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THIS MONTH AT THE ASA
ANNUAL HOLIDAY POTLUCK

Friday, December 20, 2002 at 6:30 PM at the Scottsdale Senior Center

Internationally-known Astrologer, Charlotte Zeek Benson, will speak on the Solstice & Saturnalia around 8:00 PM

FRIDAY LECTURE

Astrologer Charlotte Zeek Benson will give a lecture on Saturnalia and other solstice celebrations at the annual ASA Holiday Party and Potluck Dinner on Friday, December 20, 2002. She will talk about the traditional significance of the planet Saturn as it relates to the December holidays and the origin of various cultural traditions to celebrate the season. The Potluck and Lecture will be held at the Scottsdale Senior Center at 7374 E. 2nd Street in Scottsdale.

The doors open at 6:30 PM. The ASA will provide the turkey, potatoes and dressing. Please bring a covered dish. Here are suggestions, but you are free to bring what you like. Earth Signs (Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn) bring casseroles and vegetables. Air Signs (Gemini, Libra and Aquarius) bring salads and relishes. Water Signs (Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces) bring holiday breads, butter and rolls. Fire Signs (Leo, Sagittarius and Aries) bring desserts.

If you are unable to bring food, please pay \$10.00 at the door.

ABOUT CHARLOTTE

Charlotte Zeek Benson has practiced astrology as career since 1972. She is lifetime member and 5-time president of the Arizona Society of Astrologers; founding president of the Arizona chapter of National Council for Geocosmic Research; a Founder's Circle member of Kepler College; Founding Sponsor of the American Council of Vedic Astrology; assistant to the Executive Board of the American College Vedic Astrology; curriculum advisor to the Executive Board of the Astrological Institute; served as Southwest area coordinator for the Association For Astrological Networking; and facilitated the recent President's Council meeting at United Astrology Conference in Orlando. She has a Professional Diploma from the American Federation of Astrologers, the C.A.P. designation from International

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Society for Astrological Research, is a candidate for Level IV certification through NCGR, and has just been elected to the Steering Committee AFAN. She has studied astrology in such diverse places as France, Japan, and most recently in India.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear ASA and Friends of Astrology,

As we enter another Holiday Season, it comes to mind how much Astrology has enriched my life. I have always been one who wanted to find out the how's and why's of Life. Astrology is a tool that can be used for just that purpose.

Astrology has given me a better understanding of our place in the Sun, if you will, and a glimpse at the Big Picture our Creator has painted for us. As we enter a new year, I believe Astrology is on the verge of great discoveries and correlations.

There are ways to profit from Astrology's messages that I equate with tapping into natural law for our own prosperity. There are Astrologers succeeding at stock market investing, sports handicapping, and other endeavors.

In April, 2003, a world conference of Astro-Economics is coming to Scottsdale. Also, the AFA convention in July will offer more opportunities for more economic success, not to mention the exposure to an abundance of academics.

Have a great Holiday Season and may 2003 be full of Trines and Sextiles!

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FRIDAY NIGHT EDUCATION

Following is the write-up by Lisa Carlin:

Education Director Judy Collins presented a brief educational segment on the recent sniper shootings around Washington D.C. Snipers John Allen Muhammad and John Lee Malvo were captured and arrested on 10/24/02 at 3:19 AM in Myersville, MD. The arrest chart is a classic event chart. It has two grand trines:

- 1) Moon, Mars, Neptune, Vertex
- 2) Moon, Neptune, Sun

It also has a T-square of Jupiter, Venus, Vertex/Neptune.

John Allen Muhammad was born on 12/31/60 at 6:12 AM in New Orleans, LA. He has no squares in his chart. Squares are necessary to help build character. He has Pluto conjunct the North Node and Vulcan is close to Pluto. This configuration shows Muhammad has volcanic emotions. He has Sun conjunct Jupiter — he thinks he is a god.

John Lee Malvo was born 2/18/85 in Kingston, Jamaica. Birthtime is unknown. With Mercury at 29° Aquarius and Sun at 0° Pisces, Malvo was probably born in the afternoon and did not want to be born a double Aquarian. He has Venus and Mars in Aries, which is square to Muhammad's Jupiter. Malvo was a catalyst for Muhammad.

