



## THIS MONTH AT THE ASA

MAY 20-21, 2005

### ROBERT CORRE

**FRIDAY:**           **On the Primacy of the Ascendant**

**SATURDAY:**      **On Morin's Theory of Determination**

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Friday's lecture focuses on the pivotal importance of the Ascendant in horoscope interpretation. How important is it to understanding the person? As the Ascendant represents life and the physical body, as well as a person's mental, moral, and intellectual disposition, it is taken to be eighty percent of the horoscope. When we comprehend the meaning of the Ascendant, we gain an awareness of how a person will react to the rest of the sky.

Without an appreciation of its importance, the rest of the chart will be taken out of context, and the astrologer will be led to make a glaringly erroneous interpretation of the chart that could not only mislead and harm the client, but also contribute to discrediting the discipline of Astrology.

This practical workshop focuses on how to create an image of a person based on the factors that contribute to the Ascendant's formation.

On Saturday, Robert will explain Morin's theory of determination. Morin synthesized his understanding of the astrological tradition in two short, compact phrases: "The active determination of the celestial

bodies and the passive determination of the sublunary world." This advanced, in-depth workshop will expand on these two obscure phrases that give to the student of astrology a deep and rational understanding of the interrelationship and interdependency between the signs, planets and houses. It is this appreciation, along with Morin's very structured methodology, that gives the contemporary practitioner of astrology his or her most valuable skill: horoscope synthesis, or the ability to see the chart as an integrated whole. And without question, the ability to synthesize is the one skill that will dramatically and reliably improve the astrologer's interpretation skills.

An understanding of Morin's Determination Theory will also demonstrate why the receiver (the houses) is more important than the sky (the planets and signs). An appreciation of his theory begs a reexamination of why the traditional astrologers took astrology as a geocentric art.

Robert will demonstrate Morin's theory using case studies drawn from his practice.



### Getting to Know Robert Corre

Robert Corre learned of Morin's approach to astrology when he met Zoltan Mason, a New York astrologer who used Morin's techniques. Robert was impressed enough with Mason

to have a reading, and the reading's accuracy and detail convinced him to become Mason's pupil.

In 1995, Robert retired from a successful 25-year career in computing and information technology at New York University to become a professional astrologer. When Mason died in 2002, Robert took on the job of promoting Morin's teachings and has done so vigorously ever since. He teaches four classes weekly and publishes [ForumOnAstrology.com](http://ForumOnAstrology.com), a website that offers an online astrology course based on Morin's technique.

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## Letter from the President

*"Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a great battle." Philo of Alexandria*

I was not looking for this saying, or any saying for that matter. A woman I have never met in person, Kathy Jones from Oregon, who became a soul friend, closes her emails with this saying. I liked it and saved it, thinking it would come in handy one day. That day came sooner than anticipated.

In the late Summer of 2003, when I became Member-at-Large at the ASA, transiting Pluto was on my IC, within about 2° of squaring my Ascendant. That whole year I ran like a maniac all over town, talking to everybody about the ASA, telling them how great it is, inviting them to come and join, etc., etc. I remember asking Rose Fieldgrove, who was President at the time, how one becomes President and if I could be groomed to become one. In April of 2004, when the candidates' names were written on the blackboard, Mercury was retrograde. When the announcement that I had been elected came about, Venus was retrograde on my MC opposing retrograde Pluto and squaring my natal ASC for the second time. Transiting Saturn was already in my 11th house and by September of 2004, when I began my duties as President, Saturn exactly squared my natal Venus in the 8th house. Hmmmm.... There were other transits as well, but I am mentioning the Pluto ones only for reasons you will find out shortly. I was asking myself all the time, why do I want to be President, because there was no doubt that I wanted it. Is it really to serve or is it self serving? I was so painfully aware of what a Pluto square to the ASC can mean, and I was determined to do it right and for the right reasons. And yet....

