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PHILIP COMI

Friday: YOUR DECADE AHEAD 2002-2012

Saturday: USING PROGRESSIONS

FRIDAY LECTURE “YOUR

DECADE AHEAD 2002-2012”

Phoenix Astrologer Philip Comi will give a lecture projecting into the next 10 years on Friday September 20, 2002 at the monthly meeting of the Arizona Society of Astrologers. Learn to plan ahead by looking at the “Big Picture.” What patterns are there for you to work with or around over the next TEN years? Transform the “*unexpected*” by empowering yourself to maximize benefits and diminish any negative upcoming influences. Philip will cover several soon-to-be planetary configurations, including the current Jupiter/Neptune opposition (September 11th, 2002) and the 2003 Jupiter/Uranus opposition. He will also analyze the Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune and Pluto sign changes ahead, including the two sign shifts of Uranus! Philip states “As a Personal Astrologer, I especially like to preview how all of these aspects will affect us as individuals.” Philip will also be sharing a look at the new and exciting pathways appearing

ahead in the ASA Solar Return! Happy Birthday ASA!

The lecture will be held at the Scottsdale Senior Center at 7374 E. 2nd Street in Scottsdale. The doors open at 7:00 PM. Admission is \$4.00 for members and \$10.00 for guests.

SATURDAY WORKSHOP

**“ACCURATE PREDICTIONS
USING PROGRESSIONS: YOUR
‘FUTURE FORMULA’”**

Learn, have fun and Surprise-Prizes **too!**

On Saturday, September 21, 2002 Philip will conduct a 4-hour workshop on Progressions. The workshop will focus on how to develop accurate predictive tools. Learn how and why Progressions and Transits dramatically differ. Enhance your ability to sift through the universe of Astrological data and create your own reality-based road map, vital for your life ahead. In a simple streamlined system, Philip will share

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his “Three Stage Process” in developing accurate predictions. This method enables you to focus your natal chart, progressions, transits, solar return and more in an efficient and accurate manner. Bring your charts, if you wish, or just relax and learn some extremely useful new techniques! Call Philip at 602-808-8884 if you have any questions. The workshop will be held at the Scottsdale Senior Center at 7374 E. 2nd Street in Scottsdale. The doors open at noon. Admission is \$10.00 for members and \$15.00 for guests.

ABOUT PHILIP COMI

Philip Comi has been regarded as one of America’s foremost astrologers since beginning his professional practice in 1979. He is particularly noted for the unique insight and foresight he brings to his consultations.

Philip’s background includes a degree in Psychology and broad experience in all areas of metaphysics. He combines extensive knowledge of the astrological charting process with an instinctive and incisive analytical ability that translates volumes of heavenly data into practical, on-target advice. His skill is heightened through specialized meditative techniques that fine-tune his readings.

In addition to his highly successful practice, he has both studied and taught his craft in places throughout the world including Aruba, Egypt, Greece, Italy and Spain. He recently returned from his “Pax Millennium” European Tour. Philip teaches at colleges, appears on cable TV and radio, is published in astrological magazines and is preparing his first book.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members and Friends of Astrology:

Being newly elected as your president, and I thank you, I would like to share with you what I hope to accomplish for the ASA in the next year. Growth of any group is necessary to the survival and group vitality. I have some ideas that I hope will increase our membership in the next year and beyond. We have an opportunity to make some real headway with the AFA convention being held in Scottsdale. I will be meeting with AFA Director, Bob Cooper to see what volunteer support will be needed. I'm sure some of us will be helping out with other local volunteers who are not currently members. If we are around non-members let's talk about the ASA!

Once or twice a year I would like to see the ASA extend its astrological hand to prospective members in a well-publicized effort. I will be sharing these ideas with the new board of directors. Next month, I will divulge some details of how we will do this.

We are a great resource of knowledge for one another. A way to reinforce this truth is to help promote astrology and one another by listing classes, workshops and special appearances of our own members. I invite all ASA members to send me information of their doings so I can prepare the information for our newsletter editor, Brenda Black. Please give us info no later than seven days after each monthly meeting. Members may also bring fliers and business cards for our information table each month. Let's keep reaching for the stars! **Ken Hopkins, President**

