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Dr. Mitchell Gibson

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**This month's speaker:
Dr. Mitchell Gibson**

Dr. Mitchell Gibson is a research member of the American Federation of Astrologers and is a contributing author to American Astrology magazine and Today's Astrologer. He is the author of the ground-breaking book, *Signs of Mental Illness*, which is now published in three languages. Dr. Gibson has also completed two software packages based on his work in astrology. They are entitled "Signs: The Inner Sky," and "Signs: The Spiritual Sky." He has recently completed his second book, *Signs of Psychic and Spiritual Ability*,

available through Modern Astrology Publishing. Dr. Gibson is a board-certified forensic psychiatrist, writer, speaker, and spiritual teacher. He received his medical degree at the age of 25 from the University of North Carolina and served his residency at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia. Dr. Gibson is a former Chief of Staff at the E.V. Camelback Hospital in Mesa and is currently a Clinical Professor of Medicine and Psychiatry. He been listed among the Top Doctors in Arizona by Phoenix Magazine on several occasions. Dr. Gibson currently in private practice in Tempe, Arizona.

Dr. Gibson's Symposia Schedule:

Friday, May 16 -- 7:30-9:30 pm Senior Citizens Center in Scottsdale.

Saturday, May 17 -- 8:30-11:30 am at NorthStar and 12:30-4:30 pm at the Senior Citizens Center in Scottsdale

Sunday, May 18 -- 9 am-4 pm at NorthStar

Scottsdale Senior Center is at 7375 East 2nd Street, Scottsdale, AZ

NorthStar College is at 8370 East Via De Ventura (Village at Hayden), Building K200, Scottsdale

Lynda Hill Unable to Travel

The Arizona astrological community was primed to hear Australian Lynda Hill for the first joint presentation of ASA and NorthStar College. However, she had to cancel for various reasons, including the SARS virus. Her scheduled stops at Tucson and NORWAC in Seattle were affected. Lynda apologizes to her fans, as she was looking forward to seeing everyone. She still plans to attend ISAR in October.

President's Letter

Please excuse the last-minute change on newsletter format. Brenda Black has been doing a great job churning out each edition for the last two years or so and then experienced a computer crash, so I hurriedly whipped this month's issue up and here we are. Brenda has informed the ASA Board of Directors that she will officially end her editorship when her term as secretary is completed this August. That means the ASA is looking for a newsletter editor. If you have any talent and/or desires in this area, please let one of the board members know.

Another area the ASA Board will be addressing is ways to maximize revenue and keep expenses in check. One possibility is to send the newsletter by email to all members so equipped. With postage and duplicating costs continuing to increase, this could save the ASA several hundred dollars per year.

NorthStar College is preparing an offer to the ASA for leasing meeting space that the Board will look at in the near future. This lease would be slightly less than we

are now paying for more hours of space usage. We also would not have to juggle November dates, which aren't always available at the Senior Center.

The Board will explore other revenue-generating ideas as well. The Board will inform the membership in advance of any changes, and membership input is always appreciated.

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Bonnie Wilson Friday Lecture – April 18, 2003

The Nodes: Where We Have Been and Where We Are Going.

Instead of going through a cookbook version of what the nodes mean in each sign and house, Bonnie talked about the meaning of the nodes according to various traditions and astrologers.

In Hindu astrology, both the north and south nodes are both hard to live with and very malefic. They are enemies of the Sun and Moon. Whenever we have an eclipse, the nodes are within 12 degrees of the Sun (solar eclipse) or the Moon (lunar eclipse). Hindus see them as trying to eat the Sun or Moon.

Buz Myers emphasized the importance of the prenatal eclipse. Every 19 years, that eclipse shows up again, marking a turning point in your life. In a separate cycle, every 18.6 years, the north node returns its natal spot. This nodal return is subtle; when the first one occurs, you may only notice a stirring of what you want to do or be. Then, you forget it and go back to normal life. Around ages 35-27, it happens again. Sometimes, this nodal return brings us a strong conviction of what we're here for.

