



December 2007

SOLSTICE PARTY

**Bring an hors d'oeuvre or a dessert
(or \$10 - but we'd prefer the food)**

Friday, December 21, 2007

Time: 7:00 – 9:30 PM

!!NO SATURDAY MEETING!!

The party will be held at the Granite Reef Senior Center. The address is: 1700 N. Granite Reef, Scottsdale, AZ 85257

Food ~ Mini-Readings ~ Door Prizes ~ Lots of New (Used) Books ~ Fun

This year, we're streamlining the Solstice Party in response to the difficulties of serving an entire holiday meal as we have in the past. We are asking our members to bring:

* Hors d'oeuvres (appetizers, finger foods, happy hour treats), OR

* Your favorite dessert.

The Board will provide beverages (coffee, tea, spiced punch). Board members will bring veggies and salads, etc. but please do not plan to make this your main meal of the evening. We want there to be enough for everybody.

If you cannot bring food, please be ready to pay \$10 at the door as usual for our holiday parties.

There will be no program as such, but everyone who comes will get a mini-reading from one of our talented psychics!

MAYNARD CALENDARS ARE IN!

We are still selling books from Bonnie Wilson's library, and will have many that you haven't seen before.

Ivan Halvorson will provide music ~ please be sure to thank him for this gift to us.

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Last month at the ASA . . . All-Star Panel

by Marta Morris, ASA Scribe

Marta Morris: Saturn Transiting Virgo

By comparing the last two periods that Saturn transited Virgo, we can extrapolate what might happen in this period. The current period began on September 3, 2007 and continues to October 29, 2009, when Saturn briefly goes into Libra (October 30, 2009 – April 8, 2010). On April 8, 2010, Saturn retrogrades back into Virgo and remains retrograde until May 30, 2010. On May 31, it turns direct in late degrees of Virgo and enters Libra for good on July 21, 2010. The “free degrees” are: 0; 9,10, 11, 12, 13; 22, 23, 24, 25, 26. These are the degrees over which Saturn passes only once.

When Saturn was in Gemini, it opposed Pluto for two whole years, making five contacts, and it was the final separation that resulted or coincided with the Twin Towers event. (Pluto opposed Saturn = loss at its worst.)

When it was in Leo, Saturn opposed Neptune for a solid two years, making five contacts; and again, after the final separation, we had the “steam explosion” in New York City, the bridge collapse in Minneapolis and the coal mine disaster in Utah.

(Neptune opposed Saturn = Dark Night of the Soul.) While Saturn transits Virgo, it will oppose Uranus from September 5, 2008 to October 29, 2009, with three exact contacts. These will occur on November 3, 2008 at 18° Virgo (Saturn direct/Uranus retrograde); on February 5, 2009 at 20° Virgo (Saturn retrograde/Uranus direct); and finally on September 14, 2009 at 24° Virgo (Saturn direct/Uranus retrograde). We can expect that the most “explosive” incident will occur after September 14, 2009, yet with Uranus involved, it’s always the unexpected. (Uranus opposed Saturn –Down with the Old, or Structure versus Change.)

The previous period that Saturn was in Virgo was July 25, 1978 to September 20, 1980. The period before that was September 19, 1948 to November 20, 1950 R; March 8, 1951 to May 28, 1951, D; and May 29, 1951 to August 13, 1951, a similar pattern to the current one.

Some of the comparisons of the last two periods were the election of Truman, a Democrat, and the nomination of Ronald Reagan, a Republican.

Vietnam was established in the first period, and the Soviet Union and Vietnam signed a 25-year treaty in the second period.

Mossadegh was elected as Prime Minister of Iran in the first period, and in the second period Iranian militants seized the US Embassy. We had the Iran hostage crisis and the Shah died.

In the second period, Mother Teresa won the Nobel prize for peace, which was recently awarded to Al Gore. Mother Teresa has once again received attention, because she is under consideration for sainthood and because her private letters have been exposed.

In the first period, the movie best describing Saturn in Virgo was “The Country Girl”; and the second period was best described by “Norma Rae” and “All That Jazz.”

The song of the first period was “If I Knew You Were Coming, I’d Have Baked a Cake” and in the second period, “Ain’t Misbehaving.” There was even an opera entitled, “Paradise Lost.”

