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## THIS MONTH AT THE ASA

### PHILIP SEDGWICK

**Friday Lecture, August 18, 2006. Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM.**

**Registration begins at 6:45 PM. Admission is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members.**

**Saturday Workshop, August 19, 2006. Time: 1:00 – 4:00 PM**

**Registration begins at 12:45 PM. Admission is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.**

**Both meetings will be held at the Scottsdale Senior Center. The address is: 1700 North Granite Reef Drive at the NW corner of Granite Reef and McDowell. For a map to the Senior Center, please visit our website at [www.azastrologers.org](http://www.azastrologers.org).**

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*ASA Election ballots will be counted at Denny's restaurant on Scottsdale Road near Osborn on Thursday, August 17, 2006, at 6:30 PM. We hope to see you there!*

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#### **FRIDAY -- "Pluto Gets the Core."**

For the first time since its discovery, Pluto crosses the core of our Galaxy. The Galactic Center applied to astrology for over thirty years offers up one of the best opportunities for getting the "Big Picture" that we've had for a long time. Everyone is included. This might be bigger than the Mayan Calendar. There's only one way to know for sure – come hear all about it.

#### **SATURDAY -- "We Don't Want No New Planets!"**

Too bad! We have two new girls in town: Sedna (almost a planet) and 2003UB313, yet unnamed but confirmed to be a planet! As astrologers we must stretch and grow to include the implications of the

insightful, far-reaching influences in our solar system. Yes, UB313 is a planet. No it will not be named Xena or Leyla or Lila. So what's the truth? What does it mean? Find out in this intriguing and absolutely necessary workshop.

#### **Getting to Know Philip Sedgwick**



Philip commenced his study of astrology in 1969 while serving in the U.S. Navy and conducted his first astrological session in 1975. Since then he has investigated the astrological signatures of aviation disasters and intensively explored the effects of galactic phenomena

on astrology. He is an astrological authority on Comet Halley. Currently, he continues research relating to planetary cycles affecting commercial aviation and aerospace. He monitors and researches radiation disturbances that originate not only from the Sun, but also in the newly encountered Soft Gamma Ray repeaters. His latest research involves investigation of the unusual Centaur and Trans-Neptunian Objects found weaving the inner solar system with the depths of space.

Mr. Sedgwick has written for the Science Fiction Channel online and for [www.StarIQ.com](http://www.StarIQ.com). His latest project is a CD set, *The Galactic Trilogy*. He 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 for Astrological Research, National Council of Geocosmic Research and at many regional conferences such as NORWAC and ROMAC. He has been involved in an extensive research project dealing with paranormal photography.

He has authored three print books on astrology: *The Astrology of Transcendence*, *The Astrology of Deep Space*, and *The Sun at the Center - A Primer of Heliocentric Astrology* (now available as an e-book). He was a contributing writer for Llewellyn's *Sun Sign Guide* 1986, 1988 and 1989 and *Spiritual, Metaphysical & New Trends in Modern Astrology*.

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## ***Book Bonanza!***

Rita Conlon and Catherine Holcomb have each donated their astrological libraries, including many hard-to-find classics. These books are being sold at half the list price and will go fast. Don't miss this opportunity!

## ***Ride Needed***

One of our members, Virginia Gale, lives in Peoria and needs a ride to the meetings. If you're able to help, please call Gabriella at 480-421-9798.

## ***ASA Pool Party & Picnic***

Kay and Steve Cox are hosting a Pool Party and Picnic on Sunday, August 6, 2006, from 5:00 until 7:00 PM. There will be hot dogs and hamburgers, as well as salad and plenty of munchies. Come swim, relax, talk astrology and see Kay's animals! Kay and Steve live in at 12705 E. Via de Palmas, Chandler, AZ. A map to their home is on our website under "Announcements." Phone: 480-802-4357.

## **Letter from the President**

Hello everybody!

