



THIS MONTH AT THE ASA

ROBERT BLASCHKE

February 18-19, 2005

FRIDAY Lecture - The American Male Psyche and the USA Progressed Stationary Mars

SATURDAY Workshop - The Eclipse Workshop

On Friday night, Robert will provide the astrological rationale for some of the cultural changes that have been so evident in recent years. With the USA progressed Mars in detriment in Libra stationing retrograde for the first time in our nation's history in July of 2006, and approaching an opposition with the USA progressed Venus in detriment in Aries in May of 2009, male-female relationships have undergone a radical pole shift that will affect society for the next several generations. Venus and Mars also rule the USA Sibly chart's MC/IC axis. In Mundane astrology, the 4th house rules the common people and the 10th house rules presidents and the government. This progressed opposition will bring increasing tension between the American people and their political leaders. Additionally, Robert will analyze other recent secondary progressed stations in the USA chart and their effect on society.

In Saturday's workshop, Robert will explain solar and lunar eclipses and their astronomical underpinnings in detail. He will contrast Full Moon lunar eclipses with New Moon solar eclipses, and North Node with South Node solar eclipses. He will analyze the 1,280-year Saros Cycle, along with Mundane forecasting techniques using eclipse paths

and Zodiac degree triggers. The discussion will include secondary, tertiary and minor progressed eclipses and their personal effects, along with forecasts for the 2005 solar and lunar eclipses. Robert will review the most significant eclipse event of our lifetime, the Total solar eclipse of 11 August 1999 with its Fixed Grand Cross, and its impact on the world.

Getting to Know Robert Blaschke

Robert P. Blaschke, founder of Earthwalk School of astrology in 1992, is an internationally respected full-time professional consulting, lecturing and teaching astrologer. With his third house Scorpio Sun in an exact trine to Uranus, and Pisces Moon with Virgo rising, Robert has had a life-long passion for astrology. He began serious study in 1971, started his practice in February 1979, and became a full-time astrologer in July 1989.

Robert is past-president of both the Washington State and Oregon astrological Associations, and past National Coordinator for the ISAR Professional astrology Speakers Bureau, he has lectured at regional and international astrology conferences in

the U.S., Canada and Australia, and has been a guest speaker for many local astrological associations. Since 1991, his articles have regularly appeared in The Mountain Astrologer, KOSMOS, Realta, Considerations, NCGR memberletter, The Journal of AstroPsychology, Geocosmic, and many other publications.

Robert will be available for consultations on Sunday, Feb. 20. Cost is \$150 for a 1-year reading. Call 1-800-778-8490 for an appointment.

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Letter from the President

I would like to welcome our guests and our prospective members. I do not know about you, but to me it seems that 2004 never ended and 2005 never began and all is but a big blur.

This is basically a note asking if anybody would like to volunteer a couple of times a year to be in charge of hospitality. What would that entail? The person would need to be at the Senior Center around 6:30 pm and arrange the goodies that we bring, to make coffee and tea. Does anybody have a Jupiter or Venus transit through the 11th house? Great aspect to the ruler of the 11th? The responsibility could be shared with somebody else. We do not need to arrange the chairs and the tables; the Center will do it for us.

Also, we need to think of who will be President next year. I was elected for one year and almost half of it is gone. We need the younger and arthritis-free crowd to get more involved! I am having Saturn square my Saturn, Neptune, Venus, Chiron all at once, and Neptune is square my local ASC so I know what I am talking about! Locality-wise my Saturn Neptune conjunction is in the 6th house and brings back memories of when I was tortured by the Spanish Inquisition! I am hurting from toes to shoulders nonstop but when I go to the ASA I forget all my pains.

Maybe you have noticed that half of the pillars of our community are absent many times with different

ailments. They were there in leading positions for 15 or 20 years. It is our time and YOUR time to get involved so our organization can go for the next 30 years.

I am writing these letters not because I need to “express” myself, but because I think maybe they keep us more focused and even more united. You are all invited to come to the Board meetings at any time.

Please tell a friend about us; maybe they would like to join us. See you at the meeting!

Happy Valentine’s Day!
Gabriella

Last month at the ASA....

Friday lecture

Nelda Tanner - 2005 Predictions

By Sarah Laurent

Rather than just reading her predictions from a piece of paper, Nelda undertook to teach the audience how she arrived at her conclusions. She began with the Capricorn ingress chart for Washington DC. This chart is set for when the Sun enters 0 degrees, 0 minutes of Capricorn. This occurred on Dec. 21, 2004 at 7:42 am EST.