I remember going to the meetings earlier, full of energy, thinking that I would change everything, rearrange everything, and I would make a difference. But the transits are gone now, and it seems to me that a review is in order. (Wouldn't you believe that transiting Saturn will be within one degree of another exact square to my natal Venus by the time

of our May meeting!) Now I realize that sometimes I was too direct and too forceful in wanting to "change" the ASA, to "improve" it, to make it grow. From changing direction to changing chairs, I wanted to change everything. And speaking of changing chairs, I would like to apologize to one of our members who for years and years set up the room for us and performed the task of Hospitality Director quietly, not asking for anything in return. I remember the day I went to the meeting and behaved totally out of character, and yet totally in tune with the shadow side of Pluto square ASC: cocky and know-it-all, infringing upon her "territory." I am really sorry. I do not know if I stepped on anybody else's toes, but if I did, I apologize. At the time I was not aware of it.

Recently, I was confronted with the same situation. What can I say; what goes around comes around! I know that we all mean well, but sometimes it just comes out the wrong way. And this brings me back to Philo of Alexandria: "Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a great battle." How easy it is to forget even for us, astrologers! I hope we all remember this saying. I know I will.

On a happier note: Happy Birthday to all of you born in May!

The ASA was incorporated on September 20, 1974 at 4:30 pm, in Phoenix, AZ. Judy Collins has a great article, which she wrote in 2003, about the ASA's fate in the coming years. You can find it on our web site. The article is called "The ASA's True Chart." I totally agree with her that the incorporation date takes precedence over the original meeting's date. Just look what is happening these days with our organization: even though we have increased the membership, we have had to remove some names because those members were in name only. Neptune is right on the ASA's Ascendant (16° Aquarius) and inconjuncts its Saturn at 17° Cancer, in the 5th, close to the 6th house cusp.

We do need to make some adjustments. We will be losing some of our members. Some that I know of are Sophia Phyllis Howland, who is moving to

Florida in August (she is there right now), and Brenda Black, our Secretary. Brenda's business is growing tremendously and she has had to resign her position, so she will attend only as her time permits. Congratulations Brenda, and thank you for a great job! The position of Secretary is open and we need to fill it.

Others have moved away as well. So we all need to step in and participate. Remember, the ASA is open to everybody. What does it mean to support the ASA? Just come to the meetings. What use is it if you pay the membership and do not come? You will be missed and worried about.

A couple of days ago, I met with one of the producers of Channel 3 and they might come out to film us. He promised that one way or another the ASA will be mentioned and our website will be linked to their network. We shall watch and pray.

We at the Board meetings are trying to come up with ideas on how to make changes and inspire more members to participate. We welcome Charlotte Benson who, in spite of her busy schedule, came to the Board meeting wanting to help. Thank you, Charlotte.

Please ponder upon my words and we will see each other at the meeting.

*Gabriella*

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### ***Last month at the ASA.... Joanne Wickenburg***

#### **Friday lecture - Intercepts and Retrogrades: Your Hidden Powers**

*by Sarah Laurent and Marta Morris*

Ms. Wickenburg began by stating that when she first researched intercepts, one book said that an intercepted sign is a quality you over-expressed in a past life and therefore it's being taken away from you. Another book stated just the opposite.

#### *Some basic concepts*

Each house cusp is like a door into an area of life experience where we have a specific need, or thing we're here to learn, shown by the quality of the sign on the cusp. Wherever Aries is, for example, you find an identity crisis: "who am I?" You're challenged through the experiences of everyday life to find out you can do something on your own. So in the first house, you learn to say: "I am an individual." In the second, "I am resourceful." In the third, "I am intelligent," and so on. We aren't born knowing these things; we have to learn them along the way.

Each sign has a specific need out of which specific personality characteristics emerge. The need is expressed in the house that has the sign on its cusp. The ruler of the sign shows where you can go to meet the needs. You go out and gather experiences and bring them home to the house the planet rules.

An intercepted sign has no house cusp--no doorway into the external experiences of life that fulfill its needs. This doesn't mean the sign is weak. The need it represents is just as strong as all the other needs in the horoscope. It means the sign's need isn't met in its natal environment. It's up to you to unearth that need and find ways to meet it.