CLASSES

Beginning Astrology Workshop
...Bruce Ramsey No prior astrology knowledge needed. Have birth data, especially the time. Phone 480-917-0681, or e-mail: starpath10@juno.com and leave name, phone # and birth data or any questions. Completed birth data prior to class is essential. Supply fee: \$5 due day of class. Class fee: \$8. Classes are at City of Chandler Community Center, 125 E. Commonwealth Ave.
Tues. evenings 9-10, 9-24, 10-8, 10-22 and 11-5, from 7-9 pm. For more info, call City of Chandler C C at 480-782-2727 or register on-line at: www.chandleraz.org/recreationlparksrec.htm

Spiritual Astrology...Ken Hopkins
7 Weeks-Thursdays 7-9:30 pm, beginning Sept 12th at Unity of the Southwest, 1837 W. Guadalupe #105, Mesa. Suggested donation is \$12/class or \$75 in advance. The class focuses on the energies of the planets, the signs, the houses and how to bring definition and expression to your personal urges and directions of the soul and spirit. No math required. For the novice or intermediate. Info: Unity of the Southwest 480-946-9481 or Ken Hopkins 480-464-1886 email hopstarl@prodigy.net

AFA CONVENTION

The AFA Convention is going to be in Scottsdale next year at the fabulous brand new Westin Kierland Hotel July 9-14, 2003. Register by October 15, 2002 and the fee will be \$175.00 for an AFA Member and \$140.00 for a Senior Citizen 65 years or older. To register call 480-838-1751 or toll-free 888-30 1-7630.

THE ASTEROIDS

Following is Part 2 of the write-up for David Campbell's Saturday Workshop on the Asteroids, written by Sarah Laurent.

Hidalgo: A priest who is revered as the father of Mexican Independence. Hidalgo was excommunicated and later executed for his advocacy of the Mexican people against the Spanish. This asteroid symbolizes fighting for your beliefs, speaking out for the oppressed.

Hopi: May symbolize a past life as a Hopi Indian or an affinity with them. Associated with territory disputes, knives, arrows, daggers, ambush; also, corn or magic. One client who had Hopi conjunct his Sun taught school on a reservation.

Hygeia: This is a healing asteroid. Hygeia was one of the goddesses of health and hygiene. It may also signify people with extreme hygiene issues, such as compulsive cleanliness. Transiting Hygeia may signify health issues.

Icarus: The son of Daedalus, he escaped from prison on wax wings but fell into the sea when he flew too close to the sun. Issues of escape, liberation, the quick getaway. It is prominent in the charts of pilots and air traffic controllers. It can describe your capacity for risk-taking. Both James Dean and John Denver had Icarus conjunct their Sun. When John Denver died, it was opposing his Sun.

Isis: The mother-goddess of Egypt and a great healer. When her brother, Osiris, was cut into pieces and scattered, she reassembled the pieces so that he could be brought back to life. She deals with

death, resurrection, and the mysteries; also, sibling issues, fragmentation and wholeness, and issues of androgyny.

Kassandra: Prophetess of Doom. Apollo gave her the gift of prophecy and later added the curse that nobody would believe her. Kassandra rules hearing, and often this asteroid is prominent in the charts of people who are deaf.

Lillith (not the same as the dark moon Lillith): Adam's first wife, Lillith, was created from the earth, just as he was. She left Eden rather than be subservient to him and became demonized as the archetypal "evil woman" and the goddess of night. Since Lillith was rejected and repressed, the asteroid shows repressed anger. The asteroid can show personal independence and a refusal to be dominated by others, especially men. Stressful aspects to Lillith can indicate rape and violence. It can show where you need to learn to negotiate. She is also associated with miscarriages and abortions, and she often shows up in the charts of people who are extremely pro-life or pro-choice.

Nemesis: An avenging goddess, your Achilles heel, the people you identify as enemies. Nemesis can be your conscience, guiding you to right action. She shows up in the charts of people who have a great fear of policemen. If she is prominent in your chart, you tend to be a scapegoat.

Niobe: This goddess' 7 daughters and 7 sons were everything to her, and she praised them to the skies, angering Hera, who sent Apollo and Diana to kill all of Niobe's children. This asteroid deals with sorrow through children, infertility, and humbling lessons related to your children or creativity.

Orpheus: A great musician, his music was sad, sweet, and melodramatic. This asteroid relates to poetry, the gifts of writing and music; also to sadness and grief. It is prominent in the chart of many musicians, for example, Kurt Cobain.

Minerva (not the same asteroid as Pallas): Minerva was born from her father's crown chakra and was the goddess of wisdom. She had strong perceptual skills and the ability to see the whole picture in a situation. She is associated with strategy, planning, and forethought; also meditation and hypnosis. Her symbol is the owl. She wanted to bring about peace and harmony, but had to do it by fighting.