The ingress chart sets the tone for the year. In this one, the Ascendant is at 3 Capricorn, the Sun at 0 Capricorn is in the 12th; the Moon is in the 4th at 3 Taurus, and the MC is at 25 Libra. You interpret an ingress chart just like you would a natal chart, except that you use mundane house meanings. Begin with the angles. Since all 4 angles are cardinal, this will be a year of action.

With Uranus (3 Pisces) at the midpoint of the Sun/Asc and Moon, it will also be a year of change. If your chart has connections – angles or planets in common – with the ingress chart, it, too, will be activated.

Second, look at the Sun, because this is a solar chart for the year. The Sun in the 12th indicates hidden agendas. Mercury and Pluto are also there, but the Sun being so close to the Ascendant says that we will find them out. Leo is on the 8th, so it is no surprise that taxes and social security will be

major themes this year.

Then look at the Moon. It’s in the 4th in Taurus. Aries on the cusp indicates activity in such fourth-house areas as earthquakes, weather, housing and the homeland in general. The lunar eclipse of October 17, at 24 Aries, will conjunct on this chart’s 4th cusp exactly.

The Midheaven is at 25 Libra, ruled by Venus in the 11th but close to the 12th. Perhaps the U.S. will approach the world with greater diplomacy and cooperation this year.

From planetary placements alone, Nelda feels this will be a tough year for the U.S., particularly in the financial area. Neptune and Uranus are in the 2nd, showing that the economy will be changeable throughout the year. The fact that Neptune and Uranus are in mutual reception stabilizes things somewhat.

Looking at the aspects, we can see there are no oppositions, but we do have an abundance of squares, trines, sextiles, semisextiles, sesquiquadrates, and quincunxes. Nelda compares the quincunx to an off-balance seesaw: we have to constantly keep the two energies in balance, but this is difficult because the modes are so different. Since health and death are involved, it’s important! As individuals, we can tell when we’re getting too far out of balance and make adjustments, but this rarely happens in mundane charts. There simply is not enough consciousness among our leaders.

We have two major inconjuncts: an applying quincunx between Moon and Venus and a separating quincunx between Saturn and Pluto. Since the Moon is exalted in Taurus, it will easily win over Venus. The scarier quincunx is between Saturn in the 7th in Cancer and Pluto in the 12th in Sagittarius. Anything ruled by Saturn and Pluto and in the 7th and 12th houses is affected. How do we balance a fiery, mutable Pluto with a watery, cardinal Saturn? One thing you get is hot water that is never still. Saturn is open enemies (7th); Pluto is hidden enemies (12th).

There is also an out of sign Mars-Uranus square, and Mars rules the 4th. So there is more tension that will have to be released.

Presently, Mars is coming up to a conjunction with ingress Neptune on April 8, the same day as a

solar eclipse in 19 deg. Aries. Transiting Mars will reach the conjunction with natal Neptune a few days later, on April 13-14.

Nelda pointed out that the asteroid Astraea is conjunct the Sun and Asc. of the DC ingress chart. Astraea rules eyesight, witnessing, not getting over things. Since it's conjunct the Sun in the U.S. chart, people may have trouble letting go of the past this year.

Nelda showed the audience several other ways to look at the ingress chart. She demonstrated the use of a 90-degree dial, midpoints, and the declination graph. All of these are on solar Fire. In the declination graph, any planet that goes north or south of the ecliptic (23.5 Cancer or Capricorn) is called out of bounds and acts as a maverick. In the chart for this year, we have the Moon going out of bounds twice a month.

This ties in with the concept of Supermoons, so named by Richard Nolle. A supermoon is a perigee moon (perigee = closest to earth). There was a supermoon on December 12 of 2004, and on the day of the tsunami, the Moon was out of bounds at its northernmost point. There will be more of that kind of activity this year.

Saturday Workshop

Brenda Black – Sun Sign Predictions for 2005, Aries through Virgo. Libra through Pisces will be published in next month's Arizona Astrologer.
By Brenda Black

We began the workshop with a Sun/Uranus trine Moon and ended with Mercury square Jupiter. All dates are Mountain Standard Time

MERCURY RETROGRADE IN ARIES

During Mercury retrograde in Aries we will jump from project to project and we may not finish some of these assignments. Communication will be abrupt. People will be aggressive, enthusiastic and impulsive.

