



THIS MONTH AT THE ASA

APRIL 15-16, 2005

JOANNE WICKENBURG

Friday: Intercepts and Retrogrades: Your Hidden Powers

Saturday: Integration Through the Lunar Phases, Nodes, and Part of Fortune

On Friday night, Joanne will show us how to appreciate and cultivate the personal power available via our retrograde planets and intercepted signs. Joanne has a unique perspective on retrogrades and interceptions, and views them as resources rather than liabilities. Explore the special potentials hidden in your intercepted signs and the strengths provided by retrogrades.

In the Saturday workshop, Joanne will discuss the relationship between the lunar phase, lunar nodes and the Part of Fortune, demonstrating how they work together to make you who you are and show you what you can become.

Getting to know Joanne Wickenburg

Joanne Wickenburg was one of the first authors to develop the psychological dimension of astrology in straightforward language. A practicing astrologer of long experience, she has conducted classes and workshops throughout the USA and Canada, and has designed and teaches an internationally recognized correspondence course in astrology.

Joanne is one of the founding Board Members of Kepler College of Astrological Arts and Sciences, the first college of astrology authorized to offer BA and MA degrees in Astrology. She served as the chair of the Board of Trustees from 1997 to March 2004, when she retired and shortly thereafter moved to Arizona.

Joanne's special achievement awards include the Marc Edmund Jones Award in 2000; the Dr. F. Sims Pound Award in 1996; and the Most Inspirational Astrologer Award, given by the WA State Astrological Association, in 1982. She has served as both President and Treasurer of the Washington State Astrological Association. She has professional certification through both the American Federation of Astrologers and the Washington State Astrological Association. Joanne has lectured for numerous astrological associations and has been a faculty member at many conferences throughout the U.S. and abroad. She is the author of six books on astrology, many of which are used as classroom texts by teachers throughout the country. All of her books are published by the AFA. You can email Joanne at joanne@joannewickenburg.com

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Last month at the ASA.....**Sally McDonald**

Friday Lecture – And the Wheel Goes ‘Round
By Marta Morris

Ms. McDonald recommended the book by Malcolm Blackwell, “Blink: How to Think Without Thinking.” The more you analyze, the less right you are. What pops up first in your mind is the thought you should trust.

Sally pointed out the importance of the Moon in a Chart. The Moon is not just you and your emotional responses, but those of your family and everyone who was around you in your childhood. It is Moon magic! In vedic astrology, the Moon is very important and is emphasized more than the Sun. The Moon indicates what we are, and we should pay more attention to it. Ms. McDonald quickly delineated the meaning of the Moon placement in the signs.

Aries: “Well, enough about me. What do you think of me?”

Taurus: They always get their needs met. Should have constant energy work.

Gemini: Sign of genius and insanity.

Cancer: They take their emotional temperature all the time. Nurturing but whiny.

Leo: The king and queen have arrived. Should live with flair. Into self-improvement.

Virgo: Critical of themselves and others, eccentric in their likes and dislikes.

Libra: Always in the middle of a good fight.

Scorpio: Will do the dirty work; independent; need to prove themselves.

Sagittarius: Never ask their opinion unless you’re prepared for the truth.

Capricorn: Inwardly, strong feelings of fear and inadequacy. Value men more than women. Want to be noticed for their life work.

Aquarius: Don’t have a clue as to the emotional lives of themselves or others, but they always know dozens of fascinating facts.

Pisces: Don’t know what they want from life, so they’re already confused. Don’t realize they have magic.

The Moon carries the past with it. If you are like most people, you are past 50 years of age before you become yourself, independent of your family and past conditioning. If you have an outer planet (Saturn through Pluto) in aspect to your Moon, your responses are conditioned by your ancestors. You can go through life thinking your problems are your own, but in reality you have absorbed the problem and have no basis for self-criticism.

You don't just marry Mom and Dad, you are Mom and Dad – and Grandma and Grandpa, and maybe further back. With the progressed new Moon every 29 years, you have a chance to end the old patterns.

