



THIS MONTH AT THE ASA

JULY 15-16, 2005

KRIS BRANDT RISKE

Friday: Predictive Astrology

Saturday: Weather Forecasting

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Guests of ASA members get in free during July, August and September.



On Friday night, Kris will share predictive techniques, with a focus on progressions and transits, to identify trends, events and timing. The best examples come from “real life,” so if you’d like to have your chart - or the chart of someone you know - featured in the lecture, please email Kris the birth data and pertinent facts/area of interest (kabr@prodigy.net).

On Saturday, learn the basics of astrological weather forecasting, the significance of the planets, signs and aspects, and how to identify weather patterns and events for specific locations. We’ll then forecast Arizona’s summer weather, including heat and monsoon indicators, and what can be expected in the fall.

Getting to Know Kris Brandt Riske

Kris Brandt Riske, PMAFA, serves on the national NCGR board, has a master’s degree in journalism,



and is the author of numerous articles and forecasts for popular astrology magazines and publications. She is the author of *Mapping Your Future*, *Mapping Your Money*, and *Astrometeorology: Planetary Power in Weather Forecasting*; and co-author of *Mapping Your*

Travels and Relocation (November 2005). Kris is also a contributor to *Civilization Under Attack* and Llewellyn’s *Starview Almanac*, and writes the annual weather forecasts for Llewellyn’s *Moon Sign Book*.

In Memoriam

Sharon Ann Bannon, an ASA member, died on May 28 of a brain tumor. She was only 54 years old. Sharon was exceptionally talented at sewing, and she designed and created the wardrobes for several independent films. As the writer of her

obituary described her, "Sharon was noted for a vibrancy and tenderness that was particular to her and imbued all that she undertook, including her recent study of the Astrological Arts and Sacred Feminine. She will always be remembered for the twinkle in her eye and the smile on her face."

Sharon's memorial service will be held in Rockaway, NJ, her home town.

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Letter from the President!

Happy Birthday to all members born in July!

Only a couple of things this time:

Even though November is a long way off, I want to let you know that our November meeting will NOT BE at the Senior Center. It will be a one day only workshop (10:00 am to 4:30 pm) and Martin Davis from Scotland will be our guest. He is the author of *Astrolocality Astrology*, and he works with LOCAL space.

Every month from August to November, I will mention the exact location and how to get there. We are thinking about including a catered lunch in the day's activity. Think about it and we can talk about it at this month's meeting

- The ASA and Channel 3 are developing a friendly

relationship. Channel 3 has a program at 8:00 pm, "Unexplained," where they interview different metaphysically-oriented people and events. Psychics, UFO, different objects in the sky, etc. Please check out the show and visit their website, www.azfamily.com.

I am working on bringing astrologers more into the limelight. I asked the producer why is it that we see psychics and people talking to the dead all over the place, but we don't see any astrologers. He thinks it is because to be psychic, to just "know," is intriguing to people, while to be an astrologer is not such a big deal since "anybody can learn it." Hmmm Did somebody say that our country's Progressed Sun went into Pisces?! Please let me know what you think. Terpsikore1979@msn.com or 480-421-9798.

If you have a specialty and you are not camera shy, send me a little bio and I will suggest that you be sought out. This month, Sophia Rubin from Tucson was interviewed. She is the 14-year-old girl from Tucson, who has studied astrology for four years and is pretty good at it. Arch Crawford from Tucson will be interviewed as well.

I cannot guarantee anything, but the more of us are out there, the better for all of us.

Also, if you see clients, please sign up for the list of practising astrologers that we have posted on our website (under Resources). It will pay off.

On June 20th I did a one-hour live show in Spanish (it was translated), where people called in with questions. I mentioned the ASA on that show. I will be back on the show, and I will give out the website as well.

Have a nice summer and see you at the meeting.

