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THIS MONTH AT THE ASA

AN ASTROLOGICAL SAMPLER

Charlotte Zeek Benson ~ Ken Hopkins ~ Douglas Noblehorse ~ Terry Warneke

Friday meeting: November 17, 2006. Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM. No Saturday Workshop.

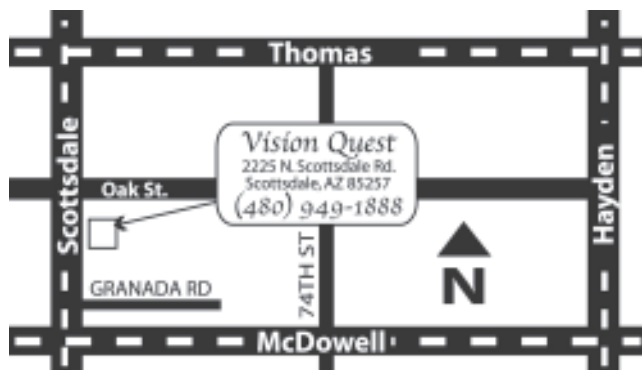
Registration begins at 6:45 PM. Admission is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. THIS MONTH ONLY: BRING A GUEST FOR FREE. That’s right - any non-member accompanying an ASA member gets in absolutely free!

Location: Vision Quest Metaphysical Bookstore, 2225 North Scottsdale Road in Scottsdale.

Because of scheduling conflicts with other events at our permanent venue, this month’s meeting is a Friday meeting only, and will be held at Vision Quest Metaphysical Bookstore. No food or drink will be permitted in the bookstore, so plan to meet afterwards at Carlsbad Tavern (details on page 3).

Friday’s Sampler will feature a potpourri of predictions and general interest topics, each 20-30 minutes long. Since each speaker has a different approach to astrology, this will be your opportunity to compare their observations and conclusions with your own.

Map to Vision Quest



Charlotte Benson
“The Economy in 2007”

Ken Hopkins
“Astrology and the World of Sports”

Douglas Noblehorse
“The 2007 Best of Astrology on the Internet”

Terry Warneke
“The Astrological Pluto - Still a Planet?”

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Membership Renewals

Membership renewals are coming up in January. After many years of rising costs and no dues increases, the inevitable has happened and the Board has voted to raise membership dues. The new fee structure is as follows:

Single member: \$36
Couples: \$54.
Pre-first Saturn return: \$24.

Membership includes the emailed newsletter. If you want it mailed, the cost will be \$18 additional. You can always get it free from the web.

The good news is that ASA is still the biggest bargain in the Western Hemisphere. The cost of admission to lectures and workshops is extremely low and will not change for the time being.

******* Maynard Calendars *******

The Maynard Calendars are in and will be available for purchase IMMEDIATELY AFTER the November meeting during our Social Hour. If you plan to buy one or more, contact Lisa through one of ASA email addresses. She will package and total your order, and it will be ready for you to pick up. The calendars will also be available at the December Solstice Party.

Maynard Calendars are one of ASA's most popular offerings, and one of our best fund-raising items. They make wonderful gifts, even for your non-astrological friends who may be curious enough to peek inside. It's a sneaky and effective way to get them interested in astrology! And remember - everything you buy from ASA benefits YOU!

No Refreshments at the November Meeting

Save your appetite for SOCIAL HOUR at the Carlsbad Tavern, 3313 N. Hayden Rd. It's on the east side of Hayden Rd., north of Thomas Rd. and just south of Osborne. You can pick up a calendar while you're enjoying their fabulous New Mexican cuisine.

Last month at the ASA. . .***Dietrech Pessin****By Marta Morris, ASA Scribe****Friday Lecture: The Lunar Gestation Cycle and Moon Families***

The handout consisted of a sheet listing all new moons, beginning on March 29, 2006 at 8° Aries and ending on December 16, 2009 at 24° of Sagittarius. Additional columns listed each ensuing first quarter moon, full moon and last quarter moon each month.

Ms. Pessin had prepared a Power Point Chart for the time of our lecture. It showed the Libra Sun between Mars and Venus, also in Libra. This was judged not to be a happy combination, but rather a harsh one: Venus/Mars. The Sun validates this, but may ask for cooperation. Mars in Libra is in its detriment, while Venus is in its own sign. The chart also has a continuing Pluto squared by the Nodes, in Virgo and Pisces—could there be a communication shutdown this week? Additionally, Jupiter is squaring Saturn for the first time since their conjunction in Taurus in 2000. Things begun at that time may now be facing challenges or obstacles.

