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*****NEW FRIDAY NIGHT MEETING TIME – 7:00 pm*****

THIS MONTH AT THE ASA

BONNIE WILSON

Friday: THE NODES: WHERE WE HAVE BEEN AND WHERE WE ARE GOING

Saturday: WILLIAM LILLY AND EVANGELINE ADAMS: TWO GREAT ASTROLOGERS

FRIDAY LECTURE

Mesa Astrologer Bonnie Wilson will give a lecture entitled “The Nodes: Where we have been and where we are going” on Friday, April 18, 2003 at the monthly meeting of the Arizona Society of Astrologers. Bonnie says: “I am a transplant to Arizona from Utah, and the transplant worked very well. I love it here and I am very happy the ASA asked me to do another seminar for them. One of my very good teachers from Ohio, Buz Myers, now deceased, gave a talk in Utah about the nodes and the connection to friends and families. This was in 1987. I had, of course, used the nodes for all of my charts, but had no idea how important they were and how much information they can convey to us. On Friday night we will discuss the Nodes: where we have been and where we are going. Please bring your chart and we will try to talk about as many as we have time for.” The lecture will be held at the Scottsdale Senior

Center at 7374 E. 2nd Street in Scottsdale. The doors open at 6:30 PM. Admission is \$4.00 for members and \$10.00 for guests.

SATURDAY WORKSHOP

On Saturday, April 19, 2003 Bonnie Wilson will conduct a 4-hour workshop on “William Lilly and Evangeline Adams: Two great astrologers.” Bonnie says: “On Saturday, I will try to do things a little differently. I have always been a horary enthusiast, and of course my hero has been William Lilly. I will try to bring a little insight into his life and times. After the break I want to talk about Evangeline Adams. She was another of my ‘heroes.’ One of the members of our group in Utah told me she had found a reading done for her Grandmother in the 1920’s. She asked if I would like to see it. I was overwhelmed. The grandmother had died two years before the granddaughter,

my friend, had been born. I asked permission to copy the reading, and I will give all participants a copy of the 1920's reading by Evangeline Adams. I know that Noel Tyl did some research on how she could predict the terrible fire at the Windsor hotel, but was unable to duplicate the chart. Besides the research I had done, Karen Christino has a book out now, "Foreseeing the Future: Evangeline Adams and Astrology in America." Evangeline died in 1932, and she was so fascinating that people are still researching into her life and methods of doing astrology. Interesting information. Hope to see you there." 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 BONNIE WILSON

Bonnie was born many years ago and was raised and educated in beautiful Southern Utah where the red rocks and the vortex were just everyday things. She says, "We took beauty for granted. Our schools were first rate. The best thing that ever happened to me (besides getting married to Harry) was I learned to read!! I had finished the Children's Library by fourth grade and had special permission to join the Adult Library. I read everything I could get my hands on and started on my metaphysical journey at age twelve, when I read about Edgar Cayce." Later Bonnie became "The Bountiful Astrologer." Bonnie searched for books and teachers. When she found the Astrological Society of Utah she found her "home." She taught Astrology for many years at the Golden Braid Bookstore in Salt Lake City. In 1992, she joined Project Hindsight and learned much about ancient astrologers. She brought every astrologer she could find

into Utah to lecture and teach to the interested people there. Bonnie says, "I don't know any more about astrology than a lot of other people, but I would like to share what I have learned with other interested astrologers."

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Aries, as we know, is a sign of new beginnings, and this year's transit of the sun into the sign of the trailblazer finds your president being greatly affected by what is in all appearances a most positive move. April 1 was my last day at America West, where I was employed for over six years. On April 3, I signed an agreement to work with NorthStar College of Astrological Studies to teach, promote and basically become an ambassador of astrology 24/7. The song of astrology has been in my heart just about all of this life and now I'm able to let the melody play. (I just hope I don't hit any sour notes if I have to sing!)

I will continue to work at expanding ASA membership and create astrological excitement everywhere. ASA member and founder of NorthStar, Jody Russell, has suggested that we explore the concept of pooling resources once per semester in bringing a high-in-demand, well-known astrological speaker to the Valley. This would give ASA an opportunity to hear a speaker who is not normally in our budgetary reach. Our first joint venture has unfolded in May as NorthStar had Australia's Lynda Hill booked for May 17-18. It seemed appropriate for NorthStar and ASA to share Lynda while she is here. We were able to reschedule a speaker for the fall, so it looks like all will benefit from an astrological rising star who has a hot book out right now (Sabian Symbols) and will have a presentation on Advanced and Intuitive Interpretation Techniques in May. Stay tuned for further developments

and may Jupiter vibrate kindly in your life. Ken Hopkins

NOTES FROM THE MARCH, 2003 MEETING OF THE ASA

Amanda Owen's Friday lecture, "Pluto—Power, Control and Transformation." Writeup by Ivan Halvorson

Amanda Owen gave an excellent lecture on Pluto, the planet of power, control and transformation. She pointed out that everyone wants more power and control over their lives and she demonstrated how Pluto energy makes this possible.