In science, in the first period there was Einstein’s “Grand Field Theory,” “Milltowns,” antihistamine, and major production of penicillin. In the second, patents on living organisms, the first test tube baby and laetrile. Currently, stem cell research might be funded.

In July, 1980, Mt. St. Helens erupted. Currently, we will have the Pluto/Jupiter conjunction at the Galactic Center AND Saturn in Virgo opposed by Uranus in Pisces. Who knows what will erupt?!

The Saturn returns for those who have natal Saturn in Virgo will, of course, deal with work and health issues in addition to affecting the house in which Saturn falls and the house that it rules, with the first more than likely being work issues and the second both work and health issues.

For the generation with Pluto in Virgo and Neptune in Scorpio, Saturn in Virgo will mean “one door closes, but another door opens” in the area of work and health. It was in 1965, that Medicare was initiated, and now with the Saturn conjunction, healthcare for everyone is the subject of our Congress. The sextile to Neptune will enable that generation to face the truth and reality about the declining salaries. They already accept that it takes two people to sustain a household, since they grew up seeing their mothers going to work.

For those with Pluto in Cancer, age 70+, they still “believe” but are taking “natural supplements” as well, and the sextile from Saturn may allow them to continue to live in their homes.

The generation with Pluto in Scorpio, aged 14-23, are joining the military at age 19 for the benefits if they live. We will have “bionic” men and women in our midst, due to medical advancements.

Saturn in Virgo will conjunct the Neptune of those approximately 66–77 years old. This will be depressing; there can be chemical imbalances, drugs and/or natural supplements and, it is to be hoped, retirement.

The generation with Neptune in Sagittarius, aged 15-36, will definitely see travel restrictions and nostalgia about the American Dream, which is becoming a nightmare.

For those aged approximately 11-22, who have Neptune in Capricorn, Saturn forms a trine, so those aged 22 can have their career goals enhanced or met, while the 11-year-olds have a mother who helps them study and has a job.

The Candidates

Marta spent the remainder of the time allotted looking at the US Chart (Gemini Rising, Equal House). The most interesting phenomena was that the Equal 10th House was 7° Pisces and the MC was 13° Aquarius. The transiting NN was at 7° Pisces at the Saturn Ingress and will be at 13° Aquarius on Election Day, 2008.

She analyzed the charts of four Democrats, four Republicans, and one Conservative, beginning with Ron Paul. She was mostly looking at the Saturn/Uranus opposition, the Nodes and of course, Jupiter. Ron Paul has had the NN conjunct his Saturn and Pluto trining his Sun, but those aspects will not last much longer. His Venus is at 22° Virgo, so Uranus will turn retrograde in opposition to it.

John McCain will have the Saturn/Uranus opposition on his Neptune ruling his sixth house located in the 12th. Saturn is currently conjunct his Sun, and his Venus is also at 22° Virgo. On Election Day Jupiter will be at 18° Capricorn. His Moon is at 27° Capricorn and rules his 10th—Jupiter doesn't get there soon enough

Fred Thompson, is having a nodal "reversal," with SN conjunct his Sun early in 2008, followed by

Chiron, a co-ruler of his 10th house, undoing the benefit from the trine from Pluto to his 26° Leo Sun that he has been enjoying. Jupiter in his second house trining his Virgo planets may keep the money coming.

Rudy Guliani, with Moon and ASC at 22° Leo and the SN going over that, will have to make adjustments and really play up the past achievements. Pluto has been opposing his Saturn, which lets up soon. An audience member asked what the aspects were on 9/11/01. Obviously, it was the Pluto/Saturn opposition in Gemini/Sagittarius, at 12° and 14°, as mentioned above, making no particular aspects. The Moon just before impact was exactly conjunct his Saturn. Saturn has also been squaring his Sun/Uranus conjunction. It is amazing that he is doing as well as he is. All those 12th house planets are hiding a big secret.

Hillary Clinton has two charts—the 8:00 PM one with Gemini ASC and a recent 8:00 AM one with a Scorpio ASC, which puts lots of planets in her 12th house. Either way, she gets the benefit of Saturn and Jupiter sextiling all of her Scorpio planets. With a 22° Scorpio ASC, she also picks up a nice trine from Uranus before it retrogrades in June. In that chart her Moon is at 22° Pisces, making that trine grand!