It seems just like it's just yesterday that I wrote my first letter as President, and now I am running for another term. I hope the September letter will start with: "Here I am again!"

I would like to thank all of you who come to the meetings, and those who, if you cannot make it, still choose to remain members. To increase attendance and membership has been my main priority.

I am thanking from the bottom of my heart those of you who actively support me and understand what the purpose of my being President at this time was and still is from a Higher Power perspective. You are my protective angels on my journey. Thank you, again.

My thanks go too, to those of you who posed "challenges" to me along the way. I became a much stronger person because of you.

For those of you who like to look at the ASA's chart, be it the Natal or the Incorporation chart, you know that we went through a three-year Saturn cycle, probably the most difficult one in the life of the ASA.

Natal chart: in June of 2003 transiting Saturn conjuncted the ASA's Saturn at 3° Cancer, then the South Node at 5° Cancer, and the ASA's IC of 13° Cancer by October 2003. Since that time we have had a Saturn transit through the 4th house.

Incorporation chart: we had a Saturn transit through the 6th house! (In either chart the aspects denoting radical changes, turmoil, sudden beginnings and endings are too many to list here. Progressed Sun and Mars passing over the natal Uranus being just one of them). When will the Saturn transit end? At the August meeting, when transiting Saturn will be on the Descendent. (To view the charts go to the web site and look under "History.")

Everything will be much easier from now on:

- The move to the new center increased our funds by \$900 per year, so we can invite some more expensive speakers. I do not say "better" because some of the speakers who came to us for the money we could pay them were almost doing it out of friendship to us.
- On Friday night, we will be in the lunch room (room #1) where tables and chairs are already set up, so we do not need to worry about setting them up or making sure that they were set up for us. (By the way, they are regular cafeteria chairs, so BRING A PILLOW FOR YOUR BACK AND TUSH!! YOU WILL NEED IT! OR EVEN A BLANKET. The cafeteria has cement floors, so it is really hard on the feet and back.) The tables are round.
- The screen is lowered automatically.

- On Saturday we will be in a smaller room, (#7).

I think the biggest metamorphosis that the ASA went through in the last two years is reflected in the membership: "it came to life." And yes, a couple of us passed on, some moved to different states, some found other ways to keep up with astrology, and at the same time many new members joined us as well.

We have a real election with two candidates running for the same position!

I hope that in the future there will be more than two candidates for the every Board position, and that each one will have an agenda as to how they can contribute to making the ASA an even better organization. Ladies and gentlemen, you were born in a great democracy. I became a citizen of it. Let's use it. More candidates mean more interested, active members. Just because you run against each other does not mean that you are "enemies." The Olympics, the world of competitive sports, and everyday life are full of stories of camaraderie, where one competitor stops to help the opponent who is in trouble, and when everything is on track again, the competition goes on. Everybody wins this way.

If Charlotte is elected as President I will ask you to support her on her path. Always remember why we got together in the first place: ASTROLOGY. Seemingly, we ironed out all the difficulties of everyday "living," but the ASA is going through more changes. And it should. Hopefully, everything will be better and the challenges presented by the ASA's charts can be handled in a more mature fashion.

Before I end my letter I would like to mention that our member Batiyah Lampl was featured in the July 2nd issue of the Arizona Republic under the Career Builder section. She opened a resume writing business and does business coaching as well. I wished her good luck. If anybody is interested in her services, I have her phone number.

Another one of our members, Elaine Henry, is a cruise organizer and travel agent. As you can see,

many of our members have other jobs besides astrology, so Kay Cox and I had the same thought: to put together a directory of members with the different services they provide. Why go to somebody else when we can support one of our own? In her own creative way, Kay has already worked out the details. It will be done on a VOLUNTARY basis. I hope you will support her.

See all of you at the August meeting at the New Senior Center. I look forward to a bright future with the ASA.

