



THIS MONTH AT THE ASA

MARCH 18-19, 2005

SALLY McDONALD

Friday: 'And the Wheel Goes Round

Saturday: Venus and the Next 8 Years

The deepest beliefs and fears of a person come from the Moon. It's there you can see the issues our parents dealt with and subconsciously projected onto us as children. Crisis and chaos occurs when we are faced with the realization that somehow the "beat" isn't working in our lives, and it isn't working because it isn't our beat. On Friday night, Sally will help us to unravel our own rhythms and to see where we have stepped off our "beaten path."

"She is Venus when she smiles, Juno when she walks, and Minerva when she talks." (Ben Johnson, English dramatist, 1572–1637) The Venus Transit of June 2004 changed our perception of ourselves individually and collectively. On Saturday, Sally will trace the historical patterns of the last Venus Transit and today's transits, and how it will impact YOU, the United States, and the world.

Getting to Know Sally McDonald

Sally McDonald is a practicing astrologer in Denver, Colorado, who has 35 years of experience. Following a successful and public career in non-profits, including working for the Vatican, she began

practicing astrology full time. She is also a student of Ancient Religions and Quantum Physics. She has lectured at local universities and various women's professional groups, and has been the featured speaker for the National Conference of Physicists. She is a contributing author and editor to numerous American and European publications.

By employing ancient and modern astrological techniques, Sally reveals one's entire life experience: the conscious, subconscious, and spirit. She has an individual client base and also does business and stock charts; serves as a consultant for psychiatrists; and through astrology, counsels individuals in their career and personal paths. She has expertise in historical, earth and life cycles. In addition to being an astrologer, she is Vice President of Business Development for Women's Vision Foundation in Denver. She can be reached at 303/377-8496.

Sally will be available for readings while she is in the Phoenix area. A reading by Sally includes natal, prenatal, progressed, and solar return data and costs \$150.

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Letter from the President!

Happy Birthday to all our March members! Did you know that Persians all over the world still celebrate the New Year, called Noruz, the day and minute the Sun reaches 0'00" Aries?

Thank you, Robert Blaschke, for another great presentation! Thanks all our members for attending; you make it happen.

Our membership is increasing every month, and more and more people come to visit us. One such visit was by Sophia Rubin from Tucson, accompanied by her mom, Leslee Lillywhite, and her friend, Richard Jordan. What you do not know is that Sophia is 12 years old and has been studying astrology for three years already! Besides being a pretty little girl she knows her astrology as well! Congratulations, Sophia, and keep up the good work!

We will set up an extra table on which the Red Book will be displayed, together with some applications and different other things related to astrology. It will be sort of Tribute to Astrology. The Red Book is a "history" of the ASA, with dates and charts dating back to its inception, with a description of the different functions of the Board Members and President, etc.

Sometimes we do not get our newsletter, be it via email or regular mail delivery. Stuff happens, as we all know. It has happened to me and I am sure it has happened to you as well. Remember that this is a volunteer organization and yes, you paid for the newsletter, and we will take care of the issue and re-send it to you. Let me know if this happens.

We used to send the newsletter out as a courtesy sometimes to see if the person in question might want to join, but we will not do this any longer. So, it might happen that several of you who were in this situation will no longer get the newsletter unless you subscribe to it.

Richard Nolle voted our website “The Website of the Week” for the week of February 21st. Congrats to Sarah Laurent, our webmistress, and to Jennie Mills, without whom this website would not exist. Jennie is our behind-the-scenes troubleshooter.

We are still looking for a Hospitality volunteer: I will mention again what this entails: on Friday, be there by 6:30 pm, go to the office and get the key to our cabinet, get the little trolley, and take out what we need: sugar, coffee, spoons, etc. Arrange them on the table in back of the meeting room. We will be bringing the cookies, cheese, coffee maker and water. On Friday night we need to put everything on the trolley and move it to the front of the room, where the speaker is. On Saturday, put everything back on the kitchen table, and on Saturday afternoon, everything goes back to the cabinet and to my car. Any takers?

Have a good day and see you all at the meeting!

Gabriella

Missed your newsletter? Please be sure we have your email address.

Last month at the ASA.....