SOLAR ECLIPSE IN ARIES

This is a North Node solar eclipse, which is a new moon at the north node of the moon. It represents the beginning of major life issues. We are concerned with our identity, ego and physical body and matters concerning personal freedom and

space. This is a Saros Series 7 North eclipse, which also happened in 1969 and 1987. This is a sensual family of eclipses, bringing sudden sexual passions and lust. This eclipse can catch people off guard and confront them with their own very deep passion, which may have been hidden for many years.

PREDICTIONS FOR ARIES

You have an important mission this year and remember: Your first responsibility is to yourself. In the second half of the year your values are challenged and there may be a major purchase or property dispute. Since June, 2003 either land or a family member or both have been a burden and there should be a change in circumstances by the end of this summer. The solar eclipse on October 3, 2005 will highlight the 7th house and you may find a loving companion. The best day to start a diet this year is March 29, 2005.

LUNAR ECLIPSE IN TAURUS/SCORPIO

On April 24, 2005 there will be a lunar eclipse at 4 degrees Taurus/Scorpio. During a lunar eclipse the light of the full moon is temporarily hidden from our view, blocking our self-awareness, crashing our emotional defense systems, and oversensitizing our emotional reactions. Faced with a sea of exposed irrationality, bouts of emotional insecurity are possible, especially where the eclipse falls in your chart.

PREDICTIONS FOR TAURUS

With Mercury retrograde in the 12th house in March, Taurus should think about visiting a channel and connecting with a loved one who has passed on.

Also, with the solar eclipse in the 12th house in April, the Taurus could resolve many issues of the past and connect with a soul mate. The lunar eclipse on April 24th in the 1st and 7th houses may open the door to fresh opportunities and the long stretch of Mars in the first house in the second half of the year may give Taurus the strength and confidence to reach new goals. Jupiter entering the 7th house at the end of October brings the Taurus a partner to share that dream for the future. The best day to start a diet is April 29, 2005.

PREDICTIONS FOR GEMINI

In March and April there may be concerns about money from a business venture. For the past couple years your quest for financial security has been very important and you have kept a few things under wraps. The lunar eclipse on April 24th may reveal to others what you have been doing and you may have to involve others for the rest of the year with your project. Funds have been tight, but by mid-July the money-flow will increase. Get the necessary mechanical updates on your cars and computers in late July and by the beginning of October Cupid pays you a visit. The best day to start a diet is May 25, 2005.

SATURN IN CANCER 6-4-03 to 7-16-05

During Saturn in Cancer we get in touch with our security needs and our safety levels. Many will have events with their homes. Saturn is karmic events – Cancer is a water sign and there have been many floods around the world such as the great tsunami which occurred in Indonesia. Saturn in Cancer is fear that too much emotional bonding is restrictive to personal growth. People could be starving for closeness but at the same time pushing away the very people that could provide it.

PREDICTIONS FOR CANCER

In the first half of 2005 you will be working hard at your career. You might also be helping out an elderly family member or dealing with land. By the lunar eclipse on April 24th this year you will have cause for celebration. Since 2003 you might have been carrying a burden. During the last half of 2005 you will work hard to release this extra load and by the beginning of 2006 you feel like a new person. By the fall of 2005 you may have spiritual or metaphysical groups in your home. Your love life picks up by November, 2005 and a loved one may return over Christmas. The best time to start a diet is June 27, 2005.

The Sibley chart for the United States is July 4, 1776 at 5:10 PM in Philadelphia, PA. Jupiter conjuncts the US Saturn at 14 degrees Libra, which rules the country's 2nd house of money. The 3

exact days of this conjunction are 12/10/04, 3/28/05, 8/10/05. There should be some news about the condition of the United States economy and some people may be on the optimistic side.

President Bush's solar Return for 2005 has 16 Libra rising conjunct his 3rd house Moon at 16 Libra. There will be an announcement in the news about his brother, Jeb Bush, which affects George Bush's reputation. The Balsamic Moon in Cancer in George Bush's 9th house shows the closing of a chapter in his participation in international relations.

SATURN IN LEO 7/16/05 to 9/2/07

Leo is leadership and power. There may be some political action taken to put boundaries around the power of various leaders – what they can or cannot do. Leo represents children and during this period, the crop of babies born will not have children of their own or their children will have limitations. Possibly because of the recent Saturn in Cancer period, when parents have had a hard time loving each other, the babies born during Saturn in Leo will have a hard time being loved.

MERCURY RETROGRADE IN LEO

Spend more time with children. Bring back games they used to play. Bring out your own recreation that has been put away for the past few years. Take a weekend and travel back to that resort you visited several years ago. On the business scene, there may be a few big mouths and several stubborn fellows.

