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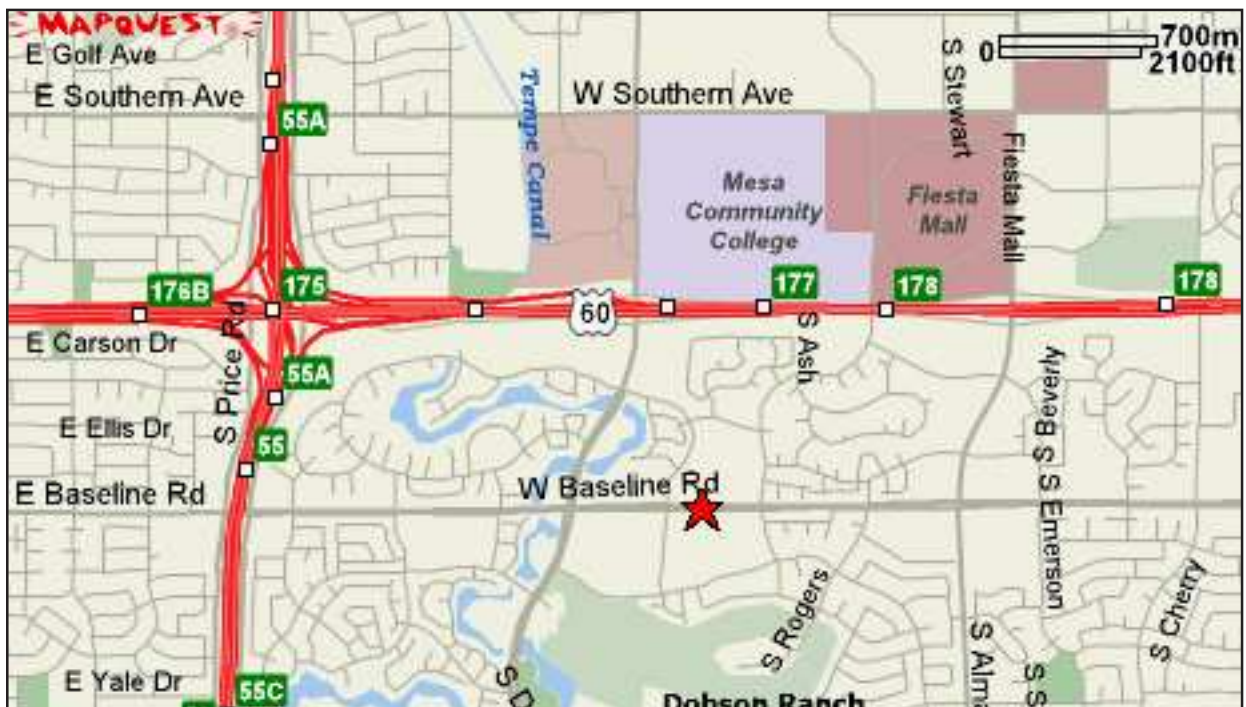
MARTIN DAVIS

ASTROLOCALITY ASTROLOGY

As usual in November, the Scottsdale Senior Center will not be available for our meetings. Therefore we are having a ONE DAY workshop at the Interfaith Unity Church, 1731 W. Baseline Rd., Suite 108 in Mesa.

Interfaith Unity is near the 60 and 101 on the southeast corner of Pennington and Baseline in Mesa. Pennington is half way between Alma School Rd and Dobson Rd.

The church is not a freestanding building. It is in a shopping center between Goldberg & Osborne's law offices and the Karate Kid Store.



SATURDAY - "Astrolocality Astrology"

Astrolocality adds a new dimension to our usual time-oriented astrological investigations (when something might happen). With it, we bring in a spatial orientation, that is, where on earth a person or event might happen or from where it might come to us. Thus we are moving to a true space-time view of our astrological reality.

In his workshops, Martin will take us through the Astro*Carto*Graphy map line-by-line, using examples to make all of his points. The technique of Local Space will also be introduced, using practical examples to show its usefulness. Then we will see how to combine both techniques, making for one integrated, powerful system of location and direction.