Particular attention was paid to the most recent solar eclipse in 29° Virgo, on September 22, 2006, which was preceded by Mars at 29° Virgo. The evening's chart had Mars at almost 29° Libra, which means by Monday it would be 30 degrees from the point of the eclipse. 90 degrees later might be more significant to observe. There was also a Lunar Eclipse in September in 15° Pisces.

Just as each new moon is followed by a first quarter, then a full moon, followed by a last quarter moon, eclipses and can be tracked over the year and through a Lunar Gestation period. It is not good to begin anything with the new moon since we are in the "dark" at that time without knowing all the information, although a "seed" can be planted. At the "first quarter moon" 7 days later, we can begin to prepare, and at the full moon, 14 days later, every-

thing is totally illuminated. It is good to finish a project just before the full moon. At the third quarter, things tend to "wither" away.

Since solar eclipses are new moons they can be tracked in a similar way during the year. The new moon in 28° Sagittarius could be akin to a first quarter moon challenge, with the new moon in March at 28° Pisces bringing about illumination, etc.

The Lunar Gestation period is also an important cycle, and occurs at 9-month intervals. For instance, the solar eclipse at 29° Virgo is connected to June 22, 2007, when the first quarter moon is at 0° Libra, and to the full moon on March 21, 2008, at 1° Libra, with the final time on December 19, 2008, third quarter moon at 27° Virgo. An example of another time period was given. A client came in on the third quarter moon with a story and a problem that could be traced back to the new moon period.

Eclipse patterns repeat in 19½-year cycles, which are called metonic cycles. The recent 29° Virgo eclipse also occurred in 1968 and 1987, and will occur again in 2025. These cycles and their synchronistic occurrences are linked.

The Sun is "the boss." Where it is determines the event. At the opposition, you can see what it is that you want, but you must wait. The current new moon would occur on the next day—Saturday.

Dietrich also uses the asteroids and briefly delineated Ceres as serious, Pallas as indicating patterns, Vesta is investments or where you are invested. Juno did not have such an easy meaning, but was the wife and homemaker who decorates and is in charge of the home and keeping it intact.

Saturday Workshop - A Moon Family's Next Generation

Lunar eclipse and the 19½-year cycle: A lunar eclipse occurs within 2 weeks of a solar eclipse, and is related to the solar eclipses 9½ years earlier.

The metonic cycle: Seeded - 1987 September 22, followed by June, 1988, lunar gestation cycle—March, 1989-December, 1989. This will repeat in 1997-June 1998, etc.

Metonic cycles stay alive if they occur in a chart and will repeat until they finally end.

For instance, the eclipses which occurred in 8° Aries were repeated in 1968, 1987, 2006, and the next one will be in 2025. These will be followed by eclipses in 10° Aries in 2033, 2052, 2071, 2090.

Dietrich then asked for personal stories. Brenda had the June 11, 1983 eclipse at 19° Gemini culminate with the lunar eclipse at 18° Gemini in December, 1992, resulting in a marriage proposal. Dietrich also uses the first year solar return in line with eclipse cycles, and in this solar return chart the Moon was at 19° Gemini.

The first year solar return is very significant and illuminating. Brenda's Moon in the first solar return at 19° of Gemini—accumulation of information on the non-verbal level. There are always lots of stories with Moon in Gemini.

One attendee stated that Vesta may rule death and may be significantly placed at the time of death.

In answer to a question about eclipse aspects, Dietrich stated that the conjunction is the strongest, followed by the opposition and the squares. Soft aspects are less noticeable.

An eclipse just after birth would be quite important, as would planetary stations prior to birth.

Someone else wanted to know, "where does a metonic cycle begin? How do you begin?"

The birth of a daughter seemed to coincide with a previous birth of a sibling 9½ years earlier.

Dietrich generously listened to stories from the audience, running charts, and comparing eclipses

and first year solar returns. We were all dazzled, not only by her knowledge of eclipse patterns and solar returns, but also by her use of the computer, of which she is the master as opposed to being its victim, like many of us. She gave a lesson in customizing charts, and some in the room could actually keep up and benefit.

More information can be obtained from her website, and she is available for technical computer astrology support.

Explanatory Note on Secondary Progressions with the Mean Quotidian "Q2" Rate for Progressing the Natal Chart Angles.

Dietrich sent this in response to a request for clarification by a member of the audience.