*Best regards,  
Gabriella von Elekes*

### ***Last month at the ASA.....Gahl Sasson***

*By Marta Morris, ASA Scribe*

#### **Friday lecture: Introduction to Kabbalistic Astrology**

Gahl began the lecture with a meditation, after which he asked each person to introduce themselves by first name and Sun Sign. He then stated that our names are very important and that we should know our names and what they mean. Gahl means the wave, and Sasson means happiness: Wave of Happiness.

In Exodus 3.13 God introduces himself to Moses with the words, "I am that I am." This may have more meaning for an Aries than for some other signs and is an indication that perhaps Moses was an Aries.

Gahl was influenced by Joseph Campbell, and he stated that he learned much about astrology from Joseph Campbell's mythological stories even though Campbell never associated any of them with astrology per se.

The 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet equal the numbers of God. The Zohar refers to the Journey of light.

Only the Western cultures base their astrological studies on the Sun. Eastern, Chinese and Muslim astrological observations are lunar-based. The Jewish Calendar uses the Moon plus one “pregnant” year to catch up on the extra time skipped by this calculation. All their holidays are based on the Moon. The New Year begins on a New Moon. The Celts also had a lunar-based calendar of 13 months.

The word Kabbala means receipt. But in the spiritual, mystical tradition it teaches us to receive light. It also means to give and to receive in balance. We all need to learn to accept what life brings our way and to work with whatever that happens to be. We are not expected to understand in life. In death we will understand. The Kabbala was developed to help the Israelites accept their suffering. The early Jews felt that things were so bad they must be “Chosen.” To develop compassion, you must suffer.

The Book of Creation was written by Abraham, who must have been an astrologer, because whenever God spoke to him, he was summoned outside under the night sky. Astrology is an alternative way to deal with God. Mercury, for instance, is the magician who was killed – the messenger. Organized religion killed the messenger as well as the Major Arcana of the Tarot. The Tarot had 78 cards, whereas the regular playing deck that followed it has only 52. What happened to the other 26 cards? Only the Fool remained. And the Fool is “nothing.” Everything comes from nothing, so you cannot kill the Fool. Mercury is Information as well as the trickster.

The number 1 begins the belief in one god. Yet we are many? 2 is the source of understanding, wisdom – the bridge between the 1 and the many. Every religion speaks about the 2 differently. The many to the 1 is the path of enlightenment. The path of creation and the path of enlightenment. All systems talk about 2.

The Kabbala teaches that giving and receiving are the same. Taoism states the same concept as yin/

yang. The interesting thing about the symbol for yin/yang is that the line dividing it is curved, not straight. Straight lines do not occur in nature. Politicians should learn from that.

Light is masculine and dark is feminine. In following the “journey of the hero,” one must remember that every hero has a mother.

Gahl gave a little preview of Saturday’s workshop when he said that Saturn equals understanding, and that’s what you have to learn wherever it is located in your chart. Mars illustrates where you will encounter severity.

Gahl’s explanation of retrograde Mercury: Mercury functions as a messenger horizontally, between humans, and vertically, between our conscious mind and our higher self. When Mercury is retrograde, we find it harder to communicate with each other, but we can actually communicate much better with the divine realm.

### **Saturday workshop: Kabbalistic Astrology**

Kabbala asks that you accept and receive more light so that you can give more life. Accept life.

Astrology also deals with light. What is your position in the Solar System? We do not know how it works, it just does. It is Light we call God, or Light breaks down into 12 different ways.

The Sun is the giver and the Moon is the Receiver. Then the Moon gives back in the night.

Blessing/Curse = as you get better at reading, you will get better at reading for others, but not for yourself. At the beginning of your astrological studies, you will read better for yourself than you ever will again.

Enlightenment = give and receive in exact proportion. Kabbala deals with ALL of creation, as does any form of mysticism. Astrology deals with the creation of our Solar System—Zooming in/zooming out.