Why did they become snipers? Who were they targeting? Judy Collins thinks they were targeting people who have everyday lives. People who have homes,

go out to eat and can buy things. Muhammad had no money, was homeless, couldn't get a job and live an ordinary life.

NOVEMBER SPEAKER

Following is the write-up by Lisa Carlin on Kay Cox's presentation on Animal Astrology last month.

Friday Night Lecture

Astrology is for everyone and everything, including animals, plants, etc. Until we learn to communicate with animals, plants and rocks, the chance of extra-terrestrial communication is way off. Creatures here on Earth have a brain, abilities and an Astrology Chart. Animals come in contact with us to teach us lessons. Tonight we will look at animals astrologically.

Animals show sign energy in a pure form. People can learn to mask, control and curb their emotions and outbursts. Animals don't hide their sign energy at all, and have no desire to. Let's look at each sign. Remember to layer species and breed differences on top of the sign energy. An Aries cat will behave differently than an Aries dog, for instance. Following are common traits:

Aries (March 21- April 19)

- Have a lot of energy
- Excitable
- Live in the Now (more than people)
- Not team players — they get the show going and leave.
- Difficult to train unless you show them what is in it for them.

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Compatible owners: Aggressive people, adventurers, lawyers, football players.

Taurus (April 20 — May 20)

- Loves comfort and soft things
- Large for their species & breed
- Love food
- If they love you, they will bring you what they have killed — they want to feed you.
- Like to snuggle
- Loyal (won't run off to the neighbors)

Compatible owners: Easygoing people, writers, those who get along with anyone.

Gemini (May 21 — June 20)

- They are two pets in one. They have two distinct modes of operation and flip flop between them.
- Talkative. Horses will talk on the trail and dogs will irritate the neighbors with their barking.
- Short attention span
- Do not like isolation
- They fidget, move, scratch and wiggle.

Compatible owners: Sagittarians, comedians, writers.

Cancer (June 21 — July 23)

- The Moon changes their personality; for instance, dogs howl at the full moon and horses roam in their pens.
- Love to eat

- Love water (will play in the toilet)
- Love children
- Prone to weight gain
- Gather toys to feel secure
- Intuitive and perceptive. Will know you are coming home 10 minutes ahead of time
- Night creatures.
- Knead the furniture

Compatible owners: homebodies, gentle people, private people.

Leo (July 23— August 22)

- Show animals
- Demand attention
- Like to strut
- Will defend themselves but do not like to fight
- Happy animals
- Will bring you toys and treats
- Lazy
- Finicky eating habits

Compatible owners: Anyone who can afford the best, Aquarians.

Virgo (August 23— September 22)

- Like to dig (cats will dig in the litter box over and over again)
- On the scheming side (will let you do what *they* want you to do)
- Nervous and edgy
- Enjoy learning new tricks
- Do not like to see ghosts
- Wants meals at the same time every day

Compatible owners: Neat freaks, Cancers, accountants, people who love to clean.

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Libra (September 23 - October 22)

- Make excellent companion animals
- Do not like to be left alone
- Cute, adorable and charming
- Love milk and cream
- Will sleep in small spaces completely covered

Compatible owners: Gentle loving humans, singers, artists.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 — Nov. 21)

- Loves to stalk and hunt
- Have vampire-like teeth and eyes
- Controlling type of mate
- Hides in a place, then comes out and attacks.

Compatible owners: Powerful people, detectives, mystery writers.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22— Dec. 21)

- True hunters and sports pets
- Play hard and win hard
- Seldom let you know if they are hurt
- Love to be outdoors
- Loves freedom
- Eat their own kill

Compatible owners: Another Sagittarian, One who loves the outdoors, Sports and television nuts.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – January 19)

- Can read humans

- Unapproachable at first, but once they get to know you they are affectionate.
- Can get what they want from anyone
- Enjoy collars with bells and rhinestones.
- Will steal food

Compatible owners: Capricorn, Aries and Leo, serious people, anyone who lets them rule.

Aquarius (January 20— February 18)

- Independent
- No cages (even for birds)
- Green eyes
- Striking appearance
- Everyone is their friend (but will not get too close)
- Sleep in lofty or weird places

Compatible owners: Aquarians, free thinkers, independent people, people who like gadgets.