Sally stated that in May of 1946, an eclipse occurred in 9° Gemini, conjunct the U.S. Uranus. In every war that the U.S. has ever been in, that degree has been active. This degree, 9° Gemini, will remain sensitive for the rest of this Venus transit. People with planets in 9° of mutable signs need to be aware of their surroundings. Sally mentioned that President Bush, Tony Blair and Sharon all have this degree in their natal charts.

Saturday Workshop – Venus & the Next 8 Years
By Marta Morris

On June 8, 2004, Venus passed between the Earth and the Sun, from our vantage point transiting across the face of the Sun. This is a once-in-a-lifetime event because it occurs in more than 100-year intervals. Venus transits last for 6-7 hours and always occur in pairs, exactly 8 years minus 2 days apart. The last transit pair occurred in 1874 and 1882. The second occurrence of our current transit pair will be in 2012.

Venus impacts us personally and collectively. What does Venus mean to me? Astrology is not just about “me,” but at the same time it is.

1st 4 signs are about me; for instance,

- Aries = Me
- Taurus = My money
- Gemini = My ideas, thoughts
- Cancer = My home and family

The next 4 signs are about you:

- Leo = Let me entertain you
- Virgo = Let me serve you, etc.

The next 4 signs are about the World:

- Sagittarius = what we know
- Capricorn = what we build
- Aquarius = wants to help everybody
- Pisces = we are all one.

Ms. McDonald exhibited various charts, including the Venus transit chart of June 8, 2004, at 5:13 a.m., when the transit began, and the chart at 8:19 am when it was exact. This transit will complete on June 6, 2012, at approximately 5:20 a.m.

Sally traced this transit back to previous centuries. In every case, the Venus transit appears to be related to the growth of human communications and consciousness. The first transit plants the seed of a new technology and world-view. It takes 8 years for the idea to be incorporated globally.

During the 1518-1526 transit, Magellan navigated the globe and proved the world was round. This was the beginning of global consciousness. The next 8 years were needed to absorb that idea into the collective consciousness.

In 1517, Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Wittenburg palace, beginning the Reformation. Although his views were extremely heretical, he was not burned at the stake even though at that time many “witches” were being burned. A member of the audience stated that he was not burned because by then the printing press had been invented, so he was able to reach people who could read what he had to say and come to his rescue.

The 1631-1639 Venus transit was in Sagittarius. Communication was very slow. A few years earlier, Denmark and Sweden had established the first national mail services. Written communications between people became routine. The 1639 transit is the first known to have been observed by scientists.

The 1761-1769 transit again occurred in Gemini. Scientists eagerly anticipated this transit as a means

to measure the distance to the sun, but this could only be done with widespread international cooperation. Telescopes were set up all across the world in order to view it. This was the first international collaborative project ever in the history of science.

Shortly after the end of that transit, in 1874, Alexander Graham Bell came up the idea of the telephone, which he patented two years later. The World Post Union was founded, the Transatlantic cable was laid and world-wide communication was begun.

When the transit is in Gemini it changes how we communicate. When the transit occurs in Sagittarius, it leads to the formulation of ideas on how this will be done.

The transit of 2004 may bring about greater telepathy. Already, psychic phenomena are moving into the mainstream. The veil between the dimensions is thinning.

There is currently a breakdown in information given to us. Pictures from the past are being destroyed.

In the chart of the Venus transit, the Ascendant changes from Gemini at 5:13 a.m. to Leo, at 8:19 a.m. So information becomes entertainment. This will change.

The Chiron placement in the Venus transit chart can point to a pandemic. The Saturn/Mars can point to an economic fall. For the next 20 years the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction will play out. Where will “you” be? Things are going to happen differently than thought or intended, as signified by the Moon in Aquarius in the chart.

Mercury at 5° Gemini signifies new sudden understanding. It is squared—we don’t like what we understand.

Venus conjuncts the Sun and makes a wide trine to Neptune. Phoenix housing market will stay strong. Pluto opposes Sun/Venus—the current breakdown is not over.

