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**THIS MONTH AT THE ASA**

**DIETRECH PESSIN**

**Friday: LUNAR SHADOWS – LOST KEY TO TIMING ECLIPSES**

**Saturday: SOLAR LINKS – A STUDY OF SOLAR RETURNS**

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**FRIDAY LECTURE**

East Coast Astrologer Dietrech Pessin will give a lecture entitled **“Lunar Shadows — Lost Key to Timing Eclipses”** at the Friday night meeting of the Arizona Society of Astrologers on February 21, 2003.

There are two major eclipse cycles. The greater one, the 1,300-year Saros Cycle, begins with a new moon at the North or South Pole and ends with the new moon at the opposite pole. The shorter eclipse cycle, called the Metonic Cycle, has a 19-year pattern and repeats 3-5 times over the span of about 57 to 95 years. A deeper study of the Metonic Cycle reveals the key to the timing of eclipse events. Within the Metonic Cycle, Dietrech has discovered a 2 ¼ year subcycle she calls the “Lunar Gestation Cycle.” It shows the evolution of events seeded from the original eclipse and becomes an effective predictive tool for all events, from the mundane to the most personal, in four distinct states and

beyond. Bring your own examples of eclipse events and your chart.

The lecture will be held at the Scottsdale Senior Center at 7374 E. 2nd Street in Scottsdale. The doors open at 7:00 PM. Admission is \$4.00 for members and \$10.00 for guests.

**SATURDAY WORKSHOP**

On Saturday, February 22, 2002 Dietrech will conduct a 4-hour workshop entitled **“Solar Links — A Study of Solar Returns.”** Solar Links is a dynamic study of a chain of Solar Return charts used as an interactive system for tracking the process of an individual’s experiences and responses throughout their life. This study projects well into the future, detecting detailed information about the individual’s ongoing primary process and objective. It shows when the greatest shifts occur and identifies the person’s continuous change, activity, and progress. This exciting material is cutting edge and has a practical

application to all other astrological studies, including relationship and business charts.

Bring to the Meeting....

In order to participate, some homework is necessary. Cast your solar returns in groups of 15 or more. Cast the charts for your NATAL location only, and be sure they are NON-PRECESSED. The most common type of solar return is not precessed. You may choose to print all the returns of your life, but the most vital one is the first at age one. After that, come to the current time frame. Print charts in consecutive order, beginning in 1993 through 2008. That would be 15 charts. Next, find and insert two midpoints for each Solar Return chart: the Sun/Moon midpoint, and the Ascendant/Midheaven midpoint. Insert these midpoints into your natal chart as well. Bring a yellow highlighter, purple, green and red pens and a pencil.

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.

### **GETTING TO KNOW DIETRECH PESSIN**

Since 1974, astrology has been Dietrech Pessin's only passion. She has a full-time international astrological consulting practice in Boston, and since 1985 has taught weekly astrology classes. In her spare time, she enjoys astrological research, and from 1991-2000 served as the Boston Chapter NCGR's Research Director. Her international lectures led to a book contract and lecture intensive in Russia. She is the author of "Lunar

Shadows — the Lost Key to Timing of Eclipses," which will be available for purchase both Friday and Saturday. Dietrech is currently writing "Solar Links — A Study of Solar Returns." In her popular weekly radio monologue, she accurately predicts current events.

Dietrech will be offering individual lifetime Solar Return studies for \$200. Detailed individual research begins with the dynamic information of the Initial Solar Return at age 1 through the current years, expanding to a 10-year projection. Scheduled sessions last from 1½-2 hours. Please bring a tape recorder and a tape.

Chart studies are also available at \$150 for a 1-hour natal chart study, which includes the impact of solar and lunar eclipses and of various progressions and transits. This study includes a detailed daily forecast for the immediate future and an overview of the next 5 years.

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A Study Group for the AFA Exam in July, will be held monthly through June at **The Astrology Store** in Glendale. The study group will cover the math and all that is needed to pass the AFA exam. Each month will cover a specific focus on chart calculation. The next two study groups will be on March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10 am to noon, and on April 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to noon. Please call and sign up if you would like to attend. We are requesting a \$5.00 donation to cover materials and preparation. Call The Astrology Store at 623-463-6286. The store address is 5405 W. Glendale Avenue in Glendale, AZ.