Buz also said that the nodes are family-related. If the south node is conjunct Saturn, there's a past-life connection with the father. Like Saturn Retrograde, this is often found if the father is absent or unavailable. The south node represents unfinished business.

According to the Hindus, the 10th house is the house of fate and destiny. It is

ruled by Saturn, the Lord of Karma. If the south node is in the 10th, the life is very fated. Bonnie has noted that sometimes people with south node in the 6th are natural healers.

Bruno and Louise Huber, in their *book Moon-Node Astrology*, state the north node is our lodestar. If your north node is on the western side of your chart, you have to interact with other people to achieve it. Is your north node in the same element as your Ascendant? Then it will be easier to achieve your goals. Is it in an incompatible element? There will be struggles. The Hubers also believe that the house of your north node is all that matters; the sign is unimportant. Bonnie recommends their book above all others on the Moon's nodes.

Martin Schulman, in *The Moon 's Nodes: Reincarnation and Karmic Astrology*, tells us that this life is just a chapter in the book of our soul's life. Alexander Ruperti tells us not to judge our south node in a negative fashion. The south node is a habit pattern, and habits are hard to break. Jan Spiller has written extensively about the nodes in *Astrology for the Soul*. Although this is a cookbook, it is a good one that reflects the many years she spent working on it.

Many books say that we should strive toward the north node and away from the south node. But, says Bonnie, both our nodes are us. We cannot just ignore our south node. It represents a habit pattern, one we always fall back on, and this is why it is "bad." It is an area where we are not very conscious.

There can be up to 2½ degrees of difference between the true and mean

nodes. Bonnie uses the true nodes. She also uses transits to nodes, aspects to nodes, and transiting nodes in her astrology work. The transiting north node spends about 1½ years in each sign. When the north node conjuncts a planet, pay close attention—it brings out the energies of the planet.

At the time of the lecture, the true north node was in 29 degrees of Taurus. Though this is associated with the “weeping sisters” fixed star, it also gives you second sight and great insight. Since the nodes travel backwards, we have all of Taurus to go through.

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.” When we really hook into our north node, we are beginning that journey.

Bonnie Wilson Saturday Presentation **– April 19, 2003**

William Lilly and Evangeline Adams: Two Great Astrologers

William Lilly

William Lilly is the undisputed master of horary astrology. His magnum opus, *Christian Astrology*, is the definitive book on the subject in English. Born in 1602 in Leicestershire, England, Lilly wanted to study medicine but had to leave the university at the age of 17, when his father was thrown into debtor’s prison. Lilly walked to London, arriving on Palm Sunday, and found employment with Gilbert Wright, a salt merchant. Two years later, when Wright’s wife was dying of cancer, Lilly helped nurse her. She died in 1625. Wright remarried but died in 1627. Six months later, Lilly

married the widow and became a freeman of the Salter’s Company.

In 1633, Lilly’s wife died, leaving him a legacy of nearly 1,000 pounds, which he used to buy real estate. Meanwhile he had begun studying occultism and astrology, and in 1641, “seeing there was money to be made,” set up as a professional astrologer. In 1647, he published *Christian Astrology*, and in 1666, he predicted the Great Fire of London, which prompted the city authorities to throw him into prison under suspicion of having caused the fire. His well-connected friends, knowing how good an astrologer Lilly was, obtained his release. He died in 1681 a wealthy man, happily married to his third wife.

William Lilly was one of the best astrologers of the 17th century. He was also a man who followed his dream, however long delayed. Once he became rich and successful, he completed his medical studies and ministered to the poor. He didn’t always charge for doctoring, but he always charged for his astrological services—a practice Bonnie says we all should follow.

Evangeline Adams

Like William Lilly, Evangeline Adams achieved fame and fortune through her practice of astrology. She became the best-known astrologer of her day and did a great deal to make astrology respectable.

Although it is not widely known, she used William Lilly’s ideas in her astrology. Since people in his day generally knew their birth date but not

the time, he would erect a chart for when they came through his door and put their planets around that chart. Being a gifted astrologer, he could read their question, and the answer, from that chart.