Interceptions occur in pairs: Aries-Libra, Taurus-Scorpio, etc.; and when a sign is intercepted, another sign occupies two house cusps instead of one. Interceptions are rare in mid-latitudes but become common as you go further north or south of the equator. This makes sense, because life breaks down in extreme environments.

#### *Interceptions are environmental*

An intercepted sign means there is a strong need in you but the environment you are born into does not have the kind of facilities you need to feel you are developing the qualities of that sign. In fact, the outside world probably encourages you to become the sign on the cusp of the house - and signs that are side by side are never compatible. So if you have Aries on the house cusp and Taurus intercepted in the house, the people around you encourage you to

go out and initiate activities but don't give you the skills to get results from all the things you have initiated. So you feel confused until you figure out what's going on.

At least 50 percent of your clients will have interceptions. Don't skip over the interceptions and don't look at them as a punishment. Once you come to terms with what your intercepted signs mean, they are the most creative parts of you because they have not been highly conditioned by outside forces. Also, there are compensations for the interceptions in other parts of your chart, so you aren't wounded for your entire life. Transits will bring them out.

The same chart will have different interceptions with different house systems. Having tried all the house systems, Joanne has found that Placidus is the most all-encompassing.

#### *Interceptions and polarities*

Intercepted signs occur in pairs. If Aries is intercepted, Libra will be too. The polarity operates in everything we do. It keeps us balanced between me and them, and vice versa. Where you find intercepted signs, you have the dilemma of not being able to see those two parts of yourself very clearly. The two signs tend to operate against each other. They're not in constant awareness of the opposite that tends to come more naturally to other people. It takes longer in life to balance them out.

Aries/Libra intercepted - who am I/how do I learn to relate? In Aries, you're trying to learn to do your own thing without help from the environment. Libra is looking for a relationship but it can't successfully have one if it doesn't have a clear view of who it is individually. If Aries is intercepted, Pisces is on the house cusp. Pisces teaches you to have faith. Aries is the leap of faith that activates the creative vision. If Libra is intercepted, Virgo is on the cusp. You're trying to be balanced and equal and find harmony within an area of life where you've been taught to be critical. Trying to do both at the same time is confusing and jangly, but you can learn to value both.

Taurus/Scorpio - I need to have this for me/elimination. Taurus is where you learn to accumulate those things that give you comfort and a sense of worthiness. Scorpio's role is to eliminate those things that hold us back from evolving. It deals a lot with trust. Libra on the cusp is about establishing cooperative partnerships, and Scorpio is about how you maintain those relationships. What parts of yourself do you need to examine and let go of so you can really merge with another person? Intercepted Taurus may be accumulating things, habits, and attitudes but not realizing that at some point those things become obsolete and must be recycled. Intercepted Scorpio may throw out too much and too soon. Scorpio's role is to regenerate but it needs to know what still has value before it just starts eliminating stuff.

Gemini/Sagittarius - accumulating/disseminating information. The Gemini intercepted person is always asking questions but not really getting answers because the environment doesn't really connect with what she's talking about. Where Gemini is intercepted you may accumulate data without considering where the data fits. In the area occupied by intercepted Sagittarius, which is where you see the broader picture, your ideas can get so abstract that you can't verbalize them in a way that makes sense to anyone else. Your belief systems may not really fit the environment you've been brought up in. Look outside, look inside, but don't expect to find all the answers in the circle around you.

Cancer/Capricorn - belongingness in the inner and outer worlds. In the Cancer area of life, our role is

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to create a sense of emotional security. In Capricorn, the issue is social security, knowing where we belong in the outside world and feeling comfortable with that. If Cancer is intercepted, the world you were brought up in wasn't able to give you the kind of nurturing that made you feel safe. With Gemini on the cusp, you got information instead of security. If Capricorn is intercepted, Sagittarius is on the cusp, so you got a lot of lofty ideas that had no connection with what you actually needed to do to be successful.

