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THIS MONTH AT THE ASA

MARCH 17-18, 2006

JOANNE WICKENBURG

FRIDAY LECTURE: LIVING WITH TRANSITS

SATURDAY WORKSHOP: THE SOLAR RETURN CHART

Joanne's Friday lecture is designed to help you understand how transits work in your life, and how you can make every day of a transit meaningful. In this lecture, Joanne will share her understanding of transits in a way that will help you take advantage of the opportunities they present and meet challenges more productively. Understanding the mechanics of transits will help you understand the value of change. Learn how to direct your transits instead of being controlled by them.

On Saturday, Joanne will take us through the Solar Return chart. This chart is cast for the exact time each year when your Sun returns to its natal position, symbolically revitalizing your life and setting the stage for the coming twelve months. Joanne will discuss how the Solar Return can be used as a guideline for planning the year ahead, and how you to stay "on target" with your life purpose. Bring your solar return chart to the workshop!

Getting to Know Joanne Wickenburg

Joanne Wickenburg was one of the first authors to express the psychological dimension of astrology in



straightforward language. A practicing astrologer of long experience, she has conducted classes and workshops throughout the USA and Canada, and has designed and teaches an internationally recognized Correspondence Course in astrology.

Joanne is one of the founding Board Members of Kepler College of Astrological Arts and Sciences, the first college of astrology authorized to offer AA, BA and MA degrees in Astrological Studies. She served as the Chair of the Board of Trustees from 1997 to March 2004, when she retired and moved to Arizona.

Joanne has earned numerous Special Achievement Awards, including the Regulus Award in Education in 2002; Marc Edmund Jones Award in 2000; Dr. F. Sims Pound Award in 1996; and Most Inspirational Astrologer Award, from the Washington State Astrological Association, in 1982.

Joanne has lectured for numerous astrological associations and has been a faculty member at many conferences throughout the US and abroad. She is the author of six books on astrology, many of which are used as classroom texts by teachers throughout the country. All of her books are published by the AFA.

Joanne is the author of *A Journey through the Birth Chart; In Search of a Fulfilling Career; and Your Hidden Powers - Intercepted Signs & Retrograde Planets*.

She is co-author of *The Spiral of Life; The Digested Astrologer; and When Your Sun Returns*. Her website is www.joannewickenburg.com. You can email her at joanne@joannewickenburg.com.

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Horary Special Interest Group Forming

Anyone sharing an interest in Horary Astrology who would like to join a group that would meet monthly or bi-monthly to discuss and share techniques and relevant issues, please contact Jeanne Callahan at 602-957-6008 or email her at Jeannecallahan@cox.net for directions. The location is close to 56th Street and Thomas Road, and space is limited. First meeting will be on Thursday, March 16th at 7 PM.

Jeanne is currently enrolled in John Frawley's Horary Apprenticeship online program and would like to network with others who are proficient in or learning the art of Horary.

Mesa Special Interest Group

The Mesa ASA Satellite Group is meeting Sunday March 5th for shop talk from 3 to 5 PM. Address is 2831 E. Southern Ave. Bld 5, Unit 114 at the SE corner of Lindsay and Southern Avenue in Mesa, one mile east of Gilbert Rd and Southern. Enter on

Southern Ave. Call for gate code. The # symbol is in the lower right hand corner, and the numbers are all in the center column. Don't hesitate between pressing the symbol and numbers! Call from the gate if you can't figure it out. 480-839-5256. Kathe plans to make a big crock pot of chili and has plenty of crackers.

Last month at the ASA....

Moses Siregar III

by Marta Morris

Friday lecture: Transformational Transits: Spiritual Dimensions of the 2nd/8th and 6th/12th House Axes

The 2nd, 6th, 8th and 12th houses all have one thing in common: they are not connected to the Ascendant by major aspect. Interestingly enough, each of these houses also has a link to Venus. Venus rules the 2nd house and is exalted in the 12th house. Venus is in its detriment in the 8th, and in its fall in the 6th.

Additionally, in Vedic Astrology, the 8th, 12th and 6th houses are considered "grief causing." Why? Venus is not comfortable in the 6th house, and it is "disconnected" from the 8th and 12th. And according to the Eastern philosophers, "Life is Suffering," caused by grasping and resistance as exhibited in those houses.