Abram = Aries who lived at the time of Hamarabi-1850 BCE. Abram was an Iraqi, an Iraqi insurgent born in the City of Light (Ur). He listened to a voice that told him to go West, where modern-day Israel is located. He established the belief in one God, with a ritualistic system of 1—going directly to the source without intermediaries. He was an astrologer. Whenever God spoke to him, he was told to go out and look at the sky.

“Mazal tof” means constellation, liquid, flow, i.e., good constellation. “May you have a good constellation.” There is no constellation for Israel-Isha El-square-direct to God.

Once you understand and accept what is in your chart, you can transcend it. You are not tied to your chart.

The Book of Creation matches a Hebrew Letter with a zodiacal sign. Hence, Abram and Sarai had no children and they were old. Aries is the sign of conception, and the letter H is linked with Aries. So God changed their names to Abraham and Sarah, and Abraham became the father of Judaism, Islam and Christianity. He had many children, some of whom he sent East – and perhaps influenced Eastern philosophy/religion.

The Hebrew letters can be used to change your fate. If you need access to more money, etc., begin by meditating on the Hebrew letter that corresponds to Taurus, Vau. The letters can guide you, but you’re holding the reins.

There are 22 Hebrew letters, which equal 2 x 11 and represent the Major Arcana. Some Tarot cards contain the Hebrew letters. There are also 12 letters that equal the signs. Abraham did not give letters for the planets. Letters that go with the tarot were assigned later, but are agreed upon by some Hebrews.

In the Book of Creation it states that you have to balance wisdom (masculine) and understanding (feminine). One can come from channeling, the other from knowledge gained through effort. The

Hebrew letters are more like mandalas than just letters, and Gahl elucidated the following letters and astrological signs by describing each symbol:

Aries = Heh = the window that opens to a new horizon. Civilization – defines the name of God. Jesus was an Aries and died in the time of Aries. Was Jesus a mortal or a god? Moses is associated with Fire. No one knows where Moses is buried. Mohammed was born in March or April. He commands: “There is no God but God and Mohammed is the messenger.” By emphasizing that he was only the messenger, Mohammed was trying to ensure that people did not worship him. Where Aries is in the chart is where you have a path to God.

In Tarot, Aries is The Emperor card. He represents civilization, and The Empress represents nature or wilderness.

Taurus = Vau = the nail/grounding/anchor. Lord Buddha was a Taurus, and received enlightenment on a Full Moon. Key to suffering is desire. Yoking. Where Taurus is, you need grounding.

Tarot = Taurus is Rabbi/Hierophant. The Voice.

Gemini = Zayin = a weapon/Air/ Sword/Pen/ Penis – intellect cuts: “The pen is mightier than the sword.” The pen is the sword of the mind.

Tarot = the Lovers: Male is looking at the female, who is looking at the angel. Masculine looking at the feminine to get to the spiritual.

Cancer = Cheth = the wall/the container/the queen or throne/the throne of God is the chariot. All the rivers go into the sea, and yet the sea is never full Tarot = Chariot Card. We cannot see God but we can see his chariot, which is all of creation.

Leo = Teth = the serpent god. The serpent, kundalini, is coiled 3.5 times where it lies dormant in the base of the spine. Where Leo is in your chart, you have gold – you need to be creative. 12th

house Leo cusp can mean past-life celebrity or hidden creativity.

Virgo = Yod = the hand/the nanny of the zodiac. Without Virgo, there is no zodiac. Sperm of God. Servant that serves all the letters. Tantric Yoga in Hindu philosophy. Self-possessed. Original Hebrew Bible is not available. Alma meant maiden; translation-Virgin-Quetzecotl was born of a virgin. Where it is in your chart, there is the “Hand of God,” and it is where you teach others how to say no and where you learn to say no.

Tarot = Hermit card. Sense of touch.

Libra = Lamed = secret is to learn and to teach—balance giving and receiving – Mirror. Where it is in the chart is what you have to teach and learn.

Tarot = Justice Card—balance/scales & sword.