Leo/Aquarius - Pride, self-confidence/the importance of the larger community working together for progressive change. Leo is where you need to feel good about yourself, to have that sense of self-importance we all need. When Leo is intercepted, it's in a house ruled by Cancer, which is much more reserved and uncomfortable in the outside world. Leo intercepted is like there's an actor inside. You have to find that creative center through more unique avenues; look outside the box to get answers those around you can't give you. Aquarius is where we all want a sense of social connectedness and contribution to social reform. It's trapped in Capricorn's house. Maybe it will take a powerful transit to hit you over the head and bring out the Aquarius energy. Transits say, "*do it now, do it now, do it now!*" They bring out the energy that's been boxed up inside of you.

Virgo/Pisces - Critical, analytical/Don't worry about the details, just believe in the ideal. With Virgo intercepted, you're struggling to be more organized and analytical. You may have a weird sense of order that works only for you. Leo on the cusp is saying just go out and be yourself, while you're inside taking yourself apart. Pisces is where you need to be happy with your dreams. The Aquarius house cusp is telling you to be more scientific or progressive; not to let your fantasies and ideals drag you down. But once you contact them, they don't drag you down; they make you whole.

These are polarities we all deal with every day of our lives, but they are emphasized with the interceptions.

### *Intercepted houses*

With interceptions there will also be signs that "own" 2 houses, called intercepted houses. Watch the degrees. The house with the lesser degree is more evolved and will empower you. This house has been intercepted and dragged into the following sign.

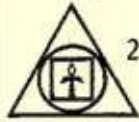
For example, if you have the same sign on the 7th and 8th houses, relationships and regeneration go hand in hand. You get into relationships that constantly regenerate you. The problem is generally not getting into the relationship but maintaining the relationships.

If you see an intercepted sign, tell the client they have a hidden potential. They have the ability to bring out that sign in a way that's uniquely their own.

### *Rulerships and stelliums*

Say you have Gemini on the 7th. Mercury rules that house. Literally, it owns that territory. It may not be in that house and probably won't be. Its role is to go out and get information so that Gemini will know what it's talking about. Suppose Mercury is the 11th house, where it goes out and meets people and socializes and learns about the world. Gradually it gets the experience and knowledge it needs to have a personal relationship. Until Mercury does that, personal relationships in the 7th house probably won't be very successful. It's the experiences that the ruler goes out and accumulates in the house it occupies that actually come back to fulfill the needs of the house.

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There may also be planets in the house. Mercury, the ruler, is the key that opens the door to that house. Once the door is open and you're involved in a relationship, you find a lot of things happening, depending on the planets you have in that house. The important thing to remember is that they rule other houses, too. When you have a stellium, all the other houses that these planets rule are dependent on your being able to work with other people in a harmonious way (7th house). You are trying to get 7th house experiences in order to fulfill the needs of the houses they rule. Obviously, they have to give something in return. The planets in the house offer something in return for the experiences they need. It doesn't matter whether or not you like what those planets have to offer. Once you see this, the chart comes alive. You start to see that everything has a consequence and everything flows together, and everything in the chart means something unique.

Marc Edmund Jones used to say that everything in a chart means something different. There are many things that suggest something similar, but nothing takes away from anything else. For example, if you have no planets in mutable signs but many planets in cadent houses, does that compensate for the lack of

flexibility shown by no mutables? No! On the contrary: it means you don't have adaptability but you are constantly put into situations that require you to be adaptable. Fortunately, things always progress into the next element, so you get some balance that comes out of just being alive.

The thing to remember about intercepted signs is that it all goes back to the environment. Sometimes it can give you what you need and sometimes it can't. The cultures that traditionally use the equal house system are England and East India. Equal house systems work in cultures where the rule has traditionally been, "you are what you are told to be." You live within your caste.

Try doing an equal house chart beginning with your Midheaven as a way of looking at your destiny without the environment. The reality, though, is that we're here to fulfill our destiny within the environment we're given.

*The writeup on Retrogrades and on Joanne's Saturday workshop will appear in upcoming issues.*

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***Dynamics of Declination***

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