Mitt Romney—no birth time—recently had NN conjunct his Mars. Closer to election time, the SN conjuncts his Pluto. The Saturn/Uranus opposition on Election Day is within orb of his Sun and in fact, Uranus turns retrograde on his Sun in June. Jupiter tends to help, but not soon enough.

Dennis Kucinich has Aries ASC, which explains his aggressive action in twice calling for the impeachment of Cheney. He does get some help from Saturn and Jupiter—trine his Saturn/Venus in December, 2007—will that help in Iowa? He is having his second Saturn Return, which also includes Venus. This will again be more powerful in early 2008. Around Election Day he gets a trine from the NN to his Sun. Unfortunately, it is not quite there in June

when all decisions will be final. Additionally, he has Jupiter square his Sun AND Uranus in his 12th house—unfortunately for all of us, he’s way ahead of his time! SN will conjunct his Pluto, which is indicative of the year he was born (all 1947-1961 candidates).

John Edwards, likeable, smart, rich. Why is he not doing better? Pluto has been opposing his Mars, which is the ruler of the 10th, for over a year. This will end before Christmas, but will be replaced by Uranus square Sun in February, with the opposition from Saturn, creating a T-square by Election Day. In June Uranus turns retrograde square his Sun. Jupiter does not help him at all, nor does the NN.

Barak Obama, with the Sun ruling the 10th and close to the 10th, will have the SN conjunct that and his MC. In fact, the SN travels over his Part of Fortune at 7°, ending with his Sun at 12°. But Uranus also turns retrograde trine his ASC in June. Jupiter will trine his Pluto and Part of Fortune in January, so that may help in Iowa. His Mars, ruler of the 6th, is at 22° Virgo, which means that Uranus turns retrograde opposing it with Saturn coming along later to conjunct it—after the election. Still Uranus can bring very sudden and unexpected occurrence, including an “accident.”

So right now, it looks like Hillary for the Democrats, and there being no clear-cut indications for the Republicans, astrologically, I’ll stay with Ken’s declination chart predictions for Fred, for now!

Douglas Noblehorse — The Thema Mundi

The Thema Mundi is the original horoscope of the Universe, which was used by the Hellenistic astrologers 2,000 years ago to demonstrate basic astrological principles. For instance, when you see Mars, you are also thinking Aries, Scorpio and Capricorn.

Much of the information of this theme comes from Project Hindsight, which translates ancient books