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## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

In the next couple of months you will begin to see some changes in the way the ASA utilizes the time it is renting from the Senior Center. By the show of hands from the attendees at our January Friday meeting, the vast majority wants to have more astrology and to get rolling at 7 pm. Right now I'm envisioning Judy Collins' education for approximately 20-25 minutes plus perhaps a book report or someone reporting on some of the new best astrology titles available, hopefully for sale at the ASA book table. Look for a 7 pm time beginning in March.

Saturday will see some changes, too. The ASA board of directors will be finalizing plans at our next meeting. We will make some announcements to this effect on February 21st. I believe the ASA can best serve the astrology community by offering support for the professionals in our organization, advanced educational opportunities for the committed student, and introductory lectures for the beginner who has an interest in the science but doesn't really know where to start.

Also, coming to Scottsdale on Saturday and Sunday, April 5-6, is the **13<sup>th</sup> World Conference of Astro Economics**. Grace K. Morris of Illinois is organizing the conference and she has offered a special tuition break for ASA members and friends. The normal tuition is as much as \$800 at the door, but she is offering a rate of \$200 for the two-day gathering at the Radisson Resort and Spa. If you would like more information or a registration form, please contact me at 480-464-1886 or [hopstar1@prodigy.net](mailto:hopstar1@prodigy.net).

## THE SPACE SHUTTLE

### COLUMBIA

By Robert Blaschke

\*\*\* Space Shuttle Accident: Mars-Uranus Parans & Anaretic Degrees \*\*\*

When the Columbia lifted off under the rays of a retrograde Mercury on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:39 AM EST from Cape Canaveral, Mars was in the fated 30<sup>th</sup> degree of Scorpio and in an accident-prone square to Uranus. In addition, the anaretic degrees were on all of the angles: 29 Pisces rising, 29 Sagittarius culminating, and their counterparts on the Descendant and IC. The Moon was out-of-bounds at 25N39 declination, with Mercury and Mars parallel at 19S09 and 19S32 declination, respectively. It has been revealed in the news that, upon lift-off, a piece of foam insulation broke off from a fuel tank, and this debris clipped the left wing. Alas, such a fated voyage into space.

At 8:00:05 AM CST on February 1<sup>st</sup>, many miles up in the sky over Nacogdoches, Texas, Columbia exploded and disintegrated into thousands of pieces, killing all seven astronauts aboard.. There was a paran of Mars and Uranus as Columbia re-entered the earth's atmosphere – with Mars culminating on the local Midheaven, and Uranus rising locally. The Moon, Mercury and Mars were all parallel at 21 S declination, and all contra-parallel to Saturn. Venus, in the Galactic Center degree of 26 Sagittarius, left us all contemplating the mysterious hand of God.

With the transit North Node now conjunct the USA progressed Uranus, ruling aeronautics, the future of NASA will have to be revised. It is also of note that Uranus is now conjunct the USA Sibly chart's national Moon and its progressed Sun (4 July 1776; 5:10 PM LMT; Philadelphia), along with transiting Pluto now opposite our national progressed Moon.

On 28 January 1986 at 11:38 AM EST, when Challenger lifted off for its ill-fated mission, which ended in a massive explosion 73 seconds later as a result of a failed O-Ring on the booster rocket, transit Saturn was opposite the USA progressed Uranus. Inexplicably, the composite chart for the Challenger and Columbia lift-offs has an explosive Mars-Pluto conjunction in the 8th house of death, and the degree of the stationary USA progressed Mars, 18 Libra.

### WORLD EVENTS

By Judy Collins, Education Director

When will war start with Iraq? Can war be avoided? What will happen to Saddam Hussein? How long will this war last?

What charts do we look at to determine these answers? Make it as simple as you can to get answers to mundane questions... it would be easy to examine dozens of charts... flip them back and forth until you get to the point of throwing up your hands in defeat. First, use only the important charts that MUST be active in the event. In this case, that would be the charts of United States and Iraq progressed and on a bi-wheel chart form. I would use both the Gemini and

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Sagittarius charts because both have their individual merits. I only use Solar Arc progressions. Use your favorite kind but only LESS than one-degree orb.

Progress the charts to the date the war may start. In this case, I will start with the 1/27/2003 date of UN deadline for the report from the inspectors. Pull up Iraq's chart and progress the same way. On the outside of the bi-wheel, place the transits for the date of choice. Make a list of the exact hits of progressions to natal planets. Mark the charts, noting the hits within less than 1° orb. I always run a chart for that date and look for stressful aspects and any planet at the degree of the nodes. Pick a logical time for the event and place for action to begin, which might be Baghdad. Make a tri-wheel chart with the US/Iraq/transit date, marking the chart with direct hits to all charts. An example would be a transit hitting both the US and Iraq charts. It may be forming a grand cross, as in this case. It could be that the transits fill in a T-square to both charts.