Getting to Know Martin Davis

In the course of his work as an engineer, business consultant and sportsman, Martin Davis has traveled widely and lived in many different countries. A native of the USA, he has resided in quiet and beautiful locations of Scotland for the past 15 years.



Martin is a well-known international lecturer in the field of Astrolocality astrology, and his energy and enthusiasm for it have encouraged many others to investigate this subject. He first published his idea of "Destiny Points" in an article entitled, Local Space Astrology, The British Astrological Journal, Nov/Dec 1989. Since then he has lectured in places as far afield as Athens, Dublin, Johannesburg, Moscow and Toronto.

His book, *Astrolocality Astrology: A guide to what it is and how to use it*, is astrology's textbook on the techniques of Astro*Carto*Graphy, Local Space and Geodetics, presented as one interconnected field. The book was the Spica 2000 award-winner for the best astrology book of that year.

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President's Letter

FRESHLY IMPORTED FROM SCOTLAND:

Martin Davis, Spica award winner, will speak at the ASA in November!!!

We went through great pains (and pleasures) to bring this world-renowned Astrolocality and Local Space specialist to the ASA. Martin has lived in several countries, so he knows first hand that astrolocality WORKS. Please come to the meeting to meet him.

Yes, I know, the meeting is in Mesa this month; yes, it is only on Saturday, November 19th from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm; but it is only \$20 for the day with LUNCH provided from Cousins SUBS. Yes, Mercury will be Retrograde! The Church, which is not a free-standing building, is only about 20 minutes' drive south of the Senior Center.

I know that some of you will have to work, and believe me, I know the feeling when you cannot make it, because sometimes I can not take off work either. My soul is really crying, but what can we do, we need that medical insurance!

Several years ago, when Joyce Jensen passed away, when Jody Russell's astrology school didn't materialize, when there was no interest for astrology at The

Southwest Institute of Healing Arts even though K.C. Miller, the owner, would have liked to have it in the curriculum, I thought to myself: if nobody is interested in astrology, why the heck is it my destiny to be an astrologer when I will not be able to make a living doing it? Am I so off track with timing?

I have to tell you that the interest in astrology is TREMENDOUS!!! I will be doing workshops for teenagers at 10 different public libraries by request, in January, February, and March. The Teen Program Directors who contacted me said that the teens are very interested in astrology. Among other things, I have put together a list of recommended reading for the libraries, and they have said they will procure them so the books can be checked out at the library. I hope we will have a new wave of astrologers coming after us.

In December as you all know there will be only a Christmas/Holiday dinner, no speaker. We will have time to socialize, eat and be merry.

On that note, see you at the Interfaith Unity Church in Mesa. Should anybody have a question, please call me 480 421-9798.

Gabriella

**Last month at the ASA.....Joni Patry
Eastern Astrology for the Western
Astrologer**

Writeup by Sarah Laurent

In India, astrology is called Jyotish, the science of light. The Hindu scriptures compare it to the eyes, for knowledge of the stars gives light in the darkness. Astrology is held in such high esteem in India that the government provides funding for it to be taught in universities, and an estimated 90 percent of the population believes in it. According to Joni Patry, Vedic astrology is not only simpler but more accurate when it comes to prediction. It is only the terminology that makes it seem so formidable to us westerners.

First the differences. Vedic astrology uses the sidereal zodiac, which is based on the actual places of constellations in the sky. The signs are 23°40' behind their tropical positions, so if you have a planet earlier than 23°40' of a sign, it will fall in the previous sign. This is especially important for the Ascendant, as it sets up the entire chart.

Vedic astrology does not use the outer planets. It uses the 7 traditional planets plus Rahu, the north node, and Ketu, the south node.

Square charts are used in both northern and southern India, but in the northern charts the angular houses fall into a central diamond with the lesser houses on the periphery. In southern India, the entire chart is a square and the signs are read clockwise.