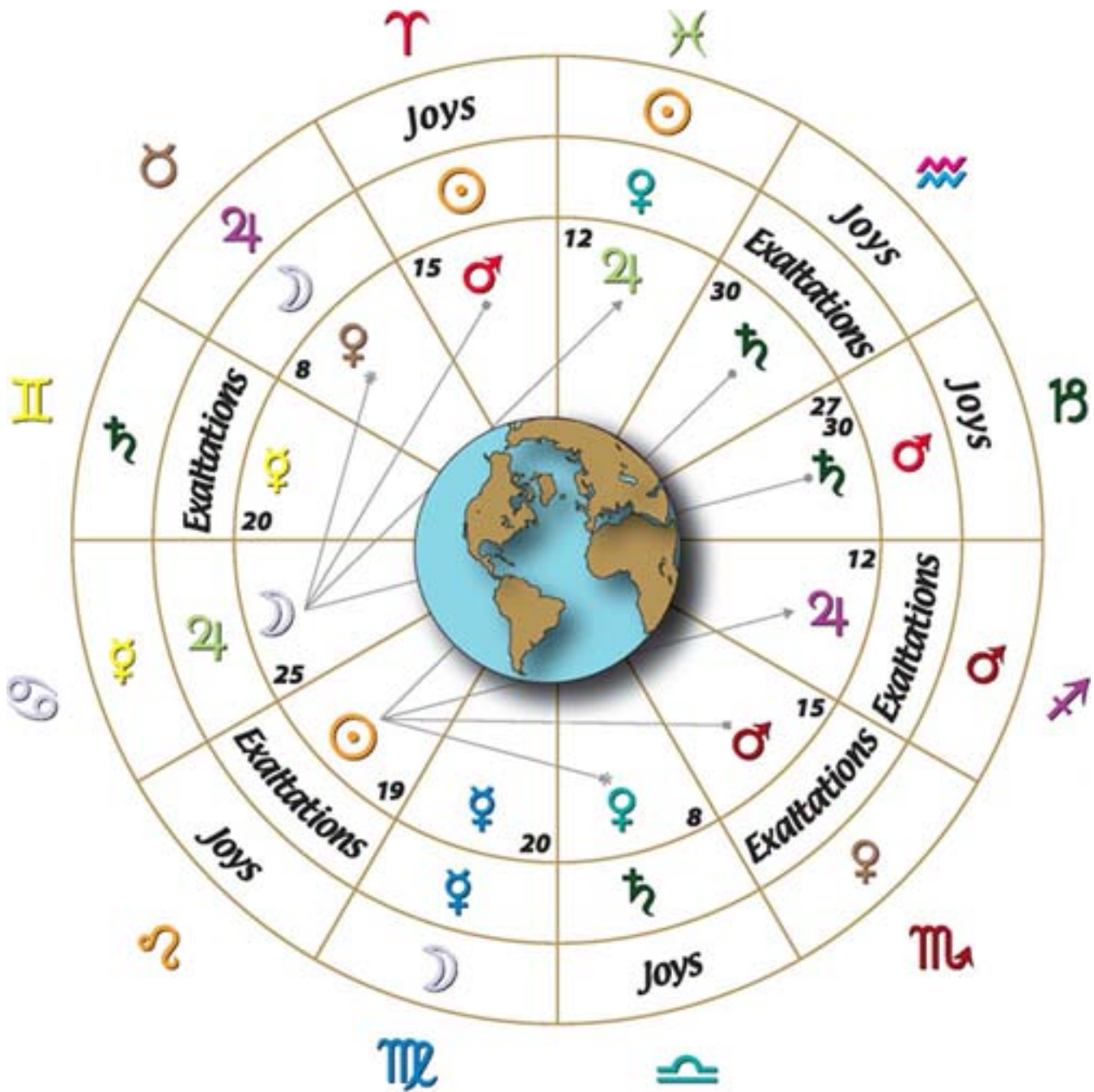
not readily available. These include the works of Firmicus Maternus, Thrasyllus, Anubio and Hermes Trismegestus. Some of these authors are considered mythological because the names are aliases. Hermes is the supposed source of Hermetic Philosophy, which includes the study of astrology.

The actual Thema Mundi chart in use during the Hellenistic period more than likely has Cancer rising because this pointed back to a period of seasonal alignments after a major catastrophe dating back to the beginnings of an age. There is a Mesopotamian influence using the solstices. Egypt also figures into the equation. The star Sirius marks the Egyptian New Year when it once again becomes visible during the Sun in Cancer.

Once the rising sign is determined, the rest of the chart is developed using an elegant system of rulerships based on some very logical principles and hierarchies. Moon, Sun, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, back to Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Venus and Mercury. By dividing the planets into sects, Diurnal and Nocturnal, with Mercury being either diurnal or nocturnal depending on his position, you get an easy-to-follow set of “rules.” The signs alternate into “Masculine and Feminine” or “active and receptive.” Aries begins the “masculine” or diurnal and Taurus the “feminine” or nocturnal. The Diurnal planets are Sun, Jupiter, Saturn. The Nocturnal planets are Moon, Venus, Mars. Jupiter is the Warm and Moist benefic and harmonizes with the Day. Venus is the cool and moist benefic and harmonizes with the Night. Saturn is cold and dry, malefic, warmed by the Day; Mars is hot and dry, malefic, cooled by the Night. Sect status of Mercury depends on zodiacal position. Rising before the Sun, he is diurnal. Rising after the Sun, he is nocturnal.

Planetary Core Meanings

THE SUN – SELECTION, including the mind and wisdom (the ability to select what is useful and what is not), and action (the ability to select a course of action that benefits the native).