This chart has Venus/Sun/Mercury in the 12th. Moon in fall; Saturn in its exaltation. Pluto in Capricorn: a fascist world. Mercury square Jupiter: much hubris.

The solar return of the Venus transit will occur on June 8, 2005. Mars squares the galactic center. Pluto is retrograde. The Pluto in Leo generation has been putting celebrities on the pedestal. This will end. Adoration of the Monarchies will end – 29° Leo. Moon and Venus are conjunct in Cancer in 11th house. Frenzy will end. Include family and friends more. Jupiter in 2nd—wanton spending without concern.

Saturn in Cancer is not happy. Its message is “don’t mess with my home.” Saturn is not happy in Leo, does not appreciate extravagance. Saturn opposes Pluto: the trend toward expanded eminent domain will continue.

There was a question about the interception in Sag. This could emphasize the wanton spending. Neptune trine Sun? How long have we been living in a disguised feudal system? End of organized religion, beginning of spirituality. The Greek Orthodox church scandals published in newspaper, resulting in 70 percent of the population wanting separation of church and state. The End of Theocracy?

As promised from February’s meeting **Robert Blaschke – The Eclipse Workshop**

by Sarah Laurent

Astronomy of eclipses

A solar eclipse occurs when a new moon falls along the ecliptic (the path of the Earth around the Sun) during those months when the new moon is on or near the sign of either the north or south node. Currently, the nodes are transiting through Aries-Libra, so the eclipses will be there.

During a total solar eclipse, the lunar disc completely covers the Sun; during a partial solar eclipse, the lunar disc does not totally cover the Sun; and during

an annular solar eclipse, a ring of light is visible around the lunar disc.

North node eclipses relate to humanity's future. South node eclipses go back to the past. For example, in February of 1999, a south node eclipse occurred at 27° Aquarius. In July of 1999, John F. Kennedy Jr. was killed in a plane crash, taking the country back to the past. His natal moon was at 27° of Aquarius.

The April 8 solar eclipse in 19° Aries is a north node eclipse and its path goes through Venezuela, Colombia, and the Panama Canal. One possibility is a terrorist attack on the Canal. The degree symbols for 19° Aries are rather violent: "A man on the ground with his throat cut" (Charubel) and "A man equipped for a rough journey, belted and armed" (La Volusfera).

Solar and lunar eclipses usually occur in pairs, six months apart, in fall and spring. Lunar eclipses occur at full moons along the ecliptic when the full moon is near the nodal axis, and they manifest less in mundane ways and more in personal ways. The lunar eclipse on April 24 is a south node eclipse in 4° Taurus-Scorpio. The eclipse can occur in the sign adjacent to the current nodal position.

The lunar south node eclipse is a time to refocus your view of the past, and the north node eclipse is a time to create a vision of your future. Time a vision quest with a lunar eclipse at a full moon on the North Node.

The greatest number of eclipses in one year is seven, and the least is two. The norm is 5 to 7. In some years there are no lunar eclipses, which happens if the solar eclipse occurs at 10-15 degrees past the nodal axis. The moon won't be close enough to nodal axis.

A new or full moon has to be within 5° of the nodal axis to produce a total eclipse. One of the astrological events of our time, the Aug. 11, 1999 eclipse, was a total solar eclipse. Turkey was on the eclipse path. One week later, an earthquake killed 20,000

people. Gujarat, India, was also on the path, and shortly afterwards an earthquake there killed another 20,000 people. The path also went through Iraq, close to Paris, and the southernmost tip of the UK. It stopped just off the east coast of NYC.

The Saros Cycle

The Chaldeans discovered that eclipses occur in a repeating cycle of 18 years 10-11 days, during which the Sun and Moon return to almost exactly the same position relative to the nodes. A Saros cycle lasts 1,280 years and is made up of 70 eclipses. The first eclipse begins at the north or south pole. 18 years later, the next one is slightly lower in latitude. After 640 years (35 eclipses later) and eclipse occurs at the equator. 640 years after that, the last eclipse of the family occurs at the pole opposite from where it began. It's as though the planet is being wrapped with yarn.