Virgo and Scorpio share more than being "anti" Venus. Their glyphs look more alike than any other 2 signs, manifesting the up and down, up and down motion that can be extended on into infinity. The ups and downs may represent the self-criticism and self-congratulation these signs are prone to exhibit. The last "up" for the Virgo glyph turns into a half-heart shape, implying the need to love ourselves. The 8th deals with power and love — Karma. The glyph ends in an arrow, pointing to the next constellation — Sagittarius.

Venus goes stationary when it is 30 degrees from the

Sun, and 30 degrees can be difficult. Extrapolation: 1/3 of life can be difficult.

Moses thought that the 2nd house deals with relationships because it is Venus-ruled and the Moon is exalted in Taurus.

The second house establishes what we need, and Neptune in the 2nd house can sometimes mean drug dependency.

The 6th and 12th houses represent a process that must occur before things get better. Learn to stand on your own. A partner cannot give you everything you want.

Planets in the 2nd can mean difficult relationships. In 576 BCE, Uranus/Neptune/Pluto were in Taurus and produced the Eastern Philosophy of "Being in the Present." Self-sufficiency.

Watch as planets transit the house cusps. These times can be significant.

Happiness in Vedic Astrology is tied to the 2nd and 4th houses. They represent both peace and challenges to peace.

The 6th house is the least understood. Venus there is the worst for relationships, as it is the 12th of the 7th! Transiting planets in the 6th house are not good for beginning relationships. As the planets get to the end of the 6th house, it is very intense before emerging into the 7th and thus, into the sunlight! The planet can begin weak and get stronger.

The 8th house, according to Moses, can be considered a part of the 7th. Planets transiting the 8th are intense and give you a feeling of being in the dark. The lesson: Learn how not to resist in order to enjoy life and be in the present.

Venus is exalted in the 12th house. The lesson: Open your heart and be loving. There is a spiritual connection to the source. Surrender.

Saturday Workshop: Advanced Transit Studies

Planets close to intermediate house cusps take over that house. Equal house is easy and it works. Saturn and the Nodes are good to watch for how they will work as they enter houses.

The 5th and 9th houses can be similar. (The 5th is the 9th house from the 9th, and the 9th house is the 5th house from the 5th.)

Equal house can be event-oriented.

Timing of events: Neptune/Pluto motion is similar. Go back 3-4 months prior to the degree of their stations to see what occurred.

With Uranus, widen the orb (up to 4 degrees) and look at 1 month prior.

In addition to the house system you usually use, Mr. Siregar suggests using the whole sign system just to see where planets fall.

Solar charts: in Western Astrology, the Sun is important, whereas in Hindu Astrology, the Sun is less important than the Moon.

Putting each planet on the ASCendant allows you to see your chart in a completely new way. For career issues, put the 10th house ruler on the ASCendant. See how that is affected by the current transits. There is a house-related shift when you put the planets on the ASC.

In reference to a natal Neptune at 25° Virgo, Moses stated that Pluto from the 4th aspecting Neptune in the 1st should have spiritual connotations.

An audience member asked, which is more intense, the square or opposition? When you get past the opposition, a square coming from the end of the 9th or 3rd is not as difficult as one coming out of the 6th or 12th.

Transiting trines can be used for determining relationship. Put the 7th house ruler on the ASCendant.

In the chart of ASA's president, Gabriella, the Sun is at 11° 49' Pisces, and Uranus will conjunct it exactly in March. Conjunctions are like births and deaths. Because this conjunction occurs at the end of the 6th house, it is intense because then the planet will go from the dark into the light. A conjunction in the 6th house is not so good, whereas in another house a conjunction can be positive.

In his own chart, Moses has Neptune at 9° of Sagittarius, with the Sun at 11° Leo, and the Moon at 4° Cancer. When Neptune opposed his Sun, he began studying music.

Cycles: Beginnings and ending — 1st and 7th houses, so the midpoint of houses can be significant. Adding a dimension to transits, "advanced transits," any planet at 26 degrees would have Saturn stationed at 11 degrees, which is the midpoint of the houses of that planet.

Pluto will station at almost 27°, so 12° is energized

The hypothesis that every planet has its "own chart," and that a stationing planet will interact with planets in different ways gives you another way of interpreting transits.