THE MOON – ACCUMULATION and INCLUSION, as in collecting and gathering resources. This basic nature underpins the view of the Moon as supportive and nurturing, qualities which could not exist without a prior gathering of resources. In a symbolic sense, the Moon collects the Sun’s Light, reflecting it to Earth. So, too, does the Moon absorb the efflux of the various planets, in turn transmitting it to the Earth plane.

MERCURY – CONTESTATION, as in challenging, or competing. Also DESTABILIZATION. Mercury likes to question everything.

VENUS – UNIFICATION and RECONCILIATION. This is the foundation of relationship. Venus brings together things that are unconnected.

MARS – SEVERANCE and SEPARATION.

Mars can act in the interest of the native by clearing away obstacles, an example of using Mars as a weapon or tool. Generally, though, Mars subtracts from the native, bringing about separations of all kinds. Because of this, Mars specifically signifies retrogradation, when something is lost or subtracted from the native. Mars breaks connections.

JUPITER – STABILIZATION and CONFIRMATION. Secondary significations include the idea of alliances and patronages that benefit the native.

SATURN – REJECTION and EXCLUSION. Saturn denies and ignores. Saturn is also deception, which involves acting as well as oratory, especially oration meant to persuade or deceive, as in spin-control or propaganda.

The outer planets were not used. Looking at the symmetrical and elegant chart below, you can see how rulerships, aspects and their meanings are derived. The opposition is the most difficult according to this method.

You can read a longer version of this article on our website, www.azastrologers.org.

Terry Warneke — House Rulerships

This lecture complemented that of Doug Nobehorse and vice versa. Terry began by stating that although Pluto was discovered circa 1930, it was not commonly used until the 1960's. He reiterated that everything we now know about Pluto being a dwarf planet has been known for 30 years. The demotion was not due to new information. Other "dwarf planets" had to be discovered. A dwarf planet is bigger than an asteroid, but smaller than the planets. The Sun and Moon are not planets either, but they are powerful anyway. The farther out an object is, the more powerful it is because of its slow motion. Rulership means what it is. Terry made a good case for the outer planets being powerful enough on their own without ruling anything.

A rising planet will be more noticeable than the rising

sign. Planets inside earth's orbit are different than those outside earth's orbit. Planets that rule are visible to the naked eye. They concern ordinary reality. Higher consciousness vs. transits. Uranus, Neptune and Pluto are a reality beyond the ordinary.

To determine rulership, there is always a masculine and feminine sign influence. Terry compared Assault and Battery to Mars Direct and Retrograde. The Sun radiates, the Moon reflects. The ancient astrologers used both the Sun and Moon as rulers of Cancer and Leo.

Most of the references in the Bible use the fixed signs on the angles. All those references to Ox, Man, Lion and Serpent are to the fixed signs, at a time when the seasons began in Taurus—the age of Taurus.

And it may be that rulerships began at that point in time when the declinations connected the signs in a very symmetrical way. (Chart 1.) Monuments were built to mimic the sky. 13,000 years ago there was a cataclysmic event world-wide, a flood with tidal waves that went around the earth three times, destroying all civilization. The Egyptian Book of the Dead endeavors to recreate the past. The Vernal point was in Leo.