Any two eclipses separated by one Saros cycle share very similar characteristics. Mundane astrologers make use of use this knowledge to make predictions. They look at 18 years, 36 years, and 54 years before a particular eclipse, looking for patterns. Linked events show up. Robert recommended Bernard Grun's book, *Timetables of World History*, for the serious mundane astrologer. It can be obtained through www.Abebooks.com.

The Solar Eclipse of August 11, 1999

At the time of the August 11, 1999 eclipse, Saturn and Mars were opposed at 16° Taurus and Scorpio respectively and Uranus was at 14° Aquarius. The solar eclipse at 18° Leo completed a fixed grand cross in the sky. The last comparable event was the cardinal grand cross at a solar eclipse in 1341. Subsequently, the Black Death in Europe killed 25 million people between 1347 and 1352, one-third of Europe's population at the time. The August 1999 eclipse belongs to the Saros 145 family, which has a connection with the arms race and nuclear weapons. The eclipse itself began in the Bay of Bengal. Later that year, India and Pakistan had a nuclear showdown. The last time an eclipse occurred in this family, 1981, a G-7 summit was held in response to the USSR's arms buildup. President Reagan

responded with a US arms buildup that bankrupted the USSR and led to the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989.

Previous to that, in July 1963, the US and USSR signed the test ban treaty, following the Cuban missile crisis in 1962. The prior eclipse, in July 1945, marked the decision to drop the atom bomb on Japan.

How long does an eclipse effect last? Ptolemy said they produce an effect as long in years and months as they lasted in minutes and seconds. The August 1999 eclipse lasted for 2-1/2 minutes. If Ptolemy was right, the effects should be noticeable 2-1/2 years before and 2-1/2 years after. Robert feels otherwise. According to him, this particular eclipse will be triggerable for at least 18 years – until 2017, when the next one in the cycle occurs.

Already the effects of the August eclipse have been felt past the 2-1/2 year limit. At the time of the 9/11 attacks, Venus was in 18° Leo, within 3' of the August eclipse. On August 10, 2002, President Bush and his closest advisors made the decision to invade Iraq. The Sun and Mars were conjunct in 18° Leo that day. On December 4, 2002, Jupiter stationed Rx at 18° Leo, the same day that France and Russia blocked the U.S. Iraq policy at the UN Security Council. On July 22, 2004, Mars returned to 18° of Leo. On this day, the 9/11 Commission Report was released. The next major planet to hit 18° Leo will be Saturn on September 1, 2006. Robert speculated that perhaps Osama Bin Laden will be captured or killed on that day.

Where does an eclipse produce an impact? In the countries along its path, and in the countries where the eclipse culminates at the local MC. This one culminated in East Germany at the site of some of the Nazi death camps. Since that time, there have been reparations for stolen art and an apology by the Vatican.

How do you know if eclipse will have global or personal impact? It will have personal impact if it

lands on your Ascendant, MC, Sun Moon, ruler of the Ascendant, or any planet or angle.

When do eclipse manifestations occur? Before, during and after the actual event. They last at least until the next eclipse. At the time of the Alaska Airlines plane crash, the Ascendant was on same degree as an eclipse that occurred 2 months later. When disasters or events occur, calculate local angles to minute of event and you'll often find the same degree on Ascendant or MC as an eclipse coming up several months later.

Progressed eclipses


If your natal Sun is behind your nodal axis, it will eventually progress into a conjunction with either the north or south node. As it gets near your nodal axis, you can experience secondary progressed eclipses at the time of the progressed new or full moons. Not everyone will experience these in their lifetime, but those who do will find they are times of significant change. If a progressed lunar eclipse falls in your chart, you will have awareness first and then make the change. If the progressed eclipse is solar, you won't have time to think. The change will happen and awareness will come later.

We all know what secondary progressions are, but Robert uses tertiary and minor progressions, too. Secondary progressions bring change on the physical plane. Tertiary progressions are based on the formula that a lunar month equals a year and operate on the astral plane of feelings and desires. Tertiary progressed eclipses occur approximately every 13 years. You can calculate a lifetime of tertiary progressed new and full moons and see when you had

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this. An idea may have been in your mind for several years, but it isn't until you become attached to it that it becomes a desire and then you set an intention to manifest it.