The secondary progressed chart is used as a method for prediction. Various formulas for progressing the angles can be used with only one formula for progressing the planets.

The method for progressing the planets for a secondary progressed chart is based on a formula of one day of planetary motion being read as one year of activity. For demonstration purposes it might be easier to understand the various rates by removing your planets from the horoscope wheel.

Open an ephemeris and find your actual birthday. Look to the next day and note how far the Sun and the planets moved in one day. When calculating a chart in long hand – the old fashioned way – you would have calculated the exact motion of each planet and then the distance the planets moved from your exact hour and minute to find the actual location of your planets on the day of your birth. By adding 24-hours to that sum you can see how far the planet advanced in the next 24 hours. For secondary progressions, this distance is used to represent one year of motion.

You see this easily when reading the planets from the ephemeris as the Sun and all of the planets are

collected from the following day after birth to represent your first birthday. Look to the next line in the ephemeris for your second birthday, and so on. Each line in the ephemeris represents the equivalent of one year of life. To fine tune the calculations, begin with the moment of your birth and use the same time in each twenty-four hour period.

Standard secondary progression uses the rate of the Sun's daily rate to advance the Ascendant for each year. This is called the solar arc motion. There are two rates commonly used for this solar arc motion, one of which is an exact measure of the rate that your Sun actually advanced in a twenty-four hour period, called the solar arc. The other is an average of Sun travel labeled Naibod. I prefer the actual rate and therefore select "solar arc" rate for progressing the angles with the Sun's actual daily rate. The Sun is seen to advance approximately one degree a day translated into one degree of advancement for each year of life. The ASC also increases at the same one degree each year. If the degree of your ASC at birth is 0° Aries, then at age one, your ASC will be 1° Aries. At age 2, your ASC will be 2° Aries, and so on.

There is another rate of progressing the angles, the logic of which is based upon the rate of the daily motion of your Sun's travel in actual time, without converting the rate to represent a year. This is called the Mean Quotidian rate. Said another way, the angles with all the houses advance at the same rate as the transiting Sun in its actual daily motion. This brings a new degree each day to your ASC and the corresponding degree on the Midheaven. The calculation between the planets remains true to their actual motion in a 24-hour period and are used for each year.

At first, it might be easier to visualize this method by separating your planets from your horoscope year.

Secondary progressions advance your chart's angles based on the rate of the Sun's motion in one actual

day. By advancing a complete chart one day of actual time, you then convert it to represent the activity that will occur in one's life in one year.

There are different applications of the Sun's rate.

We are most familiar with the Solar Arc rate of progressing the angles of the chart.

Here are some hints to best understand the math behind the (Daily) Q2 rate of Progressing the Angles of your Secondary Progressed Chart:

For the purpose of noting the degrees on the angles, create a secondary progressed chart by using the regular Solar Arc angles for the day of your birthday.

For demonstration purposes, we are going to separate the progressed chart wheel from the planets. Put the planets aside but note that when you put them back in they will move at the normal progressed rate with which you are familiar. We are going to move the wheel at the new Q2 daily rate. First let's understand what this rate is based on. The long name for the rate is Mean Quotidian rate. Mean = average, Quotidian rate = daily rate. Now, just for observation - add (0 degrees and 59 minutes a day) the approximate rate of the transiting Sun to the angles only. The planetary rate does not change from the regular progression rate. Watch the chart move as if the Sun has a rope attached to the wheel advancing it in 30 days to match the Sun's motion of approximately 30 degrees. After 90 days the Sun moves nearly 90 degrees and your progressed chart moves at the same rate. After 365 days the angles will come back to the Solar Arc angles that you are familiar with, but now with the additional degree – equal to the Solar Arc progressions for that new year.

For anyone needing this explanatory note, I hope it has helped.

Dietrech Pessin

THE NODES OF THE MOON

By Brenda Black

WHAT ARE THE NODES?

At the intersection of the Moon's orbit and the Earth's orbit you find the Nodes of the Moon. They are not planets, but points in the astrology chart that indicate your Dharma (what you can do in this lifetime to be happy and peaceful) and Karma (what you must do to atone for actions and words done in the past). The North Node also indicates what you are working toward for soul growth in this lifetime and the South Node indicates traits and talents you had in past lives that you carry with you into this lifetime. The North Node is more positive and similar to Jupiter. The South Node is more negative and similar to Saturn. The North Node is also called the Dragon's Head, which indicates your Dharma and the South Node is also called the Dragon's Tail, which indicates your Karma. We all have a "Nodal Return" every 18 years, when we reach a milestone of maturity in our lives. At that time there will be activation of our Dharma – New Doors open and we make a step in our evolutionary growth.