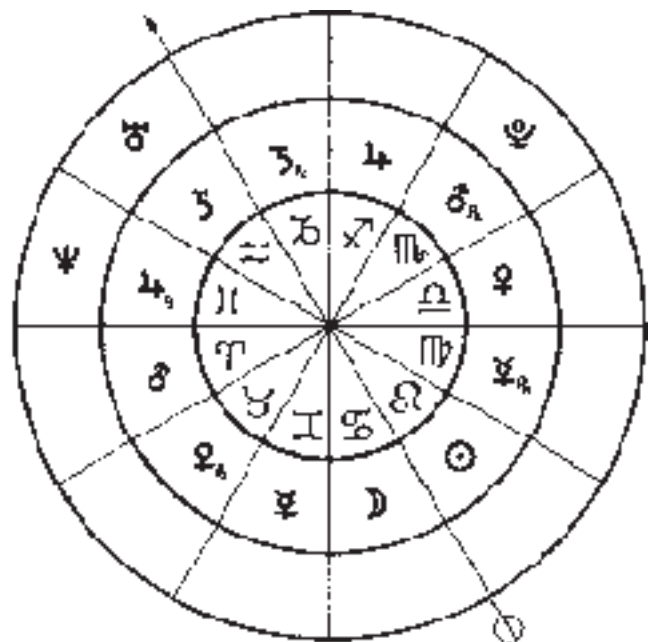


Chart 1

Terry went on to give the rulerships, as in the previous lecture, but with Aries ascending. And if you take the placement of the Moon and Sun, it will recreate the Thema Mundi. Notwithstanding, the line-up from Moon/Sun will be the same: Moon, Mercury, Venus retrograde, Mars, Jupiter retrograde, Saturn, Saturn retrograde and going in the other direction Sun, Mercury retrograde, Venus, Mars retrograde, Jupiter, Saturn retrograde.

If you know your basic astrology, this makes perfect sense in keeping with the masculine/feminine archetype. The retrograde planets signify feminine energies, direct planets signify masculine energies, and they will match up perfectly with the masculine and feminine signs.

If you add in the outer Planets, the order matches with what we now deem as co-rulerships. And the recently discovered Eris would co-rule Taurus and Libra. (Chart 2.)

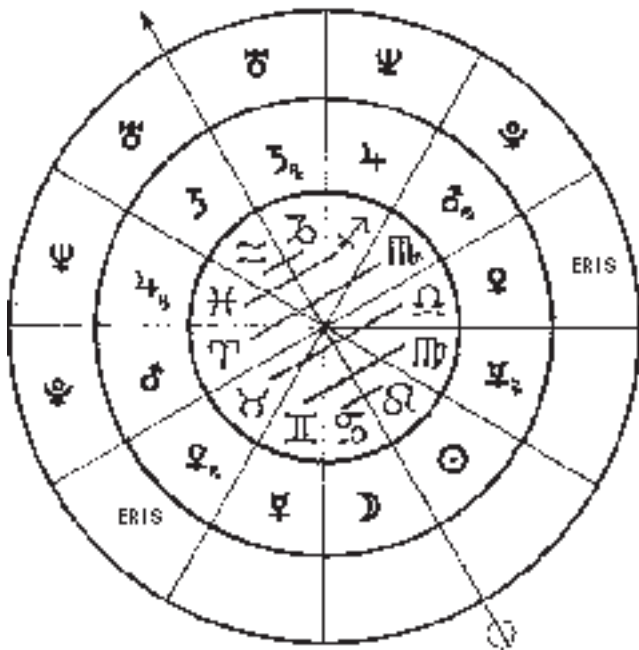


Chart 2

Coming in January . . . Philip Sedgwick

***Friday: Jupiter in Capricorn
Saturday: That Damnable Eris***

***The Second Saturn Return -
Your Reality Check***

At your Second Saturn Return, around 59 years of age, you are at a very important developmental stage of your life. This is an important turning point where you are called upon to make lifetime decisions. Boston astrologer Dorothy Oja will be giving a seminar on the second Saturn return on Thursday, December 20, 2007 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Paradise Bakery on the NE corner of Tatum and Shea in Paradise Valley. Cost \$25 RSVP 602-363-6396 or Brenda@eclipseastrologyaz.com.

Beginning Hellenistic Astrology

Douglas Noblehorse will be teaching a monthly Beginning Hellenistic Astrology class at the home of Kathe Smith starting on January 6, 2008. Each two-hour class will begin at 2:00 PM. Subjects covered will be the history of astrology, and the philosophy and paradigms underlying Hellenistic astrology. The main focus, however, will be an overview of Hellenistic terms and definitions, such as Rulerships/Lordships, Chart Rulers, Sect, Whole Sign Places and Porphyry Houses, Aspect and Configuration doctrine, Quadrants, Combustion doctrine, Phasis considerations, and Lots.

Sign up by providing your name, email address and/or phone number at noblehorse@cox.net or by calling 602-439-4632. Also, please provide your birthdata when signing up, as you will use your horoscope to understand Hellenistic astrological concepts. I will be generating class horoscopes from the Hellenistic astrological software known as Delphic Oracle.

The class will run for 3 sessions. Class size is limited to 12 people. The cost for each session will be \$25.00. If there is enough interest, I will also conduct classes on the West side of the Valley or online.

Douglas Noblehorse, Quincunx Astrology