The easiest way is to look at the degrees of all the planets. You can even list them to make it easier for you to see the same degree in all the charts. If you see the two charts of the countries or individuals in question, but the transit does not match up, look in the ephemeris for a better trigger date.

To review:

1. Set up the countries or individual's charts with progressions. ONE degree orb on a bi-wheel.
2. Set up chart for trigger date. Place these transits on outside of bi-wheel.
3. Mark charts for major aspects. Make a list of same degrees repeated.

4. If trigger date does not hit BOTH charts - look up for better dates that hit BOTH.

GEMINI RISING CHART FOR US - Aquarius on the 10<sup>th</sup> - Uranus Ruler = President. SA Uranus is opposing natal Mercury = 1st house = Public. President and public have opposing views on war.... It wouldn't matter who was President. SA Mars - Ruler of 12th - at degree of natal Nodes = more terrorism and attacks on citizens. SA Nodes at degree of natal Neptune - ruler of 11th - groups of rebellious nature, organizations (Congress & VP) = disputes and fated actions taken.

SAGITARIUS RISING CHART FOR US - SA Mars - Ruler of 4th & 5th - at degree of natal Nodes = terrorism possible at entertainment venues & resorts. SA Nodes at degree of natal Neptune (ruler of 3rd) in the 9th - acts of terrorism at sea, overseas, use of biological weapons, strikes on religious sites, ships, communication, transportation, airports and airlines

TRANSIT CHART FOR 1/27/2003 = Mars - Ruler of 12th is at degree of Nodes = Shows this is a Very Important Date. UN Inspectors will ask for more time to look for hidden weapons - secret documents must be shown by US, then UN will be pushed into making a decision.

SAG RISING US NATAL CHART/SA OF US CHART/TRANSITS FOR 1/27/2003 - Shows a Grand Cross involving all 3 charts w/ triple conjunction of transiting Uranus/SA Sun/Natal Moon squaring eclipse of 11/20/2002 at 27 Taurus &

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eclipse of 12/4/2002 on Asc at 12 Sag.  
Critical day with President (Venus filling  
in Grand Cross)

GEMINI RISING US NATAL  
CHART/SA OF US CHART/  
TRANSITS FOR 1/27/2003 -

Same as above but the transiting Sun  
highlights the 9th house action - conjunct  
the SA Mars and natal South Node

The Solar Arc Nodes of Iraq are at the  
degree of natal Uranus, ruler of the 7th  
(Open Enemy = US) bringing the year to  
a crisis level. The task is now to place  
the US Sag rising chart on the inside of a  
the wheel... Iraq on the middle wheel  
and a transit of a future date that triggers  
all the charts. It takes time to find this  
date, but this is half the "fun" for an  
astrologer. The date of 4/16/2003 pops  
out because it forms the following:

1. Grand Cross - T Venus (Ruler of US  
10th = President) opposing natal US  
Neptune in the 9th - squaring T. Pluto  
conjunct Iraq's Saturn, opposing their  
Venus/Moon with T. Saturn
2. T. Sun (marking the exact date & ruler  
of the US 9th ) conjunct Iraq's  
Mars/South Node opposing their North  
Node squaring their Sun conjunct US  
Mercury opposing Pluto with T. Mars  
conjunct US Pluto

This would be my pick for the beginning  
of war. I realize in listening to the news,  
as of this date, (1/21), it doesn't look like  
we will wait, BUT this is a huge date.  
Also around 2/16/2003, I believe we will  
see major activity. I have looked ahead  
and find that Saddam's SA Jupiter is 0°  
Aries conjunct his natal Saturn

opposing SA Pluto at 0° Libra with  
transiting Saturn at 0° Cancer (all critical  
degrees) on June 4, 2003 = a major time  
in his life. The transiting Sun at 13  
Gemini is on US 7<sup>th</sup> house cusp with the  
transiting Nodes at 29° Taurus/Scorpio.  
This is a major date for US too.

In closing, one more date for you to  
consider - 7/16/1979 - the date Saddam  
took office - now it's your turn.