Panacea: The sister of Hygeia, she could cure anything. She knew all the medicinal qualities of plants and is associated with flower therapy, aromatherapy, and homeopathy.

Pandora: This asteroid was on The MC of the event chart of the attack on the World Trade Center. It rules such activities as stirring things up, unexpected consequences, getting more than you bargained for. Curiosity initiating change. At the bottom of the box of troubles she opened was hope. Like Icarus, she has a liberating, Uranian energy.

Persephone: This asteroid shows how you deal with leaving home, separation. It is prominent in the charts of missing children and kidnappings. Mikele Biggs has Persephone on her Asc.

Prosperpine: Another name for Persephone, and it has the same meanings.

Phaeton: The son of Apollo, he drove the chariot of the sun across the sky, lost control, crashed and burned. This

asteroid shows over-reaching, biting off more than you can chew, losing control, and recklessness involving vehicles.

Phaeton and Icarus were both prominent in JFK Jr's chart.

Psyche: The Greek word for "soul."

Psyche and Eros had a love relationship which underwent many difficulties.

Look for this asteroid in situations involving unrequited love and the search for the soul-mate. In synastry, this can represent your capacity to be psychologically sensitive to another person. Psyche was clairaudient. It can represent psychological wounds, childhood trauma, psychic impressionability.

Sappho: The leader of the Amazons on the island of Lesbos, her symbol is two interlocked Venus symbols. She wrote dramatic, desolate love poetry, and had a variety of lovers, both male and female. She represents dramatic extremes in love, friendship and bonding around common artistic interests.

Thalia: Goddess of music and comedy.

Sisyphus: Another individual who angered the gods, this time by betraying their secrets and chaining the god of death, so that the deceased couldn't reach the underworld. He was punished by being forced to roll a large stone up a hill over and over, ceaselessly.

The asteroid represents futility, hopeless labor, never getting ahead, repetition, uphill climbs. It is prominent in the charts of children with Down Syndrome.

Siva: The Hindu god of destruction and regeneration, associated with catharsis and transformation. Like Pluto, it can mean breakdown or breakthrough. It also relates to people and things from the Far East.

Siwa: The Slavic goddess of fertility.

Terpsichore: Muse of music and dance; this asteroid relates to love of dance, even aerobics and exercise for flexibility or mobility.

Tisiphone: One of the three Furies, she wore whips and snakes for bracelets and sought justice for crimes against families. This asteroid can mean getting a dose of your own medicine.

Toro: Boundless strength and power; violent, aggressive energy. It shows up in the charts of prizefighters, athletes, and super-macho men. OJ had this on his ascendant, and it was conjunct Neptune in the chart of Bruce Lee. Toro can also show where you deny your power and become a victim. It will attract predators.

Urania: Muse of astrology and astronomy. It rules languages and shows up in the chart of people who are good with symbols, such as mathematicians and computer programmers. Other astrology-related asteroids are *Astronomea*, which can show past lives as an astrologer, and *Zvedochet*, which means “stargazer” in Russian.

Vesta: Same meaning as Hestia. Her symbol is the flame, and this asteroid is often prominent in the charts of firemen.

Many books have been written on asteroids. David especially recommended those of Martha Lang-Westcott, who has researched asteroids for over 20 years. Her website, www.treehousemountain.com, offers an introduction to asteroids. This site is best viewed on Microsoft Explorer. David's business in Glendale, The Astrology Store, has a complete stock of books on asteroids.

STEPHANIE CLEMENT

Following is a write-up by Marta Morris on Stephenie Clement's August 16-17, 2002 lecture and workshop.

Friday Lecture: The Midheaven

Stephanie began by explaining her reason for researching the MC, which was that not many people are actually aware of its importance. It used to be that before computers, the Ascendant was calculated first. It is an observable point whereas the MC is not. How long does it take for the Sun to get from the Ascendant to the MC? Stephanie explained that Darwin and another anthropologist were born only an hour apart in time but 6 hours in longitude since they were born in different countries. They were doing the same thing but in a different way. While Darwin wrote, “The Origin of the Species.” The MC refers to your awareness. Aspects to the MC are important but also what is important is how long it has been since 0° Aries was at the MC.

MC is your self-awareness, your “ego consciousness,” according to Ebertin. It enables you to relate to the unconscious. Self-absorbed people are not ego conscious. Children, for instance, do not have a well-defined ego but know what they want. Therefore, the “inner” child's voice knows what you need. Ego consciousness gets the ego out of the way. Meditation is one method to get the ego out of the way.