Gabriella

Last month at the ASA: Leigh Westin **Friday lecture: Crash Course in Basic Declination**

By Sarah Laurent and Marta Morris

Leigh's presentation was technical and more easily understood with her accompanying illustrations. Therefore, this is a general synopsis. Leigh's book, *Beyond the Solstice by Declination*, available at the ASA book table, offers an indepth discussion of the topic. You can also find information at www.declination.org.

Everything begins with declination. It is the position in the sky from which everything else is determined. You can use declination any way you use longitude, but you get better results.

Imagine a circle with a vertical line drawn through it. This is the ecliptic, or the orbit of the earth around our Sun. The earth tilts, or declines, at an angle of 23° 26' relative to its path around the Sun. If the earth did not tilt, even with its rotation the vertical rays of the Sun would always fall only at the equator. There would be no seasons and no life on earth. Because there is a tilt, the Sun's rays fall most strongly in a belt - the tropics - that extends 23(26' above the equator and 23(26' below the equator. The northernmost point of the belt is the Tropic of Cancer, and the southernmost point is the Tropic of Capricorn. Positions of declination fall between these two points.

The Sun will never be higher than 23°26' but the Moon and some planets can go outside those boundaries. Such out-of-bounds planets are considered very important.

The main thing to know about declination is that it is an earth-based system. There are two planes: the earth's equator and the earth's orbit around the Sun. The angle between them is called the obliquity of the ecliptic. The equator is fixed. Everything else is a projection from it.

Measurements for the equatorial system are declination (the distance above and below the equator to the ecliptic) and right ascension (this distance around the horizontal plane of the equator).

The ecliptic is the earth's path around the Sun, so called because the eclipses occur on it. It coincides with our equator at the equinoxes (0° Aries and Libra), and our solstices occur at its highest and lowest points (0° Cancer and Capricorn). You will recognize these as the cardinal points.

The path follows the shape of an oval. Not only is this a common shape in nature (seed, lemon) but it is also an esoteric pattern named the *vesica piscis* (fish bladder). According to www.mathworld.wolfram.com, Renaissance artists often surrounded Jesus with this shape, probably because it denotes perfect symmetry and the nucleus of life.

The solstice dates change over long periods of time, in line with the precession of the equinoxes, which accounts for the difference between the sidereal and tropical zodiacs. Precession is caused by the gravitational influence of the Sun and the Moon acting on the Earth's equatorial bulge. To a much lesser extent, the planets exert influence as well. Over time, the solstices and the equinoxes move backwards. At the time of Jesus' birth, the winter solstice fell on December 25.

In a 40,000 year cycle, the ecliptic increases and decreases by 3°. The cycle of the obliquity of the ecliptic changes by 2° every 20,000 years.

In the 1930s, a Serbian astronomer named Milutin Milankovich linked orbital cycles to climate changes.

The analemma

A stick in the ground will cast a shadow. If you mark the position of the shadow every day at the same time, over the course of a year the marks will create a figure-8 pattern, or analemma. You can see a picture of the analemma at <http://antwrp.gsfc.nasa.gov/apod/ap040621.html> (thanks to Doug Noblehorse for sending this).

The shadow is equal on either side of the solstice. Each half of the shadow is called an antiscia, because it is opposite another half. The antiscia of Capricorn will always be found in Sagittarius. Many astrologers use antiscia points in interpretation.

There's an enormous difference between antiscia by declination and antiscia by longitude. Leigh said that antiscia by declinations work, whereas antiscia by longitude do not. Kepler software calculates antiscia by declination but Solar Fire does not.

Power Points in declination

The 8-fold cross is the union of the four cardinal points with the midpoints of the fixed signs. 15° of any fixed sign is the midpoint between cardinal signs. For example, Aries - Cancer is 15° Taurus. Cancer - Libra midpoint is 15° Leo, etc.

Those correspond to the major holidays of ancient religion: 15° Taurus = Beltane; 15° Leo = Lammas; 15° Scorpio = Samhein; and 15° Aquarius = Imbole. The fixed signs are antiscia and contra-antiscia to one another. Their concentrated energy creates manifestation. In the Book of Enoch they are referred to as portals.