Robert Blaschke

Friday: The American Male Psyche and the USA Progressed Stationary Mars

By Sarah Laurent

In response to audience interest, Robert’s Friday presentation turned into a discussion of mundane astrology that ranged far beyond the stated topic. Robert used his detailed knowledge of historical and astrological timelines to explain describe some of the forces affecting our world today.

The U.S. Chart

The U.S. has been in existence for 229 years, and our progressed birth date is Feb. 18, 1777. In the Sibly chart, natal Mars is at 21° of Gemini and rules the IC. It has never been retrograde in the U.S.

chart, but on July 20, 2006, progressed. Mars will station and go retrograde at 18° Libra 42’. It is already within 1’ of arc of its Rx position. Mars will stay Rx for 80 years, until 2086, when it stations direct at 0° Libra.

As an aside, Robert noted that transiting Mars will be retrograde from 23° Taurus to 8° Taurus from October 1 through December 10 of this year. Mars is in detriment in Taurus. When it stations at 23° Taurus in October, it will be right on Israel’s Sun.

By July 2006, there will have been three progressed stations in a 10-year period: Saturn in 1996; Uranus in 1999, and Mars in 2006. The September 11 attacks occurred at the exact midpoint in time of the progressed stations of the two malefics, Saturn and Mars.

On 9/11 we also had a Pluto transit. Our psyche was deeply penetrated. At the time, Saturn was opposite Pluto right on the horizon. The U.S. responded with a projection of American power and unilateralism as we went into self-protection mode. Now we are seeing the response of the world and gaining some perspective.

The progressed U.S. Jupiter has been retrograde since 1905. We’re coming down to the last 20 years of its retrogradation. As it stations direct in 2025, it will hold a 40-year square to Saturn within 1’ of orb. That 40 years starts in December of this year and lasts until 2045. For a planet to station and hold a sustained aspect to a natal planet is as powerful as it gets, more powerful than a conjunction. The result? Instant karma for any foreign policy decision the U.S. makes over the next 40 years. Jupiter also rules the Sibly Sagittarian Ascendant.

Esoterically, Mars means the right use of will. Retrograde Mars can be seen as the karmic consequences of our past actions. Saturn and Mars will be Rx for many years. We’re running out of political and military solutions in the world, and soon we’ll be out of economic solutions. Eventually, the only thing

left will be spiritual solutions. In the years 2005-2012, humanity will push things right to the edge. But from 2010-2012, the U.S. progressed Sun in Pisces arrives at a trine to our natal Jupiter in Cancer. The U.S. will receive spiritual protection.

In May of 2000, Jupiter and Saturn conjoined in Taurus. In December of 2020, this conjunction occurs again in Aquarius. Taurus is about economic self-interest. Aquarius' sees that if something is not good for everybody, it's not good for anybody. This is what's trying to occur. The first quarter square between Jupiter and Saturn occurs later this year.

Venus rules the Sibly chart's MC, which in mundane astrology is the President. Our progressed Venus is moving into a square with the U.S. Sun at 13° Cancer and then into an opposition with Saturn at 14° Libra this year and next.

On April 3, transiting Uranus will square the U.S.'s natal Uranus. Transiting Uranus will oppose Bush's Mars and his progressed Sun at 9° Virgo. The last time transiting Uranus squared the U.S. Uranus was in 1963.

On April 8 there will be an eclipse in 19° Aries, and a few days later, Bush has the first transiting opposition to his Mars. If he is subject to Tecumseh's curse, this is a time when it might manifest. The other time of danger for Bush is late July and August.

The Male Psyche

What is happening with men? In 2086, Mars will go D at 0° Libra. That same year, Venus will go Rx for about 42 years. This is a very rare occurrence. We don't know how retrograde Mars will manifest, but Robert threw out several possibilities. Retrograde Mars represents minority men, gay men, the non-dominant male paradigm. Perhaps this paradigm will come to dominate the U.S. Or, retrograde Mars could bring a return to traditional male behaviors and values.

One of the audience members noted that retrograde Mars shows up prominently in the charts of tennis

players. Tiger Woods also has this. These people have wound-up energy and compete more with themselves. Women with Rx Mars seem to attract violent men into their lives. The US may attract a lot of hatred, anger and aggression for the next 80 years. The stationary Mars could also bring a spasm of violence in this country.

It is likely that all of these possibilities will be true in some proportion.

What About Women?