Indians use whole-sign houses. If you have 14° of Aries rising, your first house will begin at 0° Aries but the Ascendant will be noted in the house. Sometimes a diagonal line is drawn across the first house.

The Moon is more important than the Sun in Vedic astrology.

Houses and planets (Bhavas and Grahas)

Similarities between Vedic and western astrology are many, but they can be tricky, too. Houses are called *bhavas* (*bhava* = field of action) and their meanings are largely the same as ours. For instance the 5th house is the creative mind, and it's where you find writers, politicians, astrologers, and advisors. Just as in western astrology, the 1st, 5th and 9th houses – called *trikonal* houses – are considered the most fortunate, and the planets that rule those houses will always be your friends. For instance, if you were born with Gemini rising, Mercury, Venus and Saturn will be your greatest friends.

The planet that rules the 11th house will always be an enemy to you, unless you are fortunate enough to have the same planet rule a *trikonal* house. That would cancel out the malefic influence. Why the 11th? Although it is a house of great money gains, it

is also the house of desire, and desire ensnares us, bringing us into incarnation over and over again.

As you see, this is a spiritually-based system, and everything revolves around the concept of liberation. That comes through 4, 8 and 12 - the *moksha* houses – which are the most powerful and the most misunderstood houses. Since there is no real security in this world, the water houses are where we learn to let go.

Joni said, “Once you understand the houses, you’ve got it. The houses carry the energies of the planets.”

Planets are called “*grahas*,” which means “to grasp.” They represent our karma, or what controls us. The Sun is our life force, but it’s also a malefic. In India, the heat of the Sun burns as often as it gives life; and too much Sun is equivalent to too much ego. The Moon is our mind, our perceptions of things. It’s what’s illuminated by the Sun. When planets conjoin the Moon, they describe your mind. Mercury is what we do with the mind – for example, astrology. The other planets have basically the same meanings as our own.

If your natal horoscope is not so good, there’s still hope. Joni talked about the *navamsha* chart, or “fruit of the tree.” It’s related to the number 9, and it shows what your life will evolve into. As we get older, we become more like our *navamsha* chart. If it’s bad, this is cause to worry.

If your chart ruler is debilitated or there’s an area of our chart you want to strengthen, you can use colors, gemstones, or chants. You really need to know what you’re doing, however. For example, many businessmen want to wear *hessonite*, the gemstone for Rahu, because Rahu causes anything near it to increase – but this could lead to cancer if you wore it too often or at the wrong times. *Cats’-eye*, Ketu’s gemstone, is equally problematic.

Rahu and Ketu

Rahu and Ketu are the names given to head and tail of a demon-serpent which was cut in half by Lord Vishnu just after it had tasted the nectar of immortal-

ity. Rahu, the head, has a grasping, materialistic quality. It brings us into the web of incarnation. It's our desire body, and when we go after things of the material world, there is always a price to pay. It can bring addictions (desires that can never be satisfied). When Rahu is conjunct a planet, it magnifies the qualities of that planet at least ten-fold.

Ketu, being the tail, is essentially dead to the things of this world. However, like Rahu it is immortal, so it represents detachment, our connection with God, our spiritual understanding. Ketu is like Neptune and the 12th house – it is beyond this world. If one seeks the things of this world during a Ketu cycle, the result can be loss and disappointment.

Ketu diminishes whatever it falls near. When it falls conjunct the Sun, the person negates him- or herself. The ego is weak. On the other hand, there is a possibility of achieving enlightenment with Ketu.

Both Rahu and ketu deal with poison. They are both considered malefics.

Aspects (Drishtis)

In Greek, "aspect" means "to glance," and that is basically how the Vedic astrologers see it, too. Vedic astrologers don't use a lot of aspects, and orbs are not a problem because they use whole-house aspects. If you have a planet at 0° Leo and another at 29° Leo, those planets are conjunct. If they are next to each other and in different signs, they are also conjunct.