The direction of the Nodes is counter clockwise. The Nodes are always 180 degrees apart. The sign and ruling planet of the North Node shows the psychological shift one needs to make in this lifetime to achieve evolutionary growth.

The House containing the North Node shows the experiences one needs to access this new awareness.

NORTH NODE DESCRIPTIONS

Aries – In past lives you were very dependent on your marriage partner and expected that person to run your life and make decisions for you. In this life you are encouraged to stand on your own two feet and to make decisions for yourself. There are periods of time in your life when you need to go into isolation to regain yourself. Reading books is therapeutic for you.

Taurus – In past lives you used manipulation and seduction to get what you wanted. You misused sex and money and had the rug pulled out from under you many times. In this lifetime you need to focus on saving and investing your money, trusting and live a life of inner peace. Get in touch with Mother Earth – Gardening is therapeutic.

Gemini – In past lives you were jack-of-all-trades and scattered your energies. You followed the crowd and believed in a philosophy just because other people told you that you had to. You had bachelor-like tendencies and were afraid to commit. In this life you are here to pick just a few trades to master and become very sophisticated at them. You are also here to decide for yourself what to believe in and to be a master at communication.

Cancer – In past lives you were focused on career and social status. You had an insatiable need to manage everything around you. In this lifetime you are here to place more importance on family values. You are here to focus on your feminine side and know when to let others take control.

Leo – In past lives you sacrificed your life to help humanity and did many things to help people. In this life you are here to place yourself first and promote yourself. Connect with children. They have a lot to teach you. Also, be more goal-oriented. Many with this placement have a life of "rags to riches."

Virgo – In past lives you relied on instinct and intuition, and many people used you as a doormat. You were an escapist and delved into fantasy. In this life you are here to use logic to guide your life. Create routines, make lists, and perfect personal hygiene. Also, learn the art of saying "NO."

Libra – In past lives you were a warrior and lived for yourself. You jumped into situations without thinking. You had a me-first attitude and drained other people of their energy. In this lifetime you need to learn to explore the consequences of your actions before taking them. Think of others first. Focus more on partnership and learn how to be a good companion.

Scorpio – In past lives you were stubborn and did not share your money and possessions. The more physical things you accumulated, the more trapped you were. In this lifetime try not to be so materialistic. Learn the art of letting go. Include other people in your plans and try to be more physical and express your sexuality.

Sagittarius – In past lives you were frivolous, flirtatious, flippant and gossipy. You constantly changed your mind about things. In this life attend universities and philosophical organizations in a quest for higher knowledge. Traveling is advised and always work at perfecting your writing and communication skills. You will be famous if you publish a book.

Capricorn – In past lives you were dependent on your family and in need of parental guidance all your life. You got what you wanted by emotional manipulation. You over-indulged in food when you got upset. In this lifetime you need to move out of the family home. Create a career for yourself and put your energy into working. Endings are difficult for you. Learn how to detach.

Aquarius – In past lives you were royalty. You were bossy and spent money like it grew on trees. You used acquaintances, friends and family to step up the social ladder. In this lifetime you need to be less self-centered and be more globally aware. You should find a sense of humility and find a humanitarian cause to believe in and work for.

Pisces – This is the hardest nodal position to deal with. In past lives you were fussy, a hypochondriac, a perfectionist and may have had sexual problems. In this lifetime pursue physical pleasure in a spiritual, metaphysical way. Instead of being black-and-white, go for shades of gray in your thinking. Listen more to your inner self and let your intuition guide you toward your goals.

PAST LIFE CONNECTIONS

By knowing how the other person's planets connect with your South Node you will understand how you knew them in past lives. The connections are by sign only, not degree.

Sun conjunct South Node - The person was in authority over you.

Moon conjunct the South Node – The person was your child.

Mercury conjunct the South Node – The person was a brother or sister.

Venus conjunct the South Node – The person was a your lover in a past life.

Mars conjunct the South Node – The person was a soldier you knew in a past life.

Jupiter conjunct the South Node – The person was your benefactor.

Saturn conjunct the South Node – The person was your teacher.

Uranus conjunct the South Node – The person was a revolutionary who influenced you.

Neptune conjunct the South Node – The person was a prophet or spiritual leader who influenced you.

Pluto conjunct the South Node – The person was in control of a group in which you were a member.

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