NOTE: Judy Collins' Friday Night  
Education Segment on January 17, 2003  
appears on the ASA Website —  
AZAstrologers.org

**PHILIP COMI** - Friday Night Lecture  
1/17/03 — Notes by Sarah Laurent

**"Oh What A Year It Will Be—2003!"  
Philip Comi's Predictions for the Year**

Philip promised us that this will be quite  
a year—but we will still be here by the  
time 2004 rolls around. By then, though,  
things will be very different.

*The Big Chill*

Uranus enters Pisces on March 10, and  
Saturn enters Cancer on June 3.  
Suddenly, emotions rule, in our homes  
and on the world scene. The question of  
the day will become, "How does the rest  
of the world feel about us?" Public  
relations will assume center stage, as our  
leaders recognize that it takes more than  
military power to win the hearts and  
minds of the world's citizens.  
Saturn will be in the sign of the U.S.  
Sun, which is near President Bush's Sun  
as well. Both our nation and our

President will be learning lessons, and since Saturn is in its detriment, they won't always be easy ones. In Philip's words, "America matures or detours." Amidst the whining and complaining, serious work will be done on issues such as land reform, economic reform, and perhaps even the issue of reparations for slavery. "Focus on how you feel, on what brings you joy."

In Pisces, Uranus will awaken us spiritually, individually and as a planet. It will bring out our real beliefs and ask us why we are not living them here in the material world. Crises in health and politics will be symptomatic of unbalanced energies and the need to break away from the stale thinking of the past. Use spirit as your gyroscope to keep you headed in the right direction, and remember—if it's happening to you, it's coming from you in some way.

#### *Super-Perigee of Mars*

On August 28, Mars will come closer to the earth than it has in 73,000 years—since the time of the Neanderthals. It will be less than 35 million miles from Earth, which is 191 million miles closer than usual; and it will appear 6½ times larger and 85 times brighter. At the time, it will be retrograde in 5 degrees of Pisces. (Mars stations retrograde at 10° of Pisces on July 29 and stations direct at 0° of Pisces on Sept. 27.)

Marc Edmund Jones described the 6th degree of Pisces in these words: "All the traditional dignity of West Point is seen in the parade of officers-in-the-making under the setting sun." This may indicate an opportunity to come very close to war and its issues—love, hate, violence—and to take pride in our

country and its military forces. It could bring a cathartic cleansing of the air, an opportunity to purge "some of the nasty guys whose real agenda is power."

#### *God's Middle Finger: the Yod*

At the same time the Mars super-perigee occurs, Jupiter enters Virgo (August 27). By late September, it will have moved into a month-long yod formation with Saturn at 13° of Cancer and Neptune at 10° of Aquarius. The yod is pointing at Neptune, which stations direct on Oct. 23. In tandem with all our other aspects, this yod propels us into our future. Leaders will be forced by events beyond their control to get in gear with the affirmative equality stand. There will be scientific breakthroughs from the blue, energy awareness, mind linkage, intuitional healing, and more empathy and compassion overall. Though we won't be living in nirvana, we will be in a struggle to realize truth. And that is the epitome of the yod's message: "to thine own self be true." Your reality will represent the path of your soul accomplishment.

#### *Stargate Hexagram: Ascension is Possible*

This configuration will be in the sky on November 8, 2003, at 6:12 PM Phoenix time. Learn more about it at [www.astrosite.com](http://www.astrosite.com). It involves 5 planets and Chiron in a perfect Star of David formation. Each point is connected by sextiles, creating a hexagonal opening, or stargate to the universe. The keyword is Ascension, and this chart is an escape hatch for those of higher consciousness to literally move into the next dimension of consciousness. Meditate.

This is also the chart of a lunar eclipse at 16° of Taurus. Interestingly enough, in its section on eclipses, the 2003 Pocket Astrologer lists a “Transit of Mercury” on May 7, at 16° of Taurus. Surely, some resonance is connected to this degree.

The overall impact of all these sextiles is the widespread realization that, as Anne Frank put it, “at heart, people are good.” It’s a hopeful aspect, though it may not bring an event since sextiles generally do not.

### The U.S. Chart

Philip believes that we will have warfare, but it will be confined to very specific problems and issues. There will be no all-out war. As problems arise, so will solutions. The United States will become more aware of where we fit into the world and how the world views us, and learn to pick our battles accordingly.

Overall, the issues of 2003 are about truth, honesty, and letting in new ideas.