Aspects are only counted in a forward direction, and charts are read clockwise. Therefore, planets only mutually aspect each other if they are conjunct or opposed. Otherwise, only one planet sends an aspect, and which one sends it depends on the kinds of aspects each planet throws. Planets can aspect a house even if there's no planet there.

If a planet aspects a house that it rules, it will bring out what that house is good for in a dynamic fashion. Jacki Onassis had Mars aspecting her 2nd and Scorpio on the cusp; that brought in immense wealth.

Many of these rules can be used by any astrologer, eastern or western. For instance, Joni mentioned that a planet's dispositor gives the reason why a planet does what it does. Her Mars is in the 4th and its dispositor, Venus, is in the 8th. She received property and money through inheritance.

Chandra yogas

Besides the natal and navamsa charts, Vedic astrologers sometimes generate a chart using the Moon (Chandra) as the Ascendant, and less often, the Sun as Ascendant. Yoga means "union," and these charts show how the Moon connects with other planets and houses. Here's one Joni swears by. When Jupiter gets to the sign before your Moon (12th house from the Moon), you will have more expenses and fewer gains. When it gets to the sign after your Moon (2nd house from the Moon), this is when money will come. Even if Jupiter is transiting your 2nd, if it is in the 12th house from the Moon it will not bring the expected gain.

Even though it means loss, when a planet is 12th from the Moon, it's a good yoga because it can also mean you are generous.

The worst lunar yoga is the Kemadruma, or "cracked mind," yoga. This occurs when there are no natal aspects to the Moon. These people feel alienated and do not relate well to people. The Moon is the mind. It likes to feel connected to other people, and it is well-aspected when it has planets in houses on either side or across the chart.

Nakshatras

There are 27 of these "lunar mansions," and each is 13°20' in length, or one day of the Moon's travel. (Hindu months are 27 days long.) Each planet in your chart falls into a nakshatra, but the most important one belongs to your Moon. It sets the tone for your entire life.

The nakshatras are related to dashas, which are nine periods of time related to the seven traditional planets plus Rahu and Ketu. Taken together, they total 120 years – our total life capacity.

Dashas are great predictive tools that anyone can use. The ASA website has two articles on them: one by Dennis Flaherty entitled "The Eastern Moon Through Western Eyes" and one by Dennis Harness entitled "The Nakshatras."

If you would like to study Vedic astrology, Joni teaches it through her website, www.galacticcenter.org.

Part II of Don Cerow's September Workshop ~ Astrology and the Bible: The Book of Revelation

Prophecies and ecstatic visions mark the beginning of every age. Two thousand years ago, mystery religions were all the rage. Almost deliberately, it seems, Jesus acted out Piscean images and themes, washing his disciples' feet, walking on water, quelling waves. He fed the multitudes with two fish (Pisces) and five loaves (Virgo, who holds a sheaf of wheat). The new axis of heaven now fell in Pisces (vernal equinox) and Virgo (autumnal equinox). Feeding the multitudes was a sermon: if you have faith (Pisces) you can heal yourself (Virgo).

The Book of Revelation is more than a simple vision. It stands as a map of heaven demonstrating what the writers believed was about to unfold. It begins with a picture of the heavens, complete with 24 elders (24 hours in the day), the 7 flaming lamps and 7 spirits of God (the 7 visible planets), and even a bull, lion, human, and eagle positioned around the throne of God (heaven). Having established our framework, it tells us that only the Lamb of God is capable of taking the scroll from the right hand of God and breaking its seals. The scroll is part of the constellation of Pisces. (The Chinese asterum for the first seven stars of the southern fish of Pisces - the one closest to the path of the ecliptic - is Wae Ping, a Rolled Screen.) As the vernal equinox crossed each star, it "broke the seal." The breaking of each seal can be correlated to a specific historical event.

