as other people. They would rather take the indirect approach to life and exert their drive and ambition from behind the scenes. They have the past life experiences to draw from for guidance. They have the ability to know the proper course of their actions. When life presents them opportunities for taking a new direction, they will succeed if left to their own instincts. They are the individuals who cannot be pushed into making fast decisions. Mars is the planet where we can express those things in life that is most important to us and it is the area we want to direct our energy. A retrograde Mars knows how they are to perform in this world and their choice of area of life.

JUPITER — A retrograde Jupiter can cause the individual to turn inward with their expression of life. Rather than outwardly express great joy and a celebration of life, the person seems to be so stoic and serious in their approach. There may be a conflict over religion or spiritual beliefs with them and those around them. With Jupiter being retrograde they may seem to take life more serious, but the individual can face life with assurance of not overdoing. The person may have a comfortable presence of confidence without seeming to be arrogant. In their past life, the individual has learned the lesson of when to “go for it” and when to “lay in wait”. The placement of Jupiter and where it rules is the area of an inwardly optimistic individual.

SATURN — A retrograde Saturn makes the individual seek a different kind of responsibility and purpose in life. The person may be challenged by either the father or other authority figures to take more responsibility for their actions. Through the past life experiences, they answer their critics with a slow persistence of reaching their goals in life. Where the planet is by house and where it rules shows the area where they will have to strive hard for success. A retrograde Saturn builds the character to accept small gains in the long process of success. Security issues need to be addressed in their present life and only when the ego does not interfere, does the individual feel a sense of peace. Saturn's sign in the chart is where the person needs to address the demands and responsibilities of life.

URANUS — A retrograde Uranus gives the individual the feeling of having more control over their life. Past life experiences have readied them for the unexpected. In doing this, they feel they can handle those things out of their control. They may appear more orthodox to those around them than individuals with a direct Uranus in their chart. The house of Aquarius and where Uranus falls in the chart marks the areas of insight into spiritual laws of the Universe. In their past life, they were rebels and paid a heavy price for that. Now they choose not to be so rebellious and work within the rules of society. They are individuals who can make old things new for the world. An example would be taking a branch of study and making it usable for the masses. Having a retrograde Uranus in the chart can make the person inventive. They also may have the ability to develop principles of knowledge easier than others who may have a direct Uranus. This is because they perceive those things through their higher mind.

NEPTUNE — A retrograde Neptune gives the person a need to serve. They are the spiritual warriors of the Universe. Through sacrifice in this life, the person feels loved and useful. They need to be needed. They are ready in this life to pay the price for love and devotion. They can be extremely serving and postulant individuals. They learned this expression of service well in their last lifetime. The sign of Pisces and where Neptune is by house marks the areas in this lifetime that need to be addressed. They can call upon the mystic side of the Universe for guidance in their life, but the ease of it can make the person an addict to seeking help in this way.

PLUTO — A retrograde Pluto brings in more souls than any other retrograde planet because it is farthest from the Sun, and the duration is the longest. These are souls who have come as a group to change the world. They were active in this pursuit in their last life and want a chance to complete it now. The house of Scorpio and where Pluto points to the places where the person has an advantage over others, because they have control over the direction of this intense energy. They do have the tendency to manipulate in very covert ways, but without the desire to be in charge. They only want to be part of the changes made in the world by their generation.

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