In compatibility, squares are difficult, whereas oppositions have an attract/repel effect. 2/8 is the axis of true being.

Retrogrades and Eclipses should also be viewed in your SOLAR CHART. Retrograde planets can be stronger — they are brighter, more visible in the sky, closer to the earth. Tiger Woods, Michael Jordan and John Kerry all have retrograde Mars, which holds back and then surges ahead.

This year, Jupiter stations at almost 19° of Scorpio. Subtracting 15° = 4°. Any planet at 4° will be affected.

What are Solstice Points?

by Virginia Reyer and Sarah Laurent

You don't hear much about solstice points in modern astrology, but ancient astrologers used them freely and considered them as powerful as natal positions. When Virginia Reyer gave me an article on solstice points, I did a little research to help me explain what they are for people who may be unfamiliar with them.

Nicholas DeVore's Encyclopedia of Astrology describes an antiscion "the reflex position of a planet's birth position, in that degree on the opposite side of the Cancer-Capricorn axis, of which either 0° Cancer or 0° Capricorn is the midpoint. ... As first used by Ptolemy the term is applied to two planets which have the same declination on the same side of the equator. One in the same declination on the opposite side was termed a contra antiscion."

Deborah Houlding (www.skyscript.co.uk) says the antiscion is related to the solstice points of the astronomical year, when the Sun stands exactly overhead at either 0° Cancer or 0° Capricorn, and day and night are exactly equal in length. If you draw the ecliptic as a circle, with the 0° Cancer at the top and 0° Capricorn at the bottom, you can arrange all of the planets in your chart somewhere along that circle. According to the theory, each natal point is mirrored directly across the circle, so a planet at 5° of Capricorn has its antiscion at 25° of Sagittarius. If you have no natal planet at this point, it can still be activated by transit, progression, or by synastry. There is a relationship between these points based on the fact that night and day are equal in length at both points. The ancients considered the antiscion of a planet to be a favorable point.

Antiscion signs are: Cancer – Gemini; Leo – Taurus; Virgo – Aries; Libra – Pisces; Scorpio – Aquarius; Sagittarius – Capricorn

Virginia's article follows:

In doing a good number of charts on criminals, 17° and 20° -24° degrees of Capricorn caught my attention. These degrees are prevalent in the charts

of murderers and victims. This is also true of 25° Taurus and 28° of Pisces, especially if Mars is adverse by aspect.

20-24 degrees of Capricorn have to do with the south node of of Pluto and Saturn. Also, 22° of Capricorn is the antiscion degree of Antares, which is connected with violent death. Also consider the antiscia of other fixed stars in delineating charts, as well as doing their declination degrees.

Sometimes individuals are lucky and successful. The chart may not reveal this, but the fixed stars do. The most beneficial stars, Spica and Arcturus, at 23° to 25° Libra, may be making good aspects in the horoscope.

The Sun's antiscion is always parallel in declination to the Sun's original position in Longitude.

The Sun at 16° Taurus has its antiscion at 14° Leo, and the declination for both is at 16° N 38'. The Sun's contra-antiscion is always contral-parallel in declination; the contra-antiscion of 16° Taurus is 14° Aquarius, and the declination is 16° S 38'.

This also applies to planets without much latitude. Their antiscions are also parallels, or are close enough to be considered as such. It is only when a body is relatively distant from the ecliptic, with Latitude, that it will not necessarily parallel its own antiscion points, or will be considered out of bounds. I use the conjunctions, oppositions, and squares with antiscions, and I find them very important. They also work with the Vertex and anti-Vertex. Sextiles and trines do not work in declination. Antiscions can be progressed by solar arc.

Website of Note

Quincunx Astrology is the creation of ASA member and newsletter contributor, Doug Noblehorse. Doug is currently learning about Hellenistic astrology, but his roots are in the modern, humanistic astrology of Dane Rudhyar. The website offers articles, links, and astrological services. Check it out at <http://quincunxastrology.com>, or look for the link in the Resources section of ASA's website.

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*Coming to ASA in
April....*

Joni Patry

*Friday: World
Predictions for 2006*

*Saturday: Introduction to Vedic
Astrology, a continuation of her
October workshop.*

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