PREDICTIONS FOR LEO

You may be exposed to other cultures this year and a trip out of state is due. You may have your writing published and you may be in the public eye by the lunar eclipse on April 24, 2005. Since 2003 you may have avoided the spotlight and have pursued the spiritual life; however, in the second half of 2005, as Mars travels through your 10th house, you may have several business opportunities fall into your lap! In October and November the most important lesson is learning how to keep information private and be clear about what you are saying. Best day to start a diet is 8/21/05.

PREDICTIONS FOR VIRGO

The April 8th solar eclipse in your 8th house could go two ways: Either you could have an estate settlement, repair poor credit, or obtain more life insurance; or you could feel abandoned or find yourself in an obsessive relationship. That influence should wear off by July, when Saturn moves into your 12th house where you feel spiritually protected. Since your birthday last year Jupiter has been in your 2nd house, adding extra income. By October you could be earning a living doing what you love to do. By the lunar eclipse on October 17th, you will see the change in your cash flow. By mid-December, 2005 you will be able to make necessary repairs in the home and have more money to spend for

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ASTROLOGICAL FERTILITY

by Virginia Reyer

There is a special relationship between the Sun and the Moon at the time of one's birth, called the Lunar Phase. One measures the distance between the Sun and the Moon to determine the fertile cycle, when conception can occur. You need to know what phase the Moon was in at the time of your birth, then you can follow your own cycle. Begin by making a graph from 1 to 29 days.

Dr. Eugene Jonas, a Czech psychiatrist and a Catholic, rediscovered this method in the 1950's. He was concerned with the large number of unwanted pregnancies among his patients, many of whom were also Catholics. Jonas lived close to the Hungarian border, where abortions had been legalized in 1956 in response to the high failure rate of the rhythm method. His interest in astrology led him to ancient writings which stated that "women are fertile during a certain phase of the moon." But which phase of the moon?

After researching the birth data of many women he found that the susceptible time for pregnancy was the recurrence of the natal Sun/Moon angle. He also found that when the Moon was in a positive sign at the Sun/Moon angle, the baby would be a boy. If the Moon was in a negative sign, the baby would be a girl.

Many women know when they ovulate, especially if they have regular cycles. The lunation cycle process is really a description of the birth, maturation and death cycle that everything must go through and this cycle of the Sun/Moon is repeated over and over again. The lunation cycle has 8th distinct phases:

New Moon, 0 to 44 degrees ahead of the Sun, begins the cycle.

Crescent Moon, semi-square, 45 to 89 degrees.

First Quarter Moon, 90 to 134 degrees

Gibbous Moon, 135 to 179 degrees.

Full Moon, 180 to 224 degrees.

Disseminating Moon, 225 to 314 degrees.

Last Quarter, 270 to 314 degrees

Balsamic Moon, 315 to 359 degrees.

Most women watch their cycles and know that the mid-cycle is the prime time to get pregnant.. Doctor Jonas stated that a woman is fertile each month in the same lunar phase as the one she was born under. It doesn't matter where that time falls within one's lunar cycle. Knowing this, a woman can make more accurate choices about pregnancies and become more aware of her bodily rhythms.

Mark the 1st day of menstruation by drawing a blue square on your calendar. Underline the last day of menstruation by a blue horizontal line. Then add full 15 days to the 1st day of your menstruation and mark this day in green, (for example, if menstruation started on the 3rd of January, the 15th day is the 18th of January). This is the traditionally presumed day of ovulation.

Starting with this ovulation (green) day, add 6 days before & 6 days after this ovulation (green) day. You will get a 13-day ovulation term which you mark by a green frame. You should avoid sexual intercourse on the days marked green. Unmarked days (neither red nor green) are days of physiologic sterility, and sexual intercourse during these days should not lead to pregnancy.

Tip: experience will rely on the last monthly menstruation day, if missing a period is not a good indicator of pregnancy. There can be periodic bleeding up to 3 times after one has become pregnant. The only way to know if one is pregnant is through a gynecological examination.

You can learn more about Dr. Jonas' work at www.elysian.co.uk/astrologicalfertility.htm.

Website of Note

www.astrologyweekly.com. Romanian astrologer Radu Moisoiu offers original theories, concepts and ideas in articles that are updated weekly. He also has links to over 50 websites featuring everything from astrology-themed gifts to serious articles.

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Sally McDonald

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Saturday: Venus and the Next 8 Years