Since 1993, when Venus entered Aries, women have acted with more assertion and self-confidence. When we get to the progressed Venus-Mars opposition in 2009, we'll look around and evaluate the results. Therapists are already calling attention to greater aggression seen in children. The great majority of children do not have mothers who stay at home during the day. Children have to compete for the attention of caregivers at daycare centers, and their attachments are often broken because of the high turnover of daycare staff.

Robert predicted that retrograde Mars will bring the reversal of *Roe v. Wade*.

The U.S. progressed Mars entered Libra in 1940 and will remain there until 2170, a total of 230 years. Libra is the sign of Mars' detriment.

In 1993, during Bill Clinton's first term as President and at a Uranus-Neptune conjunction, Venus progressed into Aries (its detriment). Venus will be in Aries for 25 or 26 years.

With Mars in detriment in Libra and Venus in detriment in Aries, we're seeing extreme behavior in men and women. Will this reach a peak and level off? This year's square of progressed Venus with the U.S. Sun and its opposition to the U.S. Saturn next year may bring a re-evaluation of our relationships.

The write-up on Robert's Saturday eclipse workshop will be in the April newsletter.

Brenda Black – Sun Sign Predictions for 2005 – Libra through Pisces

By Brenda Black

JUPITER IN LIBRA/SCORPIO

Jupiter is in Libra from 9/25/04 to 10/25/05

During this period there is a focus on relationships, partnerships, agreements and social interactions. Involvements with others are fortunate.

The tsunami in Indonesia brought world involvement which has turned out well. Things to do during this time (from David Pond): take a relationship seminar, take dance class, explore fashion, go to car or boat show and notice latest styles, study metaphysical properties of color and sound.

Jupiter is in Scorpio from 10/25/05 to 11/23/06 We are fascinated with the profound, mysterious and that which lies beneath the surface of normal perception. We will want to explore the occult and the mysterious. This a time when groups of people will pool their resources for projects that benefit all. There will be good luck with shared resources. Suggested activities for this period: take a skin diving class together, take an investment strategy class, take part in a traditional ritual such as a sweat lodge or a medicine wheel ceremony.

LIBRA SOLAR eclipse – October 3rd 3:28 AM at 10 degrees of Libra This is a new moon at the south node of the moon. It is beginnings from a 7th house perspective. The North Node eclipse on April 8th has a ME perspective. This eclipse has a WE perspective. The ball is in the other person's court: you are not the server, you are the receiver. You will respond to the demands of others and may not have time to serve your own needs. It is a time of separation from things that are no longer working in your life. A south node eclipse brings public exposure – things are uncovered and facts come out into the open. (By the way, this information comes from Dietrich Pessin's book on eclipses) In Libra this emphasizes marriage, separation divorce and legal affairs.

A lawsuit started at a south node solar eclipse could go on for a long time. You may feel forced into a lawsuit. In the Saros Series this is a 7 South eclipse. There is power, anger and force of Mars square Pluto. Either huge obstacles will suddenly clear or a crisis will suddenly manifest and move through your life very rapidly. You will feel that everything is moving at great speed. This is from Bernadette Brady's *Predictive Astrology: The Eagle and the Lark*.

LUNAR ECLIPSE IN LIBRA/ARIES October 17th 5:14 AM. Lunar eclipses "close doors so that new doors can open." The Sun and the Moon are in opposite signs symbolizing separation. A lunar eclipse can signify the end of a matter. This eclipse will affect the cardinal signs the most: Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn. The theme is "Me or the other person?" Is this partnership over? You will know by the time you wake up on October 17th.

PREDICTIONS FOR LIBRA

The Mercury retrograde and the solar eclipse land in your 7th house, bringing new energy to your one-on-one relationships. You may have to make a decision about your doctor, accountant, or someone in your social circle. Try to wait until Mercury goes direct on April 12, 2005 to take action. In the second half of 2005 you will go through a transformation and may delve into the psychic world at that time. By the end of October, when Jupiter moves into your 2nd house, you may get a pay raise and may take a more holistic approach to self-care. Call old friends to join you for a party on Christmas Eve. The best day to start a diet is October 21, 2005.