Pisces (February 19— March 20)

- Dreamers (not bound by gravity or reality)
- Graceful
- Psychic
- Fascinated by water
- Gets lost in the twilight
- Like to chase shadows
- Like to sleep in your warm, soft bed

Compatible owners: Artists, psychics, people with connections to water.

VULCAN – by Virginia Reyer, ASA member

VULCAN, the intra-Mercurial planet, is also known as the ghost planet.

This Vulcan has nothing to do with the Uranian planet Vulcanus. Do not confuse the two. The name “Vulcan” first came into general use about 1857, after astronomers observed what was supposed to have been the transit of an intra-Mercurial planet. The selection of the name Vulcan from mythology gives an almost exact description of the inner planet. It is presumed to be hot, like a blacksmith’s iron, because it is close to the Sun. Vulcan of mythology, or Tubal-Cain of the Bible, was a blacksmith who forged hot iron.

Vulcan’s mean distance from the Sun at elongation is $8^{\circ} 17'$. When any planet is within a few degrees of the Sun, about $8^{\circ} 30'$, it is in a state of combustia, that is burnt up, and its virtues are destroyed by that position. Mercury and the Sun are never “via combustia,” but every other planet, and particularly the Moon, are powerfully affected in some strange manner, though irregularly, when within a few degrees of the Sun. Planets often exhibit some strange and unaccountable detriment when within 8 degrees of the Sun. This is only to be explained by the presence of an intra-Mercurial planet operative about half the time, as it moves on one side of the Sun, and half the time on the other.

Modern observations, especially in the last two centuries: Vulcan has been observed March 27, 1720, again on Mar 15, 1721. More than a century and a half later the same recurrence, separated by 353 days, was noted by other observers. There is no doubt that an intra-Mercurial

planet exists. In 1907, Captain Isbester was on the British ship Dalgonar about 250 miles off the Northern Ca coast. He noticed a very large spot on the disk of the Sun that looked like an inverted balloon. It moved with easily noticeable speed and passed off the Sun’s disk late in the afternoon. The Captain had ‘witnessed the transit of an intra-Mercurial planet. Isbester concluded that the spot was on the Sun from noon for a full four hours. Upon comparing previously recorded observations, it was found to have a synodic time of 19.5804 days. This became the basis of the tables, as others also timed the transit. Solar Fire computes the position of Vulcan. Vulcan moves about one degree per year.

Astrological nature and effect of Vulcan:

- 1- Interior of the Sun governs the Earth’s temperature.
- 2- Solar photosphere governs the Earth’s electro-magnetism.
- 3- Vulcan governs the atmospheric air and gases, the aerial currents on the earth’s surface and barometric pressures.
- 4- The Moon governs the Earth’s waters.
- 5- Mercury, a crystalizing force, synthetic and analytic.
- 6- Venus, an ozone, or element of preservation.
- 7- Mars, a force that minutely subdivides every element.
- 8- The Asteroids produce fogs, clouds, rains, meteors.
- 9- Jupiter, a coagulating, synthetic force of supreme power.
- 10- Saturn, inharmony, disintegration, decay, cold, inertia.

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11- Uranus, like Mercury, but of massive reaction.

12- Neptune, like Venus, but of a more permanent nature.

Vulcan has separating veiling forces, veiling of the intuition, veiling cosmic love and wisdom, veiling the true name of the planetary logos, thus producing coordination eventually. In the natal chart, Vulcan appears to nullify the effect of any planet with which he is in bodily conjunction, excepting the Sun and Mercury, but in any other aspect whatsoever, square, trine, opposition etc, he gives a kind of vehement eccentricity of character according with the nature of the planet he aspects. Strange freaks are produced in human nature, mentally and physically, usually in malevolent form.

Why it is that Vulcan has so rarely been seen at transits? This intra-mercurial planet is a thin disk of matter, about the density and the toughness of the best vanadium steel. Since the axial rotation would throw his poles nearly at right angles with the ecliptic, we can never see the planet at any time on account of the thin edge being always presented to our view. But occasionally Vulcan captures masses of matter in the form of comets that rush in near the Sun and this material, generally in a cloudy form, appears as a globe surrounding the planet. The clouds are thrown off in a few days. Vulcan can never be more than 8 degrees from the Sun, and technically is always in conjunction with the Sun, between 8 and 22 degrees of a sign. Both Sun and Vulcan are in the same sign unless the Sun between 0 and 8 degrees of a sign, or between 22 and 30 degrees of a sign; then there is a possibility that Vulcan is in the adjacent sign. Its orbit is entirely within the orbit of Mercury.