If Aries is at the MC the person has to follow their own path and cannot blame anyone else when things go wrong.

With Saturn or Capricorn at the MC you start out with responsibilities.

Examples of various aspects in attendees' charts were given. For instance, 29° of Scorpio on the Ascendant with a 10 degree Virgo MC was considered to be a compulsive tendency to change your personality to Sagittarius. The 9° Moon in Capricorn trined the MC is self-awareness—you have to work harder but you get more out of your effort. The 12th house North Node and Mars in Scorpio were at the midpoint of Moon/MC trine. Pluto was exactly square the Sun at 2° Sagittarius. The solar arc Ascendant would soon be conjunct the Moon, which would also be a time of self-awareness. Other examples were discussed and much was learned.

Saturday Workshop – CHARTING YOUR SPIRITUAL PATHS

Stephanie began by explaining her BASIC BELIEFS which are that goodness exists in the world, has always existed, and will continue to exist. It is her further belief that evil does not exist, ignorance does.

Positive intention always exists, even if the action can be perceived as negative. Smoking was an example.

All planets have a variety of qualities. Liewellyn, in A-Z, with which most of those present were acquainted, stated that there are no evil planets, and lack of understanding can explain the various perceptions. Aspects that are difficult can explain the problem.

Stephanie stated that a near death experience tends to expand psychic abilities.

We each have to follow our own process. An infant does not understand boundaries. At 7 you develop some boundaries. Before that, truth or lies are blurred. At 14 abstract thought begins. Girls begin earlier. Planning about the future and development of intuition are usually next in the process.

Our chart tells us all about our spiritual path. Dharma is our vocational path—work—effective action in the world. As we go through life, we develop and lose skills.

Harmony is what we strive for and lack thereof is perceived as a problem. Establishing, i.e., naming the problem is the beginning of solving the problem. A local space chart can help you to identify the problem. Once you know the question, you can work on the answer. If you don't understand the question, you cannot possibly know the answer.

Painful experiences can be spiritual.

Knowing ahead of time that “something” will happen prepares you to deal with it more positively.

How do you awaken to the spiritual level? Music can do it. Compassion is a goal toward spirituality. Forgiveness is different from compassion. It implies judgment first. Compassion is the realization that, that is the best they can do. Buddhists say there is suffering and there is an end to suffering. Wisdom and

love can spell the end to suffering.
Jupiter can be involved here.

Establishing equilibrium can be difficult.
Uranus transits can help you with it.
Uranus transits are difficult if you are off
center. Uranus reestablishes your
equilibrium and can help get you on the
right path.

Power and will are not the same. We can
make choices. We have will. Will comes
with spirit to have experiences in life that
are unique. Learning to say, “yes” or
“no” is exerting will.

Stephanie further explained that not all
manipulation is bad

PART 2

What is the difference between the
Zenith and MC? The Zenith is straight
up; the MC travels along the ecliptic and
is measured by a circle going through the
North Pole to the South Pole. Where it
intersects the Equator, that is the MC.
The Zenith and the MC are the same
between the Tropic of Cancer and
Capricorn. In some geographic locations,
the MC is lower on the horizon.

MC square ASC is the ideal, i.e., “my
persona and awareness are balanced.”
When they are not square, we have
unequal houses and interceptions.
Persona and awareness are not equal.
There is a struggle to make decisions the
farther away the MC is from the ASC
and vice versa. We should all be aware
that by secondary progressions, our
charts can go in and out of interceptions.
Stephanie next gave a brief summary of

the meaning of the Sun in the elements
pertaining to spiritual qualities. The Sun
= creativity/individuality. In FIRE it is
intuitive and inspired by listening to the
unconscious. Stillness will aid in the
development of the intuitive—meditate.
Logical not rational! EARTH is
sensation—uses 5 normal senses—sight,
hearing, taste, touch, smell—to get in
touch with the spiritual world. Feet
should be on the ground. Not rational
and not logical. (Someone asked, if the
Progressed Sun will alter the way you
approach your spiritual quest? The
answer was affirmative.) AIR is
thinking, logic, rational, objective.
Deductive reasoning. WATER is
feeling—comfortable or
uncomfortable—can make better
judgment. Judgment is a rational
function, but it is not logical.