15° fixed is 16° 20' in declination.

16° S 20' = Taurus

16° S 20' = Leo

They are parallel to each other and contraparallel to Scorpio and Aquarius, which are at 16° N 20'.

The four positions at 16° 20' are either antiscia to each other or contraparallel to each other.

Saturday workshop - Practical Application of the Life Map

By Marta Morris and Sarah Laurent

Longitude is not a real measurement. It's a projected measurement - only an appearance. That's why it doesn't always work out.

The earth is moving, not the Sun. That's the important point.

Declination corresponds to latitude on earth. As the earth turns, it will bring the energy of two planets on the same latitude to one another. When they are brought around parallel to the earth's equator, declination astrologers call this a parallel. When two planets are equidistant above and below the earth's equator, they call it a contraparallel.

A parallel can occur as two planets in north declination or as two planets in south declination. A parallel is not the same as a conjunction, and there's a difference between north and south parallels. The north pole tends to give us more control. The south pole has more fate connected with it. Ptolemy called Aries through Virgo the commanding signs (north declination) and Libra through Pisces the obeying signs (south declination).

In the natural zodiac, the signs Aries through Virgo rule the houses over which you have the most control. From Libra on out, you are always responding to someone else or obeying the collective.

A contraparallel brings the northern hemisphere to the southern hemisphere. It is not same as an opposition but it does mean that you always have to compromise, negotiate. You always have to deal with something outside your control and your immediate environment.

The usual orb for a declination aspect is 1° but this can be modified if you want to be more precise. The closer a planet is to the 0° line, the faster it moves, so you can use a larger orb. Leigh's recommendations: from 0 - 9 degrees: use a 2° orb. From 9-18 degrees, use a 1.5° orb. From 18-30 degrees, use a 1° orb.

Around the time of the American Revolution, Pluto caught up to Uranus while Neptune crossed the equinox. Right now, Pluto is parallel Neptune at 16°20' declination for the first time in hundreds of years. The next time Pluto goes out of bounds, which will be in 2021, it will be the last time for hundreds of years.

In 754 AD, Pluto and Uranus crossed at the equinox for the first time in thousands of years. That year, Pepin the Short, father of Charlemagne, was crowned and consecrated by the Church. This alliance was a turning point in western civilization, setting Christianity over Aryanism and giving temporal power to the Church

At the time of the Sumatra earthquake, Pluto was squaring Neptune in fixed signs (Scorpio and Aquarius) in antiscia by declination. The October eclipse that triggered the earthquake had involvement of Saturn and Mars.

OOB: A crucial concept

Aspects that go above or below 23° 26' are called out of bounds (oob). They symbolize exaggeration and sometimes freedom, instability, and change. For instance, someone born with an oob Mercury may be unusually smart.

The Sun, Saturn and Neptune will never go out of bounds but the other planets do, and those times are important personally and collectively. Venus, Mars and Pluto are out of bounds in the U.S. chart.

The progressed Moon is extremely important, as it shows the deeply-ingrained habit patterns that are acted out in the life. The Moon deals with nurturing, nesting, security, safety—we pull our memories from those qualities. Serial killers cannot relate to others because they have no positive memories from the subconscious that would allow them to distinguish right from wrong.

Lunar Standstills = every 10 years the Moon will go out of bounds for several years. 2005-2006 are lunar standstill times because the Moon's nodes are near the equinoxes. For more on the astronomy of lunar standstills, see Jean Elliott's article at www.skyscript.co.uk/lss.html.

The Progressed Lunar Cycle

The Moon is on a 28-year cycle, similar to the Saturn cycle. When it reaches the summer solstice by progression (at the top of its arc) it is beginning a

new cycle. Likewise when it reaches the winter solstice (at the bottom of its arc), this, too, signifies a turning point in the life.