The first seal opened with a rider on a white horse, going from victory to victory. In that year, Rome

defeated the neighboring city of Veii. Historically, this is viewed as the beginning of her wars of expansion. The second seal called for war, and Hannibal marched up and down the Italian peninsula for twenty years. The third seal found Tiberius vacating Rome in order to more fully embrace his vices. With the opening of the fourth seal, Plague rode in on a deathly pale horse with Hades at his heels, and the Empire found itself in an era of attack after attack on her borders, assassination after assassination of its emperors, and the irreparable loss of many of its merchants and infrastructure.

Under the fifth seal, all the souls beneath the altar cried out to the Lord for justice. During this period the Lombards swept across Italy, marking the first invasion which showed total contempt for the old Roman Empire and its ways and wiping out the continuum of history before them. The sixth seal seems the most graphic of all, when the whole population of slaves, citizens, and wealthy was forced to take to the hills. This was the beginning of the Viking raids on the British Isles, Europe, Russia and every other country with a navigable coastline or river. These raiders even attacked Europe from the Mediterranean Sea. Lastly, the seventh seal marked the final schism of the East and West, as a dead Roman Catholic pope excommunicated his Greek Orthodox contemporary, and the papal chair sat vacant for a year. (Interestingly enough, Pope Benedict has expressed his desire to bring the Eastern and Western churches together once again.)

A continual theme of Revelation is suffering. It is referred to by the author at the very beginning of this work. From Rev. 1:9; "My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure.

In Revelation 7 there appears a multitude of people from every nation, race, tribe and language, and we are told who they are: "These are the people who have been through the great persecution..." These are the souls of all who have died during the Age of Pisces, from the time of the Messiah until now, while standing up for their beliefs.

At the end of Revelation, after the tribulations, the Age of Pisces ends and the new age, the Age of Aquarius, begins. From Rev. 21:1, 4 and 5;

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea...”
(Pisces is a water sign which specifically rules the ocean.)

“He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.”

“Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: “Now I am making the whole of creation new...”

We are currently closing in on the end of the Age of Pisces, a time when, if we believe the story line,

many of the graphic images of the Book of Revelation will come to life, preparing the way for Aquarius, the water bearer and freedom fighter. This new age is symbolized in Rev 22:17 as a time when,

“...all who want it may have the water of life, and have it free.”

If Alpha and Omega mark the beginning and the end, then understand that the Vernal Equinox will align with Omega Piscium, a specific star in the constellation of the Fish, in the early spring of 2013 AD.

But before that happens, the seven trumpets will sound, and each of us will have to take a stand against those who would destroy the earth.

Excerpts from “Retrograde Planets”

A new article by Virginia Reyer on the ASA website under Articles.

People with retrograde planets in their natal chart sometimes look to the past to find solutions for their current problems. It is not easy to let go of the past. Retrograde planets do not work to their best potential. It is not that they don't work well, but the individual with the retrograde planets does not apply them much in his current life. Instead, he is trying to fit the present world into his past encounters. For example, males with Venus Rx tend to avoid females, and females with Mars Rx experience similar difficulties relating to males. With Pluto Rx, the sexuality is based upon past life memories buried deep in the subconscious.

All retrogrades have three phases: the direct motion until the first station, the retrograde motion, and then the direct motion following the second station. The stationary periods in between are the most powerful, as the planet slows down to change direction. Some

individuals have multiple Rx planets, which can bring powerful karmic lessons that bring the past forward. The more Rx planets an individual has, the more difficult his life becomes; and he grows more introspective and develops within himself a separate life which can be opposed to the outer life. Retrogrades occur on an unconscious level, and if an individual turns his consciousness to spiritual levels he will come to discover a great awareness of how to help others.

Since retrograde planets do not give benefits as do direct planets, interpreting them can be confusing. The meanings of Rx planets are determined by the sign and house they occupy, along with the aspects they make. Retrograde planets work differently and need extra understanding, the more so if they are intercepted; in this case, the potency of the Rx planet will be marked and stepped up.

Some occult influence is connected with an Rx planet, or it can manifest physically, especially if posited in the 1st or 6th houses, and health problems can be psychological.

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