However, before you can benefit from the influence of Pluto you must overcome the negative concepts you hold about power and control. For some reason, possibly from personal experience with insecure people in positions of power, we equate power and control with manipulation and abuse. Nothing could be further from the truth. Having power and control of your life is liberating, rewarding and fulfilling.

It is amazing that humanity has evolved without an understanding of power. We see domination and manipulation on TV, and confuse this with power. Even in astrological writings we frequently see references to power in its most destructive manifestations. Hence we have developed misconceptions about the influence of Pluto, the planet of power and control. And, that is why we are so freaked out when we see Pluto transits.

How can we integrate the influence of Pluto at its most positive level? How can we access Pluto energy and make it an empowering force in our lives?

Most of us need a new outlook on life. Often we fear personal power and off-load it to someone else as soon as possible. Then we go around asking why we are being stepped on.

It may be helpful to have a concept of what an empowered person looks like. Amanda suggests we look at Nelson Mandela. After many years in prison he sprang onto the political stage with a positive attitude and a burning desire to heal his country. Compassion and understanding radiate from every pore of his body.

Also it would be helpful to have a useful definition of power. Amanda suggests it must include: “choices and options.” You are not empowered if you have no choices and options. Often we do not realize what choices and options we have. This limitation can be overcome by a simple change in attitude.

We live in an unlimited universe. The creator has given us everything we need, and it is free for the taking. But how do we discover our options?

The five options rule:
Write down five options – five things you can do, five things you can say, five ways you can go from where you are to where you want to be. This orients the mind to think in terms of possibilities. Thus, the mind becomes empowered and more able to take control of the situation.

Even the capacity to create is a form of power. When you look at Pluto by natal house and aspect, you should think of Pluto as your best friend. Allow it to empower your personal planets and the specific areas of life they influence.

Integrate Pluto and its power into all aspects of your natal chart.

Pluto Aspects:

Pluto / Sun aspects become a vehicle for increasing self-confidence.

Pluto / Moon aspects enhance security and emotional well-being.

Pluto / Mercury aspects help you to speak up.

Pluto / Venus aspects help you appreciate yourself. You are valuable, attractive and likeable.

Pluto / Mars aspects help you do what you want to do. They help you gain control when someone else thinks they are calling the shots.

Pluto / Jupiter aspects help you see the world through the eyes of others. Your view is not always correct.

Pluto / Saturn aspects help you gain control of your life. They help you identify who is controlling your life. They help you handle some of the concrete limitations of this world. Saturn is the reality check.

Pluto / Uranus transits enhance uniqueness, individuality and equality. There is no superior and no inferior. All is one. Believe this and you will benefit from what makes you unique and original. Believe you are free and bingo — you are free.

Pluto / Neptune transits help you appreciate, and benefit,

from your dreams, ideals and fantasies. Don't strip Neptune of its magical qualities.

Pluto / Pluto transits assist you in gaining power and using it for good. You must believe that power is a constructive creative force in your life. You must believe that you are intelligent, trustworthy and able to empower yourself.

Amanda discussed Pluto in Sagittarius: This is about the transformation of beliefs. During the twelve years that Pluto is in Sag it will have a conversation with every single planet. Pluto is asking you to transform your beliefs about each planet. So, shift focus from the old destructive concepts to empowering and constructive ones.

What is a belief. Firstly, it is not a universal law. It is easy to see that the Buddhist and the Catholic do not see the same world. Most of us hold beliefs that contribute to a lack of self-confidence. Do you hold the most positive expression of your signs? The signs do not tell who you are, they tell what you are working with. You have lots of options.

Think of yourself as a card player. You are not your cards. You decide how you are going to play the cards you have been dealt. Likewise you are not your planets and signs. You decide how you are going to use their qualities. These are the qualities of your personality. If you act on the best qualities your signs and aspects have to offer, your self-esteem will automatically grow.

Amanda Owen's Saturday lecture, "Receiving Neptune." Writeup by Ivan Halvorson.

Neptune is the planet of imagination, creativity and spirituality.

We are all one; however, our best intentions are seldom put to good use by our associates. We sacrifice and we are not adequately rewarded.

On the subject of sacrifice, if we are all one, if we are truly all connected, then who are we sacrificing for? Sometimes you give and give and you feel that nothing is coming back. Caretakers and mothers are neither adequately rewarded nor highly revered in this society. Have you noticed how the service workers are paid the absolute minimum amount of money.

The Monks celebrate the oneness of all people. But in our society the unity principle is for the most part ignored. This is in part because we are uncomfortable with receiving. When someone tries to help us we back off, thinking they want something in return. We are expected to pull ourselves up by our bootstraps, and if anyone helps us we feel less than successful.