**PHILIP COMI** - Saturday Workshop  
1/18/03 — Notes by Sarah Laurent

### **“The Drama of One on One: Relationships in Your Chart”**

A significant relationship is one in which we share a checkbook and a house. All of our significant relationships can be found in our 7<sup>th</sup> house, even though our relationships change as we grow through experience. The point of this workshop was to find the highest possible expression for each chart.

When will I meet someone? Philip’s shared some secrets on timing of relationships.

No. 1: In many charts, the degree of the Ascendant shows the year a person will marry or enter into a significant relationship. If the Ascendant is below a marriageable age, add 30. It is as though a certain internal ripening occurs at that age. In some instances, this could be the year of the first divorce.

No. 2: The degrees of Venus and Mars are significant. The degree of Venus can indicate the year in which the heart chakra comes alive. Mars’ degree can indicate the age of the first sexual encounter or enfoldment of sexual energy.

No. 3: The ruler of the 7<sup>th</sup> house is crucial. Philip uses Earth as the ruler of Taurus and the asteroids as the ruler of Virgo. Also, the degree of the ruler of the Ascendant can show the number of months a relationship will endure before it undergoes its first major testing or termination.

No. 4: Solar arc everything in the chart to the 1st and 7th angles. Add 30 degrees if necessary. Do this especially with the rulers of the 1st and 7th houses.

No. 5: In secondary progressions, look for sign and house changes of Mars, Venus, and the rulers of the 1st and 7th houses. Also watch for stations of these planets. You will find significant facets of your relationship history at these points. The more rare a progressed aspect is, the more significant it is.

### *Nature of the relationship*

Aspects to the ruler of your 7<sup>th</sup> describe our relationships. The tighter the orb, the more important the relationships will be. Trines and sextiles to Saturn through Pluto are still challenges, simply because the planets involved are not easy. The

real challenge is to resolve the energy within ourselves; for example, if you have Pluto ruling the 7<sup>th</sup> and Venus squaring it, your mate may try to remake you until you gain enough self-confidence to ignore him, at which point he will either leave or shut up.

Oppositions involving Jupiter bring creed problems: a “my way, my creed, this is how life is” mentality. In Philip’s view, some terrible things come under Jupiter, including self-righteousness, rigidity, and smug superiority. Venus trine Neptune can give you a true understanding of love and a promise of having true love in this lifetime.

### *Relationship issues*

If Neptune is associated with the 7<sup>th</sup> be sure that you or your potential mate do not have addiction problems. If Saturn is involved, there’s a control issue and it’s usually out in the open. Mars and Pluto can mean physical and psychological abuse, respectively.

Aspects from Uranus often bring infatuation and relationships that don’t last. Jupiter brings out issues of belief. Mercury problems can mean the members of a couple communicate in different modalities and must become aware of that fact and learn to listen to one another differently. The Sun has ego issues, the Moon has feeling issues, and Venus can indicate problems with money.

### *Marriage and divorce aspects*

Saturn transits in the 7<sup>th</sup> are not easy, but Saturn has a way of clarifying issues, often by leaving you with only one alternative. Marriages can and do endure Saturn transits. If there is no one in your life, Saturn will help you with the inner work that must be done to change that situation.

Many divorces happen under Uranus transits, even when it hits the 1st or 12th. Often infatuation is involved, in which case the astrologer can try to talk some common sense into the client. The transit must be reinforced by a progression to predict divorce.

When Neptune aspects someone’s marriage, that person is likely to feel disillusioned and unhappy for no apparent reason. Philip counsels his client to wait out the transit. Neptune is the planet of faith, and faith is what is needed. Often, good things are happening that the Neptune-afflicted client is not aware of.

### *Mars and Venus*

Mars is our mode of action toward achieving our desires. Venus is our mode of relating through expression of emotions. Our assertive drive and emotional expression are what connect us to other people. “Mars goes after what Venus wants.” When either Mars or Venus is retrograde, the animus/animal energy is subdued. You may have to look into yourself more deeply and love yourself more deeply than the average person. It is not a problem in relationships except that the energy is reflecting inward.

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*How to turn a square or opposition into a trine or sextile*

If you have a difficult aspect natively, for instance Saturn opposing Pluto, you want to understand how this affects your marriageability. List each component: Saturn, opposition, and Pluto. Think of as many keywords related to each component as you can to get a good

understanding of how this aspect works in your life. Then list antidote words. For an opposition, some antidote words would be “meld, mix, blend, harmonize, and balance.” Use those words to think about ways to use the aspect positively, and program your subconscious mind to do so.



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