Brief Summary of the meaning of the
Moon in the elements pertaining to
spiritual qualities. Moon = core
beliefs—the most central to
understanding of the world. In: FIRE =
spirit comes thru deja vu experiences.
Dreams. Anxiety = Fear of things that
will never happen.
EARTH = practical AIR = logical.
WATER = impulsive, capacity to see
auras, clairvoyance.

Brief summary of the meaning of
Mercury in the elements pertaining to
spiritual qualities. Mercury = mediation
FIRE can solve problem, where are we
now, and where do we want to be? For
example, we were running out of time
with only a small part of this section

completed and still have all those local space charts to go over, so do we:

1. budget our time or
2. run out of time or
3. Stop talking about planets and do local space.

We decided to finish Mercury and then do the local space charts. EARTH — physical adjustment brings spiritual insight. AIR = healing comes through skillful communication. WATER works to eliminate a spiritual block.

PART 3- Local space charts:

A circle of chairs had been set up so that everyone who had a local space chart done by Stephanie and Kathy Smith could participate. All who had been present the previous evening had a local space chart.

Unfortunately, there was only time to have about half a dozen partially delineated. This was a very dynamic experience, producing all sorts of deep emotions ranging from tears to happiness. At first, each participant was asked to choose one planet from their local space chart and face in the geographic direction that it was placed in said chart. Stephanie had prepared a collage of all of the major planets. She then placed this collage in the direction where it appeared in the local space chart, and the “subject” was asked to walk toward the picture and back up and to repeat this if necessary. Often it was not necessary to repeat, but sometimes it was. Either way, the responses were astounding. She offered sympathy & empathy where appropriate.

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October 14th (7:00 PM)
Opening Ceremony. Venerable ZaChoeje Rinpoche and Rev. Richard Roger give brief history of Relics. Lecture on love and planting of seeds for World Peace.

October 15th (11:00 am-noon, 3:00-4:00 pm) Blessing Ceremony placing Relics on foreheads of the people. People can experience healing.

October 15th (7:00 pm) Ceremony generating Love, Wisdom, and Inner Peace.

October 16th (Noon-1:00 pm, 2:30-3:30 pm): Blessing Ceremony with Relics.

October 16th (7:00 pm): Closing Ceremony

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NOTE FROM ROBERT BLASCHKE

Dear Astrological Friends,

With my wife, Sally, I am writing my fourth book, *Astrology: A Language of Life; Volume IV – Spiritual Relationships*. This book will include requisite discussion of standard astrological technique such as synastry, house overlays, composite charts, and the progressed composite chart. However, more importantly, it will also contain a philosophical basis for understanding the need for marriage and human relationship as a healthy mirroring and completion for the soul.

There has not been much written about ‘Antiscia Synastry’ or ‘Contrascia Synastry’ in the existing body of astrological literature. These techniques, very familiar to traditional and horary astrologers, involve the ‘mirror degrees’ which are equidistant from either the soistitial axis of 0 Cancer -0 Capricorn, or from the equinoctial axis of 0 Aries -0 Libra. These are also the degrees wherein the declination of the Sun is identical before or after the cardinal ingresses.

It is quite common to find a spouse having a planet in the mirror degree of the partner’s planet. These relationship dynamics would never show up, unless specifically looked for, in the standard synastric techniques typically used. My interest in these methods is personal, as well as technical: my natal Venus is in the 5th degree of Scorpio, and my wife’s natal Venus is in the 26th degree of Leo, both Zodiacal positions being 34-35

degrees either side of the autumnal equinox (synastric Contrascia).

Sally and I are requesting the birth data for you and your significant other. If you respond, we will calculate your two natal charts, your two Antiscia charts, and your two Contrascia charts. Then, we will look for any planets occupying the ‘mirror degree’ in the other’s horoscope. In a return e-mail you will be asked some specific questions about this, and any response given will be guaranteed confidentiality.

We may use your response as an anonymous case history in Volume IV, with only ‘male’ or ‘female’ references being used next to the charts illustrated. The goal of our research is to differentiate between solstice points and equinox points in synastry, and to fashion a useful body of interpretive language from the results found in your personal stories.

I send this request to you with the Moon at 22 Scorpio, conjunct my Sun, and with Venus at 8 Libra, conjunct my Mars. The rarity of this transit alignment for me underscores the important timing of launching this new book project now.

We are hoping to conclude the collection of research data by October 6th, the direct station of Mercury in the 29th degree of Virgo (Sally’s natal Mercury). The Sabian Symbol for this stationary degree is ‘A scholar has just succeeded in deciphering an archaic manuscript; mail to: ewastro@earthlink.net