Evangeline Adams used a similar technique when she predicted the destruction of the Windsor Hotel—her first big “case” and the one which established her astrological credentials.

Evangeline Adams’ birth data is verified as Feb. 8, 1868, at 8:30 am in Jersey City, New Jersey, making her an Aquarian with Pisces rising. She was born into the upper class, but when she was 15 months old, her father died, having lost most of his money. There was just enough to educate the boys in the family. Adams was not healthy as a young woman; and between illnesses and accidents she saw a great deal of her doctor, J. Heber Smith, who was also an astrologer. He became her mentor. Once she reached adulthood, she went to work as a secretary in a flour mill in order to support her mother. When her mother died, Adams did the unthinkable by breaking the engagement and moving to New York. The date, which she picked from her own chart, was March 16, 1899, and she was 31 years old.

There she took a suite for at the Windsor Hotel—the only hotel that would allow her to set up an astrology practice on its premises. She warned the proprietor, Warren Leland, that he was in imminent danger and that “a disaster” might happen the very next day. Leland, thinking of the stock market, airily dismissed her prediction since March 17 was a holiday. The next day, the hotel burned to the ground. Leland died 17 days later. The fire—and Adams’

prediction—made all the headlines.

Adams was a relentless self-promoter. She often dressed up as a gypsy to read palms at clubs and parties. Little did the patrons know that the “gold dust” she sprinkled on their palms was actually a type of cleaning powder. Her career soon took off, and she numbered among her clients the rich and famous, including J. Paul Getty Sr., Wallis Simpson, and J.P. Morgan. She charged \$50 for a 30-minute reading, and employed a number of secretaries who typed her mail order readings for clients outside of New York City.

She was arrested several times for fortune-telling. The last time this happened, she became determined to make astrology legal in New York. She appeared in court with her books and challenged the judge to give her the data of anyone he chose. When he did, she erected the chart and read it in open court. At the conclusion of the reading, the judge was so impressed that he dropped all charges, saying “the defendant raises astrology to the dignity of an exact science.” That chart had been that of his son. The story was picked up by magazines throughout the country, and requests poured in for readings. One of the people clamoring for a reading was a young woman in Panguitch, Utah, “Client A,” whose reading survives and was given to Bonnie by the woman’s granddaughter. The reading will be reproduced on www.azastrologers.org.

Evangeline Adams called the Ascendant ruler your “star of destiny.” Client A’s ruler was Mars. Since her birth time wasn’t mentioned in the typed reading, Bonnie’s astrology group in Utah

painstakingly rectified it to the early degrees of Scorpio. The client was a beautiful woman, musical and artistic, but she was married to a banker who bored her (Taurus on the 7th). She turned to drink and eventually became involved with a man who promised to take her to Paris and marry her. When she left her husband to join her lover in Heber City, she learned that he had been lying to her all along and she killed herself.

The granddaughter feels herself to have been a reincarnation of "Client A," and there are links between their charts. She works in the medical field and counsels drug and alcohol abusers. The charts for the client and the granddaughter are reproduced on the website, along with Evangeline Adams' own chart.

Evangeline Adams published four books: her autobiography, *The Bowl of Heaven* (1926); *Astrology, Your Place in the Sun* (1927); *Astrology, Your Place Among the Stars* (1930); and *Astrology for Everyone* (1931). In 1932, she cancelled a lecture tour because her own chart told her she might die, and she was right. She died of heart disease in November after being seriously ill for three days.

A biography of Evangeline Adams, entitled *Foreseeing the Future: Evangeline Adams and Astrology in America*, has recently been published by Karen Christino.

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The Arizona Society of Astrologers meets on the third Friday and following Saturday of each month.

This month we are working with NorthStar College to present a 15-hour symposium at two locations with Dr. Mitchell Gibson.

The usual meeting times at
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Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85252
Friday 7:00-9:30 pm: Members \$4,
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