Minor progressions represent the causal plane, where the law of cause and effect originates as thought. Everyone experiences minor progressed eclipses every 6.5 years, and these are times that seed ideas enter one's mind from Spirit.

Eclipses coming up this year

On April 8, a solar eclipse will occur at 19° Aries. Saturn stations D on March 21 at 21° Cancer, 17 days before the eclipse. In mundane astrology, stationary degrees of Jupiter and Saturn are active for an entire year. In addition to the square from Saturn, Uranus will be square the U.S. Uranus, exact on April 3. The last transiting Uranus square to our natal Uranus was in 1983, when Shiite Muslims bombed the US embassy in Beirut, killing over 300 US and French peacekeeping troops. That was also when Reagan introduced the Star Wars missile defense program.

At the Uranus-Uranus square in 1963, President Kennedy was assassinated. This transiting Uranus will oppose Bush's Mars. This is an accident-prone transit. Uranus is also opposing his progressed Sun, so there is potential for a heart attack or stroke.

Saturn crosses Bush's 7° Leo Asc. on 9/11/05. At the time of the election, the progressed Moon entered Sagittarius. It hits 9-10 degrees of Sagittarius in July-Aug. and will trigger the Uranus opposition to Bush's Mars. If he is indeed subject to Tecumseh's Curse, it could occur either in April or in July-August of this year.

This year's second solar eclipse is on October 3 with the Sun and Moon at 10° Libra. Portugal's Sun is at 10° Libra and it is on the eclipse path. Also, the 1932 Iraq chart has the Sun there and so do Belgium and Lesotho. The nodal axis of this eclipse, 13° Aries-Libra, will be in square to the U.S. Sun at 13° Cancer. Charubel symbolized this degree as "An ancient shepherd, with crook in hand, standing

in the midst of his flock." La Volasfera described it thus: "A centaur – half man, half horse – armed with bow and arrow."

The Peer Group Concept in Astrology

By Sarah Laurent

This article is adapted from a longer article by Bob Mulligan, OPA Conference Coordinator, that can be found on the website of the Organization for Professional Astrology, www.professional_astrology.org.

As astrology moves into the mainstream as a professional discipline, it needs to incorporate a process of peer review, just as the other helping professions already do. Peer groups provide practicing astrologers with a safe, structured, and positive way to improve their counseling skills, clarify their business practices, and share their ideas, experiences, and problems.

In 1989, a group of like-minded professional astrologers formed an organization to talk about professional issues: how to set fees, when and where to advertise, ethics, different methods of earning a living, geographical and cultural differences, the difference between astrology and psychology, and most important, how they could help and support one another. This group is now known as the Organization for Professional Astrology and their system for supporting one another is the Peer Supervision Group. These groups often begin as one-day workshops and sometimes evolve into ongoing peer review groups.

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Astrologers fortunate enough to participate in a peer group have seen their work with clients improve and their business expand. As an astrologer's business increases, the quality of his or her work tends to improve.

Each group has a leader who is trained to facilitate the process. This person keeps the group going in the right direction and has to decide when the major work on a chart is over and when to switch directions. In the one-day workshops, the leader presents a chart and case history to the group, explaining what happened and sharing any residual discomfort he or she may have with how the consultation went. After this presentation, each participant presents a case history and receives advice from the rest of the group. It takes some trust in the group and in the group process for an astrologer to present his or her most challenging cases. With an ongoing local group,

the participants are able to reach a level of comfort with one another that allows for both professional and personal growth. If a local group is not an option, you can still get supervision in other ways: a personal supervisor, group work over the phone, email contact with other astrologers, etc.

OPA has a three-day astrologers' retreat every year. This is a greatly expanded version of the peer supervision workshop. They also have monthly e-news and a quarterly newsletter, The Career Astrologer. They are always willing to send a group leader to an area for a weekend workshop in peer supervision to help form a local group.

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