Values are a Venus issue—you receive what you give. The difference between Neptune and Venus is that the former is a spiritual love and the latter is personal love. How can we make giving from the our heart and receiving from our neighbor balance out? Well, first we must value giving and receiving. Things work for us when you value them.

Three steps to fulfilling your dreams:
1) Accept all compliments. Get in the receiving mode. Show appreciation. If you are always giving and not receiving you are depriving others of the opportunity to develop. Learn to express your weaknesses. The street fighter image alienates you from others. Realize we all live on spaceship earth and we are all in this together. Remember Pluto is the planet of power and has nothing to do with the betrayal of trust. Power is the ability to choose options and make choices.

2) Write down what you are grateful for. Call it your gratitude journal. What you focus on is what you become. Thank you for this gorgeous day. Thank you for the sound of the bird. Be a receiver of life, as a radio is a receiver of radio waves. All things are connected. That is the unity principle. Develop a spiritual connection with life. Neptune helps to make this happen. When you go for a walk, feel the air on your face, experience life to the max. Think of this as giving the creator a beautiful experience through you.

3) Be self revealing. Don't leave the uncomfortable parts of your life off your check list. Let people know that you have real needs and show them how they can help. This joins you to others. Giving and receiving keeps the relationship cycle in balance. It is a win-win situation. And remember, you are 100 percent responsible for what happens to you on this journey called life.

Letter from Amanda

Hi Everyone,
I *finally* posted a new question and answer on my Ask Amanda page. Go here to read the answer to a Sagittarian's

question about her future: [Ask Amanda](#) I'm giving a workshop in Kingston, New York, on Saturday. Get info here if you're interested in attending.

Lecture Schedule This workshop is for advanced students of astrology. The morning session is devoted to prenatal eclipses and the afternoon to relationship compatibility issues through looking at synastry. As usual, I will have tapes available. Email me if you're interested—or I'll post the details next week after I see if they end up being one- or two-tape sets. Also, I want to remind you that I have scheduled a tele-lecture for April 10th about the upcoming Mercury retrograde period. You can read all about it below.

Now, here's the planetary weather this week. For detailed info. go to my weekly forecast here: [Astrology with Amanda Owen](#) or just type in my url, www.amandaowen.com to get there.

Mercury sextiles Uranus
The Sun trines Pluto
Mercury squares Jupiter
Plus forecasts for all 12 signs

Here's the info about the tele-lecture:

The April/May Mercury
Retrograde
and
How to Make it Work For You

Lecturer: Amanda Owen
Date: April 10
Time: 7:30 to 8:30 PM Eastern Time
8:30 to 8:45 PM for questions
Cost: \$25

Where: My virtual lecture room. See below for information about how to attend this lecture.

Mercury retrograde periods have a poor reputation. Many of us hunker down and wait for all of the glitches, the misunderstandings, and delays. However, there are many ways to work the Mercury retrograde period in a way that enhances your life instead of disrupting and interrupting it.

In this tele-lecture/class, I'll discuss the upcoming Mercury retrograde period as it transits between 20 down to 11 degrees of Taurus, making squares to Neptune, Mars, and Jupiter along the way.

What does this mean for you? I'll discuss Mercury's transit through each house with specific information about how to make this a productive and successful period for you.

This lecture is for those who know some astrology. You don't have to know a lot - but it will be helpful to you if you have a basic astrological vocabulary. If you would like to attend this class and are unsure of what house transiting Mercury will be traveling through, email me after you sign up and I will let you know. (You will need to know your birth time)

You can sign up through my e-store using your credit card or you can call me with your credit card information (phone # below). Or, you can send me a check to arrive by April 1st. Mail it to the address below.

How a Tele-lecture works
This is done through the phone like a conference call. Once you sign up, I will email you a phone # to call at 7:30 PM Eastern Time on April 10th. You will also be given a code #. You will incur any normal long-distance phone charges according to your own phone plan.

If you would like to attend but the time is inconvenient for you, you may also enroll to hear the lecture anytime during the following 30 days. You will hear a recording rather than the lecture live. If you are signing up for that option, let me know as you will be given a different phone # from the people who are

attending the live lecture.

Have a great week!

Amanda

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APRIL/MAY INGRESSES

The Sun enters Taurus on April 20, 2003 at 5:03 AM MST.

Venus enters Aries on April 21, 2003 at 9:18 AM MST.

Mars enters Aquarius on April 21, 2003 at 4:48 PM MST

Mercury goes Retrograde at 20 degrees of Taurus on April 26, 2003 at 4:59 AM

Mercury goes Direct at 11 degrees of Taurus on May 19, 2003 at Midnight

During Mercury Retrograde pay special attention to how you are communicating and to your transportation needs. It is a time for reconsidering, reorienting, and reconnecting. With Mercury in Taurus, issues about money will arise for you to handle. It is a good time to make a trip to a place that you enjoyed in the past.