When you have a stellium in any sign, go to the polarity. For instance if you have 5 planets in Aries in the 9th, that house can’t contain all that energy and it will spill over into the 3rd, and the person will show up as very Libran.

Scorpio = Nun = the serpent= transformation. Magic. Secret/be transformed and be healed. Three symbols: Scorpion/serpent/phoenix. Attach without need. Ninety percent of Scorpios use the energy for personal gain. Nine percent use it for healing. One percent becomes the phoenix: death of the ego and resurrection as the Self. Scorpio shows where in your chart you can die without dying.

Tarot = Death card/the 13th card.

Sagittarius = Samech = Support. It draws divine energy down into material affairs. Trust: “I’ve got your back.” Half horse, half human. Sag asks, “Why am I not enlightened yet?” but there’s an animalistic part that holds him back. Peaceful. Evolution. Optimism, luck, coincidence.

Tarot = Temperance. The angel holds a chalice,

pouring water onto the head of the lion and fire onto the head of the eagle. You’re supposed to use all four elements to create alchemical gold but if you’re lazy you can do it with just fire and water.

Capricorn = Ayin = the eye – skeptical. Unbelievers. Patience. What you want is really what you want, and you will get it in time – a long time. The eye represents creation. Where you have Capricorn in your chart is where you need patience because there will be frustration.

Tarot = Devil Card. There is no evil. There are no demons. Fear of demons creates demons. It’s in the eye of the beholder.

Aquarius = Tzaddi = saint/righteous/impersonal/the fishhook. Meditation. Where Aquarius is in your chart, you should download to the community whatever you have gathered. Rebel.

Tarot = the Star. The woman is an extraterrestrial. If you feel as though you’re not from this planet you probably aren’t.

Pisces = Qoph = dream/imagination/fantasy, also sacrifice. Confusion. Where Pisces is in your chart is where you walk between worlds.

Tarot = the Moon.

The horoscope as a sacred contract: you have chosen your chart with the Spirit of God. When you die, you join with God and go to the light. Then you get a guide, to review your past life; what are your lessons; what do you need to reincarnate into and that is when you come back. You seal and God agrees, and you are born. It is a contract. The astrologer is your lawyer.

Gahl’s book, *A Wish Can Change Your Life*, sold out at the Saturday meeting but is available from Amazon. CDs of his talks will be available at the Book Table.

## SUN THROUGH THE HOUSES IN THE SOLAR RETURN

By Brenda Black, Astrologer

Sun in 1st – This is a time to do something for you. You have project in mind and this is the time to explore your talents and limitations to assess the feasibility of your project. This is an achievement-oriented year. If you start something career-wise this year, it will grow and blossom next year when you receive recognition for your work. If you feel you are being held back by a restrictive relationship, you will have the courage to leave it and go it alone. You project a charismatic and confident self-image. Your efforts are successful and you may assume a position of leadership. You have good health this year if other aspects agree.

Sun in 2nd – This is a time to capitalize on any opportunity that comes your way. Start a training course which refines your natural gifts into marketable skills. You are reassessing your self worth and may feel underpaid and ready to something to change that situation. Putting your finances in order and budgeting your money will be a big thing this year. There are things you can do to prepare for a salary increase next year. You may come into possession of valuable goods. There is growth in income and savings.

Sun in 3rd – This is a year for developing and enhancing communication skills. Your mind is active – it is a good time to study, read and write. You may purchase a computer or a new automobile. The speed of life accelerates and you will feel restless with a constant need for activity. You might start studying something that pushes you to think in a different way. There is a possible change of residence that pushes you to explore your new neighborhood. For a few of us, the Sun in the third house may indicate depression and there may be a domestic problem to resolve. This also indicates a year that may highlight relationships with neighbors and siblings.