PREDICTIONS FOR SCORPIO

In the first 4 months of the year there is a focus on food, exercise, health care, and job routines, and there could be issues with co-workers. By mid-April the 6th house issues should settle down and Mars will be traveling through your seventh house for the rest of the year. Your romantic relationships could go hot and cold, and if you find it is hard to withstand your marriage, do not do anything legal in the second half of 2005. Wait until February 3,

2006, when Venus turns direct. You may reach a peak in your career this year as Saturn reaches your Midheaven. Some Scorpios will receive more responsibility on the job, and others may retire. A close family member may come home over the Christmas holidays. Try to sign important documents on December 4th, when Mercury turns direct in your sign. The best day to start a diet is October 25, 2005.

MERCURY RETROGRADE IN SCORPIO/ SAGITTARIUS

Mercury is in Sag from 11/13/05 to 11/26/05

Mercury is in Scorpio from 11/26/05 to 12/12/05

Mercury is in Sag from 12/12/05 to 1/3/06

The Scorpio energy is intuitive, and the Sagittarius energy has the gift of prophesy, so during this Mercury retrograde, get an astrological or psychic reading. Note the degree of Mercury when you get this reading. Replay the tape when Mercury crosses over that degree for a second time.

PREDICTIONS FOR SAGITTARIUS

In the first quarter of 2005 the Sagittarian will be thinking creatively, and by the time Mercury moves into direct motion on April 12th, you could make a presentation or an offer that could be very impressive! Now is a second chance for you to express your love to that special someone. For most of the year, dedicate yourself to an exercise program. If you have made plans to travel out of state in the summer, be open to a minor revision to itinerary. Jupiter through your 11th house brings warmth and friendship, and at the end of October it will bring you protection and memories of past lives. Be ready to adapt quickly to a professional situation in mid-November. The best time to start a diet is December 15th after 9:15 AM MST.

VENUS RETROGRADE IN CAPRICORN/ AQUARIUS

Venus turns retrograde at 1 degree Aquarius on 12/24/05 at 2:36 AM. She will turn direct on 2/3/06.

Most astrologers recommend that you do not marry during a Venus retrograde because you may fall out of love after the wedding.

PREDICTIONS FOR CAPRICORN

During the first quarter of 2005 you may want to withdraw more into your home and place of comfort and sort out memories of the past. This is a time to connect with parents and other relatives and ask questions about the family that have been unanswered up to this time. Also, if you have been thinking of moving, by the lunar eclipse on April 24th you will have your answer. In July Saturn and its karmic lessons will move from your 7th house of partnership to your 8th house of transformation. By the time Mercury turns direct on August 15th you should have made some changes on joint monies, insurance, and other 8th house matters. You have experienced professional advancement since September, 2004, and the solar eclipse in October, 2005 could open doors for increased income, a promotion or more publicity. During the Christmas holidays, go back and visit a psychic you liked before. The best day to start a diet is January 14, 2006.

PREDICTIONS FOR AQUARIUS

In the first half of 2005 there may be plans for a major move across country. Or if you do plan to stay where you are, then you might meet new neighbors or have extra activity in your neighborhood. The Full Moon eclipse on April 24th may bring an announcement of change in your life. If you have been putting up with a heavy workload for a while, that should change by July when Saturn moves into your 7th house. You could be working out a creative solution to a partnership issue and when Mercury turns direct on August 15th you will have the answer. Traveling out of state for the last year has brought you joy and this fall, when Jupiter enters your 10th house, you will be ready for a job change or a promotion. During the Mercury retrograde over the Christmas Holidays you may find yourself very busy, but happy with the changes you made this year. The best day to start a diet is May 28, 2005.

PREDICTIONS FOR PISCES

This year you may begin earning a living doing what you love. How you earn money may change. In

some way you may manage other people's money or assets. By the lunar eclipse on April 24th you may realize how much you are loved and appreciated. Since June, 2003 you may have had some challenges with romantic partners. In mid-July the dry period ends and a new era of romance begins. From July to the end of the year Mars will be traveling through your 3rd house and the tempo of your life will pick up. There may be more activity in the neighborhood and more arguments, but on the positive side, your mind is ready to work on sophisticated intellectual projects.

Toward the end of the year and into 2006 your writing could be published and a friend from overseas could tell you about a job opportunity. The best day to start a diet is February 24, 2005.

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Joanne Wickenburg

Friday: Intercepts and Retrogrades

Saturday: Integration Through the Lunar Phases, Nodes, and Part of Fortune

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