Vulcan is the ruler of Virgo. Vulcan helps people create and fashion all sorts of things. On the esoteric level, (which is the astrology of the soul transmitted by a Tibetan Master to Alice Bailey many years ago), Vulcan is the ruler of Taurus, again another earth sign. A definite orbit cannot be established yet; however for many reasons the orbit given is valid. An English esotericist has proposed that Vulcan is always 3° from Mercury on the side of the Sun. Solar Fire has the option of calculating either method: D. Baker's method or the one most used, which is by L.H. Weston. The only real way is to look at the hard aspect transits (conjunctions, squares or oppositions) of Vulcan. The orbit of Vulcan is about 23 days.

The qualities of the Asc sign describe the future direction of the soul that we are growing forwards to or new qualities that we are developing.

Aries= Mercury
Taurus= Vulcan
Gemini =Venus
Cancer = Neptune
Leo = Sun
Virgo = Moon
Libra = Uranus
Scorpio =Mars
Sagittarius =Earth
Capricorn = Saturn
Aquarius =Jupiter
Pisces = Pluto

Aries is to inspire others, mind, communication, the Messenger of the Gods.

Taurus to release personal desires, growth through change, illumination and enlightenment.

Gemini to teach Right Human Relations between self and others, turning knowledge into wisdom.

Cancer to build a spiritual home and selflessly nourish others through devotion and self-sacrifice.

Leo to express Divine Will through open-heartedness, warmth, creativity, leadership and love.

Virgo to heal and serve others, the past, the mother of all forms, nurturing.

Libra to harmonize opposites, to choose the middle path, trans-personal relations, perfected love.

Scorpio to transform darkness into light, the battle between Soul and Personality, spiritual warrior.

Sagittarius to uplift humanity through the revelation of Truth and Wisdom and one-pointedness.

Capricorn to express one's true spiritual vocation and purpose for the greater good.

Aquarius to serve humanity through the dedication of personal energies to the collective.

Pisces to sacrifice the self through compassionate service to others.

The highest goal is the integration of the personality, striving to overcome the limitations and problems such as physical excesses, emotional instability and negative thinking. The goal is to unite the body, emotions and mind into a state of harmony. There are various techniques that help us to connect with the soul or the higher-self. Meditation, creative visualization, artistic and musical expression, communicating with nature or the stars, compassionate service and the study of the scriptures.

Esoteric astrology developed out of the Theosophical Society of Blavatsky and

Besant. This astrology correlates the theosophical seven rays with the planets and signs. According to this system, each person has certain rays predominant in their personal chart. These rays correspond to the chakras or energy centers. Esoteric astrologers also use the Earth and the planet Vulcan. This type of astrology reached the general public through popular works such as the writings of Alan Oken, spiritual astrologer.

Taurus rules the thyroid gland, the outer expression of the throat center, the zone of creativity for the man on the path. The thyroid controls the metabolism of energy or prana, the speed of living. It is indispensable to life. This center is brought into activity by the soul. The average man, rooted in materiality, cannot be truly creative. If a person has no thyroid for any reason, the pituitary gland takes over. When Taurus is working esoterically, the planet Vulcan becomes the ruler. This necessitates persistence, endurance, and continuity of effort and is one of the characteristics imparted or stimulated by the energies coming from Vulcan. Vulcan is both a catalyst for cathartic change and an electric fire to enlighten our connection with the universe. If we are able to withstand the heat from his forge, Vulcan can present us with soul ornaments of liberation, opportunities for tremendous growth. Vulcan's presence in horoscopes is very evident in the charts of the famous and the notorious. Both Vulcan and Trans-Pluto have frequently shown remarkable appropriate symbolic correspondences in a variety of horoscopes. The closer the aspect, the more violent are the manifestations. Weston implied that Vulcan in any exact

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aspect is potentially dangerous.

Virginia offered a number of example charts, which are available in the hardcopy version of the newsletter. Her conclusion, after studying these charts, is that when Vulcan is applying to the Sun, the effects are more potent than when Vulcan is behind the Sun or moving away from the Sun.

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