Sun in 4th – Great personal growth may be experienced in regards to home, family, parents and

spiritual direction. Finding a physical, emotional and spiritual home or niche is the goal for this year. You want to find a place where you feel warm, protected and provided with emotional support. Your role in the family is a focus and you may bring honor to them. On the other hand, some may feel this is a time to leave an unsatisfactory relationship in the home in order to find peace and security. Things from the past come to the surface in order for you to reassess and understand them more fully.

Sun in the 5th – You know who you are and have a stronger-than-usual urge for expression. This is a wonderful position for those who have been compromised in the past and now feel the need to be more assertive. You take pride in yourself, and your motto for this year is “to thine ownself be true.” Play is an essential part of your self-discovery this year. There is a strong involvement with children and a good possibility of a new love coming into your life. You feel more vital and alive and will glow with energy and excitement. You may also take more risks in speculation this year. Attend parties.

Sun in the 6th – This year is likely to bring your day-to-day work and routines into focus. It is a time when you are looking at your working life with scrutiny. You may be looking for a new job that has purpose and meaning. You may have a complete change in life-style so that the whole rhythm of life is altered. Pay attention to what your body is telling you, whether that’s a need for certain foods or liquids or rest or exercise. If you ignore your body’s warnings this year you may have new or continuing health problems. Service given to or received from others is highly appreciated. You may be given a job promotion; however, it requires hard work on your part.

Sun in the 7th – You are more interested in relating to others, and possibly that someone special, than working alone. This is not a time to do things on your own. Your energy is focused on learning something about yourself through others. It is a good year for marriage, counseling or legal interaction. For some there may be open conflict with

others. An old and useless relationship might end so a new rewarding one can form. You want to come out into the world, be more public and noticed. This year favors socializing, and there could be a social upswing in your status among others.

Sun in the 8th – This is a year of tremendous change. You may change your lifestyle completely. The whole purpose of this year is to gain power over yourself and your life. Some may receive a windfall at this time, which changes your life. You may have experiences with gifts, insurance, grants, scholarships, loans and your partner may come into money this year. You get a greater sense of your own strength and potential and gain a new faith in yourself. You may decide to end a matter some time this year.

Sun in the 9th – You become conscious of the principles by which you live your life and begin to reassess your own philosophy of life. You may become deeply interested in a new subject that alters your perspective and changes the way you think. You have a new optimism and are eager to take on fresh opportunities and new interests. Travel is highlighted. It favors a second marriage, and court cases turn out to be in your favor. You may decide to continue or complete your education in order to step up in your career.

Sun in the 10th – You may make major career decision this year. This is a good time to push for advancement and work towards greater career fulfillment. You have more control over your professional life and life direction. You do well as a supervisor this year. Your interest in learning and mastering effective business techniques this year will help you

improve your chances for success. This year favors relationships with your father, employer or any superior of any kind. There could be a change in social status such as marriage, retirement or becoming a parent. This is the year when you become conscious of your true vocation in life and find a new purpose in the world.

Sun in the 11th – This year energy and attention are focused on issues concerning a wider social circle. You need the support of a group to enhance your identity. You want to become part of something that is moving toward a better future. A power play may emerge in a group setting and this year you will come out the winner. You are evaluating your friendships this year and may discard friends who do not treat you well. You may also have an increase in income from your profession this year.

Sun in the 12th – This is a behind-the-scenes year for you. You feel more inward-looking this year and will want to retreat from the world and enjoy your solitude. It is the end of a cycle and you have reached the conclusion of a particular phase of life. There is a need to give something up in order to move on and the seed of a new cycle begins to grow. Light is thrown on unfinished business and you will need to clear up any loose ends. This year favors charity and volunteer work. It is the time to work on your psychic development and practice meditation. You will want to work by yourself this year.

References: *Planets in Solar Returns* by Mary Fortier Shea, *The New Solar Return Book of Prediction* by Raymond Merriman, *Pathways to Success* by Gayle Geffner.

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***Robert Blaschke:  
Holographic Transits ~ Solar  
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