In your lifespan declination graph, look at the first planet the Moon crosses after your birth. This correlates with life direction. The Moon can begin within bounds and progress out of bounds or vice versa. For example, Ethel Kennedy's Moon begins out of bounds. Her progressed Moon first crosses over the Moon line, then over the MC and Saturn: She lost her parents, married a prominent person, and then her husband was assassinated.

In the chart of Teresa Hines Kerry, the Moon crosses the Sun first. Her life has been defined by important men - first her father, then John Heinz, and then John Kerry. Her Venus is out of bounds in Scorpio in the 8th.

Venus goes out of bounds in Scorpio and Taurus; Mars goes out of bounds in Leo and Aquarius; Mercury goes out of bounds in Capricorn

The DC sniper, John Allen Muhammed, has Moon

crossing over Moon and Uranus first, and Mars out of bounds. Tiger Woods has an out of bounds Mars just as the sniper does, and both are Capricorn Sun signs, so you cannot attach a value of positive or negative to the out of bounds positions.

In 1992, Bill Clinton became president when his progressed Moon was at the lowest point. In his natal graph, his Moon crosses first over Mercury, communication, intelligence; then over Saturn and Uranus and Pluto - all before 6 years of age. His Moon also progresses out of bounds.

Arnold Schwarzenegger became governor of California when his progressed Moon was at the lowest point.

Oprah's Winfrey's Moon went over Venus first.

Einstein's Moon went over Mars first, and his retrograde Mercury really shows up over his Pluto.

In the chart of Martha Stewart, Mars and Neptune are parallel and the Moon went over those first.

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How to Calculate Your Lifespan Declination Graph

From Solar Fire Tips & Tricks

In Solar Fire, go to Dynamic > Graphic Ephemeris. Under "Ephemeris Selection" choose Progressions and change the type from Longitude to Declination. Change the "Angle of Extent" to 30 degrees. Make sure that "Radix Positions" is selected. In the Period of Report section, you want to start the report with the date of birth and you want to choose a time period of 100 years.

Under Point Selection: Progressions, chose Planets, and under Point Selection: Radix, choose your favorite listing. Click on the Save Selection button and call it Lifespan Declination Graph. In future sessions, you can choose this same arrangement by selecting it from Saved Selections.

I still have not found room in the newsletter for the writeups I did of Joanne Wickenburg's excellent presentations in April. You can find them on our website under Articles. - *Sarah Laurent, ed.*

Interesting websites

On her website, www.arlenekramer.com, Uranian astrologer Arlene Kramer has posted a number of articles for the advanced astrologer. They cover such subjects as the Part of Fortune, decanates, the void of course Moon, and the lunation cycle. In parts 5 and 6 of her article on retrograde planets, Arlene cites John McCormick's research on the significance of the number of retrograde planets in the chart. His fascinating conclusions are well worth a look and can be immediately applied to your own chart and those of the people you know.

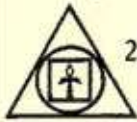
If you're interested in traditional astrology, you probably already know about Deborah Houlding's website, www.skyscript.co.uk. Among the many free offerings on this website are Deborah's book, *The Houses: Temples of the Sky*, a glossary of traditional terms, and an introductory course on horary astrology.

On the lighter side, the Venus Group offers free computer-generated charts on such topics as Karmic Astrology and Revelation Astrology (all the good things about your chart). It's rather superficial and very basic, but a fun way to get into astrology. Reports are available in English and Spanish. Their website can be found at www.grupovenus.com. The home page has a link to the English version.

Dana Gerhardt, whose articles appear regularly in *The Mountain Astrologer*, puts out a monthly newsletter, www.Mooncircles.com. You can subscribe through the website.

Trish Marie, another Mountain Astrologer contributor, sends out a free e-newsletter every month or so on the Moon's voids. If you would like to be on the list, email her at trishmare7@aol.com.

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*Saturday: Marta Morris –
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